

Class of 2017 graduates at Monty Tech

FITCHBURG — After the threat of inclement weather necessitated moving the ceremony from Wednesday to Thursday night, the 350 members of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's Class of 2017 — the largest class to date — were all smiles as they were finally able to march onto the athletic field to receive their diplomas and certificates of vocational-technical proficiency at the school's 46th annual Commencement Exercises.

Junior class marshals led the graduates to their seats, while Principal Thomas R. Browne got the ceremony underway.

Members of Monty Tech's Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard presented the flags. Courtney Simmers-Swanson of Winchendon, class vice president, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Makaylah H. Vaillancourt of Ashburnham sang the National Anthem.

Simmers Swanson joined other class officers, president Alexander Rivera of Fitchburg; secretary Annamarie Jackson of Westminster; treasurer Cristian Calderon Garcia of Leominster, and historian Selenia Santiago of Fitchburg, in presenting the class gift to Rachel Spivey of Winchendon, president of the Class of

2018. The monetary gift will be used for memorial plaques for the new veterinary science building.

Superintendent-Director Dr. Sheila M. Harry congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments the last four years.

"You, the members of the Class of 2017, are leaving an impressive legacy. I congratulate you on all you have accomplished the past four years. You truly make us proud. You have distinguished yourselves in your academic and vocational-technical studies, in the workforce, on the playing field, and in the community, she said.

She stressed how their education has prepared them for success in the real world. "Our students are truly graduating career and college ready, and I am confident they are prepared to be successful in their future."

She urged the students to remember the words of Chris Gardner, a motivational speaker who addressed the students earlier in the year. Gardner's life was chronicled in a best-selling novel and major motion picture entitled "The Pursuit of Happyness."

"Don't let anyone tell you, you can't be successful. Don't let your background and circumstances define your



Courtesy photo

The largest class to graduate to date lines up for the Monty Tech event.

life and keep you from realizing your dreams. And whatever you do with your life, be the best you can be....be world class."

Class president Alexander Rivera told his classmates that although he has faced many challenges in his life, support from his mother and stepfather, classmates, and Monty Tech has gotten him to where he is today; speaking as the President of the Class of 2017.

"I thank my mother and stepfather for putting in countless hours of hard work to help get me to where I am today — standing here on this stage. But it wasn't just them. Monty Tech has had a tremendous impact on my personal development. This school has given us opportunities that everybody doesn't get," he said.

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A Better Tomorrow closing its doors

A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats, Inc. will be winding down operations over the next few months. The low intake numbers positively suggest that the shelter's services are no longer needed in the area.

According to Sarah Fearing, the shelter's director, "Operating the shelter has been a wonderful experience. I am very happy with the impact the shelter has made over the last five years on the stray cat population in Winchendon and surrounding towns."

Currently, the shelter has eight cats available for adoption. A Better Tomorrow will continue to work to find families for each of them before closing in December. It encourages the community to share the news that families are needed for these cats. The shelter will not be taking in more cats at this time. Instead it will provide people with a resource list of other shelters and rescues in the area.

Since the shelter's founding in 2012, it has placed nearly 500 cats and kittens into loving homes. The Shelter can't thank the community enough for their support of its mission. Volunteers of all ages have given much of their time and care, which is the primary reason the Shelter has been so successful.

The rental spaces at 200 & 202 Central St. in Winchendon will be looking for new tenants. For those wishing to see the spaces, please visit during open hours or schedule a visit by e-mailing shelter-4cats@gmail.com. The balance of remaining funds that have been donated to the Shelter will be donated to other no-kill rescues in the Metro West area.

For now, A Better Tomorrow will continue to have open hours weekly, on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays 12-2. The Shelter will also be open on Saturday, June 17 for Winchendon's Summer Solstice celebration. It encourages people to stop by and visit.

Community is theme at MHS graduation



Greg Vine photo

As Salutatorian Aidan Provost sang the National Anthem, it brought a solemn moment to the graduates who realize just where they are and what the next steps might be. More photos page 11.

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

There was a packed house to watch members of the 129th graduation class of Murdock High School receive

their diplomas Sunday in the gymnasium at Murdock High School. There was a total of 65 members of the Class of 2017.

Most of those who addressed graduates and spectators touched on the theme of community. From Supt. Steve Haddad to class Valedictorian Andrew Burns, speakers talked of giving back, community support, and remembering one's roots.

"Already," said Haddad, "many of you have taken it upon yourselves to become active in the community, participating in a wide variety of projects that not only make this a stronger, more vibrant community, but which have stamped you, as young adults possessing and effectively using those qualities of tenacity, determination, and commitment. And we are better for your efforts."

"I've seen you doing your part to make our school the best school ever," he continued. "I've seen you playing sports, participating in musicals and concerts, doing student council, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Youth Venture activities, and so many other events, including holding signs on the evening of the town meeting."

"Seeing all that gives me a sense of optimism that you will navigate a turbulent world as well."

"You had to put in the blood, sweat, and tears to get across this stage," former School Committee Chairman Danielle LaPointe told the graduates, "but it truly took a village, a community, to help you get here. It takes you first and fore-

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Corbosiero to Step Down from School Committee

BY GREG VINE

Janet Corbosiero announced last week that she is stepping down from her position on the Winchendon School Committee. Corbosiero and Amannda Grubb were appointed to the panel in June 2015, filling the seats vacated by Mike Barbara, who was elected to the Board of Selectmen, and Mike Niles, who resigned after being ousted as chairman earlier in the year. Niles had served on the committee for more than a decade.

Grubb left after about two months due to personal time constraints and was succeeded by current Chairman Larry Murphy.

Corbosiero first ran in 2016 to fill the remaining year on the term she was appointed to fill, and was elected to a full three-year term in last month's annual town election.

In announcing her resignation to her fellow committee members, Corbosiero said she had reached her decision "with much sadness."

"When I first joined the School Committee," she said, "I had several goals I wanted to accomplish all of them to do with the financial issues of the district. The first goal was to hire a superintendent who would have the students of Winchendon as his/her first priority."

Corbosiero said that goal was achieved with the hiring of current Supt. Steven Haddad, adding that she was glad to have been part of that decision.

"The next goal was to hire a business manager who would help (Haddad) get the district's financial disorder into order. Again, I was part of the decision to hire Rick Ikonen and I am pleased with the direction the business office is moving."

Corbosiero went on to explain that she and her husband, Bob Guenther, plan to spend more time away from Winchendon. The couple have a second home in Arizona. Guenther will be stepping down from his seat on the Winchendon Finance Committee.

"It is not in the best interest of the district and students to have a committee member who is not available for meetings and other school committee activities," Corbosiero continued. "It is important to me to have a school committee that is strongly committed to the

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Five graduate from Academy

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Five students from the Murdock Academy for Success, Kaylee Berndt, Macayla Cochran, Nicholas Cesole, Matt LeBarge and Savannah Smith, joined their classmates at Sunday's commencement and the Courier spoke to a trio of them last week. Joshua Mutti graduated earlier this academic year.

"Without the Academy, I would not have been able to finish," acknowledged Cesole, who's aspiring to a career

in the visual arts. "Mr. Provost and the teachers here made a big difference. Knowing they were here if I would need them was important for me. They let you be you I'd had a lot of stuff going on, but they were always here for me and I really appreciate that."

Smith was animated and enthused. "I came into the Academy as a junior after I had time off during my pregnancy. When I got here, I have to tell you, I worked day and night. I knew I was really smart and I put in a lot of hours and actually started my senior year

early. It was quite a process but I'm excited about finishing and graduating. I'm going to start college at the Mount in the fall and go into nursing."

Like Cesole, she raved about the Academy faculty.

"Especially Mr. (Alan) Hallquist. I can't tell you how great he has been. And Danelle," she stressed.

Last weekend, Smith, who also spoke at graduation, received a \$2,500 scholarship.

"I wouldn't have had the privilege of

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people.

— W. C. Fields

Robotics one year after the grant

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — As the school year draws to a close, also ending is Murdock High School first since receiving that \$86,000 engineering/robotics grant and teacher Mike Fontaine says it's made a big difference for the honors program.

"It put us on a level playing field with other schools," reflected Fontaine. "We'd go places and see those other schools with equipment more advanced than ours. We saw how far back we were, the kids had no idea about that, and when I saw the printers I said, 'we've got to get those' but that's not so much the case anymore. We've got the next generation Vex and we now have

that 3-D printer too and they've been able to do a lot of things with that they could never do before. Take game-making. With the 2-D printer there were limitations on the scope of what they could develop. With 3-D not so much.

"But the thing is, they weren't fazed by all our new things. They grew up in the digital age. I was probably more impressed by it all than they were," he laughed.

Maybe a lot of teenage students weren't fazed but Fontaine pointed out as the year unfolded they did have a slew of questions about various projects and yes, sometimes the fancy new equipment.

"That's when you know you have them hooked. When they start asking

questions you can see they're really into it. I try not to answer their questions directly but encourage them to try different approaches and see what happens."

"That's what engineers do. That's why we say 'trial and correction' rather than 'trial and error'. It was fun to see their energy and the ways they thought about solving problems."

Fontaine said the rapidity with which technology changes is a primary reason he likes teaching engineering.

"It's really exciting. When I'm taking classes myself, and you need to so you can stay on top of what's changing, I'm always learning something new. And in our class at school, it isn't teaching the same thing every year because of

the way things change. Things that were new two years ago can be obsolete already.

"This generation of kids seems to be able to just go with it. That's why I love teaching this subject," he remarked.

While the Capital Skills grant ("I think we spent all but six dollars of it") was just for a year, that doesn't mean Fontaine isn't continuing to look for other such opportunities.

"You owe it to the kids to keep looking so you can help them keep up. I'm always on the lookout," he said.

On balance, Fontaine is pleased with the progress made this year.

"Definitely," he stressed, adding, "I'll put our engineering program up against pretty much anyone's now."

Fifth graders tour Murdock Middle School

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Less than 24 hours after Sunday's graduation, the next generation to enter middle school toured the building in anticipation of beginning classes there come late August.

Assistant Principal Jess Vezina and a number of students (Morgan Eldredge, Jess Higby, Abby Russell, and Ashley Sevigny as guides) welcomed the current fifth graders before showing them around their next school.

Having taken a bus down

from Toy Town Elementary, the group gathered in the auditorium to hear Vezina outline what they can expect next fall. Vezina explained sixth grade will be a "transition year", telling the 95 or so youngsters they have "a school within a school."

"We aren't throwing them in with the seventh and eighth graders right away," she said later. "They'll have their own teams next year."

"We're planting the seeds and as you go through your years here, you'll grow and blossom," Vezina promised.

Monday's event was the first

of two for the incoming sixth graders. In August, they and their parents will be invited to a barbeque orientation shortly before school starts.

"Parents tend to have questions and it's a comfortable, casual setting to introduce parents who might be a little nervous themselves to what we do here."

That's for a few months from now. This week it was the kids who were asking questions, especially about what's known as 'encore' subjects, including art, music and the like.

"They're looking forward to having those options," noted

Vezina, who acknowledged the extent of those options will be determined by the override vote June 20.

Vezina was clear about expectations.

"Pride. Accountability. Respect. Teamwork. That's who we are," she stressed to the soon-to-be middle-schoolers.

One project they'll embark on will be to go back to Memorial School and be 'book buddies' for second graders, a program Vezina told them she'd participated in herself when she was in sixth grade.

Following the presentation,

Murdock announces honor roll

WINCHENDON — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the third quarter at Murdock High School.

GRADE 9
Highest Honors
Hannah Demanche, Timothy Jinn.
High Honors
Erica Lashua, Riya Patel, Courtney Post, and Cassandra Wightman.
Honors
Paige Demanche, Cassidy Stadtfeld,

Grade Sutherland, and Amber Wood.

GRADE 10
Highest Honors
Sirena Caputi, Lindsey Gemme, Chloe Lawrence, Timmy Quinn, Ashley Signa, and Lindsey Smith.
High Honors
Lillian Dack, Britney Jackson, Ryan Thira.
Honors
Elissa Boucher, Matthew Casavant, Yang Yi Chen, Megan Houle, Lily Hunt,

Lily LeBlanc, Maria Polcari, Phebe Shippy, and Emily Smith.

GRADE 11
Highest Honors
Michaela Benedict, Alexander Marshall, and Hannah Morse.
High Honors
Tiana Taylor
Honors
Ariana Berman, Jacob Carter, Alia LeBlanc, and Brandon Peterson.
GRADE 12

Highest Honors
Dakota Leslie and Hanna Seghir.
High Honors
Thomas Aho, Andrew Burns, Brooke Harris, Katie Heacox, Ryan Kaminsky, Alyssa LaBrack, Jasmine Leslie, Aidan Provost, Dalton Scott, and Tiffany Shammo-Sluder.
Honors
Kayla Bennett, Alyana Burgess, Dallas Hamel, Victoria Swanson and Brittany Williams.

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town, the district, and the students of Winchendon. I am no longer that person."

Corbosiero did say she intends to stay on the committee until the vacancy created by her departure is advertised and filled, "assuming that can happen in the next three or four months."

"I am still committee to being a strong committee member until that time," she concluded.

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MEET AND GREET



Greg Vine photos

A recent Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce event held at the Winchendon School had state Sen. Anne Gobi and Rep. Jon Zlotnik meeting anyone interested in taking time to visit. In the first photo, Gobi and Town Manager Keith Hickey compare notes; while in the second, Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz and Zlotnik talk.



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Valedictorian Ashley S. Ellis of Winchendon said that although she isn't comfortable with public speaking, she said it was an honored to be selected to address her classmates and audience members.

"I'm honored to have been given this opportunity, and I want to thank all the faculty, friends and family for attending the ceremony, especially those who have supported me."

"Monty Tech has prepared us all to travel to great places, and on our journey to success it is important not to forget where you come from, and what you're passionate about."

Sashealy Rivera of Fitchburg, class salutatorian, spoke about how her experience at Monty Tech helped transform her from a shy young girl with low self-esteem, who was terrified of public speaking, to one who is confident speaking before a large audience. She urged her classmates to take risks and not be afraid of new opportunities.

"Before senior year, I let many great chances pass me by out of fear of making a fool of myself. But, then I realized that regret is a much harder pill to swallow than fear. With the help of my closest friends, I began to put myself out there and got involved."

Browne said he wanted to establish a new graduation tradition this year. He read off the names of all students entering the military, and the branches they were joining, and asked them to stand and be recognized.

Harrity assisted School Committee chairperson Barbara Reynolds of Lunenburg and committee vice chair Brian Walker of Fitchburg, in presenting diplomas and certificates.

Local students graduating included:

ASHBURNHAM: Ian Bickford, David Caruso, Zackery Connors, Thomas Graham, Brian Johnson, Jonathan Lussier, Meghan Maloney, Megan Leanson, Brendan Pinard, Madeline Testa, and Makaylah Vaillancourt.

BALDWINVILLE: Kiley Douckas, Matthew Lucas, Haleigh Medlin, Devlin Merritt, Brittany Paine, and Emily Spaan.

EAST TEMPLETON: Samantha Giblin.

GARDNER: Nathanel Aponte, Xurtis Begin, Canaan Bushee, Patrick Carney, Marcos Colon, Trevor Cormier, Jack Coyne, Gabriella DaCosta, Tyler Davis, Kelsey Dilling, Samantha Dodd, John Frawley, Conner Garrity, Ariel Gorman, Gabriella Hallock, Adrianna Hartman, Mercedes Hermanson, Devan Kumar, Cassidy LeBlanc, Selina Leslie, Joseph Mackowiak, Patricia Marabello, Justin McAlister, Shannon McClintock, John Moran, Riley Oliva, Marquise Pena, Connor Ryan, Nathaniel Sandoval, Rose Shea, Matthew Sylvestre, Andrea Torres-Garcia, and Matthew Webb.

OTTER RIVER: Ethan Miller.

PHILLIPSTON: Nicholas Couture, Meaghan Gwynn, Denver Meunier, Austin Pucko, Graeme Richard, and Elizabeth Whiting.

RINDGE: Damien Thane.

ROYALSTON: Marnie Anair, Sarah Arsenaault, and Ivers Lawrence.

TEMPLETON: Tyler Allsobrooks, Alexander Flwttcher, Brian Gallant, Alexander Lambert, Madison MacAdams, Emma Nelsen, Sabrina Nogueira, Lauren Saunders, Jacob Shepard, Duncan Studtner.

WINCHENDON: Thomas Becotte, Ashley Ellis, David Fortin Jr., Antonio Garcia, Leon Gaulin, Robert Gifford, John Hancock, Aiden Helie, Travis Hull, Olivia Hunt, Owen Hunt, Jonathan Jean, Alexis Kapp, Shelby Landress, James Lemmer Jr., Jacob Mahan, Kelly Mansfield, Dominic Martin, Paige Masci, Elijah Michelson, Katherine Miller, Cassidy Morey, Chelsey Nasiatka, Terryyn Nutt, Bradley Parks, Jordan Ramsay, Nicholas Richtarcsik, Max Robichaud, Bryce Scott, Justin Sevigny, Courtney Simmers-Swanson, Colby Sinclair, Khristina St. Louis, Stephanie Wazal, Ashley Williams.

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CLYDE’S CORNER

Saturday, June 10

TOY TOWN OUTDOOR MARKET: 126 Central St. on the lawn of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Winchendon Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: The Golden Agers celebrate all birthdays with a party at the Carriage House restaurant at 12:15 p.m. Reservations are required, please call Gloria at (978) 297-4525 to register or for more information.

Thursday, June 15

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.

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Friday, June

16-Sunday, June 18

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: The annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Strawberry Festival is scheduled for the entire weekend. On Friday, the event is 5-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-noon. The Country Auction is scheduled Saturday, June 17 at 6 p.m. with the preview beginning at 4:30 p.m. Raffles, Grandma’s Attic, theme baskets, plant booth, kids’ games, and more. NEW this year: Line Dancing on Friday at 7 p.m., a petting zoo on Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m., a build-a-bear station and a visit from Clyde. The famous Father’s Day breakfast as always on Sunday 8:30-11 a.m. To donate the auction call Bob Betourney at (978) 297-2644 for pick up or drop off;

or Grandma’s Attic drop off at any time at the rectory garage; and for ticket auction items (gift certificates, new items) contact Mary Ellen Mansfield at (978) 297-1210.

Thursday, June 22

TOY TOWN OUTDOOR MARKET: 126 Central St. on the lawn of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Winchendon Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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: On Thursday, June 22 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon for a hearty dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. We can always use more volunteers! If you’d like to help with set-up, come to the church around 4 p.m. If you want to help with serving, come at around 5:15 p.m. so we can go over any special protocols for the night’s menu. Clean-up starts around 6:15 p.m. and is usually done shortly after 7 p.m. Volunteers have a chance to sit down to socialize and enjoy the meal.

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MONDAY
Market Basket at 12:15 p.m., Wii bowling 9:30 a.m.; yoga 10 a.m.; chair exercise 9:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Wii bowling; pool, card games, shuffleboard.
Tuesday, June 20: Senior Whole Health Rep 10-12;
WEDNESDAY
Market Basket 9:30 (Wednesday); Wii bowling 9:30; Yoga 10; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30
THURSDAY
Wii bowling, Pool/Card Games/ Shuffleboard
June 8: Fallon Rep 10-12;
June 15: Out to Lunch at Lucky Dragon 11; Fallon Rep 10-12
June 29 Fallon Rep 10-12
FRIDAY
June 9 and 23: Peanut Auction 10:30;
Wii bowling, Pool/Card Games/ Shuffleboard
June 16: Pancake Breakfast 9:30

COURIER CAPSULES

FLAG RETIREMENT

The American Legion Post 193 will hold the flag retirement on June 14 at 6:30 p.m.. We need a showing of many members to help with this event. Anyone having retired flags may drop them off at the Legion before the 14th.

MCDONALD’S GOOD WISHES

Congratulation to Branden Murphy.

And to all graduates.

S T U D E N T ACHIEVEMENT

DUDLEY — Nichols College has recognized 469 students who achieved Dean’s List status for their academic work during the fall 2016 semester. Among them were Winchendon students Nichole LaBrack and Hannah Manca.

The Nichols College

Dean’s List recognizes students who have achieved high grades during a single semester. In order to be included in the Dean’s List, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 for at least 12 credit-hours and receive no grade below a C+ during the semester.

BATON ROUGE, LA — Noah Castle of Templeton was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Castle is pursuing a degree in mathematics at Westfield State University.

Castle is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote

academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

CANTON, NY — Stephanie A. Johnson of Rindge has been selected for membership in the St. Lawrence University chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honorary society. Johnson is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in chemistry and English. Johnson attended Conant High School. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed three semesters of college and three physics courses, have a physics cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 and rank in the top third of their class.

Best selling author speaks at Beals



Greg Vine photo

New York Times bestselling author Archer Mayor reads from his latest novel, Trace, due out in September. It is the latest instalment in his Joe Gunther detective series. Mayor appeared at Beals Memorial Library.

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It’s hard to imagine Archer Mayor sitting still long enough to write a paragraph, let alone more than two dozen

mystery novels. The tall, lanky, bespectacled author from Vermont was constantly in motion as he spoke to an audience at Beals Memorial Library last Thursday evening.

Mayor is a New York Times bestselling author who has now penned 29 books in the Joe Gunther detective series; his first some three decades ago. His next book, *Trace*, is due out in September. His first, *Open Season*, hit bookstores in 1988. Since then, Mayor has built up a loyal following of readers, a number of whom peppered him with questions as he moved about the front of Beals’ second-floor auditorium.

Mayor graduated from Yale with a degree in history, which, he said, “Is only a little less useful than a degree in anthropology.”

Before plunging into popular fiction, he has worked as an editor, researcher for Time-Life books, photographer, and reporter. Now, when not at the keyboard, he spends his time as a death investigator for the Vermont State Medical Examiner’s office, a deputy for the Windham County Sheriff’s Department, and volunteer for his local fire department and EMT squad.

While admitting that working for the ME’s office and sheriff’s department does help some with his writing, Mayor said he actually began writing detective novels before his experience as deputy and death investigator.

“I like the discipline behind the writing process and what goes with it,” said Mayor. Yet, when it comes to mysteries, he said “I can’t figure out why they’re so popular. They’re really stories about people doing terrible things to other people. I don’t see them as ‘whodunits,’ I see them as ‘whydunits.’”

“They’re sort of social anthropologies,” he said. “They’re peoples’ stories.” Mayor said, “I try to fill up my books with neat stuff. But I also try to use a lot of good language.”

“We have a musical language,” he rhapsodizes. “It has extraordinary depth. I try to use

it to inject a form of artistry. I want to use it to fill in the lights, sights, sounds, emotions; to fill up your brain.”

Interestingly, Mayor never describes his characters.

“I think it’s much more interesting for the reader to use the dialogue and actions of the characters to construct their own idea of what they look like,” said Mayor. “I don’t see them, but I know what they sound like.”

Mayor, who took time read a bit from his newest novel, expresses some disdain for the increasingly popular trend of self-publishing or e-publishing.

“There may some good literature on the internet, but I find it crowded and undisciplined,” he said. “I miss the presence of gatekeepers of quality.”

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graduating with my class if it wasn’t for Mr. Provost and Mr. (superintendent Steve) Haddad. I love you both dearly and am so grateful for your guidance and support that you provided me with for the past couple of years. I’ll continue to make you guys proud,” she pledged.

Cochran not only completed all her academic work, she also

participated in the internship program, first at Broadview Assisted Living in town and then at Heywood-Wakefield in Gardner.

“It was a challenge,” she acknowledged. “There have been times when I really didn’t want to be in school, I mean I really didn’t want to be here at all, but the Academy was what helped me stay on track. I would never have been able to do this without them. Because you do this self-paced, you know, you’re

not in competition with anyone else, you’re not under pressure to get stuff done by next Tuesday or whenever.”

As the end drew near, Cochran said she had mixed emotions. “I’m excited but I’m sad, too. It’s hard to believe it’s over.”

“We always tell them,” Provost said, “that they are the captains of their own ships and they control their journeys. All five of them have overcome a lot of obstacles. They should be very proud.”

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EDITORIAL

Keep calm and learn on

As the myriad of students from a milieu of schools walk the final walk across a stage, a field or a gym floor to take in hand the signifying paper ending a stage of their life takes place there is equally a number of earnest speakers cajoling those students in the real ways of the real world.

They aren't listening.
And neither did you.
We know this. But we still do it.
We hope some bit of wisdom will trickle through. Some wise words will prop up a young person in the future, give them hope, give them wings. And also ground them in reality, give them strength, give them courage.

But we know, as we the adults listen to the drone of the earnest at the front of the room, the field, the gym, that the students themselves are listening to their inner voices, their friends and their nerves. They are already planning their own next moves, the party to follow, the first days of the rest of their lives.

And, besides, what can these people around them possibly know? What can they say these younger people can take to heart anyway?

We don't give up. We keep extolling them. We keep at it year after year. We work over speeches, look up quotes, look at history, think of our own lives to find nuggets of wisdom.

What is needed is a quicker ceremony usually. The adults need to get over themselves a bit. And realize the earnest words are falling on very, very deaf ears.

Say "congratulations, you made it."
Say "good luck."
Say "now keep learning, you aren't really done."
And let them go.

Because that's truly it. They may not even hear that last one. They know they are still learning, because they are still young; still have to go to college if in high school, or to another trade and apprentice or in other circumstances at least there are still learning curves. At every level. College, master's degrees, even PhDs know they don't know it all.

So let them keep learning, and let them go.

It's the best advice they can get, the day anyone stops learning is the day they stop living.

Keep calm and learn on.

Gaskell: others need services

To the Editor:

Before the vote on the 20th, there is something I would like to be sure you understand about this override for the school district. If the override is successful, that close to a half a million dollars you are committing Winchendon taxpayers to, will be paid to the school district not just this year alone, but the same amount the next year, the year after, the year after that and way out into the sunset. Plus any future override, and I am sure there will be some, will be in addition to that half a million.

The schools are asking for more money to educate a declining school population, declining not because of the quality of the Winchendon Schools, as one board member suggested, but because school enrollment has been declining all over New England, and probably the whole North East of America, for the last 15 years or more. The reason is the decline in the birth rate.

Based on the standard of education that the town's children are receiving, there seems to be little excuse for an override at all. Past overrides seem to have had little effect on that standard in spite of their having fewer children to educate. To improve the school scores, the schools need to stop worrying about the standing of the district against some state academic chart and concentrate teaching the subjects that our children need to know to get ahead in this world. Class size has been proven not to impact learning. Failing to teaching the basic 3 R's does.

The school board is totally out of touch with reality if they think this town can fund their quest to rival school districts like Westboro, as was suggested in the Spring town meeting.

Westboro has a tax base that we can not begin to match. The population of Westboro work inside 495, and most inside 128. Their households pull in large salaries and have huge property tax bills. Just in Westboro alone, there are national and high tech companies, manufacturing plants, a large medical facility, a large hotel and multiple shopping plazas with near to full occupancy.

The town of Winchendon has an aging population, a motel, a McDonalds, a car dealership, retail outlets spread thin on the ground, and Central Street with about as many stores closed and dark as are open and operational. Thinking that our tax base can fund an educational competition with that of towns like Westboro is ridiculous.

This town is not a cash cow for the schools. Other town departments are being short changed to put more fat on the school district's table. Our town departments do a good job with the funding they have, but there are more people in this town than children and parents. There are roads in Winchendon that look more like organized sinkholes than hardtop roadways. The rest of us also deserve services for the property taxes we pay.

If the schools can't manage on the budget they have then the town should appoint a business manager, with reporting responsibility to the town, to manage the budget process and assign the dollars where they will do the most educational good. Stopping the mailing of oversized, full color, glossy cards promoting the school district would be a good place to start.

ROSEMARY GASKELL
WINCHENDON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arthen:

To the Editor:

In his June 2 Winchendon Courier column, Jerry Carton argues vigorously that the United States is not a "Christian nation." He's quite correct. The many misunderstandings about religion in America are the "elephant in the room" that need to be honestly addressed.

No, the United States is not, and never was, intended by our Founders to be a "Christian nation." Two centuries before President Obama observed this, our second President, Mr. John Adams, stated this fact. John Adams was a Unitarian. Most of the Founders were Unitarians or Deists. They believed in reason and logical debate. They spoke piously but questioned authority, including Biblical authority. Thomas Jefferson famously edited his own version of the Bible by cutting the New Testament apart with scissors and pasting together the verses he deemed authentic. "The Jefferson Bible" is still in print, and you can read it online.

The first words in the First Amendment are, "Congress shall make no law regarding an establishment of religion." Those are the very first words of the Bill of Rights — before freedom of speech, before freedom of the press. There's a very good reason for this.

The Founders of our nation were breaking away from England. England had an official state religion — Anglicanism. The supreme head of the Anglican church was the British monarch (at that time, King George III). If the Founders were unanimous about anything, it was that America should never have an official state religion, Christian or otherwise. Article Six of the Constitution states, "no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States."

Consequently, our country respects the rights of every person to practice their own religion — or no religion — according to their own conscience. This right is front and center in our Constitution, and we should embrace it with deep gratitude.

Some Americans feel that we should be afraid of Muslims, and that Islam is a violent faith. Let's take a look at that.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam are three generations of the same family. All three are known collectively as the Abrahamic religions, or "religions of The Book." They all rely on sacred texts which are very similar. All three follow the teachings of great prophets or leaders (Moses, Jesus and Mohammed). All three have very similar worship practices.

Islam is no more inherently extreme or violent than Christianity. Extremists are found in every religion and ideology. Extremism has nothing to do with any given religion. It has to do with certain people who are extremists by nature. They're mentally ill, or filled with rage, or have suffered from trauma. They seek simple answers. They feel powerless and want power. They feel wronged and seek revenge.

Most of the terrorist acts committed in the United States are committed by white American-born Christians. If I pointed at all of those violent acts — the mass shootings and bombings at mosques, African American churches, abortion clinics and so on — and said, "Look, that proves that Christianity is a violent religion," Christians would say, "wait, that's not fair, you can't judge all Christians by a few deranged extremists. And those people aren't real Christians, anyway!"

And they'd be quite right! In the same way, to judge all Muslims by the actions of a few deranged extremists, who are condemned and rejected by other Muslims, is just as wrong and just as unfair.

What do Muslims do? They follow the Five Pillars of Islam (like Christians follow the Ten Commandments). They pray — a lot — on a regular daily schedule (like Christians in holy orders do). They believe in helping the poor and charitable giving (like Christians). They read their holy text, the Quran, especially during sacred holidays such as Ramadan (just like Christians read the Bible). They go to mosque regularly for public worship (just like Christians go to church). They cover their heads and dress modestly, especially women, as a way of expressing humility before God (just like nuns and many Christians do).

They're not all from the Middle East. Islam is a major religion throughout Africa, India, and Asia. And here's one that will surprise you. Many Muslims in the United States are native born Americans. During the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s, many African-Americans converted to Islam as they embraced their African roots. That's why boxer Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali. Islamic groups were founded here in the United States which are 100% American. They have nothing to do with the Middle East at all.

Americans have a smaller statistical risk of becoming victims of terrorism than we do of winning the lottery or being hit by lightning. We could reduce that to almost nothing if we treated all extremism, regardless of belief system, as the mental illness it is and proactively intervened and treated it with therapy. Write your members of Congress and suggest this!

As Jerry points out, focusing on our differences only increases the divisions and polarity in our country. We need to come together as a nation, not fight with each other. Our diversity is our strength. Economic inequality and the power of huge international conglomerates over our government and our lives is a far bigger threat than people practicing (slightly) different religions. Let's keep our focus on what we're all fighting for together — equality, liberty and justice for all.

REV. INANNA ARTHEN
WINCHENDON

And so...I walked...



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And so, I walked. I walked all the way across Smith College's bucolic Northampton campus last Friday, yes, all the way. And then I walked

from the building where new and returning grad students checked in and picked up their keys all the way back to the dorm. And a little while after that, I walked halfway across campus to the cafeteria. And back. Yes, I needed my cane of course. Yes, I walked slowly. But I only needed my inhaler twice. This was, believe me, a big deal for me. In addition to my cardiac issues, I have chronic asthma, am on a bunch of medications for that too

(who knows what, I just take them as directed), occasionally have to do a short course of prednisone and am sometimes basically tethered to my nebulizer and I get Xolair allergy injections twice a month, three of them each time. So yeah, this was indeed a big deal. Walking is good for you. And it wasn't hot. Even better.

We were in Northampton because we had filled two cars with Courtney's stuff as she began her third and final sum-

mer in Smith's MSW graduate program. She'll be getting her Masters in August but that's a story for then, not now. For now, there we were with two loaded-to-the-brim cars as if she was going abroad for a year, not to school for a couple months. What can I tell you?

So, on Friday I walked. As I walked I noticed directions chalked out on the pavement, telling first year students where to go and how to get there. A little thing, yes, but help-

ful, especially the placement cause everyone's looking down at their phones all the time anyway, right? Essentially, that's good customer service. Even more important, it was just another small example of being helpful and considerate towards others. Little things count.

Additionally, in keeping with the prevailing political ideology at Smith, I even wore my

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Hillary should know history she took part in

Recently presidential candidate and past U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, while delivering the commencement speech at Wellesley College, told students former President Richard Nixon was impeached, sadly proving once again that top political party members, no matter which side of the coin, lack in the facts department.

The statement by Clinton drew lots of cheers from the crowd, while clearly taking aim at current President Donald Trump. Many in the media



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into his possible collusion with Russia during the presidential election have become a frequent topic of discussion.

While a popular subject among many both in the media and general public alike, Secretary Clinton was both

have discussed a potential obstruction of justice by our current president which, may or may not be proven in the future, as a steadily growing comparison of the Watergate scandal.

President Trump's current efforts to force the end of an FBI probe

completely incorrect and irresponsible in her statement to the Wellesley students.

President Nixon became the first president in our nation's history to "Resign," and was thus not impeached. The House Judiciary Committee in July 1974 approved three Articles of Impeachment, however Nixon resigned before a potential trial and the full House could have voted on it. There can be no logical denial that had proceedings continued, Nixon would have most likely been impeached. The three articles without a doubt forced Nixon's hand to sign his resignation, and in at least my humble opinion,

ending his political career in complete disgrace.

In a statement clearly aimed at current President Trump regarding the recent firing and termination of former FBI Director James Comey, Clinton in part of her statement told Wellesley grads, "And, by the way, we were furious about the past presidential election of a man Nixon, whose presidency would eventually end in disgrace with his impeachment, for obstruction of justice after firing the person running the investigation into him at the Department of Justice."

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Community vs. Tribalism



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There was a great deal of talk about community at Sunday's graduation ceremonies in Winchendon and other area cities and towns. Remember your community, give back to your community, be part

of your community. All good advice – at least at first glance. But what, exactly, is community? The American community, our national community, for example, has changed a great deal in the past 40 years, thanks in large part to the rapid expansion of the media and the fracturing and increasing speed of our means of communication. Until the late 1970s, most Americans had a choice of three major television networks, public TV, and a few locally operated UHF stations.

Radio, both AM and FM, mainly concentrated on providing us with entertainment. The three majors – ABC, NBC, and CBS – provided us with whatever national and international news we consumed. Yes, there was some such content in our local newspapers, but the majority of us still got our news from Walter Cronkite, David Brinkley, John Chancellor, Howard K. Smith, Frank Reynolds, or Barbara Walters. Our national “community” gathered around TV sets every

night at six for a half-hour of news and move on to Happy Days, M*A*S*H*. All in the Family, Kojak, The Rockford Files, or Charlie's Angels. The aforementioned anchors brought us news of Nixon's resignation, the fall of Saigon, the death of Vice President Rockefeller, and the Iranian Revolution. Our opinions were shaped largely by the way we interpreted the limited amount of news we were given. But the reporting was solid and the journalism professional. Not until America Held Hostage,

which turned into Nightline, did we get a second helping of national/international news, and it didn't come until 11:30 p.m. Yes, conservatives – even then – griped about the influence of the “liberal media”; a liberal media, by the way, that gave us, between 1968 and 1992, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. Still, we were, in a very real sense, a nationwide community. We didn't all think alike,

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“Journalism Matters. Now More Than Ever” t-shirt I got from the Baltimore Sun. Did anyone notice? Who knows? After all, they were all looking down at their phones!

Courtney's on campus this summer, as she was the previous two, because Smith's MSW program works this way - students spend the 'regular' school year at field placement internships - in her case doing home and school-based therapy under a licensed supervisor and three summers in the classroom. Since this is her final summer, her

thesis is due soon too. I've read parts of it. I'm pretty smart, okay, a little more than pretty smart but when you start reading clinical papers, you wonder whether some of the words are, well, real. Ha. I can't help but wonder - if roughly 90 students are writing these lengthy missives - are they really being read thoroughly? Just asking.

One of her courses this summer is titled, “The Trump Presidency. How did We Get Here and Where Are We Going”? This is not at all surprising and certainly not so at Smith or any school of that ilk. I have friends in the mental health field, long-time professionals, who have told me they have some clients who attributed a spike in their depression

to what's going on in the world around them. No kidding. Isn't it nice to be in a club with Syria? I'm guessing the mental health pros - psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and all the rest - are going to be dealing with a lot of issues triggered by the bigger picture over the next few years.

It was, however, heartening after Donald's anti-climate rant, to see a slew of governors, mayors (including Pittsburgh's, a city he referenced in that other-worldly Rose Garden event as an example of why he's rejecting the Paris climate agreement), and CEOs from all across the ideological spectrum say they're charging ahead with their work on environmental issues despite

the Administration's lunacy. These people get it - coal jobs aren't ever coming back (many coal miners, I'm sure, understand this too) and the future lies in wind and solar. Sometimes you make progress irrespective of anything happening in Washington.

But as I wrote, that's the bigger picture. For now, I can if even only briefly, bask in the afterglow of the success of my campus trek(Okay, yes I was wheezing some but hey..). I needed no ambulance, no oxygen. To celebrate I had a turkey sandwich. No bacon. Go figure. See you next week.

Murphy: need the override

To the Editor:

After attending the Alumni Banquet, Class Day, and the Graduation for the Class of 2017, I am more determined than ever to see the override pass on June 20th. After listening to the gratitude expressed by our students, seeing so many successful alumni from 1937 to the present, and hearing students' plans for the future, I can only marvel at how special our schools and community really are. We need to support students now and in the future in every way we can. Funding is just one of those commitments that ensures our uniqueness that goes back to 1887 will continue.

Some have criticized our schools for not performing on a level that makes us all proud. We want to see our standing improve as well. However, we don't judge the success of our students and our community based on one test, given one day, one time during the school year. If we did, then the need for better funding is exemplified in these examples for those who like the numbers. There are 32 districts in Massachusetts that spend 2%

or less over the minimum net school spending allowed by law. Of those districts 26 or 81% are rated at the lowest 3, 4, or 5 levels. On the other end, there are 296 districts who spend more than 5% (Tom Kane of FinCom shared the average is 19%) and 85% of those districts are rated the highest at Level 1 or 2 by the state. We spend even with the override around 1% over the minimum and are rated Level 3. Clearly there is a correlation between funding and the ratings used by the state for each school district.

I've heard some comments around the community that the voters shouldn't give the schools any more money until they show more success. That clearly makes no sense to me. It's like saying your car isn't running right so I'm not going to change the oil, fix the brakes, or replace the bald tires. Yet I expect the car to perform at peak performance. For too long this is what has been happening at our schools. I'm proud to say our school committee and staff are addressing the needs of our students and the challenges we have identified.

The goals the committee has set, the strategic plan developed by the administration based on the state audit, and the commitment of our staff will help improve our standing. Your vote for the override will support the work so necessary to student success.

So let me end with “why” you should vote for the override on June 20th. We believe: “fairness and equity” for all students in receiving a quality education, it continues Winchendon's long history of providing what students need, our budget request is reasonable and responsible to reach our goals, and improving our schools is a never ending process. This is why the Class of 1967 had two members contribute over \$2,500 to the alumni scholarship fund. After 50 years they still believe in our school community. I'm hoping you will as well. Please vote to make the override a reality and join us in believing in our community, schools, and our students.

Larry Murphy
Chairman of the Winchendon School Committee

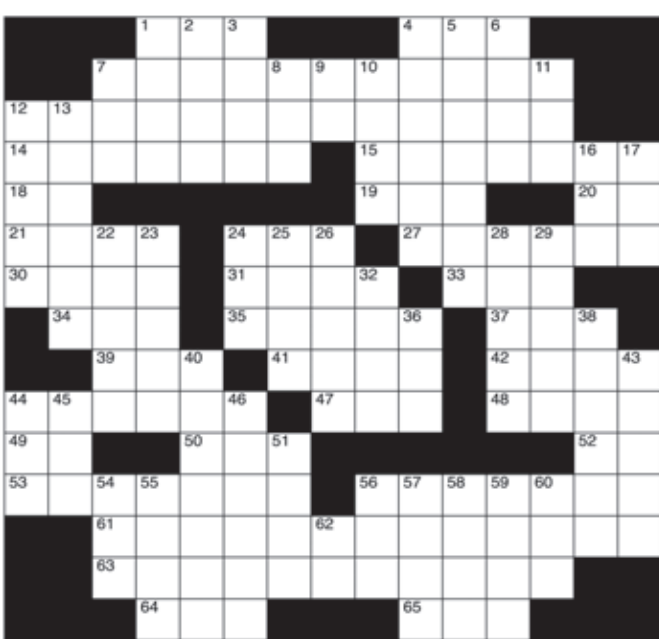
LaFord: how about for me?

To the Editor:

I would like a 21/2 increase in my retirement. Wouldn't that be nice? I have to live on my fixed income.

The schools should try it.

EDWARD A. LAFORD.
WINCHENDON



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| 1. Formed by burning tobacco | 37. Mock |
| 4. Luxury automaker | 39. Immoral act |
| 7. Religious residences | 41. Early Syrian kingdom |
| 12. Crusaders | 42. Neutralizes alkalis |
| 14. Puzzled | 44. Loud, confused noise |
| 15. In a curt way | 47. Sweet potato |
| 18. Selling tool | 48. Yemen's largest city |
| 19. Solid material | 49. Farm state |
| 20. Gold | 50. Bird's beak |
| 21. Thick piece of something | 52. Measures distance |
| 24. Pouch | 53. Pacify |
| 27. “Wonder Years” actor Fred | 56. Spanish noble |
| 30. Strong and healthy | 61. Lodging supplied for public convenience |
| 31. Waste matter | 63. Womanized |
| 33. Apply lightly | 64. Not divisible by two |
| 34. Type of squad | 65. Monetary unit |
| 35. Secret political faction | |

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| 2. Arabic man's name | 29. Large Philippine plant |
| 3. Assess | 32. Celebration |
| 4. Prickly plants | 36. Fugitives are on this |
| 5. Falsely assess | 38. Chinese tree |
| 6. “ _ the whistle” | 40. Not sour |
| 7. Mama | 43. “Bourne” actor Matt |
| 8. Rocker _ Vicious | 44. Former OSS |
| 9. Toward | 45. Runners run this |
| 10. Prefix meaning within | 46. Offered again |
| 11. Midway between south and southeast | 51. Sanctuary |
| 12. Cause to be embarrassed | 54. Food suitable for babies |
| 13. Pandemonium | 55. Caused by a reflection of sound |
| 16. Fall behind | 56. Mortar trough |
| 17. Cantonese | 57. Days in mid-month |
| 22. Shad | 58. Exhibit the courage to do |
| 23. A way to make dark | 59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology |
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TUESDAY, MAY 30
1:17-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Windsor Rd.), referred to ACO; 11:35 a.m.: registration check (Town Farm Rd.), no service necessary; 11:41 a.m.: property damage (Forristall Rd.), report taken; 11:44 a.m.: suspicious (other) (Spring St.), no service necessary; 12:16 p.m.: mv stop (Front St.), verbal warning; 12:18 p.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 12:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Dr.), assisted; 1:02 p.m.: welfare check (West St.), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: assist other PD (Glenallan St.), spoken to; 3:29 p.m.: loitering (Oak St.), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: harassment (Spring St.), spoken to; 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Rd.), verbal warning; 4:31 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Rd.), unable to locate; 4:38 p.m.: officer wanted (High St.), spoken to; 4:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Baldwinville State Rd.), unable to locate; 6:14 p.m.: keep the peace (High St.), spoken to; 6:33 p.m.: harassment (Grove St.), report taken; 9:21 p.m.: suspicious person (Spring St.), spoken to; 11:55-11:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
12:00-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:16 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 7:56 a.m.: assist citizen (High St.), referred to ACO; 8:19 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 8:22 a.m.: property lost (River St.), info taken; 8:34 a.m.: info/general (Glenallan St.), info taken; 9:13 a.m.: assist citizen (High St.); 9:38 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), advised officer; 9:59 a.m.: summons service (Linden St.), served; 11:10 a.m.: suspicious auto (Elmwood Rd.), spoken to; 11:41 a.m.: assist other PD (Laurel St.); 12:03 p.m.: accident (Central St.), report taken; 12:26 p.m.: suspicious auto (Chase Ln.), advised officer; 1:16 p.m.: mv stop (School Sq.), spoken to; 1:31 p.m.: investigation (River St.), info taken; 1:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Whitney St.); 1:56 p.m.: harassment order service (Hyde Park Dr.), unable to serve; 2:00 p.m.: assist other agency (Central St.), referred to ACO; 2:38 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Ipswich Dr.), assisted; 3:51 p.m.: mv stop (Front & Lincoln), citation issued; 3:59 p.m.: mv stop (Pine & Spring), verbal warning; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main St.), citation issued; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 6:00 p.m.: keep the peace (Lakeshore Dr.), assisted; 6:03 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln & Jackson), citation issued; 6:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Banner Pl.), report taken; 7:05 p.m.: keep the peace (Benjamin St.), assisted;

7:37 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 7:44 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln & Front), verbal warning; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (School St.), verbal warning; 8:30 p.m.: mv stop (Front St.), verbal warning; 8:47 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Ash St.), report taken; 8:56 p.m.: mv stop (Winter St.), citation issued; 9:46 p.m.: mv stop (Front St.), written warning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1
12:25-1:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:50 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 6:06 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 7:00 a.m.: assist citizen (Atlas Fireworks), referred to other PD; 7:48 a.m.: property lost (High St.), info taken; 8:01 a.m.: larceny (Central St.), report taken; 8:28 a.m.: investigation (Spring St.), spoken to; 8:58 a.m.: info/general (Brown Ave.), info taken; 10:02 a.m.: investigation (Front St.), spoken to; 10:10 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), false alarm; 10:31 a.m.: unwanted party (Chestnut St.), unable to locate; 11:43 a.m.: fire alarm (Hatch Ln.), referred to FD; 12:38 p.m.: animal complaint (River St.), referred to ACO; 12:58 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Cushing Ice Arena), referred to FD; 1:44 p.m.: brush fire (Duval Ct.), extinguished; 2:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown St.), referred to ACO; 2:45 p.m.: DPW call (Spring St.), referred; 4:00 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Mill St.), unfounded; 4:01 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 4:04 p.m.: keep the peace (Alger St.), assisted; 4:25 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), written warning; 4:32 p.m.: fraud (High St.), report taken; 5:21 p.m.: info/general (Linden St.), assisted; 5:27 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Cedar Ter.), spoken to; 5:55 p.m.: investigation (High St.), info taken; 6:12 p.m.: accident (River St.), report taken; 6:32 p.m.: accident (Gardner Rd. & Spring St.), report taken; 6:57 p.m.: fire alarm (River St.), services rendered; 8:10 p.m.: ambulance (Cedar St.), transported; 9:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main St.), written warning; 11:00 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.); 11:44 p.m.: building checked, secure.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
12:04-12:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 12:26 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 12:44 a.m.: mental health issue (Spruce St.), services rendered; 1:09 a.m.: info/general (Pleasant St.), info taken; 1:33 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:38 a.m.: holdup alarm (Railroad St.), secured; 6:56 a.m.: info/general (Hyde Park Dr.), assisted; 7:32 a.m.: traffic hazard (Teel Rd.), referred; 8:04 a.m.: FD call (Mill St.), services rendered; 8:20 a.m.: suspicious person (Lake Dennison), info taken; 8:21 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 9:23 a.m.: wires down (Winchendon Rd.), referred; 9:27 a.m.: ambulance (School St.), transported; 9:31 a.m.: keep the peace

(Alger St.), assisted; 9:35 a.m.: traffic hazard (Water St.), info taken; 9:53 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (Main St.), canceled; 10:48 a.m.: bolo (South Rd.), info taken; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Eagle Rd.), services rendered; 12:16 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 12:45 p.m.: summons service (Alger St.), served; 12:52 p.m.: summons service (Spring St.), unable to serve; 12:59 p.m.: summons service (Branch St.), served; 1:40 p.m.: vin inspection (Morse Ave.), assisted; 1:58 p.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut St.), info taken; 2:00 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 2:48 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Franklin St.), unable to locate; 3:04 p.m.: fraud (Central St.), spoken to; 4:09 p.m.: larceny (Central St.), report taken; 4:25 p.m.: summons service (Harvard St.), unable to serve; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 5:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Clark Rd.), referred to ACO; 5:31 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Dr.), transported; 5:32 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring St.), unable to locate; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Ave.), citation issued; 6:59 p.m.: suspicious auto (Webster St.), no cause; 7:47 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), citation issued; 8:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main St.), verbal warning; 10:00 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 11:03 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Spring St.), secure; 11:16 p.m.: suspicious auto (Glenallan St.), unfounded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
12:19-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic St.), spoken to; 5:04 a.m.: noise complaint (Central St.), spoken to; 8:10 a.m.: extra patrols (bike path), secure; 8:29 a.m.: suspicious auto (Ash St.), assisted; 10:40 a.m.: assist citizen (Hyde Park Dr.), referred to other PD; 10:47 a.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Dr.), false alarm; 11:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Ash St.), advised civil action; 11:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Juniper St.), returned to owner; 12:30 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), referred to other PD; 1:04 p.m.: investigation (Gardner Rd.), info taken; 2:08 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Rd.), report taken; 3:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Summer St.), secure; 3:17 p.m.: suspicious person (Black Bridge), protective custody; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Juniper St.), citation issued; 5:27 p.m.: ambulance (Brown St.), transported; 5:59 p.m.: open door/gate (Front St.), secured; 6:44 p.m.: mv stop (Alger St.), Bonnie L. Jones, 45, 28 North St., Gardner, operating w/suspended license, summons; 7:11 p.m.: disable auto (River St.), advised officer; 7:26 p.m.: suspicious person (Cummings Rd.), spoken to; 8:38 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Franklin St.), secure; 9:09 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), unable to locate; 9:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Hitchcock Rd.), referred; 9:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Wendell Dr.), unable to locate; 9:51 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash St.), assisted; 10:43 p.m.:

suspicious auto (High St.), spoken to.
SUNDAY, JUNE 4
12:03 a.m.: mv stop (School St.), verbal warning; 12:15-12:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:35 a.m.: investigation (Alger St.), spoken to; 12:37-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:57 a.m.: lift assist (Ipswich Dr.), services rendered; 8:30 a.m.: traffic hazard (Monadnock Dr.), assisted; 10:57 a.m.: welfare check (Central St.), no service necessary; 1:43 p.m.: summons service (Spring St.), served; 1:55 p.m.: summons service (Harvard St.), served; 2:03 p.m.: summons service (Willoughby Ave.), served; 3:02 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), spoken to; 3:40 p.m.: extra patrols (Black Bridge), secure; 3:45 p.m.: suspicious auto (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), spoken to; 5:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan St.), spoken to; 7:57 p.m.: assist citizen (Ash St.), returned property; 9:08 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Ave.), verbal warning; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), citation issued.

MONDAY, JUNE 5
12:15-4:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:15 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 7:09 a.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Ave.), transported; 7:35 a.m.: summons service (Royalston Rd. So.), assisted; 7:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to ACO; 7:57 a.m.: ambulance (Brown St.), transported; 8:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Spruce St.), assisted; 9:10 a.m.: fire alarm (School St.), services rendered; 9:11 a.m.: summons service (West St.), unable to serve; 9:18 a.m.: summons service (Robbins Rd.), unable to serve; 9:23 a.m.: assist other PD (Juniper St.), unable to serve; 10:29 a.m.: fire alarm (Linden St.), services rendered; 10:36 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), info taken; 11:34 a.m.: ambulance (Oak St.), transported; 12:34 p.m.: fire alarm (Hatch Ln.), services rendered; 12:42 p.m.: threats (Central St.), spoken to; 1:16 p.m.: threats (Ash St.), report taken; 1:40 p.m.: keep the peace (West St.), assisted; 2:54 p.m.: suspicious person (Baldwinville State Rd.), spoken to; 3:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Dr.), assisted; 3:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Rd.), spoken to; 3:26 p.m.: investigation (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: ambulance (Old Centre), no cause; 4:23 p.m.: disturbance (Spring St.), spoken to; 4:55 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 5:18 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Spring St.), info taken; 5:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), info taken; 6:07 p.m.: wires down (Mill Glen Rd.), unfounded; 6:13 p.m.: accident (Front St.), Frank Paolantonio, 36, 2 Greening Ln., Warwick, RI, negligent operation of mv; 6:55 p.m.: accident (Spring St.), report taken; 7:37 p.m.: fight (Spring St.), report taken; 9:13 p.m.: accident (Spring St.), report taken; 9:43 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Juniper St.), info taken; 11:58 p.m.: gunshots (Pitcherville Pits, Spring St.), unable to locate.

To booth or not to booth, that is the question

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Selectboard under new business addressed town policy regarding voluntary toll booths or boot drives at the Monday's meeting, opening the door for possible policy changes or elimination of one of the area's biggest and most consistent charitable fund raisers.

Any boot drive held in Winchendon, just as in other communities, is done on a completely voluntary basis. As many local communities allow them, some towns have limited them, some have more than others, and some towns have completely banned them.

In most communities, voluntary boot drives or toll booths are held benefiting 501C or tax free organizations ranging from societies to youth sports, clubs, veterans causes, or any of a myriad of other causes.

Winchendon, with permis-

sion from the Selectmen, currently allows the permitting of toll booths to be held on Front Street between the intersections of Front and Lincoln street, and Front and Academy street along Route 12, a main thoroughfare.

Due to the possibility of injury, most municipalities who allow them, have both the organization and its members who will be working sign a legal form of waiver in which the municipality is legally cleared of any legal possibility of injury or harm possibly sustained by a vehicle striking a person or otherwise, as pedestrians collecting stand along the yellow center line of the road.

BOS Chair Barbara Anderson opened with, "This policy basically leaves a toll booth open to any charity or nonprofit. Sometimes in our summers, every single weekend throughout the summer, there is a boot drive. We don't really have a

say who's out there, because we can't discriminate one form the other."

Anderson followed with, "I strongly feel if we have a boot drive, it should be driven by one of our town departments. Everybody is starting to come, and we look like beggars. It looks like a town of beggars and you can't come through our town without paying some money."

All boot drives held are done on a completely voluntary basis. Workers who collect the donations do not approach passing vehicles, as vehicles who want to donate stop by their own free will. There is no potential "begging or pandering" allowed or involved.

BOS member Austin Cyganiewicz asked Anderson, "So is the issue volume or the location we have, because I know it's right near your house?"

Anderson replied, "Yes, that too. But the location of it is dan-

gerous right there. That's got to be one of the worst intersections we have."

Anderson also said, "I think this is an accident waiting to happen."

Nearly every community which allows the function does so in similar busy venues for maximum effort, with examples being Gardner holding them by the Post office, Athol holding them in the center at the intersection of Main and Exchange streets where there are traffic lights, and Templeton holding them at its historic town common.

Due to Anderson's claim regarding the danger, Winchendon Fire Department was asked about emergency response calls due to boot drives. The chief, deputy chief, and captain all stated none couldn't remember EMS were ever called for a person injured at an accident occurring at a boot drive.

Chief Tom Smith did say, "While I cannot recall any time there was an accident involving a person at a boot drive, I do realize there is always that potential for one to happen."

Cyganiewicz asked Anderson, "Do you have any other locations that you would strongly urge any other applicant, just not near your house?"

Anderson jokingly replied, "Don't make it sound like that. I think the problem we run in to moving location is that the people like getting the New Hampshire traffic and the people going to NH, where they try to get the out of town people, and if they chose Central Street, then they get the people who live here in town. That is not who their target is, they are trying to get those people who are going through town."

Anderson also added, "Sometimes when you talk to anybody from out of town and you say you're from Winchendon they say 'oh my God I am always getting stuck in a boot drive out

there.' It's a hindrance for people going down to the transfer station, it's annoying, and we have too many of them."

Anderson also claimed she hears complaints when she is at the transfer station because of the boot drives.

It was then Anderson made the claim, "No other town does this, and there is no other town around us that has this many boot drives."

Anderson then proclaimed, "If I could stop these boot drives, I would be a happy lady."

Due to Anderson's claims of "No other town around here does this" calls were place to all local municipalities. It was confirmed Anderson claim was incorrect as boot drives are allowed and permitted locally on a case by case basis, in the municipalities of Templeton, Ashburnham, Gardner, Phillipston, Athol, and Westminster.

Selectman Audrey LaBrie acknowledged the language of the boot drive policy needed to be at least reworded so that any entity or organization from outside Winchendon could be prevented from holding one in the town. LaBrie also said she would like to know how many were held in last two years, and the average income per individual event for an economic impact.

Anderson replied, "My argument is they can find a different way."

Both members Anderson and LaBrie agreed the policy at current is too loose.

On average, most organizations collect between \$1,000 and \$1,400 from boot drives and toll booths per event. Tina Leduc Santos, who was in attendance, informed the selectboard, "Last year we earned \$1,200 for Project Playground in three hours in one drive."

Ideas about the possibility of holding lotteries for boot drive permits, limiting applications, only allowing a boot drive every other week, or the elimination of the event all together were mentioned. Members agreed to place the subject on an upcoming agenda for further discussion.

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OBITUARIES

Agnes (Gilmartin) Hatfield, 87

SAUGUS — Agnes (Gilmartin) Hatfield, of Saugus, died at the Chestnut Woods Rehab & Nursing Center in Saugus on June 1, 2017 at the age of 87. Agnes was born & raised in Melrose and attended Melrose schools. She resided in Saugus for most of her life, was a member of St. Margaret's Church for 50 years and worked at the rectory for 10 years. Agnes worked as a bookkeeper for Malden Trust Bank in Malden and also Eastern Bank in Malden & Lynn for over 12 years. She enjoyed cooking and going to Atlantic City, Foxwoods and Ireland. Agnes loved shopping and walking thru Breakheart Reservation in Saugus with her sister.

She was the beloved wife of the late Stanley E. Hatfield Sr. for 32 years.



Loving mother of Stanley E. Hatfield Jr. & his wife Christina of Saugus, Diane M. Hatfield & her boyfriend Daniel M. Richard of Everett and Mary Ellen Leidl & her husband Michael of Winchendon and the late Stephen Hatfield. Cherished grandmother of Matthew Hatfield, Sarah (Hatfield) Dotchin, Kathleen Hatfield, James & Jennifer Leidl. Great grandmother of Brooklyn & Henry. Caring sister of Theresa Leary & her late husband Joseph of Melrose and the late Mary Gilmartin, Rose O'Rourke & her late husband Walter, James Gilmartin & his late wife Ada and Francis Gilmartin & his late wife Edna.

Funeral from the Gately Funeral Home (gatelyfh.com), 79 W. Foster St., Melrose on Tuesday, June 6 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Margaret's Church, 431 Lincoln Ave., Saugus. Burial in Riverside Cemetery, Saugus.

Roger E. Lancey, 88

TEMPLETON — Roger E. Lancey, age 86, formerly of 79 Bridge St., Baldwinville, died peacefully Monday morning, June 5, 2017 in Baldwinville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, with his family at his side.

He was born in Townsend on Nov. 28, 1930, son of Edward Lancey of Townsend and Florence Grenough of Gardner. Roger worked at L&Z Kamman Co in Gardner for most of his life as a mill room foreman. He enjoyed cars and was a race car driver in his younger life. He enjoyed traveling through the United States and was an avid gardener and woodworker.



Roger is survived by his wife, Marion (Brehio)Lancey of Baldwinville; his oldest daughter, Janet Matusewicz of Springfield; his oldest son Scott Lancey of Phillipston; his two sisters, Eleanor Raymond of Morrisville, VT and Claudette Esposito of Templeton. He is also survived by his many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his children, Patricia Boisvert, Kathleen Lancey-Boisvert and Jeffrey Lancey and a sister, Florence Laughton. Roger will be missed by many.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 8, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville. A gathering followed in Kamaloht Function Hall, East Templeton.

Jeanne I. (Nowlan) Thompson, 78

GARDNER — Jeanne I. (Nowlan) Thompson, age 78, of 11 Sylvan Road, died peacefully Friday evening, June 2, 2017 in The Highlands, Fitchburg, after a period of declining health.

She was born in Gardner on Sept. 21, 1938, daughter of the late Albert and Alice Nowlan and was a lifelong resident of Gardner.

Jeanne was a graduate of Gardner High School. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and playing cards with family and friends. She adored her late husband, her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Spending time with her family was the center of her life.



Her husband of 59 years, David H. Thompson, died in 2016. She leaves two daughters, Kathleen J. Miller of Amesbury and Linda A. Jenks of Gardner; three grandchildren, Brittany Wolkovitz and her husband Michael, David J. Miller and Kevin A. Miller; two great grandchildren, Madison B. Wolkovitz and Noah M. Wolkovitz, a sister, Rose-Marie Marchand of California, as well as nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial was in St. Johns Cemetery, Gardner.

Memorial donations may be made to Heywood Hospital, 242 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

Alina T. (Kowalczyk) Rybicki, 81

SPENCER — Alina T. (Kowalczyk) Rybicki, age 81, died Saturday, June 3 in St. Camillus Health Center, Northbridge.

Her husband Alojzy "Alec" Rybicki died in 2005. She leaves three sons: Stanley Rybicki and his wife Susan of Winchendon, Bernard Rybicki and his wife Susan of Worcester, Paul Rybicki and his wife Jill of Spencer, a daughter, Lucy Convery and her husband Paul of Manchaug, a brother, George Kowalczyk of England, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, several nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by a sister,



Sophie Vasil.

Born in Luck, Poland she was the daughter of Mark & Julia (Charlamow) Kowalczyk.

Mrs. Rybicki was an etcher for 13 years at Alegria Co. in Worcester, retiring in 1997.

She was a member of St. Columba Church in Paxton. She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, knitting and crocheting.

The funeral was held Tuesday, June 6 from the J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer, with a Mass in St. Columba Church, 18 Richards Ave., Paxton. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Frances C. (Pavone) Wahlberg, 86

WINCHENDON — Frances C. (Pavone) Wahlberg, age 86, formerly of Henderson, NV and Princeton passed away on Friday, June 2, 2017 with her daughter by her side, after a prolonged illness.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Frank and Theresa (Lentini) Pavone. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Max H. Wahlberg, who died in 2001. Frances is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Sean Pepper of Winchendon, her son and daughter-in-law, Brendon and Toni Wahlberg of Pittsburgh, PA and three grandchildren, Nicholas Pepper and his fiancé, Cynthia Lefebvre, Ben and Hannah Wahlberg. She also leaves one brother, Paul and his wife, Kathy, of New Port Richey, FL.

Frances attended Rice Square School and Grafton Street Junior High in Worcester. She later worked at the for-



mer Manning Gibbs Slipper Factory, where she met her future husband, Max. She also was a licensed beautician in the Worcester area for many years. Frances was a devoted wife and mother and after her children were grown, she was a loving nanny to several Worcester families. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and playing Bingo.

The family is eternally grateful for the amazing, loving staff at Broadview Assisted Living where Frances resided for over 10 years. When she became critically ill in March, her care was transferred to the wonderful staff at Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner and the dedicated staff at Baldwinville Skilled Nursing Facility in Baldwinville.

Frances will be missed by all for her quick sense of humor, wit and for her love of music and singing.

There are no calling hours. Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Broadview Activity Fund, 547 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

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Even though a much younger Hillary Clinton once served on the staff of the House Judiciary Committee during the Nixon investigation she still somehow just couldn't get it right. While some may say there is no difference between resigning before impeachment and being impeached, do not be mistaken there is an enormous legal difference.

Two past presidents have however been impeached in our nation's history. The first was President Andrew Johnson in 1868, and Clinton's husband, President William Jefferson Clinton in 1998. Will President Trump possibly be added to that list? Only the future knows as time will tell.

Both Hillary Clinton and her husband Bill Clinton command an average of several hundred thousand dollars per speech and sometimes even more. Several calls were placed to various departments at Wellesley College asking "if" Secretary Clinton was financially compensated for a speaking fee and if possibly was, what was the fee if any charged or did the Secretary speak for free as a past graduate of Wellesley.

It was of almost no surprise to me, that no calls were professionally returned as of this column submission.

It deeply troubles me that so many political officials on both sides of the aisle who are elected by "We the People" seem to end up placing their foot firmly in their mouth when it comes to history. If one is running for an office which will help determinate the future of both our nation and history, is it too much to ask if could you please at least know the history your talking about especially when you took some kind of a small part in it?

While I do believe our nation is ready for a female leader and president, I firmly do not believe the Hillary Clinton was ever the one. From originally claiming the Benghazi Embassy attack was caused by rage against an online video posted on social media giant Youtube, to the claim that Nixon was impeached and far more, as an Independent voter I can not but help ask myself the question, "Do not just democrats but all American citizens and voters on both sides of the political isle deserve better?"

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but we realized the opinions of others were to be respected, that civil discourse should be just that – civil – and that compromise was necessary to accomplish anything resembling positive change.

The advent of cable television and the explosion of the internet has, however, shattered, fragmented, indeed tribalized our nation – our community.

We now get cable news

24/7/365, much of it presented with a decidedly partisan slant. Many Americans have come to confuse the commentary of Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson, Rachel Maddow, and Lawrence O'Donnell as real news when it is, in fact, little more than ideological spleen-venting. No longer is the nationwide community getting news presented as news, it is getting news – at least cable news – presented with decidedly partisan "analysis." This has turned us into consumers not of what we need to hear, but what we want to hear.

The internet has served to divide us even more. We now find websites that appeal to extreme conservatives and liberals, ultra conservatives and liberals, ideological conservatives and liberals, and – in all-too-rare instances – thoughtful conservatives and liberals.

And when it comes to social media, not only do we have the means to find those with whom we agree, we are able to find those who agree with us.

These groupings, however small, have become our present-day communities, our new tribes. We no longer have the

moderating influence of nationally shared information. Each individual, simply by firing up his or her favorite device, can now become a community unto themselves – caring only about themselves and the need to find validation for their own opinions; picking and choosing only that content that reinforces their own narrow beliefs.

This is what breeds extremism. We have seen its results at home and abroad.

I can only hope last weekend's graduates will become wiser in their use of the internet than those of us who, as

we allowed it to creep into our homes and blanket the globe, fell in love with all the bells and whistles. I can only hope they will realize that their real community is the town, state, and nation in which they live; where all ideas are respected and compromise is possible.

Otherwise, I fear the virtual communities – tribes – we have created will proliferate and, with them, the narcissism that says the only opinion that counts is mine, and the only people who count are those who agree with me.

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most, but it also takes your teachers, principals, counselors, secretarial and custodial staffs, coaches, bus drivers and advisors. It certainly takes your parents, but also your siblings, aunts and uncles, grandparents, your friends. It takes your entire community – even those community members you don't know and who don't know you."

"It is now your turn," LaPointe continued. "The world doesn't owe you anything. It is now your right and responsibility to be an active participant and give back to the community that has given

so much to you. It is...my challenge to you to continue to make that community one to be proud of."

Class Salutatorian Aidan Provost, Class President Alyssa LaBrack, and Class Valedictorian Andrew Burns – each in their own way – urge their fellow graduates to take up LaPointe's challenge.

Haddad presented several gifts to outgoing Murdock High School Principal Josh Romano, who is leaving Winchendon to take the job as principal at the high school in Douglas, MA. Mementos included a blue Winchendon School District mug, which Haddad said he hopes sits on Romano's new desk as a reminder of this time at Murdock, and Blue Devil

Cool tee shirt.

Romano has been at Murdock for five years; two as assistant principal, and three as principal.

Once diplomas were handed out to the Class of 2017, Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" – appropriately – was played as graduates and guests exited the building.

Members of the Murdock High School Class of 2017 included: Thomas Aho; Hanna Alden; Gloryanna Andino; Stacy Antilla; Kayla Bennett; Kaylee Berndt; Brianna Berry; Carissa Boudreau; Krista Boudreau; Alyana Burgess; Andrew Burns; Nicholas Cefole; Jordyn Clark; Benjamin Cloutier; Jaclyn Cloutier; Macaylia Cochran;

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Mickelson won't be at the championship...and that's OK



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The US Open golf championship is the only of the four major titles Phil Mickelson hasn't won. He's been second six times and has lost Opens after he had seemingly clinched them. But next Thursday, when this year's Open gets underway at Erin Hills in Wisconsin, Mickelson won't be there. Instead, he'll be home in California attending daughter Amanda's high school graduation. That's not the least bit surprising. Whatever people think about Phil, and a lot of people think and say a lot of negative things - he's a gambler, he's a whiner, he's a fake, you name it and never mind

at the same time he's also the most popular player on Tour - no one has ever questioned his commitment to his family. Nor has anyone ever suggested they don't always come first for him. So it's no surprise he chose to skip the Open and good for him. Priorities, you know?

So far, the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers have appeared to be absent from what was supposed to be an epic NBA Finals. I'm writing after the Golden State Warriors blew the Cavs out of the gym in the first two games, even though LeBron James was great in both. The Warriors are feeling very vengeful about somehow blowing a 3-1 lead a year ago and while what they've done to this point is hold serve at home, there's no reason to think they aren't going to regain their title pretty easily. Cleveland is likely to be more competitive at home (Game 3 will have been played

before this is published) and that would be an improvement from what we've seen, but the Warriors are just much better. Kevin Durant's arrival turned a great team into an unbeatable one. You can argue all day about whether this is good for the Association, but it says here that sports are even more fun when there are dynasties.

The ancient Belmont Stakes will be run tomorrow with Always Dreaming and Cloud Computing, winners respectively, of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, both absent. This has only happened a couple times in the last 40 or so years so while that will drive down interest and viewers, it doesn't make the Belmont any less prestigious and does in fact make for a wide-open contest which will draw bettors. The Derby and Preakness runners up, Lookin at Lee and Classic Empire are in the field but management would probably like to see the race won

by Epicharias, the colt from Japan. Growing the game and all that.

Also absent are pennant races in the NL East and AL West. Last weekend, I heard some analyst utter words that neither I, nor you, nor anyone has ever heard - "the best team in baseball, the Houston Astros". And so at the moment they are. That doesn't mean the 'Stros, who have made it just once, losing four straight in '05 to the White Sox, will get to or win the World Series, not with baseball's multi-tiered playoff structure. But it's pretty much impossible to argue against that label right now. They're up by 13.5, 15 in the loss column, which eclipses the 10.5 game lead the Nationals hold. It's not surprising to see these teams leading their divisions and they're helped by the distinct possibility not a single division rival will finish at .500. At the same time, it depresses interest in the other

cities in those divisions. Of course in New York the Mets on-field futility was last week overshadowed by the supposed "firing" of one of the folks who plays Mr. Met, the long-time mascot. This person flipped the bird and was hastily terminated by the PR department. Since whomever is in the costume rotates, who really knows but the gesture kind of sums up the Amazon's not so amazing season.

Jimmy Piersall died last week. Piersall, for those who don't know, was an MLB outfielder who suffered from mental illness in an era when such things weren't openly acknowledged. But Piersall had the guts to be open about it and his story inspired a movie ("Fear Strikes Out"). Trust me when I tell you it took enormous courage to speak up back then. Piersall wasn't a great player in his stints with several teams, but he was great for doing what he did. RIP, Jimmy.

Softball narrowly misses district play

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Though the Murdock Lady Devils failed to make the post-season for just the second time since 2007, Coach Mike Fontaine wasn't overwhelmingly disappointed, noting his team, which had a single senior, wasn't eliminated until extra innings of the last game and improved during the campaign.

"We did get better. We had players who at the beginning of the season had no idea what to do in a given situation and by the end of the year did things instinctively the way you want to see them do. That's what you want - get better every day," he pointed out.

Sophomore Emily Smith "really picked it up" on the mound, throwing 118 innings and striking out 119 batters. "Emily was like the iron triathlon athlete," laughed Fontaine.

She was joined on the All-Star team by Maria Polcari, who hit a strong .500.

Fontaine cited middle school player Meghan Knight as one of the prospective keys to the Lady Devils future success, saying she "made a lot of contact on balls she hit to the outfield that would have been doubles or more if they'd been hit a foot left or right," and added Kenzi Druin, the other middle schooler made progress as well. "She's going to be a big contributor," he predicted.

"We tried to get everyone into as many games as we could because we were such a young team. I thought the more experience they all could get, we'll be better off for that down the road. It didn't work out in every instance because of game circumstances, but I think we'll come back next year a really competitive team," he said.

It's been 15 years since Fontaine got into the coaching game. Daughter Kayla was playing Little League in Gardner and Fontaine happened to be talking to her coach as the skipper was mowing his lawn.

"He told me to come down to practice and help out. I did, and here we are," he recalled.

Having finished his third season at the helm, Fontaine said, "the game has slowed down for me. As a coach, you learn to look ahead several hitters and you're visualizing this possible situation of what might happen next or that one. You try to help players do that too, Bottom line - we want to play smart.

"I like watching kids work hard and improve. I wasn't able to spend much time with the middle school team because of schedule, but from what I did see, they got better too and that's what we want to see. You never know from year to year which program will be up or down - graduations, school choice all impact it but I do expect we're going to have a solid program," he mused.

Blue Devils wrap up the season

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On May 25 the Murdock Blue Devils wrapped up the baseball season against Greg Piccui's Gardner Wildcats at home on Senior Day.

The Wildcats would spoil the Senior Day with a 4-1 victory over Murdock.

Jack Polcari would get the start for the Devils. In the top of the first the Wildcats got things going with a lead off single into centerfield. Gardner would bring across their first run coming with just one out. Polcari would pick up his first strikeout to end the top half of the first.

In the bottom half of the inning Gardner would have a 1-2-3 inning, sitting down the batters in order.

In the second, Polcari would pick up a strikeout and give up one hit, keeping it to the 1-0 lead; and he would pick up a third strike out in the third

inning...and allow only two hits still keeping it to the 1-0 game.

But the Wildcats would strike again in the fourth, brining in the second run of the afternoon, and pick up the third run in the sixth inning.

In the bottom of the sixth inning the Blue Devils would make a little bit of noise with Austin Barrows getting a lead off walk to start; John Murphy would get on base with a walk. Murdock would hvae runners at the corners with one out and Sam Drake would take an RBI single into center field as the Blue Devils would pick up their first run of the afternoon. Jared Nelson would end the inning with a strikeout.

Heading into the seventh it would be Gardner with a 3-1 lead and the Wildcats would bring across their fourth run to end the game 4-1 final score.

Polcari pitched a complete game with four strikeouts, 14 hits, four runs and two walks.

Offensively for Devils it was Murphy 0 for 2 with a walk; Girard 0 for 3 with a walk; Barrows with just a walk, Lovett 1 for 3 with a single; Iannacone 1 for 3 with a walk and a single; and Drake 1 for 3 with a walk and an RBI single.

After game, Coach Bob Polcari said, "Not quite the hitting, not quite the hitting. Cant's say much more than that."

"Going forward, early next year I would like to get us to the cages a little earlier. Start working early, learn how to hit off the field, when you learn I think you improve your performance," said the coach.

It was the final game for seniors John Murph, Jared Nelson, Will Iannacone, Dakota Girard, and Alex Marshalls.

The Blue Devils finished their season 2-17 with both wins coming against 'Gansett. Summer basketball leagues begin

By Chris Martin
Courier Correspondent

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Fresh water fishing still limited by water temperatures

Water temperatures are coming up very slow in both fresh & saltwater, and it could be the reason for slow fishing in some areas. The Providence River had so much bait fish this past week that anglers did not need to try to snag a few for fishing. Placing a fish net in the water alongside of the boat had the porgies swimming into it. Anglers soon realized that fishing up river from the huge schools of bait fish was a lot more productive. A lot of undersize fish were

reportedly caught and released this past week.

Fishing in the Canal on the Cape has been very good with some nice stripers being caught daily. Bottom fishermen are doing very good fishing from boats on seabass, tautog and fluke, with many catching there limits according to a report from Red Top Bait shop.

Fluke and seabass fishing in Rhode Island waters was still slow this past week, more than likely because of the cold water temperatures. Capt. Mel True of Fishnet charters had little trouble this past weekend finding fish for his patrons. Limits of seabass and tautog



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had all on board reeling in fish. It seems that the Cape is a lot better fishing than Rhode Island to date, with some great striper fishing included.

Black bear are being spotted daily in the valley area. A recent story of a bear hunter in Pennsylvania harvesting a 740 pound black bear with his Ross Compound Bow, had to be a heart stopping event, as the hunter shot the huge bear from only seven yards away, as it lay in his bed. The story of Dusty Learn did not stop there. His buddy spotted the bear running from the area shortly after, and he also made a great shot with his crossbow. When the bear

was finally found dead, both men had a hard time making a decision on who was going to tag the huge bear. Both men had hit their mark which resulted in the harvesting of the huge bear.

After the two hunters finished discussing about who would tag the huge bear, they finally decided that Dusty Learn would tag it. In past circumstances like these the hunter that placed the first shot into the animal, was the person that tagged the animal. That settled it. Dusty Learn would tag the bear, but the story about the two hunters bear hunt would remain with them for the rest of their life. The bear was removed from the woods with a tractor. Read the full story about the bear hunt in the

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100 day construction of \$3.5M Student Center begins at MWCC

GARDNER – The construction of a \$3.5 million student center at MWCC has kicked off with the 4,500 square foot facility set to be completed in only 100 days. The student center is being partially funded by a generous donation of \$500,000 from Bemis Associates, Inc. through the Bemis Community Investment Fund.

“This project will create an epicenter of student life and activity at the heart of Mount Wachusett Community College’s Gardner campus,” said MWCC’s Dean of Students Jason Zelesky. “Our accelerated timeline creates the least disruption for our students and will have the student center operational for students as they begin their fall classes.”

The new student center will be located at the heart of the campus and fill a vital role for the college’s students. As commuters, said Zelesky, it is vital that students have a space to pass the time between classes, socialize and build a sense of community. This fall, they will have just that in a space that will be directly across from the cafeteria and face out to Green Street.

“The new student center will provide our students with a multipurpose space that they deserve and need,” said Zelesky who explained that the college has had student-dedicated spaces in the past but this will surpass them all and truly be student-centered from the outset. “We are so excited to be able to provide a comfortable social space that will be the center of campus life and student activities.”

The goal was to create a versatile space where students can relax, hang out and socialize. The student center will feature a lounge and meeting space, group study area, game room and televisions. In addition to indoor space, the center will open out to a green space with outdoor wifi and seating.

Site work for the student center began the day after MWCC’s Commencement with demolition beginning before the Memorial Day weekend.

The center is being built through a partnership with the Massachusetts State College Building Authority. This is the first time that a community college has worked with the MSCBA on a building project and the college is excited about the partnership, said Zelesky.



Courtesy photo

The student center will open up to a new outdoor space that will feature wi-fi and seating.



Courtesy photo

Ken True with a lake trout caught at Quabbin Reservoir.

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May issue of The Pennsylvania News by Joe Kosack.

My brother Ken and his son Mark made a trip to the Quabbin Reservoir this past week to do a bit of fishing. After realizing that the road to the Gate 8 boat ramp was closed due to road construction, they turned around and headed for Gate 43. They rented a boat & motor for \$23 which included a full tank of gas. They fished the area for smallmouth bass first, and after catching a few small mouth they headed out to the Gut. It is a long ride to the Gut but they wanted to try their luck on salmon and lakereels. It was not long before they hooked into a lake trout and released it. A few more lake trout were caught and released before they headed for home.

It was a great day on the water for the father & son team. Ken True is shown with one of the lake trout they caught on the Quabbin Res last week.

Locally trout fishing has been very good in the area for some, and others are struggling to catch a few fish. Numerous largemouth and small mouth bass are also being reported by area fishermen. Most bass anglers are taking pictures of their bass, and then they are released. Many anglers have a scale to weigh the bass, then take a picture of the weight of the fish on the scale, to validate their fish.

Do not forget next week’s Family Fun Day June 17, at the West Hill Dam area in Uxbridge. Fishing rods and reels will be supplied for any one that wants to fish. More next week.

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Concerts are free to the public, with support from several institutions. Supported in part by a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council (a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency). Additional support by the Ashburnham Cultural Council (a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency), the Massachusetts Festivals Program (Massachusetts Cultural Council), the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, and the First Congregational Church of Winchendon in Old Centre.

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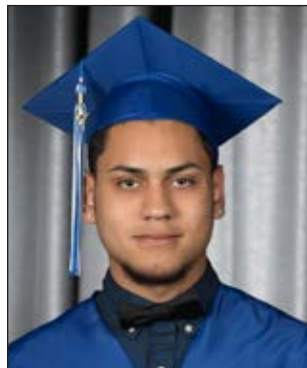
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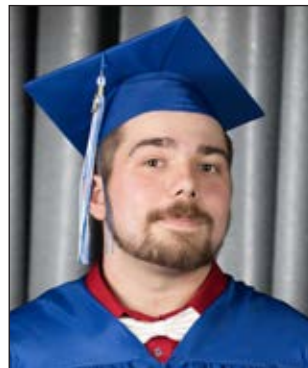
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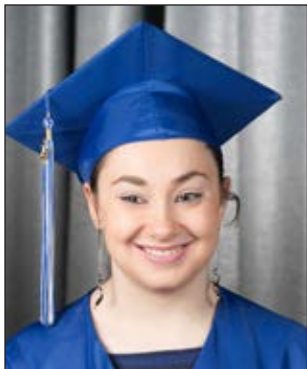
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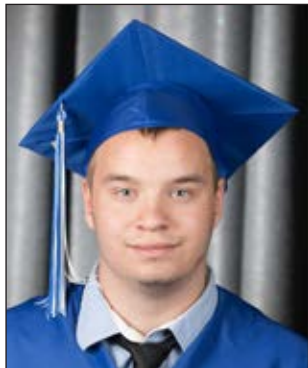
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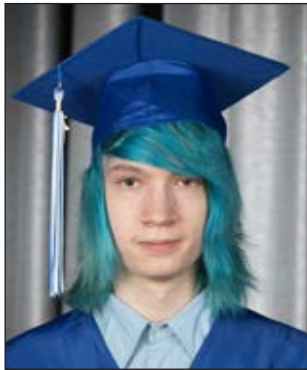
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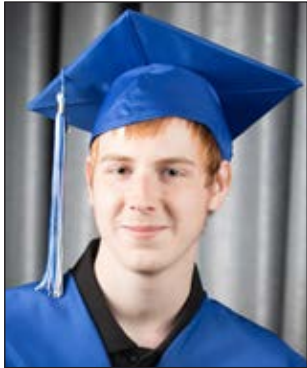
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Congratulations

Graduation memories, Class of 2017



WINCHENDON — With speakers ranging from Supt. Steven Haddad, outgoing Principal Josh Romano, School Committee member Danielle LaPointe, and their own classmates, the 65 members of this year’s Murdock High School graduating class are now launched into the next stage of their lives.

Photos by Morgan St. Pierre and Greg Vine



Congratulations
Class of 2017!



MWCC inducts new members to Phi Theta Kappa

GARDNER — MWCC’s Phi Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society inducted 56 new members and presented sizeable donations to community service organizations.

During the chapter’s induction ceremony, Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke dispensed wisdom he had crowd-sourced, including advice to always do the little things a little bit better and that it pays to not always follow the money and

instead take into consideration quality of life. However, as he closed the MWCC alumnus imparted his own piece of advice upon the students.

“It’s within you. All you have to do is try your hardest, do your best and be kind to each other,” said Mayor Hawke.

In addition to the ceremony, chapter officers and members presented a \$750 check to the Gardner Community Action Council and a \$750 check to the student-run Students Serving Our

Students program at MWCC. The funds were raised at the recent PTK Character Breakfast.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

This year’s new inductees include

local students:

Ashburnham: Jessica Decker and Lynne Galvin; Baldwinville: Laura Lyman; Gardner: Leslie Ackers, Ifra Hassan, Amanda Johnson, Erin Jones, and Katie Lockwood; Jaffrey: Rebekah Chiasson and Katrina Ung; Royalston: Heidi Warren; Templeton: Paula Rosario; and Winchendon: Michel Cocuzza.

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Job Seekers

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

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YARD SALES

GIANT ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLES: Murdock Whitney Museum, 151 Front St., 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Items from the Meyers estate, overstock from the collections, fun stuff. Saturday, June 3, no early birds.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul J. DeCoteau Jr. and Coleen Marjorie DeCoteau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for TD Bank, N.A., dated May 10, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50875, Page 175, which mortgage was assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to TD Bank, N.A. pursuant to Assignment of Mortgage dated June 25, 2015, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54034, Page 341, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. (ET) on the 27th day of June 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 60 High Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: that certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Commencing: on the easterly side of High Street at a stone monument at the southwesterly corner of the house lot formerly owned or occupied by Henry N. Mabery; Thence: South 76 degrees East on said Mabery's line 296 feet to a stake and stones; Thence: South 80 degrees 15' West on line of land now or formerly of Milton A. Wilson and in part and little southerly of a wall near the westerly and of the line 361 feet to said High Street; Thence: Northerly about North 27 degrees 30' East on said High Street 148.5 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting therefrom approximately 220 square feet of land taken for the lay out of High Street by instrument dated January 21, 1949 recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 3171, Page 280. Being the same premises as conveyed to Paul J. DeCoteau, Jr. and Coleen Marjorie DeCoteau via deed from Jeffrey Wood and Jacquelyn T. Wood dated May 10, 2013, recorded with the Worcester County Registry of

Deeds in Book 50875, Page 173. Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Law Offices of Duane Morris LLP, 30 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4196, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this notice, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

/s/ TD Bank, N.A.

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, Duane Morris LLP 30 S. 17th Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-4196 Attn: James C. Carignan, Esq. (215) 979-1557 May 26, 2017 June 2, 2017 June 9, 2017

Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed., July 5, 2017 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the Special Permit application of Mark Landanno of 365 Monomonac Rd West Winchendon, MA 01475 for property located at 230 Maple St, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 5A3-1 Parcel 345 owned by the same. Special Permit is sought to determine if the modification of a pre-

existing nonconforming structure in the reconstruction of a dwelling is not more substantially detrimental as outlined in Article 6.2.3 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw. Said property is located in the R10 - Neighborhood Residential District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.

BY: Cynthia Carville, Chair Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals

The meeting room is handicapped accessible. With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodation for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance; contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-3308.

June 9, 2017
June 16, 2017

Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 002276 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Matthew Robuccio, Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of James A. Robuccio; Anthony Robuccio, Individually and Co-Administrator of the Estate of James A. Robuccio

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N. A., as trustee for Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered **339 Maple Street**, given by **James A. Robuccio to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.**, dated **February 6, 2004**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **32813**, Page **363**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 10, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on May 25, 2017 Attest:

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Weekend in the Winch

The two properties owned by the Winchendon History and Cultural Center were the site of a lot of activity last week as the Garden Club, Gardner Area League of Artists and the WHCC itself

all held yard sales, bake sales and art sales. Everything from antiques and collectibles to fine art were available.

Greg Vine photos



A three-party yard sale was held Saturday to raise funds for the Winchendon History & Cultural Center, the Gardner Area League of Artists, and the Winchendon Garden Club. (l-r) Garden Club President Elaine Fortugno, GALA President Deb Giordano, and Historical Society President Don O'Neil.



Shoppers check out items displayed at the Winchendon History & Cultural Center's yard sale.



The Winchendon Garden Club offered a wide variety of plants for sale, along with a quilt raffle, at Saturday's yard sale.



Shoppers peruse items for sale at the Gardner Area League of Artist's Saturday yard sale. Sales were also held by the Winchendon History & Cultural Center and the Winchendon Garden Club.

A vintage Singer sewing machine was just one of the items for sale.



LEFT: Baked goods were popular items at Saturday's yard sales put on by the Winchendon History & Cultural Center, Winchendon Garden Club, and Gardner Area League of Artists.

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Baked goods, plants, artwork, antiques, and other items drew a good crowd to Saturday's yard sales organized by the Winchendon History & Cultural Center, Winchendon Garden Club, and Gardner Area League of Artists.

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