

Town gets state cash for Whitney Dam

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

State Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) and state Sen. Ann Gobi (D-Spencer) last week announced that the state had released \$400,000 to be used toward the repair of the Whitney Pond Dam, damaged in a large storm just over a decade ago.

The Legislature approved the Zlotnik Amendment to the environmental bond bill several years ago. That amendment provided \$4.4 million for the dam's repair. The town's legislative delegation has worked with the Baker administration for several years to try to release the funds.

In a press release, Zlotnik and Gobi said the \$400,000 was to complete planning and engineering for the repair of the dam.

Town Manager Keith Hickey told The Courier last week that, after discussions with Public Works Director Al Gallant, it has been decided to use the money to undertake some initial safety improvements.

Hickey said the town received the money last week.

"It was initially going to be used for the engineering work that needed to be done for the dam replacement," said Hickey. "When I spoke to Al Gallant about the fact we were

going to get the \$400,000 he said, 'It's too bad we can't use it to do some repair work on the wing walls and removing a lot of the growth in and around the dam.' That would improve the condition of the dam, slightly, and make it a safer dam. So, I called the state back and asked if the money could in fact be used for that and they said the legislation...allowed for us to do the maintenance work rather than the design work."

"So, at some point this summer," Hickey continued, "Al will be putting out an RFP (Request for Proposal) and looking to try to get that work done to improve the condition of the dam."

Hickey went on to explain that there won't be enough money to "do the engineering of the dam if we spend some of it on maintenance. But, I was told by the representative from the state, that by accepting the \$400,000 it wasn't going to put the overall project of the replacement of the dam at risk."

In a subsequent interview, did confirm that some of the funding will spent on the removal of vegetation that may be affecting the dam's safety. He added, however, that instead of work on the structure's wing walls he would



Greg Vine photo

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The town of Winchendon has received \$400,000 to begin the process of improving the safety of the Whitney Pond Dam, damaged by rains in 2007.

Search committee for interim superintendent set

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The hunt for an interim superintendent for Winchendon public schools is underway now that a search committee has been formed and Chair Dawn Fronte` was expected to report progress at last night's school committee meeting.

School department business manager Rich Ikonen is currently serving as acting superintendent in the medical absence of Superintendent Steve Haddad, who has announced plans to retire at the end of next month.

In time, a search committee for a permanent superintendent will also be formed.

The interim committee in addition to Fronte` consists of town manager Keith Hickey, Toy Town Elementary Principal Mary Aker, Murdock Middle School Principal Jess Vezina, Middle School teacher Bridget Marinelli, elementary teachers Ann Mary Smith and Pamela Steffenberg, elementary parent Ryan Forsythe, middle school parent Renee Eldridge and town resident MJ Galat.

"We had many people interested and had to narrow it down a little so when it came to teachers and administrators, we had to choose one person per building. We also chose a town administrator and parents to be included," said Fronte`

"There was no interest from high school parents this go-round," said Fronte`.

Gardens and tomatoes focus of 'Winch Worms'



Greg Vine photo

Working at the CAC last week were Sami Duokus, Adam Hofbaug, Taylor Anderson, Miranda Jennings, Ayn Yeagle and her daughters Mia and Macy.

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The reality of no grocery store in Winchendon presents a significant problem for a number of local residents, and while the senior center does have runs to Rindge grocery stores, the issue persists.

Enter a few students from

the Winchendon School aka the 'Winch Worms', and the non-profit Leominster-based Growing Places, both of whom are partnering with the town. Throw in a handful of local gardens at Toy Town Elementary school, the Clark YMCA, the Winchendon

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BOS approves three cannabis licenses

BY GREG VINE
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It's now on to the state Cannabis Control Commission for the applicants for Winchendon's three retail marijuana licenses. The Board of Selectmen Monday night approved all three applications.

All three applicants met the community outreach requirement by providing the public with details regarding their proposed operations. Each provided information on how they plan to operate their business, including customer control and access, facility layout, and – to some degree – plans for security.

Prior to the presentations, Town Manager Keith Hickey told selectmen that each applicant had signed a community host agreement essentially assenting to the town's three percent tax on all marijuana sales and an additional three percent assessment on sales to mitigate the businesses' potential impact on the community. Two of the applicants additionally agreed to provide funds to local non-profit organizations.

Anthony Parinello spoke on behalf of 202 Trading Company, which has plans to open a retail cannabis establishment on the site of the former Stuff 'N' Things retail at 350 Baldwinville State Road-Route 202; and it was Parinello who faced the toughest questioning of the night, mainly from nearby residents of Stoddard Road.

Erin O'Day of 24 Stoddard Road expressed concern over the proximity of the proposed retailer to a bus stop near the intersection of Route 202 and Stoddard Road. She pressed Parinello on security measures the business might put in place to ensure children using the bus stop aren't exposed to the company's product and customers.

Parinello pointed out the business would not be open until after children had already been picked up by a school bus and would do its best to ensure there was no problem when they were dropped off in the afternoon. He added 202 Trading Company would be willing to install an additional security camera to monitor the bus stop in order to watch for any problems that may occur there.

Tiffany Parkhurst represented Not Grandpa's Tobacco, which proposes to occupy the former State Line Auction building on School Street-Route 12. In addition to a retail cannabis license, the applicants were also seeking a cultivation license. Parkhurst pointed out that marijuana grown on site would be used solely to stock the applicants' retail store. She also said Not

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State rejects Complete Streets grant – again

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

For the second time, the state Department of Transportation Complete Streets funding program has turned down Winchendon's application for a \$400,000 grant to reconstruct sidewalks on Central Street between Maple Street and Memorial Drive, and on Grove Street between Central and School streets. Town officials want to upgrade the sidewalks, in large part, to improve safety for those students who walk to Toy Town Elementary School on Grove Street and to Memorial Elementary and Murdock Middle and High schools on Memorial Drive. The walkways are in various stages of disrepair.

In November of last year, Winchendon voters approved the use of \$50,000 in free cash to fund the town's share of the sidewalk project. At the May 2018 annual town meeting, following the state's first denial of the grant funding, voters

decided to put the money back into free cash.

Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said she plans on speaking with officials at the state DOT to find out why the grant request was turned down again.

"I'm determined to find out why," she said. "We provided them more information than the first time around and did our best to answer any questions they had. I needed to elaborate on the existing conditions of the sidewalks and the beneficiaries, should the project get funded. I did that."

Murphy said she thought she had addressed the state's initial concerns in the latest grant application.

"I was hoping the application was adequate," she said. "The message left for me (by the state) had the dollar amount that was requested from all applications and stated it was a highly competitive round. But that doesn't

make me feel any better. It really baffles me why they said no again."

Murphy said she definitely plans to go after the grant monies again.

"This project needs to get done," she said. "We need to make these sidewalks safer for everyone, but especially for the kids who walk to and from school each day."

Should the town land the \$400,000 in this next round of grants, the town will have to come up with more than the \$50,000 originally approved for the project. Murphy said the town would likely have to come up with \$69,000 to cover its share. That money could possibly come from the annual Chapter 90 funding the town receives from the state.

In addition to reconstruction of the sidewalks in order to increase safety, the sidewalks would also be made ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Crosswalks would also be upgraded. In all, about two miles of sidewalks would be reconstructed.

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Artists have nothing to do with the deranged, vaguely connected actions of a few celebrated nutcases.

– Jim Carrol



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How-To Improve Indoor Air Quality



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More efficient, tightly built homes than those constructed in previous generations are generally well-regarded, for the most part with good reason. However, when you consider people spend 90 percent of their time indoors on average, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), such airtight environments raise some concerns.

All that efficiency cuts down on airflow, effectively trapping allergens and toxins inside. According to estimates from the EPA, the air inside the average home may be as much as five times more polluted than the air outdoors, even in a bustling city.

“We know instinctively that spending so many hours in stuffy places isn’t good for us,” says Peter Foldbjerg, head of daylight energy and indoor climate at Velux. “According to research, living in damp and moldy homes increases our risk of asthma by 40 percent and leaves us vulnerable to developing other ailments.”

Limited fresh air and light

during the day can negatively impact mood, sleep and performance. Air pollution can also pose a health risk through irritation to the eyes, nose and throat; headaches, dizziness and fatigue; and respiratory conditions, heart disease and cancer. To help alleviate some of these concerns, consider these tips.

Bring the outside in.

Even a small step like adding some potted plants, which are known to purify air, can improve your indoor environment. In addition, think of how you could create a better view to the outside through smart use of windows, skylights and doors that bring in fresh air

and daylight.

Rely on natural air flow.

Open your windows 3-4 times a day, at least 10 minutes at a time, to allow fresh air in. To complement natural light and fresh air from vertical windows, consider adding skylights to rooms you use most often. Skylights that can be opened contribute to greater indoor comfort and ventilation by removing excess heat, moisture, odors and other indoor pollutants. They can also help reduce the need for air-conditioning due to the chimney effect, which occurs when skylights and vertical windows are both opened, allowing warm, stale air to rise and escape

through the roof, replaced by fresh air drawn in through traditional windows.

Eliminate potential obstacles.

Avoid blocking fresh air with drapes, blinds and other hindrances, like heavy furniture placed too close to windows. Also consider other aspects of your home that could be thwarting your efforts to improve air circulation and quality, such as dust, dirt and mold. Regular and thorough cleaning can help keep those irritants at bay and make your quest for cleaner air easier.

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CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday July 20

Saturday July 21

SUMMER CONCERTS ANNOUNCED: The Winchendon Recreation Committee hosts its annual concert series at GAR Park every Friday from June 15 to July 29. All shows run from 6:30-8:00 p.m. In case of rain, shows go on at Winchendon Town Hall Auditorium, same date and time. July 20: Franklin County Sweethearts: Western Massachusetts folk country darlings.

SUMMER YARD SALE: Saturday July 21 from 8-1 pm at the United Parish Church. Lunch and baked goods for sale in addition to the yard sale! All proceeds go toward the Youth Group for camp this summer!

DAD & DAUGHTER DANCE: On Saturday, July 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, the Beals Memorial Library hosts a “Glow in the Dark” Daddy/Daughter Dance. Girls ages two to sixteen are cordially invited to an exciting evening of music, dancing and everlasting memories. Wear your favorite neon colors and bring your dad or that Special Man in your life. Tickets are \$8 for dad, \$2 for the first daughter, and \$1 for each additional daughter. Proceeds benefit the renovation of the library’s 100 year-

old circulation desk.

MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday’s 4-7 p.m. and Saturday’s 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

Tuesday July 24

MOVIE MATINEE: The Beals Memorial Library will be screening the movie, READY PLAYER ONE on Tuesday, July 24 with a 2:00 pm matinee for teens. A door prize of Ernest Cline’s bestseller of the same name will be awarded to one lucky person attending the show. Rated PG-13.

Thursday July 28

TRIVIA NIGHT: Sons of the American Legion host Trivia Night beginning at 8 p.m. at the American Legion. Gather a team and challenge your friends. Hosted by questions mas-

ter Ryan Murphy.

OPEN HOUSE: come sit on the porch and relax at the Murdock Whitney House museum 6-8 p.m. Tour the house, walk across the street and get ice cream at Seppi’s. Free evening, every Thursday throughout the summer.

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COURIER CAPSULES

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL & BARBECUE St. Martin’s Church in Otter River will hold its annual Festival and Chicken Barbecue from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, July 28, at the Otter River Sportsman’s Club on Lord Road. The event will feature a major prize raffle, ticket auctions, baked goods, theme baskets, games of chance and skill for all ages, free craft activities for children, and music throughout the day. A chicken barbecue dinner will be served from noon to 1 pm, and hot dogs and other refreshments will be available all day. Tickets for the chicken dinner, at \$8 each, may be reserved by leaving a message at the rectory, (978) 939-5588. Reservations are suggested, as a limited number of tickets will be available at the festival.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BEVERLY — Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean’s List students for spring 2018. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a “C”, have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following students have met these requirements: from Ashburnham, Connor Wells, a junior, sport management, and Eric Wells, a freshman, finance; both sons of Christopher Wells and Jennifer Kubbeck.

NEW LONDON, NH — One hundred percent of Colby-Sawyer’s 2018 undergraduate nursing class passed the National Council L i c e n s u r e Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) on their first attempt, including Erin Mulready of

Winchendon. This is Colby-Sawyer’s third straight year of achieving a perfect pass rate.

AMHERST — Local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the 2018 spring semester included the following area students. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale. ASHBURNHAM: Vanessa Archangelo, Starr Brosseau, Iya Carney, Alivia Collins, Hannah Fortune Glenny, John Mellish, Bethany Sefakis. BALDWINVILLE: Ivory Moulton. GARDNER: Jonathan Chipman, Rhys Damour, Tylene Dickie, Annelise Gordon, Matthew Gordon, Skyla Johnson, Melissa Jozefiak, Marissa Knoll, Devan Kumar, Vivi Liang, Jake Marcoulier, Molly McKeogh, Nathaniel Morrell, Jaclyn Nicholson, Laura O’Neill, Samantha Riggins, Aaron Roeselett, Jennifer Slade, Troy Yacyshyn. ROYALSTON: Derek Bates. TEMPLETON: Tara Dugan, Beshoy Lawindy, Bridget Murphy, Jessica Suchocki, Gabriella Vacarelo. WINCHENDON: Brittany Eliason, Casey Galat, Aidan Hauver, Brendan Kelley, Aidan Provost, Isabela Schultz, Lianglingia Zheng.

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates more than 700 students named to the Spring 2018 Dean’s List. Students are named to the Dean’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher. Dillon Obuchowski of Rindge working toward a degree in mechanical engineering - Five-year Bachelor/MSME.

SPRINGFIELD — Bethany Desilets of Winchendon has been named to the President’s List at Western New England University for the Spring 2018. Desilets is working toward a degree in neuroscience - research intensive track. Students are named to the President’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

TUSCALOOSA, AL – Brooke Alicia Wheeler of Rindge, NH has received the following from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Arts. UA awarded some 5,436 degrees during spring 2018 commencement May 4-6.

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Sbrega named to WBJ Power 50

BY GREG VINE
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While Rindge resident Tina Sbrega was named as one of the “Power 50” in the latest edition of the Worcester Business Journal, she was specifically honored as one of the 10 most influential CEOs in Worcester County. Sbrega, who grew up in Gardner, is the president and CEO of GFA Federal Credit Union, a post she has held for 10 years.

The financial institution, ended its first year of operations in 1939 with 113 members and just over \$5,200 in assets and liabilities, now boasts more than 28,000 members and some \$506 million in assets. Originally created to serve Gardner’s French-Canadian community, over the years GFA — formerly the Gardner Franco-American Credit Union — absorbed six smaller credit unions and, in 2012, Monadnock Community Bank. It currently has nine branches; two in Gardner and one each in Ashburnham, Leominster, Hubbardston, Peterborough, Rindge, Rutland, and Winchendon.

Sbrega has been with the credit union started as a part-timer in the accounting department in 1980.

“I kept saying to them I’ll stay until we’re caught up,” said Sbrega in an interview with The Courier. “And so, 38 years later, I joke that we must not be caught up yet because I’m still here.”

“After a while, there was a change in leadership and a new CEO was brought on,” she continued. “We started to formalize things and write policies and procedures and build a better image.”

“When I say ‘better’ I don’t mean there was anything wrong with it, but the credit union was founded for the French-Canadian population and for the longest time that’s all we served. We’re very thankful for that population for giving us our beginnings, but in



Greg Vine photo

Tina Sbrega on the job and honored to be part of Worcester County poll.

order to grow it needed to change its charter to a community institution. We needed to do a lot of branding and image redesign.”

As the years went on, Sbrega was promoted to vice president of operations, chief operating officer, and president and chief executive officer.

Sbrega explained that expanding its membership from solely French-Canadians to the community at large allowed the credit union to grow and expand its area of service.

She added that credit unions have come a long way since their inception.

“When I first came to GFA,” she

explained, “we had one car loan, a mortgage product, we had just gotten into checking accounts. I think the growth can be attributed in part to becoming full service and providing solutions; to compete with traditional community banks. We have everything; car loans, college loans, mortgages, a wealth management division, an insurance subsidiary.”

When Sbrega took over as president-CEO, GFA had just under \$300 million in assets. She attributes the credit union’s growth over the past decade to several factors, including increased membership.

“In that ten-year period of time we’ve opened up additional branches, which expanded our service area. We’ve been aggressive with membership campaigns. And back in 2012 we became the first credit union to acquire a stock-owned bank; Monadnock Savings. That was very instrumental in our growth as well.”

GFA first established its presence in Winchendon when, in 1993, it acquired the former Marquette Credit Union, which occupied space on Central Street, across from the present-day CVS pharmacy.

In addition to her role at GFA, Sbrega is chairwoman of Mount Wachusett Community College, member of the board of the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce, Heywood Healthcare, and House of Peace and Education. She is also a co-founder of the Women’s Giving Circle, which, according to the WBJ, has donated more than \$100,000 to area non-profits.

Asked about her future, Sbrega has no immediate plans to make any changes.

“I figure as long as I’m still having fun I’m going to stay where I am; and I’m still having fun.”

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Threat of rain doesn’t stop concert

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Last Friday at Gar Park in Winchendon, Midnight Sharp performed.

Throughout the evening they were SHARP, playing classic alternatives, rock, and blues.

The first song of the evening the band opened up with was “Down on The Corner” by Creedence Clearwater Revival. Other songs played throughout the evening were “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction” by The Rolling Stones. “The Joker” by The Steve Miller Band. “Stuck in the Middle with You”

by Stealers Wheel. “The Weight” by The Band. “Have You Ever Seen the Rain” by Creedence Clearwater Revival. “What’s Going On” by 4 Non Blondes. “You Know I’m No Good” by Amy Winehouse. “Black Horse and the Cherry Tree” by KT Tunstall. “People Are Strange” by The Doors. “You May Be Right” by Billy Joel. “No Rain” by Blind Melon. “Santeria” by Sublime. “Death of a Bachelor” by Panic. “Fever” by The Black Keys. “Fortunate Son” by Creedence Clearwater Revival. “Me and Bobby McGee” by Janis Joplin. “Say It Ain’t So” by Weezer.

To wrap up the evening the final song was “Criminal” by Fiona Apple.

The band members of Midnight Sharp are Jacqueline Burns-vocals, Chris “Capt” Coombs-guitar, Mark Cerritelli-bass, and John Newshand-drums. You can also find Midnight Sharp on Facebook.

Tonight at 6:30 is the Franklin County Sweethearts at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street.



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Midnight Sharp played last week at GAR Park despite the threat of rain.



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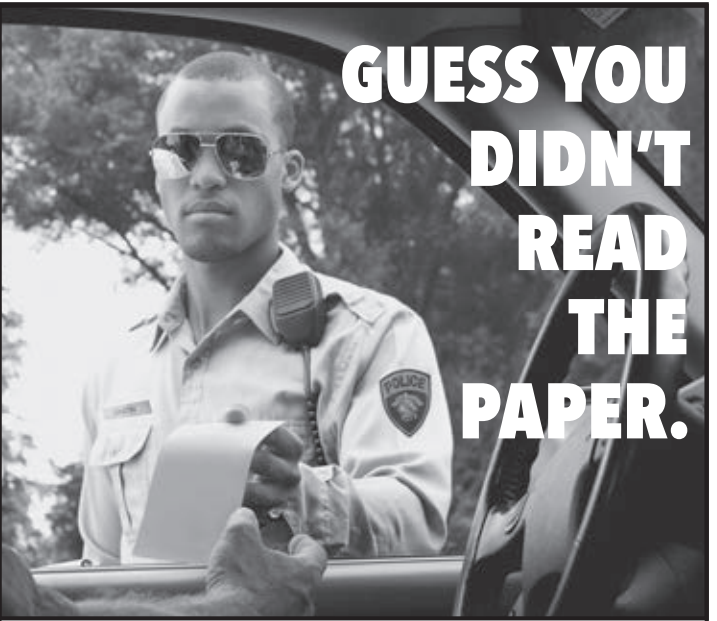
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EDITORIAL

A history lesson to relearn

While the lofty ideals of the American Dream would have us all religious zealous intent on creating heaven on earth, idolizing a perfect democracy already in our hearts as we set forth boldly where no one had gone before in the late 1500s and early 1600s to that great unknown continent; the bitter truth is so, so unkind.

Most of us were not so inclined. The Cotton Mathers of the world were few and far between.

The explorers had found a wild land, ripe for the taking and the exploitation; to hell with the people already there.

The business people were wringing their hands with glee, great corporations created just to rape those profits as quickly as possible: the licenses to settle given over only through them and the right to ship and receive goods only through their trading companies.

Immediately the need for more hands and muscle was needed. Not education, not intelligence, just strong backs. Those corporations, the Hudson Bay Company, East India Trading and so on were only the beginning and as they grew stronger, or smaller splinter companies broke off and became independent, they had to find ways to populate their colonies, cheaply.

Deals were struck. Jails were emptied. Poor houses and debtors' prisons were cleared.

Not that they didn't fill again, because life was hard; but there was opportunity offered. Indentured servitude was one way out of a hard life, and judges were convinced to give banishment to the colonies as a punishment in some cases.

Some were just plain bought. And not even for much of a bribe.

Documentation from the time, from those who lived it, and those who were trying to make it work, say it all:

"A great part of the new company," says Mr. Stith, "consisted of unruly sparks, packed off by their friends to escape worse destinies at home. And the rest were chiefly made up of poor gentlemen, broken tradesmen, rakes and libertines, footmen, and such others as were much fitter to spoil and ruin a Commonwealth, than to help to raise or maintain one. This lewd company, therefore, were led by their seditious captains into many mischiefs and

extravagancies. They assumed to themselves the power of disposing of the government, and conferred it sometimes on one, and sometimes on another. To-day the old commission must rule, to-morrow the new, and next day neither. So that all was anarchy and distraction."

Excerpt From: John Marshall. "The Life of George Washington, Vol. 1." iBooks. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/the-life-of-george-washington-vol-1/id492181829?mt=11>

It is no wonder our rebellious spirit continues to this day. We just don't like government much. Never did. Never will.

We cast fish eyes at anyone who tries to rule. We have a history of it.

So when someone comes along who isn't a politician, swears he will do it different, will drain the life out of those already there, will shake it up...of course we listen.

We were "led by our seditious captains into many mischiefs" and continue to be so.

We may now recognize that perhaps our rebel does have an agenda and his own cause. And he really doesn't understand that politics is a different animal and his business practices don't always work the same way in this world as they did in his private world. We may have had our rose colored glasses about him rubbed a bit less shiny; and do understand there are some problems with his revolving door policies with aides and appointed henchmen; a peek into ethics might be needed.

He is far, far, far from being an innocent in any sense of the word. He is manipulative, arrogant and a narcissist; and it has always worked for him in the private sector, not so much in the public sector.

But he is the president, he does have the power that goes with that office; and while he wields that power whether we agree or disagree with him; like or dislike how he represents our country, he's it.

Our history as rabble rousers and libertines means if we don't like it we can very well rise up and throw him out the next time around. What was a golden boy this time can easily become pond scum the next time. It has happened before and will again.

It is a lesson to learn and relearn.

More than the past... more for the future

Let's be realistic, okay? We do not have a parliamentary system of government. We cannot change Presidents the way some countries are able to change Prime Ministers. There is not going to be a presidential impeachment, at least not until there's a Democratic House majority and even then there won't be 67 Senate votes to convict. Mike Pence is not going to ask the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment which provides the roadmap for declaring Presidents incapable of performing their duties.

Yes, DJT bordered on treason, even arguably crossing that beyond breath-taking line this week. Yes, he threw our intelligence agencies under the proverbial bus. Yes he once again coozied up to the former KGB spy who runs Russia. Yes he again flatly denied collusion. But nothing will happen.

Once before in American history, a President, to my mind at least, committed treason. When South Carolina seceded in December, 1860, lame duck President James Buchanan did nothing rather than do what he should have done and squash the rebellion immediately. But that was long before the nuclear age, before cyber attacks, before, all this. If you still support DJT, I'd sure like to know why. Meanwhile...

The date on today's paper is July 20. So it was 49 years ago when Neil Armstrong (and Buzz Aldrin) walked on the moon, the first humans to do so. I remember that Sunday evening like it was yesterday. I was 15, three days from turning 16, three days from taking my driver's test in, as it turned out, a driving summer rainstorm. I passed and back in 1969 in Maryland at least, once you passed (the test consisted of driving around the MVA parking lot) there were no restrictions about when you could drive or who could be in the car with you. So I passed and took to the road that night of July 23, 1969 in my dad's ancient Cadillac.

I was pretty short and the dashboard was well, pretty high. I'm sure you know where this is going. If you're old enough, you remember the fast-food restaurants where you not only order the food from some window on the parking lot, they bring it out to you. It was raining. It wasn't 'just' raining. It was a torrential mid-summer downpour. I'd had my license for what, six or



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seven hours? As you've probably figured out by now, I ran into the menu stand. Of course I did. I was only going maybe 10 mph if that so it's not like it was a crash-crash, but still.

"You're gonna get grounded for life," observed my less than helpful girlfriend

Jeannie.

I wasn't. My father, as I recall, was pretty okay considering but hey, I shouldn't have been driving that boat of a car anyway. Right? Nonetheless, an indelible memory, nearly half a century later.

Three days from now on July 23, I will turn 65. That makes me officially 'old', or so society has seemed to arbitrarily decide. There are days, especially the ones when Courtney's death 411 days ago weighs particularly heavily or when one of my various ailments flares up, days when I do feel much older than 65. I have cardiac issues. I have chronic and severe asthma issues. I have increasingly concerning mobility issues - you think the cane is for show? But I am, after all, almost 65 so those medical issues shouldn't be surprising. I deal every day with my bi-polar disorder and I deal every day with varying degrees of sometimes overwhelming grief, resentment, bitterness and blind anger.

So be it. I'm not the first person to reach 65 with a bunch of health issues. I'm not the first person to reach 65 having already buried a child. I can't change anything that's happened and when you take all that and add to it the ghastly state of public affairs and the unmitigated, if entirely predictable disaster of you-know-who since unlike way too many people I care deeply about the future of the Republic, I suppose bouts of depression, and sometimes deep depression are understandable.

To be sure, I have those days more often than I'd like. They're inevitable. But they pass and I get re-energized.

In three days I'll be 65, but I still love getting up and going to work every day. I still love hearing people's stories and delivering those stories in the pages of this newspaper every week. I hope readers find those stories interesting, entertaining and occasionally perhaps inspiring.

And there's this. My ideology is no

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The Constitution is not neutral: courts of justice should not act like courts of order

"The Constitution is not neutral. It was designed to take the government off the backs of the people."—Justice William O. Douglas

For those still deluded enough to believe they're living the American dream — where the government represents the people, where the people are equal in the eyes of the law, where the courts are arbiters of justice, where the police are keepers of the peace, and where the law is applied equally as a means of protecting the rights of the people—it's time to wake up.

We no longer have a representative government, a rule of law, or justice.

Liberty has fallen to legalism.

Freedom has fallen to fascism.

Justice has become jaded, jaundiced and just plain unjust.

And for too many, the American dream of freedom and opportunity has turned into a living nightmare.

Given the turbulence of our age, with its police overreach, military training drills on American soil, domestic surveillance, SWAT team raids, asset forfeiture, wrongful convictions, profit-driven prisons, and corporate corruption, the need for a guardian of the people's rights has never been greater.

Yet as the events of recent years have made clear, neither the president, nor the legislatures, nor the courts will save us from the police state that

holds us in its clutches.

After all, the president, the legislatures, and the courts are all on the government's payroll.

They are the police state. Certainly, Americans can no longer rely on the courts to mete out justice.

The courts were established to serve as Courts of Justice. What we have been saddled with, instead, are Courts of Order.

This is true at all levels of the judiciary, but especially so in the highest court of the land, the U.S. Supreme Court, which is seemingly more concerned with establishing order and protecting government interests than with upholding the rights of the people enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

Whether it's police officers breaking through people's front doors and shooting them dead in their homes or strip searching innocent motorists on the side of the road, these instances of abuse are continually validated by a judicial system that kowtows to virtually every police demand, no matter how unjust, no matter how in opposition to the Constitution.

As a result, the police and other government agents have been generally empowered to probe, poke, pinch, taser, search, seize, strip and generally manhandle anyone they see fit in almost any circumstance, all with the general blessing of the courts.

Rarely do the concerns of the populace prevail.

When presented with an



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opportunity to loosen the government's noose that keeps getting cinched tighter and tighter around the necks of the American people, what does our current Supreme Court usually do?

It ducks.
Prevaricates.
Remains silent.
Speaks to the narrowest possible concern.

More often than not, it gives the government and its corporate sponsors the benefit of the doubt, which leaves "we the people" hanging by a thread.

Rarely do the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court—preoccupied with their personal politics, cocooned in a priggish world of privilege, partial to those with power, money and influence, and narrowly focused on a shrinking docket (the court accepts on average 80 cases out of 8,000 each year)—venture beyond their rarefied comfort zones.

Every so often, the justices toss a bone to those who fear they have abdicated their allegiance to the Constitution. Too often, however, the Supreme Court tends to march in lock-step with the police state.

The Court's 2017-18 term was a particularly mixed bag. Here

are some of the key rulings and non-rulings handed down by the Court this term:

Speech, Religious Liberty and the First Amendment

In *Janus v. American Federation*, a 5-4 Supreme Court chose to err on the side of the First Amendment when it concluded that state laws forcing public-sector employees to provide financial support for unions that engage in political activities with which they disagree violates the First Amendment.

In *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, the Court ruled narrowly that government officials had violated the First Amendment rights of a baker by discriminating against his religious views regarding same-sex marriage.

In *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra*, the Court ruled against compelled speech by a government agency when it found that a California state law violated the First Amendment by forcing pro-life crisis pregnancy centers to provide patients with information about how to obtain an abortion.

In *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Joe Mansky*, the Court struck down as unconstitutional a vague Minnesota law that bans political speech on any "badge, button, shirt, or hat" worn at election polling stations. Critics had argued that the law opened the door to abuse of voters' free speech rights by giving appointed elec-

tion officials unlimited discretion to determine what political speech should be censored.

Police Misconduct

In refusing to hear the case of *Young v. Borders*, the Supreme Court declined to hold police accountable for shooting and killing an innocent homeowner during the course of a middle-of-the-night "knock and talk" police tactic gone awry. The Court's refusal to review the case let stand a lower court ruling that exonerates police who, while executing a "knock and talk" investigation of a speeding incident, banged on the wrong door at 1:30 am, failed to identify themselves as police, and then repeatedly shot and killed the innocent homeowner who answered the door while holding a gun in self-defense.

In *Kisela v. Hughes*, the U.S. Supreme Court shielded a police officer who shot a woman four times in her driveway as she stood talking to a friend while holding a kitchen knife. As Justice Sonia Sotomayor acknowledged in her dissent, "It tells officers that they can shoot first and think later, and it tells the public that palpably unreasonable conduct will go unpunished." Sotomayor, one of the few justices who speaks out consistently against police misconduct, denounced the ruling as "part of a disturbing trend of unflinching willingness" to protect police officers accused of using excessive force. The court's decisions concerning qualified

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Campaign Notes: Gifford returns to area

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Joining Lori Trahan as the only Democratic Third District congressional candidates to visit the region and the first to do a return trip, Rufus Gifford came to Gardner last week (he's still the only candidate to find his way to Winchendon) fresh from being endorsed by the mayor and numerous city councilors from Fitchburg and as well by the party's 2016 vice-presidential nominee Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA).

Gifford met with volun-

teers at the Cafe' Edesia last Saturday to deliver a pep talk and then joined supporters on a walking tour of the neighborhood trying to convince voters he's a better option in the September 4 primary than Trahan, Dan Koh and numerous other hopefuls.

"We're having conversations about health care, abortion, climate change. That's the great thing about canvassing. Voters have the opportunity to actually ask the candidate directly about this issue or that issue."

The former US Ambassador to Denmark noted that while

he's been asked about the country's standing in the world under President Trump, he's largely focusing on economic issues.

"If we're going to rebuild the middle class which I think everyone is interested in doing, this is about creating the kinds of jobs that pay a decent wage. What we need to do is focus on bringing the kind of jobs to this region that actually do pay that decent wage," he said.

Said Kaine, "I am proud to support my longtime friend Rufus Gifford. His stellar work for President Obama and for

our nation shows he will be an effective progressive voice in a body that badly needs improvement."

Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale added his backing.

"Rufus Gifford will be by far the best champion for Fitchburg in Washington and I wholeheartedly endorse him to represent the Third District in Washington. Rufus has the national experience no other candidate has and he is willing to use that national clout to help us address local issues like modernizing our infrastructure, creating good-paying

manufacturing jobs or green jobs and revitalizing downtown Fitchburg," remarked DiNatale.

City councilors Beth Walsh and Amy Green also said they're for Gifford.

The campaign said it collected \$386,000 in the second quarter of the year. Gifford's bid now has \$1.3 million on hand with, it says, 70-percent of contributions being \$100 or less.

Gifford and Koh are the sole candidates airing television ads on Boston TV stations.

Senate passes automatic voter registration bill

BOSTON — Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws, and the Massachusetts Senate passed H.4671, An Act automatically registering eligible voters and enhancing safeguards against fraud. The legislation creates a framework in which eligible voters will be automatically registered to vote when receiving services from the Registry of Motor vehicles, MassHealth, and other participating state agencies. The framework will be overseen and implemented by the

Secretary of State.

"Automatic voter registration will allow the Commonwealth to work towards making sure that the hundreds of thousands of eligible citizens who are currently not registered to vote can participate in our democracy," remarked Senator Anne Gobi, "Enacting this legislation will help engage more individuals politically while giving the Commonwealth a valuable tool that will help clean up active voter lists and ensure that they are clear and free of error."

"It should be the state's bur-

den to register voters – not yours," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester).

"Long work hours and confusion about the registration process are barriers for many citizens. And thousands of Massachusetts citizens are eligible to vote today, but aren't registered. Registering to vote must be as simple as possible, and this legislation implements a process where any eligible citizen receiving certain state services is automatically registered. Today is a major victory for voting rights and social jus-

tice."

The legislation bolsters voter-data security. It updates the requirements for transmission of voter registration affidavits and requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations to ensure registration is done through electronic transmission, with data security protocols and integration with the online portals.

The legislation increases penalties associated with voter fraud. It orders that whoever knowingly provides false information in connection with automatic voter registration

shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both.

The legislation includes multiple opt-out procedures for those who do not wish to be automatically registered and it expands the Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program to allow voters to withhold their information from municipal street list records.

For more information please contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

Greater Worcester Community Foundation now accepting applications

Greater Worcester Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its Community Grant program. Community Grants support nonprofit organizations that build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Central Massachusetts. Last year, the Foundation awarded more than \$1.4 million in Community Grants to 137 nonprofit organizations.

Community Grants are made possible by donors who have set up endowment funds with the Foundation for this purpose, with grant amounts typically

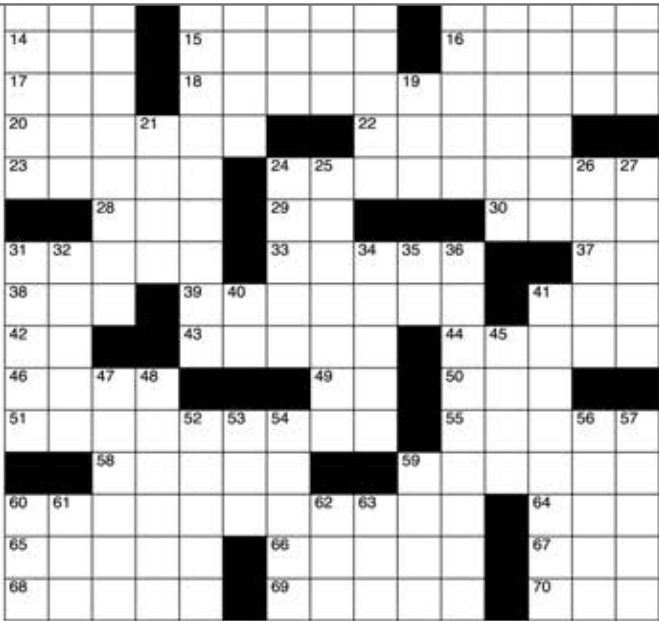
ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000. Areas of interest this year include Civic Life, the Arts and the Environment; Early Childhood Development; Economic Security; Healthy Communities; Youth Development & Education. Organizations located in the Greater Worcester area that are engaging local partners or building local capacity will be preferred.

For those new to the Foundation or seeking a refresher, the Foundation will be hosting orientation sessions about the Community Grant Program

over the summer. Sessions will be held Thursday, July 26 from 9-10:00am; Wednesday, August 1 from 4-5:00pm; and Tuesday, August 21 from 12-1:00pm. All sessions will be held at the Foundation at 350 Main St. in Worcester, and program staff will be present to take questions. Sign up can be found on the Community Grant Program page on the Foundation website.

Applications must be received by September 15, 2018. For questions, email Jonathan Cohen at jcohen@greaterworcester.org or call 508-755-0980.

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1. Owns

4. Beef intestine

9. Expression of contempt

14. Expression of horror

15. Famed architecture couple

16. Escape

17. "The Raven" author

18. Chiefs' tight end

20. Removes

22. Pesto dish

23. One who roots against

24. Type of writer

28. Old woman

29. Early multimedia

30. This (Spanish)

31. Part of a play

33. Elephant's name

37. Home of the Flyers

38. Builder's trough

39. Tel
41. Google certification

42. Electric current

43. Belonging to them

44. Nostrils

46. Arranges

49. Commercial

50. Skywalker's mentor _ -Wan

51. Single-reed instrument

55. Voodoo

58. World of Warcraft character

59. Paddling

60. Most agreeable

64. Chafed

65. A way to analyze

66. Remove

67. Metal-bearing mineral

68. Remains as is

69. Large predatory seabirds

70. The Science Guy

CLUES DOWN

1. Central Chinese province

2. The marketplace in ancient Greece

3. Covered the sword

4. Cleanser

5. Body parts

6. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

7. Mega-electronvolt

8. One from Asia

9. A superior grade of black tea

10. Thin

11. Circles of light around the head

12. General's assistant (abbr.)

13. Tiny

19. Evildoing

21. _ Connery, 007

24. British sword

25. Type of cyst

26. Musical composition

27. Advises

31. Herring-like fish
32. Chocolate powder

34. Somali district EI _

35. Indicates position

36. Refurbishes

40. Exclamation of surprise

41. Football field

45. Hilly region in India near China

47. Come to an end

48. Most mad

52. Sheets of glass

53. Department of Housing and Urban Development

54. Stares lecherously

56. Consisting of a single element or component

57. Monetary unit of Zambia

59. Bones (Latin)

60. Frames-per-second

61. Tell on

62. Gall

63. Cologne

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Joseph J. Bonaccolto Jr., 53

Joseph J. Bonaccolto Jr. was born June 20th, 1965, son of Joseph J. Bonaccolto Sr. and the late Patricia (Patterson) Bonaccolto in Waltham, Massachusetts. His childhood was spent in Arlington, Massachusetts with his sisters Michelle and Christine. As a young adult, he lived and worked in the Lowell area, he was a hard worker and role model to his younger brothers Andrew and Matthew Bonaccolto. He met the love of his life Wendy (Kern) Bonaccolto in 2003 and they were married September 4th 2005. Each other's best supporter and dynamic duo, they built a life together in Winchendon, Mass.

Joe was a dedicated husband, father, brother, son and friend. He was a true jack of all trades, remodeling his own home for his family and started his own company refurbishing homes in western Mass. In his free time, he was found on his motorcycle venturing across New England and the country with his best friend, Patrick, or at home with his love Wendy and their family. He always had a way making those around him feel at ease, he was an amazing soul who loved being surrounded by his family.

Joe fought a short and courageous battle with cancer. He passed July 4th, 2018 with Wendy and close friends by his side. He has joined his mother, Pat Bonaccolto and brother, Matthew Bonaccolto in heaven.

He leaves behind his wife Wendy,

children Brian Bonaccolto, Nicole Bonaccolto, Jasmine Duquette, Joseph J Bonaccolto III, Tara Teixeira and fiancé Joshua Savage, Joseph Vasconcelos and wife Jessica, and Thomas Vasconcelos. His pride and joy, his grandchildren Bryce, Zoey, Allie Mae, Aubree and Jayla. His mother in law Courtney Teas and wife Pat Maki, brother in law Michael Kern and his wife, Victoria. His father, Joseph J. Bonaccolto Sr., sisters Michelle Bonaccolto and Christine B. Callinan and brother Andrew Bonaccolto are saddened by the loss of their son and brother. He will be greatly missed by his friends, Patrick, Denise, Dorothy and Ana who have been priceless to him and Wendy during his life. He leaves behind many other brother and sister in laws, nieces and nephews and close friends who will miss him deeply.

A time of remembrance and celebration of his life will be held for family and friends July 21st from 1-5 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (15 Winslow St.) in Arlington, Massachusetts. This celebration is a potluck event, please bring a dish and a memory to share.

The family would like to thank all who have comforted and supported Joe and Wendy during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for benefit of the family to: Andrew or Eileen Bonaccolto, P.O. Box 287, Sunapee, NH 03782

"Remembrance In life's passing is the truest form of love one can give, for a memory should never die and a love should live forever in the heart of another." - Laura M. Phipps-Kelley

Jr. and wife Christine of Ashburnham; four great-grandchildren, Jacob Evans, Meghan Lowe, Alex Hardy, and Robert Lowe; two great-great-grandchildren, Levi and Charlotte; many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held in St. Joseph Church in Fitchburg on Wednesday, July 18. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg is directing arrangements.

There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers.

services or calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Gardner Lions Club, PO Box 483, Gardner, MA 01440 or to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 455 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

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

Paul Mario DeMEO, 92

GARDNER — Paul Mario DeMEO, age 92, of 80 Century Way, died peacefully Friday morning, July 13, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.



He was born in Cambridge on September 6, 1925, son of the late Angelo and Lucia (Romano) DeMEO and had lived in Gardner for many years. Paul graduated from Cambridge Rindge Technical High School in 1943.

Paul was drafted in November 1943 and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II. He was a Combat Medic Technician 5th Grade in the 5th Infantry Division under General Patton in France and Germany. He received the Silver Star for valor in combat, Bronze Star for heroic achievement in a combat zone, American Campaign medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal with five Battle Stars (Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe), World War II Victory medal, and Good Conduct medal.

Following the war, Paul graduated, under the GI Bill, from Boston University and from Boston State College with a Master's Degree in education. He began his teaching career at the Templeton Center School, followed by teaching in Westminster, Athol and lastly in the Gardner school system until he retired in 1987.

Paul was active in Cub Scouts, was

treasurer for the Greenwood Memorial Swim Team and attended Bethany Baptist Church. Paul was a lifetime member of Ovila Case Post 905 VFW and was frequent patron of Levi Heywood Library. Paul also maintained a membership in Park Street Church, Boston. He enjoyed a long reign as Rummikub Champion of his household. He loved to read, was especially interested in UFOs, CSI on television, health and nutrition, doing crossword puzzles and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to tell jokes.

In his retirement years, he with his wife Elinor, spent 17 winters at their condo in Clearwater, FL. While there, they had fun attending yard sales and auctions. They were seasonal members of North Presbyterian Church.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 60 years, Elinor (Nelson) DeMEO; his sons, Paul N. DeMEO and his wife Jean of Gardner, John of Marshfield, Steven of New York and Massachusetts, and James of Long Beach, CA; his four grandchildren, Ryan, Elizabeth, Scott and Andrew; his brother Vincent and wife Rita of Cambridge; nephew Joseph DeMEO of Billerica, and several other nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Rose LaSala; brothers Joseph and Ernest and a granddaughter, Jennifer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial, with full military honors, followed in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 West Lynde St., Gardner, MA 01440.

Ethel L. (Moore) Kendall, 96

GARDNER — Ethel L. (Moore) Kendall, age 96, of 64 High St., died peacefully Sunday evening, July 15, 2018 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, with her family at her side.



She was born in West Newton on November 21, 1921, daughter of the late Burton W. and Helen (George) Moore and graduated from Newton High School and Mt. Ida College.

Ethel had worked as a secretary for her late husband, Atty. Nelson L. Kendall Jr., who died in 1976. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in South Gardner, where she was a Sunday School teacher and held many positions over the years. Ethel was a longtime volunteer at Heywood Hospital and was a long time member of the Knowlton Foundation.

She leaves four children, Scott W. Kendall and his wife Lynn of

Winchendon, Ross Kendall and his wife Kathy of Burke, VA, Jay Kendall and his wife Sandra of Baldwinville and Jana Harrison and her husband Robert of Leominster; grandchildren, Caissie, Andrea, Samantha, Kendra, Joy, Robbie, Andrew, Kate, Scott, Maxwell and Megan; great grandchildren, Ruby, Maxwell, Addie, Owen, Tiana and Amberly, and two great grandchildren, Zander and Jackson. A brother, Henry W. Moore and a sister, Bessie Roy, predeceased her.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 11 A.M. in First Baptist Church, 14 High Street, Gardner.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon are Monday, July 23, 2018 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Green Bower Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 14 High Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

Jan P. (Hintz) Peissner, 72

TEMPLETON — Jan P. (Hintz) Peissner, age 72, of Otter River stepped onto a rainbow Thursday, July 12, 2018. He died at home from pancreatic cancer.



He was born in Peterborough, NH on February 5, 1946 to Philip Hintz and Thelma (Jurva) (Hintz) (Hakkarainen) Lebeaux and grew up in St. Albans, VT with his aunt Toini Peissner.

Jan worked as a carpenter for many years and then worked as a mainte-

nance mechanic in the plastics industry. In retirement, he worked at Wachusett Mountain Ski Area.

He leaves his wife of 41 years, Patricia; a daughter Rachael and a son Nathaniel, all of Otter River; a brother, Karl Hakkarainen of Holden, nieces, nephews and cousins, and special friends Lynn Oski and Jane LaRoche.

The family is grateful to GVNA Hospice for their participation.

There will be no funeral or calling hours.

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

Nancy Y. (Girard) Fournier, 81

FITCHBURG — Nancy Y. (Girard) Fournier, age 81, of Fitchburg, passed away on July 8, 2018, in Leominster Hospital.

Nancy was born in Fitchburg on August 18, 1936, a daughter of the late Arthur and Evangeline (Rogers) Girard. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Joseph R. Fournier Sr., of Fitchburg; children, Debbie Lowe and husband Stephen of Ashburnham, Joseph R. Fournier Jr., of Fitzwilliam, Mark Fournier of Winchendon, Rhonda Steffan and husband Ken of Westminster; grandson, Stephen Lowe

Dennis O. 'Denny' Jenks, 66

WESTMINSTER — Dennis O. "Denny" Jenks, age 66, of 32 Edro Isle Road, died peacefully in his home Tuesday evening, July 10, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves the "Love of his Life," Donna, as well as his children, stepchildren, grandchildren, mother, sister and a Blessing To Be.

At his request, there are no funeral

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Norris L. Provencher, I, 83

MILTON MILLS, NH — Norris L. Provencher, I, age 83, of Jug Hill Road in Milton Mills, died July 9, 2018, peacefully at home.



Born May 29, 1935 in Milton, NH, a son of Anthony Provencher and Draxa (Corson) Provencher Tuck, a graduate of Nute High School.

Norris lived in Milton all of his life and traveled to the Philippines to visit his brother and family.



A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served his country for four years, serving time in Iceland. Upon his return, he married Dorothy Eva Marie Smith and her three children. Norris and Dorothy wanted a large family, they proceeded to have five children of their own, raising all of them on Main Street in Milton.

Norris was a family man, who cared for and loved his wife and children. He worked very hard throughout his life to provide a home and love for his family and his community.

He worked at the Pittsfield Shoe Co. and also filled in at Milton Garage, until he was hired at General Electric in Somersworth, retiring in 1995. Norris also worked for his father in law on week-ends at Citgo Garage in Winchendon.

Norris attended Nute Ridge Bible Chapel in Milton, serving as a Deacon of the church for many years, something he held dear to his heart with his family and his church family.

Norris and Dorothy hosted Bible classes in their Milton home for many years, providing fellowship and friendship to locals spreading the gospel.

He had the deed of delivery man for many years, distributing food baskets and gift baskets for the community, he was a helping hand working with Strafford Community and his church.

Norris was a long time Mason Brother, having served and held many seats, rising up to Grand high priest, he was dedicated to the Masonic Brotherhood for

over 50 years. Also a member of Order of the Eastern Star and the American Legion.

Norris was a community person, he worked on the Teneriffe Sports Club for years with his brother in law Rodney Nason, also worked on the fishing derby the club hosted for several years. He hosted a Bikeathon for Saint Jude's Research Hospital in the town of Milton, raising money for the cause. Danny Thomas called and personally thanked him, as it was a large event for our small town, raising large dollars.

Norris loved his family, his Church, he loved to dance and would always be on the floor as long as the music was playing, he was dancing as he would say "IM A DANCING FOOL." He loved to dance with his dance partner Henrietta Gauthier of Middleton. The ladies loved to jitterbug with him, he was a smooth dancer on the floor. He danced at the American Legion in Rochester and Alton Bay.

Widower of the late Dorothy Provencher, he is survived by their children: daughter Carol Blyther of Gardner, daughter Kathy and Richard Oberist of Worcester, daughter Draxine and Frank Whipple of Fitzwilliam, daughter Norrene and Mike Parker of Wakefield, NH, daughter Lorraine Varieur of Rochester, NH, daughter Dorinda Provencher of Wakefield, NH and son Norris L. "Butch" Provencher II and Beth of York, ME, 18 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, brother Dennis and wife Seyko Provencher, sister Betty Nason of Milton, also many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Norris frequented the "WRC" Wakefield Resource Center in Union for the senior lunch program, where he was known and loved by all! He was very fond of his Jenny up at the WRC, who took good care of him. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to: Wakefield Resource Center, Main Street, Union, NH 03887 or to Milton Public Association, PO Box 588, Milton, NH 03851.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 13, 2018 at Nute Ridge Bible Chapel, 99 Nutes Road, Milton, NH 03851. Interment followed at Milton Mills Cemetery.

AUBURN - Scott H. "Barney" Devarney, age 54, of Auburn and formerly of Winchendon, passed away at his home surrounded by loving family, Monday July 9, 2018 after a long battle with adenoid cystic carcinoma.



Scott was born in Redwood City, CA on February 5, 1964, son of the late Howard Devarney Jr. and Lorraine (Leblanc) Devarney. He was a 1982 graduate of Murdock High School. He graduated from Fitchburg State College with a degree in Computer Science in 1986. Scott worked as a Principal Software Engineer for 23 years at MIT Lincoln Laboratory. He more recently worked as a Software Analyst for Sikorsky Aircraft, and as a Senior Software Engineer for Belcan Engineering

Group at Hamilton Sundstrand and for Randstad Technologies at Pratt & Whitney. He was an avid reader, who enjoyed collecting comic books and running. Scott cherished spending time with his grandchildren, and his faith was very important to him.

Scott will be forever remembered by his beloved wife, Christine (Nault) Devarney; by his son, Joseph Scarale; by his wife's children, Benjamin Glidden, Joshua Glidden and James Glidden; by his six adoring grandchildren, Ailah, Mikayla, Cameron, Sophia, Olivia and Jake. He will also be lovingly remembered by his mother, Lorraine Devarney; by his siblings, Robin Bennett, Carla Devarney, Craig Devarney and Leslie Neal; by his nieces, nephews, extended family and many dear friends. A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at The Mill Church, 45 River Street, Millbury.

Roger D. deLongchamp, 85

LYNDEBOROUGH NH — Roger D. deLongchamp age 85, passed away peacefully at home in Lyndeborough, NH on July 5, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.



he was a parish council member of Immaculate Conception Church of Fitchburg, where he lived for most of his life. Roger owned deLongchamp Motor Sales, a Chevrolet dealership in Winchendon, for over 20 years.

Roger loved his family dearly and especially looked forward to family gatherings. He was known for his generosity and care for others He loved the outdoors and summers at a family cabin in Val D'or Quebec where fishing, boating and picking blueberries held fond memories for him. He

was a master gardener and hybridizer of rhododendrons and daylilies. He had the honor of a renowned garden-er naming a yellow hybrid the Roger deLongchamp daylily and was himself a member of the rhododendron and daylily societies. Other lifetime interests include photography, tropical fish, African violets and a love of his dogs. He built his own home and lovingly restored his historic farmhouse in Fitzwilliam. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

He is predeceased by his sister Irene Raboin. Survivors include his sister Gloria Carpenter and husband Larry of Leominster; his children Lise deLongchamp of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire, Michelle Annunziata and husband Frank of Amherst, New Hampshire, Brian deLongchamp and wife Debi of Woodbridge, Virginia and Aimee deLongchamp and husband Stephen Baiter of San Francisco, California; grandchildren Matt and Brad Duperrault, Marielle Byron, Greg, Peter and Corey Annunziata, Zachary deLongchamp and Chloe and Ethan Baiter and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at St Bernard's Church (formerly St Camilla's Church) on July 28, in Fitchburg, with Vigil from 9:15 -9:45 am and Mass at 10 am, followed by a Committal Service at St Bernard's Cemetery with military honors.

Virta memorial service

GARDNER — A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 11 A.M. in Mission Street Congregational Church, 15 Mission Street for William G. Virta, 95, formerly of Gardner. Mr. Virta died October 30, 2017 at the Arbor Hospice Residence in Saline, Michigan, after living for most of his life in

Gardner.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. David Bodanza.

Burial, with military honors, will follow in Wildwood Cemetery.

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

Visiting museums

Some of you may be heirs to the Rockefeller fortune or may have founded an internet startup that got purchased for billions of dollars. But the rest of us won't ever have the money to own a painting by Renoir or Monet. That doesn't mean that you can't see art by some of the greats, though. Visiting museums is one fun and affordable way to gain more knowledge about art and antiques.



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WAYNE TUISKULA

I was fortunate enough to visit France recently. Auguste Rodin's "Le Penseur" (The Thinker) statue, along with many of his other works are on display in an outdoor garden at the Rodin museum in Paris. The Musee d'Orsay houses works by many of the greatest artists of France, along with important works by artists from other countries. There are works by Cézanne, Monet, Gauguin, Renoir, Manet and Degas. Vincent Van Gogh's famous self-portrait is also exhibited there.

The Louvre Museum, also in Paris, was formerly a royal palace. It was founded in 1793 and is the world's most visited museum. It offers artwork

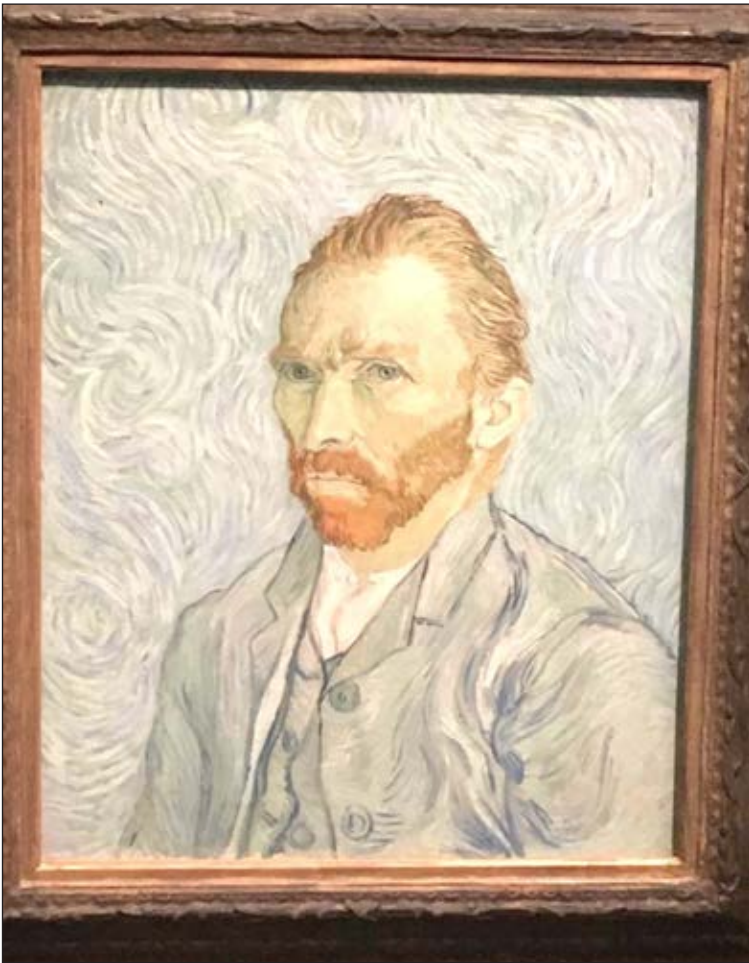
from across the globe. A travel guide told our tour group that if you spent 10 seconds looking at every piece of art in the museum it would still take you over three months to see them all. The Mona Lisa, the statue of the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and Venice de Milo are three of their more famous works.

You don't need to travel to France to see great art, though.

We have many wonderful local museums. Boston has the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and the Institute of Contemporary Art. Worcester Art Museum will exhibit "The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society" beginning on Sept. 8. The Fitchburg Art Museum will host "Interior Effects: Furniture in Contemporary Art" beginning on Sept. 23. The Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford contains a wide range of objects ranging from the Morgan collection of Greek and Roman antiquities to the Samuel Colt firearms collection.

When I began selling antiques, I took a course with George Michael. He was a New Hampshire antique dealer and auctioneer who hosted an antique show that ran nationwide on PBS during the 1960s to 1980s. He showed us slides picturing antiques that he had sold, seen or owned. One of the slides was of an unusual antique basket used by the people of Lapland that he had seen in a museum. Mr. Michael told us that he later saw another Lapland basket like the one in the museum being offered at a local auction. He was the only one in the crowd who knew what it was and purchased a museum piece for very little money. Visiting museums literally paid off for him.

We have many events taking place and others being scheduled. We will run an estate sale in Holden on July 21 and July 22 and another in Spencer on July 28 and 29. We plan to run a live coin auction and an antique estate auction in the Fall. I will be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on Oct. 15. I'll be appraising items for the Winchendon Historical Society on Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.



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spend some of the cash on the installation of so-called "rip-rap" around the base of the dam.

Gallant said the rip-rap, stones ranging in size from six to eighteen inches, would create a breakwater in the event of heavy, persistent rains and increased water flow at the dam.

"The rip-rap prevents the soil

at the base of the dam from scour, or erosion," he said. "Without it, the soil around the dam base could be dug out by overtopping during a heavy water flow and potentially lead to a dam failure."

Overtopping and soil erosion is what caused the failure of some of the levees around New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"It just made more sense to spend the money on safety

improvements," said Gallant, "rather than the engineering study. If we paid for the study but never get the rest of the funds needed for dam construction, all we'd have a study and a dam that's no safer than it is today."

Gallant said the work proposed would not lead to an increase in the level of Whitney Pond. The pond level dropped significantly when the dam was damaged.



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POLICE LOG

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Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

1:58-2:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:40 a.m.: transport (Harrisville Circle); 7:42 a.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), advised officer; 10:04 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street); 10:20 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street), referred to ACO; 10:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Poland Avenue), referred to ACO; 11:08 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 11:42 a.m.: property lost (town wide), info taken; 12:14 p.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 12:22 p.m.: summons service (Old Gardner Road), served; 12:54 p.m.: summons service (High Street), served; 1:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Road), referred to ACO; 1:51 p.m.: harassment (Banner Place), report taken; 2:31 p.m.: shoplifting (Railroad Street), juvenile arrest, 13, larceny under \$1,200, minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, report taken; 2:34 p.m.: suspicious/other (Elmwood Road), advised officer; 2:36 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street), unable to locate; 2:56 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Cedar Terrace), Leo Charles Lambert, 30, 19 Cedar Terrace, Winchendon, unlicensed operation, citation issued; 6:15 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 8:07 p.m.: welfare check/general (School Street), spoken to; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), written warning; 8:40 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), Ivan M. Richard, 58, 12 Mill Street, #5, Winchendon, failure to stop for police, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, citation issued; 9:04 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 9:27 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Northern Heights), spoken to; 10:36 p.m.: bolo (School Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

12:05 a.m.: patrol initiated (Central Street), spoken to; 12:12 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 12:21 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 12:31 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:38 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:45 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 12:47-12:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:05-3:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:15 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), no service necessary; 10:36 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), assisted;

11:02 a.m.: harassment (Central Street), Teresa E. Graham, 47, 70 West Street, Winchendon, criminal harassment; Miranda L. Graham, 24, 70 West Street, Winchendon, criminal harassment, report taken; 12:23 p.m.: summons service (Walnut Street), served; 12:35 p.m.: summons service (Old Gardner Road), served; 2:38 p.m.: registration check (Central Street), no service necessary; 4:47 p.m.: summons service (West Street), 209A served to defendant; 5:03 p.m.: larceny (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 5:31-5:41 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 5:44 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 7:18 p.m.: burglar alarm (Forristall Road), secure; 7:39 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:16 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), spoken to; 9:28 p.m.: runaway (Juniper Street), unable to locate; 9:42 p.m.: ambulance (East Street), transported to hospital; 9:56 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 10:54-11:00 p.m.: extra patrols, secure.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

12:27-1:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:56 a.m.: ambulance (Peggi Lane), transported; 6:37 a.m.: investigation (School Street), Jeremy Rosado, 30, 156 School Street, #1, Winchendon, possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute, trafficking in cocaine, arrest; Johanna M. Creamer, 30, 156 School Street, #1, Winchendon, possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute, trafficking in cocaine, summons; 9:27 a.m.: investigation (School Street), report taken; 9:49 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 11:01 a.m.: assist other PD (Polly's Drive), services rendered; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:53 p.m.: summons service (Town Farm Road), advised officer; 12:54 p.m.: summons service (Converse Drive), advised officer; 12:55 p.m.: summons service (Happy Hollow Road), advised officer; 12:58 p.m.: summons service (Eli Drive), advised officer; 12:59 p.m.: summons service (Bemis Road), advised officer; 1:11 p.m.: civil complaint (East Monomonic Road), advised civil action; 1:57 p.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), assisted; 2:21 p.m.: fraud (Central Street), report taken; 4:47 p.m.: summon service (Juniper Street), served; 4:51 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), unable to serve; 5:13 p.m.: summon service (River Street), unable to serve; 5:14 p.m.: summons service (Bemis Road), served; 5:16 p.m.: summons service (Converse Drive), served; 5:20 p.m.: summons service (Town Farm Road), served; 5:25 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), unable to serve; 5:31 p.m.: summons service (Eli Drive), served; 5:34 p.m.: summon service (Lincoln Avenue), unable to serve; 5:38 p.m.: summons service (Happy Hollow Road), served; 5:59 p.m.: summon service (Joslin Road), served; 6:33 p.m.: threats (High Street), report taken; 7:49-7:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:18 p.m.: disturbance/fight (Spring Street), Nicholas C. Scott, 20, 102 Dunn Road, #3, Ashburnham, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, minor purchasing alcohol/alcoholic beverage, minor transporting alcohol/alcoholic

beverage, report taken; 9:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), referred to ACO; 9:07 p.m.: animal complaint (West Monomonic Road), referred to other agency; 10:14 p.m.: ambulance (Eli Drive), transported; 10:32 p.m.: harassment (Willoughby Avenue), referred to other PD.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

12:01 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 1:07-2:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: ambulance (Vaine Street), transported; 2:32-2:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:39 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 3:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:29 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), citation issued; 9:22 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Royalston Road South), spoken to; 10:14 a.m.: officer wanted (Royalston Road South), transported to hospital; 12:25 p.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), assisted; 12:34 p.m.: info/general (Walnut Street), spoken to; 12:44 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 3:44 p.m.: unwanted party (Spring Street), gone on arrival; 3:45 p.m.: assault (Walnut Street), transport; 4:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), info given; 5:04 larceny (Elmwood Road), report taken; 6:04 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 8:13 p.m.: suspicious/other (Main Street), report taken; 8:30 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 10:17 p.m.: dog bite (Brown Street), transported to hospital; 11:22 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road), report taken.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

12:00 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), referred; 12:56 a.m.: disturbance (Laurel Street), unable to locate; 1:00 a.m.: ambulance (Walnut Street), transported; 3:33 a.m.: assist other PD (Dunn Road, Ashburnham), call canceled; 9:21 a.m.: accident (Central Street), spoken to; 10:20 a.m.: officer wanted (Winter Street), spoken to 11:11 a.m.: larceny (Benjamin Street), report taken; 11:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street), info taken; 1:14 p.m.: erratic operation (Goodrich Drive), gone on arrival; 1:54 p.m.: larceny (Woodlawn Street), report taken; 3:42 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 3:48 p.m.: 911 hang up (Elm Street), spoken to; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 4:55 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 5:46 p.m.: smoke (Prospect Street), spoken to; 6:07 p.m.: noise complaint (Benjamin Street), unable to locate; 6:54 p.m.: fire alarm (River Street), services rendered; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Riverside Cemetery), verbal warning; 8:48 p.m.: noise complaint (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 11:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), report taken.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

12:06-1:39 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: burglar alarm (Highland Street), spoken to; 2:00 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 3:58 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), services rendered; 8:09 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Royalston Road North), canceled; 9:06 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 10:13 a.m.:

public service/other (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 10:30 a.m.: assist citizen (North Street), info given; 11:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Willoughby Avenue), info given; 11:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Metcalf Street), referred to ACO; 11:24 a.m.: property lost (East Street), info taken; 12:40 p.m.: suspicious person (North Street), info taken; 3:38 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 4:27 p.m.: info/general (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 4:40 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Spring Street), secure; 4:50 p.m.: animal complaint (East Monomonic Road), referred to ACO; 4:52 p.m.: welfare check/general (Elm Street), secure; 5:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Street), spoken to; 5:22 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 6:36 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported.

MONDAY, JULY 16

12:15 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), services rendered; 12:23 a.m.: officer wanted (Maynard Street), report taken; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:57 a.m.: disabled mv (Spring Street), secure; 1:12 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:24 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 1:34 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 1:47 a.m.: ambulance (Crescent Road), transported; 3:39 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), transport; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Baldwinville State Road), referred; 8:25 a.m.: assist other PD (West Street), message delivered; 9:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 9:43 a.m.: traffic hazard (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 10:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Carriage Lane), report taken; 11:32 a.m.: sex offender registration (Front Street), info taken; 11:46 a.m.: vandalism (Woodlawn Street), no service necessary; 11:54 a.m.: info/general (Main Street), info taken; 11:56 a.m.: assist citizen (Royalston Road North); 12:38 a.m.: assist citizen (Hyde Park Drive); 1:17 p.m.: fraud (Central Street), info taken; 1:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Mill Street), report taken; 2:30 p.m.: suspicious/other (Central Street), spoken to; 3:54 p.m.: ambulance (Hale Street), accidental alarm; 3:56 p.m.: tree down on wires (Main Street), referred; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 4:29 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 5:08 p.m.: vandalism (Spring Street), gone on arrival; 5:10 p.m.: welfare check/child (School Street), secure; 5:18 p.m.: trespassing (Carriage Lane), spoken to; 6:51 p.m.: mv stop (High Street), Tabatha M. LaFrennie, 32, 18 Hemlock Drive, #202, Gardner, unlicensed operation, summons; 7:22 p.m.: 911 hang up (Joslin Road), non-emergency; 7:38 p.m.: FD call (Main Street), referred; 7:46 p.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), gone on arrival; 7:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Avenue), advised civil action; 7:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (School Square), accidental; 8:55 p.m.: missing person (River Street), report taken; 9:57 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported.

Second raid in two weeks nets suspect

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A second drug rain in as many weeks has landed a Winchendon man behind bars. On Thursday of last week, July 12, Winchendon police, members of the North Worcester County Drug Task Force, and troopers from the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit descended on 156 School St. with a warrant. There they found the first-floor resident, 30-year-old Jeremy Rosado in his bedroom, where they allegedly uncovered more than 40 grams (over 1.4 ounces) of crack and powder cocaine, a large amount of cash, a cash counter, and

digital scales. The raid was carried out at around 6:30 a.m.

Also in the home was 30-year-old Johanna Creamer and her juvenile child.

Rosado was arrested and arraigned later in the day at Winchendon District Court in Gardner on charges of possession of a Class B drug (cocaine) with intent to distribute and trafficking cocaine. Court records indicated Rosado was on probation out of another jurisdiction and Judge Arthur Haley ordered him held at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction on \$10,000 cash bail or \$100,000 surety. He is due

back in court July 27 for a pretrial hearing.

Winchendon Police Lieutenant Kevin Wolski said Creamer would likely be summoned to court at a later date. Exact charges against her have not yet been determined.

Detective Alan Ross is the investigation officer. Officer Tracy Flagg assisted.

Little over a week before the School Street raid, a no-knock raid was carried out at 73 Monadnock Ave., the second such raid at that address since December. Police arrested 25-year-old Tyrone "Blaze" Walker of Shrewsbury and charged him with possession of

a Class B drug (crack cocaine) with intent to distribute, possession of a Class E drug, two counts of possession of a Class B drug (including Suboxone), unlawful possession of a firearm, and unlawful storage of a firearm. At his arraignment July 5 in Winchendon District Court in Gardner he was ordered held on \$5,000 cash bail or \$50,000 surety and ordered back to court August 8 for pretrial.

In December of last year, a raid at the same address resulted in the arrest of Krystal Hubbard on two drug possession counts. Her case remains before the court.



Greg Vine photo

A drug raid was carried out at 156 School Street, First Floor, last Thursday morning. The suspect, charged with intent to distribute and trafficking cocaine, is being held on \$10,000 cash bail.

Fatality on Baldwinville State Road

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A 43 year-old Winchendon man was killed Friday night in what is being called a fiery crash on Route 202, Baldwinville State Road.

A white Chevrolet Camaro belonging to Bernard Gronowicz crashed at 11:22 p.m., rolling over on the northbound side of the road before bursting into flames. Gronowicz was alone in the car

and was pronounced dead at the scene. Nearby woods were also singed by the flames. The accident happened near Otter River State forest.

Officers, including Sgt. Daniel Wolski, Officer Jim Wironen and state Trooper Tom Tobin are conducting the investigation.

Responding officers attempted to use fire extinguishers to douse the flames until the Fire Department arrived.

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Serena Williams won Wimbledon last weekend. No, she didn't win the tournament, Angelique Kerber did for her third Grand Slam championship, but Serena won the larger point.

Less than a year after a difficult childbirth and subsequent numerous harrowing health issues, Williams, age 36, which is ancient for any tennis player even in superb physical shape,

reached the Wimbledon final. But more importantly she was able to use her platform as a megaphone. She was talking to all the moms out there, moms whose lives after the children are born are very different from us dads. I can attest. Serena pointed out Roger Federer has had two sets of twins but being the guy, he was able to come back to his chosen profession anytime he wanted. More specifically, she talked to African-American moms who for some reason (there's lots of medical speculation about possibly why, revolving around something called allostatics) seem to have a tougher bounce-back than their white counterparts. She asked people to donate to UNICEF, not your average

comment in a post-game presser. And she told moms she was sort of representing them, proving that while the obstacles are often greater, yes, they too, can return to their careers while carrying a lot more baggage than do men.

Serena was impressive on and off the court. It's good to see, given her fame, that she's increasingly willing to become more vocal on social issues. And for those of you who think sports should be separate from, well, everything else, it's not. Never has been. If it was, how come baseball didn't integrate until 1947? You know?

Speaking of baseball, when Bryce Harper won the HR Derby in DC the other night, critics complained his dad,

who was his pitcher was cheating the clock a bit, tossing another pitch before the previous one had landed. Maybe. But so what? It was just for fun, and the home crowd loved it. Works for me.

As the season resumes tonight, the Nats are in third place. Who expected that? Are you still confident the Phillies and Braves are going to collapse? In the AL East, the scorching Sox have opened a 4 1/2 game lead over the Yankees but before I'd get all excited if I was a Boston fan, let's see Chris Sale succeed in September for the first time in his career and David Price do likewise in October. Neither's track record is inspiring. Baseball, remember, is a marathon and

the defending champion Astros look every bit as good as they did last year. In Baltimore, it seems like a never-ending season as the O's may be on pace for as many as 120 losses. That's '62 Mets-like! At least Manny Machado doesn't have to deal with it anymore.

I'm an O's fan and disappointed in their fortunes this year but my sports landscape brightens enormously today. In fact, today marks the Opening Day that really counts.

"They're off at Saratoga," announcer Larry Collum will intone at 1 p.m. and the best 40 days of the sports year (about 12 too many but try putting that genie back in the bottle) will commence. See you next week.

Pop Warner back in Winchendon

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Pop Warner football and cheering are back in town as part of the long-running North County Panthers program and organizers are excited that Winchendon will be the home base this fall.

Spokesperson Ashley Kheti explained the program's previous home in Gardner is unavailable this year because of renovations at the high school there.

"A lot of people don't like going to Gardner so this is good to be here," said Kheti, a Winchendon resident.

Players and cheerleaders don't just

come from Winchendon and Gardner. North County, which has been in business for almost two decades, hosts from other area towns including Rindge.

The program has four football and cheer teams. There's a 12U (11 and 12 year olds) squad, and 10U, 8U and 6U (the latter for five and six year olds) teams as well.

Kheti stressed safety.

"Pop Warner's not American Youth Football. Our coaches have been trained. They're 'heads-up' certified. Everyone who works with the kids are certified. We play a safer version of tackle football," she emphasized.

"We work hard on conditioning. We're very focused on player and cheerleader safety," assured Kheti.

She said Winchendon is a natural home for Pop Warner.

"The town had youth sports for a long time but not so much anymore. This is a prime opportunity for kids to play and for us to be a feeder program for the school," she said.

Kheti added Murdock athletic director Jenna Whitaker has been "very supportive" of the program including allowing home games to be played on Alumni field at the high school.

Practices will be held five nights a

week at the Clark Memorial YMCA from 6-8 p.m. throughout August and then 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday once the season begins in September.

Kheti said Pop Warner is paying \$25 per day for use of the Clark property and has to supply its own lights. She added the program is also being charged for use of the high school field though she did not have the exact figure.

"Pop Warner bonds a community together," said Kheti.

More information is available at (978) 602-4369.

Mass Audubon offering certificate program

WORCESTER — Attention amateur naturalists and other wildlife enthusiasts interested in upping their game and sharing their knowledge: Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary is offering a field naturalist certificate program designed to prepare students for work in nature-based education, citizen science, habitat management, and other environmental fields.

The 11-week course taught at a college level, which runs from Aug. 29 through Nov. 17, is geared to individuals seeking to increase their understanding of the nat-

ural world in a professional setting. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of ecological connections and natural systems while taking part in field research, species monitoring, and communications training.

Classes will take place at the wildlife sanctuary's Visitor Center, 414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, on Wednesday evenings, (6:30- 9 pm) and every other Saturday, all day (9 am-4 pm) at various locations throughout central Massachusetts.

In addition to the course meetings and experiences in the field, students will be required to complete 40 hours of independent environ-

mental stewardship/volunteer work.

"We are continually impressed by sanctuary visitors' appreciation of and enthusiasm for the natural world," said Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Coordinator Martha Gach, who is overseeing the program. "In fact, it's been apparent that people in central Massachusetts are eager to connect more deeply with nature, and Mass Audubon has developed this certificate program in response to that interest."

Instructors for the program are experts in their fields and program participants will have a chance to learn from some very

skilled and talented nature lovers, including: Mass Audubon's Wayne Petersen, Joe Choiniere, Cindy Dunn, Martha Gach, Stephen Hutchinson, and Ron Wolanin; Robert Bertin, a biologist and expert on the natural history of central Massachusetts at Holy Cross; and Tom Tynning, a professor of Environmental Science at Berkshire Community College and a former longtime Mass Audubon staff member.

To register and to learn more about the Field Naturalist Certificate Program, please visit www.massaudubon.org/broadmeadowbrook and scroll down to "Sanctuary

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women. Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. With more than 125,000 members and supporters, we advocate on Beacon Hill and beyond, and conduct conservation research to preserve the natural heritage of our beautiful state for today's and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.

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secret. I'm proud of it because it represents an unwavering belief in pluralism, diversity, tolerance and yes, optimism. I was seven when my mom took me to the polling place at Campfield Elementary school in Baltimore County on Election Day, 1960 as she handed out leaflets for a young Senator from Massachusetts. That was my introduction to politics. I was hooked and I've stayed hooked. I eventually had the privilege of working for arguably the greatest big-city mayor of the 20th century in Baltimore's Don Schaefer. I've worked with other public servants whose commitment to

making a difference awed me. I've seen volunteers in communities large and small quietly go about making their own differences with no desire for nor expectation of gratitude or thanks.

Courtney's cohort from Smith? They've jumped head-first into one of the most stressful professions you can imagine - as social workers they're on the front lines as the fabric of society is being tested every day. Kudos to them. You guys know who you are and you know how proud she'd be of you. I sure am. I'm grateful you were her friend. I'm proud too, of my sons who themselves have done what they could do to contribute, to help, to make their own little differences. She was proud of Andy and

Michael, too. I hope they know that.

There's a common thread running through all this. We're better than some of our so-called 'leaders' and we're certainly better at simply being decent human beings than the bigot (and possibly traitor) who for now disgraces the chair of Abraham Lincoln. And because we're better than he and his minions and those who continue to blindly support him even as in many cases they're the ones getting screwed the most, we're going to continue to work to embody the best ideals of a caring and compassionate society. As I turn 65 this too energizes and inspires me - the fact so many people are fighting the good fight every day in arenas large

and small.

"What do you want for your birthday?" Courtney used to ask me. For a few years, the answer was always the same - a state softball championship and twice in three years that wish came true and very nearly did a third time. They were only games, of course, but they came as the result of dedication, sacrifice, commitment and hard work, traits equally important off the ball-field as on it. You can learn a lot from "only games". But that was then. The world was different and so if she were able to ask me that today, my answer would be a plea to her generation and yes still mine as well - don't give up. Don't let the noise distract you. Don't let the barrage of insane twitter

pronouncements divert your attention.

For my birthday, for everyone's birthday - stay involved. Keep making those differences whenever and wherever you can. And stay optimistic even in these often very dark times. We're better than he and they make us seem. We prove it every day. This too shall pass but only if we stay the course. Regular readers know I sometimes write about Dr. King and the arc of the universe bending towards justice. It does - if we force it to. Let's keep doing just that. It'd be the best birthday present even a newly turned 'old' person could ever hope for. And to all of you who have 'been there' - quite simply, thank you. So much. See you all next week.

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Grandpa's Tobacco had not yet agreed to make donations to local non-profits because it didn't want to make the commitment without first knowing what its profit margin would be.

There was some discussion about the involvement of two town officials in the group known as Toy Town Alternative Health, which is proposing to occupy a portion of the building which also houses the Harbour Restaurant. Planning Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero and board alternate Bob O'Keefe are among four partners in the venture.

Corbosiero told the board that the partnership came together about two weeks after voters at the May town meeting approved three retail marijuana licenses for the town. The retail marijuana overlay district and zoning regulations governing cannabis retailers had been put together after extensive work by the Planning Board.

"You can see that people in town," said Selectman Mike Barbaro, "would say 'I'm not buying that this (partnership) came together two weeks later, after town meeting.' I'm going to blunt; it smells. We've made an effort to be very transparent in this town. This doesn't look very transparent."

"All I have to say to that," said

Corbosiero, "is that people have seen me - right now I'm on 10 boards. I've always worked for Winchendon, I've always spoke the truth. I don't think anybody has ever caught me in a lie. This is the way it happened. If people think I'm lying, there's nothing I can do to convince them other than to say it's the truth."

"Might I say," said Chairman Barbara Anderson, "that is was the selectmen who changed the number of licenses from two to three. It was not the Planning Board that chose three. If we had more than three applications for these three licenses we might have a bigger problem with transparency. But since we only have three licenses, and we only have

three applicants, I don't see what the problem is regarding transparency."

Both Corbosiero and O'Keefe said they had reached out to state ethics officials, who said they couldn't comment unless a specific complaint had been filed, and no such documentation had been submitted. Both men also assured the board that they would recuse themselves from considering any marijuana-related issues that might come before the Planning Board.

Selectmen ultimately approved all three retail licenses, as well as a cultivation license for Not Grandpa's Tobacco. Each vote was unanimous.



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A decade in law

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

He's been a teacher. He's been a police officer. He's always a drummer. And for the last decade, Winchendon's Dave LaPointe has been practicing law where he "gives a voice to others who don't have one" in the legal system. Wasn't it Hemmingway who advised changing careers every 'x' number of years anyway?

"Ten years. Wow!" exclaimed LaPointe recently as he reflected on how fast it's all seemed to go by and how strong his commitment to fairness and justice remains.

"Everyone deserves a fair chance. That's why we represent our clients with such zeal. That's why the practice was shaped the way it has been," noted LaPointe.

"It's really rewarding," he added.

LaPointe's turn to law was certainly shaped in part by his experiences in the classroom and on the street in uniform.

"Those definitely helped," he acknowledged.

But mostly it's about passion, about helping.

"We focus on clients, not cases. Cases, in the end are about people," he noted.

That's why there are free initial consultations with military and senior discounts, one annual pro-bono family and criminal cases for Winchendon residents, ("giving back to my community") and above all, LaPointe said he immerses himself completely in that ongoing struggle for justice.

"An area of expertise in my practice that is most rewarding are custody cases involving 'removal', where the custodial parent wants to relocate with the child(ren) to another state. Most recently, I represented a non-custodial parent trying to prevent the removal of his child to California, and after trial, the judge denied the mother's request for removal," reflected LaPointe.

LaPointe is local himself, having graduated from Murdock High School and from Andover -based Massachusetts School of Law in 2007 after those aforementioned stints in the classroom and police work and a time in the Army.

Formerly working out of downtown, the LaPointe practice currently operates out of 'the Lawft' on the corner of

Courtesy photo

Atty. David LaPointe at Winchendon District Court.

Central Street and Monadnock Avenue. LaPointe credits wife Danielle, whom he anticipates joining the practice after she finishes law school herself next year.

"I couldn't do this without the support of my loving wife and family," he remarked, a family which includes their children Juliette and Isaac and stepkids Alec, Camille, and Ian Hart and Brittany and Jean-Luc LaPointe.

That all keeps one quite busy but then there's the drummer thing. LaPointe, of course, used to be the face of the Big RanDom band but times change, people move on and LaPointe will soon be unveiling a new group.

The new band? Another story for another time. For now, as LaPointe looks back on ten years as a lawyer, he reminds of what Aristotle once said, 'The law is reason freeing us from passion'.

"Words to live by," assured LaPointe.



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immunity, she wrote, 'transforms the doctrine into an absolute shield for law enforcement officers'."

Privacy and the Fourth Amendment

In *Carpenter v. United States*, a 5-4 Court sent a strong message about privacy rights in an age of government surveillance, ruling that police must generally obtain a warrant before obtaining cell phone data to track a person's movements.

In *Collins v. Virginia*, the Court refused to grant law enforcement yet another loophole to encroach on the rights of citizens to privacy in their homes, ruling 8-1 that police may not intrude on private property in order to carry out a warrantless search of a vehicle parked near a residence.

In *United States v. Microsoft*, the Court sidestepped a debate over digital privacy in the face of government surveillance when it mooted a case over whether Microsoft had to comply with a request to provide emails hosted on overseas servers in response to government subpoenas.

In *Byrd v. United States*, a unanimous Court ruled that drivers of rental cars—whether or not they are explicitly named in the rental agreement—are generally entitled to the same reasonable expectations of privacy under the Fourth Amendment as the individual listed in the rental agreement.

In *Dahda v. United States of America*, the Court ruled 8-0 that evidence obtained under orders that violate the nation's federal wiretapping law can be used against a defendant in a criminal trial.

Immigration and the Power of the Presidency

In *Trump v. Hawaii*, a polarized Supreme Court upheld the Trump Administration's ban on foreign travelers from Muslim-centric nations, ostensibly giving the president the power to discriminate on the basis of religion, while simultaneously overturning the Court's World War II-era ruling in

Korematsu v. United States that saw nothing wrong with the government imprisoning Japanese-Americans in internment camps. In other words, the Court righted one wrong (*Korematsu*) while sanctioning another. As Justice Sotomayor concluded in her dissent, "By blindly accepting the government's misguided invitation to sanction a discriminatory policy motivated by animosity toward a disfavored group, all in the name of a superficial claim of national security, the Court redeploys the same dangerous logic underlying *Korematsu* and merely replaces one 'gravely wrong' decision with another."

States' Rights

In *Murphy v. NCAA*, the Court ruled 7-2 in favor of the 10th Amendment, which reserves to the States (and the people) the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it. The case was factually about the right of the states to legalize sports gambling despite a federal law prohibiting it, but the ramifications of the ruling could extend into the area of marijuana legalization.

Voters' Rights and Gerrymandering

In *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*, the Court gave the green light to Ohio to remove people from its voter registration rolls if they hadn't been heard from in four years.

In *Gill v. Whitford* and *Benisek v. Lamone*, the Court weighed in on two cases that challenged the practice of gerrymandering, in which the boundaries of an electoral constituency are drawn in such a way as to favor one side over another in an election. Instead of addressing the issue of partisan gerrymandering, the Court disposed of the cases on procedural/standing grounds.

Commerce

In *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, the Court leveled the playing field, at least when it comes to collecting sales tax, between online ecommerce retailers and traditional businesses with a physical presence in a particular state.

So where does that leave us?

Still in the clutches of the American police state, I'm afraid.

In recent years, for example, the

Court has ruled that police officers can use lethal force in car chases without fear of lawsuits; police officers can stop cars based only on "anonymous" tips; Secret Service agents are not accountable for their actions, as long as they're done in the name of security; citizens only have a right to remain silent if they assert it; police have free reign to use drug-sniffing dogs as "search warrants on leashes," justifying any and all police searches of vehicles stopped on the roadside; police can forcibly take your DNA, whether or not you've been convicted of a crime; police can stop, search, question and profile citizens and non-citizens alike; police can subject Americans to virtual strip searches, no matter the "offense"; police can break into homes without a warrant, even if it's the wrong home; and it's a crime to not identify yourself when a policeman asks your name.

The cases the Supreme Court refuses to hear, allowing lower court judgments to stand, are almost as critical as the ones they rule on. Some of these cases have delivered devastating blows to the rights enshrined in the Constitution. By remaining silent, the Court has affirmed that: legally owning a firearm is enough to justify a no-knock raid by police; the military can arrest and detain American citizens; students can be subjected to random lockdowns and mass searches at school; and police officers who don't know their actions violate the law aren't guilty of breaking the law.

What a difference nine people can make.

More often than not, the Roberts Supreme Court has been characterized by rulings that show an abject deference to government authority, military and corporate interests (rulings have run the gamut from suppressing free speech activities and justifying suspicionless strip searches and warrantless home invasions to conferring constitutional rights on corporations, while denying them to citizens).

Contrast the Roberts Court with the Warren Court (1953-69), which handed down rulings that were instrumental

in shoring up critical legal safeguards against government abuse and discrimination.

Without the Warren Court, there would be no Miranda warnings, no desegregation of the schools and no civil rights protections for indigents. Among those serving on the Warren Court were Chief Justice Earl Warren, William J. Brennan Jr., William O. Douglas, Hugo Black, Felix Frankfurter and Thurgood Marshall.

Yet more than any single ruling, what Warren and his colleagues did best was embody what the Supreme Court should always be: an institution established to intervene and protect the people against the government and its agents when they overstep their bounds.

Indeed, Justice Douglas, who served on the Supreme Court for 36 years, was particularly vocal in his belief that Americans have a right to be left alone ("The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedom"). Considered the most "committed civil libertarian ever to sit on the court," Douglas was frequently controversial and far from perfect (he was part of that 6-3 majority in *Korematsu vs. United States* that supported the government's internment of American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II.)

Perhaps the greatest difference between Justice Douglas and his contemporaries and those who occupy the bench today can be found in his answer to a government that refuses to listen to its citizen or abide by the rule of law. "We must realize that today's Establishment is the New George III," noted Douglas. "Whether it will continue to adhere to his tactics, we do not know. If it does, the redress, honored in tradition, is also revolution."

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School campus, and now the CAC, and you have the makings of people looking for solutions.

It was at the CAC last week on a sultry Friday summer afternoon students were tending a new garden and rising senior Taylor Anderson reflected it was a big deal to "know we are helping the community."

.Growing Places already has three gardens in Fitchburg, and one each in Clinton and Leominster. The organization's Ayn Yeagle said Growing Places came to become a partner in Winchendon after learning the town is "a food desert."

"We really worry, obviously, about food access," she remarked.

"That's an issue here so we want to do whatever we can to improve the situation. We're always looking for strategies

to make things better and gardens like the ones here in Winchendon can have a positive impact," noted Yeagle.

Winchendon School rising sophomore Adam Hofbaug not only showed up Friday, he'd even designed the project logo.

"I used an app," he laughed, but added in a more serious vein, "it's important to me to be here."

Miranda Jennings, the school's director of service learning said the project rep-

resents another example of "our students giving back to the greater community."

Growing Places has been around for more than 15 years and Yeagle lamented "food access is a bigger issue now" than she can ever recall.

"That's very concerning. Winchendon certainly isn't the only community we see having food security issues."

Anderson said the activism of she and her fellow students is fairly recent largely due to the short length of the growing season in New England.

with Growing Places and the town of Winchendon," read a statement from the students involved, which include Cody Bourque, Cassie Burdick and Christian Colon, who were not able to attend the CAC planting Friday.

"This is about empowering the youth and our community," stressed Jennings, who pointed out that's not all there is to the story.

"So far, we've planted over 50 tomato stakes," she enthused, adding, "We are happy to report they are doing very well and growing tall!"

"But we need help," Jennings exclaimed. "We don't have enough tomato cages or sticks to support them as they grow to produce tomatoes for our community. If anyone from town has tomato cages or stakes they could donate we'd really appreciate it. We need 50, but any amount large or small would help. If you have cages or stakes to donate, you could drop them off at the CAC or at the main lobby at the Winchendon School. We can pick them up too."

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Winchendon Winds honors veterans



Greg Vine photos
American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 Commander Mark Desmarais salutes during the playing of the National Anthem during Winchendon Winds' "Honoring Our Veterans" concert Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Church

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon Winds, under the direction of Dr. James Chesebrough, provided their final concert of the summer Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Central Street. The last of three performances was entitled Honoring Our Veterans.

As was the case for the first two performances, the concert opened with the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. This time, however, the playing of the National Anthem was accompanied by the color guard of American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193.

Other offerings presented during the first half of the concert included American Salute by Morton Gould. This



A member of Winchendon Winds' horn section performing the National Anthem during Sunday's concert honoring the town's veterans.

was followed by Joseph Wilcox Jenkins' American Overture, Irish Tune from County Derry by Percy Aldridge Grainger, 2nd Regiment Connecticut National Guard by David Wallace Reeves, and Samuel Ward's America the Beautiful.

At the conclusion of the first half of the concert the names of Winchendon veterans in attendance were read and veterans asked to stand for recognition. Veterans in attendance included: Army Spec 4 Wally Wilcox; Army Spec 5 Joe Westberry; Army 1st Lt. Ray Castrolotta; Air Force Sgt. Rick Ward; Army Spec 4 Eugene Wilber; Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Charles Brault; Air Force Airman 1st Class William Hunt; Air Force Sgt. Scott Gauthier; Marine Corps Sgt. Kevin Gauthier; Army Cpl. Frank Larson; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Gerry Couture; Army Spec 5 Dennis Casavant; Marine Corps Cpl. David Casavant; Army

Spec 5 David Johnson; Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Mark Desmarais and Army Lt Colonel Lorenzo Sordon.

Veterans who are also members of Winchendon Winds were: Air Force Master Sgt. David Dell; Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William J. Schilp, and Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mark Stanaford.

Veterans in attendance asking not to be announced during the roll call were also recognized.

Following a brief intermission, the concert resumed with the playing of Arsenal by Jan van der Roost. Frank Ticheli's popular hymn Amazing Grace followed. The performance then concluded with Washington Post March and Semper Fidelis, both by John Philip Sousa, American Patrol by F.W. Meacham, and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

A post-concert smorgasbord of food items was provided by the Post 193 Ladies Auxiliary.



Oboes and sax contributed to the rich sound of Sunday's performance by Winchendon Winds.



Some of Winchendon's veterans at Sunday's "Honoring Our Veterans" concert stand to be recognized.

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Ramona M. Gilbert and Keith Gilbert to Mortgage Amenities Corp., dated October 29, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37719, Page 38, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Amenities Corp. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37965, Page 134, subsequently assigned to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-GEL4 by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48516, Page 27, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-GEL4 by Wells Fargo Bank N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56442, Page 318 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on July 27, 2018 at 199 Mill Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Winchendon bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the Northerly line of Mill Street at a corner of land now or formerly of L. N. Hoar; Thence North 15 degrees East one hundred twenty-three (123) feet more or less to land now or formerly of Eben B. Ellis; Thence on said Ellis land South 77 degrees East forty-one and seventy-five hundredth (41.75) to a corner; Thence North 13 degrees 15' East twenty-two (22) feet; Thence South 76 degrees 45' East sixty-five (65) feet; Thence South 13 degrees 15' West thirteen (13) feet; Thence south 76 degrees 45' East eleven and five tenths (11.5) feet; Thence South 18 degrees 30' West one hundred and thirty-nine (139) feet more or less to the Northerly line of Mill Street; Thence Westerly on line of said Mill Street one hundred and eleven and one-half (111-1/2) feet to the place of beginning. Reserving to Charles D. Ellis, his heirs and assigns the right to pass and repass over a strip of land seven and one-half (7-1/2) feet wide and extending the entire length of the line above described as S. 18 degrees 30' W one hundred and thirty-nine (139) feet and on the Westerly side of said line. Also conveying to the grantee his heirs and assigns the right to pass and repass

over a strip of land seven and one-half (7-1/2) feet wide on the Easterly side of the line last named. The two strips forming a right of way fifteen feet (15) wide. Being the same premises referred to in a Plan entitled "Compiled Plan of Land of Andre P. Belletete, Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch = 30 feet, June 28, 1971 Michael S. Szoc, Surveyor", said plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 354, Plan. 48. For my title, see Book 34520, at Page 25.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-GEL4 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys,
ORLAND PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
16-011281
July 6, 2018
July 13, 2018
July 20, 2018

**LEGAL AUCTION
PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

By virtue of the right granted by the statute, the Massachusetts Code Section 105A, the enforcement of satisfying the lien of Winchendon Central Storage, for storage and expenses will be sold at public auction on July 30 2018 9am. All and singular, the furnishings, household furniture and equipment of James Angelos storage bay #24, Sarah Wells #P18, Heath Arsenault #P6 and Frank Lema #69.

All items sold will be cash or certified check only. Auction to be held at Winchendon Central Storage 234 Lincoln Ave Winchendon Ma 01475
July 13, 2018
July 20, 2018

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT**

18 SM 003857

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Daniel Hayward
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3901 *et seq.*:
U.S. Bank National Association
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon numbered 46 Monomonac Road East, given by Anthony A. Weaver to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Federal Savings Bank of Boston, dated May 1, 2013, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50845, Page 198, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of 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 **AUG 20 2018** 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 **JUL 03 2018**
Attest: /s/ Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder
July 20, 2018

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT**

18SM002655

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
David C. Prouty Jr.
a/k/a David Prouty Jr.
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 *et seq.*:
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 641 Alger Street, given by David C. Prouty Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as Nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, dated January 30, 2014, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51993, Page 144, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated November 16, 2016, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56583, Page 346, and now held by the 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 August 27, 2018 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 said Court on July 12, 2018.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
11961
July 20, 2018

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Mylec... and the Little Orange Ball



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Few towns can claim to be the birthplace of a modern sport. Winchendon holds this rare distinction thanks to the creative vision of Ray Leclerc, the “Father of Street Hockey.”

Some fifty years ago, Ray was already running a successful plastic toy business that produced everything from Star Trek guns to miniature Army men with parachutes. Most of these were manufactured at his Ray Plastics factory, formerly the White Woolen Mill, a 100,000 square foot

complex situated on Mill Circle in Winchendon Springs. Ray was always looking for new product ideas, and as an ice hockey player, he explored options to play the same type of sport off the ice.

The off-ice version of hockey needed different equipment. Ray channeled his plastic molding know-how into creating the first ever plastic-tipped hockey stick, which was initially used with a hockey puck. It became clear that they needed something that rolled rather than slid. The traditional hockey puck gave way to tennis balls filled with rice, and further experimentation with rotational plastic molding yielded the ideal, No-Bounce® orange ball.



From hockey puck to orange ball

In 1970 Ray formed a second company, Mylec, to produce street hockey equipment, and built a rink behind Ray Plastics, where the first street hockey leagues played. He engaged NHL legends Phil and Tony Esposito as spokespersons. And the sport took off.

Ricky Laperriere, current president and owner of Mylec, grew up in the Spring Village neigh-

borhood abutting Ray Plastics, playing in the grassy fields in front of the factory. Little could he have known, when Ray approached him and his friends in the late 1960s looking for a group to “play test” a new type of hockey stick, that his career would be born. Ricky eventually joined Mylec and worked his way up through the ranks, crediting much of his business acumen to both Ray and his son Richard. He purchased Mylec from Ray and Richard Leclerc in 2005.

One of Ricky’s initial concerns was the sprawling, aging factory at Mill Circle. Workers wore sweatshirts in the drafty building and some product traveled up to five miles before it went out the door.

A lifelong Winchendon resident, Ricky was determined to keep his business in town, and in 2011 he built a new facility on Commercial Drive, off Route 140. There he had room to install two state-of-the-art street hockey rinks and bring league play back to town. Some 30 youth and adult Winchendon-based teams use the complex. Tournament play, such as the Youth Mylec Cup being held from July 25-29, brings in teams from in from Quebec, Pittsburgh, Long Island and across New England.

Today, Mylec has



Jill Sackett photos

Mylec’s first street hockey stick packaging, Ricky Laperriere in foreground



Ricky Laperriere displays vintage and modern street hockey sticks at the Mylec rink

evolved to a broad product line offering a full array of street hockey equipment, as well as cross-over equipment for ice hockey, baseball and soccer. You’ll find Mylec products at Dick’s and Modell’s Sporting Goods stores, and online through Target and Amazon. Their specialty plastic hockey rink flooring can be purchased directly from Mylec and finds its way into gyms and residential garages.

And the little orange ball? It is now available in four color-coded hardnesses to play in a wide range of outdoor temperatures. In May of

this year it was named the Official Ball for all tournament play for the 50 member nations of the International Street and Ball Hockey Federation. It looks like it’s here to stay.

Winchendon. Birthplace of street hockey and a legacy that stayed in town. Locally yours.

Locally Yours is a column dedicated to profiling local businesses and enterprises that serve Winchendon. If you would like your business profiled, please contact Ruth DeAmicis at the Winchendon Courier: ruth@stonebridgepress.news

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