

Dancing her way to work

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Maybe you've driven up Route 202 from Waterville towards town and seen her. And if you have, maybe you've asked yourself, "who is that and what is she doing?"

Who is she? What's she doing? She's Candyce Gomez and she's, yes, dancing to work at Subway.

"I can't dance. I have no idea how it started," laughed Gomez. "On nice days, I liked to walk to work rather than drive. It was good exercise and got me in the right frame of mind and it beat going to the gym."

"So I put my headphones on, found music I liked on Spotify, downloaded the songs and started dancing, even though, really, I can't dance," Gomez insisted.

"It was really spontaneous. I do it almost every day as long as the weather's nice. You kind of 'feel the mood'."

And yes, sometimes people respond.

"One time there was this van of kids up near the (now Fidelity) bank and they were cheering. I've heard air horns too. I'm definitely not doing it to show off. Not at all. It's just a good relaxing way to get to work and I've always been pretty serious about exercise," stressed Gomez.

As a mom of three, how do her children react?

"She's a grown woman. She can do whatever she wants," shrugged

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Greg Vine photo

Candyce Gomez gets caught by the photographer doing one last spin before entering her job.

Outreach meeting for proposed cannabis retailers Monday

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A community outreach meeting for all three applicants for Winchendon's three adult use marijuana retail licenses will be held Monday in the auditorium at the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each applicant has been allotted about 15 minutes for its presentation but, if state guidelines regarding the kind of information that should be presented is any indication, it is likely the meeting will last substantially longer than 45 minutes.

Information provided by the state's Cannabis Control Commission states that "essential information" presented by the applicants should include about a dozen items, including whether the applicant is moving into an existing building or constructing a new one, and whether the premises will comply with security requirements laid out by state law. Other items to be addressed should include what steps will be taken by the retail cannabis operators to "prevent diversion to minors," assurances a retail operation won't "constitute a

nuisance to the community," plans for operators to "positively impact the community," and compliance with municipal zoning regulations and other pertinent local bylaws or ordinances.

The first scheduled meeting is for a proposed retail marijuana establishment at 350 Baldwinville State Road-Route 202, the location of the former Stuff 'N' Things retail store. The name of the proposed business is AC3, LLC. On the corporation's application, Stephen Chiasson is named chief operations officer and director of security and compliance, Anthony Parrinello is strategic advisor, and the owner is listed as Jason Dodge.

The meeting scheduled for 7:15 p.m. will address the application of Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc. The business would occupy the former State Line Auction building at 703 School Street-Route 12, about a mile south of the New Hampshire border. The property is owned by Bernie Feldman, who is also listed as owner of the new busi-

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Tag team of King and Keene ready



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New Murdock High School Vice Principal Charles Keene and new Principal Thad King. Both say they're looking forward to the school year with enthusiasm.

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Exuding energy and enthusiasm, Principal Thad King and Assistant Principal Charlie Keene are settling into their new jobs at Murdock High School, but they're not going to be spending a lot of time simply sitting in their offices.

"We're going to engage. We're going to engage with the students, we're going to engage with the community, we're going to engage with everyone in the building," promised King.

Engagement's a good strate-

gy in the era of school choice and the duo is developing a plan which essentially boils down to answering the question, as King put it, "how do we keep kids here at Murdock?" That means having in-person conversations with families, including those who've opted to leave via school choice next year. Home visits for freshmen? That's not out of the question, either.

"I think of it in terms of recruitment," said King, pointing out in a school with around 300 students, there's no reason administrators can't get to know pretty

much everyone.

"You can't do that at a school with 2,000 kids, but you can here," stressed Keene.

"That's going to include getting to know middle school students too," he added, "because they're the ones you're recruiting and I'm a face-to-face person."

Getting to know everyone is a luxury afforded to neither King nor Keene in their most recent jobs in Lowell and Andover respectively. King had spent 12 years in the Lowell system was looking for something entirely different.

"I didn't want to do urban anymore. I wanted to be in a more rural, quieter system. Certainly every school system has its own challenges but it will be a different kind of challenge. After I saw this opening and looked into it, I didn't even apply anywhere else. This is where I wanted to be," he stressed.

Keene felt likewise. While King has experience as a principal on the middle school level, this is Keene's first crack in an administrative role.

"I'm excited," said the former English teacher. "This feels like an interesting community and the people I've met in the building are the kind you want in a faculty."

As for the Murdock Academy for Success, King and Keene are strongly supportive. King has been at a so-called "alternative"

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Greg Vine photo

A meeting was held Tuesday to discuss a "wayfinding plan" for the Winchendon Village District, the area along and around Central Street. The plan will include development of design standards for facade and signage in the downtown area. (l-r) Emmy Hahn, program coordinator for the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative; Mark Favermann of Favermann Design, an urban planning and design consulting firm; Winchendon Director of Planning and Development Tracy Murphy, and; Chantelle Fleck, Winchendon's Planning Agent. Others in attendance included members of the town's Community Economic Development Steering Committee and Redevelopment Authority, as well as interest residents.

Town takes first step in 'way finding' plan

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In March, it was announced that the town of Winchendon had been awarded a \$15,000 Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Technical Assistance Program grant to pay for consulting services, with an eye toward developing a strategy for signage to promote local business and amenities.

On Tuesday, MDI Program Director Emmy Hahn and Mark Favermann, the consultant hired by the state to assist the town in its efforts, met with Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy, Planning Agent Chantelle Fleck, members of the Community Economic Development Steering Committee and Redevelopment Authority, and Winchendon residents to start developing a strategy for implementation of a so-called "way finding" plan. Favermann operates the

Boston-based urban planning and design consulting firm Favermann Design.

"A lot of urban planners like to take a global view of planning," said Favermann. "My interest is in human-scaled planning; things like way finding, branding, streetscapes, public art. Such things may seem small-scale, but they're the kinds of things that help make a community livable, inviting."

Favermann said Phase I of the plan is to look at ideas for improving signage for downtown Winchendon.

"We want to look at ideas," he said. "We want the community to get involved, to have people describe Winchendon as they see it. From there we'll develop a map of the businesses and places the community wants to highlight, then move on to the design and placement

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Updated voting registration bill moves through Legislature

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There's been a lot of discussion about how to make voting easier, and the Massachusetts House took steps towards doing just that by passing a bill creating an automatic voter registration system.

The legislation, which still awaits Senate action, would automatically update voter

registration when the voters tells the RMV about a change of address or other changes. Almost 700,000 state residents are eligible to vote but aren't registered.

"It's a win for democracy, it's a win for security and it's a win for voters," said Pam Wilmot, executive director of Common Cause Massachusetts. Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) voted in

favor of the measure.

The bill has a ways to go before becoming law. Secretary of State Bill Galvin said he wants the Senate to approve, and Gov. Charlie Baker to sign the legislation quickly so it will be in effect before the state's 2020 presidential primary, but there appears to be no imme-

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WEEKLY QUOTE

My little dog - a heartbeat at my feet.

Edith Wharton



CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday July 13

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 13: Midnight Sharp: Classic and alternative rock and blues.

Ed the Wizard comes to Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. lead a Rocket Building Workshop at 2:00 pm. Learn how to build air-powered rockets and airplanes and the basic properties of flight. Test your skills for flight length,

accuracy, controlled banks, turns and stunts. Space in the workshop is limited to 30 Rocketeers. Participants are urged to arrive on time.

Saturday July 14

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.

Sunday, July 15

SUMMER CONCERT: Winchendon Winds, a 40-piece professional concert band, holds the last of three summer concerts at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church,

126 Central St. This special concert, "Honoring Our Veterans" will include a color guard and a roll call of veterans who are present. Come hear some of the most stirring and fervent American music ever composed to honor those who fought for our country. A reception will be held on the front lawn following the concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

Tuesday July 17

STORY TIME: The library presents a Rock n' Roll Storytime on Tuesday, July 17 at 4:00 pm. at the Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. Join us for a fun and interactive storytime with songs, dancing and homemade instruments for all the little ones involved.

Thursday July 19

LEARN ABOUT MUSIC: On Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m., author Craig Harris will be "Unraveling

America's Musical Roots" at the Beals Memorial Library with a multimedia and participatory program based on his latest book, *Bluegrass, Newgrass, Old-time, and Americana Music*. This informative presentation combines archival audio, rare film, well-researched storytelling, and collective music-making into an informative presentation that takes participants from old-time Appalachian string bands and bluegrass pioneers to newgrass innovators and beyond.

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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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THIS SUNDAY'S CONCERT
Regarding our third and final Winchendon Winds summer concert at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday, July 15, titled "Honoring Our Veterans," we indeed hope it will be a well-attended and special event. We will begin the concert with the presentation of colors by the American Legion Color Guard of Winchendon. We will feature a variety of patriotic marches, hymns and other American tunes. During the concert, we will individually recognize every veteran present with a "roll call". Veterans who wish to be recognized can fill out a form listing their name, rank, and branch of service. The forms will be available at the concert. Following the concert the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion will be hosting a reception on the front lawn open to all.

BEALS PLANS MUSIC HISTORY PROGRAM
On Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 pm, Craig Harris, author of *The Band: Pioneers of Americana Music*, will be offering a multimedia and participatory program entitled, *Unraveling America's Musical Roots*, at the Beals Memorial Library in Winchendon. This informative presentation will take participants from old-time

Appalachian string bands and bluegrass pioneers to newgrass innovators and beyond. The talk, based on Harris' latest book, *Bluegrass, Newgrass, Old-time, and Americana Music* (Pelican Publishing, May 2018), combines audio archives, rare film footage, well-researched storytelling, and collective music-making into a program that fans of Americana Music will not want to miss. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Beals Memorial Library. For more information, please call the library at 978-297-0300. The Beals is located on 50 Pleasant St. in Winchendon.

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 WORCESTER — The following local students have been named to the Worcester State University Dean's List for Spring 2018. Dean's list honors are awarded to matriculated undergraduate students who have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. Full-time students must have earned a minimum of 12 credits and part-time students must have earned a minimum of 6 credits. **ASHBURNHAM:** Elizabeth C Dugas, Symantha M Vallee. **GARDNER:** Katy J Dumas, Arren M Mierzejewski, Hannah R Parker, Sarah B Savoy. **TEMPLETON:** Michelle M Beaulieu, Clothilde M Donarumo,

Victoria M Donarumo. **WINCHENDON:** Ivana G Bellorardo, Joseph F Clark, Elise E Lemieux, Victoria M Lemire, Scott A Page.

DURHAM, NH — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2018 semester. Delaney Payne of Athol with Highest Honors;

Skylar Preston-White of Fitzwilliam with Highest Honors; also from Fitzwilliam, with honors: Summer Pouliot, and Joshua Joslyn. From Jaffrey with Highest Honors: Laura Howard, Peter White, and Brandon Smith; Philip Bangma of Jaffrey with High Honors; and from Rindge with Highest Honors: Andrew Pierce, Elizabeth Valcourt and Autumn Bennett. Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

GREAT BARRINGTON — Each semester, Bard College at Simon's Rock recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. Olivia Hunt, of Winchendon has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must carry 14 or more credits and achieve a grade point average of 3.5.

HAMDEN CT — Brittany Rondeau of Jaffrey earned a Bachelor of Science, nursing and Hannah Buckjune of Rindge earned a Bachelor of Science, nursing on May 19-20 from Quinnipiac University.

CHICOPEE — Derek Waid of Winchendon has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester at Elms College in Chicopee. To make the Dean's List, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in 12 or more qualifying credits of study during the semester.

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How-To Prep Your Home for Vacation

You aren't the only one who needs to prep for vacation. Your home, too, needs a bit of special attention before you head out of town. The following tips from Harts Services can help you ready your space before you hit the road.

Change the setting on the water heater - There is no need to heat water in an empty home. A lot of homeowners don't realize their water heater may have a vacation mode for this very purpose. Prior to leaving, adjust the water heater to vacation mode. If the water heater does not have a vacation mode,



HOME MATTERS
DARLENE ROSSI

turn the temperature down. This will save a significant amount of money on utility bills.

Turn off the water while you're away - The last thing you want is to come home to a high bill due to a leak, or worse, flooding. If there's an emergency water shut-off valve in a convenient location, that can be used to turn off the water supply. If not, special tools can be inexpensively purchased and used to shut the water off at the water meter, usually in the yard close to the road. The last thing anyone needs is a water pipe leaking doz-

ens or hundreds of gallons of water every day while they're away.

Clean garbage disposals - Garbage disposals can be a great tool for cleaning up. They can also store nasty odors and bits of food that attract pests. Homemade remedies to flush this out can include warm water, vinegar and/or baking soda. Flushing the garbage disposal before departure means no smelly surprises are waiting for your return.

Treat stagnant water in toilet - Water left inactive in the toilet can produce a foul odor and a difficult to remove ring that forms around the toilet bowl. To prevent this, place ½ cup of bleach in the toilet bowl just before leaving home.

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Summertime fun continues at Beals

The Beals Memorial Library in Winchendon continues to rock with several more weeks of upcoming summertime programs for kids, teens and adults.

On Friday, July 13, Ed the Wizard comes to lead a Rocket Building Workshop at 2:00 pm. Learn how to build air-powered rockets and airplanes and the basic properties of flight. Test your skills for flight length, accuracy, controlled banks, turns and stunts. Space in the workshop is limited to 30 Rocketeers. Participants are urged to arrive on time.

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On Saturday, July 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, the 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 \$8.00 for dad, \$2.00 for the first daughter, and \$1.00 for each additional daughter. Proceeds benefit the renovation of the library's 100 year-old circulation desk.

The 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.

The crazy Rock n' Roll energy of the Toe Jam Puppet Band returns to the library on Friday, July 27 at 2:00 pm. Join them as they entertain us with a unique combination of original songs, dance, storytelling and just plain old good-time fun.

Thursday, August 2 brings Neon Tie-Dyeing to the library lawn at 2:00 pm. Have a boring white shirt or pillowcase? Put some neon zing into them. Everyone is welcome to join in this wearable fun! Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

The next night, Friday, August 3 at 7:00 pm, brings author and stonemason, Kevin Gardner, to talk on the subject of the stone walls of New England, touching on the history, techniques, stylistic development and aesthetics of our region's ubiquitous stone walls. He explains how and why we came to acquire these structures and their significance to our famous landscape.

The last event of the summer happens on the evening of Thursday, August 23, as the library celebrates with a family picnic and movie on the library lawn. Bring you blankets, picnic baskets and your loved ones to a fun and relaxing night of music, munching and a movie. We'll be watching the film, *A Wrinkle in Time*, and free popcorn will be served.

These programs are funded in part by the Winchendon Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library. For more information call the library at



Courtesy photo

Ed the Wizard will be at Beals Memorial Library

978-297-0300. The library is located at 50 Pleasant Street in Winchendon.

Fitzwilliam community announces summer news

THE FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Our weekly Bible Study on Wednesday mornings will be suspended during the summer and will resume in the fall.

We will co-sponsor the fourth annual Empty Bowl Dinner at the Fitzwilliam Depot alongside the FDNA and Fleur de Lis Camp on Friday, July 20th from 5 to 7 pm. Money raised by this event benefit local hunger projects. Last year over \$1,000 was raised. We are hoping to do even better this year. Bowls made by local potters will be available for purchase at various prices, which includes soup or salad, bread and beverage. If you do not wish to purchase a bowl, the price of the dinner is \$5. Anyone interested in making a soup or salad for the event or any potter willing to make bowls, please call Barbara Brooks at (603) 585-6842 or email bbrooks625@gmail.com.

On Sunday, July 15 at 3 pm the Fitzwilliam Community Church Concert Series will host Evan Foisy. Evan plays both piano and guitar, and sings; classical piano, contemporary and classics on the guitar/vocals, as well as some acoustic Christian worship songs. He plays for a few venues regularly, including the King Phillip Restaurant in Phillipston and the Fitzwilliam Inn! He is a full-time firefighter for the town of Concord and is married to wife Felisha Foisy. They have two boys who are 2 and 8 and live on a small farm in Royalston. Please join us at the concert. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and

our music program. There will also be a reception with lots of good food downstairs after the concert, so you can meet the performers.

FITZWILLIAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Fitzwilliam Historical Society's 43rd annual Antiques Show & Sale will be held on Saturday, July 21 on the Common in Fitzwilliam, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes free parking. For more information or directions call Gary Taylor (603) 585-6688, Kris Casucci (508) 341-6870 or email fitzwilliamantiqueshow@gmail.com. Be sure to follow Fitzwilliam Historical Society on Facebook for dealer photos and news about the show.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Show. Please contact Marcia Camden, (603) 585-6728 or cammarly@hotmail.com, if you are able to help.

Membership forms will be available and can also be picked up at the Library for those who would like to join our organization.

FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH'S SUMMERTIME FLEA MARKET

Plans are being made for the 30th annual Flea Market that fills the town common in scenic Fitzwilliam village. This year, the market will be held on Saturday, Aug. 11. The Flea Market is "rain or shine" and runs from 8 am to 2 pm. There is an early morning coffee station, bake table and lunch station for hungry shoppers and vendors. Antiques, Crafters, Artists and Flea Market items will be available. Come

see the great deals on items donated to the church for sale and all the wonderful and unique items for sale from the vendors on the church lawn and beautiful Fitzwilliam Town Green. Please support the Church as the Church supports the Community. Come join the fun.

The planning committee has 12' x 12' spaces for rent for \$25. There are spaces on the town common and on the church's front lawn. Vendors may begin set-up at 6:30 am but selling begins at 8 am. Vendors are responsible for providing their own display tables, canopies and/or umbrellas. No electricity is available. Spaces are going fast. For more information contact Susan Bemis (603) 585-9425 or Barbara Brooks (603) 585-6842.

We are also looking for donations for the church's flea market table. Please no clothing (save them for our fall Rummage sale!) or electronics! Donations can be dropped off at the church from Aug. 6 through Aug. 10 from 9am to 7pm.

HISTORICAL NOTES by Bob Corrette OUR LOST HISTORY

A century has passed since the end of the First World War (1914-19). It doesn't seem that long ago, when these veterans were around with us. Today they are all gone, and we have lost that period in our town's history.

They have become the forgotten generation and the forgotten World War. It was a time before the ballpoint pen, sliced bread and TV, along with the "New Deal."

Those who lived through that era still continue to shape our culture today. To fill the pages of our town's history from that period in time, the Historical Society needs your help. If you can add information, please contact Kate Thomas at the Library or Bob Corrette at the Fitzwilliam Historical Society.

We have added an email address for the Historical Society. To contact us, please send your email to fitzwilliam-historicalsociety@gmail.com.

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Admission is free for the Art Festival and a \$10 donation is suggested to attend the benefit concert at night. The event is held at 200 Partridgeville Road., East Templeton.

The Estelle R. Ford Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is completely dependent on donations and volunteers.

Proceeds go to the scholarship fund to provide community-service-based scholarships to nursing students. Established in 2016 by John Ford and Marjorie Fischer, the fund awards scholarships to qualified second, third or fourth year students from local nursing programs.

"This is our major yearly fundraiser and we are thankful for the support of our volunteers, artists, and musicians," said Marjorie Fischer, co-chair for the Scholarship Fund.

Some of the artists participating include Fiber Frolic, Ben Dworski-Riggs, Jean Christine Crafts, Milioto Concessions, Paulmark Greeting Card Company and more. Musicians include Michael McDermott, Jesse Terry, and Connor Garvey along with other local musicians. We have "Pay It Forward" vendors such as Team Unstoppable, Samaritan's Purse and J.M. Sheridan, all of which stand behind noble causes and assist others in raising awareness for people with autism, physical disabilities, children in need to name just a few.

Web: <https://www.erffuturenurses-scholarshipfund.org/events>

Farm tours in the works: 14 farms in all DRAGIN: DRagging AGRiculture INto your world

In the old days, "There be dragons here!" on a map indicated the unknown. Look at an old map of Massachusetts and that's how North Worcester County was labeled. Not anymore!

Starting on July 22 farms in four communities in North Worcester County will be open to the public, offering visitors an up-close look at the region's diverse farming community.

Want to find out where local food is produced and meet the farmers? Want to see alpacas and goats? Interested in learning more about farming using innovative, sustainable techniques that produce high-quality foods, soaps and other products? Want an excuse to get out into the country and explore a part of the state you may not be familiar with? Here's your chance.

The farm tour is being coordinated by the Agriculture Commissions of the participating towns; the tour dates include:

- July 22 – Westminster – 3 farms
- August 5 – Lunenburg – 4 farms
- August 12 – Ashburnham – 4 farms and Templeton – 3 farms

"The Rocky and Rocketta DRAGIN Progressive Farm Tour will give the public a great opportunity to learn more about the incredibly diverse farming and agriculture that is happening in their back yard," said Heather Bowen, spokesperson for the Progressive Farm Tour.

"Whether it is

fruits and vegetables, eggs, dairy, or livestock, we have some amazing farms in North Worcester County that are producing some of the best food in the state. The Farm Tour is a way to showcase the region's agricultural community as a whole and help explain the important role farms play in the larger economic and societal fabric of the state."

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EDITORIAL

Taking the heat

The week five journalists were killed by a single gunman in Maryland, we had already written our editorial; perhaps a frivolous piece because we were pressed for time due to early deadlines coming up on a holiday and...the tragedy happened on a Thursday.

But we felt it. We all felt it. It was not a Happy Fourth of July for us.

It drives home just how important this job is. And while we are small, and very community oriented, and weekly not daily, and we struggle with having enough writers to cover events, and we appreciate and value the help of citizen-volunteer-public relations people who provide us with information and photos when we can't get everywhere, it just underlines how very important it is that local newspapers survive.

Do we make mistakes?
Yes. We do.
And we try to own up to them as quickly as we can and rectify them when possible.

We miss stories, we miss important events, we miss meetings, we know; we know.

You are 'preaching to the choir' here. But as we read through the heart-breaking news about the Capital Gazette and the people hurt and killed, it sounded just like any of the people who work here at Stonebridge Press. Writers, editors, sports people, advertising people.

The fellow who opened fire had a grudge against the newspaper itself. Felt he had been wronged by something printed. And just kept nagging about

it. It kept nagging him too apparently. Even taking it to court, where he lost. He was considered a "crank" of sorts, though some took him seriously enough to talk to police about him.

And we can relate. We've had more than one threat at one or two of our newspapers in the past. Had a side mirror broken on a car, though no 'proof' as to how that happened and by whom except it did come in the middle of rancorous local political haranguing.

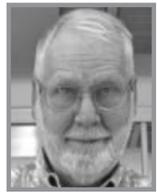
Editors try very hard to stay neutral in the middle of local political "stuff." That's why it has been a policy, at least by this editor, not to endorse candidates. We think anyone with enough chutzpah to run deserves a shot.

And we have always said if it came through in the letters to the editor bashing us or praising us, it is all good; because it means at least they took the time to actually read us and have an opinion about it.

So we tip our hats and bow our heads in mutual sorrow with the folks at Capital Gazette, and with due respect if you remember Charlie Hedbo, and a couple of television anchors a few years ago shot right on the air as they were reporting, by a disgruntled fellow employee.

Perhaps not as dangerous as journalist of our acquaintance who left his home in Egypt under death threats for his work attempting to write there; but that's a story for a different time and a different atmosphere.

And thank you President Trump for the recognition of allowing the flags to fly half-staff on July 3 in their honor.

IN THAT
GREAT
TIME
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PARTICK
MOON

When I co-lead the Model UN Club in our middle school, the first concept I taught was sovereignty. The core meaning was the supreme authority of every state to control its own government and to maintain order. It included the right to define its borders and immigration policies. Students in our sanctuary city grappled with what this meant, because everyone knew someone like "Carlos"...

Carlos chooses a seat in the back of the class behind a broad shouldered student with a modified "Afro". His smile is infectious but I notice that during class discussions, he slides down in his seat and avoids eye contact with me. He has come to my attention because his first writing assignment is incomprehensible - verbs and nouns trip on each other and I sense a narrative rather than read it.

Carlos does not understand English. He can speak it...I hear the platitudes and slang and good-natured ribbing with classmates coming into my room, but it is a cover, it is a mask. His saunter and slouch mirror adolescent aloofness, but there is no mistaking the darting eyes and pained grin...he is drowning in a language he barely understands, expending megawatts of energy pretending to know and to fit in.

Carlos, what is your story?
It is important that my students tell their stories because our story is how we locate ourselves in this confusion of a life. Language structures the world and our place in it.

After a few short assessments, I begin the school year with memoir so that my students, many of whom do not speak English at home, can reflect on how they found themselves sitting in my class in Chelsea, Massachusetts, a long way from their Aunt Rosita in San Juan, their sister in Guatemala, their best friends in Honduras.

But the task of memoir is fraught with problems. There is the story of course: Do I tell the adult what I think he wants to hear, or do I trust him with the truth, as I know it? Geeze, what does he mean by "my story?" Who is he? If I figure out what "my story" is, how will this teacher use it?

I do not have much time to connect with Carlos in a meaningful way. Three assignments from now, he will begin to feel even more inadequate, and if the wrong student sees his attempt at a story, the laughter may drive him into the arms of those who have already lost hope of any success in school.

By the third class, Carlos has found an

"Carlos"

ally in Hector, and the two whisper back and forth in Spanish, barely able to follow simple directions. Hector is more brazen. He has an older brother in jail and seems attracted to the tougher boys who smirk and laugh as their disrespect gets teacher attention. Carlos is different. He wants to succeed, but sustained effort with little success is beginning to take a toll on his ability to focus. It is time for "the talk".

Carlos hears the message after school: I know that he has great difficulty with English but I am patient and it is my job to find a way for him to succeed. I expect effort.

"Do you know what 'effort' means?"
There follows my short, carefully worded "ways to succeed in my class" speech, modified for simplicity and clarity. Effort is plugged, repeated, underlined, and repeated again. He is respectful. Contribute. He nods.

Now in class, Carlos watches me closely to see how I deal with a range of behaviors. He comically mimics my raised eyebrow and vocal patterns to a "t". His laugh makes others laugh. Ever so slowly his English improves and he drops hints to see my reaction, but it is still breathtaking to hear the story told in bits and pieces over the year: the walk from Guatemala to Mexico, slipping across the United States border, making his way to New York City and a cousin, the car trip to Chelsea, the fierce determination to send for his sister, the fear of deportation that haunts his dreams. He is fifteen going on thirty, and I am in awe of his courage...and every day he defines effort by his existence. It is a fierce victory.

This was the kind of person person I wanted as a neighbor, a fellow citizen, someone driven to succeed, whose life was graced by an understanding of compassion.

I taught memoir because I believed that the greatest stories lie within us, where no eyes shine but ours. To find the truth, you must first tell the fiction you need to hear, then find the hollow feeling, the empty words, and keep telling the fiction until the sadness wells to tears and the tears to truth.

Now many years later, I watch in agony as children are separated from the only caretaker they know, and dispatched across the country to live behind cages, like the epithet thrown at them from President Trump, like "animals." My students from long ago would not be surprised. But I hope they remember the concept of sovereignty even as they struggle with the promise of the Statue of Liberty to the "tired and hungry yearning to be free."

For me, illegal immigration, a misdemeanor, had a face: young, determined, and with an infectious laugh.



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ONE MORE
THING...
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GREG
VINE

"The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism." - Norman Vincent Peale, American minister, author

Several weeks ago, a friend of mine said his wife wanted to know why I can never seem to say anything positive about our president. A fair question, to be sure. I've honestly pondered the query a great deal since it was posed.

"What about his tax cuts?" ask his supporters. Well, if all I cared about was a few extra bucks in my pocket maybe I'd be a big fan. But I'd like to think I'm big enough to care about more than my own narrow self-interest.

Well, Donald Trump himself

answered the question for me at a July 5 political rally in Montana; what the Washington Post referred to as "a gasp-worthy disaster."

Never mind that Mr. Trump has sparked an unnecessary, ill-advised trade war, taken a hammer to the alliances that have insured the security of western democracy for seven decades, and seems intent on returning us to the days of smoke-belching smoke stacks, closeted gays, distrust of immigrants, and back-alley abortions - just to name a few points of disagreement.

The Montana rally served to underscore that our president lacks the character we have historically sought in our nation's leader. He has no honor.

Not only did he go after cancer-stricken Senator John McCain, he also found it nec-

essary to take a slap at former President George H. W. Bush, who recently lost his wife of 73 years, Barbara.

I guess it should come as no surprise that someone who racked up five deferments for "bone spurs," thus allowing him to avoid service in Vietnam, finds it easy to criticize one of the true heroes of that war. He finds it easy because McCain had the audacity to cast the vote that killed Trump's plans to repeal Obama Care. He finds it easy because, despite intense pressure from his Republican colleagues, McCain exhibited the kind of courage so completely lacking in himself. He finds it easy because Trump just cannot countenance anyone telling him he is wrong.

His slap at McCain, however, wasn't enough. He then turned his sights on the 41st president,

a 94-year-old man suffering from Parkinson's disease who is still grieving the loss of the love of his life, a hero in his own right who was shot down over the Pacific during World War II.

Somehow our dear leader found it necessary to mock one of the most memorable phrases in political history, spoken during George H. W. Bush's acceptance of the 1988 Republican presidential nomination: "A thousand points of light," Trump said. "What does that mean? I know one thing: Make America Great Again we understand. Putting America first we understand. A thousand points of light, I never quite got that one. What the hell is that? Has anyone ever figured that one out?"

Well, yes, Donald...most us had the intellectual agility to grasp "that one."

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and Bush 41 biographer John Meacham had the best response of anyone. In a tweet, Meacham explained: "Well, Mr. President, since you ask: it was an image of a nation illuminated by our better angels, offered by a man who gave his life to the service of that nation."

Even former President George W. Bush's one-time press secretary, Ari Fleischer, who often defends the presidential appearances on FoxNews, called the comment "rude."

His lack of class, his lack of compassion, his lack of interest in facts, his lack of any knowledge of or interest in history, his almost total lack of good character; that is why I find it so hard to say anything positive about the current occu-

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If I had a good reason to...

Civil War

I read recently that a few folks think that we are headed to a civil war in our country. As an historian, that got me to thinking about how a civil war might play out.

It was an obvious thing during the Great Civil War. One side occupied the northern part of the nation, and the other side occupied the southern part. Clearly, there was a dividing line, and it was easy to group the players on each side.

Today, how would a civil war work? Well, I cannot see any way for one to work. There is no geographic choice. The enemy is just down the street, or across town, or in the next state. The enemy might be your neighbor or best friend. How does one mount an army

from that geographic sample?

A civil war today would have to be seen as one between opposing ideas. To make it simpler than it is, between liberal thinking and conservative thinking. In other words, a war of ideas.

No artillery or armor needed.

The modern civil war would be fought with words like demonization, falsehoods, racism, Nazism, socialism, inhumanity --- the list could go on.

If anyone sees these ideas as appropriate underpinnings to bad behavior, then perhaps we are already involved

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in civil war in America. There is a great divide in our country.

Normally that would simply be resolved at the polls, and our great experiment in government would continue after the election. We would have a two year course correction if

needed, and we would move on. Unfortunately, we live in an era that cannot boast civility. You can see evidence of that reality everywhere. People no longer argue ideas; rather, they are involved in the need to demonize anyone with whom they disagree. That is a clear sign that people cannot defend

their ideas, so they simply attack the character, style, personality, religious beliefs or lack thereof, in those they challenge

It is a very weak way of moving forward. Let us assume there are only two sides to the current national arguments, even though we know there are more. Doesn't it make sense to let each side make its case, intellectually, and then let the people decide at the polls?

All this sturm und drang in which we are currently involved simply does not honor who we were and who we are and who we might yet be as a nation.

I hope we can find our way back to basic civility and respect, as well as to intelligent discourse about differing ideas.



Campaign Notes: Trahan in the area

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

With the Massachusetts Sept. 4 primary now less than two months away, campaigns are heating up along with the weather. One especially hot race is the Democratic primary in the Third congressional district, a seat currently held by the retiring Nikki Tsongas.

Last week, one of the candidates visited the region. Lori Trahan made her way to Gardner with a definitive message.

"I think everyone's craving a new breed of leadership. I think the Democratic party needs to transition to the future and I'm excited to be a part of

that," she said.

"I'm the only one in the field that has experience working on Capitol Hill," observed Trahan, a former chief of staff for UMass Lowell President Marty Meehan when Meehan represented the district in Congress. Trahan currently runs a consulting firm with two other women focusing on improving opportunities for women and minorities in the private sector.

Trahan doesn't hesitate to use gender, either.

"I do think if you have more women at the table, better decisions will be made," she said.

She acknowledged there's not a great deal of ideological difference among the

candidates, but Trahan stressed she supports a Medicare-for-all single payer structure backed by former presidential contender Bernie Sanders. At the same time, Trahan said she realized that will be a difficult goal to achieve for now. Trahan also backs additional workforce training.

Aside from gender, Trahan pointed out she's the only candidate who has lived virtually their whole life in the district, having grown up in Lowell and now lives in Westford.

Trahan is third behind opponents Dan Koh (\$2.5 million) and Rufus Gifford (\$900,000) with \$850,000 in the bank, 60-percent of which she says has been raised in district.

Meanwhile Gifford, the only of the dozen candidates to have visited Winchendon, picked up the endorsement of the LGBTQ Victory Fund, the only national organization dedicated to electing openly LGBTQ candidates.

"I am thrilled and honored," said Gifford.

"We have made so much progress in the fight for LGBTQ equality but there is so much more policy and political work to be done and I will never stop fighting for our rights," he stressed.

Gifford received the organization's 'Game Changer' nod, awarded to candidates the Victory Fund believes have a chance to have an 'outsized impact' at the federal level.

Winchendon women celebrates a century

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On July 22, 1918, the bloody World War I battle of Soissons was grinding to an end, leaving nearly 90,000 German, French, British, and American soldiers dead in the valley of France's Aisne River. American planes were trying unsuccessfully to sink a German submarine off the Cape Cod town of Orleans, in Utah's Wasatch National Park, a lightning strike killed 504 sheep, and at Fenway Park the Red Sox were sweeping a double header against the Detroit Tigers.

Also, on July 22, 1918, Aureore Paradise - one child in a family that would come to number six girls and six boys - was being born in the city of Worcester.

To mark her first century on the planet, some 75 friends and relatives gathered last Saturday at Kamaloht in East Templeton to celebrate the impressive milestone. A steady stream of well-wishers made their way to her table to wish

the guest of honor a very happy birthday.

The event was put together by long-time friend Denise Janhunnen, who once owned and operated a nail salon in Winchendon.

"She used to walk to my salon on Front Street from her home on Pleasant Street," said Janhunnen. "When she wasn't able to walk to me, I started going to her house. But she made the walk to my salon until she was into her 80s. She loves having her nails done."

Aureore and her family moved to Winchendon when she was 12 years old. The farm they ran occupied a spot in the town's Waterville section. According to her son, Louis, his mother's main task on the farm was to clean the shades on the oil lamps.

Over the years, the centenarian held a number of jobs. She once worked at Atlas Fireworks in New Hampshire, owned and operated a dairy bar on School Street in Winchendon in the

Winchendon resident Aureore Paradise celebrates her 100th birthday on July 22. To mark the event, a celebration was held at Kamaloht in East Templeton last Saturday. With Paradise (l-r) are her son Louis and his wife Maureen, and good friend Denise Janhunnen.

Greg Vine photo



late 1960s and early 1970s, fed students as a member Murdock High School's cafeteria staff, and also sold Avon products.

Boston's two-game sweep of Detroit on that Monday in July must have been an omen, for Aureore grew up to be an avid Red Sox fan. The hall at Kamaloht was decorated in a Red Sox theme, her birthday cake was adorned with the Sox logo, and even her nails were painted in a Red Sox motif. She watches every game on TV.

In addition to her son Louis and his wife Maureen, Aureore has one grandchild and two great grandchildren.

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pant of the White House.

Worst of all, however, is that many of the people attending

that Montana rally - and, I'm sure, many more watching at home - laughed and cheered on the president's jeers at two great Americans; men with the moral fiber he so desperately lacks.

We know what his comments

say about President Trump's own character. But what does their acceptance, indeed their enthusiastic endorsement, of those comments say about so many of the people who still support him?

BILL

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diate timetable for the Senate to move. However, if the bill is to be passed this year, it must do so by the end of the month when the 2018 legislative session ends.

13 states, including Rhode Island and Vermont as well as the District of Columbia, have passed automatic voter registration laws.

The Senate passed legislation which would allow people seeking driver's licenses in the state to designate their gender as "X" rather than male or female. The

proposed law would apply to learner's permits as well.

"Everyone should be free to live their lives in the way they feel most comfortable," said Sen. Karen Spilka, the bill's sponsor.

"For those who do not fit neatly into the traditional categories of 'male' or 'female', a nonbinary option is a simple way to ensure their ID matches their true lived gender identity," added the Ashland Democrat.

The state senate approved the bill 36-1.

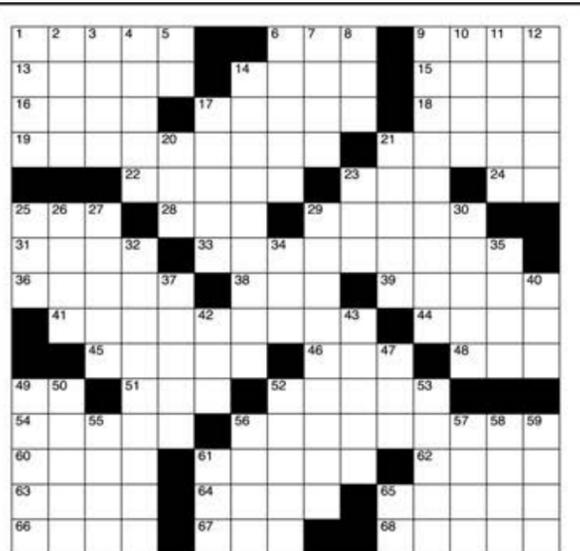
"It's a common-sense policy for modern-day Massachusetts," said Senate

President Harriette Chandler. The Massachusetts Family Institute opposed the bill.

"Drivers licenses are legal documents intended to reflect objective facts like height, date of birth, addresses and sex. They are not designed to be tools for the fulfillment of someone's sexual expression," said spokesperson Andrew Beckwith.

California, Maine, Oregon, and Washington DC already permit the X designation on driver's licenses.

The bill now goes to the House. Governor Baker has not taken a public stance on the matter.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Begetter
- 6. Arrived extinct
- 9. Lacking the power to hear
- 13. Epic
- 14. Aboriginal Japanese
- 15. Jar used for cooking
- 16. British nobleman
- 17. Smart
- 18. Israeli stateswoman
- 19. Outer space matter that reaches the ground
- 21. Instrument
- 22. Infections
- 23. Holiday (informal)
- 24. Spanish be
- 25. Not even
- 28. Chewie's friend Solo
- 29. Garments
- 31. Geological times
- 33. Music City
- 36. Cubes
- 38. Important Chinese principle
- 39. Closes tightly
- 41. Forms a boundary
- 44. Knife
- 45. Plants of the lily family
- 46. A turn around the track
- 48. Midway between northeast and east
- 49. Type of degree
- 51. Midway between north and northwest
- 52. Profession
- 54. Musical note patterns
- 56. Deeply cuts
- 60. Muharraq Island town
- 61. Emaciation
- 62. Weaver bird
- 63. One point east of northeast
- 64. Scherzer and Kershaw are two
- 65. Rice dish
- 66. Nasdaq code
- 67. Danish krone
- 68. Enzyme

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Carpe ___
- 2. Wings
- 3. Loose soil
- 4. Earnhardt and Jarrett are two
- 5. 3 feet
- 6. Fasts
- 7. Erstwhile
- 8. Diving seabird
- 9. Houses
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Type of skirt
- 12. Greek village
- 14. Estranges
- 17. Scottish island
- 20. Express delight
- 21. Cosmopolitan city
- 23. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 25. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 26. Flow
- 27. Shoal-forming fishes
- 29. Footwear parts
- 30. Schedule of events
- 32. Songs to one's sweetheart
- 34. Test for high schoolers
- 35. Enthusiasm
- 37. Streets have them
- 40. One point east of due south
- 42. Cut the grass
- 43. Rattling breaths
- 47. For each
- 49. Marketing term
- 50. One who challenges
- 52. Sword
- 53. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Film version of "Waterloo Bridge"
- 56. Want
- 57. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
- 58. Young hawk
- 59. Harmless
- 61. Small amount
- 65. Palladium



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ANSWER:

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-victimised through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

12:11-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: mv stop (Franklin Street), verbal warning; 1:40 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 2:22 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 2:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 9:11 a.m.: disabled mv (Baldwinville Road), spoken to; 9:46 a.m.: keep the peace (Front Street), assisted; 10:03 a.m.: unwanted party (Rite Aid), spoken to; 11:49 a.m.: accident (School Square), report taken; 11:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), returned to owner; 12:09 p.m.: keep the peace (Laurel Street), services rendered; 2:07 p.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville State Road), services rendered; 2:14 p.m.: fire alarm (Independence Drive), accidental; 3:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Front Street), referred; 3:28 p.m.: ambulance (Center Lane), transported; 3:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Mason Street), referred to ACO; 3:39 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), citation issued; 4:35 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 4:48 p.m.: trespassing (East Monomac Road), canceled; 5:23 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), referred; 5:38 p.m.: investigation (73 Monadnock Avenue), Tyrone J. Walker, 25, 7 Ridgeland Road, Shrewsbury, possession Class B drug/3 counts, possession of cocaine w/intent to distribute, possession Class E drug, possession of a firearm/ammunition w/out an FID card, possession of a firearm w/out and FID card, improper storage of a firearm, arrest; 6:18 p.m.: trespassing (Central Street), spoken to; 6:26 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 6:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), unable to locate; 6:47 p.m.: burglar alarm (Island Road), secure; 7:10 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), referred; 7:31 p.m.: gunshots heard (Central Street), unable to locate; 8:20 p.m.: threats (Mechanic Street), report taken; 8:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Avenue), unable to locate; 8:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Central Street), unable to locate; 9:11 a.m.: license check (Baldwinville State Road), info given; 9:17 p.m.: FD call (Glenallan Street), referred; 9:43 p.m.: info/general (Linden Street), info taken; 10:17 p.m.: noise complaint (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 10:20 p.m.: noise complaint (Lakeview Drive), unable to locate; 10:50 p.m.: ambulance (Orient Place), transported; 10:59 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), 11:03 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), Joseph Morales, age 31, 712 River Street, Winchendon, failure to stop for police, op w/suspended license, negligent operation, furnishing a false name/SS number, speeding, arrest.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

12:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), gone on arrival; 1:26 a.m.: noise complaint (Mill Glen Pond North Road), spoken to; 7:24 a.m.: fire alarm (Ipswich Drive), accidental; 7:42 a.m.: 911 hang up (Alger Street), false alarm; 7:45 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), accidental; 8:25 a.m.: suspicious/other (Hyde Park Drive), spoken to; 9:34 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 9:58 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street); 10:20 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 10:25 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 12:02 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Town Farm Road), spoken to; 12:51 p.m.: ambulance (Highland Street), transported; 1:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), James R. Morse, 59, 196 Glenallan Street, 2nd floor, Winchendon, domestic assault and battery, arrest; 2:42 p.m.: property found (Central Street), info taken; 4:01 p.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), unable to locate; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 4:25 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 4:48 p.m.: warrant check (Baldwinville State Road), info given; 5:01 p.m.: alcohol violations (Baldwinville State Road), dispersed gathering; 5:22 p.m.: disabled mv (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 6:12 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), unable to locate; 6:24 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 6:50 p.m.: road rage (Spring Street), info taken; 7:12 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street), report taken; 8:20 p.m.: attempt to locate (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 8:22 p.m.: threats (Walnut Street), report taken; 8:24 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 8:34 p.m.: noise complaint (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 8:47 p.m.: suicide threats (Baldwinville State Road), transported to hospital; 9:12 p.m.: noise complaint (Cardinal Lane), no cause for complaint; 9:30 p.m.: noise complaint (Oak Street), spoken to; 9:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), referred to ACO; 9:39 p.m.: noise complaint (Elm Street), unable to locate; 10:28 p.m.: noise complaint (Lakeview Drive), unfounded; 10:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Road), report taken.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

12:04 a.m.: suspicious/other (Spring Street), spoken to; 1:09-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:47 a.m.: investigation (Front Street), spoken to; 2:41 a.m.: transport (Baldwinville State Road); 6:13 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road), referred to ACO; 7:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Lower Naukeag Lake Area, Ashburnham), referred to ACO; 7:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 7:43 a.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 9:09 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:23 a.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street); 10:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), report taken; 11:45 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), report taken; 12:11 p.m.: warrant check (Central Street), info given; 1:55 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road), info taken; 3:08 p.m.: illegal burn (Mill Street), spoken to; 4:43 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 5:22 p.m.: 911 hang up (Alger Street), spoken to; 6:15 p.m.: custody dispute (Maple Street), spoken

to; 6:32 p.m.: suspicious person (West Street), spoken to; 7:04 p.m.: custody dispute (Pearl Drive), report taken; 7:20-7:50 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 7:59 p.m.: wires down (Court Street), removed traffic hazard; 8:06 p.m.: larceny (Oak Street), report taken; 8:33 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Lincoln Avenue), report taken; 8:50 p.m.: erratic operation (Laurel Street), gone on arrival; 8:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 9:06 p.m.: property found (Front Street), returned to owner; 9:26 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), report taken; 10:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Town Farm Road), info taken; 10:20 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), spoken to; 11:52-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

12:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), Alyssa M. Chalke, 30, 13 Mill Glen Road, Winchendon, misleading a police officer; Bonnie Pratt, 32, 906 Clark Street, Gardner, op w/suspended license/permit, report taken; 9:07 a.m.: welfare check/general (Hall Road), services rendered; 9:41 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Alger Street), services rendered; 9:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), report taken; 10:09 a.m.: welfare check/general (Highland Street), services rendered; 12:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Old Gardner Road), services rendered; 12:25 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Polly's Drive), spoken to; 2:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), referred to court; 2:47 p.m.: unwanted party (Spruce Street), info taken; 5:08 p.m.: welfare check/child (Central Street), report taken; 5:21 p.m.: info/general (GAR Park), info taken; 5:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 5:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 5:47 p.m.: info/general (Main Street), unable to serve; 6:30 p.m.: suicide threats (Chestnut Hill Avenue, Athol), assisted; 8:21 p.m.: accident (North Street), report taken; 8:37 p.m.: ATV complaint (Bayberry Circle), spoken to; 8:40 p.m.: erratic operation (Brooks Road), gone on arrival; 9:33 p.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville State Road), services rendered; 9:49 p.m.: suspicious/other (Joslin Road), unfounded; 9:58 p.m.: noise complaint (Bayberry Circle), spoken to; 10:36 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Drive), unfounded; 10:53 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 11:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), gone on arrival.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

1:13-1:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:29 a.m.: mv fire (Lord Brook Road, Rindge), referred; 1:31-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:18 a.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street), transport; 2:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), unable to locate; 2:51-4:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), services rendered; 9:18 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lakeview Drive), secured bldg.; 12:08 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 12:25 p.m.: welfare check/general (North Ashburnham Road), assisted; 12:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), assisted; 1:08 p.m.: wires down (School Street), referred; 2:57 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), no cause for complaint; 3:17 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mill Glen

Pond Road North), unable to locate; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 5:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), protective custody; 5:57 p.m.: harassment (Royalston Road South), 209A refused by judge; 6:59 p.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street); 7:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Brook Road); 8:21 p.m.: accident (Front Street), info taken; 8:54 p.m.: noise complaint (Alger Street), spoken to; 9:01 p.m.: traffic hazard (River Street), removed; 9:14 p.m.: noise complaint (Mellen Road), spoken to; 9:16 p.m.: noise complaint (West Monomac Road), spoken to; 9:32 p.m.: noise complaint (Russell Farm Road), spoken to; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Otter River Road), verbal warning; 10:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street), Justin Eddy, 19, 601 Alger Street, Winchendon, domestic assault & battery, arrest; 10:38 p.m.: noise complaint (West Monomac Road), spoken to; 10:57 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), info taken.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

1:04 a.m.: attempt to locate (School Street), transport; 1:29 a.m.: patrol initiated (Main Street), info given; 2:31-3:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:39 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 9:28 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 10:08 a.m.: welfare check/general (Central Street), spoken to; 10:31 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), accidental alarm; 10:49 a.m.: harassment (Spring Street), report taken; 1:04 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 4:51 p.m.: transport (Spring Street), assisted; 5:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street), info taken; 5:44 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street), Catherine Schultz, 47, 260 Spring Street, #304, Winchendon, domestic assault & battery, arrest; 7:15 p.m.: larceny (Winter Place), report taken; 9:22 p.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), services rendered; 10:43 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate.

MONDAY, JULY 9

12:25-1:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:45 a.m.: animal complaint (School Street), info taken; 8:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street), spoken to; 10:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), returned to owner; 11:38 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Eagle Road), child playing w/phone; 12:27 p.m.: FD call (Pearl Street), canceled; 4:25 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), unable to locate; 4:27 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road), transported; 5:18 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 5:33 p.m.: neighbor dispute (West Street), report taken; 6:03 p.m.: threats (School Street), report taken; 6:22 p.m.: fraud (Doyle Avenue), spoken to; 6:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 6:40 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Black Bridge), gone on arrival; 7:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Beech Street), spoken to; 7:54 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Ash Street), spoken to; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:15 p.m.: FD call (Banner Place), services rendered; 9:34 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), citation issued; 9:42 p.m.: lift assist (Sunny Cove Road), services rendered; 10:01 p.m.: disabled mv (Old Gardner Road), gone on arrival; 10:11 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported.

Drug raid nets suspect

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A south county man is facing drug and firearms charges following a raid at 73 Monadnock Ave. in Winchendon last Tuesday, July 3. The raid was carried out by Winchendon Police and members of the North Worcester County Drug Task Force. According to a press release, the same address was targeted in a raid last December.

Officers executed a no-knock warrant at the house at around 5:30 p.m. and found Tyrone

“Blaze” Walker, age 25, of 7 Ridgeland Drive, Shrewsbury and Krystal Hubbard, the home’s occupant, in the bedroom of the residence. According to court records, police found a scale, baggies, and what appeared to be crack cocaine packaged for sale. They also reportedly found a baggie containing an orange powder believed to be methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), commonly known as ecstasy. A strip of buprenorphine, or Suboxone, was reportedly found

between the mattress and box spring.

The police report says a search of a rental car driven by Walker uncovered a loaded .45 caliber handgun.

Walker was arraigned last Thursday in Winchendon District Court in Gardner on charges that include 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),

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OBITUARIES

Barbara A. (Coombs) Cefole, 87

WINCHENDON — Barbara A. (Coombs) Cefole, age 87, of 205 Spring Street, died peacefully at home Friday, July 6, 2018, with her family at her side.



She was born in Lynn, MA on April 24, 1931, daughter of the late Raymond and Hazel (Thomas) Coombs and grew up in Lynn, Townsend and Peabody.

Barbara had worked as an administrative assistant for many years at the former Nichols and Stone Furniture Company, Gardner.

Barbara was a graduate of Spaulding Memorial High School in Townsend and attended Burdett College. She was an avid reader and had a lifelong passion for learning, which she passed on to her children and grandchildren.

Her husband, Michael Cefole, died in 1990. She leaves six children, Marshall T. Cefole and his wife Nicolle

of Winchendon, who were her primary caregivers throughout her later years in life, Michael B. Cefole and his wife Lynne of West Granby, CT, Mark V. Cefole of Leominster, Matthew A. Cefole of Ashburnham, Mitchell J. Cefole and his wife Gayle of Ashburnham, Macy Rae Layer and her husband Greg of Columbus, OH and eleven grandchildren. She also leaves her lifelong friend, Beverly Farias.

Barbara's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the love and care extended to her by her physician, Dr. Michele Parker.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Barbara's lifelong love for stray and rescue dogs, memorial donations may be made to a local humane society.

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

Joseph J. Bonaccolto Jr.

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
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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

Margaret 'Peg' Sanders, 88

SALEM NH — Margaret "Peg" Sanders, age 88, of Salem NH passed away on Friday, June 29th, 2018. She was born on December 23rd, 1929 in Winchendon, Ma, daughter of Roy and Mary (Graham) Allen.



Peg grew up in Athol, MA and graduated from Athol High School. She worked for BayBank in Andover MA as she studied to earn her Real Estate Brokers license.

She was an avid golfer, enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, and worked out regularly at the Salem Athletic Club.

She is survived by her two daughters; Debra Sanders of Houston TX and Nancy Lavoie and her husband

Michael of Salem NH. She is also survived by her granddaughter; Katie Valeriani and her husband Val, grandson; Christopher Lavoie and his fiancée Ashley Misserville, great-grandchildren Ryan and Ayla Valeriani, her sister-in-law Evelyn Brewster and her husband Peter of Hudson MA and sister-in-law Karla Sanders of Concord NH. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, Henry Sanders.

There will be no calling hours at the request of the family. A private celebration of her life is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a local charity of one's choice in Peg's memory. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

Andrew S. Cochran, 29

FITCHBURG - Andrew S. Cochran died in his home on June 30, 2018 in Fitchburg, MA. He was 29.



Mr. Cochran was born on July 16, 1988 in Leominster, MA to his parents, Mark and Helen Cochran.

He was a Leominster High School graduate in the CTE electrical program. He was a member of the Electrician's Union in Worcester. For several years he worked in the auto body repair industry and most recently been employed by a greenhouse in Concord, where he enjoyed his job and co-workers.

Mr. Cochran is survived by his father and step mother, Mark and Bridgitte Cochran and his brother Michael Cochran of Fitchburg; his aunts and uncles, Patricia Christowski of Las Vegas, NV, Catherine Burgholzer of Winchendon, William Burgholzer of Gardner, Matthew Burgholzer of Winchendon, Robert Burgholzer of Worcester, Michael Burgholzer of St. George, GA, Richard Burgholzer of Wilmington, DE, and Kenneth Cochran of Leominster.

Mr. Cochran was buried in a private ceremony with calling hours from 6-8 pm on Thursday, July 5th at the Silas F. Richardson and Son Funeral Home, 106 West Street, Leominster.

SEND OBITUARIES at no charge to Editor Ruth DeAmicis, by faxing (978) 297-2177, or by e-mailing the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

Murdock announces honor rolls for two schools

WINCHENDON — The following students have earned a place on the honor rolls at either the Murdock High School or the Murdock Academy for Success for the fourth term.

GRADE 12

Highest Honors: Michaela Benedict, Ariana Berman, Alexander Marshall.

High Honors: Brandon LaFreniere, Shyla Palmer.

Honors: Jacob Carter, Mary Desire, Jacob Woodard, Jared Woodard.

GRADE 11

Highest Honors: Sirena Caputi, Kaileen Dibble.

High Honors: Yang Yi Chen, Maria Polcari, Timmy Quinn, Emily Smith, Lindsey Smith.

Honors: Elissa Boucher, Matthew Casavant, Chloe Lawrence, Lily LeBlanc, Lindsey O'Toole, Ashley Signa, Ryan Thira, Isaiah Wilson.

GRADE 10

Highest Honors: Riya Patel, Mikayla

Rueda, Cassandra Wightman.

High Honors: Andrew Cormier, Patrick Cortis, Hannah Demanche, Timothy Jinn, Jacob Sargent.

Honors: Rylee Brooks, Paige Demanche, Jeremy Diaz, Jace Guertin, Erica Lashua, Kalib Montgomery, Juliana Nolin, Morgan Pace, Grace Sutherland, Kara Vongchairueng, Joseph Williams.

GRADE 9

Highest Honors: Julio Rodriguez.

High Honors: John Maloney, Jonathan Polcari.

Honors: Vivian Beauvais-Michaud, Nicole Becotte, Arianna Dibble, Tyler Goodwin, Tazsha Guitare, Sage Khauy, Paige Lafrennie, Joslynn Laverdure, Abigail Leahey, Rachel Legault, Cameron Monette, Philip Quinn, Jamieson Rushia, Lauren Serratore, Justin Thira, Logan Wilson.

MWCC and Monty Tech benefit from Skills grants

SALEM — The Baker-Polito Administration awarded \$10.9 million in Skills Capital Grants to 33 high schools and educational institutions, enabling the schools to acquire the newest technologies to educate students and expand programs. The awards were announced as part of Governor Charlie Baker's visit to Salem High School with Mayor Kim Driscoll. With this announcement, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$48 million to 157 different programs over the past three years.

Skills Capital Grants are designed to help high schools, colleges and other educational institutions invest in the most up-to-date training equipment to give their students an advantage when they continue in their chosen field or particular area of study. Skills Capital Grants cover a broad array of fields, from construction and engineering to healthcare and hospitality.

"The equipment purchased by high schools and colleges over the past three years through Skills Capital Grants has directly impacted the educational experience for thousands of Massachusetts students to better prepare them for the workforce," Governor Baker said. "This program has had a positive impact on students in the Commonwealth and we look forward to work-

ing with the Legislature to include \$75 million worth of funding for Skills Capital Grants as part of the Economic Development bill we filed in the spring."

"By giving our students the opportunity to learn on the newest technologies, we are ensuring they will be better prepared to succeed when they graduate from high school," Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said. "We look forward to continuing our work with these 33 high schools and previous awardees to enhance their programs and develop a skilled workforce ready to meet the needs of the Commonwealth."

The competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand, in order to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state.

"Schools that receive these competitive grants are giving their students a head start by creating relationships with local employers who provide input and expertise about the skills and knowledge they will need to be successful in the future," Education Secretary James Peyser said.

"Massachusetts' continued low unemployment rates, coupled with job and labor force gains, has also created a tight labor market in which more

and more employers are finding it difficult to recruit workers with the skills necessary to fuel their growth needs," said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. "The Workforce Skills Capital grant program has had great success in closing those skills gaps and ensuring that the next generation of workers in the Commonwealth has the training necessary to access our high demand job sectors."

"Massachusetts is a national leader in life sciences, healthcare, technology, and manufacturing sectors," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "These grants will help ensure a strong pipeline of talented workers throughout the Commonwealth to support these key industries. A skilled workforce is essential for Massachusetts to have an edge in attracting employers in these sectors to locate and expand here, and for adding great jobs now, and in the future."

The Skills Capital Grants are awarded by Governor Baker's Workforce Skills Cabinet. Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito created the Workforce Skills Cabinet in 2015, bringing together the Secretariats of Education, Labor and Workforce Development, and Housing and Economic Development in order to align education, economic development and work-

force policies, and to strategize around how to meet employers' demand for skilled workers in each region of the state.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School received \$500,000 - Monty Tech will create a state-of-the-art A.R.M. (automation, robotics, and mechatronics) lab, replicating working environments in advanced manufacturing and automation. The A.R.M. Lab will include a variety of equipment and technology used to train students (both high school and non-traditional) interested in careers in advanced manufacturing and automation. Students will prepare to become manufacturing technicians, robotics technicians, automation technicians, moldmakers, and CNC machinists at local corporations. The high school will collaborate with Mount Wachusett Community College to provide

education and training opportunities.

Mount Wachusett Community College received \$439,850 - Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) will upgrade equipment in two of its simulated health science labs (SIMS Labs) which support the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), Practical Nursing Certificate (PN), Paramedic Technology Certificate (PAC), and the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) non-degree training pathway. By updating the two SIMS labs, MWCC Health Sciences students will have improved access to industry standard equipment and authentic learning scenarios. Each SIMS lab will receive functioning headwalls, IP cameras/microphones, MedDispensing software, EKG; and SIMMan simulators.



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TALKING SPORTS
JERRY CARTON

Back in 1968 Denny McLain (Denny McLain!) won 31 games for the world champion Detroit Tigers. 31 wins. Today's starters, they of the five and sometimes six-man rotations, don't even start 31 games. It was also in 1968 when the All-Star Game went something like 14-15 innings before the National League won, 1-0. (As a personal aside, I have the program from that ASG because we happened

to be in Houston for a family thing the week after and the Astros were happy to keep selling the programs for \$3.) And 1968 was of course the year of Bob Gibson.

Baseball's response to this overwhelming pitching dominance was to change the height of the mound and a few years later, American League owners introduced the designated hitter (Ron Blomberg of the Yankees being the first DH with an official at-bat), launching the resurgence of offense which would eventually culminate in the promos assuring us that "chicks dig the longball." Remember?

Half a century has passed since 1968 and today the walls are about too many home runs

and too many strikeouts alike. There are complaints about a focus on launch angles and exit velocity and defensive shifts. So baseball needs a lot of fixing, right?

Yes. And there are some easy fixes which shouldn't need actual rule changes. The shift. Hit the ball the other way. You're telling me major league left-handers like Bryce Harper can't slap a ball down the third-base line? Bunt. Move runners along. Yes, bunt. If three guys are on the first base side of the infield, bunting towards third for base hits seems like a no-brainer. Yeah, I know. Utility infielders want to hit 20 homers but the objective is to win. NL ball is much more fun than that played in the AL.

Speaking of, one rule change the game absolutely needs? Ditch the DH. When pitchers have to bat, that means more strategy comes into play. The games are more interesting. Baseball needs "fixing" less than it needs smarts. Where are today's Maury Wills and Lou Brocks and Rickey Hendersons? Bunt the damn ball.

That said, there are prospective rule changes which do make sense. An actual pitch clock, one that's enforced is a good idea. Creating the 24-second clock was the smartest thing the NBA ever did. Baseball took a step in the right direction this year by limiting mound visits but I'd cut them back even farther. Three vis-

its per team per game - that goes for catchers, infielders, pitching coaches and managers alike.

Worried about attendance, especially in cold weather cities in April? Sundays used to be for doubleheaders. The owners and MLBPA should swallow their personal agendas and restore them. There's no chance the schedule gets reduced but the season can be shortened on the calendar. For that matter, a couple single (gasp) admission twi-night doubleheaders would help, too. I know, I know - these aren't likely to happen either but we can wish, right?

Sports tinkers all the time. Time for baseball to make some changes. See you next week.

New Hampshire man captures top spot in Triathlon

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

After nearly a full week of the mercury hovering around the century mark and humidity so bad you almost had to swim through it, the weather for Sunday's running of the 12th annual Mass State Triathlon couldn't have been much better. Temperatures were in the 70s and the dew point in the 40s when swimmers entered the waters of Lake Denison at 8:00 a.m. to swim the first leg of the grueling competition.

Nearly 390 competitors started the event, with 385 ultimately crossing the finish line. A large number of spectators also sat or paced the beach of the state recreation area, where the race began and ended.

Members of the Elite Men Division finished one, two, and three in the event. The top spot went to Lucas Pozzetta of Merrimack, NH, who clocked in at 1:46:37.4. Second place went to Robert Hollinge of Newburyport, MA, who finished with a time of 1:53:04.6, while Brendan Atkins of Old Lyme, CT

finished at 1:53:59.6.

The top female finisher, competing in the Elite Women Division, was Becky Paige of Maynard, MA, who recorded a time of 2:07:19.4. Running in the Women 25-29 Division, Stephanie McNamara of Somerville, MA was the second woman to cross the finish line, clocking in at 2:08:26.4. Ginger Reiner of Lincoln, MA, competing in the Elite Women Division, finished at 2:09:05.5.

Top local finishers included Erik Dellasanta of Lunenburg, who recorded a time of 2:09:34.08, and Winchendon's Derek Skawinski, who clocked in at 2:13:45.2. Both men were competing in the Men 45-49 Division.

Benjamin Therrien of Winchendon, in the Men 35-39 Division, finished in 2:30:51.4.

Competing in the Women 45-49 Division, Katie Kinnear of Hubbardston finished at 2:24:09.5. In the Women 35-39 Division, Audra Kirtland of Lunenburg clocked in at 2:33:21.4. Templeton's Stacy Hughes, competing in the Women 40-44 Division, recorded a time of



Photos by Mat Plamondon & Greg Vine

Spotters move to their positions for the first leg of Sunday's Mass State Triathlon, a .9-mile swim around Lake Denison.



Men's Elite Division swimmers get Sunday's triathlon underway at Lake Denison.



Competitors in various divisions await their turn to get into the water.



A group of bikers make it through downtown Winchendon during the 22 mile leg of the bike ride.

2:40:37.1. In the Clydesdale Division, Patrick of Winchendon finished Jenkins of Rindge recorded a time of 3:25:52.3.

Auxiliary members recognized for service

Twelve members of the Eugene M. Connor Unit #193 American Legion Auxiliary were recognized for continuous years of membership in the Auxiliary at the 98th annual Department Convention in Plymouth in early June. In total, 229 members

were recognized for more than 50 years of membership, which amounted to a collective 13,571 years of membership.

Local members who were recognized included: M. Ann Clapp (51 years); Rachel Chapman (78 years); Rochelle Doody (51 years); Coral May Grout

(65 years); Rachel Grout (81 years); Lorraine Hunt (50 years); Priscilla Johnson (50 years); Gloria LaBrack (50 years); Aline Lafalam (53 years); Silvi Marinelli (50 years); Barbara Porter (51 years); and Virginia Raymond (56 years).

Delegates to the Department of Massachusetts Convention elected Monique Connor as Department Historian and Coral Grout as Department First Vice President.

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PLAN

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of signage.”

“We want to move in more than just a creative direction,” said Hahn. “You need to start by asking why certain signs are there in the first place. Are they still useful? Are they still relevant? The last thing you want is to have a lot of existing signage and then just add to it.”

“Then,” she continued, “You also need to identify someone to be in charge of signage. You really need to ask, who is responsible? Someone needs to make sure signage stays vibrant and useful.”

In a previous interview with The Courier, Murphy explained that Central

Street will be the focus of the first phase of the signage project but will eventually include other parts of town.

“It’s necessary to take a holistic approach to developing a signage plan that encompasses the essence of Winchendon as a whole,” she said.

Murphy said the lack of adequate signage means many residents of Winchendon, indeed the region, remain unaware of many of the attractions and recreational opportunities that exist locally.

“For example, the North Central Bike Path terminates near Central Street but it’s not visible,” she said. “You’d have to have previous knowledge that it exists to know it’s there. A way finding plan not only directs one to resources throughout

the town but ties those resources together through unified signage.”

As well as those represented at Tuesday’s meeting, Murphy said the nascent Winchendon Business Group will be actively participating in the entire process.

“All businesses, committee, groups, and townspeople are encouraged to participate in the public forum that will part of the design process,” she said.

Development of a way finding plan fits in with the Downtown Winchendon Revitalization Strategy developed in 2014 by UMass graduate students with funding from the Redevelopment Authority. In a chapter on aesthetics, the report states, “Winchendon’s unique history as a prominent manufacturer of toys pro-

vides a distinctive opportunity for thematic signage and public art that tie in with the town’s heritage. Signage would also improve way-finding for visitors and residents alike and highlight the town’s historic and natural amenities.”

“The next step,” said Murphy, “is to determine the makeup of an advisory committee to move the process forward. Initially, I had intended to use the CEDSC and the Business Group but have since reconsidered to have as many stakeholders represented as possible. My intent is to send out a notice to various committees to ask that a representative volunteer to serve on the advisory committee. The town manager will also serve on the committee.”

MEETING

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ness. Tiffany Parkhurst is named manager and Jon Coderre is named employee/cultivator.

The community outreach meeting for Toy Town Alternative Health is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The retailer would be located in the storefront adjacent to the Harbour Restaurant at the intersection of Maple and Glenallan streets. Despite the name, it would in fact be a

recreational marijuana retailer, not a medical marijuana dispensary. Partners in the venture include current Planning Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero, former Selectman Bob O’Keefe, Harbour restaurant co-owner Mark Hagemeyer, and Roger Norcross.

Despite the CCC guidelines, Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy says, “It is up to the discretion of each applicant how in depth they wish to get on com-

menting on the specifics of their site.”

“I don’t expect detailed renderings will be available at this point,” she continued, “as (the applicants) are still early in the process. We have not received any presentation material for the applicants, but I would not expect anything to be released until the time of the presentation.”

As for Corbosiero’s interest in one of the ventures, Murphy said he “has supplied a disclo-

sure that includes him recusing himself when anything marijuana-related comes before the Planning Board.”

The three proposed retail cannabis locations lie within areas included in a town meeting-passed adult use marijuana overlay district. Other locations specified in the overlay include the Hillview Business Park off Route 140, across Gardner Road-Route 140 from the Irving gas station and convenience store, and the area that includes the

Waterville Plaza.

Boston-based Cypress Tree Management has received backing from the Board of Selectmen to locate a marijuana cultivation and manufacturing operation in Hillview, and the company has signed a lease with the town’s Redevelopment Authority. Plans call for a 40,000 to 60,000 square foot facility costing anywhere between \$6 million and \$8 million. Cypress Tree says the operation would create about 30 full-time jobs.

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unlawful possession of a firearm, and unlawful storage of a firearm. He was ordered held on \$50,000 bond or \$5,000 cash bail. Walker will return to court on August 8 for a pretrial hearing.

On December 13 of last year, officers executed another no-knock warrant at 73 Murdock Ave. and arrested Krystal Hubbard on charges of possession of a Class A drug (heroin) and possession of a Class B drug (Suboxone). Her case is still before the court.

Winchendon Police Lt. Kevin Wolski confirmed reports that police are seeing an upswing in crack cocaine use. When asked why the drug might be making a comeback, Wolski said he had no explanation.

“I’ve been told that some heroine users will resort to crack if they can’t get their drug of choice,” he said. “The effects are very different, but I’m told they’ll use if they have to keep from getting dope-sick.”

DANCING

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Justyce, a 2016 graduate of Murdock where she played basketball and field hockey among other activities. “If it makes her happy, great.”

Candyce Gomez, a graduate of high school in Holyoke, and her family have been in Winchendon for five years, but she’s been with Subway for 20, including managerial stints.

“I really like it out here. It’s quiet. It’s safe. Springfield, and we were near Springfield, that wasn’t safe at all. I’d

never have done it (the dancing) there. This is a really nice community,” reflected Gomez, who has also been a foster parent.

“I think everyone should do what they can to help,” she said, “and that has been my way of helping.”

As for kind of twirling her way up the street, one reason she wasn’t dancing to work in the Springfield area is that she literally just started doing it here.

“A couple weeks ago,” she confessed. “Like I say, it just sort of happened. You have to make work fun, no matter what you’re doing, and dancing to work helps get me in the zone.”

“On warm days, I make sure I get here early so I can come in and stand by the cooler for a few minutes,” she chuckled, “and I’m ready to go. I plan out the timing.”

The Minnesota native said she hasn’t really thought about whether she’ll be dancing to work next winter.

“I try not to think about winter,” she admitted.

For now, Gomez is enjoying her daily routine.

“Except when it rains,” she pointed out. “I really am having fun with it. Wave if you see me,” beamed Gomez.

TAG TEAM

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school in Lowell and has seen the benefits up close.

“It’s definitely an asset. Sometimes students feel like they’re disenchanted with formal education and that’s where alternative options are the way to keep them in school,” he noted.

King, who’s from the Cincinnati/Dayton Ohio area, did his undergradu-

ate work at Stephen F. Austin College in Texas, and had a graduate stop at the University of Maryland. Keene was born in North Carolina but grew up in Marlboro and eventually found his way to Boston College but the geographical differences aren’t an issue for their budding partnership.

“We’re brainstorming a lot of ideas,” noted King.

“We’re thinking about what we can do here that’s practical and affordable and do-able,” he added.

Details on those are for later as project ideas are crystalized but King and Keene fully understand their roles.

“This school belongs to the students, their parents, the faculty and the staff, the community. We’re the stewards,” acknowledged King.

Administrators, stewards, irrespective of how you want to characterize them, King and Keene are happy to be in town and equally pleased to be getting started.

“We hope everyone is as excited as we are,” said King.

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.

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

Penny Mac Loan Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 712 River Street, given by Dawn Bednarczyk and Richard Bednarczyk to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NFM, Inc., dated May 20, 2009, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44336, Page 201, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 11, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57774, Page 295, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

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Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on June 27, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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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

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

236 Monomonac Road West; Assessor’s Map M-6, Lots 42 & 43 Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 19th, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Patrick McCarthy for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomonac at 236 Monomonac Road West; Assessor’s Map M-6, Lots 42 & 43. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving a three-bedroom dwelling. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

July 13, 2018



Why it matters

Let me tell you why it matters to vote. On June 26, my home state of Maryland held its primary election. One of the races was for the nominations for Baltimore County Executive, i.e., mayor by a different name. There were some 80,000 votes cast in the Democratic primary. The margin between the winner and runner-up? Nine votes. Nine. In a council race in next door Howard County, one seat was determined by two votes. Two.

We hear about close elections quite often of course and each time we do, it should be a reminder that yes, your vote matters, and that's especially true in local races. Those are always being decided by a few votes.

We also hear about how energized the Resistance is and there's no doubt that's true. First time candidates, frequently powered by social media, are running in greater numbers as well. And yes, turnout is up in Democratic primaries but it's not up as much as you might have expected. For all the talk about how much voting matters, and though D turnout is significantly outpacing Republican in most places, it seems to me it should be even better. My optimistic friends remind me primaries never have the same draw as general elections and thus the real turnout test will come in November. I hope they are right.

It's only July. A lot can happen - can you say 'voter suppression efforts', for one thing. God knows there are plenty of reasons for progressives to show up this time and do so in enormous numbers if for no other reason than to offset the inevitable challenges and roadblocks the (truly) bad guys will be throwing out there, but I'm not going to be comfortable until it's over.

Bottom line - yes, your vote counts. It does. And make sure you're registered and know where your polling place is and know all the rules about absentee ballots or what if any ID you need. Be prepared. The other side is going to do everything it can think of to muddy the waters and block a fair election. They've had help recently in doing that. Perhaps you've noticed?

Speaking of ID, last week I went to the regional AAA office to renew my driver's license. Massachusetts has imposed new regulations regarding appropriate ID for renewal. You fill out an online form and get told what you need to bring. In my case, it was just my original birth certificate issued by Baltimore City in 1953. Easy, right? Not



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so much. Let me tell you why not.

The clerk at AAA peered at the document. Then she peered at it some more. Then she took it to someone else, who peered at it too. Finally, she came back to the counter and said something like, and I paraphrase, "you can't use this because it doesn't have the date of issuance. It has the seal but not the date it was issued. If you can get that, it will be fine."

No. It wouldn't be. Here's why. What I had actually given her, and I had no idea of this until I looked closely at the paper a few hours later, was a "notification of birth." I've had this thing in my 'birth certificate' folder forever, and truthfully, I just assumed it was my birth certificate. Apparently so did the clerk at AAA, who specifically told me this document would be just fine as long as I got the date of issuance confirmed.

It's not. So I went online and ordered my actual birth certificate for ten bucks plus another 11 for processing and I might even have it by now. But the fact is I've been carrying around something that looked so much like the real deal that even the AAA person thought it

was.

This was just a bureaucratic thing. What actually bothered me is the way we have to jump through hoops because as a society we're terrified of people who don't look like us. Paranoia reigning supreme, all of it triggered by 9/11 of course. There's sensible security and then there's overreaction. Tell me why the Massachusetts license I've had since I moved here 17 years ago shouldn't be just fine for renewal. Fear. That's why. Fear. That's how the bad guys want us to act and we shouldn't. Period. Yet here we are.

Finally this. The nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court is actually a fairly conventional choice from a Republican administration and therein lies the problem. For the most part, like 99-percent of the time, Justices nominated by Republican Presidents tend to have an issue with diversity and pluralism and fairness. Kavanaugh will almost certainly be no different. For those of us who believe in equality and justice, the hard truth is the Court has been lost for at least a generation. The fallout is likely to be significant and that's pretty scary.

See you next week.

Students of the Month

The following students were recognized at the School Committee meeting on June 21 as the June Students of the Month:

Pre-K: Aurelia Chagnon, a good role model for her peers. Worked hard to learn sight words and calendar math.

Memorial School: Julie Lafrennie, 1st grade - nominated by Mrs. Fleming for her hard work and perseverance. Julie has a "glow of happiness", does her best in class, always lends a hand and doesn't judge

others. She also helped to prepare the classroom for the next day.

Toy Town Elementary: Emily Croteau - nominated by Mr. Londo - Emily is always willing to help others, has a positive mindset, is very mature and volunteers frequently. Her academics and her "motherly instinct" are strengths for her.

Murdock Middle School: Jessica Higbee - 8th grade- recognized as VP of student council, co-captain of Middle school cheerleading, middle school softball partic-

ipant and for making the morning announcements at school.

Murdock Academy for Success: Austin Bourque - recognized for creating a new game for his gym final and for his perseverance in completing online math and history courses.

Murdock High School: Jack Polcari - 9th grade - recognized for being at the top of his class academically, a 3 sport varsity athlete, and for his participation and input as student member of the vice principal

search committee. Maria Polcari - 11th grade - May Student of the month (unavailable for last month's school committee meeting) - recognized for her participation in Murdock athletics (3 seasons), maintaining good grades/multiple AP courses, participation in multiple other school activities (musicals, TOP, NHS) and for her community service in Puerto Rico over April break.

CONGRATULATIONS to all Students of the Month!!



Sue Polcari photos
Maria and Jack Polcari (May/June High School) with Mr. Olsen

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MEMORIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS CELEBRATE END OF YEAR

Greg Vine photos

Memorial School kindergarteners celebrate the end of the school year with a concert for friends and family. The youngsters, who will be moving on to first grade, serenaded a large crowd with the following selections: Hello Everybody, BINGO, Yankee Doodle, This Old Man, My Aunt Came Back, PAWS, Charlie Over the Ocean, Old King Glory, Che Che Koolay, If You Are Happy and You Know It, and Goodbye Everybody. Some of the songs were also choreographed. A large, appreciative crowd was on hand for the concert.

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