

## Familiar names among cannabis applicants

BY GREG VINE  
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Three partnerships have applied for the opportunity to land one of three retail marijuana licenses approved by Winchendon voters at last month's annual town meeting. Some current and former town officials and business people are among those hoping for the opportunity to jump into the newly-legal cannabis trade.

Town Manager Keith Hickey revealed at Monday's meeting of the Board of Selectmen that licenses are being sought for three locations: 463 Maple St.; 703 School St.; and 350 Baldwinville Road. Anyone interested in securing a license had until the end of the day Monday to submit their initial proposal, known as a Request for Quote, or RFQ. Only three proposals were dropped off by deadline.

The partnership interested in the Maple Street location and calling itself Toy Town Alternative Health includes current Planning Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero, former Selectman Bob O'Keefe, Harbor restaurant co-owner Mark Hagemeyer, and Roger Norcross. Despite the name, the business would indeed be an adult use retail marijuana establishment, not a medical cannabis dispensary. Each person named on the application is listed as a "capital contributor."

A group of three people, calling their proposed business Not Grampa's Tobacco, Inc., has plans for the School Street address that once was home to State Line Auction House. The property is owned by Bernie Feldman, who is also listed as owner of the new business. Tiffany Parkhurst is named manager and Jon Coderre is listed as employee/cultivator. Feldman once owned a Chevrolet dealership near the intersection of routes 12 and 140.

The Baldwinville State Road location would become home to AC3, LLC. 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 building on the site once housed discount store Stuff 'n' Things.

The next step in the process is negotiation of a Community Host Agreement with each applicant. In addition to the imposition of a 3 percent sales tax on cannabis sales, also approved at May's town meeting, the town has the option of negotiating an additional



Greg Vine photos

The vacant storefront adjoining the Harbor Restaurant on Maple Street could become the home of one of three recreational marijuana retailers in Winchendon.

3 percent assessment on sales. According to Hickey, proceeds from the assessment could be used to cover the cost of such items as additional police activity and the investment of increased staff time at town hall. Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said marijuana retailers in some other communities have agreed to the levy to help fund addiction treatment outreach and drug task force activities in their community.

"If we can justify the costs," said Hickey, "there's really no option but for the applicant to agree. They can't go anywhere without a community host agreement."

Applicants will also be required to participate in a community outreach meeting. License hopefuls would present their respective proposals at a selectmen's meeting and open themselves to questions from the public. The original timeline called for the community outreach portion of the process to be completed by Aug. 29, but the fact there is only one aspirant for each of the town's three licenses means the process could be accelerated.

The applicants would then, with the approval of selectmen, move on to the state endorsement process. Murphy said it's unclear just how long those proceed-

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## Haddad stepping down

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Citing health reasons, Winchendon public schools Superintendent Steve Haddad will retire from the position on Aug. 31. Haddad made the official announcement at last week's school committee meeting.

"I love this job," he said, but acknowledged a succession of increasingly serious health factors and consultation with family and physicians led to his "very reluctant" decision to retire. Haddad fell on the ice in December, and has been plagued ever since with health complications.

The school committee is likely to hire an interim superintendent and then begin a search for a permanent hire.

Prior to becoming superintendent, Haddad had been the first director of the Murdock Academy for Success, had taught business and coached baseball.

Haddad, who became superintendent in 2015, said among his most satisfying works has been "building a bridge" between the school system and town officials.

"You really need to be able



Greg Vine photo

Steve Haddad during this year's Murdock High School graduation.

to work together," he said. "The relationship had not been good. There had been a lot of chaos. That's not the case now. I'm proud of that," Haddad noted.

He expressed pleasure as well about what he called the "continued success" of the Academy, which moved from the old Marvin School on Ash Street to the main campus two years ago.

"Since we launched this innovative program, more

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## Monty Tech delivers furniture made from MWCC trees

GARDNER — Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School students recently delivered furniture to Mount Wachusett Community College

made from three maple trees that had previously been located at the college's Gardner campus.

The trees were removed

during the construction of the Asquino Science Center but were put to a new use in keeping with the college's commitment to the environment. Mount Wachusett Community College has a long-standing commitment to the environment that includes twin wind turbines as well as a biomass heating system.

"I am so happy that Monty Tech was able to help us repurpose these trees that stood on the grounds of the school since it was farmland. The work the cabinet making students did is truly outstanding," said MWCC President James Vander Hooven.

Juniors in the school's cabinet making course built the two credenzas. The wood was harvested during construction and then turned over to the school and ultimately the students.

The two pieces of furniture were delivered in May and will reside in the Murphy Conference Room close to the site where the three trees stood.



Courtesy photo

Monty Tech students and staff delivered two credenzas to Mount Wachusett Community College recently made from trees previously located at the college's Gardner campus. Pictured from left to right are: MWCC President James Vander Hooven, students from the Monty Tech cabinet making class, Monty Tech Director of Vocational Programming Jim Hacey, Monty Tech Superintendent Sheila Harrity, and cabinetmaking instructor Joe Bulger.

## Clyde and handler featured in children's book

BY GREG VINE  
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A lot of police departments have a K-9 unit, but not many can brag about theirs being the heroes of a children's book. The Winchendon PD, however, can indeed make such a boast.

At this Saturday's Summer Solstice celebration, local author Todd Civin will unveil his latest composition, *Clyde the "Fur"ocious K9 Crime Fighter*. Civin, who has lived in Winchendon for 12 years, said he got the

idea for the book when he saw Ofc. James Wironen putting Clyde through his paces during a demonstration at last year's annual celebration of summer.

"I watched Clyde and Officer Jim do a show last year at Summer Solstice," said Civin. "After the show, they peddled t-shirts in order to raise money for Clyde. I have a service to provide and thought it would be great to donate to Jim and Clyde



Courtesy image

Clyde, with the Winchendon Police patch and his K9 designation, is the star of his own book.

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Courtesy photo

The new defending champs at the annual volleyball tournament helped raise funds for youth programs at the Clark YMCA.

## Charity volleyball raises funds for Clark

BY JERRY CARTON  
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Some \$800 was raised for the Clark Memorial YMCA last weekend when the third annual volleyball tournament was won by a team comprised of Murdock and Mount Wachusett Community College players, dethroning the two-time champion Defenders, whose group was led by local attorney Dave LaPointe.

"Yeah, we got them this time," laughed Murdock Academy for Success Director Kris Provost, who was understandably pleased to finally be on the winning team.

"We had some great players," he added, citing middle school teacher Nicole Landry and her husband, MHS alum Nicole LaBrack and MWCC Youth Venture program manager Evan Berry.

"That was enough to have 10 children be able to participate in Clark programs," said Provost of the \$800 raised.

"And that's what really

matters," he remarked. "All the money we raised is earmarked for kids who can't afford" the fees."

Five teams participated in the event.

"It shows how many caring people there are in the community," reflected Provost. "We joke about finally beating Dave's team, but it's people like him and his family who make such a difference."

The United Parish Church entered a pair of teams and the Clark Board of Directors had one as well.

Provost acknowledged he has a special affinity for the Clark because the facility gave him a job when he needed one.

"I'm paying it forward," he said of the annual participation in the volleyball event.

"The Clark makes a big difference in the community," stressed Provost. "Raising money to help kids take advantage of what they have to offer seems like the least we could do."



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WEEKLY QUOTE

I have never in my life learned anything from any man who agreed with me.

Dudley Field Malone



# CLYDE'S CORNER

## Friday June 15

**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.

June 15: The Obsession Band: A locally grown rhythm and blues group.

## Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 15, 16 & 17

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## Saturday June 16

**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.

**SUMMER SOLSTICE:** Downtown Winchendon at the Clark Memorial YMCA. Games and bounce houses for the kids, vendors, food including the famous Kiwanis food tent, parade at noon. Annual kick off for summer!

## Thursday June 21

**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.

**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.

## Friday June 22

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June 22: Throwback! To The 60's: A tie dyed tribute to the beloved decade.

## Friday June 22, Saturday June 23 & Sunday June 24

**WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL:** the second weekend of the annual music festival includes three concerts, one each evening, all held at the Old Centre Church, 10 Old Centre beginning at 7 p.m. All concerts are free and open to the public. Friday features Musicari, a New England based band performing music from the eastern Mediterranean; Saturday is Floyds Row, a folk and world collective from the UK and Saturday is jazz with the John Arcaro & Band, a different program from the one earlier in the month.

## Thursday June 28

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

## Friday June 29

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June 29: The Ashboys: Local duo plays fiery top 40 classics.

## Friday July 6

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July 6: The Terryfics: Keytar and piano rock group.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**  
**CASTLETON, VT** — Lauren McMilleon of Templeton was recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2017-18 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

**FRAMINGHAM** — Thousands of friends, family, faculty, and staff packed into the DCU Center in Worcester on Sunday, May 20, to celebrate the Framingham State University Class of 2018. As a result of their hard work, all of our graduates have deepened their knowledge, strengthened their analytical and communication skills, demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning, and taken an important step in separating themselves from the field in an increasingly competitive job market. Amidst a graduating class of over 1,000 strong, we congratulate the following local Framingham State University students: **ASHBURNHAM:** Jessica Cowgill on receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, and Charles Smith on receiving a Master of Arts degree. **GARDNER:** Daynah LeBlanc on receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree and Anthony Ruggiero on receiving a Master of Arts degree. **TEMPLETON:** Ashley Wylie on receiving a Bachelor of Science degree. **WINCHENDON:** Julia Kime on receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, Jessa Pereira on receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, and Seth Signa on receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**FRANKLIN** — Dean College is pleased to announce Sarah McQuiston of Winchendon has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester.

**CONWAY, SC** — More than 2,000 Coastal Carolina University students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a

3.5 GPA or higher during the semester. CCU has a student population of 10,600.

Among those named to the Dean's List: Kristopher Kodys, a marketing major from Templeton.

**BURLINGTON, VT** — Amber Davis, Class of 2018, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at the University of Vermont. Davis from Jaffrey, is majoring in animal sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

**BOSTON** — Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in April 2018. Ashburnham resident Roisin Floyd-O'Sullivan, majoring in bioengineering and Winchendon resident Akychame Mhyana, majoring in history.

**NEWTON** — Lasell College held its 164th commencement on May 12, granting 398 Baccalaureate degrees and 125 Master's degrees, before an audience packed with family, friends, and members of the Lasell community on Taylor Field. Graduates included: Brianna Dellechiaie of Winchendon and Brianna Kulvete of Templeton.

**NOTRE DAME, IN** — Catherine Niles of Winchendon has been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. To earn academic honors at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

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# Planning to succeed important for youngest students

# MWCC hosting veteran's resource fair June 19

BY JERRY CARTON  
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The final school committee of the month included recognition of May's students of the month as well as reports from principals and a discussion of the system's communication strategy.

Memorial School Principal Michelle Atter told the committee about a recent New England Leadership Forum in Mystic, CT where she outlined her school's PBIS program.

"We're data driven. PBIS works," she asserted, adding Memorial sets both behavioral and academic expectations through a team approach. Atter acknowledged Memorial has a unique responsibility because it is there where students begin their school careers. That includes getting

used to, and comfortable with, school routine including how to behave in the halls and cafeteria and bus.

Atter said she was pleased with the reception she and her team received.

After a difficult winter, there was some discussion regarding the school calendar. As has been brought up in the past, the elimination of February vacation is a potential option to tighten the calendar, but there has as of yet been no formal consideration of doing so. Members held a casual discussion regarding ways to deal with years in which there are a significant number of snow days.

Middle School Principal Jess Vezina told the committee she wanted her teachers to be heard regarding their support for the Summit learning plat-

form. Vezina noted those voices have seemed to have been lost in the ongoing debate.

Regarding the school system's communication with the greater community, while Superintendent Steve Haddad explained a strategy is in the works, committee Chair Larry Murphy acknowledged the school committee as a whole also has a responsibility to reach out.

"We have to do a better job," he noted.

Students of the month included Ava Godfrey for pre-K, second grader Brady Brunt from Memorial, fifth grader Haley Fleming from Toy Town, eighth grader Kelsey Boucher from Murdock Middle, and Abigail Gagne from the Murdock Academy for Success.

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College will be hosting a free veteran's resource fair with more than 25 organizations on Tuesday, June 19 in an effort to connect veterans and their families with services.

"Though it is taking place at Mount Wachusett Community College, it is by no means limited to veteran educational matters. There will be many other agencies and opportunities represented," said MWCC's Director of Veterans Services Bob Mayer.

The fair is a gathering of companies, organizations and nonprofits that provide services to local veterans and their families. The organizations include Heywood

Healthcare, ClearCaptions, and Veterans, Inc. The fair will take place at Mount Wachusett Community College's Gardner campus from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 19.

Veterans of all ages and their families are welcome. Whether someone is looking to change careers, overcome a setback or working just to get by, there will likely be a service that can help at this fair. The organizations will cover topics including family retreats, legal services, housing and homeownership, financial education and assistance, educational benefits and disability claims.

Light refreshments will be served and registration is encouraged at [mwcc.edu/vet-fair](http://mwcc.edu/vet-fair).

## HADDAD

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than 20 students who were otherwise significantly at risk of dropping out have graduated instead. Also, there have been 'mainstream' students who utilized the Academy so they would have enough credits to graduate too. I'm proud we have strengthened the Academy. Kris (director Provost) and his team have done a great job. I was the first director of the Academy, and to see how it's grown is a good feeling. The Academy has proven that everyone doesn't have to learn the exact same way in order to be successful," Haddad reflected.

Haddad pointed out reading proficiency numbers have been improving. The system's goal is to have every student reading by third grade and the retiring superintendent said significant progress is being made on that front.

He lauded the launch of the Summit Learning Platform for seventh and eighth graders at the middle school.

"It was no secret our test scores were stagnating. They weren't going anywhere. We knew we needed to do something different and after a lot of research, it felt like Summit was the right approach. I know Jess (middle school principal Vezina) and her staff have worked really hard to make the transition work, and a lot of students have done the same. We're optimistic about Summit's future," maintained Haddad.

Not every success, not every sign of progress comes directly inside classrooms. Haddad is big on school spirit throughout the system, believing enthusiasm helps seal a commitment to WPS. That stems in part from a trip he had made back home to Barberton, Ohio.

"There are about 4,300 kids in that system," he recalled.

"In every school, the teachers were wearing purple and white and they told me no principal or administrator had told them to do that. It was their way of showing their pride in what they were doing," said Haddad, who graduated from Barberton high in 1971 and was featured in Barberton's Alumni Spotlight last winter.

"So on Class Day, when we have the graduating seniors walk across the parking lot to Memorial, it gives the younger students something to look up to, knowing they'll be doing that someday, too. The 'Blue Devil cool' is the same concept. Whatever promotes a commitment to the system, pride in the schools, I think it's worth doing," he stressed.

Haddad pointed to the after-school program, which now sends more than 100 healthy snack bags home every Friday.

"That shows our commitment beyond the classroom. We're looking to partner with Kiwanis and the Lions clubs to do summer lunch programs in the future, too."

"I am proud that our field hockey and softball teams have advanced to

Districts in their respective sports. Our track program has produced multiple champions and our varsity cheer program won their league title," he added.

School Committee member Greg Vine said while he was sorry the health issues have forced Haddad's hand, "We owe him a great deal of thanks. He guided the district through some tough times. Things were in a bit of disarray, especially the relationship with the town when he became superintendent. It really was a daunting task when Steve came in and he's done a fantastic job meeting the challenges."

Haddad conceded there have been disappointments.

"It was tough when the override failed last year," he acknowledged. "That made us do some things differently than we'd have liked. But once the votes were counted, we just sat down and figured out what to do next," he said.

"It was a hard decision, it really was," Haddad said about retirement.

"I felt like I'd be letting people down. There is so much more I want to do. But realistically, I didn't have a choice when I looked at it objectively. I'll be 65 next month and the docs were pretty firm about things. But I am proud of what we have done. The administrative teams are working better from kindergarten right through high school. We have some amazing students doing amazing things. The whole community should be proud of them," he asserted.

"I know I am," he added.

## BIG TOP GOING UP!



Greg Vine photos

Nate Miley (l) and Ryan Conry of Atlantic Tent Rental of Leominster were in Winchendon this week getting tents set up at the Clark Memorial YMCA for Saturday's Summer Solstice celebration. The day kicks off with the Morin 5K Run at 8 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. The day also includes a fun run/walk, a parade, plenty of vendors and entertainment, and activities for the whole family.

## BOOK

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and the Winchendon PD. I approached Jim that day, gave him my card and told him my idea. We are thrilled we will have it in time for the one-year anniversary of the idea."

"I took on the Clyde project as it had a similar feel to our special needs projects" said Civin, who has penned several books dealing with issues surrounding those with special challenges.

"It felt altruistic in that Clyde's existence is funded by donations from friends and supporters. It is true citizen police work in that Clyde captures the bad guys and his existence is paid for by the people he protects. Sort of a win-win."

Civin said he remained in touch with Ofc. Wironen via email. The two exchanged questions and answers, shared photos and illustrations, and tweaked the script for "fine tuning."

According to the author, the book

focuses on Clyde's training, his duties, and the canine's relationship with Wironen. While this first iteration of *Clyde the "Fur"-ocious K9 Crime Fighter* is for younger readers, Civin said he hopes to do a version for middle school readers also.

In addition to the story book, a coloring book is also being published but, said Civin, it may not be in print in time for this weekend's festivities.

The story book sells for \$15 and the coloring book for \$6.95. The pair can be purchased for \$20.

Art work in the book comes courtesy of Southbridge resident Jason Boucher.

"I initially met Jason...about six years ago," said Civin. "He has worked on over a dozen Civin Media Relations projects and is a gifted artist. My favorite part about being a children's book author with Jason is that he puts he and I in every book."

Civin is nothing, if not prolific. "I've written three full length books and currently have

three more in the final stages of completion," he said. "In addition, I have written and published six children's books. My first book, called *One Letter at a Time*, was written with Rick Hoyt. Rick is a non-verbal, spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. He and his father Dick Hoyt are the world-renowned marathon team who have competed in over 32 Boston Marathons and over 1,200 road races. They are known as the father and son of the assisted running movement and are partially responsible for inclusion in our society today. My other two full length books are called *Destined to Run* with triathlete Wes Harding and *Just My Game* with major league baseball pitcher Jason Grilli."

"My children's books are called *Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way, Together We Finish, A Bike to Call Their Own, A Knight in Shining Armor, We Wouldn't Have it Any Other Way, and A Cup of Kindness*. All books are available at our website, [civinmediarelations.com](http://civinmediarelations.com), as well as on Amazon."

Civin lives in Winchendon with his wife Katie and her two children. He grew up in Spencer, while Katie is a Fitchburg native. Her children attended Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg. Civin also has three grown children. He said his favorite author when he was a child was the incomparable Theodor Geisel of Springfield, better known as Dr. Seuss.

Civin also runs Civin Media Relations, along with his partner, Tammi Keen. Together, they have published over 30 books for themselves, as well as for other authors. Most deal "with special needs, or people with differences."

"Jim's (Ofc. Wironen) autograph - and especially Clyde's - are far more valuable than mine. But, yes, I'll have Sharpees ready on the day of the event in case anyone would like a signed copy," he concluded.

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## EDITORIAL

*We are not the only ones...*

In the wake of the G-7 conference, at which our president has confirmed decisions to continue to levy tariffs and penalties on historic trade partners; it is interesting to realize the world could easily go on without us.

We are not integral to the world's markets any longer.

Name one, just one product produced in the United States that is not available elsewhere.

Anyone? Anyone?

You are right.

There isn't one.

And often, because we are somewhat isolated from some of the most populous possible customers, our costs for shipping and handling mean we may not be the most economically feasible choice. We have oceans between us and many of the places that might rather have US goods. Air shipments or ocean shipments are expensive.

It limits just who our closest possible trade partners might be, north or south; and we pretty much ticked off our neighbors to the north this week.

We already messed up our relations to the south by threatening to bar them all with a gigantic wall...whether it is ever built or not it is a subtle threat

indeed.

Everyone else in the world...an ocean. And costs.

The costs we incur in this country for employees, insurances, utilities, raw materials, spaces, machinery, display costs, shipping, and even advertising means we are not competitive with many other, smaller, leaner, entrepreneurial global enterprises. We just can't compete. And when we start demanding others pay our prices or else, we're cutting our own throats.

We can't even demand it on the precedent of quality. Not any longer.

Others do it better.

They just do.

So we are in trouble in the US of A. And we are not helping ourselves much with our bully attitudes. It might have worked in the earlier industrial ages, but no longer. Because we just aren't the best, or the even the least expensive, or the only ones with the widget others need, or a lock on any market anywhere.

It's going to hurt when the rest of the world realizes the power they have, and begin to exercise it. The power of the wallet has always been the most telling; and it will crush us in the long run.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## American Legion: outstanding students

To the Editor:

The Eugene M. Connor Post 193, the American Legion, as part of their Children and Youth program, is a proud sponsor of scholarships to their local residents. This year, the scholarship committee provided six \$500 scholarships totaling \$3,000. The recipients are:

Aidan Provost, currently a full time student at UMass Amherst. An exceptional student; both while at Murdock High School and UMass.

Maggie Lashua, a graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational School with an exceptional 3.45 gpa. Maggie will attend Husson University admitted directly to their physical therapy program.

Rachel Spivey, a graduate of Montachusett Regional Vocational School with a 3.55 gpa. Rachel will attend Framingham State University as

a political science major with the goal of becoming a prosecuting attorney.

Marisa Losurdo, a graduate form Murdock High School, 3.63 gpa, and will attend UMass Amherst.

Sarah Morse, a graduate from Lunenburg High School with a 4.0 gpa. Her goal is to become a physical therapist. She is a proud granddaughter of David Casavant, current chaplain of Post 193.

Ashley Greene, graduate from the Winchendon School with an exceptional 3.8 gpa. She will attend Roger Williams University to study law and become a lawyer.

SCOTT GAUTHIER  
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## Just Bake the Cake, Jack

*"The supreme satisfaction is to be able to despise one's neighbor and this fact goes far to account for religious intolerance. It is evidently consoling to reflect that the people next door are headed for hell."* —Aleister Crowley, *English novelist, occultist (1875-1947)*

The U.S. Supreme Court last week ruled 7-2 that Colorado bakery owner Jack Phillips had the right to refuse to bake a wedding cake for a gay couple. The court said the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had acted improperly when it ruled Phillips had violated the civil rights of the two men. The commission, wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy, had ignored the baker's "sincere religious beliefs," adding — in what, to me, seems

a contradiction — that future cases would need to resolve similar disputes "without subjecting gay persons to indignities when they seek goods and services in an open market."

The ruling was a big disappointment. Not because it affects me personally but because it could, in a real sense, affect friends of mine.

It seems to me you can't have it both ways. Kennedy, in writing the majority opinion, says in one breath that gay Americans shouldn't be subject to the indignities of discrimination, while in the next arguing it's okay to discriminate if one has "sincere religious beliefs."

It also seems the Court's ruling could open up our country to all kinds of mischief. What's



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to stop a hotel operator from denying a room to a gay couple? What if another baker in another state refuses to bake a cake for a couple because his "sincere religious beliefs" tell him interracial marriage is morally abhorrent? And what if some nut claims his "sincere religious beliefs" tell him it's okay to beat his wife?

Maybe what Jack Phillips did was Constitutional, but it was not right.

As I've written before, my grandfather and great grandfather were Baptist ministers. Both had passed long before issues like homosexuality and gay marriage became hot topics, so I never got their opinions on these particular issues. However, my mother, who remained a rock-ribbed Baptist, knew I had gay and lesbians friends...and she never, ever failed to welcome them into our home. Never did I hear her utter a word of judgment or condemnation.

I did not inherit my forebears' spiritual beliefs, as sincere as they were. In part, because my mother seemed to me the exception to the rule. She embraced that part of her faith that called on us all to love — as best we can

— everyone else who happens to inhabit this small planet. She disdained the dogma, which still seems way too popular to me, that calls on non-believers and apostates to burn in hell.

I frankly find greater comfort in what science tells us. To me it provides an explanation for a genesis far more miraculous than any allegorical creation story and it doesn't deem to judge; it simply gives us the facts.

Now, let me say here and now I have the greatest respect for those who do indeed hold "sincere religious beliefs," be they Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or anything else. Mankind's adherence to ancient myths is nothing if not

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## Half a century

Fifty Years  
Five Decades

Someone who is celebrating his Golden Wedding Anniversary should have some wisdom to impart. The day this column is published, June 15th, is the anniversary of the day my wife and I exchanged promises and embarked on an adventure we had been thinking about for the previous four years.

We were raised as Christians. So I was familiar with what was expected from a religious point of view. Various religions have differing variations on the same theme.

And people who are not religious still have the need to make commitments.

The bar is pretty high. It would be fair to assume that young people, with little experience in life, might ponder quite seriously what they are pledging.

My translation is as follows:

I want you to be my wife

I want it to be from this day until the end of our life together

We need to make it work whether we are rich or we are poor and that either will make no difference

We need to understand it could be for better or for worse, and that either will make no difference

We need to accept that one or both of us might be healthy or sick, and that will make no difference

We affirm that we will love and cherish one another until death visits us.

Wow

That pretty much covers it. Not a lot of wiggle room in those vows.

As life moves forward and the sick



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es. These exist in every marriage with which I am familiar.

I am not unmindful, also, of the great happinesses, successes, good memories, and the collection of shared experiences that make a good marriage.

Again, in my upbringing I was well aware of the Ten Commandments.

Again, the bar was set high:

I would not worship any other God but the Lord my God

part or the poor part or the worst things spring up. It becomes mighty challenging.

But the hope, the promise, the goals to which we agreed are noble ones. They deserve to be honored. But one must not assume the testing will not result in challenging.

I will make no idols for my worship

i will not take God's name in vain

I will honor Sundays

I will honor my dad and mom

I won't kill anyone

I won't be an adulterer

I won't steal

I won't lie about other people

I won't wish I had anything that belongs to my neighbor.

I have come to understand that whether one is religious or not, these ten things are a pretty good road map for life.

I was fortunate the I met the right woman for me. We were fortunate that we had four years to get to know one another before we had to make the commitments outlined previously.

But more simply, even if we had not

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## Changing the course of history



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Fifty years ago last week, the course of American history changed and not for the better, for it was 50 years ago last week when Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles moments after claiming victory in California's crucial Democratic presidential primary.

Romantic visions of a Camelot resurrection aside, it

was by no means certain that Kennedy would have been elected President in 1968. In fact, it was very much uncertain as to whether he would have been able to win the Democratic nomination. Back then, it tended to be old-line party leaders who pretty much controlled most of the delegates and they were overwhelmingly lined up behind Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, who jumped into the race after President Johnson withdrew. Kennedy's California triumph came on the heels of a defeat in Oregon which had slowed the momentum he'd been building from the moment he belatedly announced his candidacy less than three months earlier.

Kennedy wasn't just chasing Humphrey. That Oregon defeat

to Gene McCarthy had, so far at least, convinced the latter he still had a chance himself, even though he certainly did not. Before he could focus completely on Humphrey, Kennedy had to convince McCarthy to drop out and stop splitting the anti-Humphrey vote.

It was a very strange scenario. Because Humphrey was inextricably tied to the Johnson Vietnam policy, he was loathed by liberals and progressives in 1968 and never mind Hubert had been more liberal and progressive than anyone else in the party for 20 years. In 1968, you were a Vietnam hawk or dove and that was that.

So it was problematic whether Kennedy could have overtaken him but there's also this. Had Kennedy lived, it seems

inconceivable the riots at the Chicago convention which doomed Humphrey's fall campaign would have happened at all. Pragmatists and in many ways idealists at the same time, HHH and RFK would undoubtedly found a path to compromise irrespective of who the nominee was and Kennedy would have found a way, President or not, to continue to drive the conversation and, I believe, policy towards the issues he cared about most — poverty and race relations. Utopia? Of course not. But I am as sure as I can be that we'd be in a much better place today had he lived. With RFK alive and campaigning for him, HHH would have beaten Nixon and had Kennedy managed

to snatch the nomination, he surely would have won that fall.

Think about that. President Humphrey or President Kennedy would have been strong advocates for the down-trodden, for economic fairness and social justice. Kennedy especially had grown fiercely passionate about these issues, about bridging the racial and economic divide and was speaking eloquently and relentlessly about bringing people together, about building a more compassionate and tolerant society. Not only was he speaking, he had actual policy ideas. Other politicians have also said a lot of the right things of course but in the last half century none

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# Graduating seniors awarded generously

Winchendon's generosity evident at traditional Class Day celebration.

Class Day was held Thursday afternoon, May 31. All Middle School and High School students, family members and friends attended as the seniors (dressed in their caps and gowns) were recognized and honored. Alex Marshall, senior class president, welcomed the assembly, followed by the senior members of the Chamber Chorus singing the National Anthem. Opening remarks were made by Mr. Olsen and Mr. Borseth. As has become a tradition over the past several years, each senior presented a flower to a teacher that has made a significant impact on him or her.

The Class Cheers drew a chuckle or two from the crowd, as the officers from each high school class offered their "roast" to the other three classes.

Mrs. Young, advisor for the

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class of 2018, introduced the class officers: Alex Marshall, Molly Murphy, Michaela Benedict, Marissa Losurdo, Joe LaFord and Ariana Berman. As is tradition, the passing of the colors from the current Freshman class president (Nicole Becotte) to the incoming Freshman representatives (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders - Morgan Eldridge, Jessica Higbee, Hailey Lunn and Taylor Patterson) was completed. Ariana Berman, class historian, presented a synopsis of their four years at Murdock.

The National Honor Society members were presented with yellow and blue cords, while Key Club members were presented with yellow stoles. Student Council members received white stoles.

Many awards were presented:

- Valedictorian Medal - Michaela Benedict
- Salutatorian Medal - Alex Marshall

Telegram and Gazette Student Achiever Award - Alex Marshall

MSSAA Principal's Award - Ariana Berman

MIAA Athletic Directors Award - Molly Murphy, Alex Marshall

Academic Awards:  
Advanced Placement English, Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Chemistry, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, and Spanish - Michaela Benedict

Botany and Youth & Law - Alia LeBlanc

Environmental Science - James Anderson

Topics in Biology - Ariana Berman

Zoology - Austin Barrows

Civil Rights - Brittney Alvarez

Psychology - Molly Murphy

Computer Science - Ethan Brodeur

Murdock Scholars (Students who completed their high school career with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above): Michaela Benedict, Ariana

Berman, Jacob Carter, Marisa Losurdo, Alexander Marshall, Hannah Morse, Shyla Palmer, Thomas Sutherland, and Tiana Taylor.

Multiple scholarships were also awarded to graduating seniors:

American Red Cross Scholarship: Ariana Berman  
Ernest & Pauline Trombly Memorial Scholarship: Jason Bourgoin, Jacob Carter  
Gardner Rotary Club: Tiana Taylor

Fred & Cora Gendron Scholarship: Michaela Benedict, Jason Bourgoin, Alia LeBlanc, Victoria St. Hilaire, Emily Kiberd-Pervier, Faith Huff, Joe LaFord

Maliska Family Scholarship: Brandon Peterson, Hannah Turner

Murdock Student Council Scholarship: Alex Marshall, Michaela Benedict

Sound of Murdock Scholarship: Alex Marshall

Murdock Sports Boosters Scholarship: Molly Murphy, Steven Ingman, Jessie Nolette Elliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker

Scholarship: Alex Marshall, Shyla Palmer, Marissa Losurdo, Ariana Berman, Jacob Carter, Hannah Morse, Brandon Peterson, Alex Hartwell

Winchendon Garden Club: Sean Wilson

Winchendon Police Association Scholarship: Steven Ingman, Tiana Taylor

Mary Ellsworth Memorial Scholarship: Brandon Peterson

Winchendon Teachers' Association Scholarship: Alex Marshall, Ariana Berman

Winchendon Support Personnel Association: Brandon Peterson, Steven Ingman

Additional scholarships were also awarded at the Alumni Banquet and at Graduation. Congratulations to all recipients!

After a choral selection performed by the Murdock Chorus, directed by Mrs. Galipeau, the seniors processed out of the gymnasium to their class song

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have done so with the authenticity and gravitas as did Kennedy and yes that includes the ever-cool Barack Obama, though to be fair, Obama governed in an era even uglier and more partisan than existed in 1968, hard as that might be to believe. Perhaps Joe Biden comes closest to Bobby's passion. No one else has.

Kennedy truly "got it". To some he might have been viewed primarily as the heir to his brother's legacy and there was something to that but

Bobby had moved far beyond Jack's commitment to civil rights and the fight against unspeakable poverty. Both had come somewhat reluctantly and too slowly to embrace those causes but after Dallas, RFK was all-in. No other politician ventured to Appalachia or the Mississippi Delta to really listen and then vow to do something about what he saw. He was denied the chance and in the half-century that has since passed, poverty and hunger issues seem to have disappeared from the national conversation in any meaningful way.

I keep thinking that had

Kennedy lived, there would have been no Nixon presidency; there would have been no Watergate and in turn perhaps less cynicism towards and distrust of government. So many things, I like to believe, would have been different. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe that's just my idealism. But I believe it.

We're worse off, I believe, for the loss of Robert Kennedy than anything else that has happened since 1968. And looking at the national landscape in this awful era, I'm not sure we'll ever recover. I hope we do but...

We close with this. Tragically, we saw again last

week that wealth and fame do not equate or guarantee happiness. Within days of each other, Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain took their own lives. We can grieve for their families, we can share what we knew of them as celebrities, but most importantly, we need to remember yet again to check in from time to time with the ones we love and care about.

Even people who tend to be introverted or reticent might in fact be very grateful for that simple gesture. I write all the time about making a difference. This is a way to do it. Check in. Reach out. You never know how much you might be helping. And if you need it, the National Suicide Hotline is 1-800-273-8255

See you next week.

## Hard to say farewell

By Supt. Steve Haddad  
I want to begin by thanking the School Committee for entrusting me with the role of superintendent of Winchendon Public Schools. These last three years have flown by and while I am disappointed my health will not allow me to continue in this position, it has been a great honor and I am proud of the things we have accomplished together as a school community.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE  
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STEVE HADDAD

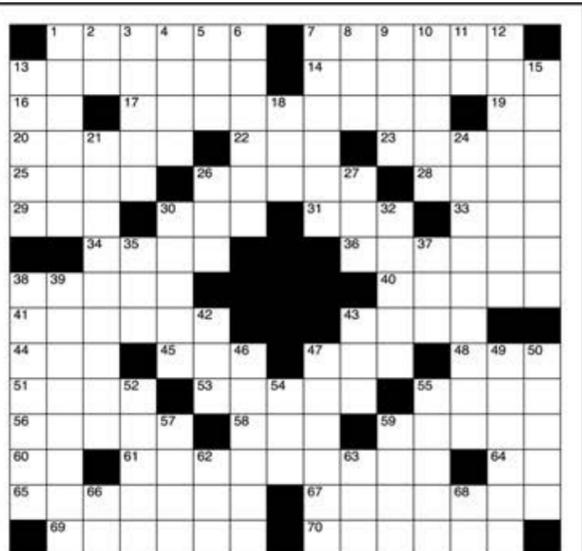
First, I am very proud that we have repaired what had been a chaotic relationship between the public schools and town officials. We have built a bridge which has helped us strengthen a common commitment to providing the best education possible for all of our students.

The Murdock Academy for Success has proven to be just that,

a success. Since we launched this innovative approach to education, more than 20 students who were otherwise very much at risk of dropping out have graduated. Additionally, several dozen "mainstream" students have utilized Academy services in order to attain enough credits to graduate. The Academy has thus proven to be an important asset to the entire school and demonstrated our recognition that everyone learns differently and we have a responsibility to every student to accommodate their needs and skills the best

way we can. Our reading proficiency numbers are showing steady improvement as we continue to work towards our goal of having every student reading by third grade. I compliment the teachers and staff members who are committed to meeting that goal. Their hard work is paying dividends. I'm proud too, we have established a Class Day tradition of having graduating seniors walk from Murdock to Memorial to greet younger students who will someday make that same walk. To some, this may look and seem a bit "hokey", but loyalty to a school community is built in part on creating and maintaining rituals designed to show those younger kids see they too

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Glowering
7. Sports equipment
13. Relief organization
14. Go against the flow
16. A public promotion of some product or service
17. Premier League's Spurs
19. Of I
20. Tears down (Brit.)
22. One point north of due east
23. Sandwich shops
25. American spy
26. Medieval stringed instrument
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Pearl Jam's debut
30. Panthers' Newton
31. Press against lightly
33. \_\_\_ Squad
34. Eminem hit
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Native or inhabitant of Asia
40. Loudness units
41. Knotted anew
43. Daddy
44. Folk singer DiFranco
45. Women from the Mayflower
47. Metric capacity unit
48. Couple
51. A way to coat
53. \_\_\_ and Diu: Indian territory
55. French river
56. Asteroids
58. Investment measurement (abbr.)
59. India and Nepal border river
60. Santa says it three times
61. Hungers
64. Linear unit
65. Speech
67. Taking forcefully
69. Places to be
70. Amusing behavior

### CLUES DOWN

1. Adult female
2. An alternative
3. Rituals
4. Native American people
5. High school exam
6. Respect
7. Tanned
8. Kilometers per hour
9. Ancient Israeli city
10. Periods
11. Electron volt
12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
13. Metric weight unit
15. Occupies
18. \_\_\_ and flow
21. Responsive to physical stimuli
24. One who presses into thin sheets
26. Jogged
27. Automobile
30. Punished
32. Belonging to a bottom layer
35. Japanese delicacy
37. Soda
38. Algonquian language
39. Legislators
42. Father
43. Needed at the ATM
46. Baltimore footballers
47. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress
49. Expands
50. Person (Indonesian)
52. Related
54. Where wrestlers work
55. American communist leader
57. Creatively tell
59. Separatist group
62. Edgar Allan \_\_\_, poet
63. A way to discolor
66. Actinium
68. Integrated circuit



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1	5	2	6	7	9	8	4	3
7	6	3	8	1	4	2	5	9
9	8	4	5	3	2	1	7	6
4	9	6	2	8	5	3	1	7
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## POLICE LOG

## Registry warns public

*Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 29

12:12 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 7:30 a.m.: wires down (Oak Street), referred; 7:50 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), unable to locate; 7:55 a.m.: info/general (Memorial Drive), spoken to; 9:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Circle), assisted; 11:34 a.m.: investigation (Front Street), services rendered; 12:05 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Joslin Road), report taken; 12:12 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street), referred to ACO; 12:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), referred to ACO; 12:26 a.m.: suspicious/other (Hospital Drive), spoken to; 1:02 p.m.: mv violation (Spring Street), advised officer; 1:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 1:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 2:28 p.m.: wires down (Main Street), advised officer; 2:54 p.m.: FD call (Front Street), assisted; 3:14 p.m.: ambulance (Poland Avenue), transported; 4:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road South), referred to ACO; 4:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Beech Street), referred to ACO; 5:16 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), spoken to; 5:24 p.m.: harassment (Central Street), spoken to; 5:57 p.m.: trespassing (Rice Road), unable to locate; 6:06 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 7:08 p.m.: mv stop (Riverside Cemetery), spoken to; 9:08 p.m.: dog bite (Brooks Road), spoken to; 9:34 p.m.: suspicious person (Lincoln Avenue Extension), spoken to; 9:45 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 10:00 p.m.: shoplifting (Central Street), spoken to; 11:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (School Street), secure.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

1:26 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:31 a.m.: suspicious mv (Spring Street), secure; 1:37 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 1:49 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 1:51 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 6:33 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lakeview Drive), secured bldg.; 7:26 a.m.: burglar alarm (Holly Drive), assisted; 8:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), assisted; 9:48 a.m.: wires down (River Street), referred; 10:31 a.m.: welfare check/general (Mill Street), spoken to; 10:50 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), services rendered; 11:33 a.m.: investigation (Joslin Road), services rendered; 12:03 p.m.: warrant of apprehension (Goodrich Drive), unable to locate; 1:37 p.m.: open door/window (Krantz Road), services rendered; 1:59 p.m.: investigation (West Monomac Road), assisted; 2:04 p.m.: summons service (Laurel Street), advised officer; 2:35 p.m.: lockout/house (Lakeview Drive), services rendered; 2:46 p.m.: keep the peace (Converse Drive), assisted; 3:06 p.m.: investigation (West Monomac Road), spoken to; 3:57 p.m.: harassment (Converse Drive), report taken; 4:26 p.m.: disturbance (Walnut Street), spoken to; 4:31 p.m.: keep the peace (Goodrich Drive), assisted; 4:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), spoken to; 4:43 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 6:23 p.m.: mv stop (High Street), verbal warning; 7:22 p.m.: harassment (Central Street), spoken to; 7:54 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street), spoken to; 8:27 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Road), referred; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Juniper Street), spoken to; 10:47 p.m.: erratic operation (Teel Road), Wendy Lee Gaunt, 49, 101 Harrisville Circle, Winchendon, OUI liquor, negligent operation, open container of alcohol in mv, arrest; 11:38 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), refused assistance.

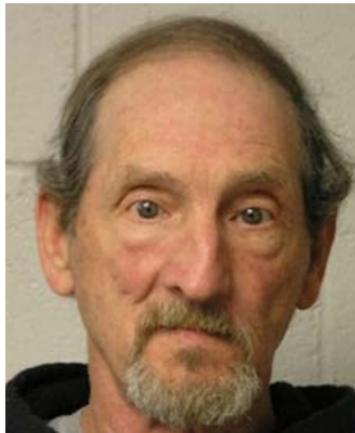
## THURSDAY, MAY 31

1:33-3:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Mellen Road), advised officer; 7:41 a.m.: ambulance (School Street), trans-

ported; 9:05 a.m.: welfare check/general (Ash Street), referred; 1:14 p.m.: repossession of mv (Poland Avenue), info taken; 1:54 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 2:41 p.m.: investigation (Converse Drive), report taken; 3:33 p.m.: keep the peace (Spring Street), spoken to; 4:03 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 4:13 p.m.: suicide threats (Robbins Road), transported to hospital; 4:39 p.m.: welfare check/general (Monadnock Avenue), unfounded; 4:48 p.m.: info/general (Goodrich Drive), info taken; 5:13 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), info taken; 6:04 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Ipswich Drive), spoken to; 6:19 p.m.: larceny (West Street), report taken; 6:34 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 6:43 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 6:46 p.m.: property found (Alger Street), services rendered; 7:17 p.m.: disturbance/fight (Mechanic Street), Joseph J. Madeiros, 27, 12 Mechanic Street, Winchendon, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace; Shannon M. Allaire, 31, 71 Juniper Street, Winchendon, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, report taken; 8:44 p.m.: suicide threats (Central Street), unable to locate; 11:01 p.m.: property lost (Central Street), report taken.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 1

1:18-2:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:57 a.m.: erratic operation (River Street), spoken to; 8:29 a.m.: keep the peace (Spring Street), assisted; 8:49 a.m.: vandalism (Central Street), referred; 9:01 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:12 a.m.: welfare check/general (Beech Street), report taken; 10:25 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Robbins Road), services rendered; 11:20 a.m.: summons service (Ash Street), served; 11:24 a.m.: summons service (Old Gardner Road), served; 11:48 a.m.: open door/window (Olde Centre), spoken to; 12:30 p.m.: investigation (Polly's Drive), report taken; 1:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), report taken; 1:57 p.m.: fire alarm (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:05 p.m.: trespassing (Walnut Street), info taken; 2:43 p.m.: section 12 (Pearl Drive), area search negative; 2:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), referred to ACO; 3:24 p.m.: assault (Polly's Drive), report taken; 3:27 p.m.: noise complaint (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 3:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), referred to ACO; 4:56 p.m.: harassment (Ipswich Drive), info taken; 6:34 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 6:52 p.m.: assist citizen (Gardner Road); 6:55 p.m.: property found (Alger Street), returned to owner; 7:00 p.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street), info taken; 7:07 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), Mirrisa Ann Torres, 26, 212 Spring Street, Winchendon, op/w suspended registration, uninsured mv, citation issued; 7:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), info taken; 7:48 p.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), services rendered; 8:09 p.m.: investigation (Joslin Road),



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unable to locate; 9:11 p.m.: gunshots heard (Mellen Road), report taken; 9:39 p.m.: illegal burn (Jameson Way), referred to FD; 9:41 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street), spoken to; 10:03 mv stop (Summer Street), verbal warning; 10:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street), referred to ACO; 11:31 p.m.: suspicious person (River Street), transport.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 2

12:58-1:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:16 a.m.: disturbance (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 1:54 a.m.: info/general (Linden Street), info taken; 2:38-2:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:59 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 6:39 a.m.: info/general (High Street), info taken; 8:35 a.m.: assist other PD (Royalston Road North), services rendered; 8:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street), services rendered; 8:45 a.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 9:02 a.m.: mv violation (Colonial Lane), spoken to; 9:13 a.m.: mv violation (Cabot Road), spoken to; 9:17 a.m.: custody dispute (Pearl Drive), referred to court; 9:18 a.m.: mv violation (Peggy Lane), spoken to; 9:41 a.m.: road rage (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 10:08 a.m.: stolen mv (Mechanic Street), referred to court; 10:10 a.m.: suspicious/other (Central Street), services rendered; 10:14 a.m.: welfare check/general (Hancock Road), no service necessary; 10:18 a.m.: mv fire (Happy Hollow Road), report taken; 10:39 a.m.: welfare check/general (Hall Road), secure; 10:55 a.m.: fraud (Robbins Road), assisted; 11:31 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 12:26 p.m.: 911 hang up (West Monomac Road), accidental; 1:00 p.m.: threats (Central Street), report taken; 1:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), no service necessary; 3:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Elm Street), referred to ACO; 3:59 p.m.: traffic hazard (Lincoln Avenue), referred; 5:04 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), transported; 5:11 p.m.: gunshots heard (Town Farm Road), report taken; 5:30 p.m.: intoxicated person (Alger Street), unfounded; 5:47 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street), protective custody; 5:50 p.m.: property damage (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 6:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Monomac), report taken; 7:59 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), report taken; 8:59 p.m.: investigation (Chestnut Street), info taken; 9:11 p.m.: threats (Railroad Street), report taken; 9:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), report taken; 9:30 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), info taken; 9:42 p.m.: noise complaint (West Street), spoken to; 10:44 p.m.: fight (Mechanic Street), report taken; 10:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 11:23 p.m.: noise complaint (Sunset Court), spoken to.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 3

12:46-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:41 a.m.: transport (Alger Street); 3:12 a.m.: building check, secure; 3:24 a.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), report taken; 6:59 a.m.: burglar

alarm (Toy Town Lane), false alarm; 8:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 9:01 a.m.: summons service (Academy Street), served; 9:07 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), served; 9:17 a.m.: summons service (Laurel Street), unable to serve; 9:20 a.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 9:27 a.m.: summons service (Brooks Road), served; 9:30 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street), served; 9:33 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street), served; 9:40 a.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), served; 9:45 a.m.: summons service (Monadnock Avenue), served; 10:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 10:32 a.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 11:14 a.m.: larceny (Willoughby Avenue), report taken; 12:01 p.m.: harassment (Willoughby Avenue), referred to other PD; 12:29 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street), Claire D. Chase, 61, 12 Mechanic Street, Winchendon, keeping a noisy/disorderly house, report taken; 1:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Walnut Street), spoken to; 1:59 p.m.: harassment (Converse Drive), report taken; 2:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Memorial Drive), spoken to; 3:38 p.m.: investigation (Chestnut Street), report taken; 3:58 p.m.: trespassing (Ash Street), dispersed gathering; 5:05 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Fullam Hill Road, Fitzwilliam), referred; 5:18 p.m.: harassment (Mechanic Street), report taken; 5:42 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Main Street), unable to locate; 5:49 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), assisted; 6:20 p.m.: investigation (Converse Drive), report taken; 6:35 p.m.: mv repossession (Hale Street), impounded; 7:00 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Street), info taken; 7:02 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 7:17 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 7:24 p.m.: fight (Central Street), report taken; 7:33 p.m.: suicide threats (Maple Street), transported to hospital; 8:09 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Terrace), unable to locate; 8:11 p.m.: investigation (Willow Street), spoken to; 10:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 11:22 p.m.: disturbance (Walnut Street), spoken to.

## MONDAY, JUNE 4

1:16-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:46 a.m.: registration check (Central Street), info given; 1:59-3:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:11 a.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 7:17 a.m.: assist citizen (Royalston Road North); 7:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: info/general (Cedar Terrace), referred to court; 10:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Robbins Road); 11:48 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 12:17 p.m.: assist other PD (Spring Street), services rendered; 12:23 p.m.: ambulance (East Monomac Road), transported; 1:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street), info taken; 1:10 p.m.: illegal dumping (Teel Road), referred; 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), report taken; 3:48 p.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street); 4:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Mellen Road); 4:33 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 4:45 p.m.: disabled mv (Lincoln Avenue), no service necessary; 4:49 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Ready Drive), referred; 5:26 p.m.: assist citizen (Converse Drive); 6:04 p.m.: investigation (Webster Street), spoken to; 6:07 p.m.: info/general (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 6:12 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 6:41 p.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street); 7:31 p.m.: mental health issue (Walnut Street), report taken; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 9:27 p.m.: ambulance (Brooks Road), transported.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5

1:40 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 2:20 a.m.: building check, secure; 9:30 a.m.: wires down (Hale Street), referred; 10:36 a.m.: summons service (Mechanic Street), advised officer; 10:37 a.m.: summons service (Central Street), advised officer; 11:05 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 11:27 a.m.: mv stop (Beech Street), verbal warning; 11:42 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:33 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued; 1:33 p.m.: sex offender registration (Lincoln Avenue), info taken; 1:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Road), unable to locate; 2:01 p.m.: welfare check/gen-

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## Crash leads to charges

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A Winchendon man will be summonsed to Winchendon District Court in Gardner to answer to a charge of negligent operation following a crash on Central Street the night of Wednesday, June 6.

Police responded to the accident just before 9:30 p.m. Upon arrival, officers found a 1955 Ford pickup truck had slammed into the retaining wall in front of Cumberland Farms. A release from Winchendon police says the vintage vehicle suffered extensive front end damage.

Witnesses reportedly told officers the

truck turned onto Central Street northbound from Front Street when the operator began to spin his tires. The driver then lost control, crossed the southbound lane of Central Street, jumped the sidewalk, and crashed into the wall.

The motorist was identified as Joshua LeBlanc, age 28, of 413 Alger Street, Winchendon.

He was transported to UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester for treatment of facial injuries.

LeBlanc was alone in the vehicle. Police have sought a criminal complaint for negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Sergeant Raymond Anair and Officer Joseph Champney investigated.

# OBITUARIES

## Frederick C. Blake, 77

FITCHBURG — Frederick C. Blake, age 77, of Fitchburg, passed away June 7, 2018, in UMass Medical Center. He is happily reunited with his beloved Mom, cheering on the Red Sox from Heaven.



Fred was born in Gardner, a son of the late Clifford and Alvina (Brooks) Blake. He was raised in Winchendon and graduated from Murdock High School in 1959, where he played both baseball and football. Fred played semi-pro baseball in Canada and later moved to Texas, where he joined the Army Reserves. After moving back to Fitchburg, Fred was the owner and operator of the Lion D'or and later the Wine Cellar until his retirement in 2009.

Fred loved participating in Fitchburg Police charity events, and 5K road races. He umpired junior varsity softball and was an avid fan of Fitchburg State hockey. He always looked for-

ward to traveling to his home in the Dominican Republic, where he spent his winters for over 14 years.

He is survived by Jean (Goguen) Blake, his children, Julie Siciliano of Nashua, NH and Eric Blake and wife Nicki of Fitchburg; three grandchildren, Matthew, Amanda, and Laura Siciliano, all of Leominster; companion and guardian angel, Cecilia McCarthy of Fitchburg; siblings, Clifford Blake Jr., Thelma "Sissy" Benoit, Elizabeth "Tunny" LaPointe, Norma Anderson, and Gloria "Peewee" Kelley. Fred is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including Darcy, as well as numerous close friends.

Fred was predeceased by his siblings, Richard, Donald, Kenny, Shirley, Lorraine, and Beverly.

Calling hours were held in Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Rd., Fitchburg, on Thursday, June 14. The funeral will be held on Friday, June 15, at 11:00 am, in the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Please omit flowers and consider a memorial contribution to the American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road, Framingham MA 01701.

## Francis R. 'Bobby' Charlonne, 83

WINCHENDON — Francis R. "Bobby" Charlonne, age 83, of 14 Royalston Road North, died peacefully Wednesday evening, June 6, 2018 in UMass Memorial Hospital, Memorial Campus, Worcester, with his family at his side.



He was born in Jaffrey on December 25, 1934, son of the late Joseph Homer and Pauline (Cote) Charlonne and had lived in Winchendon for 60 years.

Bobby co-owned and operated the former B&C Trucking and Backhoe Business in Winchendon many years ago. He later worked as a woodworker at Winchendon Furniture Company and then worked for several years as a machinist at Simplex Time Recorder until his retirement. A Korean War veteran, he proudly served his country as a member of United States Army for six years of active duty and three years in the Army Reserves.

Bobby was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion and Lt Frederick Wilder White Post 2158 VFW. Family was most important to

him. He also enjoyed hunting and wood-working. He had restored two old cars.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Loretta A. (Bulger) Charlonne; three children, Dawn Luhtjarv of Winthrop, ME and her husband Jack of Winchendon, Diana L. LaPlante and her husband John of Winchendon and William R. Charlonne and his significant other Christine LaPerle of Winchendon; his brothers and sisters, Marcia Charlonne, Carolyn Haselton, and Mary Lewis, all of Brattleboro, VT, Janice Hurd of Gardner and Vernon Charlonne of Jaffrey; six grandchildren, Travis, Kari, Angela, Kayla, Cami and Paul; three great grandchildren, Aya, Elly and Annabel and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Edward Charlonne, Gerald Charlonne, Sheila Charlonne, Joan Fontaine, Patricia Dyer and Colleen Hardy.

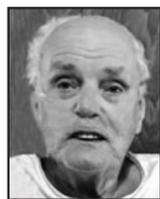
A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce Street. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon were Friday, June 8, 2018.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

## Arnold W. Flagg, 78

WINCHENDON — Arnold W. Flagg, age 78, of 750 Teel Road, died peacefully at his residence Tuesday afternoon, June 5, 2018, with his family at his side.



He was born in Lancaster on December 11, 1939, son of the late Charles and Ruth (Weightman) Flagg and grew up in Johnson, VT. Arnie had lived in Winchendon for 40 years.

Arnie had worked at the former Fitchburg Foundry and later worked as a donut maker at the Arnie's Donut Shop in Leominster; His last employment was working at Vogue Wallpaper. He enjoyed landscaping, spending time on his boat and with dogs and his goose Henry. Arnie also owned some apart-

ments in Fitchburg.

He leaves a sister, Gloria Favreau of Fitchburg; a brother David Flagg of Worcester; his former wife Debbie Flagg of Chateaugay, NY; his dear friend Senay Johnson and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Marilyn Daniels, Margaret Harvard, Marjorie Flagg, Richard Flagg, Charles L. Flagg Jr. and Ronald E. Flagg.

Calling hours were held Monday, June 11, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

Burial will be private in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Mason, NH.

The family is most grateful for the care of GVNA and wishes that memorial donations may be made to GVNA Healthcare Hospice, 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440.

## Adrianus G. 'John' Vandervalk, 95

MILFORD — Adrianus G. "John" Vandervalk, age 95, of Milford and formerly of Framingham passed away Monday June 4, 2018 in Whitcomb House in Milford. He was the husband of the late Alida (Karreman) Vandervalk.

John had been the supervisor at Arthur Craft in Waltham for many years before his retirement.

He was born April 22, 1923 in Den Haag, Netherlands to the late Simon and Anna (Stavast) Vandervalk. He served for the Dutch Army during WWII and moved to the U.S. in the 1950s.

John was a very social person and enjoyed sailing, cruises and woodworking. He was known as the neighborhood

handyman who was good at everything and often spoke of his time with the Dutch Army. He enjoyed his cottage in Winchendon and loved going there whenever possible.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews including Johanna Ferrucci, Simon Vandervalk, and Casey Vandervalk all of Mendon, Dorothy Pullo of New Hampshire, and Paul Vandervalk, Lisa Hagerman and John Feenstra all of California. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Simon Vandervalk and Aart Vandervalk, and a sister Johanna Feenstra.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday June 12, 2018 in Buma-Sargeant Funeral Home (bumafuneralhome.com), 42 Congress St., Milford followed by a prayer service in the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association MA Chapter, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham MA 02452.

## Robinson services

WINCHENDON — Private graveside services will be held in Riverside Cemetery for Dale A. Robinson, age 65 at the time of his death.

Dale was born in Winchendon on April 14, 1951, son of the late George M. and Myra V. (Davis) Robinson and was a 1969 graduate of Murdock High School. He later attended the University of Vermont where he was a member of

its swim team.

Dale had been a champion swimmer as a child.

He leaves two brothers, Grover M. Robinson of Spofford, NH and Dean Robinson of Keene, NH as well as nieces and nephews.

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

## Describing experience in the 'real world'

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A quartet of student interns shared their stories last week and discussed how the experiences impacted the way they are looking at their futures.

Ariel Beal and Haleigh Kirwin spoke enthusiastically about their time at the Monodack Humane Society, saying they could see themselves working with animals down the road.

"I really liked working with the other volunteers but it was more fun to be around the animals," reflected Kirwin.

Both girls emphasized they also liked the energy surrounding the Society.

"You could tell people were there, the volunteers, because they really cared," said Beal, conceding she has an especially soft spot for cats.

"These events like today," where students spoke to a collection of school officials and others, "give them a chance to share their internships, to tell us how they were impacted both short and maybe long term," said Murdock Academy for Success Director Kris Provost. "Internships give participating students a chance to see other options they may pursue career-wise."

"I was thinking about getting an animal-something degree," said Kirwin. "Now I'm sure I want to have a career around them."

Alijah Johnson Kenney and Brandon Lafrennie also had presentations. Lafrennie has been doing his at Beth Hunt's local Not Just Produced store on Central Street.

"I kind of did everything there - inventory, weigh meats, whatever needed to be done. It was fun. I liked working with her and I liked meeting customers," he said.

For Kenney, his internship was an immersion into real estate and when it was done, he had found a career goal.

"Although," he laughed, "At first I didn't know they made their money on commissions."

Kenney said he liked the interaction with prospective buyers, adding he learned the difference between seller's agents and buyers' agents.

"I learned so much. This is definitely the career I want to pursue," he said.

"Giving them a taste of the 'real-world' is very beneficial," marveled district Superintendent Steve Haddad.

"The internship program is very worthwhile and valuable," he said.

respect that.

And that's the point.

We need to learn to respect one another, not in spite of our differences but because of our differences. We're all just trying to muddle through this glorious, joyous, heartbreaking, soul-wrenching mess we call "life."

So, for cryin' out loud, Jack...

just bake the guys a freakin' cake. Where's the harm? Does it really violate your "sincere religious belief?" Really? As a famous man once said: "A new command I give unto you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Hmmm. He may have been onto something.

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tenacious. And I'll be the first to admit that I almost envy those who do have a deep, abiding faith. It obviously helps them navigate their world with some degree of comfort and serenity, and I

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taken these oaths, made these promises, or accepted the commandments, I expect we would have wanted all those things to apply to our common life togeth-

er.

I am a lucky man.

It sounds trite to say I have a wonderful partner, one who has expanded my horizons, born my children, been my friend and confident. And with 54 years of being together, we approach

the future with so much gratitude for the life we experienced, the paths we walked together, the challenges we met, and the happy memories that we keep in our hearts.

On this day, I honor and celebrate my wife, Pam.

## Robotics team takes part in competition

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW COLLINS

On May 17, eight members of the Murdock community attended the VEX Robotics competition at Oakmont High School in Ashburnham.

Three students each from the high school and middle school joined high school technology teacher Andrew Collins and middle school technology teacher Mike Fontaine representing Murdock's Devil Bots. The team's two robots (9782A & 9782B) competed against 30 other robots from nine area schools.

After qualifying heats, teams were ranked by their overall standings and an alliance draft took place to create a single elimination

bracket. 9782B (31) was eliminated in the first round of the tournament, while 9782A (14) went on to the quarterfinals round in an alliance with a team from Fitchburg. Robot 9782A had some technical challenges during the quarterfinal match resulting in a loss and the alliance's elimination.

The team worked together for about four months on the engineering design, construction, and programming of the two robots during their robotics class.

The students should be commended on their performance yesterday representing Murdock. They did a phenomenal job of on the fly problem solving, programming, engineering, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



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# SPORTS

## Winners of historic significance

There were winners of historic proportions last week. To the surprise of utterly no one, the Golden State Warriors won their second straight NBA championship and their third in four years, and truth be told, they should have had four straight.

To the surprise of utterly everyone, the no-longer-never-again "choking dogs" Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup. Really, they did. Go figure.

And Justify, who four months ago had never competed in a horse race, won the Belmont Stakes to complete a Triple Crown in a way it had never been done before.

When the interminable regular basketball season began last fall, the virtually unanimous consensus was the Warriors and LeBrons would meet in the Finals for a fourth straight year. There were some

forks in the road - Houston finished with a better record than Golden State, mostly because the champs sometimes got bored, the Celtics and Sixers grew up in the East, but in the end, form held. LeBron carried the Cavs back to the Finals and the Warriors swept them right out. Next year? You want to bet against GS? A smarter, or at least more interesting bet would be figuring out where James, a free agent as of July 1, will be playing.

The Caps? I've often written I'm not a huge hockey fan and I'm not. But I do remember when the Caps were born in 1974 because I was in college in DC then. The Capitals won all of 8 games that first year. At home, in the brand-new, impossible to get to, and horrendous to get out of Capital Centre in Landover, MD, they went 1-39 or something like that. Eventually the team



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became quite good and several years they had the best regular season record in the NHL. The playoffs were forever a different story. Anytime some bounce made a team lucky, it was never Washington. It was, I think, in 1987 the Caps lost about a six-overtime period playoff game to the Islanders. No time EVER has blown more 3-1 leads, not in the NHL, NBA or MLB than the Caps. No wonder Tony Kornheiser dismissively labeled them "choking dogs."

But this spring was different. Completely. The Caps lost the first two games of their first

series at home but then won four straight to oust Columbus and subsequently clinched on the road at Pittsburgh (their eternal nemesis), Tampa, and Las Vegas. No wonder there was finally delirium in DC. A hell of a lot of long suffering fans have waited a long, long time to celebrate. Good for them.

Because it has come so soon after American Pharoah's tour de force, Justify's Triple Crown sweep isn't getting the same attention from the mainstream sports media as did AP three years ago. So be it. That doesn't diminish the magnitude of the accomplishment, one which only 13 horses have managed to do. The Belmont was only the sixth race of Justify's career, all of them since February. Horses used to run that frequently and more, so what makes this even more unique is the colt had

never run prior to February. A majority of TC winners had been champions of their division at 2. He never ran at 2. This is something new for a TC winner. There was some post-Belmont criticism that Justify's trainer Bob Baffert had entered a horse whose sole purpose was to basically get in the way of the other speed horses without actually fouling them. Restoring Hope is the name and he served as what's known as a "rabbit" for Justify. It's a completely legal and in fact rational strategy that's used every day. Totally fair.

As I have opined before, it's disappointing we are unlikely to see much more of Justify because he's so valuable as a stud prospect. I don't like to see these top class horses whisked away so quickly but that's how it is nowadays. A shame. See you next week.

## Murdock upsets Bay Path in first round of division play

BY KEN POWERS  
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - On the strength of a 13-hit attack that included five extra-base hits, the Murdock High softball team upset Bay Path Regional, 6-2, in the first round of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament on Thursday, June 7.

With the win the Blue Devils, the No. 11 seed, improved to 13-7 and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the tournament, where it played third-seeded Monty Tech (16-4). Bay Path, the No. 6 seed, finished its season 14-5.

Juniors Maria Polcari and Jocelyn Garner led the Murdock hit parade. Polcari finished the game going 3-for-4, with a double, triple, RBI, stolen base and two runs scored. Garner pounded out a pair of doubles, the second one banging off the left-field fence on the fly. She drove in two runs and scored one.

Seniors Molly Murphy and Emily Kiberd-Pervier both recorded a pair of singles. Murphy also drove in two

runs, while Kiberd-Pervier drove in one. Vicky St. Hilaire added a double. Also singling in the game were junior Lindsey Smith, freshman Meagan Knight and eighth-grader Ashley Sevigny.

Polcari jump-started the Murdock offense, opening the game with a triple to right field and then scoring to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead - a lead they would not relinquish - when Murphy followed with a single to left field. Polcari doubled in her next at-bat and then in the seventh, after flying out to left field in the fifth, she smacked an RBI single to left field.

"I don't want to make myself nervous so I try to just go up there confident and I just try to get the bat on the ball; I don't try to crush it. I'm just up there trying to make contact," Polcari said about her approach to hitting. "Getting that first run was huge. It boosted our confidence."

Murdock first-year Coach John Reilly Jr., looked at Polcari after the game and smiled, which was just a small indi-

cation of how happy he is to have the junior on his team.

"Maria's a wonderful ballplayer and she's twice the kid that she is a ball player," Reilly said. "She's a compassionate kid and her vision for what she has to do on the field is always correct. She always knows what to do with the ball. She always knows what's going on in the game and she always goes above and beyond for the team. She puts the bat on the ball; she's a great hitter. It's great to have someone so good at all the little things playing as important a position as catcher."

Murdock extended its lead to 3-0 in the top of the fifth inning.

With one out Smith reached base on a bunt single and then promptly stole second. She came home two batters later to make it 2-0 on an RBI single to center field by Murphy. Murphy then scored to make it 3-0 when Garner, ripped a double down the left field line.

The Blue Devils doubled their lead to 6-0 in the top of the seventh inning.

Sevigny led off the seventh with a

single to center field, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Smith, went to third on a passed ball and then scored to make it 4-0 on an RBI single to center by Polcari. Polcari made it 5-0, scoring when Garner smashed a booming double to left field, the ball hitting halfway up the fence. Garner closed out the Murdock scoring, crossing the plate to make it 6-0 when Kiberd-Pervier slashed an RBI single to center field.

While the Blue Devils' offense was putting on a hitting clinic at the plate, Emily Smith was dominating the pitching circle, allowing just a pair of seventh-inning runs on seven hits. She walked one, hit one and struck out five.

"Emily pitched really well today. Her location was great and she did a really good job changing speeds. She was very accurate today, too," Polcari said. "Emily and I have been playing together since we were six years old. I've been catching her for the last four years so we know each other pretty well. We work really well together. I calm her down; she calms me down."



### TAKING A NEW DIRECTION

Greg Vine photo

Going full circle. The walking track at the Clark Memorial YMCA now makes a complete circuit around the facility's athletic field. The track was reduced from a third of a mile to a quarter mile to make way for the Clark's new community center. The center will be open for tours during this Saturday's Summer Solstice celebration.

## Murdock falls in quarter final to Monty Tech

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The Murdock Lady Devils varsity softball team made their return to the post-season a winning one on Thursday by beating Bay Path, 6-2 but that was all she wrote as 11th seed MHS was eliminated in Saturday's quarter finals by the third-seed Monty Tech Lady Bulldogs, falling 12-6.

"Great season overall," said first year Coach John Reilly.

Murdock finished the 2018 season with a 13-8 record.

The Lady Devils took a 5-1 lead at Monty Tech but couldn't hold off the Lady Bulldogs. Things looked bright for MHS early on as they scored three runs in the top of the first. Polcari and Murphy scored on RBI hits from Kiberd-Pervier and Vicky St. Hilaire.

Sevigny's walk made it 3-0 and after Monty Tech scored one in the home half, Murdock added two more in the second when Garner drove in Polcari and later scored on an error.

But the Lady Bulldogs exploded for seven runs in their half of the second and tallied three more in the fourth. Winchendon natives Cassie Skinner (3-3, 3 runs) and Amber Colcord (2 runs) were big contributors in the MT comeback.

"It was a tough day," acknowledged Reilly.

"Emily's arm was sore and you really can't do anything when your ace has a sore arm. It's tough but I wish Monty Tech the best. Everyone on our team brings something to the table and I'm really looking forward to next year," he said.

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will be looked up to down the road. Passing a tradition from generation to generation matters in a community.

Last fall we began using the Summit Learning Platform in the middle school. I understand there have been questions about the program but we needed to try something new in the face of stagnating test scores. Summit is a more personalized tool which is enabling students to learn largely at their own pace and has stressed the importance of developing the critical thinking skills which they will need in high school and beyond. We are confident Summit will in time come to be seen as a successful and creative program.

In the essential middle school years we have also developed creative engineering and science

classes which are helping students meet the unique challenges of a fast-changing technological society. The teachers running these programs are helping their students lay the foundation for successful high school careers where they will be taking higher level classes and this will in turn help prepare them for life after graduation.

I am indebted to administrative teams which have been open minded and flexible enough to adapt to changing times. Murdock High School has been graced by the one-year return of the remarkable Ralph Olsen.

Our after school program has grown and flourished, providing an important safe haven for many students. We are distributing more than 100 healthy snack packs every Friday for elementary school students and we are working with the Kiwanis and Lions clubs hoping to develop a sum-

mer lunch program as well.

I am proud that our field hockey and softball teams have advanced to Districts in their respective sports. Our track program has produced multiple champions and our varsity cheer program won their league title.

I am excited about the direction in which our system is headed. We are making great progress towards moving up the state level rating structure. It needs to be and has been a collaborative effort on the part of many people to make this happen. They have my thanks and gratitude and deserve the same from the greater community. As I retire at summer's end I am confident we will continue to be a destination school system.

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# Full summer schedule at the Clark

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A full schedule of activities for youngsters has been put together for the Clark Memorial YMCA's Summer Camp. Nine weeks worth of games, sports, art, swimming will run from June 25 to August 24. Participants can sign up to attend for all nine weeks or for a week at a time.

Camp Clark is for ages 5 to 12. According to the Clark's promotional material, the program is designed to provide children and pre-teens with a chance to "have fun, meet new friends, play and create memories that last a lifetime." Kids will learn a variety of skills and camp staff will help them discover their potential. In addition to swimming, games, and art, events also include a field trip. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cost \$70 per session for Clark members and \$90 for non-members. Extended sessions, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., are available for an additional \$10 for each extension.

Ages 7 to 13 are invited to attend Sports Camp, which runs for eight weeks, starting June 25 and ending

August 17. Each week features a different sport, starting with basketball and continuing with fit kids, karate, and flag football. Session 5, July 23-27, features baseball in the morning and dance in the afternoon. The final three sessions offer outdoor activities, gymnastics, and soccer. Participants will develop individual skills and learn the importance of teamwork. Sessions cost \$90 for members and \$115 for non-members. Extended sessions are available for mornings and/or afternoons for an additional \$10 each. Those wishing to attend for only the morning sports session - 9 a.m. to noon - can do so for \$64 for members and \$90 for non-members.

The Counselor in Training program runs for four weeks between June 25 and August 17. Teens ages 13 to 15 can participate. The program is meant to develop leadership skills and hands-on experience, including training in goal-setting and workplace readiness. Each two-week session cost \$140 for members and \$190 for non-members. Many of those who go through this program end up being hired to work as counselors in following summers.

A non-refundable, non-transferable

deposit of 50% per session is required when registering. The balance must be paid no later than three weeks prior to the start of each session.

Senior Program Director Kyle Scrivines said some families may qualify for vouchers from the state Child Care Resource and Referral program.

"And, when necessary, we can offer supplemental assistance on top of those vouchers," said Scrivines. "We also offer some sessions on a sliding scale. We certainly don't want any families to be shut out. If a child is attending for just a week or two, no voucher may be necessary."

"For a lot of the kids, the summer camp is simply a continuation of the before and after school programs we provide," he said. "When school ends our summer program begins, and when our summer schedule ends school gets under way. So, the kids don't miss a beat."

Scrivines added that "some sessions fill up quicker than others, so people should get their registration in as soon as possible."

"We get kids from all around," Scrivines said. "Naturally, most come

from Winchendon, but a lot of towns - I'd say at least six to eight towns - are represented here. We also have kids coming from New Hampshire. Location-wise we're in a good spot. A lot of people drive through here on their way to work and it's easy for them to drop off their kids."

Scrivines said summer staffers go through about three weeks of training before the start of the program. All are trained in CPR and first aid.

Scrivines also said some of this summer's activities may take place in the new community center, but more likely will be held in the gymnasium.

"Hopefully, by the end of next week all of the gymnastics equipment currently crowding the gym will be moved to the new gymnastics center," he said. "Then we'll be able to use the gym in the main building for other activities. It'll be nice to have it opened up again."

Registration forms may either be downloaded, mailed, or picked up at the Clark.

The Summer Camp is licensed by the Winchendon Board of Health and complies with all regulations of the state Department of Public Health.

## 19 MWCC students recognized at dental pinning ceremony



MWCC's 2018 dental hygiene class is pictured before the pinning ceremony. From left to right are: Jamika Nance-Garcia, Linda McLean, Samantha Zaines, Justine Smith, Elizabeth Campbell, Colleen Demboske, and Tiffany Cunningham. In the front row from left to right are: Amanda Melanson, Briana Cormier, Sharlene Seppala, Kailey Lang, and Charlie Hollins.

GARDNER—Nineteen students graduating on May 16 with their dental assisting or dental hygiene degrees were honored during a special pinning ceremony.

The ceremony held on May 11 is a time to recognize the hard work of the students and welcome them into the dental professions, according to Cindy Cadoret, the director of the dental education programs at Mount Wachusett Community College.

MWCC President James Vander Hooven encouraged students to be proud of the commitment to their studies that got them to this point as well as the work they will be doing in the community moving forward.

"What you have gained in this experience is the ability to serve others,"

Vander Hooven said of their schooling. "I want to congratulate you on making it to this day. Enjoy the experience. Know that everyone out here is behind you."

The students honored from the dental programs were:

**Dental Assisting:** Alyssa Aveni - Westminister; Jennifer Chiasson - Athol; Jessica Fino - Leominster; Rosemary Haskell - Fitchburg; Savannah LaRoche - Athol; Sarah O'Sullivan - Barre; and Tammera Reynolds - Fitchburg.

**Hygiene:** Elizabeth Campbell - Fitchburg; Briana Cormier - Gardner; Tiffany Cunningham - Gardner; Colleen Demboske - Royalston; Charlie Hollins - Fitchburg; Kailey Lang -

Ashby; Linda McLean - Troy, NH; Amanda Melanson - Athol; Jamika Nance-Garcia - Gardner; Sharlene Seppala - Rindge; Justina Smith - Westminster; and Samantha Zaines - Holden.

In addition to the pinning, special awards were presented to students who showed exemplary skill within their discipline.

Ashley Boudreau received the Ellen Daly Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a first year dental hygiene student who achieves an academic record of 3.5 or higher who also demonstrates clinical excellence, leadership, professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to dental hygiene and patient care.

Briana Cormier



Courtesy photos

MWCC's 2018 dental assisting class is pictured before the pinning ceremony. From left to right are: Alyssa Aveni, Jennifer Chiasson, Sarah O'Sullivan, Jessica Fino, Rosemary Haskell, Tammera Reynolds, and Savannah LaRoche.

received the curriculum award that goes to the student graduating with the highest GPA and demonstrated excellence. Elizabeth Campbell received the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association Academic Scholarship.

Jamika Nance-Garcia received the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association Membership Scholarship.

Sharlene Seppala received the Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award that is awarded to the student who demonstrates excellent clinical skills and competence and is always available to go above and beyond in the clinical setting.

Linda McLean received the Dental Hygiene

Department Award that is awarded to a student who has demonstrated overall strong academic achievement, clinical excellence, leadership and is truly a team oriented professional in the dental setting.

Sarah O'Sullivan received the Dental Assisting Department Award in recognition of her overall excellence in academic achievement and clinical skill and demonstrated dedication to professionalism.

Charlie Hollins received the Colgate Star (Student Total Achievement Recognition) Award. The Colgate STAR Award recognizes graduating dental hygiene students who show excellence and commitment to the den-

tal hygiene profession by: demonstrating true dedication to the profession; exhibiting extraordinary compassion in patient care; displaying enthusiasm and follow-through for community service; and demonstrating outstanding patient education and motivation skills.

Samantha Zaines received the MDHA Worcester Component/MDHA Dental Hygienists' Association Scholarship for a graduating senior.

Vanessa Inthachai received the MDHA Worcester Component/MDHA Dental Hygienists' Association Scholarship for a first year student advancing to year two.

### Auditions planned for new production

Theatre at the Mount announces auditions for the Fall Touring Production, THE 100 DRESSES.

Meet Wanda Petronski, the new girl in school. Wanda talks with a funny foreign accent and wears the same faded blue dress to school every day. Yet she swears her closet back home is lined with 100 beautiful silk dresses. Still, the "mean girls" at school pick on Wanda relentlessly. And those who stand by silently soon learn that doing nothing can be the worst form of bullying of all. The Hundred Dresses is a timeless tale that explores the bonds of friendship, the willingness to be yourself and the courage that it takes to stand up to others-even when you're standing alone.

THE 100 DRESSES is directed by Kyle Carlson, music directed by Joanne Landry, and choreographed by Emily Smith. Audition dates are Monday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. sharp in room 182 at Mount Wachusett Community College. The cast calls for an ensemble of 8-12 members (mix of male and female) ages 14 and up.

A short vocal selection will be taught to all teens that audition; wear comfortable clothing for dance audition; and, expect cold-readings from the script.

Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sunday afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

THE 100 DRESSES will be performed at local elementary schools on Oct. 4, 5, 18, 19, 26; and at the Mount on Oct. 28 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Professor Gail Steele at (978) 630-9162, or e-mail g\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu.



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# The benefits of homeownership

In addition to the obvious benefit of providing shelter, owning a home has a far-reaching ripple effect for owners and their families. Here are just some of the many long-term benefits of homeownership:

Owning a home is a secure long-term investment. While markets fluctuate over the short-term, provided you stay in your home for an extended



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period of time, it will most likely increase in value and yield a substantial return on your investment, making it one of the safest ways to invest your money.

You're building equity. As the experts at discover.com explain, when you subtract the amount you owe on your home loan from the total value of your house, the amount left

over is your home equity—the dollar value that actually belongs to you. You build equity by reducing the amount you owe on your loan with each monthly mortgage payment, and also as your home increases in value.

You benefit from tax deductions. Even though certain tax deductions were at risk during this year's tax reform bill, homeowners still benefit come tax time. Talk to your accountant to find out exactly if and how the new tax laws might

affect your deductions.

Aside from the financial benefits, homeownership has a wide range of positive effects on families. According to reports from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the children of homeowners tend to do better in school and are less involved in crime, as homes provide a stable environment for families.

With credit criteria loosening, and the recent roll-back of lending restrictions imposed

by the Dodd-Frank Act, there are many options to pursue homeownership. Talk to your local real estate expert about the best way to get on the path to owning a home.

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## Verda earns MS in healthcare

Full-service real estate and property management firm Peabody Properties is pleased to announce Lori Verda, a resident service coordinator and case manager with its group adult foster care sector, has completed her master's program to earn a Master of Science in healthcare administration.

Verda, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in communication science and disorders from the College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, earned her MHA from Southern New Hampshire University. She received the Outstanding Student award for holding the highest GPA in the program, a 4.0.

Verda joined Peabody Properties, Inc. in May of 2014 as a member of the Peabody Resident Services, Inc. (PRSI) home care program, one that is designed to serve residents of affordable housing with the goal of providing support services that help them remain in their own homes.

She lives in Winchendon with her

husband and their two daughters and enjoys spending as much free time as possible with her family and Newfoundland Luna and Husky puppy Maple. The family is partial to hiking, camping "and pretty much anything we can do together!" Verda also appreciates time with her sisters, who work for PRSI, as well.

"Lori was able to complete her master's program with a 4.0 GPA, no less, while continuing to be an excellent case manager and the mother of two small children," said Aria Zayas, PRSI home care program compliance manager. "The entire Peabody Properties community is proud of Lori's latest achievement!"

Peabody Properties is a full-service real-estate firm which manages more than 12,400 units of housing, primarily in New England. The award-winning, privately held corporation and accredited management organization was incorporated in 1976 and is under

the direction of Karen Fish-Will and Melissa Fish-Crane. In 1995, Peabody Properties recognized its long-term commitment to resident services as a unique area of expertise within the field of property management and established a new, specialty sector. Peabody Resident Services, Inc. is dedicated solely to the development of support services and programs for residents of affordable housing. Peabody Properties is designated as a Woman Business Enterprise, is certified by the Massachusetts State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance, and was recently ranked in the top 60 on the 2017 National Affordable Housing Management Association Affordable 100 List, as well as a 2017 Top Place to Work by the Boston Globe and 2018 Glassdoor Best Place to Work. Peabody Properties maintains headquarters at 536 Granite St., Braintree, MA 02184. The firm also has offices in New Jersey and Florida. For additional



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Lori Verda with (from left to right) daughter Ellie, husband Jon, and daughter Talya.

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**Jesse L. Algarin**

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**U.S. Bank National Association**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **16 Chase Lane**, given by **Jesse L. Algarin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Federal Savings Bank of Boston, its successors and assigns, dated January 4, 2012 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48364, Page 269** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 9, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER** Chief Justice of this Court on May 24, 2018 Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**

Recorder

(17-009407 Orans)

June 15, 2018

### Legal Notice

#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

770 River Street; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 136

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, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:10 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Julie Horman for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 770 River Street; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 136. The project entails removal of asphalt grindings followed by loaming and seeding to restore lawn, planting of trees and shrubs to restore forest, and installation of a chain link fence. Also, restoration of a previously exist-

ing small pond. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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

June 15, 2018

### Legal Notice

#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

106 Converse Drive; Assessor's Map 9, Lot 290

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, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owners Nancy and Antonio Tonelli for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 106 Converse Drive; Assessor's Map 9, Lot 290. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving a three-bedroom house. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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June 15, 2018

### Legal Notice

#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

16 Northern Heights Drive; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 158

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#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

Ash Street; Assessor's Map 5D-4, Lot 9

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, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:40 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by Dynamic Energy Solutions LLC on behalf of property owner The Winchendon School for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 0 Ash Street; Assessor's Map 5D-4, Lot 9. The project entails construction and operation of a 1.2 megawatt solar energy system. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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

June 15, 2018

### Legal Notice

#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

34 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 206

Pursuant to the provisions of the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:25 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owner Kathleen VanDyke for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Isolated Vegetated Wetlands at 34 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 206. The project entails construction of a new single-family house, associated septic system, grading, and landscaping. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

June 15, 2018

### Legal Notice

#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

15 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 217

Pursuant to the provisions of the 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, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:25 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owner Kathleen VanDyke for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 15 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 217. The project entails construction of a new single-family house, associated septic system, grading, and landscaping. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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June 15, 2018

### Legal Notice

#### Winchendon Conservation Commission

64 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 209

Pursuant to the provisions of the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:25 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owner Kathleen VanDyke for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Isolated Vegetated Wetlands at 64 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 209. The project entails construction of a new single-family house, associated septic system, grading, and landscaping. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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June 15, 2018



# Franklin promoted to VP marketing community relations

GARDNER — GFA is pleased to announce the promotion of Susan Franklin to vice president of marketing community relations. Franklin has been with the credit union for two years.

"I am so pleased to recognize Sue with this promotion. Since joining our team, she has consistently demonstrated her marketing expertise, along with her leadership skills. She has strengthened our brand and has worked with tremendous focus in advancing our digital marketing platforms and philosophies. Her community involvement and team spirit are recognized

as assets to our GFA team and to our community," said Tina M. Sbrega, President & CEO of GFA.

Franklin was raised in Sterling. Susan is a current resident of Leominster where serves on the Board for Leominster Crime Stoppers. She also serves on the Board for Gardner Square Two. She is a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College and is currently attending Southern New Hampshire University to obtain her marketing degree with a concentration in digital and social media.



Susan Franklin

## CANNABIS

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ings are likely to take.

After making it through the Cannabis Control Commission gauntlet, candidates would then come back to the town to submit their site plan to the Planning Board for its approval.

Among the details still to be hammered out by town officials is just how much to charge for a retail cannabis license.

"We want to be fair," said

Hickey. "Right now, we charge package stores \$1,000 as their annual fee. We're still trying to find a rationale for what we charge, but it's likely to be in that ballpark."

Murphy said the Planning Board also charges \$1,000 per site plan submission and review and for special permits.

In an earlier interview, Murphy said it's conceivable Winchendon could see its first retail marijuana establishment open its doors by the end of the year.



## LOGS

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eral (Linden Street), no service necessary; 3:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), spoken to; 4:25 p.m.: info/general (Main Street), spoken to; 5:22 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road), transported; 5:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 6:20 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 7:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), returned to owner; 7:31 p.m.: dog bite (Central Street), report taken; 7:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Poland Avenue), report taken; 7:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 8:53 p.m.: assist other PD (Lenox Street, Athol), services rendered; 11:21 p.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Drive), no service necessary; 11:39-11:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

12:05-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:24 a.m.: suspicious mv (Baldwinville State Road), secure; 2:56-3:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:38 a.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), citation issued; 6:02 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:33 a.m.: extra patrols (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:44 a.m.: extra patrols (Central Street), services rendered; 10:24 a.m.: animal complaint (High Street), assisted; 11:05 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 11:12 a.m.: bolo (Baldwinville State Road), area search negative; 11:22 a.m.: look out/mv (Pond Street), services rendered; 12:02 p.m.: registration check (Main Street), no service necessary; 12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Water Street), verbal warning; 12:37 p.m.: ambulance (Sunny Cove Road), transported; 12:47 p.m.: welfare check/general (Brooks Road), unable to locate; 1:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Metcalfe Street), referred to ACO; 1:29 p.m.: larceny (Converse Drive), report taken; 1:55 p.m.: trespassing (Spring Street), assisted; 4:05 p.m.: vandalism (Elmwood Road), report taken; 5:14 p.m.: harassment (West Street), report taken; 7:14 p.m.: welfare check/child (Liberty Drive), referred to court; 7:53-8:29 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:34 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 8:54-8:58 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:21 p.m.: accident (Central Street), Joshua P. LeBlanc, 28, 413 Alger Street, Winchendon, negligent operation, transported to hospital; 10:10 p.m.: dog bite (Phyllis Road), report taken.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 7

12:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 12:35-1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: fight (Linden Street), spoken to; 1:40-3:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:15 a.m.: lock-out/house (Woodlawn

Street), services rendered; 8:49 a.m.: bolo (Baldwinville State Road), area search negative; 9:22 a.m.: investigation (Spruce Street), spoken to; 9:30 a.m.: gunshots heard (Hyde Street), spoken to; 9:59 a.m.: sex offender registration (Lincoln Avenue), assisted; 10:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Goodrich Street), services rendered; 11:35 a.m.: threats (Teel Road), report taken; 11:48 a.m.: illegal dumping (River Street), spoken to; 12:52 p.m.: property lost (Alger Street), services rendered; 4:03 p.m.: assist other agency (Alger Street), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 5:51 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 6:31 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 6:33 p.m.: harassment (Brooks Road), spoken to; 6:46 p.m.: property damage (Chestnut Street), report taken; 7:08 p.m.: tree down on wires (Willow Street), report taken; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Christopher A. Furtado, 30, 61 Highland Street, Winchendon, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, no inspection sticker, citation issued; 8:29 p.m.: kidnapping (Central Street), report taken; 9:41 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Oak Street), report taken; 10:18 p.m.: alarm/type unknown (Woodlawn Street), unfounded; 10:37 p.m.: vandalism (Webster Street), spoken to.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

12:33 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:41 a.m.: mental health issue (Linden Street), info taken; 1:06 a.m.: ambulance (Hall Road), transported; 1:43-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:10 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:34 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 8:45 a.m.: harassment (Ipswich Drive), report taken; 9:35 a.m.: info/general (Baldwinville State Road), advised officer; 10:58 a.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Teel Road), referred to court; 11:12 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), referred to court; 11:49 a.m.: wires down (Beachview Drive), referred; 12:21 p.m.: summons service (Pearl Street), served; 12:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Congress Road), unable to locate; 12:46 p.m.: accident (Webster Street), report taken; 12:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), info given; 1:30 p.m.: property lost (Central Street), info taken; 2:06 p.m.: animal abuse (Cedar Terrace), spoken to; 4:12 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Homestead Lane), referred; 4:30 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), no service necessary; 4:47 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), accidental; 4:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Russell Farm Road); 6:01 a.m.: vandalism (Mill Glen Road), report taken; 6:58 p.m.: erratic operation (School

Street), referred; 7:35 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street), assisted; 7:46 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 7:51 bolo (Central Street), advised officer; 8:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Banner Place), unable to locate; 8:30 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 8:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Robbins Road), gone on arrival; 8:47 p.m.: bolo (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 9:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (East Street), report taken; 9:52 p.m.: suspicious/other (Mill Circle), spoken to; 11:12 p.m.: burglar alarm (Elmwood Road), secure.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

12:38 a.m.: suspicious mv (Hospital Drive), spoken to; 1:09 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:14 a.m.: ATV complaint (Elmwood Road), info given; 1:16 a.m.: suspicious mv (Goodrich Drive), secure; 1:25 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:42 a.m.: mental health issue (Linden Street), advised officer; 1:53 a.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Road), transport; 2:18-2:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:37 a.m.: suspicious mv (Bentley Field), secure; 2:38 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:11 a.m.: burglar alarm (Elmwood Road), secure; 6:33 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 8:12 a.m.: assist citizen (West Street); 8:40 a.m.: animal complaint (Old Centre), referred; 9:36 a.m.: summons service (Central Street), served; 9:57 a.m.: burglar alarm (Whitney Street), false alarm; 11:24 a.m.: property found (Central Street), spoken to; 11:41 a.m.: summon service (Old Gardner Road), served; 11:47 a.m.: summons service (Bemis Road), served; 12:31 p.m.: accident (Ash Street), report taken; 12:49 p.m.: vandalism (West Monomac Road), report taken; 1:11 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), returned to owner; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 1:53 p.m.: keep the peace (Converse Drive), unable to locate; 1:56 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 5:59 p.m.: keep the peace (Winchendon Road, Baldwinville), assisted; 6:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), unable to locate; 6:49 p.m.: ambulance (East Street), transported; 7:08 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 7:24 p.m.: unwanted party (Mechanic Street), report taken; 7:31 p.m.: accident (Lincoln Avenue), brought to station; 8:32 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Zachery Jackson, 23, 123 Franklin Street, Winchendon, unlicensed operation; Carrie A. Haley, 50, 123 Franklin Street, Winchendon, unlicensed/suspended op of mv/permit, uninjured mv, citations issued; 9:04 p.m.: FD call (Summer Street), secure; 9:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (Rice Road), spoken to; 10:32 p.m.: threats (Glenallan Street), Mitchell David Doody, 23, 361

Hitchcock Road, Winchendon, disorderly conduct, report taken; 10:45 p.m.: noise complaint (Spring Street), no cause; 11:51 p.m.: noise complaint (River Street), unable to locate.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

12:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Water Street), returned to owner; 1:49-2:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:32 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 7:00 a.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Lane), secure; 7:42 a.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), referred; 8:15 a.m.: assist other agency (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 8:38 a.m.: missing person (Oriole Street, Gardner), referred; 10:09 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), referred; 11:21 a.m.: suspicious/other (Rice Road), spoken to; 12:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 12:21 p.m.: assist other PD (Benjamin Street), info given; 1:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Road), referred to ACO; 2:10 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), info taken; 2:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Hale Street); 3:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Mill Street), referred; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:41-5:50 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:34 p.m.: erratic operation (Maple Street), secure; 7:09 p.m.: threats (Prospect Street), report taken; 8:33-8:46 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:52 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), transport; 9:15 p.m.: bolo (town side), info given; 9:37 p.m.: repossession of mv (East Monomac Road), info taken; 9:52 p.m.: erratic operation (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 10:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Ready Drive), spoken to.

### MONDAY, JUNE 11

12:01-12:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: suspicious person (Academy Street), spoken to; 3:10 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 3:40 a.m.: suspicious/other (Lakeshore Drive), no service necessary; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Avenue), referred; 7:35 a.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Lane), secured; 9:27 a.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street), info given; 10:32 a.m.: assist other PD (Spring Street), message delivered; 10:48 a.m.: abandoned mv (Rice Road), report taken; 12:45 p.m.: assist other PD (Spring Street), services rendered; 12:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Center Lane), referred to ACO; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), no service necessary; 3:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Ingleside Drive), referred to ACO; 4:50 p.m.: ambulance (Tolman Road), transported; 5:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), referred to ACO; 5:41 p.m.: investigation (Webster Street), spoken to; 7:07 p.m.: property found (Central Street), 7:41-8:38 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:00 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road), report taken.

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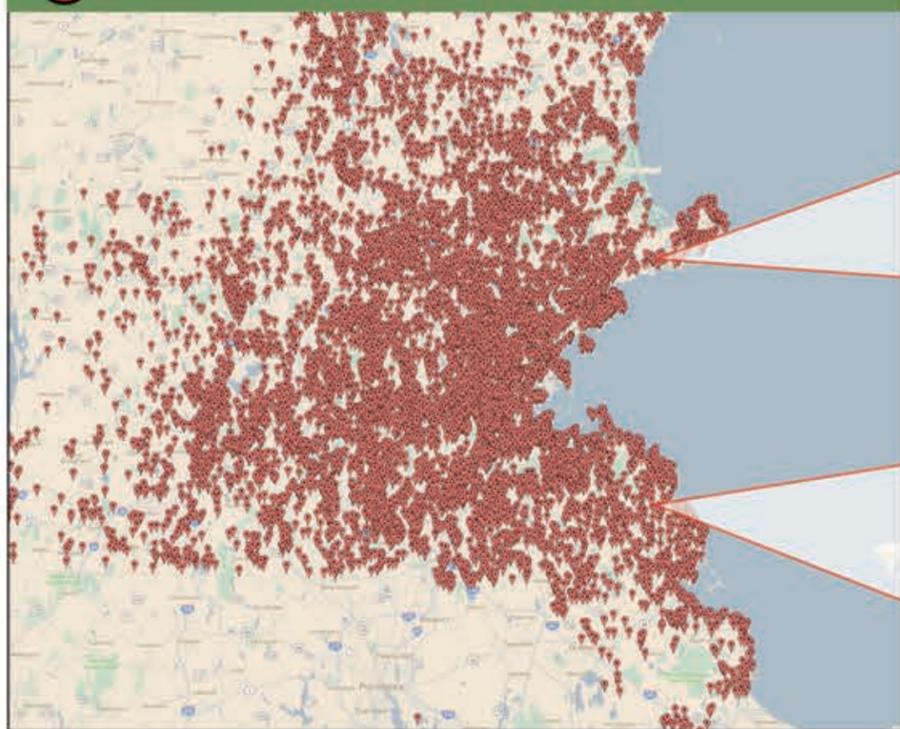
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