

# Grout family donates \$100K for park

**BY GREG VINE**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

At present, a dusty, rocky vacant lot sits at the northeast corner of Glenallan and Spring streets. In addition to being unsightly, the patch of land also constitutes a safety hazard, as some motorists heading north on Spring Street-Route 12, particularly tractor-trailer operators, somehow find it necessary to cut through the lot to head north on Glenallan, rather than staying on the paved roadway to make a right-hand turn at the intersection.

Thanks to a generous donation from Rachel and Coral Grout, however, the seemingly useless lot will, in the not-too-distant future, be transformed into an attractive park, complete with a paved parking lot, poppy covered flower beds, a Christmas tree, white oaks, a 50-foot lighted flag pole, park benches and other improvements. A check from the Grout Family Foundation in the amount of \$100,000 was recently presented to the town's Board of Selectmen to cover the cost of the transformation.

Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said in an interview the town's Redevelopment Authority had been weighing options for the prop-

erty since the completion of the North Central Pathway – known locally simply as the bike trail – and the construction of a parking lot adjacent to the undeveloped parcel.

"They've been trying to come up with little things to do," she said, "but it's always been about the funding."

Coral Grout told The Courier she and her mother had noted that some long-time fundraising efforts used to pay for various civic improvements over the years had ceased to exist, "And my mom and I started saying, 'Well, what can we do to leave something to the town?' We sat down with a few people and listened to some proposals but then, one day, I watched an 18-wheeler cut across that rotten piece of land down by the bridge."

"So, I mentioned something to my friend Burt Gould and Burt looked at me and said, 'Let's see what we can do to make something of that.' It took almost two years to get this to where it is."

"So, we went to Tracy," Grout continued, "and she designed what she thought would look good. And then we added the things that are non-negotiable; the Christmas tree, a 50-foot flag pole, something to indicate that it's a gift from my

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Courtesy photo  
**Rachel and Coral Grout at a recent Board of Selectman meeting making a presentation of \$100,000 to create a park in honor of family veterans.**

## Ingleside opens to public Sept. 7

**BY GREG VINE**  
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Members of the Ingleside Utilization Committee, along with a number of volunteers, have spent several weekends this summer clearing trails on the 43-acre property, which the town acquired in a land-swap with the Winchendon School a couple of years ago. The effort to improve the trails got underway in earnest after the IUC landed grant monies from both the Converse Fund and the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation earlier this year.

"We really wanted to get people introduced to the park this summer," said committee Chairman David Romanowski. "And with that in mind, we thought the easiest way for us to get people up there and utilizing the property was to get some trails built — some existing trails — to get them cleaned up and made more usable. After meeting with Mt. Grace (Land Conservation Trust), we were introduced to the North Quabbin Trails Association. So, we brought them out to the property and they walked the trails with us and (NQTA president) Bob Curley had a lot of ideas of things we could do to better market, better utilize, all the things related to the trails."

"He understood what needed to be done," said Romanowski. "He understood how to do it, and he understood how to rally people to get them to do it."

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## Team wins division title and top fundraising goal



Courtesy photos  
**This year's edition of the Sinclair division Winchendon Jimmy Fund boys' team, which took the division title with impugnty.**

**BY JERRY CARTON**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It's been quite a summer for Winchendon's Sinclair division Jimmy Fund boys. They were completely dominant on the field, averaging about 17 runs a game, finishing with a flourish in an 11-1 title game win over Quabbin. They were equally dominant off the field too, in the more important fund-raising aspect of the program, collecting over \$4,000 (\$4,447.25 to be exact) which topped the division and earned them a trip to Fenway Park next month.

"I always stressed the fundraising was the most important thing we were doing," said manager Kevin Southwell, who's also president of Winchendon Little League and Murdock's Middle School baseball coach.

"I reminded them about that all the time, but the games mattered too, and playing a Jimmy Fund season gave them a chance to play more innings and work on things. They just got better and better. And they are good kids. We tried really hard not to run up the scores, we had a bunch of 'mercy' wins, and we explained why sometimes people had to sit down," he noted.

When the kids get to Boston next month to see the Red Sox face the New York Mets (sorry not Yankees), there will be an on-field pre-game ceremony, an acknowledgment on the big Jumbo-Tron screen, and they'll get a goody bag too. Not a bad way to end a season and summer to remember.

## Landers chosen as interim

**BY JERRY CARTON**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Joan Landers has been chosen as interim superintendent for Winchendon public schools pending an agreement on a contract. The selection of the administrator, the former superintendent in the North Middlesex Regional District, was announced last Thursday after the school committee heard presentations from Landers and two other candidates.

Said committee Chair Greg Vine on Tuesday, "I'm definitely pleased with the choice of Ms. Landers. I believe her experience as an educator and administrator will serve the students and taxpayers well. In the discussions I've had with her since our discussion was made, she's expressed an encouraging degree of enthusiasm for starting her duties here."

"That being said, I want to thank Superintendent (Steve) Haddad for the work he's done for our schools over the last three years. He took the position at a very challenging time and worked hard to improve our curriculum, improve the morale of students and staff and to get the district, with the help of (business manager) Rich Ikonen, back on a sound financial footing. He deserves the thanks of the entire community."

"Steve has laid a firm foundation for his successor, but there is still a lot to do and I firmly believe Joan Landers has the experience and personality for working with all stakeholders to propel Winchendon from a Level 3 to a Level 1 school district."

"I also want to thank the selection committee, led by Dawn Fronte', for giving us three excellent finalists to consider. They had nearly 20 applications to wade through and did an excellent job especially considering the time constraints they were working under," remarked Vine.

Haddad is expected to retire at the end of the month due to health reasons. Landers did not rule out seeking the position on a full-time basis.

Landers, who graduated from Providence College and earned a Masters in educational leadership at Salem State, had been North Middlesex superintendent since 2012 until her own retirement this year. She had also been the superintendent in Wakefield from 2008-12 and had been director of special education in Wakefield and Amesbury.

"I'm excited," enthused Landers. "I

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## Problems with school funding not addressed

**BY JERRY CARTON**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

When the state legislature finished its session recently, one of the bills left unpassed would have had a direct impact on Winchendon's school system. That particular proposed legislation would have dealt with the disparity in school funding between wealthier and not-so-rich districts.

The so-called 'foundation budget' formula has been unchanged since 1993 and while some urban and rural legislators aren't happy local Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D) found reason for optimism.

"We made a lot of progress," he reflected.

"We've been working on this for

six years and we're closer to getting something done than we've ever been. There's widespread agreement there's a problem in the formula," noted Zlotnik.

As for who's at fault, that depends on who's doing the talking. Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D) pins the blame on House leadership.

"I've never seen such rationalizations and double-stands employed to avoid doing what's right for the kids," she fumed.

Another piece of proposed legislation which didn't get done before the deadline would have prohibited motorists from holding cell phones in their hands while driving. This wasn't the first time the bill failed, either despite support from Governor Baker. There's already

a law against texting while driving and this would have expanded that. But Robert DeLeo, the House speaker had his doubts and the bill never reached the floor. The advocacy organization State Roads Alliance said it might try to go the referendum route and let voters have a say.

But the legislature did give the ok for the state to automatically update voter registration status whenever they deal with the RMV or Mass Health, the state's Medicaid provider. That means people would automatically be registered to vote as of Jan. 1, 2020 with the option of choosing whether they want to be a Democrat, Republican or decline the opportunity to register.





# 5 Ways to Prep Your Lawn for Fall

Summer is winding down, and as your grass grows even greener, it's time to start thinking about how you can prepare it for fall, especially if you plan to stage your home for sale. Pay mind to the following tips on late summer lawn care.

Aerate the area. Late summer/early fall is a great time to aerate your soil so that oxygen,

water, and fertilizer will better penetrate your grass roots and support it as sunlight dwindles.

Mowing matters. You'll want to keep mowing all summer and into fall, but as the days shorten, move your mower blade to the lowest setting to trim the grass tight and let more light reach the crown of the grass. Bonus: less length in

your grass means less leaves to turn brown come winter.

Weed, weed, weed. Take some time each weekend to weed your lawn all summer, to boost your grass growth and set it up for a healthy fall season.

Lose the leaves. Raking leaves can be hard work, but doing so will save the life of

your grass. As leaves begin to come down in late summer, clear them off to support your lawn.

Fertilize in fall. When fall hits, experts agree it's time to fertilize, delivering essential nutrients to allow your grass to grow deep roots and a healthy reserve for next spring.

## NESO holding open auditions

The New England Symphony Orchestra announces auditions for the 2018-2019 season for the following paid instrumental positions:

- 7 Violin
- 3 Bass (including Principal)
- 1 Viola
- 1 Principal Clarinet
- 1 Principal Trombone
- 1 Principal Tuba
- 1 Principal Keyboard

There will also be open auditions for ALL instruments for the Substitute (PAID) list and volunteer positions.

The New England Symphony Orchestra (Roderick MacDonald, conductor) has a season of at least four concerts this year. The auditions will be held at: Assumption College, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester.

The auditions will take place on August 31, 2018. Please email [macdonald.roderick@gmail.com](mailto:macdonald.roderick@gmail.com) or call 603-438-7987 to arrange an audition time.

For further information about the Orchestra and the Audition Repertoire you may visit the NESO website: ([www.newenglandsymphony.net](http://www.newenglandsymphony.net)).

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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

OWC: Operation Winchendon Cares will be held on Saturday, August 18 from 9:00-10:30 am for drop off of donations!

SEPPi'S IS OPEN! The ice cream shop at the rear of the Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St., is open 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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.

GALA GRAND OPENING! Come celebrate the opening of the GALA Arts Gallery! Saturday, Aug. 18, 2-6 p.m., 135 Front St., Winchendon. Free admission & refreshments. Music includes Mill Street Jazz 3:00-4:30 pm and Clayton Phelps 4:30-6:00 pm. There will be children's art activities, so bring your family! Raffle (drawing on Sept 22, winners will be called) Arts Gallery opening dates Aug. 18-Sept. 22.

BOOT DRIVE: The Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center will hold a "Boot Drive" on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, to raise funds in support of programs and services offered by the Center for our senior citizens. The boot drive will be located on Front Street near the Winchendon History and Cultural Center.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 23

PICNIC & A MOVIE ON THE BEALS LIBRARY LAWN: On Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 pm, the Beals Memorial Library will wrap up its summer programming with a "bring your own" picnic and a screening of the movie, A Wrinkle in Time, outside on the library lawn. The event is free and will include pre-show games for the kids as well as live music by local musician Brian Dickens.

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.

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

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### SATURDAY AUGUST 25

CURIOUS ABOUT GHOST HUNTING SHOWS ON TELEVISION, BUT MAYBE YOU'RE NOT SURE WHERE OR HOW TO TRY IT YOURSELF? This is your chance! The Winchendon History and Cultural Center is now hosting "Novice Nights". No equipment or experience needed - we will supply everything you need. You will receive a short tour and history of both properties - the Murdock-Whitney House and the Isaac Morse House. WE'LL TELL YOU OUR GHOST STORIES. THEN WE'LL TURN YOU LOOSE TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND! Tickets are \$30 per person. Visit [winchendonhistory.com](http://winchendonhistory.com) or call (978) 297-2142 to learn how to be part of the fun.

CRUISE 4 CANCER: Fire and Iron 857 hosts its 9th annual Cruise 4 Cancer on Saturday, Aug. 25th at the Winchendon American Legion. Registration is from 9-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 for driver with \$10 for passenger.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7

INGLESIDE OPENS: The new town park property off Maple Street is open to the public with trails to explore 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Volunteers will be on the property to answer questions.

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

THE RACE FOR THE REST OF US: a .5K, yes that dot is important, a leisurely walk or a manic run, we don't care, around GAR Park. \$20 entry fee for adults, kids can enter free. First 50 to enter will get a t-shirt. This is first warning, more info to follow.

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

MASQUERADE MADNESS: tickets are now sale for the Masquerade Madness at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come in costume (the whole shebang or at least a mask) to enter a contest, the usual casino games, and a great time. The best time and fundraiser for the Winchendon History and Cultural Center. Tickets are \$25 each and always sell out. Call Peg at (561) 459-9484.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

APPRAISAL DAY: Wayne Tuiskula of Central Mass Auctions will be at the Murdock Whitney House Museum Sunday, Oct. 28 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wayne is an auctioneer and appraiser and the author of the Antiques column which appears regularly in the Winchendon Courier. Bring up to three items, each item will be examined for \$5 each. For more information about Central Mass Auctions visit [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com).

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

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#### MONDAY

LEGO CLUB: Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. hosts a Lego Club for kids aged six-12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon the library is open. Show off your creative side. More information about this and other programs by calling (978) 297-0300 or visit [townofwinchendon.com/bealmemorial-library](http://townofwinchendon.com/bealmemorial-library).

#### TUESDAY

INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative and positive responses to political and social issues. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

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### PLAN FOR OWC

Summer Drive for Our Troops! Saturday, August 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street in Winchendon. Looking for monetary donations towards the postage, and items to send to our military members worldwide- especially quick meals, drink mixes, home baked goodies, snacks and letters/cards/pictures/notes (great activity for your children this summer) to be included with their packages. Please do not donate anything that may/ will melt.

See the full list on our website...Operation Winchendon Cares

### Festival of Fireworks!

On Saturday, Aug. 18, 3-11 p.m. at the Jaffrey Airport, Rte. 124 190 Turnpike Road the annual Festival of Fireworks is scheduled rain or shine. The fireworks are a family event, the best fireworks show in New England! Entertainment, sky divers, food & novelties. This year's theme: Superheroes! It's worth the drive from anywhere! Gates open at 3, plan to be in your seats by 8:30 p.m. NO PETS or animals of any kind, NO bicycles, NO grills, NO alcohol, NO personal fireworks. Handicapped parking is available on a first come, first serve basis, handicapped patrons should plan to be in park by 6:30-7 as it always fills up. What to bring? Blankets, chairs, (outside food is allowed, no alcohol.) Tents no larger than 10' x 10' and umbrellas may be TEMPORARILY used but ALL must be taken down no later than 7:00 p.m. Price: \$10.

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and services offered by the Center for our senior citizens. The boot drive will be located on Front Street near the Winchendon History and Cultural Center.

All funds raised during the drive will go towards the Senior Center's programs and activities. The Center provides educational programs, recreational

activities, referral and social services assistance, meals, transportation, as well as both food and clothing pantries, to better the lives of the town's senior citizens.

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# Baker challenger upbeat despite apparent odds

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Four years ago, Dr. Scott Lively ran for governor of Massachusetts as an independent, garnering just over 19,000 votes; about .9 percent of ballots cast. Lively is running for governor again this year, but instead of seeking the office as an independent he has taken on the apparently Herculean task of trying to snatch the Republican nomination away from incumbent Charlie Baker in the September 4 state primary.

At the Republican State Convention in Worcester last April, Lively stunned many political observers by capturing the support of nearly 28% of the delegates, well over the 15% required to earn a spot on next month's primary ballot. However, a WBUR/MassINC poll conducted in late June showed Baker leading Lively among likely primary voters by a margin of 70% to 17%.

But three months is a lifetime in politics and, for his part, Lively remains unbowed.

“I’m very unhappy with the direction Charlie Baker is taking the Commonwealth,” Lively told *The Courier* in a recent interview. “He’s taking the entire Republican Party and shifting it farther and farther to the left. He just signed a biggest state budget ever; he’s anti-Second Amendment, having signed the so-called ‘Red Flag’ bill; he’s funding Planned Parenthood. Baker is more aligned with the Democratic platform than with the Republican platform.”

Lively is also critical of Baker for failing to support President Trump.

“He opposes the Trump agenda,” said Lively. “I am 100% pro-Trump. His priorities are right on the money. I want to be the most pro-Trump governor in America.”

The 60-year-old Lively, who has earned a PhD in theology and a Juris Doctor of Law, proudly boasts of his support for the Second Amendment.

“I believe in the Second Amendment codification of the right to self-defense,” he told *The Courier*. “Any attempt to restrict weaponry runs counter to the Constitution. Whatever weapons are in the hands of those who would kill



Scott Lively

us should be available to the citizenry. I might even consider what they do in some areas of the south by enacting mandatory gun ownership.”

When it comes to economic policy, Lively says, “The ever-expanding service economy favors the large urban centers. We need to restore manufacturing to help revitalize the smaller cities and towns like Winchendon. But with the way things are, why in the world would any company, any manufacturer, want to come to Massachusetts? Businesses here are over-regulated and taxed to death. Liberal policies have driven companies out of state.”

“President Trump’s economic miracle,” he continued, “is benefitting the state in a macro sense. More could be done. But Charlie Baker has shown disrespect to our president at every opportunity. He even refused to meet with Vice President Pence when he came here. It infuriates me. We need someone to cooperate with President Trump.”

While not denying it will be tough to unseat a popular sitting Republican governor, Lively remains steadfast in his quest.

“I don’t take positions based on whether they’re popular,” he said, “they are based on my strongly-held beliefs. Charlie Baker panders to the

left in order to win. I was up against a stacked deck at the Republican convention but still managed to pull off a huge upset. No one expected me to get that kind of support. But I’m giving voice to the conservative base of the Republican Party.”

Asked if he’d consider attempting another independent bid for governor in the event he loses the GOP nomination, Lively demurred.

“I wouldn’t do that,” he said. “I’m committed to rebuilding the conservative base in the party; to taking it back from the Republican establishment.”

“I think I have a very good chance of winning. The anger of Republicans against Charlie Baker is palpable. Some people will vote for me simply because I’m not Charlie Baker. But there are a lot of people who know who I am, who know what I stand for, and who are working hard to get me elected. They’re getting out the message.”

Lively said a major motivation for challenging Baker is corruption.

“I want to work for the restoration of ethics. Charlie Baker has talked about

doing away with patronage but he’s the worst culprit ever. We’ve had a culture of corruption in this state for a very long time. He didn’t introduce it, but it’s gotten worse under his administration.”

The Shelburne Falls resident points to the recent State Police overtime scandal as just one example of corruption in the Baker administration.

Lively has been married to his wife Anne for 36 years and the couple have four children.

# Local activists endorse Gifford

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Former US Ambassador to Denmark Rufus Gifford’s campaign for the Democratic congressional nomination in the Third District gained support from a quartet of Winchendon activists last week.

Selectboard members Barbara Anderson and CJ Hulsebee along with attorney David LaPointe and his wife Danielle, until recently a member of the school committee all endorsed Gifford after his recent visits to the senior center and chili cook off.

“We are excited to endorse Rufus Gifford for Congress. Rufus has national experience working for President Obama that is unmatched in this race and it’s that experience which can deliver results for us in Winchendon and throughout the district, whether it’s creating good paying jobs, fighting for federal funding for infrastructure or reining in the cost of health care and housing. He’s also running an optimistic campaign with a positive vision for the future, instead of just focusing on all the negatives in DC. It’s that perspective we need more of,” they said in a joint statement.

Gifford was appreciative. “From my first trip to Winchendon in February talking to folks at the Cruisin’ 12 Diner to my recent trips to the Senior Center and chili cook off, I love spending time in this great town and the great relationships we’ve built. I am thrilled to have the support of Barbara, CJ, Danielle, and David. They are strong civic leaders who will be a great addition to our team,” he said.

None of the other candidates including Dan Koh and Lori Trahan, both of whom have launched television ad efforts, have visited Winchendon.

The local endorsements came as Gifford was in the midst of attempting to knock on 10,000 doors throughout the sprawling district this week in advance of the primary.

“Ten-thousand doors in a week will be a big boost to help get us over the finish line,” he said.

Primary day is Sept. 4, the day after Labor Day. There has been no public polling since an April survey which showed Gifford with an edge.

Incumbent Rep. Nikki Tsongas, who has held the seat since winning a special election in 2007, chose to retire rather than seek another term this year.

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VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

Not to be taken lightly

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The Boston Globe has issued a rallying cry to its fellow journalists nationwide. The basis for it is to have the editorial page of every newspaper take up the First Amendment and its present precarious position under the onslaught of anyone who would rather their deeds be kept dark and quiet.

The “right” of a journalist to be told something and then report it to the rest of the world is flimsy at best; we know that. We recognize we have only our own “say so” and the fact we work for whom we do that gives us the carte blanche to confront politicians, businesses, school boards, the police, fire departments, public meetings, town clerks, contractors, casino owners, lawyers, judges, dog catchers, and yes, those who want to be elected to something.

Many don’t want to talk to us. Either because they don’t want what they know to be told to everyone else, or they have something to hide, or they will look bad, or they are doing something they shouldn’t or they are just afraid they won’t handle themselves well. But without talking to the nebulous “us”, we don’t know which, if any of those, it is.

Could be innocent fear.  
Could be scandalous fraud.

Over the course of a long career we’ve seen murder and mayhem of many varieties. Crooked people of many stripes of stolen millions of dollars, sometimes from taxpayers, sometimes from relatives, sometimes from both. Without someone reporting it, tax dollars, your dollars, would have continued to be siphoned.

Anyone who bleats about the “unfairness” of any newsgathering organization, to our way of thinking, is suspect of something. What are they worried about? Is someone getting too close to something?

That’s been the case often in the past.

Diversion is always a good tactic. It’s how the best magic tricks work. So while the screaming is continuing about this or that over here; the “whatever it is” is continuing or getting worse over there.

There’s also the big one we appreciate...omission.

If someone doesn’t ask that one, big, important question...well just don’t mention it yourself and maybe everyone will forget about it.

Diversion, omission, and whining.

We’ve had someone complain we got their quote wrong, we showed them notes: “well, that may be what I said, but that’s not what I meant...”

See, that freedom to let the press do their jobs means we do get to attend those meetings (and if they all meet ahead of time to talk about what they are going to do at the meeting later, then we get to be there then too, that’s a pre-meeting, with a quorum; oh, and we stuck around for the “after meeting” to discuss how the public meeting went too.)

We don’t just ask for the paperwork to follow along to be a pain, it’s because we want to see the numbers, to compare, to find discrepancies like the missed decimal point that nearly cost a town \$85,000.

If we are doing OUR jobs, that freedom is for your safety. It means the news you read once a week about the town hall and the DPW and the police department is the real thing.

Do we miss stuff? Yes. We will be the first to admit we do. We would like to be better than we are, and we work constantly at it.

But first and foremost, we have to be there, and be real about what the job is.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zbikoski: Who to believe?

To the Editor:

What and who to believe are the main questions that anybody who wants to understand what is happening in our country today are struggling with. Everyday people get bombarded with numerous claims and counterclaims, facts and alternative facts, truth and lies, and real and fake news. Many people have given up trying to sort it out, others are simply oblivious to it all, or just don’t care. Many others are willing to accept whatever they hear, as long as it agrees with their point of view.

We have a president who constantly calls the press the “enemy of the people” and everything they report is “fake news.” He calls reporters crooked, dishonest, horrible, horrendous, and disgusting people. This attack on the press is causing a deep division in our country and is threatening to tear us apart. People are free to believe anything they want, but wouldn’t it be better, and more intelligent to know what is true and what is not.

A while back, a friend of mine had sent me an email with an attachment showing a new glass wall prison where inmates could roam freely about. It had outdoor courtyards, dormitory rooms, pool tables, weight room, and a great looking gymnasium. The place resembled a resort. It was stated that this was the new Cook Country Correction Center in Chicago, Illinois that Barack Obama had helped arrange funding for, when he was a U. S. Senator. I’m sure many people believed this at face value and gladly passed the email along. When I fact checked the glass wall prison, I discovered that almost everything was factual, except one thing. It was not located in Chicago, but in Leoben, Austria. An important point! The email was propaganda sent to deceive people — and anyone who passed it along became endorsers of this FAKE NEWS.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees us five fundamental freedoms, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press, Freedom to Assemble

Peaceably, and Freedom to Petition the Government to Redress Grievances. Our country’s founding fathers did not see the press as the enemy of the people, as Trump does, but an essential freedom that must be protected. When Trump relentlessly maligns the press, he is demeaning the Constitution. Trump wants to control what people think and believe. Trump is tearing apart this basic freedom.

When Lesley Stahl of 60 Minutes asks Trump why he keeps attacking the press, Trump said, “I do it to discredit you all and demean you all so when you write negative stories about me no one will believe you.”

People who want to know the truth shouldn’t rely on 30 second sound bites, or outlandish claims made on Twitter, Facebook, or emails, even if sent from friends. Take the time to check the facts — it’s the intelligent thing to do. It’s what every citizen should do. If a lie is told often enough people will begin to accept it as the truth. We have to avoid falling into that trap.

Some “non-partisan fact-checking sites” that can be used to determine the truth are: Politifact.com is a site that fact checks claims made by politicians; FactCheck.org researches claims made by the president, members of Congress, and presidential candidates; Viral Spiral is a section of FactCheck.org devoted to internet rumors; Washington Post’s Fact Checker assesses claims made by politicians and political advocacy groups; Snopes.com debunks internet rumors; TruthOrFiction.com and Hoax-Slayer.com investigates and debunks email hoaxes; and OpenSecrets.org tracks money in politics and how it effects elections and public policy.

Before treating any statement as fact, be sure to check several fact checking sites to ensure you understand what is true and what is not. It’s the intelligent thing to do.

ROBERT ZBIKOWSKI  
WINCHENDON

Thanks, Jon, I needed that

“In history, a great volume is unrolled for our instruction, drawing the materials of future wisdom from the past errors and infirmities of mankind.” – Edmund Burke (1729 – 1797), Anglo-Irish statesman

The purpose of this column is not to sell books but, for this week, I’ll make the exception. Presidential historian Jon Meacham has written a book that, at this time in our nation’s history, should be required reading for all Americans. It is entitled The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels and it is a composition that offers hope to a nation which seems — in so many ways — to have lost its bearings.

The subtitle of the book is taken from Abraham Lincoln’s first inaugural address, given in March of 1861, little more than three months after South Carolina — soon to be followed by other southern states — seceded from the Union, foreshadowing the Civil War. In his address, Lincoln appealed

to those who were then in the process of tearing the country apart: “We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

The United States surely is not as divided as it was to become when, in April 1861, Confederate troops ushered in our bloody family squabble with the bombardment of Fort Sumter. But we are suffering from the partisan, racial, ideological, religious, and economic divisions; divisions exploited and expanded by a president and others who derive their power from those who are angry and uncomfortable in a country that is changing in ways they don’t understand and of which they are therefore fearful.

We have, Meacham points out, been through this all before. We have repeatedly



...AND  
ONE MORE  
THING...  
GREG  
VINE

experienced those uniquely American eras when fear and anger became the fuels that powered our national engine, causing it to sputter and stall on its journey into a better future.

We saw it, certainly, when fear of the loss of a generations-old — and reprehensible — way of life led 11 southern states to attempt the destruction of our Union. We witnessed it again when, in the wake of World War I, men like U.S. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer stoked the fear of eastern and southern European immigrants; casting them all as violent anarchists and Bolsheviks bent on destroying the American way of life. Fear was again exploit-

ed when, in the 1920s, men in pursuit of power preached the lie that the black man’s gain was the white man’s loss; a message that led to a resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow laws, and more and more lynching. It was irrational fear that led us to herd 120,000 U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry into internment camps during World War II — a fate avoided by German- and Italian-Americans simply because they looked like “us.” After the war, men like Joe McCarthy and Richard Nixon exploited a ridiculous fear of the “red menace”; a sad chapter when any American simply accused of being a communist or “fellow traveler” could find themselves blacklisted and out of work, or behind bars, even though freedom of association and of political belief were among the founding principles of our nation.

And today, those who call themselves our leaders, exploit any point of fear and division they can find for the sole purpose of holding firm their

“political base.” It is disappointing, and more than a little depressing.

But Meacham, thankfully, points out in his great book that we have always rebounded from our moments of fear to move confidently into greater periods of hope, understanding, and progress.

In his introduction, the historian writes: “In our finest hours...the soul of the country manifests itself in an inclination to open our arms rather than to clench our fists; to look out rather than to turn inward; to accept rather than reject. In doing so, America has grown ever stronger, confident that the choice of light over dark is the means by which we pursue progress...For notably among nations, the United States has long been shaped by the promise, if not always the reality, of forward motion, of rising greatness, and of the expansion of knowledge, of wealth, and of happiness.”

Thanks, Jon. I feel much better now.

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TRANSACTIONS

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\$285,000 45 Converse Dr, Haley, Stanley E, to Martin, Brooke, and Martin, James.  
\$125,000 255-R Main St, MTGLQ Investors LP, to Symonds, Dana C, and Levesque, Ryan.  
\$118,600 82 Elmwood Rd, Tenney, Lisa A, to Macarthur, Loanne.  
\$68,801 93 Woodlawn St, Jones, Natasha N, and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, to Resilient Investments LLC.  
\$25,000 74 Pinewood Dr, VanDyke Robert Est, and VanDyke, Kathleen P, to Kelecher, Suzzane, and Kelecher, Paul.

Sometimes conservatives do have very sound ideas. For example, that side of the ideological spectrum believes people should be required to have identification in order to vote. I agree.

Yes, I agree. I agree that is, so long as we can guarantee the guy living in a mobile home in southwest Alabama or the woman living in a tenement in downtown Chicago are able to not only access IDs, but won’t have to jump through a million hoops to get them. And therein lies our fundamental difference. I believe voting should be easy. I think we need to



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CARTON

open a whole lot more polling places in rural and urban areas and I think we really should have Election Day registration and we ought to be able to vote in a myriad of different ways over the course of several weeks. In other words, let’s expand the opportunity to register and vote rather than try to suppress it.

You would think in a democratic (small “d”) republic this would be a no-brainer, but of course we all know that’s not the case. Because they detest anyone who doesn’t look or think like them, because they claim to “love” America but truly hate millions of their fellow Americans, a slew of Republican state legislators across the country, aided and abetted by both a complicit Congress and a bigoted Supreme Court, which had the temerity to gut the Voting Rights Act, are doing everything they can think of to make it harder to register and harder to vote. Of course they are.

When you’re afraid of pluralism, diversity, and equality and justice, when you know you’re outnumbered by decent people who support those things, of course you’re inevitably going to try to hold on to your power any way you can. Hence all the roadblocks in so many states. It’s not just Russian meddling we have to worry about come November 6. There’s a concerted effort to suppress the vote. It’s not new, but it’s accelerating and it’s the work of a lot of officials in way too many states who are terrified of a fair election.

This worries me. A lot. More than a lot. It should

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# Next stop: primaries less than 20 days away

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

There are just 18 days until the Massachusetts primary and candidates in contested races are ramping up their efforts. Republican US Senate candidate Beth Lindstrom is taunting one of her rivals, state Rep. Geoffrey Diehl for backing an 11-percent pay raise fellow legislators voted themselves, though Diehl voted no.

“I’m calling on you to return the money. This is essential in order for you to restore trust

with the voters,” Lindstrom wrote Diehl, adding, “you were wrong to take the pay raise after voting against it. It’s not too late to do the right thing and return the money. The only way to set matters straight is to return the money.”

Lindstrom, who paid a recent visit to Winchendon to do some door-to-door canvassing, and Diehl, are running against business executive John Kingston in the Sept. 4 primary. The June GOP state convention endorsed Kingston who

has been training his sights on incumbent Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren while ignoring his Republican opponents.

This week Kingston launched a blistering attack.

“Elizabeth Warren has spent the last six years pandering to extremists and building up soundbites to fill her presidential campaign website. The people of Massachusetts deserve better. They deserve a senator who will go to work for them every day instead of worrying about fringe groups,” he said in

a Boston Herald radio debate.

The Kingston campaign also began what it called ‘Commonwealth Conversations’, a video series showing the candidate meeting with a wide array of supporters and talking about his goals for the state.

In the Third District Democratic congressional race, former US Ambassador to Denmark Rufus Gifford, who has xmade three visits to Winchendon, said he has the support of an increasing num-

ber of state legislators as he battles Dan Koh, former chief of staff to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Lori Trahan, one-time chief of staff for then Rep. Marty Meehan when he held the seat and state Sen. Barbara D’Italiana for the nomination.

Winchendon is seeing a proliferation of lawn signs as the primary nears. Gifford and Republican candidate for governor Scott Lively have been the most active in town.

Voter registration for the primary closed Wednesday.

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worry you as well. Extensive efforts to suppress the vote by creating registration rules impossible for many socio-economically disadvantaged folks to reach, combined with the incessant drumbeat about alleged “fake news” and the relentless labeling of the media as the “enemy of the people” are all designed to disrupt, no, let’s call it what it is, designed to cheat, the electoral process. Success in cheating what is clearly the majority sentiment would maintain power for the corrupt oligarchy, power which will continue to be used to subvert democracy and undermine the rule of law.

We cannot allow this. We’ve already gone too far down this road. I never believed this could ever happen but here we are. I know it. You know it. To

prevent it from continuing, or at least to try and stem the time, here’s what every one of us has to do — make sure you’re registered. Know every possible regulation and every possible potential obstacle to casting a ballot. Know everything, everything about election laws. If you’re so inclined, volunteer to drive voters to the polls. See if you can be an election judge. In other words, get involved. I know, I know. I write about this all the time but it bears repeating and repeating. Democracy is fragile, very fragile. Here in Massachusetts, it’s a mere 18 days until primary day. After that it’s just 62 days until the general election. I think we all know what’s at stake. The other side, the side which agrees with the despicable idea there were “very fine people” on both sides in Charlottesville, they know what’s at stake. The same had better be said of us. See you next week.

## Teaching strength of character: speaker series at Winchendon School

The Winchendon School announces the start of their speaker series beginning with talks by three inspiring individuals. Sam Drazin will kick off the series on Sept. 17 as he discusses his experience living with Treacher Collins syndrome, a rare congenital disorder resulting in both facial anomaly and hearing loss. This summer, students were required to read the book Wonder, a story of a boy who endures the same disease as Drazin, so this talk will connect well with the lessons in the book. Sam travels the country sharing his story and facilitating meaningful conversations about what it means to be different.

On Sept. 28, Kelsey Trainsh, who overcame a brain tumor at age five and a stroke at age 15, will share her powerful story of hope, diversity, inclusiveness and inspiration with students.

From Oct. 15-18, Matt Vogel will return to campus to have an honest discussion with students surrounding important topics such as alcohol and drugs, communication, technology, sleep, stress and college life. Through these meaningful talks, Winchendon School hopes to promote valuable and honest discussions with their students about real world issues and struggles.

## GROUT

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mom and me. And we want to remember two veterans; my father and my grandfather.”

Grout’s father Charlie served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, assisting Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the war effort in the Pacific. He attained the rank of sergeant before retiring. He went on to serve for many years as the Veterans Agent for Winchendon and several other surrounding towns.

Her grandfather on her mother’s side, Stanislaus LaPlante, served as a nurse in the U.S. Army evac hospital in New York City during World War I.

“I’m excited that when people come to town, whether they’re visitors or our own people, that they’ll have something pretty to look at,” said Grout. “We’re proud of our town. Along with

everything else, there will be room for the Toy Town Farmers Market. People will be able to come and enjoy the beauty along the pond.”

Grout added a plaque will be mounted on a large stone, which will come from Winchendon, and will read “A Gift to the Town of Winchendon from Rachel and Coral Grout in Memory of Charles Grout and Stan and Odile LaPlante.”

Murphy said the \$100,000 contribution will cover the entire cost of the improvements since nearly all of the work will be done by the town. The costliest aspects, she said, will be the construction of a new parking area — which will likely accommodate around 30 vehicles — and the purchase of white oaks to be planted around the park. She also said the soil on the site will need to be improved to create a healthy environment for trees,

flowers, and other plants.

Murphy said granite posts with chains stretched between them, similar to those bordering the new Cumberland Farms store at Central and Front streets will also be installed.

“That’s to keep drivers from cutting through the lot,” she said. “We also had to get permission from the state because the land running alongside Spring Street — 15 feet of right of way — belongs to them. The only way they would agree to any of it is if we only had that one curb cut.”

The curb cut will allow for the entrance-exit to the park.

Murphy also said that runoff from the new paved parking area, which would create an impervious surface, will be directed toward the drainage system on Spring Street, thus keeping sand, salt, and other potential pollutants from flowing into Whitney Pond.

## Hearing Loss Need Not Be A Struggle For All Involved



Improving your hearing can improve your relationships with friends and family.

BY LISA KLOP, AU.D.  
(NAPS)

Robert Seidler, a seasoned filmmaker, ruptured both eardrums while filming in an experimental aircraft. As an avid bicyclist, Seidler had always found that riding created a “Zen-like” environment where he could talk about important issues with those he loved. However, as his hearing worsened, this special environment fell silent. He became increasingly depressed and withdrawn, describing the loss as “profound as a death.”

Seidler’s family and friends shared how his hearing loss affected them during an interview for an online docuseries, It’s Your Choice. Seidler’s daughter said, “Whenever I try to talk to him, I have to repeat everything at least once. Conversation loses its momentum.” Meanwhile, Seidler’s wife expressed concern that while biking he might miss sounds alerting him to oncoming dangers. One of Seidler’s closest friends shared the frustration that friends and family of a person with hearing loss will recognize: “Would you please get a hearing aid? Why won’t you do this?”

Frustrations Associated With Hearing Loss

For the person with limited hearing, the negative emotions often include:

- Loneliness due to with-

drawal from social situations because of inability to keep up with conversations

- Embarrassment when misunderstanding what others say
- Fear their disability will contribute to people thinking they’re “old” or “infirm”
- Frustration at not being able to easily understand speech or audio from TV and movies
- Anxiety, stress and grief that can contribute to depression.

But they’re not the only ones affected. Friends feel hurt when their invitations to come over or go out on the town are always turned down. Family members run low on patience having to repeat themselves constantly, shout to be heard, and live with the television volume so loud it’s painful.

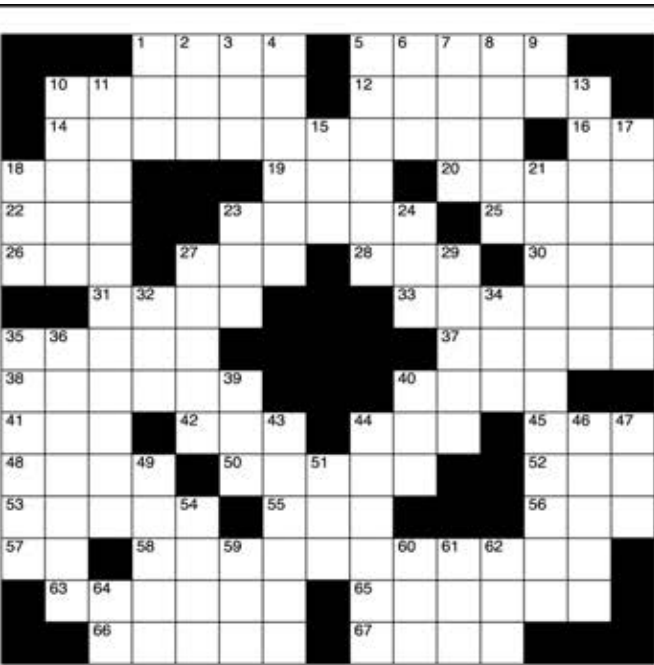
Confronting Hearing Loss

Seidler finally met with a hearing care professional who diagnosed him as having a high-frequency loss and fitted him with a pair of hearing aids. During his first bike ride afterward, he discovered he could hold conversations with ease. “The last time I heard like today, I was in my 20s,” Seidler said. “I’m 65 now. Pretty magical!” His family and friends think the change is “pretty magical,” too.

Hearing aids do much more than help you hear. They trans-

form the way wearers like Seidler interact with the world, relieving negative emotions and improving interpersonal relationships. If you have hearing loss but have been putting off doing something about it, consider how it affects your life—and everyone in it.

- Dr. Klop is a Sr. Educational Specialist for Sivantos, Inc., the manufacturer of Signia brand hearing aids. She is responsible for training customers and sales staff on the company’s current technology and products. She conducts training sessions in customers’ offices, remotely, via webinars, and at regional and national events. Areas of particular expertise include hearing assistive technology and fitting kids and teens. Prior to joining Sivantos (then Siemens Hearing Instruments) in 2012, she operated a private dispensing practice for six years. Other clinical experience includes hospital, ENT and nonprofit clinics. Lisa obtained her doctorate degree in Audiology from Central Michigan University in 2005.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Imitated

5. Explosion

10. One who writes

12. Large nests

14. Philly specialty

16. A form of “to be”

18. Automobile

19. A way to stand

20. Waterlogged land

22. A way to provide

23. We all need it

25. Stalk of a moss capsule

26. Promotional materials

27. Bashful

28. Ten

30. He captured Valencia

31. Quickly

33. Violent seizure of property

35. Fugazi bassist
37. Baseball great Davey

38. Large bird cage

40. British noble

41. They protect Americans (abbr.)

42. Economic institution

44. Pat lightly

45. Not even

48. Cools

50. Seat belt advocate

52. A dishonorable man

53. Smooths over

55. Moved quickly

56. Part of a play

57. South Dakota

58. Worsen

63. Madam Butterfly and La Boheme

65. Removes

66. Dull, brown fabrics

67. Comedian Rogen

### CLUES DOWN

1. 100 sq. meters

2. Dessert

3. One point south of due east

4. Profoundly

5. Swatted

6. Confederate general

7. Soviet composer

8. Japanese deer (pl.)

9. Tellurium

10. Burn with a hot liquid

11. Pupas

13. Famed chapel

15. Car mechanics group

17. Blocks from the sun

18. Numbers cruncher

21. Responds in kind

23. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

24. Each

27. Fitzgerald’s wife Zelda
29. Tribe of Judah rep

32. Patti Hearst’s captors

34. “The Raven” author

35. Bars give them their own nights

36. Essential for guacamole

39. Currency

40. Golfers hope to make it

43. Touch gently

44. Does not allow

46. Cyprinids

47. Insecticide

49. Passover feast and ceremony

51. Patriotic women

54. Protein-rich liquids

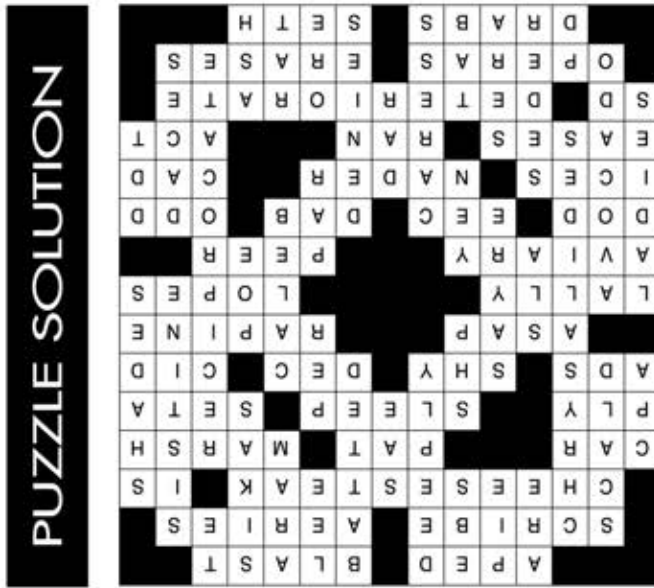
59. Type of soda

60. Necessary to extract metal

61. Inform upon

62. A type of residue

64. Palladium







# POLICE LOG

## WINCHENDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

*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, AUGUST 7

12:14 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), assisted; 1:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Road), gone on arrival; 1:26 a.m.: burglary/b&e (River Street), unfounded; 1:43 a.m.: unwanted party (Hitchcock Road), transported to hospital; 1:49 a.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), spoken to; 2:46 a.m.: burglar alarm (High Street), secure; 4:48 a.m.: ambulance (Cross Street), assisted; 6:43 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 8:31 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 9:04 a.m.: erratic operation (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 10:46 a.m.: assist citizen (Carriage Lane), services rendered; 10:49 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), services rendered; 11:04 a.m.: harassment (Pearl Drive), report taken; 11:21 a.m.: suspicious mv (Hitchcock Road), assisted; 11:36 a.m.: Civil Defense dive team needed (Templeton), services rendered; 11:51 a.m.: accident (Ash Street), services rendered; 1:19 p.m.: harassment (Carriage Lane), spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 4:38 p.m.: transport (Front Street); 4:46 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 5:23 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 6:36 p.m.: burglar alarm (Lakeview Drive), false alarm; 10:05 p.m.: registration check (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 11:03 p.m.: suspicious mv (Maple Street), advised officer; 11:40-11:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

12:54-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 p.m.: mv stop (Jackson Avenue), written warning; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), spoken to; 1:55-2:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:21 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 3:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Front Street), unfounded; 6:50 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), canceled; 7:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Boyce Place), assisted; 10:06 a.m.: investigation (Brown Street), info taken; 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Ready Drive), referred to ACO; 11:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Beachview Drive), returned to owner; 11:11 a.m.: investigation (Brown Street), spoken to; 11:25 a.m.: investigation (Front Street), spoken to; 1:10 p.m.: power outage (Lakeview Drive), referred; 3:44 p.m.: ambulance (Crescent Road), transported; 3:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Lake Monomonic), referred; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), citation issued; 4:38 p.m.: animal complaint (West Monomonic Road), referred to ACO; 5:16 p.m.: ambulance (Tolman Road), transported; 5:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), unfounded; 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Joshua A. Frazer, 29, 138 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, summons; 5:51 p.m.: unwanted party (Central Street), gone on arrival; 6:09 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Gilson Road, Fitzwilliam), referred; 8:05 p.m.: accident (Elmwood Road), citation issued; 8:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), report taken; 8:23 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), referred to ACO; 8:48 p.m.: property lost (Central Street), info taken; 8:52 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Hall Road),

## Assault leads to charges

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A confrontation at a Joslin Road home has led to a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon against a Winchendon man.

Winchendon Police received a 911 call at around 8:20 p.m. last Friday reporting a stabbing at 45 Joslin Road. When they arrived, officers found the victim and the reporting parties in the driveway of the home. Upon entering the residence, police found a family member restraining the alleged assailant on the floor. He was identified as Joseph Fortunato Jr., age 26, a resident of the home.

Witness statements indicated that Fortunato had assaulted the victim, Darren Tibbetts, age 50, of Leominster, with a knife. Tibbetts was transported to Heywood Hospital in Gardner with non-life threatening injuries to his left arm and hand.

Fortunato was arrested at the scene, charged, and later released on \$2,500 cash bail. Originally due to be arraigned in Winchendon District Court in Gardner on Monday of this week, the proceedings were postponed until next Tuesday, August 21.

Winchendon Police Sergeant Gerald Gagne is the investigating officer.

Additional details will be available following Fortunato's arraignment.

## Call leads to drug charges

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The area around Juniper and Webster streets is posted with signs designating that location as a Crime Watch neighborhood. Well, a Granite State man will likely think twice before ignoring those signs again.

At around 6:50 Monday evening, Winchendon Police received a call from a Webster Street resident reporting what appeared to be two men smoking crack cocaine in a parked car. When police arrived they reportedly found one man standing outside the vehicle, near the driver's door, and another man sitting in the driver's seat of the brown Honda.

Court documents indicate both men are known to local police as drug users and dealers.

The police report says the man in the driver's seat was identified as Michael Alan Arsenaault Jr., age 31, of 59B School St., Concord, New Hampshire. The narrative further states that officers observed several baggies in Arsenaault's lap and that he was holding a "handful of cash."

Further investigation uncovered varying amounts of what were believed to be heroin and crack cocaine, as well as a blotter stained with a suspected narcotic. The drugs, according to the report, were individually packaged.

The blotter was sent to the State Police Crime Lab for testing to determine what, if any, drug it contained.

Arsenaault was arrested and charged with several narcotics violations, as well as being a fugitive from justice from New Hampshire. He was held overnight on \$7,500 cash bail pending a court appearance Tuesday morning. The other man was not detained.

At his arraignment in Winchendon District Court in Gardner, Arsenaault was charged with possession of a Class A drug, possession of a Class A drug with intent to distribute, possession of a Class B drug, possession of a Class B drug with intent to distribute, and being a fugitive from justice.

Arsenaault was arrested in Concord, New Hampshire on July 13 and charged with possession of the drug Suboxone.

Arsenaault was ordered held on \$2,500 cash bail and taken to the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction in West Boylston. A pretrial hearing was set for September 11. Court documents indicated he also faces extradition back to New Hampshire.

citation issued.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

12:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 12:15-12:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), spoken to; 12:48-1:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:24 a.m.: fight (Hale Street), no cause for complaint; 3:41 a.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), transported to hospital; 8:54 a.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street) assisted; 9:41 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 9:45 a.m.: assist other PD (School Street); 10:22 a.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive), transported; 10:50 a.m.: bolo (Central Street), advised officer; 11:04 a.m.: welfare check/general (Central Street), spoken to; 12:04 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 1:14 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Elm Street), spoken to; 1:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), spoken to; 4:18 p.m.: investigation (Krantz Road), unable to locate; 4:59 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), referred; 5:04 p.m.: custody dispute (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 5:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Maynard Street), report taken; 6:19 p.m.: harassment order violation (Central Street), info taken; 7:28 p.m.: accident (Ash Street), report taken; 9:25 p.m.: fraud (Spring Street), report taken; 10:09 p.m.: animal

complaint (Ash Street), unable to locate; 10:11 p.m.: lockout/house (Washington Avenue), assisted.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

12:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:12 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 12:41 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 1:04 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:19-2:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:59 a.m.: assist other PD (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 9:01 a.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street), report taken; 9:56 a.m.: disabled mv (Central Street), assisted; 10:05 a.m.: summons service (West Monomonic Road), unable to serve; 12:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Baldwinville Road); 12:45 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 1:06 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 1:57 p.m.: assist citizen (Belmont Avenue); 4:09 p.m.: fraud (Ipswich Drive), spoken to; 4:12 p.m.: ambulance (Tolman Road), transported; 4:40 p.m.: accident (Central Street), spoken to; 5:07 p.m.: ambulance (Peggi Lane), transported; 5:53 p.m.: investigation (River Street), spoken to; 6:49 p.m.: larceny (Brooks Road), report taken; 7:16 p.m.: ambulance (Doyle Avenue), transported; 7:39 p.m.: keep the peace (Mechanic Street), assisted; 7:49 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 8:50 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring

Street), advised officer; 10:45 p.m.: suspicious mv (Ingleside Drive), spoken to; 11:31 p.m.: bolo (School Street), unable to locate; 11:50 p.m.: suicide threats (Oak Street), Section 12.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

2:35-3:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:56 a.m.: assist other PD (Sherbert Road, Ashburnham), services rendered; 7:28 a.m.: open door/window (Central Street), secure; 8:55 a.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), verbal warning; 10:40 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), transported; 12:42 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 1:42 p.m.: suspicious persons (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: welfare check/general (Krantz Road), spoken to; 4:00 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 5:00 p.m.: property found (Central Street), info taken; 6:01 p.m.: assault (Pond Street), report taken; 6:30 p.m.: larceny (Mill Street), report taken; 7:21 p.m.: suspicious person (Ipswich Drive), report taken; 8:20 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 8:30 p.m.: noise complaint (Maple Street), spoken to; 10:21 p.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 11:25 p.m.: tree down on wires (Baldwinville State Road), referred.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

12:15 a.m.: flooding (School Street), referred; 12:20 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street); 12:25 a.m.: assist citizen (Brown Street), info taken; 1:20-1:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:56 a.m.: tree down (Mill Glen Road), removed; 10:11 a.m.: vandalism (Central Street), report taken; 10:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 1:01 p.m.: unwanted party (Royalston Road North), Timothy A. Doucette, 41, homeless, Gardner, arrest based on warrant; 4:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Island Road), returned to owner; 5:32 p.m.: property lost (Royalston Road North), spoken to; 5:54 p.m.: assist citizen (Walnut Street), spoken to; 6:57 p.m.: threats (Central Street), info taken; 7:02 p.m.: suspicious/other (Spring Street), unable to locate; 8:51 p.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 9:55 p.m.: threats (Central Street), spoken to; 10:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), returned to owner; 10:04 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 10:25 p.m.: keep the peace (Royalston Road North), Claudette Lafrennie, 30, 41 Juniper Street, 2nd floor, Winchendon, arrest based on warrant/2 counts.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 13

12:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), services rendered; 1:39-2:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Happy Hollow Road), info taken; 6:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Happy Hollow Road), referred to ACO; 9:00 a.m.: summons service (Central Street), served; 10:20 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 11:08 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:37 a.m.: welfare check/general (School Street), canceled; 12:03 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville Road), secure; 1:31 p.m.: 911 hang up (School Square), no service necessary; 2:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Webster Street), referred to ACO; 3:25 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 3:52 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Hale Street), spoken to; 4:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Winter Street), spoken to; 5:58 p.m.: DPW call (Brooks Road), referred; 6:01 p.m.: larceny (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 6:51 p.m.: drug/narcotics violations (Webster Street), Michael Alan Arsenaault, Jr., 31, 59 School Street, Unit B, Concord, NH, possession Class A drug, possession Class B drug/2 counts, possession Class A drug w/intent to distribute, possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute, possession Class D drug, fugitive from justice w/out warrant, arrest; 7:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Pond Street), no cause for complaint; 8:16 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 9:57 p.m.: custody dispute (Central Street), report taken; 10:09 p.m.: custody dispute (Lakeshore Drive), spoken to; 11:38 p.m.: unwanted party (Maple Street), transported to hospital; 11:52 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), transported.

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# OBITUARIES

## Evelyn L. Wright, 73



EAST BROOKFIELD-Evelyn L. (Tardy) Wright, 73, of 172 Baker Hill Rd., died Friday, August 10 at the Jewish Healthcare Center in Worcester after an illness and surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of David A. Wright who died in 2014.

She leaves a son, David A. Wright, Jr. of Worcester, three daughters; Susan M. Bouvier and her husband Paul of Spencer, Carol L. Fahey and her husband Chuck of East Brookfield, Donna J. McSherry and her husband David of Boca Raton, FL., two brothers, Maurice Tardy and his wife Debbie of Shrewsbury, MA., and Donald Tardy and his wife Tammy of Gardner, MA., 10 grandchildren; David, Andy, Michael, Jilian, Jason, Hilari, Patrick, Nicole, Clayton and Ryan, and 5 great-grandchildren; Adriana, Lainey, Sebastian, Evelyn and CJ.

She was pre-deceased by a great-grandson Noah in July.

Born in Presque Isle, ME., she was the daughter of Maynard and Margaret (Conley) Tardy.

Mrs. Wright worked as an adminis-

trative assistant for 14 years at FLEXcon in Spencer, retiring in 2014. Prior to working at FLEXcon she also worked as an administrative assistant for attorney Philip Stoddard.

Evelyn was a member of the Heritage Bible Chapel in Princeton and was a member of the Kings Ministry and participated in various bible studies. She enjoyed going on senior trips, relaxing with Yoga, and most of all spending time with her family and traveling with them.

The family would like to Thank all of the nurses and CNA's for their kind care while Evelyn was at the Jewish Healthcare Center.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 18 at 10 A.M. at the Heritage Bible Chapel, 182 Brooks Station Rd., Princeton, MA. There are no calling hours. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

The J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donations can be made in Evelyn's memory to the Heritage Bible Chapel Missions Fund, 182 Brooks Station Rd., Princeton, MA. 01541.

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## Patricia A. Masters, 63

WORCESTER- Patricia A. (Boisvert) Masters age 63 died July 29, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital. She leaves a daughter Krystal Masters of Worcester, and a son Lucas Masters of Webster. She also leaves a sister, Dawn Boisvert of Winchendon and had a brother that predeceased her, Kenneth Boisvert of Winchendon.

She was born in Gardner daughter of the late Joseph Boisvert and Marion (Artist) Boisvert and lived in Worcester, prior to that living in Webster. She was

a custom designer of leather goods. She was a member of the Canal Sportsmen Club in Barnstable and enjoyed fishing for blue fish in the canal. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made in her memory to the Dudley Grange, Centre Rd., Dudley, MA 01571. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Ma has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle

## Wayne K. Lee, 71



PHILLIPSTON — Wayne K. Lee, age 71, of 85 Barre Road, died peacefully Wednesday afternoon, August 8, 2018 in Alliance Health at Baldwinville, with his family at his side.

He was born in Bath, Maine on May 17, 1947, son of Rachel E. (Tyler) Lee of Hendersonville, NC and the late Kenneth E. Lee. Wayne grew up in Maine and graduated from South Lancaster Academy in Lancaster, MA.

Wayne worked as a field service Engineer for Dietrich Metal Framing, which was headquartered in Hammond, Indiana. Wayne lived in the Leominster and Lancaster area for 28 years and then moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan. He later returned to this area, living in Templeton and then in Phillipston for the last two years. He proudly served his country as a member of United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a fan of Outlaw Racing and NASCAR. Wayne also enjoyed doing auto work.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, Julianne (Quaille) Lee; two children, Karissa Moore and her husband Gordon of Phillipston and Bryan Lee of Cortland, NY; two granddaughters, Julianne Moore and Jennifer Moore and a brother, Dale E. Lee of Hendersonville, N.C.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 4 P.M. in Gardner Seventh-day Adventist Church, 100 Colony Road, Westminster, MA 01473.

Memorial donations may be made to Residents Activities Fund, Alliance Health at Baldwinville, 51 Hospital Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.



## Helen (Lis) Metzger, 92



WINCHENDON — Helen (Lis) Metzger, age 92, of 145 Spruce St., died at home Friday, August 10, 2018.

She was born in Winchendon on October 7, 1925, daughter of the late Joseph and Adele (Pelnick) Lis and was a graduate of Murdock High School. Helen lived in Winchendon for her entire life.

Helen had worked many years ago at the former Winchendon Dress Shop. She later worked as a packer at Kamco and for National Seat until her retirement. She loved shopping, spending time with her family and playing cards at the Summit Eldercare Day Care Program.

She leaves her husband, Melvin A. Metzger; three children, Mary Hettinger

and her husband Kenneth of Ashland, Mark Metzger of Winchendon and Donna Burt of Sangerville, ME; a sister, Mary Long of St. Petersburg, FL; six grandchildren, Matthew Hettinger, Allison Hettinger, Isaac Burt, Heidi Lupien, Mark Metzger and Crystal Metzger and six great grandchildren, Marshall Burt, Jonathan Lupien, Caleb Lupien, Mackenzie Metzger, Aiden Metzger and Noah Metzger. She was predeceased by her brothers, John Lis, Frank Lis and Joseph Lis Jr. and a sister, Sophie Lis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home ([stone-ladeau.com](http://stone-ladeau.com)), 343 Central St., Winchendon.

Burial was in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

## Donald O. Rajotte, 72



MILLBURY — Donald O. Rajotte, age 72, of Millbury, died peacefully Thursday morning, August 9, 2018 in Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, Worcester, with his family at his side.

He was born in Worcester on April 1, 1946, son of Joseph Rajotte and lived in Millbury for most of his adult life. Don was a graduate of Sutton High School.

Don honorably served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps and retired from the United States Air Force, whom he served for 33 years. He served in the Vietnam War and Operation Iraq Freedom. He also served in the Army National Guard and Air Force National Guard in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Don had worked as a truck driver for Suburban Propane in Marlborough.

He leaves three children, Andrea L.

Rajotte of Millbury, Tonya M. Colson of Suffield, CT and Alex O. Rajotte of Millbury; a brother Jerry Rajotte of Sutton; a sister, Debra Moore of Sutton; four grandchildren, Patrick Desmarais, Mya Rajotte, Chloe Rajotte and Tyler Colson, as well as nieces and nephews. His Mother Lorraine Rajotte (St. Germain) and A brother, David Rajotte, predeceased him.

A private military funeral service will be held in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.



## Benjamin A. Stone, 4



GARDNER — Benjamin A. Stone, age 4, died peacefully Monday afternoon, August 13, 2018 in Children's Hospital, Boston, after a short illness.

He was born in Gardner on November 26, 2013, son of Alexander Stone and Angela Haws and attended preschool. Ben was a happy go lucky child, who was loved by everyone. He touched family and friends with his beautiful smile, energy and personality.

In addition to his parents, he leaves a sister, Allison Stone; his grandpar-

ents, William Stone of Winchendon and Wendy Smith of Winchendon; his great grandparents, Kenneth and Betty Stone of Winchendon and Susan Greninger of Gardner, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for immediate family will be private.

A Celebration of Life (previously scheduled as a fundraiser) will be held Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 1 to 7 P.M. in Eugene M. Connor Post #129 American Legion, 295 School Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

### INGLESIDE

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He understands that our mission is to involve community, to get community invested in the park and the utilization of the park."

With the trails improved, and with heightened community awareness, Romanowski said it was decided to open up the park to the general public.

"It's not a grand opening, but an opening, just to let people see it, to know what's available, have them come up and look and see what it is."

Romanowski said a common reaction when the park is first seen by people who have never visited the property is, "Wow,

we didn't realize what was up here. It's beautiful."

So, to encourage even greater community participation and awareness regarding Ingleside, the public is being invited to the park on Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to walk the trails, wander the property.

"We'll have some signs posted and some folks in place, if people should have any questions," Romanowski continued. "And if you know where the trail heads are, you don't really need markers because that's how good the trails are now. They're in great shape."

"We just want people to come up and have a nice pleasant day with their families. What we're hoping is that, after walking the trails, people will talk with

us about what they think the next things are we should do relative to park improvement."

The IUC chairman also said the committee has been in discussion with a company called Grit, which has developed what it calls a Leveraged Freedom Chair. The device allows those with mobility challenges to traverse uneven territory, such as the trails at the park.

"One person in the area who has one has been up there," said committee member Jane LaPointe. "She's a veteran and she's on the board of the North Quabbin Trails Association. They're in partnership with Grit, which is out of Boston, and has worked in association with MIT to develop the chairs. Originally, they were designed

to be used in areas of Africa where they don't have paved roads."

Romanowski said he has also constructed two handicap accessible picnic tables for the park.

"We want everyone to be able to use the park," he said, "and if we're to do that it needs to be handicap accessible."

Romanowski and LaPointe said future uses of the park include the establishment of a community garden, nature/wildlife tours and lectures, the establishment of apiaries, and improvements to the fruit trees that existed as part of an old orchard on the property.

Finally, the IUC is hoping the public will eventually get away from referring to the area as

Ingleside and will instead come to know it as Winchendon Community Park, "or maybe Winchendon Community Park at Ingleside."

"I don't think we want to play too much with the name," he said, "but at some point, we may hold a contest for naming the trails. We think that's the better way to go."

"But in any case," he concluded, "we really want to encourage everyone in the community – Winchendon and local towns – to come visit us on September 7. We think everyone will be pleased with what's been done, and we certainly want ideas from the public on how to move forward."

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### LANDERS

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liked the feel of a small town after having been at North Middlesex, and what really impressed me was that the school system and the town are going in the same direction," adding, "I felt like the school committee had a very respectful environment not just to me but to each other and I liked that."

Landers noted she's "excited to come meet everyone," principals, faculty, staff and plans to be in town next week.

"I am confident my vast experience, distinguished achievements and documented record of success make me a viable and passionate candidate," Landers had written in her application and the SC agreed, meeting in executive session after the trio of public presentations to select Landers.

Said new Murdock High Principal Thad

King, "I was honored to be on the search committee and am looking forward to working with Ms. Landers. I feel she brings tremendous relevant experience to Winchendon that will benefit our district as we move forward."

Middle School Principal Jess Vezina remarked, "Ms. Sanders has a proven track record first and providing leadership in her former districts. I look forward to working closely with her in moving the middle school and district forward. I'm excited to introduce her to the amazing staff and students at MMS."

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## SPORTS

*A place to be the ‘real me’*

**KIMBERLY MASCHI**  
MASCHI-MASH UP

I met a local roller derby team.

“I wanted a place where I can be me,” claimed Wildish Jambino.

What has 8 wheels, a fierce attitude, and an extreme dedication to winning through brutality? A roller derby girl, and I got to meet a whole team. Deep in the bowels of Worcester there is a building that at first glance looks to belong in an opening sequence to Law and Order. This building is in fact the training playground for the magnificent women of Worcester Roller Derby. A blue roller rink with a red middle centers the arena and mattresses line the outside. Why the mattresses? You’ll find that out later. There are tarps to catch water when the roof leaks and the girls have called stray cats and bats friends numerous times. Lockers line the halls with names written on them like, T-Flex, Professor Killjoy, and Ziggy Scar Dust. Chairs of all kinds of shapes, colors, rips and tears are for the girls’ comfort and changing.

The WoRD Roller Derby League has made this building into their home and they wouldn’t have it any other way.

When I first heard of a local Roller Derby Team I thought, ‘Oh! This would be a great article for me to be a roller derby girl for a day!’ That dream was swiftly crushed by watching the girls getting swiftly crushed by each other. I am all for trying new things, but I fear my “be a roller derby girl” item on my bucket list would also be met with my first time ever breaking a bone.

“We have seen girls break bones before,” says Vice-President Wildish Jambino from North Grosvenordale CT.

“It’s mostly bumps and bruises though,” reassures Jambino as my eyes go wide with fear. As I talk with the vice president of the league, the other



**Celebration is real girl power, including the little ones to the left who are already planning and dreaming and celebrating with the team.**

teammates practice their techniques along the ring. They do quick stops and blocking drills. They run, hop, skip and jump on skates. Jenny Rotten from Franklin aced a slow glide stop with her leg sticking out as if to trip someone coming up behind her. April Reigns from Douglas jumps and quickly halts out of marked squares for agility practice. Practice was underway and I was there to watch and learn.

Thighlander yells out commands and blows her whistle. The women work on skating fast and stopping with force. They create walls with their bodies and others break through those walls with strong shoulders and mouth guarded grins. There are a lot of rules in Roller Derby, but to a new comer’s eyes, it doesn’t look like it.

“There is a lot of training that goes into becoming a roller derby girl,” says Jambino.

The league offers a Fresh Meat, meet and greet. Anyone can try out and the girls are more than happy to help anyone and everyone become the best player they can be. Rigorous training and dedication are key as the team does practice three times a week. At the end of training there are tests one must pass to be on a team. Such as, skating around the rink 27 times in five minutes and skating through 10 cones in six seconds. Sounds hard, but with practice and these amazingly confident and caring girls, they can help you get through anything.

What I found remarkable is the friendship and bond between these women. You can tell that they have each other’s backs on and off the rink. Even while Alysia WonderSlam, from Rhode Island, slams into Lo Mean from Worcester. You can tell they do it because it is both fun and necessary.

Jambino says, “I wanted a place where I can be me,” and this is that place. No judgments, just friends beating the crap out of each other for the love of roller skates and winning. As I am interviewing and taking pictures I gasp at each thunderous fall and each earth quaking slam these girls produce. They stationed me in the middle of the rink because I would get a “better view” when it came to scrimmage time.

The girls divided themselves up into two teams and gave me a show I will never forget. I am in the red zone, in the middle of the rink, and nothing can protect me but my trust in these awesome women. Nancy Drew Blood, from Worcester blows the whistle and they are off. One woman, from each team, puts on the helmet panties with stars on them and they are deemed the jammers. Blockers and pivots create walls and the jammers begin the game behind these walls.

The Jammers have to get through the blockers (the rest of the women) and they score with each opposing member they lap, each lap. When the whistle blows the jammers throw themselves into the pack of ferocious women and try to get past them. There is pushing and bouncing. Not like an ‘oops

**At right: It can intense during real play**

sorry I bumped into you’ kind of bouncing. No, I mean they bottle up all their stress and excitement and let it explode from their cores. Their shoulders, chests, and hips make contact with the other person and send them flying in the opposite direction.

As if this wasn’t enough, even your own teammates can give you a little oomph in the right direction. A blocker behind their jammer will actually wind up and push the jammer through the wall and send them soaring! This was so intense

I felt giddy with excitement as I walked in circles watching them glide and scramble around me. With each slam and fall my gut gurgled with raw caveman like thrill.

I had Weird Al Shankabish from Spencer get thrown at my feet and yet she kept total control and stopped right before she could have taken me down. DomiNat from Worcester galloped from behind and boom slammed into her friends. Nikko from Oxford flew full bodied into the mattresses that protect them from hitting the cement walls of the arena.

Around and around these women went, flexed muscle, padded elbows and knees, mouthguard grins and with such fun brutality in their eyes I will never forget. I wanted so badly to put on skates and join them.

Then I remembered I trip over air daily.

These women really are two different entities in themselves. They all have careers, hobbies, and children. Then, they put on their skates and they transform. No more worries, no more responsibilities, just the game and they are keen on winning.

Starr De Chaos, from Rhode Island, says, “the more you like your friends the harder you hit them” these friends must really like each other!

If you think you have what it takes to become a roller derby girl you can contact WoRD at [skate@worcesterrollerderby.com](mailto:skate@worcesterrollerderby.com) and follow them on Facebook at WorcesterRollerDerby.



**Just a warm up around the track.**



**The women of the Worcester Roller Derby.**



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**Shots of a league game.**



# Active athletes...and say what?

I used to think Randy Moss (the football Randy Moss, not the horse racing analyst) was an obnoxious doofus and the younger and less mature Moss pretty much was. But last Saturday, at his NFL Hall of Fame induction, an older and more reflective Moss wore a tie with the names of African-Americans who died after (in numerous cases very public) confrontations with police.

“There’s a lot going on in our country and I wanted to let these families know they’re not alone,” said Moss.

I used to think golfer Bubba Watson was just one of those good-ole-Southern-boys who frequently seem to make up the bulk of the PGA Tour. Turns out Watson has been supporting LeBron James by participating in an auction which helped raise money for the ‘I Promise’ school James recently opened in his hometown of Akron.

“I want to do things that are far more important than playing golf,” Watson said.

One reason the Orioles’ Adam Jones rejected a trade to Philadelphia where he would have had a chance to reach the World Series for the first time was he felt he had important responsibilities in Baltimore’s African-American community, responsibilities greater than baseball.

Washington Nationals reliever Sean Doolittle has been active in the LGBT movement. There are countless other examples.

I know there are those of you who want to somehow separate sports from politics and to that I respond — if sports and politics are separate, how come baseball was segregated until 1947? How come it took the Boston Red Sox, the last MLB team to do so, until almost 1960 to integrate? Bill Russell was no particular fan of Boston and back in the day for good reason.

There is no separation and the racist rantings emanating from DJT might please his base but they’re also prompting a

lot of athletes to ramp up their own civic activism. That’s a good thing.

Athletic activism isn’t new of course. We think of Ali. We think of Tommie Smith and John Carlos. We think of Arthur Ashe and Billie Jean King. How many of you knew Russell had been invited to sit on the platform with Dr. King at the March on Washington? The genie has long been out of the proverbial bottle but now this is all on the front burner. If you’re trying to separate sports from society, sports from politics, or think they should be separate, then you need to grow up.

Speaking of growing up, it’s that time of year again when people older than 15 are walking around wearing shirts with the names of football players on them. Hey! Is Rob Gronkowski or Tom Brady wearing a shirt with YOUR name on it? If you’re in high school, fine, by all means, wear your favorite player’s jersey. But if you’re an adult and you’re doing it, you look absolutely ridicu-



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JERRY CARTON

lous. Stop it.

I honestly never understood, even when I was 15, why in the world anyone would go around looking like that. To what end? To what purpose? Let’s say you’re, I don’t know, 34 years old. Do you really want to look like a Gronk groupie? Don’t you think you ought to dress like a grown-up? Seriously?

I admit to having worn a t-shirt with a horse’s name (On the Sly) on it in the appropriate yellow-and-black stable colors and I know many folks who’ve done so with other horses but that’s different than football or even baseball jerseys, especially when there’s a personal connection. What’s your personal connection to some football player? Band t-shirts are, by the

way, okay too. Wear a generic team sweatshirt? Sure. Jerseys? Stop. You’re not a child. Or at the very least tuck them in. Fair enough?

So imagine you’re at an MLB game and the pitcher starts throwing from 55 feet rather than 60’6”. You’d assume someone would notice, right? Last Wednesday, a race at fabled, saintly, sacrosanct Saratoga was run at, ready, the wrong distance! Again, you’d assume someone would notice — the jockeys, the gate crew, the starter, someone. But no. This was of course unfair to the folks who bet their money. If you’re trying to project the outcome of a race at one distance by looking at horses’ past performances but the race is actually run at a different one than advertised, it seems to me a refund of wagers would be in order. Yeah. Sure. Good luck getting that to happen.

Finally, this. It was like the old days Sunday as the PGA Championship concluded golf’s major

season. Once again, the grounds shook under the thunder of the ‘Tiger Roar’, a sound unlike any other in sports. True, Brooks Koepka won his second major of the year and third in the last six he’s entered (Koepka missed the Masters with a wrist injury) but he barely registered. When Woods holed his last putt on 18, even though he wasn’t going to finish any better than second, the crowd reaction suggested he’d just clinched major number 15. Every sport is better when it’s biggest name or team is in the hunt. Baseball’s better when the Yankees are good. Football’s better when the Cowboys are relevant. Racing is better when...ah...no. But you get the idea. Tiger doesn’t move the needle. Tiger IS the needle. As one friend put it late Sunday afternoon, ‘anyone who doesn’t find this compelling doesn’t like sports’ (Thanks, Mike). And he was right. That was great theatre. We need more of that in sports.

See you next week.

## Unconventional garden recipes

Gardens are in full bloom and after a season of tending, it’s finally time to enjoy the “fruits of our labor!” While nothing quite compares to biting into a warm, red tomato just plucked from the vine, there are many creative ways to serve up your garden favorites. From rich, moist brownies to old fashioned jam, these unconventional garden recipes culled from the internet, bring a new twist to traditional backyard crops.

**Fried Watermelon**

Sounds wacky, but this recipe offers a fun way to serve up summer’s favorite fruit. Jazz it up by serving on skewers and offering with a dip.

**Ingredients:** 1 watermelon (8-10 lbs.); 7 tablespoons cornstarch; 11 tablespoons flour; 2 egg whites, beaten; 3 cups vegetable oil; confectioner’s sugar

**Directions:** Cut the watermelon in half and remove the pulp, including seeds. Cut the pulp into diamond shapes. Coat with the flour. Mix egg whites with cornstarch adding a little water into a batter. Heat the oil to about 250 degrees for deep frying. Dip the watermelon pieces in the batter and deep fry until outside crust is firm. Turn off the heat and continue to deep fry the watermelon until light brown. Remove, drain well, sprinkle with confectioner’s sugar. .

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**Squash Brownies**

Pureed summer squash adds moisture and richness to this delicious

brownie recipe. It’s the perfect way to disguise nutrition in a decadent dessert - not to mention an ideal excuse to use up extra squash!

**Ingredients:** ½ cup vegetable oil; 1 1/2 cups white sugar; 2 teaspoons vanilla extract; 2 cups all purpose flour; 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder; 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda; 1 teaspoon salt; 2 cups pureed summer squash; ¾ cup chopped walnuts; ½ cup chocolate chips (optional)

**Frosting Ingredients:** 6 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder; 1/4 cup margarine; 2 cups confectioners’ sugar; 1/4 cup milk; 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350° F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13 inch baking pan. Mix together the oil, sugar and 2 teaspoons vanilla until well blended. Combine the flour, 1/2 cup cocoa, baking soda and salt; stir into the sugar mixture. Fold in the squash, walnuts, and optional chocolate chips. Spread evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until brownies spring back when gently touched. To make the frosting, melt together the 6 tablespoons of cocoa and margarine; set aside to cool. In a medium bowl, blend together the



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KAREN TRAINOR

confectioners’ sugar, milk and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in the cocoa mixture. Spread over cooled brownies before cutting into squares.

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**Garden Tomato Cake**

This is not your mother’s tomato soup spice cake! A nutty, fruity cake with a bright garden flavor, topped with sweet cream cheese frosting - is your mouth watering yet?

**Ingredients:** 1 cup brown sugar, dark; 1/2 cup vegetable shortening; 2 large eggs; 3 cups flour, all purpose; 2 teaspoons baking powder; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 1 teaspoon nutmeg; 1 teaspoon salt; 2 cups tomatoes ripe, peeled, seeded, chopped; ½ cup walnuts chopped; 1/2 cup dates chopped; 1/2 cup raisins, seedless chopped.

**Directions:** Mix cream sugar and shortening. Add eggs. Add sifted dry ingredients, mixing well. Stir in tomatoes, nuts, dates, and raisins. Put into greased and floured 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 35 minutes or until cake tests done. Frost with cream cheese frosting.

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**Zucchini/Raspberry Jam**

Two unlikely garden offerings pair up for this easy to make version of old fashioned jam.

**Ingredients:** 3 cups sugar; 3 cups crushed raspberries with juice; 3 cups zucchini; 3 oz. raspberry Jell-O gelatin

**Directions:** Peel and cube the zucchini. Cook in a small amount of water until tender. Add raspberries and sugar. Continue cooking on low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Stir in slowly, one packet of Jell-O. Cook until proper consistency. Use proper canning procedure to preserve, or allow to cool and refrigerate.

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**Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House**

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of this Stonebridge Press publication? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

## How Can You Help Your Kids Pay for College?

It’s still summer, but we’re getting close to a new school year. One day, though, “back-to-school” will mean “off to college” for your children. Will you be financially prepared to help your kids cope with the costs of higher education?

Your first step, of course, is to know what you’re up against, so here are some numbers: For the 2017-18 academic year, college costs (tuition, fees, room and board) were, on average, nearly \$21,000 for in-state students at four-year, public schools and nearly \$47,000 for students attending private colleges or universities, according to the College Board. And you can probably expect even bigger price tags in the years to come.

To help prepare for these costs, you might want to consider putting your money in a vehicle specifically designed to help build assets for college, such as a 529 education savings plan. All withdrawals from 529 plans are free from federal income taxes as long as the beneficiary you’ve named uses the money for qualified college, trade school or graduate school expenses. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes on the earnings portion of your plan. (However, tax issues for 529 savings plans can be complex, so please consult your tax advisor before investing.)

You can generally invest in

the 529 savings plan offered by any state, but if you invest in your own state’s plan, you may be able to claim a tax deduction or receive a tax credit.

By starting your 529 plan early, when your children are just a few years old, the investments within the plan have more time for potential growth. Plus, you can make smaller contributions each year, rather than come up with big lump sums later on.

A 529 plan is not the only education-savings tool you can use, but it has proven effective for many people. Yet you may also want to consider ways to keep college costs down in the first place.

For one thing, your children may be eligible for various forms of financial aid. Some types of aid depend on your family’s income, but others, such as merit-based scholarships, are open to everyone. But you don’t have to wait until you get an offer from a school’s financial aid office – you can explore some opportunities on your own. For example, many local and national civic and religious groups offer scholarships to promising young people, and your own employer may even provide some types of grants or assistance. Plus, your state also may offer other benefits, such as financial aid or scholarship funds. It can certainly take some digging to find these funding sources, but

the effort can be worthwhile.

Here’s another option for reducing college costs: Consider sending your child to a local community college for two years to get many of the “general” requirements out of the way before transferring to a four-year school for a bachelor’s degree. Community colleges are typically quite afford-

able, and many of them offer high-quality programs.

A college degree is costly, but many people feel it’s still a great investment in their children’s future. And by taking the appropriate steps, you can help launch that investment.

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# Hot weather forcing the fish deep

Saltwater fishing for stripers and fluke slowed dramatically around Block Island last week for many anglers. Trying to catch a single striper after fishing for a few hours around the island proved to be a waste of time for the True family and friends. After convincing the Captain to try for fluke and seabass instead of riding in circles trolling with umbrella rigs, the group started to catch fish. Limiting out on seabass was easy, but only a few small fluke were caught and released. They soon bumped into a school of bluefish that had the ladies reeling in one fish after another.

This week's first picture show what happens when a school of bluefish go into a feeding frenzy. A false albacore and a large tautog were also mixed into the bag. The mate cut up the false albacore for the group to eat raw. They said it was delicious. This week's second picture show from left to right Lisa Diotte, Ashley McQuade, Andrea True (Henchey), Chris Henchey, & Ralph True Jr.! This writer was out on sick leave!!!! I am surprised they caught



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a fish without me on board!

Another local angler reported very poor fishing for stripers at the island last week and even had a hard time catching their limit of seabass. No keeper size fluke were caught. It sure was the dog days of summer, as one angler put it. The water temperature must have sent the fish to cooler waters. A report of fast action on stripers at the canal last week was the only good news. This week's third picture of Mike Daniels with a 30 pound plus striper was only one of the many fish he had caught and released on that day. For a while, the stripers were caught on surface plugs, but last week they were also hitting bait. Mackerel and clams yielded the most fish.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their third fun annual archery shoot this coming Sunday at the club grounds in Uxbridge. The general public is invited to attend. A full breakfast will be available for all in attendance. The club will also hold a chicken barbecue starting at 1:00 p.m. Numerous raffles and prizes will also provide entertainment for all in attendance. Some chicken dinner tickets will be available



From left to right Lisa Diotte, Ashley McQuade, Andrea True (Henchey), Chris Henchey, & Ralph True Jr. had a good day, even without the patriarch on board.

at the door. Noel Rabidor is chairman of the event, and promises a great family day for all in attendance.

The Singletary Rod & Gun will hold their annual Field Day in Oxford on Sunday Aug. 26. The event always draws a large group of the public to dine

on all forms of seafood, and the regular hot dogs, hamburgers and fries. Music and many forms of entertainment will make the day one to remember.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!!

## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ilene A. Breton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Lend America, dated January 16, 2009 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43796, Page 363 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated December 18, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52085, Page 204, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated December 22, 2015, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54855, Page 269, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated September 19, 2016, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 56141, Page 373 of which mortgage Selene Finance LP is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lend America its successors and assigns to Selene Finance LP dated August 23, 2016 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55960, Page 26, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 9 Orient Place, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on September 20, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of Massachusetts, County of Worcester and is described as follows:

COMMENCING AT A STAKE AND STONES AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LOT, IN LINE OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF DENNIS MANGAN, AND ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF A STRIP OF LAND TWO AND ONE-HALF (2-1/2) RODS WIDE LAID OUT FOR A ROAD BY CHARLES L. BEALS, NOW KNOWN AS ORIENT PLACE; THENCE

SOUTH 19 DEGREES WEST ON LINE OF SAID ROAD, FIVE AND 76/100 (5.76) RODS TO A STAKE AND STONES; THENCE

NORTH 71 DEGREES WEST, SEVEN AND 84/100 (7.84) RODS TO A STAKE AND STONES IN LINE OF WILLIAM DOODY'S LAND; THENCE

ON LINE OF SAID DOODY'S LAND, NORTHERLY FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4-1/2) RODS TO A STAKE AND STONES AT A CORNER OF SAID MANGAN LAND; THENCE

ON SAID MANGAN LAND, EIGHT (8) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

ALSO ANOTHER LOT OF LAND ADJOINING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

COMMENCING ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF A ROAD LAID OUT FROM SPRING STREET PAST THE D. MANGAN PLACE, NOW SAID ORIENT PLACE; THENCE

ON LINE OF SAID ROAD, SOUTH 20 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST, SEVEN AND ONE-HALF (7-1/2) RODS TO A CORNER; THENCE

AT RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID ROAD, WESTERLY ABOUT EIGHT (8) RODS TO THE WALL; THENCE

ONLINE OF SAID WALL, NORTHERLY SEVEN AND ONE-HALF (7-1/2) RODS TO LAND FORMERLY OF

DANIEL CALLAHAN, BEING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT; THENCE

EASTERLY ON SAID ABOVE LOT, EIGHT (8) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING SO MUCH FROM LAST DESCRIBED LOT AS WAS CONVEYED TO ATHERTON D. CONVERSE BY DEED RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT DEEDS, BOOK 2376, PAGE 194.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5274, Page 209.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Lowell, MA 01851  
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Breton, Ilene A., 18-031485  
August 3, 2018  
August 10, 108  
August 17, 2018

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Steven G. Hosnander and Sheila E. Hosnander to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated June 18, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45932, Page 120 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on November 29, 2016 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 56379, Page 151, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51420, Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on August 24, 2018 at 151 Spring Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land on the southerly side of and known and numbered as 151 Spring Street in Winchendon,

Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the corner of Spring Street and a street laid out from said Spring Street to Ash Street, being the northeast corner of the lot; thence On line of second named street South 2° West 117 3/4 feet to the northeast corner of house lot now or formerly of Martin McCabe; thence North 68° West on the northerly line of said Martin McCabe's house lot, 225 3/4 feet to a stake and stones; thence Northerly on line of land owned in common by Patrick McCabe and said Martin McCabe 80 1/2 feet to the southerly line of Spring Street; thence Easterly on line of said Spring Street to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 45932, Page 117.

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

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

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

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC  
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By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANDS PC  
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Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
18-003474  
August 3, 2018  
August 10, 108  
August 17, 2018

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Maureen E. O'Toole and Ross M. O'Toole to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, dated October 4, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34793, Page 323, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, a DE Corporation, its successors and assigns to HSBC Bank USA, N.A. dated April 2, 2012 and recorded with said Registry on April 5, 2012 at Book 48780, Page 226, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 705 Central Street a/k/a 705 North Central Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

EXHIBIT 'A' PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
705 North Central Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts 01475

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot '3' on a plan of land entitled 'Plan of Lots Prepared for Robert Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA' Scale: 1 inch = 40 feet, June 20, 2001, Edward J. Boucher, P.L.S., which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 772, Plan No. 88.

Said Lot No. 3 containing 46,169 square feet according to said plan. BEING the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Alain J. Choquette dated December 6, 2001 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 25445, Page 401.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25445, Page 401.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

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# Estate sale buying and selling tips

I've offered tips for estate sale buyers and sellers in previous columns.

Other recent articles from across the country provide additional tips. Before I discuss the others, I'll offer another suggestion of my own. With many people planning activities during summer weekends, July and August are good months for buyers. There should be less competition at estate sales, creating a better chance for buyers to make that great find.

A recent Washington Post article suggests that buyers "start in the basement." One estate sale regular said "the basement is where they put the old stuff that they didn't want to throw away." Another buyer finds items in the basement, closets and in jacket pockets. One buyer said that she looks for areas where there are less people.

A couple who moved into a new house regularly attends estate sales to help furnish it. They bring a list of items that they need such as kitchen furniture and décor. One of the notes they wrote was "bring cash, a tape measure, and fabric samples and paint chips." One buyer offered a very practical suggestion. "Make sure you go" before going to estate sales. The bathrooms at estate sales aren't always open to the public.

A Bellingham (Washington) Herald article offered advice to those who are downsizing or settling an estate. They interviewed local estate sale company proprietors. One seller informs clients that they should expect household goods to sell for less than the purchase price, but that some collectibles can be worth many times the purchase price. The estate sale



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company representatives state that they research items to make sure they get "fair market value" but that "nobody can know everything." However, the internet has made it easier for both sellers and buyers to research values as more information became available online in the second half of the 1990s. One seller also notes that it is often an emotional experience for people who call them to run an estate sale. She works with the family to make sure that their needs are properly addressed.

There was also some bizarre estate sale news in Longmont, CO this year. The Boulder Daily Camera reported that a woman's house was ransacked by estate sale goers. There was an estate sale taking place a few doors away. Someone started a rumor saying that there was also an estate sale at her house and that everything was free. She had recently had a yard sale and items were strewn about the lawn which gave the rumor even more credibility. People gathered armloads of her items and argued with her, saying that everything was free. Very few people put things back. She said after her strange experience "every time I turn around, I notice something missing. At least they didn't take the dogs or cats."

We are planning some estate sales for September and a multi-estate antique auction this fall. We will also be running a live all coin auction on Aug. 30 in Worcester. Registration is taking place for my "Evaluating your antiques" class which will be held on Oct. 15 for the Bay Path Evening School. I'll also be appraising items for the public at the Winchendon Historical Society Oct. 28 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other upcoming events.

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