

## Confusion abounds over Mill Circle business proposals

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Town Manager Keith Hickey has sent a letter to John and Amelia Giovanoni to clarify the town's position regarding a tax increment financing agreement passed by voters at a town meeting in May 2015, as well as the Giovanoni's request for a Brownfields abatement. The abatement would provide tax breaks for the cleanup of hazardous waste on the property that is home to the former White's Mill complex in Winchendon Springs.

Postings on the Facebook page for the Mill Farm

Initiative at White's Mill – formerly White's Mill Farm, formerly Brandywine Farm at White's Mill – indicate the not-for-profit organization is seeking either a new TIF agreement or renewal of the 2015 TIF plan. However, in a letter dated February 6, 2017, Brandywine Farms president John Giovanoni states the corporation's desire "to terminate our participation in the agreement...Please consider this 60 days' notice."

In his letter to the Giovanonis, Hickey includes a reminder that Mill Farm currently owes the town "Brownfield cleanup

certification and (a) certified check for all past due taxes on the property..."

Hickey further states the check and the cleanup certification were to be received by his office "no later than Wednesday, August 15 at noon."

Thus far the town has received neither. Mill Farm currently owes the town nearly \$60,000 in back property taxes and a lien has been placed on the mill property by the company that carried out the brownfield cleanup. At last report, Mill Farm owed in excess of \$300,000 for the environmental

work.

Hickey said the Giovanonis felt the property had been undervalued in the 2015 TIF. The value placed on the property by the town's assessors is about \$630,000.

"They didn't think it was overvalued," said Hickey. "They thought it was undervalued. I believe their purpose in requesting an increased value was an increased value makes the property and, potentially, their project granting or funding applications more viable than a piece of property that's valued between \$600,000 and \$700,000. It's ironic that

before that before the amount in the TIF was agreed to, very shrewdly, they were asking that the value be as low as possible because, with a TIF agreement, your tax break is based on the investment you've made in the property. They wanted a lower value at the beginning, which I can respect, but now they want to increase that value for financing purposes. I've never had to sit at a table and debate that somebody's taxes were too low."

"We'd love to have them provide a professional appraisal

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## King eager to get started at Murdock

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

When school opens next Tuesday, new Murdock High School Principal Thad King will literally be at the door and that's where you'll find him the next 179 mornings as well even when winter roars in.

"I know I have to earn trust," acknowledged King. "I'm the new guy here."

Earning trust and building relationships. That's what King has spent part of the summer already doing, reaching out to families, students, and some teachers who have been in the building.

"I believe in personal communication and I know I have to establish relationships with the stakeholders. That means teachers, staff, and parents as well as kids," he stressed.

"It's a lot of work but I'm really invested. Otherwise I wouldn't be here," he told the

Courier.

And there's more, lots more. "I'm here for the long haul," emphasized King. "I'm not just paying lip service. I came here because this is where I want to be and it's going to take time. You need consistency. You need people who stay and prove they're invested."

Building those relationships and convincing families Murdock is the place to be was a principle driving force behind the freshman orientation and the parent/freshman orientations earlier this week.

"We're concerned about the retention rate. We're looking at ways to work with students, and their families, whom we consider to be potentially at-risk. Attendance is a huge indicator of success or failure and so the first thing we need to do is get kids in the building. That's why we're reaching out.

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Greg Vine photos

President Deb Giordano prepares to cut the ribbon, officially opening the arts organization's new headquarters and art gallery at 135 Front St., Winchendon last Saturday afternoon.

## GALA opens new building with a flourish

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

After years of planning, much time spent fundraising, and the investment of hundreds of hours of volunteer labor, the Gardner Area League of Artists has finally opened its new headquarters and art gallery at 135 Front St. in Winchendon. A grand opening, complete with ribbon cutting, was held Saturday afternoon, but gray skies and occasional showers couldn't dim the enthusiasm of those on hand for the long-anticipated event.

Officials on hand for the

event included state Sen. Ann Gobi, state Rep. Jon Zlotnik, Board of Selectmen Chairman Audrey LaBrie, and Community and Economic Development Steering Committee Chairman Les Goodrich.

"We started planning this about three years ago," said GALA president Deb Giordano. "Some of us were sitting around talking and said, 'Wouldn't it be nice if we could do something to bring the arts and some culture to town?' We looked around a several potential locations on and around Central Street, but the rents were just too

high."

Giordano said she then spoke to Winchendon Historical Society President Don O'Neil. At the time, the society was looking at ways to secure the historic Isaac Morse House, located just across the street from the group's headquarters and museum in the Murdock-Whitney House. Each historic home occupies a site on either side of Lincoln Avenue at the intersection with Front Street.

"At first, we explored the possibility of

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Greg Vine photos

State Rep. Jon Zlotnik speaks with local Democratic Party member Gina Skye (center) as state Sen. Ann Gobi looks on. The three participated in Saturday's Swing Left training Saturday morning at Beals Memorial Library.

## Voters to decide patient to nurse ratios

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Chances are you've seen the television ads decrying a Massachusetts ballot initiative — Question 1 — as government intrusion into health care which would lead to catastrophe. The question, the ad goes on to state, is opposed by the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts; which it is. But is it opposed by Massachusetts nurses?

It all depends on which nurses you ask.

Question 1 would limit the number of patients and individual nurse can be assigned at any one time and would impose a fine of \$25,000 on hospitals that violate those ratios. Ratios would vary from department to department. For example, the limit for a nurse in the emergency room would range from one to five patients, depend-

ing on the seriousness of the patients' illness or injury, while the number of patients a nurse could be assigned on the pediatric unit would be capped at four.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), representing some 23,000 nurses statewide, claims passage of the Question 1 would increase safety and lead to better patient outcomes. The hospital industry and the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts (ANAM), which represents about 2,000 nurses — mainly at the administrative level — say passage could lead to longer wait times and, potentially, the closure of some hospitals.

Michael D'Intinosanto, who lives in Winchendon, is on the board of directors of the MNA.

"We've been working on this legislatively for over 20 years," he told The Courier.

"We have over 20 years of research that shows the detrimental effect to patients when a nurse has too many patients to care for, and the positive outcomes when you limit the number of patients a nurse has to care for. Yet, despite all the research and trying to work with the Legislature, they refuse to address this issue. The one exception is that in 2014 we got limits in the intensive care units only, with the understanding that we were coming back for the rest of the hospital."

"It doesn't make sense," said D'Intinosanto, "that there are limits in the intensive care unit but nowhere else in the hospital. So, this year we chose not to even file the legislation; we're going directly to the people and we're going to let the people of Massachusetts decide

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## Training the Democrats to win

BY JERRY CARTON  
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With the 2018 primary election season nearing an end (Massachusetts is one of a few states with September balloting), Democratic activists are taking aim at regaining the majority of the House of Representatives. Doing so requires a so-called ground game and last Saturday training sessions were held across the country including one at the Beals Library here in Winchendon.

The sponsoring organization is named 'Swing Left' and it's identified 78 House districts it believes to be in play and two of them are right next door in New Hampshire.

"Sometimes it's hard to get

people to travel to other districts," said Ruth Suyenaga, the Royalston resident who helps run the North Central Massachusetts Swing Left chapter.

"But," she added, "New Hampshire 1 and 2 and close enough for people in this area to go up there, get involved and try to make a difference" in the campaigns of Democrats Carol Shea-Porter and Ann Kuster.

Saturday's event featured a video covering canvassing techniques and Get-Out-the-Vote strategies. Canvassing, said Suyenaga, matters because historically midterm voter turnout tends to be low and talking directly to voters "can have a real impact and

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WEEKLY QUOTE

If fear is cultivated it will become stronger, if faith is cultivated it will achieve mastery.

John Paul Jones



# CLYDE'S CORNER

## 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.

**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.

## Thursday September 6

**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.

## Saturday September 8

**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.

## Thursday September 20

**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.

## 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).

## Saturday November 10

**OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES:** Holiday Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street. That day is World Kindness Day, so what better way than to send some cheer to our military members who are unable to be home with their families on the holidays. Spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, please contact us with his/her information or a contact person for them. Check out our Facebook page (Operation Winchendon Cares) and website: <http://www.winchendoncares.com>.

# COURIER CAPSULES

**NOTE DATE CORRECTION:** 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. Saturday Sept. 8.

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### CLARK RIBBON CUTTING

The Clark YMCA will host a ribbon cutting and grand opening of its new building Sunday Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.

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### OLD MURDOCK ANNUAL INDOOR SALE

The Indoor Yard Sale at the Winchendon Senior Center is now ongoing. Everyone is welcome to come Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The tables are set up nicely with a variety of items in the upstairs auditorium. Come see what is available this year! Through the month of August. Final week next week.

### MILLERS RIVER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Millers River Watershed Council is pleased to announce the first ever Millers River & Watershed Photo Contest and Exhibition, co-sponsored with the Athol Public Library, where the exhibition will run during the month of October, 2018 before moving to other watershed venues. MRWC aims for the Photo Contest

and Exhibition to inspire watershed residents and visitors alike to explore, appreciate and help protect the 50-mile long Millers River and its surrounding watershed of 400 square miles — including numerous tributaries, streams, lakes and ponds. Contest Guidelines are available on the MRWC website's homepage at [millerswatershed.org](http://millerswatershed.org). Images must be received ready-to-hang by the Athol Library after Aug. 17 and no later than 5 pm on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018. All submissions meeting the guidelines will be judged by noted nature photographers Paul Rezendes of Athol, Bill Fournier of Gardner and Dale Monette of New Salem. A map showing the watershed's boundaries, including all or parts of 17 Massachusetts and six New Hampshire towns (and one city—Gardner), is available on the MRWC website. For more information email [council@millersriver.net](mailto:council@millersriver.net) or leave a phone message at 978-248-9491.

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# 7 Late-Summer Projects for Your Home

Even though you're still enjoying the lazy days of summer (as you should!), there are several tasks you can and should be doing to start prepping your home and yard for fall. Taking some small steps now will not only lessen the workload down the road, but also help you avoid the stress and expense of emergency situations in the thick of the cooler weather.

Have your furnace inspected. Who wants to think about heat in August? While this probably isn't at the top of your list, August is a great month to have an HVAC pro come in—before they get busy in the fall—and check for leaks and heating efficiency, and also change your furnace filter.

Test your home safety devices. Use this month to test all your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries and have additional ones installed as necessary so that you're ready to go once fireplace season kicks in.

Seal up any draft-prone areas. Check around windows and doors to see where leaks may be occurring. Now is a great time to take care of patching holes and caulking around windows while the weather is still warm.

Inspect your trees. The end of summer is also a great

time to do a careful inspection of the trees on your property and get rid of any dead limbs before storm season sets in.

Clean your fireplace. Chimney sweeps get amazingly busy once the fall season is in full swing, so make an appointment to have your fireplace professionally cleaned in the off-season.

Conduct a roof inspection. Now's the time to repair broken shingles or take care of any leaks. Make sure everything is tightened up well before rough weather sets in.

Fertilize your lawn. As the summer winds down, take the time to fertilize your lawn to help guard against winter damage and ward off spring weeds.

As you soak up that last bit of summer sun, give your home a little TLC to make sure it's ready to take on the changes fall will bring.



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# Kiwanis share with the world one backpack at a time

LEOMINSTER — When a group of enthused service club members come together for a weekend of learning, camaraderie and a bit of fun, the first thing coming to most people's minds wouldn't be a service project.

But that isn't the norm for Kiwanis International. Or at least not its New England to Bermuda joint district.

As the members gathered at the Double Tree by Hilton beginning Thursday night, they brought with them extra packages. Bags, boxes, shopping bags...full of notebook paper, pencils, pens and erasers. They sought out a room near the check in desk and began piling their bounty on the tables, filling the space.

By Friday night, the "loot" was daunting.

Lt. Governor elect, to be installed this weekend for the 100th annual District Convention by the New England Bermuda District Jessica Plante of the Winchendon Kiwanis Club admitted to being "happily overwhelmed."

"There was a lot there. I mean a LOT there," she said.

She recruited volunteers, and they began sorting the donations; piling notebook paper together, notebooks on another corner, putting gluesticks and glue in a box; crayons and markers near one another.

On Saturday morning, another whole crew of volunteers showed up, many from the Winchendon club, to lend hand to Plante and the District project.

The concept was to fill donated backpacks with donated supplies, all to in turn to be donated to Leominster-Fitchburg

school children heading back to class soon. The project was coordinated with the local Salvation Army Corps.

The goal was 150-200 backpacks.

As the morning wore on, people were sent out to purchase more backpacks as monetary donations made that possible. At least three times, runners were sent out and came back with more backpacks to fill.

District Governor Elect Elyse Denorfia, who has been literally raised in a Kiwanis tradition having been in Key Club in high school and Circle K in college before joining Kiwanis as an adult, was thrilled. She drew in others to the room and encouraged a photo shoot with filled backpacks, then charged Kiwanis members \$10 for the privilege of having that photo taken. The resulting donations meant more backpacks could be purchased.

Both Key Club and Circle K could be considered "junior" Kiwanis clubs, sponsored by local clubs in a given area and encouraging service above self in younger students and college age young adults.

In the end, more than 160 filled backpacks were collected by Salvation Army envoy Lynnette Valentine at the end of the day. Along with several more boxes of loose supplies, which Valentine said would be given out to children as needed and also used in the Salvation Army after school programs.

Denorfia, who is one of the youngest, and first woman district governor for New England Bermuda, said she more than happy with how the project went and the kick



Ruth DeAmicis photos  
Jess Plante, newly elected District Lt. Governor, waits to be announced as she enters the banquet with the "cutest escort ever" son Lucas.



A member of the Kiwanis of Winchendon Julia Cardinal, dividing the myriad supplies into manageable piles. Extra supplies, more than would fill the backpacks, were given to the Salvation Army for further distribution or for their own after school program.

off to her new reign as governor.

"I appreciate all the help.

The clubs have always stepped up to do this sort of project," said Denorfia.

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## WINCHENDON LION ELECTED ZONE CHAIRMAN



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Joni LaPlante of the Winchendon Lions Club is installed as Zone Chairman of District 33A Lions International in a ceremony last weekend. LaPlante will be responsible for overseeing the information disbursement of several clubs in her new position.

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## EDITORIAL

Continuing: Free speech  
is for BOTH sides

When you read the letters to the editor today, you might find one from someone not from your town. That is because we are using it as an example for this editorial. You see, we need to stress yet again, that you don't get to choose who gets free speech.

Right away we need to say we don't agree with the letter writer, and we continue always to stress to our opinionated people to make certain they tell those reading it is indeed their opinion, even if they are attempting to cite facts as they know them.

Example: no, America is not "85% Christian." The latest Gallup poll conducted in 2017 had people self identifying as Christian a bit less than 75% of the time, and mostly without an affiliation to any specific church. The trend, according to Gallup, was expected to continue downward, as the younger respondents did not identify with any organized religion at all.

The controversy over the raising of a statue of the 10 Commandments at the Little Rock AR state capitol is not a done deal. The American Civil Liberties Union has a lawsuit pending in federal court over the matter, stating obviously it violates the First Amendment against establishing religion in government. It has been the site of several continuing protests, had a car driven into it, and the statue of Baphomet is just the latest protest.

Baphomet, who is actually a made up "deity" and if anything is a demon and not the devil at all; was originally described as the idol of the Knights Templar when the church was attempt-

ing to discredit them centuries ago. Descriptions of "him" vary depending on which compendium you choose to read, but it is known that Alistair Crowley, one of the earliest "magicians" who attempted to codify the various branches of the occult in some fashion, took the name as his own magical identification.

And yes, there does exist a group calling itself the Satanic Temple. Its headquarters are right in Salem (how appropriate); and it does not call itself a church. It does have enough organization, to launch freedom of speech and religion campaigns nationwide, include lawsuits in Missouri and Arkansas. Among its seven tenets of conduct is "The freedom of others should be respected, including the freedom to offend."

The group manages to do that quite well. And the eight and a half foot (even the size is quoted wrong by the letter writer) statue of Baphomet (by the way the name, which is combination of Greek and Roman words, means torch of wisdom), which they will continue to use as a tool and representation of their group at various venues where they feel a point should be made.

Will it offend. Yes.  
Should they have the right to do so. Yes.

Should the letter writer have the right to decry the event. Absolutely. But please get the facts correct.

People become passionate about what they believe in. From both sides.

And we support that.

## FOMSC: thank you all

To the Editor:

The Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center would like to thank our local residents, and those passing through Winchendon, for their unbelievable generosity during the recent Senior Center's "Boot Drive."

While a heavy overcast day, the rains held off long enough for our seniors to collect more than \$1,000 in donations. The friendliness and support shown

by all during the drive reflects on Toy Town's appreciation of its senior citizens. Your generosity will go a long way in support of the Senior Center's programs and activities. Thank you for caring.

RICK WARD  
SECRETARY  
FRIENDS OF OLD MURDOCK SENIOR  
CENTER

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Dubois: blasphemy is not free speech

To the Editor:

Last Friday, "The Satanic Temple" used a truck and a forklift to bring a giant 7.5 ft. tall bronze statue of a goat-headed-and-winged creature to the Arkansas state capital in Little Rock and attempted to display this next to the 10 commandments. This is blasphemous and as Americans we cannot allow this to continue.

The organizers gathered for what they called a "First Amendment Rally." They called the Satan statue a symbol of tolerance. There is nothing more intolerant to Christians which represent 85% of the country than Satan. As a society, we don't allow hate speech, and we shall not allow hate statutes. I don't even think the Satanic Temple is real, I think it is a bunch of hell-

bound atheist college students trying to mock Christianity and Christians. Thankfully they were forced to remove the statue at the end of their rally.

The legislature of Arkansas has been courageous through it all. They were admirable for erecting the 10 commandments monument in front of the state capital, on the Capitol grounds in 2015. I commend them for passing a law in 2017 requiring all monuments be sponsored by an elected legislator in an attempt to avoid the predicament they are in. The Satan statue is offensive, it is hate speech, it is blasphemous, and it is NOT free speech.

CHRISTOPHER DUBOIS  
SPENCER

## OWC: summer drive

To the Editor:

Operation Winchendon Cares held its Summer Drive for our Troops on Saturday. We mailed packages to 20 stateside and 6 overseas military personnel. Thank you to everyone who donated in one way or another. It was nice to see some "new" faces there!

As always we need to thank our "regulars": Will Brown for the website; Blue Star Mothers for the Texas Roadhouse gift cards; Sweet Treat Bakery for the discount; shrink wrapping and delivery of the cookies; and the American Legion Post 193 for their donation towards the postage and the use of the hall. Thanks to New England Wooden Ware for their donation of boxes.

Too late for the May letter was a donation from Coral & Rachel Grout. Thank you to the following for donating time, items and/or money: Betty Allaire, Anonymous Woman, Kevin Baily & Dee, Tim & Kathy Blouin, Ellen & Jenn & Chris Brooks, Cheri Comer & Robert Duval, Lynn Cormier-Sayarath, Patty Dillon, Bud Fletcher in memory of Carla, Cheryl Flis, Lisa Fredette, Gardner News & Doneen Durling, James & Julie Holly, Wayne & Jeannine Gallant, Joni Gorecki, Coral & Rachel Grout, Deborah Hubbard, David & Laura Labrack, Cynthia Landanno, Tony LaPointe, Jennie & Adam & Sophie LeBlanc, June Longe, Judy Mack, Kayla & Daniel & Michael Maine, Penny Maliska, Susan Marshall, Barrie Martins, Calvin Miller, The Nasiatka Family, Sean & Lisa Pepper, Linda & Peter Saloom, Winchendon

Garden Club, Marie Urquhart, Gregory Vine, Bridget Marinelli, Ann Marie Slomcheck, John & Barbara Walker, and George & Barbara Woodbury.

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Drive which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street. That day is World Kindness Day, so what better way than to send some cheer to our military members who are unable to be home with their families on the holidays.

If you are looking for something special to give, we have had requests for gift cards to "chain" restaurants and gas stations. Being on a tight budget and trying to get home to family - usually by driving, these come in very handy and are very much appreciated. Also, have your child/ren make cards to include with the packages. Write a note - a kind word from home is always appreciated. Purchase some local newspapers to include in the packages. The service members say how much they love getting the news from back home.

Spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, please contact us with his/her information or a contact person for them. Check out our Facebook page (Operation Winchendon Cares) and website: <http://www.winchendoncares.com>. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

LARRY & LINDA SORDONI  
WINCHENDON

## The calendar... and social media 'debate'



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Fake news it is resounding-ly, overwhelmingly not. The President of the United States has now been implicated by his own attorney in the commission of multiple federal crimes.

The heavyweight constitutional scholar Lawrence Tribe put it this way, "Whether or not called an unindicted co-conspirator, that's what he

sitting President is as of the close of business on August 21, 2018, a day that will live in legal infamy."

It will be interesting and pathetic to see how the Trumpsters sell this as fake news and you can be sure they will try. But here in the real world, it's hard not to see this as the beginning of the end. I have no idea how long it will take to play out, but play out it will. Despite his bombastic and frequently confusing TV appearances, I bet you Rudy, a former federal prosecutor, knows it too. The question arises — who will play Barry Goldwater this time around?

School starts here in Winchendon next Tuesday as it

does in lots of school districts, hence today we're publishing our annual back-to-school issue. In some districts, school starts next Tuesday and in others the year is already underway and as seems inevitable in our polarized society, the school calendar has become a political flashpoint in more than one place.

Take my home state of Maryland. Last year, Governor Larry Hogan angered a bunch of folks by delaying the start of the year until after Labor Day and in the process pleased a whole lot of others. Maryland summers you see, are anchored economically in large part by how business is in the resort town of Ocean City and the

merchants there will tell you they need every day they can get and that includes the last week in August.

Back in the day there was no debate about the school calendar, of course. School began after Labor Day, period. We always spent the last week of August in Ocean City. We stayed at the Spinnaker motel on the corner of 21st and Ocean highway and spent early mornings riding bikes on the boardwalk working up appetites which we took care of at one of the-who-knows-how-many-there-are eateries along said boardwalk. Beach afternoons were usually followed by waiting in lines for dinner at whatever seafood place we'd choose

on any given night and it was often off to the amusement park after that before returning to the Spinnaker and doing it again the next day.

We weren't alone of course. Families had been trekking to Ocean City for almost a century and suddenly some years ago, a lot of traditions were disrupted when the school calendar changed. It really did make a huge difference, and not a good one, for the owners of the kiosks along the boardwalk and so many shops and restaurants in Ocean City so Hogan's decision, while it had its critics, was in general largely applauded.

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## Legality

I have been thinking a lot lately about this word, and the way I have thought of it throughout my lifetime.

Since I am a proud American and I believe in our republic, it seems easy for me to assume something is legal or illegal. With that approach, I see things like the current immigration crisis simply: if you want to come to America, there is a legal way to do so, and you are welcome. If you come here illegally, you are not welcome.

So where is the problem?

It seems as I talk to people, the problem is that some things that we consider illegal seem unfair, unthinking, and unacceptable. So they rage against the law.

In our nation, the way to change something we do not like, some law that is on the books, is to repeal it or change it in some acceptable way.

Herein lies our problem.

Many argue that we should just

ignore the law and take humanitarian action. In many ways, I think the concern for human life, human dignity, and human values, as well as the condition of some other countries in the world, fuels this thinking.

But if you take it to its natural conclusion, then ignoring, violating, and encouraging civil unrest is what we would be doing.

Do we then get to choose which laws we like and which ones we do not and simply ignore those that seem to us unacceptable? Or do we engage ourselves in the process of seeing if a majority of our fellow citizens, or legislators, agree with us and will make the necessary changes?

Obviously, if we are a real republic and we believe in our Constitution and



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the rule of law, we must work this out through the channels provided. Anything else, sadly, is revolution.

I am not saying here that one should not protest laws with which he or she disagrees. I am not saying anyone should not attempt to make changes in the law through his or her representatives. I am not saying here that anyone should not join groups to increase his or her influence against what seems to be unfair legislation.

For me, however, all that should be done peacefully and respectfully.

It is true that a situation can come to a point at which the lawful or peaceful approach is not working. That said, again, revolutionary protests should be reserved for situations when a majority of the people disagree with the govern-

ment.

In our system, we can first make that known at the polls. That should be the first step in protest. If a majority of our fellow citizens disagree with us, as evidenced by their voting, then the minority needs to accept that as appropriate, however heartily they disapprove.

It is when a majority disagrees with the governing body of people who are supposed to represent us that what we know as revolution occurs. I have just to remind my readers that in 1776 we believed we were not represented properly in Parliament. A revolution ensued.

In many countries in our troubled world, revolution is a way of life. I would posit that in most of these cases the person in power or the government in power does not represent majority thought and has turned a deaf ear to all the peaceful efforts to bring about

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# POLICE LOG

*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 14

12:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 12:22 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 1:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), false alarm; 2:10 a.m.: suspicious person (Royalston Road North), unable to locate; 2:26 a.m.: DPW call (Elmwood Road), referred; 3:33-4:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:31 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), services rendered; 8:11 a.m.: larceny (Royalston Road North), report taken; 9:24 a.m.: animal complaint (River Street), referred to ACO; 9:36 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Prentice Court), report taken; 10:00 a.m.: welfare check/general (Central Street), canceled; 11:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Baldwinville Road), report taken; 11:19 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 11:22 a.m.: harassment (Spring Street), report taken; 12:49 p.m.: info/general (Brown Street), info taken; 1:04 p.m.: accident (Route 32, Athol), assisted; 2:38 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 3:18 p.m.: suspicious person (Lincoln Avenue), spoken to; 5:11 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 5:41 p.m.: ATV complaint (Webster Street), citation issued; 6:25 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Hyde Street), spoken to; 7:14 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 7:59 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), spoken to; 8:27 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 9:47 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), referred; 11:33 p.m.: unwanted party (Goodrich Drive), spoken to.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

12:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 2:11-7:28 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:48 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 9:22 a.m.: assist citizen (Russell Farm Road), spoken to; 10:16 a.m.: suspicious person (River Street), spoken to; 11:00 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 12:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Bruce Road); 1:28 a.m.: 911 hang up (North Ashburnham Road), referred; 2:03 p.m.: suicide threats (Monadnock Avenue), Section 12; 2:09 p.m.: ambulance (Monadnock Avenue), transported; 3:10 p.m.: accident (Central Street), no service necessary; 3:47 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), citation issued; 4:05 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 4:40 p.m.: accident (Laurel Street), report taken; 5:05 p.m.:

ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 5:13 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Spruce Street), secure; 6:08 p.m.: illegal burn (Alger Street), extinguished; 7:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Wendell Drive), assisted; 8:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), report taken; 8:15 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:21 p.m.: warrant check (Royalston Road, Fitzwilliam), spoken to; 8:40 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 9:32 p.m.: larceny (Maple Street), report taken.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

12:10 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:24 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 12:33 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 12:50 a.m.: suspicious person (River Street), spoken to; 1:00-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 1:29 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (Franklin Street), spoken to; 3:18 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:10 a.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), no service necessary; 6:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Spruce Street), unable to locate; 9:15 a.m.: property damage (Gardner Road), report taken; 10:54 a.m.: threats (Lincoln Avenue Extension), report taken; 11:11 a.m.: officer wanted (North Ashburnham Road), services rendered; 1:34 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), referred; 3:10 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 3:36 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), referred; 4:12 p.m.: fight (Central Street), report taken; 5:34 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Street), unable to locate; 5:36 p.m.: DPW call (Baldwinville State Road), referred; 6:12 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 6:14 p.m.: larceny (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 7:32 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Street), spoken to; 8:56 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 11:16 p.m.: ambulance (Beachview Drive), transported.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

12:04 a.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 1:09 a.m.: mv repossession (Spring Circle), info taken; 1:34 p.m.: assist other PD (Carriage Lane), message delivered; 1:35-2:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:30 a.m.: assist other PD (East Monomac Road), unable to locate; 4:07 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 6:11 a.m.: fire alarm (Brown Street), false alarm; 7:52 a.m.: assist other PD (Glenallan Street), message delivered; 8:37 a.m.: warrant arrest (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 8:42 a.m.: warrant arrest (Franklin Street), Carrie A. Haley, 50, 123 Franklin Street, Winchendon; 10:29 a.m.: burglar alarm (Hale Street), secured bldg.; 10:42 a.m.: assist citizen (Gardner Road), services rendered; 2:14 p.m.: DPW call (Goodrich Drive), referred; 2:40 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 3:10 p.m.: tree down (Lakeview

Drive), referred; 3:12 p.m.: noise complaint (Front Street), services rendered; 3:52 p.m.: info/general (Carriage Lane), assisted; 4:33 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 4:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Goodrich Street), referred; 4:38 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Mill Street), Shane Walker, 41, 37 Pleasant Street, Greenville, NH, vandalism, report taken; 6:30 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 6:51 p.m.: welfare check/child (Spring Circle), report taken; 7:34 p.m.: assist motorist (River Street), info taken; 7:52 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 8:33 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), spoken to; 8:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), gone on arrival; 9:52-9:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:54 p.m.: 911 hang up (Eagle Road), child w/phone; 9:55-10:09 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

12:51 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 1:07-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:29 a.m.: fire/trash (River Street), extinguished; 6:57 a.m.: mental health issue (Hyde Street), transported; 9:01 a.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 9:50 a.m.: threats (School Street), report taken; 9:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Hospital Drive), services rendered; 10:44 a.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street), secured bldg.; 1:49 p.m.: investigation (Ready Drive), services rendered; 1:58 p.m.: assault (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 2:10 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 3:19 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 4:29 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 5:10 p.m.: DPW call (School Street), referred; 6:34 p.m.: missing person (Baldwinville State Road), returned home; 6:37 p.m.: burglar alarm (Main Street), secure; 8:11 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 8:53 p.m.: alarm/type unknown (Belmont Avenue), secure; 9:00 p.m.: protective custody (Goodrich Street); 9:01 p.m.: burglar alarm (Hale Street), secure; 9:36 p.m.: noise complaint (Hyde Park Drive), no service necessary; 10:10 p.m.: suspicious person (School Street), spoken to.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

1:08-1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:17 a.m.: missing person (Pearl Drive), returned home; 2:23-2:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:15 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 7:41 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), written warning; 9:10 a.m.: property found (School Street), property seized; 10:44 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), Stacey S. Robideau, 36, 30 Whitney Street, #2B, Winchendon, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv; Jeremy Dean Robideau, 29, 210 Wallingford Avenue, Athol, uninsured mv, mv impounded; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 12:56 p.m.: disturbance/fight (Front Street), spoken to; 1:26 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transport-

ed; 2:07 p.m.: larceny (Banner Place), unable to locate; 2:28 p.m.: mv stop (West Street), spoken to; 3:16 p.m.: vandalism (Railroad Street), report taken; 4:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street), referred to ACO; 5:01 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 6:21 p.m.: illegal burn (Linden Street), services rendered; 6:22 p.m.: DPW call (Forristall Road), report taken; 6:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), Derrick J. Rojas, 30, 331 Maple Street, carrying a dangerous weapon, arrest; 6:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Circle), referred to ACO; 7:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Sibley Road), referred to ACO; 11:11 p.m.: mv repossession (Glenallan Street), info taken.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 20

12:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 12:01-4:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Forristall Road), referred; 8:06 a.m.: info/general (Washington Avenue), spoken to; 9:01 a.m.: traffic hazard (Front Street), unable to locate; 9:05 a.m.: welfare check/child (Hyde Park Street), assisted; 9:22 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:44 a.m.: ambulance (West Monomac Road), transported; 9:55 a.m.: mv stop (Water Street), verbal warning; 10:01 a.m.: assault (Front Street), referred; 10:22 a.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), spoken to; 10:44 a.m.: fire alarm (Spring Street), canceled; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), verbal warning; 11:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mill Glen Road), services rendered; 11:24 a.m.: welfare check/general (Spring Street), assisted; 12:35 p.m.: summons service (Eli Drive), served; 1:05 p.m.: summons service (River Street), unable to serve; 1:18 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (North Ashburnham Road), assisted; 1:18 p.m.: summons service (Alger Street), served; 1:31 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), false alarm; 2:01 p.m.: keep the peace (Goodrich Drive), assisted; 2:41 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), referred to ACO; 2:58 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 3:50 p.m.: ATV complaint (Teel Road), unable to locate; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 4:28 p.m.: welfare check/child (Central Street), secure; 4:56 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 5:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 6:11 p.m.: assist citizen (Chase Lane); 6:35 p.m.: mv stop (Summer Street), verbal warning; 6:59 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), secure; 7:18 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), referred to ACO; 7:56 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), verbal warning; 7:59 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), citation issued; 8:40 p.m.: fraud (Central Street), spoken to.

# MWCC adds criminal justice transfer track

**GARDNER** — Mount Wachusett Community College has revamped its criminal justice program for the fall of 2018 to provide two clear paths for students and allow for easy transfer to a four-year school.

The college's criminal justice program now offers two paths with one leading to transfer and one to a career in the field. These two paths, which both result in an Associate's degree, were created in response to the needs of students, said chair of Mount Wachusett Community College's criminal justice program Reed Hillman.

The transfer track serves students looking to continue studying at a four-year institution. This degree prepares students to move into the kind of extended schooling required for forensics or cyber-security work, said Hillman. Four-year degrees can also provide additional pay to police officers, are requirements for some departments such as Boston and are needed if the student wants to work at the federal level. However, by starting at a community college, you are not only saving money but can explore your degree before

leaping into the more specialized degrees at four-year schools, said Hillman.

"The transfer option is totally and seamlessly transferable to a whole bunch of four-year options," he said. "You don't have to go negotiate. You don't have to worry about taking credits here that won't transfer. It's all right there in black and white."

The new transfer track program aligns with the Commonwealth Commitment program and Mass Transfer pathways. With the Mass Transfer Criminal Justice

pathway students can transfer to any four-year school within the state and all credits transfer as long as the student has earned a passing grade.

The criminal justice degree with a law enforcement concentration, continues to allow students to earn an Associate's degree and get real-world experience in the process. This career program is designed for those that want to immediately enter the field and work as a police officer. It is perfect for local law enforcement, said Hillman, with many departments preferring to hire people

with an Associate's degree and some now requiring it.

"For some departments, the Associate's Degree is an entry level requirement," said Hillman who explained that the concentration is much more career oriented. "It wouldn't make sense for a lot of those folks to be on the transfer track, because they want to work."

Those interested in either criminal justice paths can learn more by visiting [mwcc.edu/academics/degree/criminal-justice](http://mwcc.edu/academics/degree/criminal-justice) or call admissions at 978-630-9110.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mary E. (Grigas) Cutler, 78

STOW — Mary E. (Grigas) Cutler, age 78, of Stow and a native of Maynard, died on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, surrounded by her loving family. She was the cherished wife and soul mate for 60 years of Robert J. Cutler.



Mary was born in Concord on February 17, 1940. While attending Maynard High School, she was a member of the majorettes and graduated as the Valedictorian for the class of 1957. She went on to study in an executive secretary course at Fisher College in Boston, receiving an Associate's degree. For many years, she was employed by GenRad in Concord.

Her love story with Bob dates back over six decades, when they met in high school. She noticed him from across the room and knew that was the man she would marry. She even traveled to Germany to be with Bob while he was stationed there in service to our country. A longtime resident of Stow, Mary was a member and past president of the Stow Garden Club, a former Cub Scout leader, and served on the Minuteman School Committee. She was an avid equestrian, and had a profound admiration for flowers. She enjoyed participating in the Boston Flower Show, earning many awards, including Best in Show for the beautiful floral arrangements that she skillfully prepared. Spending summer

weekends in Old Orchard Beach, ME brought her immense joy over the years. Mary will be lovingly remembered for her kind nature and positive spirit. She was one to always help someone in need, without asking for anything in return. Her memory and legacy will live on through her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind one daughter, Claudia Curran and her husband David of Concord, one son, Jim Cutler and his wife Noelle of Winchendon, her grandchildren, Justine Curran, Lindsey Moalli, Elizabeth Curran, Ashley Oliveri, Jackie Ellis, Steven Ellis, and Andrew Cutler, three great grandchildren, Bryleigh Cutler, Nicholas Oliveri, and Sophia Laney, one brother, Peter Grigas and his wife Shirley of Maynard, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Barbara Tobin.

Relatives and friends gathered for visiting hours Sunday, August 19th followed by her funeral service in the Farrar Chapel of the Dee Funeral Home, 27 Bedford Street, Concord Center. Burial at Brookside Cemetery in Stow was private.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Stow Garden Club or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Dee Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Concord. To share a remembrance or to send a condolence in Mary's online guestbook, please visit [www.DeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.DeeFuneralHome.com).

## Thomas M. Francis, 67

WINCHENDON—Thomas M. Francis, age 67, of 15A Linden St., died unexpectedly Friday morning, August 17, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner after being stricken ill at home.



He was born in Fayetteville, NC on November 8, 1950, son of the late Vernon L. Francis and Callero Coutouzis Maulden and lived in Fayetteville for most of his life. In 2015, he and his wife moved to this area, living for a brief time in Baldwinville before moving to Winchendon.

Tom was a graduate of Methodist University with a degree in sociology. He proudly served his country as a mem-

ber of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service medal and Vietnam Campaign medal. While living in Fayetteville, he had done volunteer work, transporting fellow veterans.

Tom enjoyed painting and had worked as a house painter and also painted over 50 oil paintings of Disney characters. He also helped the homeless and enjoyed listening to music.

He leaves his soul mate of 20 years, Wendy L. (Girard) Francis; a son, Christopher Francis of Myrtle Beach, SC and two sisters, Claudette Greene of Pennsylvania and Mary Maulden Morgan of Fayetteville, NC.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 23, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home ([stone-ladeau.com](http://stone-ladeau.com)), 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

## Steven F. Moschini, 39

HOPKINTON — Steven F. Moschini, age 39, of Hopkinton, passed away Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018.

Born in Framingham, he was the son of Francis T. Moschini of Hopkinton, and the late Kathryn (Bryant) Moosie Moschini. Besides his father, Steven is survived by his two children, Anthony Moschini of Holliston and Giovanni Moschini of Ashland, his brother; Michael Degnan Jr. of Winchendon; his grandmother, Theoni Bryant of

Hopkinton, as well as several aunts, uncles, and other extended family members. He is predeceased by a brother, Brian Degnan.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, August 22 at the Chesmore Funeral Home, 57 Hayden Rowe St. A funeral service took place on Thursday, August 23. Burial followed in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Hopkinton. [www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com](http://www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com).

## Town gets visit from Koh

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Third District congressional candidate Dan Koh came to Winchendon Tuesday seeking votes wherever he can find them as the Sept. 4 primary nears.

Koh, the former chief of staff for Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, said it's "time for a new generation" of leaders and called on the Democratic party to abandon its timidity and be aggressive in promoting policies which would help blue collar voters who abandoned the national ticket in 2016.

"I see so many people still struggling across the district. We have to do more for them," he stressed, pointing in admiration to the programs available at Mt. Wachusett Community

College for veterans and those looking to retrain for other careers.

"They do a great job," he said of the Gardner-based school.

"But we need more of that. I worked for a mayor so I tend to see things from ground-level. That's what separates me from the other candidates. I'll be the kind of congressman who shows up at every Little League game, at every event. I'll be everywhere. To me, my constituents will be the ones I'm thinking about all the time."

"It's not enough just to complain about Donald Trump and I'll oppose him as strongly as anyone. But we need to show voters we can accomplish things for them."

"Look, if Trump's immigra-

tion policies had existed back then, my family wouldn't even be here. I wouldn't be running for Congress in my hometown (Lawrence). I'm really committed to preserving the American Dream for everyone. But we can't focus just on him," asserted Koh.

Koh cited health care as a key issue, decrying Republican efforts to undermine the Affordable Care Act.

He said he's been getting a positive reception as he travels through the sprawling district.

"We have a great team. We're going to have a great get out the vote operation. We're listening to people. We're hearing their concerns. I've spent five years with Mayor Walsh. I think I can help solve problems," said Koh.



Greg Vine photo

Dan Koh in deep conversation with the Courier reporter.

## The rest of the field

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

You're forgiven if you think the Third congressional district Democratic primary is about just three candidates but it's not. Sure, Rufus Gifford, Dan Koh and Lori Trahan have gotten the attention because they've been able to afford television ads but that doesn't mean they're the only ones in the race.

Alexandra Chandler's name is on the ballot too. The former Naval intelligence analyst, who hails from Haverhill, describes herself as "a wife, mom, transgender, lawyer and experienced advocate," and while Chandler acknowledges her transgender status might bring with it a touch of notoriety,

she's focusing on day-to-day issues.

"Political operatives tell candidates — spend most of your day calling only people who can write you a \$2,700 check. I'm putting ordinary people first. Real plans, no buzzwords," pledged Chandler.

"After 13 years at the Office of Naval Intelligence, I know we don't need to buy more jet fighters or have this ridiculous parade," asserted Chandler, referencing President Trump's tweets regarding his now-canceled Veterans Day proposal.

"I will tell you that money should go to improving veterans care," she stressed.

State Senator Barbara L'Italien describes herself as a "mom on a mis-

sion," pointing out, "I've worked in elder care and cared for my own mom as she struggled with Alzheimer's. I turned my experience into good policy in the legislature and I'm proud to be the only candidate who has rolled out a plan for how I'll meet the unique needs of seniors."

L'Italien is serving her first term in the state senate after eight years in the House representing the 18th District. She gained a dash of national attention earlier this year when Fox and Friends booked her for an appearance when the network's producers had meant to reach out to an Arizona candidate. L'Italien grabbed the opportunity to criticize the Trump Administration for its policy on family separation at the

border.

Jeff Ballinger wants to start a corporate crime data base and criticized the influence money has on campaigns. Additionally, he's been a union leader and so as for unions, "we have fought for our right to organize, our right to move the country forward. We must take the opportunity given us by our current political climate to stop the dangers put upon us by uninvolved Congress and elect someone who will fight for your labor rights."

Ballinger charged 60-percent of House Democrats voted to increase the defense budget 50-percent more than President Trump asked for.

"I won't," pledged the Andover native. Primary day is September 4.



Calvin Miller, pastor of Winchendon's United Parish Church, was among the volunteers packing boxes for Winchendon residents serving in the U.S. military, both at home and abroad. More than two dozen boxes were packed at Saturday's Operation Winchendon Cares event at American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193. More "care packages" will be assembled and mailed out prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. Operation Winchendon Cares was started several years ago by Lorenzo "Larry" Sordoni and his wife, Linda, when their son, Lorenzo "Zo" Junior, was in the Army.



Greg Vine photos

A number of Operation Winchendon Cares volunteers showed up at Winchendon's American Legion Saturday morning to pack boxes destined for Winchendon residents serving in the U.S. military, both at home and abroad.

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# SPORTS

## Major Minors move & a Maryland mess



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By now, I'm sure you know the Red Sox are moving their Triple-A affiliate from Pawtucket to Worcester so my question is whether that might entice you to go see some games. Minor league baseball is fun.

I used to occasionally go see the Bowie Baysox, who were back then and remain today the Orioles' Double-A affiliate. Ticket prices are rational, parking tends to be easy, you get closer to the game — the whole experience is positive.

This is a definite plus for the region. Worcester's not far away. The quality of play will be pretty good. Win-win.

Let's talk for a minute about baseball's biggest disappointment. That of course would be the Washington Nationals. Even money or less in March to cruise through the NL East, the Nats are seven games out as I write and even have six teams ahead of them in the wild card race. Sure, they've had injuries. Every team has injuries. The Sox didn't blow open the AL East until the Yankees were decimated, but NY still leads the AL wild card. Washington? Eh. The organization fired a veteran steady manager in Dusty Baker and brought in rookie skipper Dave Martinez who has spent the last decade sit-

ting next to Joe Maddon in Tampa and Chicago, but has found being the top dog not so much fun. Not yet at least.

I assume you've read or saw stories about the mess in Maryland. The university is reeling from the fallout after the untimely death of football player Jordan McNair who should have been attended to much better after he collapsed following a spring practice. While there has been debate over a timeline of events there appears to be an after-the-fact consensus the situation was handled poorly. Maryland officials fired the team's strength coach who was arguably the point person in the sequence of events that afternoon and put head coach DJ Durkin on the famed administrative leave. The honchos held the

predictable presser in which they claimed to accept responsibility, whatever that was supposed to mean. Equally predictably, McNair's family found Baltimore lawyer Billy Murphy, no stranger to stirring the drink and he naturally immediately announced plans to sue. Then ESPN came out with an explosive story charging the atmosphere in the football program was toxic and intimidating a tragedy like this was inevitable on Durkin's watch. The outcry from friend and foe alike was deafening.

And here we are. Durkin remains in limbo, presumably while details of a settlement to send him away are worked out. Exactly how the school is "accepting responsibility" aside from financially no

one has a clue. And a family grieves the loss of a child. I suppose I need not remind you this has happened at College Park before.

I don't know how "toxic" Durkin's program is. I don't know any details of how he conducts practices. I do know on-field success has been just as elusive for him as it was for Randy Edsall and a bunch of other coaches. Maryland's a basketball school. Period. I know this, too. There's no way Durkin stays. While it's impossible to accurately quantify how much, if anything, of what happened that May day can be attributed to his style and rules, the head coach cannot stay on the job after a 19 year-old died on his watch. Guaranteed. See you next week

## Finish up and get ready!

School begins Tuesday, Aug. 28! Finish up those summer assignments!

TONIGHT: Soccer marathon at the Clark Memorial Fieldhouse — beginning at 6:00 with games scheduled through the night as participation permits! Anyone interested in playing can contact Coach Jason Marshall at drjasonmarshall@gmail.com or just show up — walk-ins welcome (individuals and teams).

Murdock Football is selling discount cards — cost is \$20. Each card offers discounts at a variety of locations and can be used multiple times throughout the year (exp. 8/2019). Participating businesses include McDonald's, 110 Grill, Athol Cinemas, UNO Pizzeria, Lickety Splitz, Friends Garden, Dunkin Donuts, Lil Anthony's/Lizzy's, Subway,

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Advanced Auto Parts, and MANY more! Cards are available from any high school or middle school football player or by contacting Coach Polcari at 978-265-4699.

Sept. 14; Family Fun Night at Alumni Field at 6:00 PM followed by 1st home football game kick-off at 7:00. Come join the fun and cheer for your Murdock Blue Devils!

Fall sports practices have begun! Registration is still open for Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football and Cheerleading. Log on to FamilyID.com to register your middle school and/or high school students!

The Universal Cheerleading Association/Universal Dance Association (UCA/UGA) have been visiting Murdock over the past couple of days to work with the Murdock

varsity cheerleaders at an instructional camp.

Murdock Sports Boosters is holding a clothing and book drive in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation. As you clean out closets, etc., please consider donating your clothing items, linens, shoes, bags and books (please no encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines). Items may be dropped off at Door D9 at the high school or call me (Sue) at 978-257-5671 to arrange pick up. All items will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation, who in turn will reimburse the Boosters per pound of donated items. Thank you!

Individuals/families and businesses/organizations: Please consider a sign sponsorship or business card sponsorship to support the Murdock Sports Boosters. Sign sponsorships are \$200 for full year (3 sports seasons) or \$100 for fall season only. Your company logo/family or com-

pany name/etc. will be displayed on a sign at Alumni Field (fall), in the Gymnasium (winter), and on a fence near softball field (spring). A \$25 business card sponsorship is also available to be displayed on sports programs and on poster to be displayed at all home games. If interested, or for more information, please call/text 978-257-5671. Thank you!

Upcoming events:  
Tues, August 28th — 1st day of school  
Tues, September 4th — JV/Varsity Field Hockey @ Athol — 3:30/5:00  
Wed, September 5th — JV/Varsity Field Hockey @ Mahar — 3:30/5:00  
Thurs, September 6th — Boys/Girls Varsity Soccer — 3:30/5:30  
Saturday, September 8th — Varsity Football @ Foley Stadium, Worcester — 12:00

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## Trip AAA coming to Worcester

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Triple-A minor league baseball, the highest level before the major leagues, is likely coming to Worcester, about a half hour or so drive from Winchendon.

The Red Sox have announced the Pawtucket, RI Red Sox will be moving to central Massachusetts in time for the 2021 season and will be playing in a new stadium in the Canal district, which is expected to cost some \$90 million to build. The city council and Major League Baseball have to approve the move before it can become official.

The fate of the minor league franchise, which was bought by Sox chairman Larry Lucchino and partners a few years ago, has been the subject of intense debate since the team's deal in Pawtucket expired last year despite efforts to negotiate an agreement with the Rhode Island city. That triggered interest from a slew of Massachusetts cities and towns. Worcester officials said the stadium will seat about 10,000 fans.

After it became clear last summer that departing Pawtucket, where the franchise had played the last 48 years was almost a certainty, Worcester went

hard.

The city saw the ballpark as a major cog in the accelerating redevelopment of downtown Worcester, where over \$2 billion has been invested in recent years and some 500 housing units built along with a new Marriott hotel.

Pawtucket officials had tried to keep the team, but were unable to convince legislators to sign off on a deal. Meanwhile, Worcester City Manager Edward Augustus was elated at the agreement in principle.

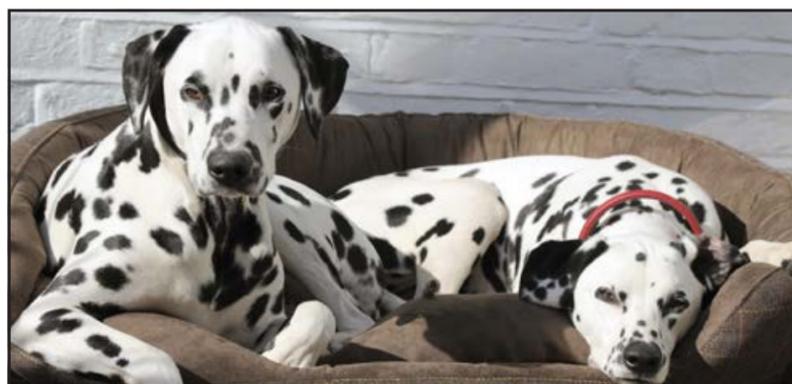
"The stars have aligned. This city, our city, Worcester, has proven what is possible when we work together," he enthused.

The state government will kick in some \$35 million in infrastructure improvements, including a 350-500 space parking garage.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.

Already named Polar Park, the yet-to-be-constructed stadium will host about 125 events a year including home games. Concerts and other community events are anticipated as well.

Groundbreaking is scheduled to begin next summer and the park is expected to be ready Opening Day 2021.



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## WINCHENDON 2018-19 BUS ROUTES

### MURDOCK HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

Most routes reverse in the afternoon.

#### C ROUTE

Begin 6:28 a.m.: 132 Hale St.; Hale Street @ Laurel Street; 285 Hale St.; Hale Street @ Doyle Street; 65 Eagle Road; Bluebird Road @ Eagle Road; Cardinal Lane @ Eagle Road; Benjamin Street @ Cardinal Lane; Benjamin Street @ Eagle Road; High Street @ Cottage & Weller streets; High Street @ Prospect Street; to MMHS. PM: from MMHS first stop at Water Street @ Branch Street then reverse AM.

#### E ROUTE

Begin 7:03: Grove Street @ Mechanic Street; Grove Street @ Lincoln Avenue; Lincoln Avenue @ Oak Street; 179 Front St.; School Street @ Court Street; School Street @ Park Street; School Street @ Mill Street; Mill Street @ Cedar Terrace; Pearl Street @ Pearl Drive; Forristall Road @ North Central Street to Murdock.

#### G ROUTE

Begin 7 a.m.: Royalston Road North @ Bosworth Road; 95 Royalston Road North; 105 Royalston Road North; 45 Brooks Road; 24 Brooks Road; 15 Brooks Road; 751 River St.; 790 River St.; 712 River St.; 596 River St.; 554 River St.; River Street @ Bruce Road; 418 River St.; 23 Brown St.; 121 Brown St.; Brown Street @ Bayberry Circle; 558 Brown St.; Brown Street @ Royalston Road North; 11 Royalston Road North; to MMHS.

#### H ROUTE

Begin 6:20 a.m.: Baldwinville State Road @ Stoddard Road; Alger Street @ Rice Road; 1171 Alger St.; 1125 Alger St.; Alger Street @ Hitchcock Road; 641 Alger St.; 579 Alger St.; 525 Alger St.; 520 Alger St.; 144 Alger St.; Main Street @ Benjamin Street; Brown Street @ Hill Street; 409 Front St.; Front Street @ Green Street; Front Street @ Front Place; 218 Front St.; to MMHS.

#### J ROUTE

Begin at 6:25 a.m.: 52 Glenallan St.; 106 Glenallan St.; Glenallan Street @

Tolman Road; 120 Glenallan St.; 124.5 Glenallan Street; 159 Glenallan St.; right Mill Circle; Lakeview Drive @ Beachview Drive; Monomonac Road @ Second Street; 236 Monomonac Road West; 66 Monomonac Road West; left at Glenallan Street; 221 Glenallan St.; Glenallan Street @ Elmwood Road; right on Maple Street; 436 Maple St.; 417 Maple St.; 392B Maple St.; 385 Maple St.; Maple Street @ Lakeshore Drive (first entrance); 331 Maple St.; Maple Street @ Vaine Street; Maple Street @ Vine Street; Maple Street @ Linden Street; right on Central; to MMHS. PM: after Forristall stop; stop at North Central & Candy Lane; then reverse AM.

#### M ROUTE

Begin 6:18 a.m.: 133 School St.; 310 School St.; 389 School St.; 395 School St.; 442 School St.; School Street @ Robbins Road; 457 West St.; West Street @ Harris Road; West Street @ Harrisville Circle; 401 West St.; 361 West St.; 341 West St.; 210 West St.; Mason Street @ Hyde Park Street; Mason Street @ Front Street; Front Street @ Pleasant Street; to MMHS.

#### R ROUTE

Begin 6:17 a.m.: 83 Baldwinville Road; Baldwinville Road @ Christmas Tree Lane; Baldwinville Road @ Mill Glen Road; Mill Glen Road @ Russell Farm Road; 232 Mill Glen Road; 191 Mill Glen Road; Holly Drive @ Eli Drive; 30 Town Farm Road; 25 Town Farm Road; 43 Baldwinville Road; 32 Baldwinville Road; Hitchcock Road @ Joslin Road; 23 Baldwinville Road; 23 Baldwinville Road; Cummings Road @ Old County Road; 14 Cummings Road; Teel Road @ Cummings Road; Teel Road @ Old Centre; to MMHS.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS RUNS

Most routes reverse in the afternoon.

#### A ROUTE

Begin 8 a.m.: 59 Otter River Road; Otter River Road @ Hillside Terrace;

190 Baldwinville Road; Mill Glen Road @ Stoddard Road; 32 Mill Glen Road; 26 Mill Glen Road; 250 Baldwinville State Road; 244 Baldwinville State Road; 234 Baldwinville State Road; 172 Baldwinville State Road; 147 Baldwinville State Road; 239 Main St.; 75 Hale St.; 41 Hale St.; 22 Hale St.; 7 Hale St.; 562 Hale St.; Whitney Street @ Hall Street; 195B River St.; 147 River St.; 26 Academy St.; Toy Town Elementary School; 144 Lincoln Avenue; Memorial Elementary School.

#### B ROUTE

Begins 7:55 a.m.: 700 Spring St.; 704 Spring St.; Teel Road @ Gardner Road; Teel Road @ Bemis Road; 561 Teel Road; Ash Street @ Cross Road; 304 Ash St.; Ash Street @ Converse Drive; 292 Ash St.; Ash Street @ Hapgood Road; 272 Ash St.; 271 Ash St.; 254 Ash St.; 220 Ash St.; 123 Ash St.; Ash Street @ Myrtle Street; Front Street @ Pleasant Street; Lincoln Avenue @ Summer Street; Summer Street @ Pleasant Street; YMCA program at TTE transfer to Memorial; Grove Street @ Murdock Avenue (MES only); Grove Street @ Morse Avenue; Grove Street @ Spruce Street (MES only); to MES.

#### C ROUTE

Begins 7:58 a.m.: Hale Street @ Main Street; Hale Street @ Jameson Way; 208 Hale St.; Teel Road @ Old Centre; Teel Road @ Cummings Road; 14 Cummings Road; 4 Cummings Road; Cummings Road @ Old County Road; 400 Hale St.; Hale Street @ Doyle Avenue; 285 Hale St.; 215 Laurel St.; 131 Laurel St.; 126 Laurel St.; 107 Laurel St.; Benjamin Street @ Main Street; 356 River St.; to TTE then MES.

#### E ROUTE

Begin 7:50 a.m.: 30 Elmwood Road (TTES only); 61 Elmwood Road (Kindergarten & TTES only); 72 Elmwood Road (Kindergarten & TTES only); 65 Forristall Road; 703 North Central St.; 583 Central St.; 559 Central St.; Poland Avenue @ Central Street; Central Street @ Monadnock Avenue (Kindergarten); Goodrich Street @ Harvard Street (Kindergarten only);

Goodrich Street @ Goodrich Drive (Kindergarten only); Goodrich Street @ Woodlawn Street; Woodlawn Street @ Western Avenue; Woodlawn Street @ Cedar Street (MES only); Central Street @ Pond Street (TTES walkers, a.m. only); Mechanic Street @ Maynard Street (MES only); Mill Street @ Morse Street (MES only); Pearl Street @ Pearl Drive (MES only); Lincoln Avenue @ Lincoln Place; TTES; Jackson Avenue @ Franklin Street (K only); Jackson Avenue @ Juniper Street (K only); MES.

#### G ROUTE

Begin 7:55 a.m.: Royalston Road North @ Bosworth Road; 102 Royalston Road North; 104 Royalston Road North; 45 Brooks Road; 24 Brooks Road; 790 River St.; 712 River St.; 704 River St.; 585 River St.; 418 River St.; 23 Brown St.; 41 Brown St.; 67 Brown St.; 93 Brown St.; 121 Brown St.; Brown Street @ Bayberry Circle; 609 Brown St.; 706 Brown St.; Royalston Road North @ Brown Street; TTES; 103 Pearl St.; MES.

#### H ROUTE

Begin 7:53 a.m.: 458 Alger St.; 476 Alger St.; 579 Alger St.; 602 Alger St.; 637 Alger St.; 857 Alger St.; 1088 Alger St.; 1176 Alger St.; Alger Street @ Rice Road; 1335 Alger St.; Chase Lane @ Main Street; Krantz Road @ Chase Lane; 105 Krantz Road; 216 Metcalf St.; 176 Metcalf St.; 36 Phyllis Road; 21 Sibley Road; 11 Sibley Road; 209 Main St.; 72 Hill St.; Front Street @ Kemp Street; 355 Front St.; 333 Front St.; TTES; MES.

#### J ROUTE

Begin 7:49: Maple Street @ Linden Street; Maple Street @ Highland Street; Maple Street @ Lakeshore Drive; 210 Lakeshore Dr.; 171 Lakeshore Dr.; 101 Lakeshore Dr.; 390 Maple St.; 437 Maple St.; 456 Maple St.; Mill Circle @ Lakeview Drive; 525 Lakeview Drive; 375 Monomonac Road West; 236 Monomonac Road West; 221 Glenallan St.; 204 Glenallan St.; 192 Glenallan St.; 159 Glenallan St.; 159 Glenallan St.; Glenallan Street @ Crescent Street; 124.5 Glenallan St.; 38 Glenallan St.; 303 Spring St.; TTES; MES.

## MONTY TECH BUS ROUTES

WESTMINSTER — Montachusett Regional Vocational School will have freshman orientation Aug. 21 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and a grade nine new student-parent orientation that evening 6-9 p.m. The first day of school is Aug. 29.

Some neighboring towns have been included, both for those towns and in case students miss a bus they can find a nearby bus stop.

Students must be at bus stops 10 to 20 minutes before bus arrival times

#### RTE. 2: Petersham/Phillipston

6:30 Rt 101 & Spa Road; 6:31 Rte. 101 & Narrows Lane; 6:32 Rte. 101 & Williamsville Road; 6:33 Rte. 101 & Burnshirt Road; 6:36 Athol Road & Blake Corner Road; 6:40 Highland Street (5 corners); 6:48 Royalston Road & Old Royalston Road; 6:55 King Phillip Restaurant; 7:20 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 5: Royalston

5:40 Chestnut Hill Avenue & Gulf Road; 5:45 Athol Road & Doanes Hill Road; 5:48 Doanes Hill Road & Athol-Richmond Road; 6:00 334 Athol-Richmond Road; 6:15 North East Fitzwilliam Road & Brown Road; 6:17 Stone Road & Deland Road; 6:25 Turnpike Road & Deland Road; 6:30 Norcross Road & Neale Road; 6:31 Neal Place; 6:40 South Royalston Country Store; 6:50 Corner of Phillipston Road; 7:15 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 11: Winchendon

6:05 Baldwinville State Road & Alger Street; 6:06 250 Baldwinville State Road; 6:08 124 Baldwinville State Road; 6:10 Baldwinville State Road & Main Street; 6:11 Chase Lane & Krantz Road; 6:13 Main Street & Sibley Road; 6:14 Main

Street & Alger Street; 6:15 605 River St.; 6:17 River Street & Brooks Road; 6:21 Royalston Road North & Bosworth Road; 6:24 Brown Street & Bayberry Circle; 6:26 Brown Street & Hill Street; 6:29 Mason Street & Front Street; 6:33 Royalston Road North & West Street; 6:37 West Street & Harrisville Circle; 6:42 School Street & Robbins Road; 6:43 418 School St.; 6:44 School Street & Pearl Street; 6:45 Pearl Street & Lincoln Avenue; 6:46 Lincoln Avenue & Mill Street; 6:47 Lincoln Avenue & Front Street; 7:25 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 12: Winchendon

6:08 1363 Green St.; 6:10 105 Gardner Road; 6:11 Gardner Road & Old Gardner Road; 6:26 Monomonac Road West & Island Road; 6:27 Monomonac Road West & 3rd Street; 6:34 Maple Street & Vaine Street; 6:34 278 Maple St.; 6:37 Maple Street & Highland Street; 6:38 Central Street & Jackson Avenue; 6:40 Central Street & Murdock HS entrance; 6:44 Central Street & Forristall Road; 6:48 Elmwood Road & Central Street; 6:50 Central Street & Pond Street; 6:54 Spring Street & Emerald Street; 7:03 Gardner Road & Madison Avenue; 7:15 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 13: Winchendon

6:35 Clark Street & Howard Street; 6:37 Mill Glen Road & Independence Drive; 6:38 Mill Glen Road & Russell Farm Road; 6:40 Baldwinville Road & Mill Glen Road; 6:42 Baldwinville Road & Christmas Tree Lane; 6:44 Baldwinville Road & Town Farm Road; 6:45 Baldwinville Road & Hitchcock Road; 6:46 Baldwinville Road & Hale

(Old Winchendon Center); 6:48 High Street & Eagle Road; 6:49 High Street & Benjamin Street; 6:50 High Street & Prospect Street; 6:51 Ash Street & Water Street; 6:55 220 Ash St.; 6:56 Ash Street & Converse Drive; 6:57 Ash Street & Cross Road; 7:00 Teel Road & Gardner Road; 7:20 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 14: Templeton

6:22 Patriots Road & Brooks Village Road; 6:25 Brooks Village Road & Carruth Road; 6:31 Patriots Road & Rice Road; 6:36 Baldwinville Road & Otter River Road; 6:38 161 Baldwinville Road (Templeton Furniture); 6:42 Maple Street & Baldwinville Road (Village Pizza); 6:44 Circle Street & Elm Street; 6:47 State Road & Highland Avenue; 6:49 Main Street & River Street (Red Onion); 6:51 Main Street & Hamlett Mill Road; 6:53 Main Street & Turner Road; 7:17 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 15: Templeton

6:18 Victoria Lane & Hubbardston Road; 6:25 162 Barre Road; 6:29 Farnsworth Road & Grey Road; 6:33 South Road & White Circle; 6:41 South Road & Dudley Road (fire station); 6:45 Baldwinville Road & Day Mill Circle; 6:47 Baldwinville Road & Brooks Road; 6:52 166 North Main St.; 6:55 Patriots Road & South Main Street; 6:58 South Main Street & Pail Factory Road; 7:00 Patriots Road & Partridgeville Road; 7:01 Patriots Road & Musket Drive; 7:03 Patriots Road & Ladder Hill Terrace; 7:20 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 16: Gardner

6:40 Park Street & Cottage Street; 6:41 Park Street & Graham Street; 6:43 Park

Street & Allen Street; 6:46 Clark Street & Ryan Street; 6:48 Leo Drive & Fernwood Drive (Island); 6:50 Otter River Road & Clark Street; 6:59 West Street & Keyes Road; 7:00 West Street & Foss Road; 7:01 West Street & Coleman Street; 7:01 West Street @ Monadnock Street; 7:02 Baker Street & Greenwood Street; 7:20 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 17: Gardner

6:36 Pleasant Street & Knowlton Street; 6:39 Parker Street & Leamy Street; 6:40 Parker Street & Fredette Street; 6:43 West Broadway & Talcott Avenue; 6:45 West Broadway & Manca Drive; 6:47 West Broadway & Stephanie Drive; 6:49 Dyer & Mill Street; 6:52 Timpany Boulevard & Whitney Street; 6:56 East Broadway & Union Street; 7:00 East Broadway & Maynard Street; 7:02 East Broadway & Minott Road; 7:03 State Road; West & Ridge Street; 7:05 State Road West & Livermore Hill Road; 7:20 Monty Tech.

#### RTE. 18: Gardner

6:15 Kelton Street & Camp Collier Road; 6:21 Green Street & Matthews Street; 6:24 Chestnut Street & Howe Street; 6:26 Sherman Street & Price Chopper Entrance; 6:29 Central Street & Pine Street; 6:32 Pearl Street & Lawrence Street; 6:37 Pearl Street & Meadowbrook Lane; 6:40 Pearl Street & Hosley Road; 6:44 Pearl Street & Robert Drive; 6:48 Betty Spring Road & Ashley Drive; 6:50 Betty Spring Road & Saunders Street; 6:51 Betty Spring Road & Carlson Lane; 7:25 Monty Tech.

### CARTON

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I understand the reasoning behind an earlier start — the need for legitimately important professional development days being foremost while still getting in those 180 classroom days — but I suppose I'm in some ways a traditionalist, perhaps even a sentimentalist, and so I like the notion of families getting that last week of August to extend summer. What can I tell you?

Let's change gears and talk a bit about debating on social media. Don't do it. How simple is that? Do you really think you're going to change any minds, especially on political issues? I post on my Facebook page but I very,

very, very rarely engage in any debate. When I post something political (the overwhelming majority of my posts are about Courtney or sports, usually horses), it's generally just for myself anyway and when I do get responses, they are invariably from those who share my ideology. Every rare once in a while I may comment on friends' posts when they get imbecilic Trumpian responses but for the most part I don't believe any of us really see the Internet as much of a forum for calm, rational debate.

This of course is merely a reflection of society. Thing is, I don't know how we put that proverbial genie back in the bottle. How do you have rational conversations with people who

think it's okay to cage children, who actually do believe the media is the enemy, who have blind faith in a snake oil salesman? You tell me how we talk reasonably to them? I sure have no idea. Sad!

Finally this. A lot of people my sons' ages (32/30) and maybe a lot of Courtney's peers (mid 20s) heard Aretha Franklin had died and while perhaps the name sounded vaguely familiar or maybe not, I don't imagine it resonated much with them. Too bad. The Queen of Soul was more than just a singer. Us oldsters know that. We'll remember her with great fondness. And, of course with profound r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

See you next week.

### BLAIR

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change. In those instances, the people are left with little choice but to change the government forcefully.

I see no evidence we are at that point in America. I see no majority in Congress seeking to change laws and being barred by the administration from doing so. I see to date no evidence that Congress is so sufficiently concerned that the majority is not being heard that they have taken the constitutionally provided steps to make a change.

So I await the midterm elections to see if, as historically is usually true, the party in

power loses seats. For previous presidents, such a loss — if large enough — certainly got their attention.

Alternatively, if the party in power gains seats or holds steady, then we must take away from those results that a majority of people who chose to take the time to vote are not ready for a change.

In the end, it is pretty simple.

We don't have long to wait for some indication if the loud voices represent a majority or minority in our country. More importantly, and hopefully, we will find a way forward as a result of the vote.

### VINE

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way to the polls, but it rarely works in the general election.

In another commercial, Mr. Zakim roars about the need to elect a progressive to ensure ease of registering to vote. Really?

It really takes a progressive to get people registered? Sorry, but I don't see the connection. Frankly, I know a lot of conservatives and I'm pretty sure they believe people should be encouraged to register, and that the process should be as easy as possible.

So, I'll wish Mr. Zakim good

luck in his quest, but I'm not really sure he wants my support. After all, even though I'm about as liberal as they come, I might have held an opinion in 1978 that somehow makes me anathema to 2018 progressive dogma. Guess I'll keep my options open.

What do you think, Mr. Galvin?



# Women's Leadership Connection features Laura Baker

The North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce is hosting its quarterly Women's Leadership Connection on Wednesday, Sept. 12 featuring the First Lady of Massachusetts, Lauren Baker. The program, sponsored by Fidelity Bank, runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Great Wolf Lodge, 150 Great Wolf Drive, Fitchburg.

Lauren Schadt Baker became the First Lady of Massachusetts when her husband, Gov. Charlie Baker, was sworn in as Governor in January, 2015. As First Lady, Lauren works to improve the lives of the children of Massachusetts, focusing in particular on the children served

by their Department of Children and Families, through her work with the Wonderfund, a private, nonprofit she helped launch.

Lauren earned a bachelor's degree and MBA from Northwestern University. She is a veteran of the advertising world where she managed many brand campaigns for consumer products. She then she spent several years working in higher education at Marian Court College where she served as board chair and director of institutional advancement. Currently, Baker works as a marketing communications consultant for The Baker Group serving independent schools across the country.

She also serves on the boards of the Wonderfund, the American Red Cross New England Region, Phoenix Academy Charter School Foundation and the Care Institute. The Bakers reside in Swampscott. Their proudest accomplishments are their three incredible children who are now all grown up.

The Women's Leadership Connection, a luncheon event held four times per

year in, September, December, March and June, focuses on business women empowering women in business. Core topics will include professional development and career advancement as well as social and philanthropic events.

Pre-registration is required and easy. Simply call the Chamber at (978) 353-7600 ext. 235, email [mmccaffrey@northcentralmass.com](mailto:mmccaffrey@northcentralmass.com) or register online at [www.northcentralmass.com](http://www.northcentralmass.com). The cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members.

The North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce ([northcentralmass.com](http://northcentralmass.com)) is a business advocacy, economic development organization working to create and sustain relationships among businesses and between businesses and the community. With 1000 member firms, employing over 25,000 people in the region, the Chamber is working to foster economic opportunity in Fitchburg, Leominster, and surrounding communities. Find the Chamber online at [northcentralmass.com](http://northcentralmass.com) or on Twitter at @NCMChamber.



Lauren Baker

## LEGALS

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 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,

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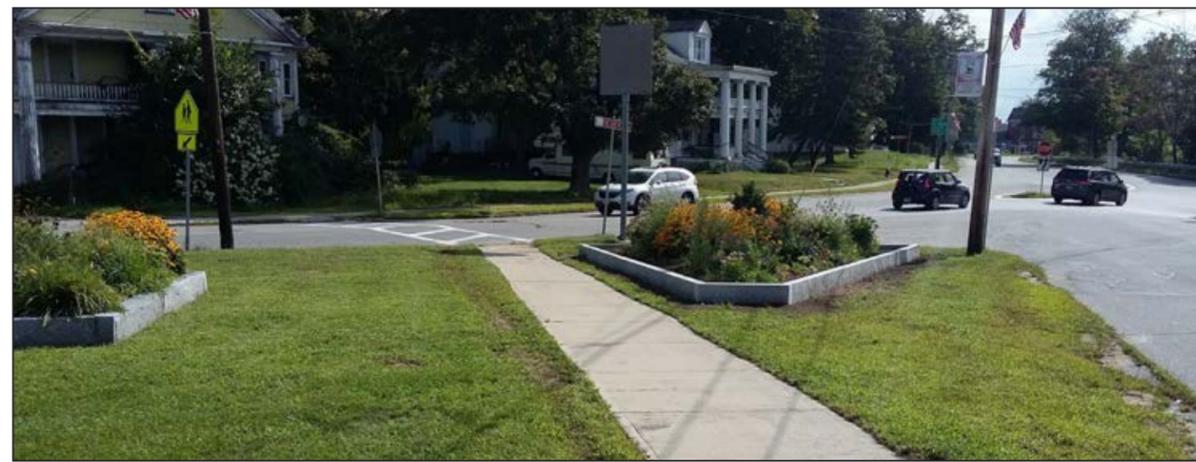
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## New curbing protects flower beds



Members of the Winchendon Garden Club are pleased to report on Aug. 15 granite curbing was added to the lower planting of Clyde's Garden.

The granite edging greatly improves the look of the park by making it look more unified and inviting.

"Our Clyde is well known and almost daily people can be seen tak-

ing their picture with him. We hope the residents of Winchendon and visitors driving through town enjoy the gardens and enhancement to Clyde's Park," said organizers.

The addition of the granite was made possible by the generosity of the Fidelity Bank to the Winchendon Garden Club and the expert work from

KDI Landscaping of Rindge. There is no cost to the town.

The Winchendon Garden Club is proud to have been involved in enhancing Clyde's Park and to continue to Pretty Up Winchendon.

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September 4: ELECTION DAY;

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September 5: Market Basket 9:15 (Wednesday); Wii Bowling 9:30; ZUMBA 9:30; Yoga 10:30; BINGO 12:30; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard

September 6: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

September 10: Market Basket 12:30; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00

September 11: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

September 12: Market Basket 9:15 (Wednesday); Wii Bowling 9:30; ZUMBA 9:30; Yoga 10:30; BINGO 12:30; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard

September 13: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

September 14: Peanut Auction

September 17: Market Basket 12:30; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00

September 18: International Veteran's Chorus 10:00; Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

September 19: Market Basket 9:15 (Wednesday); Wii Bowling 9:30; ZUMBA 9:30; Yoga 10:30; BINGO 12:30; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard

September 20: FALLON REP 10-12; Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

September 24: Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00

September 25: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

September 26: Market Basket 9:15 (Wednesday); Wii Bowling 9:30; ZUMBA 9:30; Yoga 10:30; BINGO 12:30; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard

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**GALA**  
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GALA occupying a room or two inside the Isaac Morse House," said Giordano. "Then I asked Don what they planned to do with the carriage house on the property. When he said there were no plans to do anything with the barn, I asked if we could have it, and he said 'sure'."

Renovations began about two years ago, according to Giordano.

"While much of the work was cosmetic," she said, "there was also structural work that needed to be done. For instance, there were a couple of beams that needed to be replaced. The building also needed new windows, and we had to build a sliding door on the front of the barn so we can move equipment and artwork into and out of the gallery."

Giordano said the project was successful only because of generous donations from individuals, businesses, and a variety of organizations.

"The Robinson Broadhurst Foundation gave us a total of about \$17,000 over two years. If it wasn't for Robinson Broadhurst we certainly wouldn't have opened the gallery this soon."

Other major contributors include the Winchendon History and Cultural Center; Athol resident Rick Flematti,

who donated hundreds of hours of work and expertise to the project; Winchendon resident Bob Marshall, who donated time and labor installing the gallery's electrical system; Andy Brooks Sr. of Winchendon donated his labor, building the unique barn door; Shirley Parks, who made generous donations to the project; Royalston musician Diane Lincoln, and Winchendon's Rick Rader, who installed the shiplap on the gallery ceiling.

"I also want to thank the many GALA volunteers and volunteers from the community and the Winchendon School who put a lot of sweat equity into this effort," said Giordano.

The gallery will be open every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no entry fee. All works of art will be for sale.

In October, the GALA Arts Gallery will feature a photo exhibit, and November will highlight "small works"; artwork smaller than 12 inches by 12 inches and costing less than \$100.

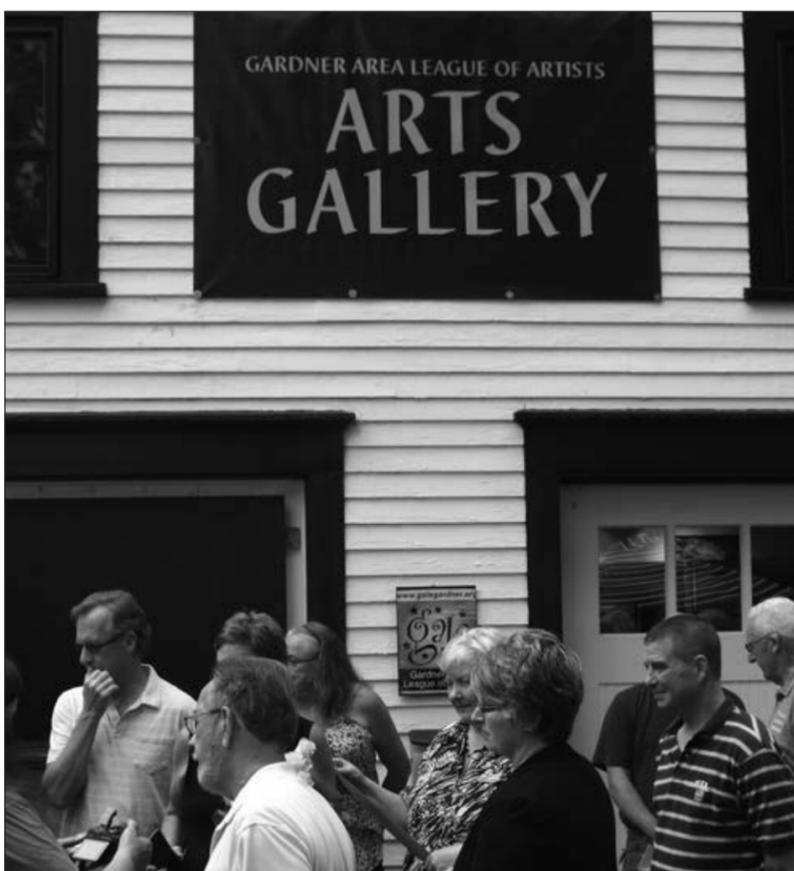
Giordano said GALA is seeking volunteers to work two-hour shifts at the gallery. Anyone interested should contact Giordano at [debgordano59@comcast.net](mailto:debgordano59@comcast.net) or go to [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org) and click the link to donate or volunteer.



Visitors view some of the art now adorning the walls of GALA's new headquarters and art gallery.



Ken LaBrack orders up ice cream at Seppi's Ice Cream Parlor in the Isaac Morse House, which is owned by the Winchendon History and Cultural Center. The parlor was open as part of Saturday's celebration of GALA's new art center, located on the grounds of the Morse property.



Visitors make their way into GALA's new headquarters and art gallery Saturday afternoon.

**TRAINING**  
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can make a difference." That's also why Swing Left encourages volunteers to participate in phone banks. Suyenaga noted prospective volunteers can contact the New Hampshire Democratic Party for more specific ways to get involved since there do not appear to be any contested House races in north central Massachusetts.

"There are lots of ways to take action," she said.

Those include offering to host fund raisers for District Funds. Described as a new model in 2018, District Funds

money is put aside for use as soon as primaries end and Democratic nominees are determined. Hosting house parties, "recruit from your own networks, "are also put forward as projects.

Local state Sen. Ann Gobi and Rep. Jon Zlotnik showed up on the rainy morning and speaking of canvassing, "we can do about an hour at a time" before another deluge suspends door-to-door campaigning, lamented Zlotnik. Suyenaga and Swing Left organizers get it.

"Canvassing can be a challenge in the rain," she acknowledged but noted, "we have a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We're excited about this."



State Rep. Jon Zlotnik speaks with local Democratic Party activist David Connor at Saturday's Swing Left event held at Beals Memorial Library.

**VOTERS**  
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if this makes sense to have a safe limit on the number of patients a nurse cares for in a hospital."

He also said voters need to look beyond the commercials they're currently seeing on their TV screens or hearing on their radios.

"I think a lot of what's in the No on 1 commercial is very misleading," he says. "As far as the billion-dollar-a-year claim is concerned, I believe that's a number that was simply plucked from the air. Some of our research shows that for every dollar you spend on nursing care you save a dollar and three cents. So, you're actually showing a savings by limiting the number of patients a nurse has because you're avoiding a lot of those preventable errors that can

occur when the patient-to-nurse ratio is too high."

"For them to say it's going to create more problems that it would solve," D'Intinosanto continued, "I think is very misleading. They're trying to scare the public. They know what kinds of words scare people; 'mandate,' 'government mandate,' those types of words that get people worried that they shouldn't vote 'yes.'"

"In fact, this is not a government mandate. This is 20 years of trying to get the Legislature to do something they refuse to do. We the nurses wrote this question, and we the nurses at the Mass. Nurses Association, most of the nurses who actually work at the bedside, support this and have for a long time. It's long overdue."

Next week The Courier will hear from opponents of Question 1.

**PROPOSAL**  
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that would increase their property value," said Hickey, "because it helps the tax base and helps every other taxpayer in town. We offered to have them to that; we have yet to see any information."

The Courier asked Hickey why the appraised value of the property for the TIF makes any difference in light of John Giovanoni's letter stating Brandywine has withdrawn from the agreement.

"They have now provided emails that they think that the TIF can somehow just be dusted off and reinstated," he replied. "I've explained to them that with their

letter requesting that the TIF be abolished, the TIF is abolished. I also told them that if there's a modification to the TIF, and they appear to be looking for a significant modification, it would have to go back before the voters."

"Amelia Giovanoni indicated to me that she had spoken to some professionals and they feel the TIF is still valid. It's not."

The Mill Farm Initiative Facebook page also appears to give Winchendon residents a choice between their project at White's Mill, supported by a TIF, or a marijuana cultivation operation.

"We have two marijuana grow offers," said a recent post.

The statement went on to say those involved with one of the offers was scheduled to tour White's Mill yesterday morning. The post goes on to imply that Mill Farm's plans to "keep the ponds," "feed the elderly and disabled," and provide "affordable housing" would depend "taxpayer money" in the form of tax breaks of the type provided for in a tax increment financing agreement.

Hickey said he and other town officials had scheduled a meeting with the Giovanonis and their associates for this past Tuesday morning, but Mill Farm Initiative emailed Hickey Monday night to cancel the get together.

**KING**  
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We're going to set up, for lack of a better word, advisory councils — parents, teachers, students," noted King.

Worries about at-risk students are also why King is such a strong backer of the Murdock Academy for Success.

"I set up something similar when I was a middle school principal back in Lowell," he recalled. "The Academy makes a huge difference and not just for students. You've got teachers rotating in and out too and they get to see kids in a different setting. Having the Academy here on campus enables those students to mingle and interact with their peers and that's important too. I fully support what Kris (Academy Director Provost) and his team are doing."

Beyond that, King likes some of the curriculum variety he has seen.

"We have a lot to offer," he asserted.

All that said, King understands there are broader issues in this era of school

choice where administrators have to help sell their schools to the community and convince families to stay.

"We need to tell our story. We have some great, innovative things going on here. We've got to get the word out there. One way I'm going to do that is to have monthly principal open-houses. I want people, kids, parents, people in the community, to bring me their concerns. But that's just one thing. I'm going to be at every event. I used to skip admin meetings so I could go to school events. That's where I belonged. Not just at games. At plays. At everything. It shows you care enough to be there. I even took my own kids with me. We really need to keep kids in the district. We're going to reach out to middle school families too. You can't wait until ninth grade," he emphasized.

That doesn't sound like it's coming from someone who's planning to make MHS merely a pit stop on the way to other places.

"Not at all. I'm here for the long haul," King assured.

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# Toy Town's ice cream trail

In the height of summer, who doesn't yearn for a cold, creamy dessert? Ice cream lovers can experience this favorite treat in four locations, each with unique characteristics and products, and all within our town borders.

We'll begin our journey at Murdock Dairy Bar, the oldest operating ice cream stand in town. Perched high up on Elmwood Drive, Murdock Farm dates back to 1885 and is currently under third generation ownership by brothers Kenneth and Raymond Girouard.

In the past, Murdock Farm operated as a full-service dairy, with its own dairy herd, processing and delivery. Surplus milk from the dairy prompted the Girouards to open up a seasonal dairy bar in 1964. While the dairy business has closed down, the dairy bar remains a favorite destination for many.

Murdock now sources their milk with 16% butterfat from New England Ice Cream in Woburn. Ken's wife June makes the ice cream on site, adding flavors and other ingredients to keep 43 varieties on hand, and in peak season producing over 200 gallons a week. Unusual flavors include Hawaiian Moon (coconut base with pineapples and cherries), Banana Bunt (containing crushed, ripe bananas and chocolate chips) and Checkerberry (berry base with winter-green flavoring).

Murdock's, open daily from 1-9 p.m., has a loyal local following, and is now seeing second and third generation family members stop at their bucolic setting and linger at the colorful picnic

tables or visit the farm animals grazing behind the stand.

Heading south in Route 202 past Waterville Plaza brings us to Lickity Splitz Homemade Ice Cream. Owner Mike Lee, a Marine Corps veteran and postal service retiree, bought the business in 2015 and works alongside his daughter and manager Gabrielle. Together, they make all of their ice cream on site up to three times a week, touting 14 percent butterfat and fresh ingredients. Among the 45 flavors you will find Cookie Monster (blue ice cream with Oreos and Chips Ahoy cookies), Peppermint Andes (peppermint base with Andes dinner mints) and Waterville Mud (coffee base with fudge swirl and Oreos). Lickity likes to experiment with new flavors, making one bucket at a time to gauge interest. When you visit, ask about any special flavors on hand.

Lickity Splitz, open daily from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., attracts many hungry swimmers from nearby Lake Denison, as well as customers from town and passers-by. Dine at the shady picnic tables or step inside where you'll likely see Mike, extending a friendly greeting to visitors.

Lickity Splitz also has an extensive food menu in addition to ice cream.

We'll now head back into town on Route 202/12 and continue south on Spring Street to Little Lizzy's, annexed to the popular restaurant Little Anthony's. Owners Marla and Walter LaGrassa opened Little Anthony's Seafood Emporium in 1993, named after their son, and followed with

Little Lizzy's Ice Cream in 2013, named after their younger daughter. In fact, you will often find Liz working behind the counter!

Little Lizzy's sells Gifford's "Famous Ice Cream," which is a Maine-based company boasting a slow churned, creamy-textured product. They carry up to 32 different flavors, including Campfire S'mores (graham base with marshmallow ripple and chocolate chips), Maine Black Bear (vanilla base with black raspberry swirl and chocolate raspberry mini-melts), and Peanut Butter Pie (peanut butter base with graham cracker swirl and peanut butter cups).

Mosquitoes? Rain? No problem at Lizzy's. Step inside the spacious screened-in dining area with picnic tables and nautical theme. Lizzy's location, open daily from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., draws both local customers, restaurant patrons stepping outside for dessert, and passers-by on busy Route 12.

Looking for a downtown option? Step over to the Isaac Morse House on Front Street and step back in time at Seppie's Ice Cream Parlor. The Winchendon History and Cultural Center (WHCC) acquired the Isaac Morse House in 2016 to house their excellent toy collection. At that same time, many local residents were mourning the demolition of the old Joseph's Fruit & Confectionary building on Central Street to make way for the new Cumberland Farms. WHCC rescued the original soda fountain and candy counter from Joseph's, and

Seppie's (the nickname for Joseph's daughter Cecile) was born.

Located at the rear of the Isaac Morse house, and the brainchild of WHCC Vice President Peggy Corbosiero, Seppie's is a nostalgic dining experience. Corbosiero had a lot of help with the renovation of the original enclosed porch into the ice cream parlor, particularly that of Guy Corbosiero and WHCC President Don O'Neil, but the vision was hers. Visitors can sit at the original soda fountain on antique swivel seats and peek at the shiny soda and syrup dispensers behind the counter. The opposite wall features a vintage department store display case filled with ice cream novelty glassware, many from Peggy's personal collection. A pictorial history of Joseph's shop and family is mounted on the adjacent wall.

Seppie's stocks their freezer with Murdock or Lickity Splitz ice cream, alternating the homemade stock, carrying 6-7 flavors at a time. After you enjoy your cone, milkshake, frappe or sundae, feel free to



Jill Sackett photos

Manning the ice cream scoop is volunteer Mike Hatzopoulos, with very happy customers at Seppi's. At back are Winchendon History and Cultural Center Board members Guy Corbosiero, Vice President Peggy Corbosiero and President Don O'Neil.

explore the museum displays. Seppie's is staffed by volunteers Thursday-Sunday 4-8 p.m. during the summer.

It is staffed entirely by volunteers so if you would like a chance to be behind the counter, your help would be appreciated. Stop in and ask how to help.

Winchendon ice cream: a delicious journey from farm to classic

roadside stand, to restaurant annex to museum. Locally yours.

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



Seppi's, an homage to the Joseph's Confectionary store in downtown Winchendon; is located in the Isaac Morse house and manned by volunteers. Customers can sit outdoors on the porch or in the yard to enjoy their treat.



Little Lizzy's has a screened in dining area to enjoy the cold choices.

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