

## Fall in a small town at its best

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — About 3,000 people came out to the fall festival on Saturday, with the mid-day sun shining on many pie-smearing faces.

Children participated in a pie-eating and pumpkin painting contest and balloon making from Rainboe the Clown.

The day-long event was held at the Ingleside property off Maple Street, and the Winchendon Enhancement Committee organized the festival.

Member Kris Provost explained the town is working out an agreement with the Winchendon School to buy the 43-acre piece of land in exchange for the vacant Marvin School.

"I love the possibilities of how we can develop this property," Provost said. "We're getting surveys of what people want and how they want to see the property developed, whether that's a bike trail, boat launch or picnic area. We have wonderful military parks in town, and there's talk of building a hatch shell."

In between classic rock sets by Whiskey Johnson, children dove in face-first with their hands behind their backs into either chocolate éclair, pineapple or lemon pies during a pie-eating contest.

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Photos by Keith Kent and Greg Vine

K9 officer Clyde did a lengthy demonstration for those in attendance.

## Rondeau taking on Shakespeare

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — And how did you spend your summer vacation? Murdock teacher Stephanie Rondeau spent part of hers in London, immersed in a soup-to-nuts 'Teaching Shakespeare, The Performance' experience at the famous Globe Theatre. From dissecting text to singing to costuming, it really was the full Shakespeare.

The three week program, which turns 60 next summer, was sponsored by the English Speaking Union and Rondeau was the only teacher from New England to attend.

"I saw an ad in a professional journal and decided to apply. It was pretty close to the deadline, ten days or so, so I filled it out, got a couple letters of recommendation from Josh (Romano) and Heidi (Belavaqua) and was pretty surprised when I heard back," she said.

Armed with a short-term student visa and passport, Rondeau made her third trip to England but first as a participant in the summer program. "It was great. A nerd



Morgan St. Pierre photo

Stephanie Rondeau has been kept busy with her Shakespeare project," she laughed.

Two dozen teachers joined student and actors and to say the least, those several weeks were comprehensive. Eight-ten hour days were the norm. "It was exhausting,"

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Keith Kent photos

Two weeks ago, John Goan of Lawton Electric was just laying in the lines for the new compactor.



Now, the new single stream recycling bin is ready for operation.

Superintendent Al Gallant would like every one to know the new single stream recycling program began yesterday, Sept. 22. All recycling materials except glass will go in to the new designated compactor which is to the left of the rubbish compactor.

Glass will continue to go in to the container it has previously gone in to due to its cost.

In addition Gallant said the new brochures with prices are available at both the DPW town office, and transfer station.

Station hours will remain the same on the summer hours schedule through Oct. 1.



Keith Kent photo

The water supply for the towns of Winchendon & Ashburnham has dropped over two feet below optimum levels. The water level should be even with the green brush on the bottom left.

## New water supply numbers raise greater concerns!

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — In what has been the worst drought to strike the region in nearly two decades, new developments prove the situation is getting worse. A full outdoor use water ban is in place in Winchendon, yet people continue to use water at a rate faster than nature is able to replace it at the Upper Naukeag Lake public water supply in Ashburnham.

When the Massachusetts DEP placed an extreme drought advisory in August, and the optimum water supply level at the lake dropped 21 inches, the local authorities instituted the ban. Since that time the lake level has continued to drop, and reviewing a copy of the intake pipe design measurements provides a unique perspective on the "depth of the situation."

As of Sept. 16 the lake had dropped from the previous daily recording of 21 inches, to 27.5 inches below optimum

levels. This means the public water supply dropped over a half foot even after a full public water ban has been instituted in Winchendon.

Adam Testagrossa, operations manager for Veolia which manages the public water treatment facility, explained Winchendon's 2,100 customers use 700,000 gallons a day, with Ashburnham customers using 300,000 per day.

Testagrossa said, "The average water consumption by both towns combined is one million gallons a day, with some days seeing as much as 1.1 million. We measure the level of the lake every single day, which helps us track the height of the lake above the location of the intake pipe opening that sits four feet above lake bottom, 100 feet off shore directly behind the pumping station."

Winchendon residents who use public water use 36,400,000

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## These Old Houses

BEAMAN  
PROPERTY SPANS  
THE CENTURIES

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Bob Beaman owns the bait shop near the corner of Maple and Glenallan streets, but that busi-

ness is just the most recent of many which have called the property home for perhaps as many as 200 years.

"We're pretty sure it goes back that far," said Beaman of the ground that's been in his family since the 1950s. "There was a fire at some point and a lot of records were lost so we don't know for sure, but you know, people tell stories

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Morgan St. Pierre photo

The property known as the Beaman house, has been on site for as much as 200 years.



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"To try to be better is to be better."

Charlotte Cushman



## SCRUB-A-DUB

Courtesy photos

At right: Colby (fourth grade) and Abigale (first grade) St. Pierre are hard at work scrubbing at the plastic play equipment at Toy Town Elementary School to get it ready for use.

At left: Madelyn Santos stops her hard work for a moment. Others who worked on the project included her sister, Cassandra and adults Tina and Guy Santos, Christie and Rich Verville, Nicole and Shawn St.Pierre, and the chairman of the BOS Barbara Anderson.



## Monty Tech holds college and career fair

FITCHBURG — Area high-school students are invited to attend Monty Tech's 10th annual College & Career Fair to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the school cafeteria.

Representatives from approximately 80 two-and four-year colleges and universities, technical, business and military schools, as well as labor unions, will be on hand to answer questions about their post-secondary educational and career opportunities.

Students are invited that evening to enter a drawing to win a brand new laptop. Also, the first 50 students in attendance will receive free movie passes.

Monty Tech is located at 1050 Westminster St., Rte. 2A, at the Fitchburg-Westminster line.

Courtesy photo

Monty Tech's 10th annual College and Career Fair will be held Sept. 28.

## KITTY KORNER

Smokey was brought to the shelter after her pet parent passed away. She is an affectionate, healthy 10 year old cat that is looking for a quiet home to spend her golden years. She would do best as an only cat.

Smokey has been examined by a veterinarian, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

If you would like to meet her, A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats at 202 Central St. is open Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-2 p.m., and by appointment. For an adoption application, please visit [www.shelterforcats.org](http://www.shelterforcats.org) or for information call (774) 641-1271.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WINCHENDON — The first students of the month were announced at this month's school committee meeting.

Students of the Month is sponsored by



The Murdock Academy for Success is pleased to announce Andrew Cormier as the student of the month. Pictured with his parents Brandi and Chris, Andrew has, as Academy dean Kris Provost explained, "turned his academic life around," since coming to the Academy.



A very busy Victoria Lemire was named student of the month at Murdock High School. The Student Council president explained the many projects in the works, and the accomplishments already done. She is pictured with her mom Jill and her Student Council advisor Stephanie Rondeau.



AT LEFT: Catherine O'Donnell was named student of the month at Memorial Elementary School. She is pictured with her parents Carene and Joseph.



Murdock Middle School student of the month is Sarah Holt, pictured with parents James and Deidre and her sister Laura. Her parents were very proud when they got the phone call announcing the honor.



Fifth grader Mayra Correa is new to Toy Town Elementary School, but "loves it" immensely, especially her favorite teacher, Lynn Murray whom she asked to be in her picture along with her sister Magela at left and her mom Sandra at far right.

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# First steps to venturing into bigger world

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Youth Venture has been a staple at Murdock High School for more than a decade, or since Cam Provost and John Hushaw launched the first local projects.

That began a steady stream of school and community efforts which have continued to this day, all under the auspices of the Mount Wachusett Community College based program, which is the primary project of the United Way of North Central Massachusetts. As school began, project proposals had been turned in by students Michaela Benedict, Lily LeBlanc, Cobie Rice and Hanna Seghir, with more anticipated.

Lauren Mountain is the director of Youth Venture and pointed out, "These projects represent a potential life-changing opportunity for a lot of students. They find something they like and maybe it turns into a career. That's one of the advantages, one of the posi-

tives with the program. They're basically creating their own non-profits."

Program manager Evan Berry makes regular visits to MHS where Kris Provost is the faculty champion for Youth Venture. "We use the term 'champion' because these faculty members really do champion the cause. They're not just a name on a piece of paper but they're active in the classroom and with others in school. Murdock has a very active program."

"At the same time, it's the kids, not teachers who are in charge of their own projects. In many ways this is about youth empowerment. They're driven by the passion," he added.

That's a critical element, pointed out staff assistant Renee Tambling. "It's a unique opportunity for kids to use real life skills in their projects. That matters a lot. It's very rewarding to see."

Youth Venture is also a vehicle for people to use to stay connected locally. Take Haylie Kelly, MHS class of

2011, still a local resident and now an outreach specialist at Youth Venture. "This has kept me involved in the Winchendon community. It's helped me keep my ties here."

That pleases Mountain who noted, "that's one of the results we're striving for."

Mountain said any school which wants to participate is more than welcome to apply and then "we see if we can support" each school, some of which are financial partners in terms of absorbing a portion of the cost, though Murdock is not among those doing so.

Kris Provost is glad MHS is part of the project. "It's making a difference. Our kids, the ones who are actively involved in Youth Venture, are enthused and excited. It's important to them and they're contributing to the community."

As for the view from MWCC? "We've found a sweet spot with this program," enthused Mountain.

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### MEET OTHERS

WINCHENDON — The special education parents group SEPAC is hosting a meet and greet on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. Come meet parents of children with different abilities, share resources and a cup of coffee. The meeting will be at the Ipswich Drive Community Room. For more information contact the special education offices at the schools at (978) 297-1850 or email [sepac@winchendonk12](mailto:sepac@winchendonk12).

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

TROY, NY — Michael Chapman of Templeton joined more than 1,700 freshmen when Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute began classes on Aug. 29.

DUDLEY — Nichols College has recognized 460 students who achieved Dean's List for their academic work during the spring 2016 semester.

Nicole LaBrack of Winchendon, a hospitality major, has achieved Dean's List.

The Nichols College Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved

high grades during a single semester. In order to be included in the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 for at least 12 credit-hours and receive no grade below a C+ during the semester.

SPRINGFIELD — American International College awarded more than 800 undergraduate and graduate degrees to students representing eighteen states and ten countries during its 2016 Commencement ceremony. Congratulations to the following degree recipients:

Aniello Alberio of Templeton certificate of advanced graduate study; and Emily Johnson of Winchendon Master of education.

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester:

Donald Hunt and Jacob Hunt are natives of Winchendon and both are pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Both will graduate in 2017 from the Worcester

campus.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

LOWELL — Local residents were among a record number of graduates presented with diplomas at UMass Lowell's 2016 Commencement exercises in May.

Local residents who are members of UMass Lowell's Class of 2016 include:

Christian Robichaud of Ashburnham who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; Carly Tedstone of Ashburnham who received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing; Evan Wernicki of Templeton who received a Master of Science in engineering degree in chemical engineering; and Whitney Ashmore of Winchendon, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science.



Greg Vine photo

## LAYING OUT A PATHWAY

DPW crews lay down blacktop on one of the new paths at GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Park. The park is being prepped for its re-dedication, which takes place on Sunday, Oct 2. In addition, more than two dozen new trees have been planted, the cannon have been sandblasted and re-painted, bases for the cannon have been reinforced, the gazebo has been re-painted and re-wired, security cameras will be installed, and large rocks for children to play on now occupy on quadrant of the park.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

STORY HOURS: Toddler Time takes place every Friday morning at 9:15 a.m. throughout the year, with Rhymes, Playtime, and Story time. Immediately following is story hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

FALL FESTIVAL: at The United Parish Church of Winchendon, 39 Front St. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Yard sale and beautiful flowering mums, a chicken barbecue dinner with all the fixings for \$10 while it lasts.

GALA PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP: FREE for members, sign up for a membership at [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org). Saturday, Sept. 24 (rain date Oct 1) Location: Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, MA 01569 (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/blackstone-river-and-canal-heritage-state-park.html>). We will meet at 10 a.m. at the visitor's center. The park includes a restored section of the Blackstone River Canal and Towpath and a 1,000 acre natural area offering walking and hiking paths, canoe access, picnic areas and a broad expanse of the Blackstone River known as Rice City Pond, which is a great area for watching wildlife. Carpooling will be arranged.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

LOBSTER SHOOT: the American Legion hosts the first lobster shoot of the fall beginning at 2 p.m. at the Post, 295 School St. If you can manage to keep track of three playing cards, you can play this game with the possibility of winning lobster for your supper! Other raffles and prizes as the afternoon wears on.

CALL TO MUSICIANS: Get selected to be featured at one of GALA's next coffeehouses! Join us on Sunday, Sept 25 from 2:30-5 p.m. at our newest location, 135 Front St. in Winchendon. Bring your ideas, instruments & talent! We will have a brief meeting regarding our contribution to GALA and also discuss what GALA can offer us in return. Please call Bethany at (774) 212-0112 to RSVP & with any questions. See you there!!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:15 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit [winchendonlibrary.org](http://winchendonlibrary.org).

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in.

We'd love to have more players.

GAME NIGHT: game night in July at Beals Memorial Library is taking place on Wednesday, September 28, from 6-8 p.m. Participants determine which game they would like to play.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

STORY HOUR: On Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

REDEDICATION OF GAR PARK: beginning at 12:30 p.m., the Grand Army of the Republic Park will be rededicated to the memory of the veterans of the Civil War with speeches and music and a picnic at the Park on Grove Street. Keynote speaker will be President Abraham Lincoln (Steve Wood); music by Shades of Gray. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held at Old Murdock Senior Center.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

BOOK CLUB: Beals Memorial Library hosts a book discussion group the second Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The book is available to borrow at the library, call for details, (978) 297-0300. Always welcoming new members.

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## EDITORIAL

## At what cost?

The joint meeting of Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee last week was well run and calm. The two accountants had good news, while tight both budgets are still viable and may even have small surpluses by the end of the accounting year.

The end of year reports, despite the difficulties continuing with the town's software, are coming along and the town should be able to meet all the deadlines without any problems.

And though the snow and ice deficit from last year was never paid in a timely fashion (it was missed in the end of year round up of bill paying) and must now be voted on at a fall town meeting to meet the town's obligations, all the other meets and balances are on time and in place.

In fact, the town may be able to pay down a bit on the principal of the borrowing done through the state on the fiscal problems of the last few years when all is said and done.

Good fiscal news indeed.

A far cry from the last few years.

And to see the superintendent and the town manager speaking; the two accountants discussing side by side, explaining the processes with a single mutual basis of understanding...refreshing.

Thank you all.

The discussion toward the end of the joint meeting about the Question 2 on the state ballot was ironically sad. Finance Committee member Maureen Ward wasn't wrong in attempting to insist that both sides of the issue should be aired to be fair; but to find someone who favors the issue would be nigh onto impossible in this area.

See, the issue at stake is about allowing more charter schools to be created. In fact, the state in its wisdom would like to issue 12 new charters this year, and another 12 next year, and another 12 the following year...eventually nearly replacing public schools altogether.

This in the land of Horace Mann.

What needs to be understood is this: charter schools can cherry pick their students. They can choose who can come, and who can't. And they can base that on any criteria they choose. They can decide they are strictly going to be a science and math school: focusing on students interested in those subjects; or an art school or a dramatics school (remember "Fame").

Or something else entirely.

And they can recruit.

They can then, once the student comes from a neighboring district, decide whether or not to keep the child in their school, or send them back if they are in any way not a good "fit."

They don't have to take problem children, or special needs, or those with any kind of disability to accommodate.

But, they do take the money that would have gone to the original school district.

In Winchendon's case, with one nearby charter school and school choice, that was a loss of nearly half a million dollars last year.

Half a million that would have paid for teachers, staff, books, supplies and other things for all the local public schools here in town.

Charter schools are thought by people in larger cities to be a godsend for the poor public schools there. Instead of concentrating on improving their public schools, they see the charter schools as a solution for specific woes. To be able to pull a child out of a neighborhood school and to an elitist one down the street is a last hurrah.

But smaller towns see only the money drain.

And it's a big one.

So Boston might welcome a dozen new schools a year, leaving the public schools to become repositories for special needs and problems kids only. Winchendon, not so much.

And finding someone in Winchendon, Templeton, or Hubbardston to champion a charter school to compete with the local school system might be a pretty hard sell.

That's the reason no one here is standing up to urge you to vote yes on 2.

As for the ads on television, they are truly a bit misleading; on both sides. But the bottom line is the state has decreased funding for all education for several years, so if it intends to create a whole passel of new schools the money will absolutely either be cut from existing schools or new funding will have to be sought. No one has explained that to anyone's satisfaction yet.

Until they do, Question 2 is an unfunded, or underfunded, mandate that is going to cost existing programs a whole lot of money.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WEC: thank you for great festival

To the Editor:

The Winchendon Enhancement Committee of the Toy Town Partnership would like to recognize all the volunteers, organizations and attendees that made this year's Fall Festival at Ingleside a spectacular success. What makes this event special is that it is by and for the people of Winchendon. It gives families a day to enjoy some fun in the great outdoors, and community groups a way to reach the general public and each other face to face. Estimated attendance was up from last year's estimated turnout of 2,500. Next year, we will need to increase parking!

Thank you to this year's sponsors, the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, Winchendon Lion's Club, American Legion Post 193 Canteen Fund, Sons of the American Legion E.M. Squadron 193, NHBB, Inc., Winchendon Furniture and Colonial Co-operative Bank.

Thank you to Animal Craze Traveling Farm for providing our youngest attendees with the opportunity to interact with animals up close and personal.

Thank you to the band Whiskey Johnson for donating their time and talent for the wonderful music they provided.

Thank you to Rainboe the Clown for delighting children all day with her balloon creations.

Thanks to the Winchendon Police Department and Fire Department for all their assistance, including K-9 Clyde, the police dog and his amazing handler Officer Wironen.

Thank you to the Winchendon Parks and Recreation Committee for the pumpkin painting.

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It's great to know that Ingleside is now part of Winchendon's long term plan. If you'd like to participate in next year's event, please contact us at [TTP-WEC@town.winchendon.ma.us](mailto:TTP-WEC@town.winchendon.ma.us).

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!

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COMMITTEE



## NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

Not so long ago we had a long list of folks who felt they should be nominated and elected to the presidency. Our process of caucuses and primaries permits all the registered voters to have a say in who is standing at the end of the process.

That part of the process is complete, and the two candidates left standing at Hillary Clinton for the Democrats and Donald

Trump for the Republicans.

At this point it becomes the job for each of these two people to convince us to vote for one of them. It is natural that those who preferred other candidates are reluctant. They may now be among the "undecideds," and they can make the difference in who wins the general election.

In our system, however, it is not always the candidate with the most votes who gets to be president. This is because we have an Electoral College system, seemingly outdated to me

in this age of easy communication, but with a very understandable reason at the time of its adoption.

When this election process comes to an end, soon, those who support the loser will be disappointed, and those who support the winner will be elated. In whichever category one finds oneself, it will be self-defeating to continue to demonize the winner, to establish roadblocks to important legislation to lead the nation forward, or to prevent the person elected from

having at his or her service the people he or she wants.

It is meant to be a time when we all pull together when we admit the majority has spoken, and for the next four years we should all hope the president will be successful.

More importantly, I think is that we have always been held up as a wonderful example for the world, a nation that pulls together, conquers adversity, and is ready to step in and help when world situations cannot be resolved in any other way.

If we continue the childish behavior that has raised its ugly head in the campaign, fussing that the person we liked who was not chosen would have been the better choice, we will look to the watching world (and the world is watching!) like a kid who needs a "time out," a spoiled and undisciplined child, but most importantly we will prove we are no longer that shining light in the world and that our nation's time as an appreciated leader in civilization is coming to an end.

## Get over it

## Monday, Monday, and many Mondays to come

In three days it will be Monday, Sept. 26. That's an important day. It's important mostly because I'm seeing the neurologist which is a good idea when you start to repeatedly say things like we need to go to school to get ground beef or mix-up days or knowing the words you want to say but can't quite get them out. Residue from the mild stroke of November 2012 or something new or different? How would I know? I didn't go to medical school. AU didn't have pre-med, though there was a nursing program. In fact, I'm not sure, four-plus decades later, how much time I spent in class, period. I didn't skip many of professor and former Senator and future presidential candidate Fred Harris' new populist studies classes (late Monday afternoons in Ward Circle building) or Amos Perlmutter's international relations seminars or Dick Smolka's election reform class but I probably did pass frequently on various freshman sociology and English lit classes or others through the next three years which interfered with other "stuff", usually student government or the Eagle student newspaper. I digress. The point is my medical knowledge aside from some smarts regarding cardiac issues, is essentially non-existent, hence Monday's cardiologist trip, and for that matter, Wednesday's with a new asthma specialist.

But Monday also matters because it's the date of the first presidential debate. I can envision Hillary being laser-like focused on actual policy proposals and

Donald saying whatever pops into his head at the moment. I was disappointed, severely disappointed, to hear moderator Lester Holt say it's not his job to fact-check. Wrong. Yes it is. When Trump goes off on some ridiculous rant full of lies or made up stories, it's absolutely Holt's job to call him out on them. He really ought to ask what new evidence has come to light the last ten days to suddenly convince The Donald that Barack Obama was in fact born in the United States. Trump ducked any questions last Friday. He shouldn't be allowed to do that in a one-on-one debate. He absolutely should be called out on his imbecilic comments regarding Clinton's security detail being "disarmed." There's a good chance he'll try to deflect but Holt has an obligation to repeatedly press Trump on these.

It's a million miles past time to see him as an entertainer. He's the Republican nominee for President and needs to be scrutinized the way normal candidates are. He needs to be called out on the insults and garbage he's spewing, like the story he told about Muslims in Jersey cheering the collapse of the towers on 9/11. His constant use of "some people say" or "I've heard" needs to be called out, too. Who are "some people," anyway? And if he wants to talk about the

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JERRY CARTON

him who scare me more. I have no idea what Trump really thinks or believes. He's a salesman and a showman. But a lot of those supporters remind me of the mobs of the French Revolution and other instances where rational thought and democratic (small 'd') principles were overrun by blood-thirsty zealots, wild-eyed and boiling with anger and frothing-at-the-mouth resentment at whatever and whomever. These people are exactly whom the Founders feared — that's why they limited the vote in the first place. They grasped the fragility of democracy.

And that said, no doubt you've read the polls are tightening. You've probably read Democrats are panicking. Polls always tighten and Democrats always panic but as Stuart Stevens, a big-time GOP operative pointed out, Trump has no organization. Let's hope he's right. In the end, I'm guessing/hoping the Democratic field operation will be the decisive factor. How many of you know voting is already underway? Democratic GOTV teams, always wary of over-con-

ference, are already doing their thing and they better do it well. It's not that a Clinton presidency would be a panacea but a Trump presidency has the potential to inflict serious damage on the institutions of government and society and no that's not hyperbole. Look at his backers, look at the rallies. Look at the utter lack of logic in almost everything he says and look at the reality that no matter how outrageous he gets, it doesn't bother those people.

Bottom line: unless enough supposed undecideds look at Trump Monday and in subsequent debates and recognize the complete absurdity of him as President and settle, enthusiastically or not, into the Clinton camp, this election will in fact come down to organization. That's where the Democratic advantage is enormous. It's an edge they can't afford to squander.

Closing on a brighter culinary note — I had baked lobster stuffed with crab meat last Friday night when the Rivers Edge expanded from breakfast and lunch to include dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings from 4-8. New options for dinner are always good and as they do earlier in the day, Seth, Amber and their team, on balance, did a really good job. Portions were large and we, and others with whom I've talked, took enough home for dinner on Saturday as well. That's a double win. And that loaded baked potato Courtney had as an appetizer looked really good too. TGIF, indeed. See you next week.



# First try at dinner a bit

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — A week ago tonight the River's Edge added dinner (4-8 Saturdays as well) to its breakfast and lunch schedule and owner Seth Silver proclaimed opening weekend a definitive success.

"Dinner's very different from breakfast or lunch. The menu is different. The atmosphere is different. The lighting is different. Everything is different but it all went well and it was good to see our regulars here too," Silver enthused.

While a varied menu had been written, Silver acknowledged there was no way to tell what would become popular, and one weekend doesn't necessarily offer a clue for ongoing trends, but a lot of different kinds of chicken dinners were devoured and so was an entire prime rib and a stuffed lobster. "I only got the one lobster. Perfect

timing," he laughed. Salads too, proved popular. "You never know at first but we'll get to figure out what people like and we're going to change specials every week or two. Dinner crowds tend to be different than breakfast and lunch," he added.

Both Silver and floor manager Amber White said they had been excited awaiting the first dinners on Friday.

"We were a little nervous," conceded Silver.

As it turned out, "it was fun," White reflected Monday, adding, "we had a good time and it looked like everyone who came had one too."

This weekend will see live music added to the ambiance. "Come see who's going to be here," White encouraged.

Silver emphasized the portion sizes should be a draw as well. "We heard some people tell us they came here for one dinner but left with enough for two. You can't be unhap-

py about that," he added. He also indicated no preference about cooking daytime or evening/night meals.

"I just like cooking good food, and eating it. I made the chicken parm on Friday and had it for dinner Sunday," Silver laughed. "But it was nice to be able to do dinners and it was good people liked them."

Back in the kitchen Silver, of course, couldn't see the interaction on the floor between customers and staff, "but Amber would have told me if there were problems. Actually Amber would have fixed them," he said, "but it apparently went pretty smoothly. We're always looking to do a better job every day so if people do have complaints we want to know."

Rivers Edge is open for breakfast and lunch between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday-Monday and dinner 4-8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### OMSC: attention health care providers

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again! Time for Old Murdock's Senior Wellness Day! Details are below. Please RSVP with the number of attendees and if you will bring your own table or need one of our very limited tables:) We'll provide chairs!

We've had questions regarding raffle items — it is up to each individual "company" if they will have a raffle. As long as no money is involved, raffles are allowed.

Also please note, all replies should be directed to our new email address which is winchendoncoa@gmail.com On Oct. 1 we'll be officially using this as our primary email (but mail will continue to forward from the msn.com address for a while).

Hope to see you on Oct. 25. Any questions please do not hesitate to call us at (978) 297-3155.

As of now, publicity is going out as: SENIOR WELLNESS DAY

Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon. Health screenings, dental screenings, glaucoma screenings, fire & police departments, housing authority, mini massages, and refreshments. Much, much more is expected.

We hope, if you have a skill or business that might fit the criteria, you will contact us to be part of this important day.

STAFF,  
OLD MURDOCK SENIOR CENTER

### OWC: again a good mailing

To the Editor:

In spite of what started out as a dreary day, we had some much needed rain (although we could have used some more) and then the skies cleared. As people were heading to the Chili Cook off and Family Fun Day, people stopped by to drop off donations and/or help us package up the donations for our troops.

Extra special thank yous to the American Legion for allowing us the use of their hall and for helping to cover the cost of postage for the packages. Thank you to the Sweet Treat Bakery for delivering the cookies as well as keeping the cost affordable and shrink wrapping for added freshness! The troops LOVE them! Thanks Will Brown for our website so that we can continue to stay in touch and get the word out! Thank you to Richard and Sandy Creamer for the posters to advertise the event.

It was wonderful to have one of our service members - James Fairbanks (who was home on leave) stop by to help put packages together with us. Everyone enjoyed putting a name with the face and being able to thank him face to face for his service. He came by with his father-in-law, Jim McDonald.

Many hands make light work so a huge thank you goes out to our crew that sorted and packed up the boxes: Linda Arsenault, Steve Ashmore & Sheba, Christine Boisclair, James Fairbanks, Joni Gorecki, Susan Hadley, Julie Holly, and Jim McDonald.

I wanted to thank some donations that came in too late for the Courier article back in May... Betty Brehio and James & Rhonda Robichaud.

Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or money for postage. We sent to 28 service members — 12 packages overseas and 20 packages stateside! Darlene & Larry Agnelli Jr., Betty Allaire, Anonymous Lady, Linda Arsenault, Steve Ashmore & Sheba, Dee Bailey & Friends, Blue Star Mothers, Megan Bohan,

Christine Boisclair, Deacon James & Ruth Couture, Bud Fletcher in Memory of Carla, Joni Gorecki, Jennifer Haddad, Susan Hadley, Flora Hartnet, Doreen Hodgdon, Julie Holly, Lori & SGT Christopher Kuzina USA (RET), Mary Laflamme, June Longe, Irene Martin, Deanna McKinnon, Danial McLean, Zoey Monahan, Tom & Carol Murphy, and Sparks Real Estate.

Our next mailing will be for the holidays and is scheduled for the beginning of November. Watch our Facebook page or website [www.winchendoncares.com](http://www.winchendoncares.com) for the exact date. Enjoy the rest of the summer and God bless you!

LINDA & LARRY SORDONI  
OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES



## CLYDE'S CORNER

### CALENDAR

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**OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN:** Our Neighbor's Kitchen Community supper is held at its popular time of twice per month, Thursday night at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. The second Thursday of each month is "Soup and Sandwich night." Each month we're trying out a new soup recipe with a sandwich to go with it.

The fourth Thursday of each month is a full dinner with salad and dessert.

This meal is sustained by gifts from the people who attend, the religious communities of Winchendon, the Winchendon Community Action Committee, the Winchendon School, and many volunteers.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

**BEATLES TRIBUTE CONCERT:** Studio Two will hold an event at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. sponsored by the Winchendon Lions. The event begins at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 and available from Lions members, at the Legion and at To Each His Own Design; tickets at the door will be \$20. Raffles, auctions and more. Support the local Lions and their service projects.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

**GALA POETRY EVENT:** an afternoon of GALA poetry 2-4 p.m. featuring poet Ann Marie Meltzer of Greenfield sharing from her evocative book titled "Coming of Age." An open mic follows and we invite you to share your own words, a favorite poem by another, or simply enjoy. A sign-up sheet available for anyone wishing to participate in the open mic. Time allotted approximately five minutes depending on how many sign up.

Light refreshments. Murdock-Whitney House, 151 Front St. GALA members: \$2 (bring GALA membership card); non-members: \$3. Contact Paula J. Botch at (978) 575-0863 or email [cohen5kids@yahoo.com](mailto:cohen5kids@yahoo.com) for more information.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

**OPEN MIC:** at the American Legion

Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

**GARDEN CLUB:** The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from April to December at the Ipswich Drive community building. New members are always welcome. For more info please call Lorraine 978-297-1760.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

**SENIOR WELLNESS DAY:** Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon. Health screenings, dental screenings, glaucoma screenings, fire & police departments, housing authority, mini massages, and refreshments. Much, much more is expected.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

**ZOMBIE 5K RUN:** outrun them if you can! The annual Zombie run at the Clark Memorial YMCA is already registering runners and seeking those who would be the undead. Race starts at noon. Registration for the race is just \$10 until Oct. 22; \$15 after that date. For more info go to [theclarkymca.org](http://theclarkymca.org) or call (978) 297-9622.

**KIDS HALLOWEEN:** following the Zombie run there will be a kids' Halloween party at the Clark Memorial YMCA. Details are still being finalized, but games and goodies are definitely in the offing!

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**PLAN AHEAD:** Breakfast with Santa will be held at Carriage House restaurant 8-11 a.m. Hosted by the Kiwanis of Winchendon, the jolly elf and his Key Club helpers make this annual visit and gift every child with toy. Breakfast buffet at a nominal price; gifts donated by Kiwanis.

**WINTERFEST:** the annual table setting displays and wreath auction by the Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center will take place. This free of charge event is not to be missed as the tables dressed in holiday finery are amazing. Basket auction as well as a bake sale and lunch available. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



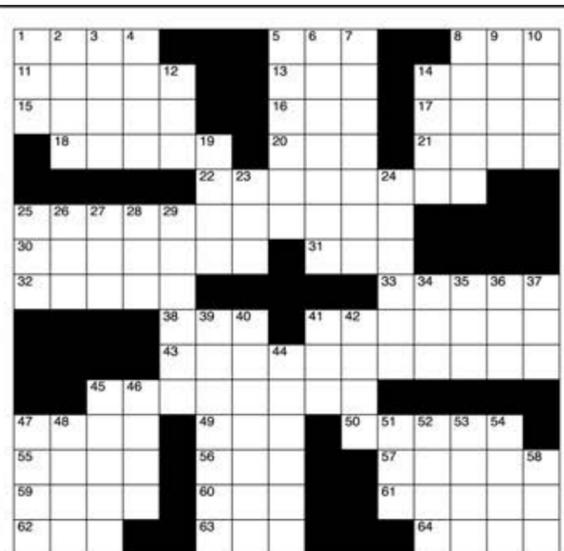
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### END OF SUMMER BLOSSOMS

As the end of summer winds down, the floral displays begin to end as well. Bright and blowsy, peonies make a great display.



**DON'T MISS A THING!**



#### CLUES ACROSS

- Employee stock ownership plan
- Teaspoon
- Type of IRA
- Restore courage
- Pet Detective Ventura
- Discount
- Where rockers play
- Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)
- Computer manufacturer
- Nomadic people
- Liquefied natural gas
- Steps leading to a river
- Benign tumors
- In an early way
- Type of wall
- Pop folk singer Williams
- Greek Titaness
- Expresses purpose
- Type of school
- Least true
- Delighted
- Church building
- Replacement worker
- A sign of assent
- Semitic gods
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Partly digested food
- Fevers
- Genus of trees
- Midway between east and southeast
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Gallivant
- Hideaway
- Source

#### CLUES DOWN

- Major division of time
- Withered
- Portends good or evil
- Single sheet of glass
- More long-legged
- Scrutinized
- Archway in a park
- Oliver \_\_, author
- Ancient Greek City
- Type of shampoo
- \_\_ King Cole
- Adventure story
- Satisfy
- Disappointment
- Evergreen shrub
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Young snob (Brit.)
- Midway between northeast and east
- Chinese surname
- Poplar trees (Spanish)
- Electron scanning microscope
- Actor DiCaprio
- Equal (prefix)
- Cartoon Network
- Revealed
- Remove lice
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Whale ship captain
- Baited
- Bleated
- Swedish rock group
- Air pollution
- Carbonated drink
- Swiss river
- Ottoman military commanders
- Type of job
- One point east of southeast
- Sex Pistols bassist Vicious



# 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.*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
 12:25 a.m.: building check, secure; 12:26 a.m.: assist motorist (Central Street) assisted; 2:47 a.m.: officer wanted (walk in) spoken to; 6:23 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:34 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street) refer to ACO; 7:13 a.m.: accident (Spring Street) report taken; 7:39 a.m.: harassment (Lakeshore Drive) assisted; 7:57 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road) transport; 8:02 a.m.: investigation (Juniper Street) spoken to; 8:10 a.m.: assist citizen (Juniper Street) assisted; 9:46 a.m.: assist other PD (Maple Place) assisted; 9:57 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street) transport; 10:04 a.m.: summons service (School Square) served; 10:28 a.m.: harassment (Murdock High School) info taken; 10:30 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) traffic citation; 10:59 a.m.: MV violations (Beech Street) MV towed, summons: Kim V. Page, age 51 of 32 Chestnut St. #1, Winchendon: uninsured MV and unregistered MV; 11 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 11:47 a.m.: vandalism (Spruce Street) summons: juvenile arrest, age 16: malicious destruction of property under \$250; 12:47 p.m.: investigation (Lincoln Avenue Extension) spoken to; 12:57 p.m.: fire alarm (River Street) false alarm; 1:08 p.m.: lift assist (Lakeshore Drive) assisted; 1:40 p.m.: traffic hazard (Maple Street) gone on arrival; 1:55 p.m.: elderly welfare check (address not printed) no PD service required; 2:22 p.m.: warrant arrest (Murdock High School) transport; 2:41 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Street) info taken; 2:52 p.m.: suspicious MV (Gardner Road) gone on arrival; 3:13 p.m.: suspicious MV (Irving Station) summons: Zachary C. Norcross, age 30 of 141 High St., Winchendon: negligent operation of MV; 3:36 p.m.: suspicious person (Cedar Street) report taken; 4:36 p.m.: ailed MV (Baldwinville State Road) refer to other PD; 4:38 p.m.: traffic hazard (Hale Street) spoken to; 4:59 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) accidental; 5:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Forristall Road) refer to ACO; 5:40 p.m.: accident (Central Street) gone on arrival; 5:56 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 6:38 p.m.: threats (Cedar Terrace) report taken; 8:01 p.m.: disturbance (Brown Street) spoken to; 8:30 p.m.: general info (Old Murdock) advised officer; 9:08 p.m.: suspicious person (Royalston Road South) mental health issue; 9:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodlawn Street) referred to court; 9:44 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) report taken; 10:56 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Drive) removed to hospital; 11:15-11:59 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:32 p.m.: investigation (Commercial Drive) dispersed gathering.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

12:23-2:42 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 12:43 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) spoken to; 2:46 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 6:16 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:24 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) verbal warning; 7:30 a.m.: general info (Cedar Terrace) refer to other agency; 8:59 a.m.: request removal (Hale Street) advised civil action; 9:40 a.m.: stolen MV (High Street) summons: Zachary C. Norcross, age 30 of 141 High St., Winchendon: use MV without authority; 10:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 10:56 a.m.: automatic fire alarm (Central Street) no FD service required; 10:57 a.m.: unattended death (West Street) report taken; 11:26 a.m.: fire inspections (Franklin Street) info taken; 11:28 a.m.: animal complaint (High Street) refer to ACO; 11:48 a.m.: larceny (Main Street) spoken to; 12:06 p.m.: suspicious other (Glenallan Street) report taken; 12:32 p.m.: investigation (Main Street) spoken to; 12:49 p.m.: general info (Mill Glen Road) summons served; 1:29 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 4:52 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) 209A issued to plaintiff; 5:13 p.m.: property lost (Forristall Road) info taken; 6:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Old County Road) spoken to; 6:47 p.m.: threats (Cedar Terrace) spoken to; 7:01 p.m.: ambulance (Madison Avenue) transport; 7:57 p.m.: noise complaint (Franklin Street) spoken to; 8:24 p.m.: general info (East Street) info taken; 8:27 p.m.: fire alarm (Sibley Road) false alarm; 9:44 p.m.: illegal burn (Franklin Street) spoken to; 9:55 p.m.: ambulance (Ash Street) transport; 10 p.m.: suspicious MV (Spruce Street) spoken to.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
 12:05-1:56 a.m.: building checks, secure; 5:42 a.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 6 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 6:01 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road) transport; 7:15 a.m.: assault (Juniper Street) report taken; 7:30 a.m.: suspicious person (Irving Station) assisted; 7:52 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 7:57 a.m.: ambulance (Old Centre) transport; 8:30 a.m.: missing person (Front Street) report taken; 9:18 a.m.: suspicious other (walk in) report taken; 11:13 a.m.: investigation (walk in) info taken; 11:15 a.m.: accident (Benjamin Street) report taken; 11:28 a.m.: suspicious other (Mechanic Street) info taken; 12:12 p.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive) unable to serve; 4:10 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 4:18 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 5:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Cumberland Farms) spoken to; 9:20 p.m.: harassment (Juniper Street) spoken to; 9:48 p.m.: transport (Gardner Road); 10:16 p.m.: summons service (Gardner Road) served; 11:25 p.m.: burglar alarm (Main Street) secure; 11:41-11:54 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:54 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich Drive) report taken.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
 12:03-2:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 5:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Juniper Street) gone on arrival; 6:55

a.m.: accident (Gardner Road) gone on arrival; 9:52 a.m.: larceny (Brown Street) report taken; 10:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Memorial School) removed to hospital; 10:25 a.m.: civil complaint (Krantz Road) report taken; 3:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Old Gardner Road) dispersed gathering; 3:50 p.m.: MV violation (Ready Drive) report taken; 4:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Road) assisted; 5:57 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 6:23 p.m.: extra patrols (Webster Street) services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: burglar alarm (United Parish) false alarm; 6:57 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Eli Drive) unable to locate; 7:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Gardner Road) report taken; 7:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street) refer to ACO; 7:35 p.m.: open door (Teel Road) secured building; 8:23 p.m.: automatic fire alarm (Ready Drive) services rendered; 9:01 p.m.: harassment (Highland Street) no PD service required; 9:05-9:27 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:13 p.m.: registration check (Central Street) info taken; 9:53 p.m.: accident (Teel Road) arrest: Jacob R. Tilleman, age 24 of 23 Bosworth Road, Winchendon: OUI-liquor and negligent operation of MV.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**  
 12:53-2:22 a.m.: building checks, secure; 6:21 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:45 a.m.: larceny (Brown Street) report taken; 10:27 a.m.: general info (Front Street) info taken; 10:31 a.m.: investigation (Main Street) spoken to; 12:30 p.m.: fraud (Hyde Park Drive) report taken; 12:36 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street) spoken to; 1:52 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 2:14 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 2:18 p.m.: assist citizen (phone) assisted; 2:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Beech Street) assisted; 2:50 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 3:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) assisted; 3:38 p.m.: threats (Cedar Terrace) report taken; 3:55 p.m.: road rage (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 4:07 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 4:31 p.m.: general info (Teel Road) refer to other PD; 4:50 p.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street) unable to serve; 4:51 p.m.: summons service (Countryside Motel) unable to serve; 5:01 p.m.: summons service (Maple Street) served; 5:08 p.m.: summons service (Winter Place) served; 5:14 p.m.: illegal dumping (Sibley Road) report taken; 5:33 p.m.: keep the peace (Metcalf Street) report taken; 5:35 p.m.: arrest (River Street) Adrian T. James, age 45 of 608 Brown St., Winchendon: based on warrant; 5:45 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) transport; 6:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive) refer to ACO; 6:49 p.m.: fraud (Sibley Road) report taken; 6:51 p.m.: trespassing (Hill Street) services rendered; 7:05 p.m.: parking violation (Maple Street) spoken to; 8:28 p.m.: DPW call (Beech Street) referred; 8:39 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 9:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Health Center) area search negative.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
 12:09-2:11 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 12:14 a.m.: MV oper-

ating erratically (Spring Street) gone on arrival; 1:08 a.m.: missing person (State East Road) refer to other PD; 6:03 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 6:21 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 7:30 a.m.: assist other agency (Ready Drive) returned to home; 8:39 a.m.: assist other PD (Eli Drive) assisted; 8:50 a.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 10:11 a.m.: investigation (Gateway Convenience) spoken to; 10:36 a.m.: accident (Front Street) report taken; 11:04 a.m.: suspicious other (Rite Aid) unable to locate; 11:17 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:39 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Front Street) no PD service required; 12:20 p.m.: traffic hazard (Grove Street) unable to locate; 12:40 p.m.: fraud (School Street) report taken; 2:52 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 3:32 p.m.: general info (Maple Street) refer to other agency; 3:59 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 4:25 p.m.: burglar alarm (Island Road) secure; 4:57 p.m.: suspicious person (Lake Denison) unable to locate; 5:21 p.m.: suspicious other (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 5:35 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 5:59 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 6:35 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Street) info taken; 8:20 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 8:31 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 8:49 p.m.: ATV complaint (Royalston Road North) spoken to; 8:53 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 10:12 p.m.: disturbance (McDonalds) message delivered; 10:16 p.m.: disturbance (Spruce Street) unable to locate; 10:47 p.m.: suspicious other (West Street) unfounded; 10:48 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 11:40 p.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock Avenue) secure.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
 1:07-2:45 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:18 a.m.: suspicious person (Beech Street) dispersed gathering; 7:50 a.m.: ambulance (Otter River Road) transport; 8:30 p.m.: general welfare check (Dunkin' Donuts) advised officer; 9:50 a.m.: property found (Central Street) returned to owner; 10:40 a.m.: animal complaint (Congress Road) gone on arrival; 11 a.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street) info taken; 12 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street) info taken; 2:08 p.m.: burglary B&E (Royalston Road North) report taken; 2:54 p.m.: ambulance (Monomac Road West) transport; 4:10 p.m.: officer wanted (phone) spoken to; 5:50 p.m.: suspicious MV (Baldwinville Road) secure; 6:42 p.m.: FD call (High Street) unable to locate; 8:14 p.m.: trespassing (Central Street) summons: Jessica Marie Paskvan, age 25 of 170 Lincoln St., Leominster: operating MV with license suspended; 8:29 p.m.: traffic hazard (Rte. 12) unable to locate; 8:34 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) secure; 9:19 p.m.: larceny (River Street) refer to other PD; 9:27 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) refer to other PD; 11:26 p.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road) transport.

## Fugitive due back in court next month

BY TARA VOCINO  
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Winchendon resident Brian Edward Lafrennie, age 29, of 24 Cross St., is ordered to return to court on Oct. 5 for a probable disposition hearing.

Lafrennie is being held on \$7,500 cash bail after he led police on a citywide and Route 2 manhunt last month.

Lafrennie was recently released from the Worcester County House of Corrections after a 2011 conviction for armed robbery, and a few weeks ago, at 11:36 a.m., he led police on a four-hour search after he was wanted for an alleged probation violation out of Worcester Superior Court, stemming from the armed robbery incident. He was captured around 4 p.m. later that day.

He is being held on charges on failure to stop for police, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violations.

The victim asked not to be identified, and she declined to comment on the timeline of events.

However, according to court documents, it began with a domestic dispute. Lafrennie was threatening an ex-girlfriend and forcing her to drive him to detox. After Lafrennie's probation officer called wanting to see him before 11 a.m. that day, she wanted Lafrennie to see his probation officer, but he was afraid he was violating his probation.

The victim indicated that she was afraid of someone parked outside of the store. She ran out of the car at Price Chopper at 560 Main St. in Gardner, ran into the grocery store, and dialed 911. Gardner Police Officer Thomas A. Neufell wrote in his narrative that Lafrennie was sitting in the passenger side and quickly hopped into the driver's side, accelerating quickly, when Neufell pulled up behind him and walked toward Lafrennie's car, which was parked right outside the door. He was driving a white

Chevrolet Malibu, the report states. Lafrennie was driving at about 60-miles-an-hour in a 30 miles-an-hour zone on Pearson Boulevard, entered the rotary and continued to pick up speed along Route 2 West. Police confirmed that Lafrennie has an expired license status.

Minutes after Gardner Police ended the highway chase due to safety concerns, Lafrennie crashed on Route 2 East and fled on foot into the woods near exits 23 and 24 on the Gardner-Westminster line.

His car hit a center median, and witnesses saw him hop a guardrail and run off into the woods. He was found near Maki's Building Center at 513 Betty Spring Road in Gardner, Neufell wrote. He was transported to Heywood Hospital for minor injuries from the car crash.

Lafrennie has hit the victim in the past, Neufell wrote.

While the Gardner Police initiated the search, the Massachusetts State Police helped them with Lafrennie's capture.

State Police Athol Barracks Station Commander Lt. Jerry Molet said they set up a perimeter around the area that Lafrennie fled, bringing in two canine units and a State Police helicopter to help them in the search. Lafrennie was found in the area of 195 Saunders St., Molet said.

Molet said they received several calls reporting a suspicious person close to where they were searching, and although it turned out to be false, the department appreciates those calls.

"There were a couple different sightings, but it turned out not to be him. We appreciate the fact that people took the time to call us," Molet said. "They were vigilant. The car chase lasted a few minutes, but the actual search lasted almost four hours."

Molet said the area spanned from half a mile to ¾ of a mile.

He said police manhunts are common, but the time of day for media deadlines and the Princeton murder nearby sparked everyone's interest this time around.

"The murder is still fresh on everyone's mind," Molet said. "Manhunts are common for subjects who are trying not to be apprehended. In most cases, they keep going until they are caught. But it depends on their demeanor and what they're wanted for."

Police Chief Neil Erickson commended the team effort of multiple departments to capture Lafrennie.

"The quick response from Westminster Police and area State Police, including State Police Air Wing, allowed us to contain the suspect in the industrial park area, which led to his apprehension," Erickson said. "Also the use of Facebook and Code Red notification system allowed us to get important information to the public and area residents alerting them to Be On The Lookout."

Police called off their search a second time before bringing in another canine team from the North Central Correctional Institution in Gardner when he was ultimately taken into custody. A tip came in from a lumberyard worker, who reported a suspicious man on the property, at Maki Building Center on Linus Allain Avenue around 4 p.m., Molet said.

Molet said Lafrennie is known to Gardner and Winchendon Police.

A Gardner police spokesman said Lafrennie was involved in armed robberies in Templeton, Gardner, and in the surrounding towns.

Winchendon Police Lt. Kevin Wolski said he has dealt with Lafrennie before, but he said he could not get into detail about his criminal record.

Wolski said the department's canine unit was requested, but the call was cancelled.

Westminster Police forwarded inquiries to the State Police Athol Barracks. They also continually posted updates on their Facebook page, as the chase was ongoing.

## Maxwell not indicted

BY TARA VOCINO  
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Thomas "Tommy" E. Maxwell was not indicted during a grand jury hearing in Worcester Superior Court on Friday.

His pre-trial hearing is continued to Oct. 28 in Winchendon District Court.

Maxwell was recently released from the Worcester County House of Corrections after his surety posted \$20,000 cash bail.

Donald O'Malley Jr., age 32, died following a struggle with family friend and next-door neighbor Maxwell, age 45, of 169 Spruce St., on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 6:48 p.m.

Worcester County District Attorney Communications Director Tim Connolly said on Monday none of the most recent grand jury reports included Maxwell's name.

"From time to time, the grand jury will hand up indictments to a Superior Court judge," Connolly said. "Once the indictments are reported to a judge, they become a public record."

Paul Jarvey, spokesman for the District Attorney's Office, said on Friday that the grand jury is a secret process.

"The only information we release are indictments and no bills," Jarvey said.

Maxwell said at his home on Friday he was not able to comment on the grand jury process.

The Clerk's Office did not have any dockets immediately available.

O'Malley's mother, Tawnee, said she presented their case to the grand jury on Friday.

"They basically just wanted to know what I saw," O'Malley said. "They already had my statement from that night."

O'Malley said they are still waiting for autopsy results and they hadn't come in, as of press time.

This weekend was also her son's birthday, so it was a difficult time for her and her family.

Maxwell said in an earlier interview that it was an accident, and he and O'Malley fell together side-by-side.

"It was an accident," Maxwell said. "No one threw punches. It was not a fistfight. I didn't kill him at all."

O'Malley said in an earlier interview Maxwell should not have been in jail.

She does not feel that Maxwell killed O'Malley intentionally. She said he was trying to guide him from relapsing. O'Malley was not supposed to be drinking since he was in a recovery program at AdCare in Worcester.

Neighbor Carl Russell of 158 Spruce St., who lives across the street, explained the turn of events that led to the alleged physical altercation in an earlier interview.

"Donald went to over to Tommy's house," Russell said. "Donald was tipping Tommy's glasses around. Tommy said, 'That's my beer that you drank.' He grabbed the beer back from him."

Russell said Maxwell said to leave his eyeglasses alone, saying, 'What are you going to do about it?' and he then got up in his face.

# OBITUARIES

## Robert Van Dyke, 66

RINDGE — Robert Van Dyke, age 66 was born on Sept. 18, 1949 and passed away on Monday, Sept. 12, 2016.

Robert was a resident of Rindge at the time of his passing.

In 1972 he graduated with a BS in economics & accounting with his senior thesis concentration on real estate in New Hampshire.

He was married to Kathleen Van Dyke.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 in the Jaffrey Bible Church. Burial will take place later at the Hillside Cemetery on Goddard Road in Rindge.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in support of Bob's favorite cause, Little Lambs International Christian Orphanage, PO Box 25, New Ipswich, NH 03071.

## Anita Y. (Thibault) Lambert, 93



WINCHENDON — Anita Y. (Thibault) Lambert, age 93, of 321 Maple St. died peacefully Monday, Sept. 19, 2016 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, with her family at her side.

She was born in Greenville, NH on Jan. 13, 1923, daughter of the late Adelard and Fedora (Caron) Thibault and was a resident of Winchendon since 1948.

Anita was a clerical worker at Honeywell Corporation in Brighton for 17 years until her retirement in 1985. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Winchendon Golden Age Club. Anita enjoyed bowling, traveling, playing cards with her friends and playing Bingo. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

Her husband, Edward J. Lambert, died in 1993. She leaves three daughters,

Mary A. Martin of Goffstown, NH, Rachel M. Wessell and her husband Norman of Orange and River Ranch, FL and Carol L. DeFeo and her husband Robert of Winchendon; five grandchildren, Wendy Roy, Kenneth Martin, Keith Martin, Matthew DeFeo and Gary Wessell, three great grandchildren, Benjamin, Kameron and Kendall and many nieces and nephews. Anita was the last living member of 16 children.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street are Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Restoration Fund, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon, MA 01475 or Winchendon Council on Aging, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon, MA 01475.

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## Merchant Marine veterans seeking members

REGION — American Merchant Marine Veterans, a nation-wide non-profit veterans' service organization, is seeking Merchant Mariners of all ages as members, to help it carry on its goals. AMMV was established in 1984 by primarily World War II veterans, who hoped to keep maritime history alive and work towards common interests, such as veterans' status. However, time has taken its toll on the original membership and AMMV needs to move into the future, while maintaining its goals and still preserving maritime history. You can help.

At AMMV, they are often asked the question: "What is a Merchant Mariner and what do they do?" Often historically ignored, they are the men and women who operate sup-

ply ships. They are the "drone bees" of the United States' shipping industry: in wartime, supplying everything necessary, from socks to airplanes to our battle-fronts and providing invaluable services at other times. Their motto is: "We deliver the goods in Peace and War."

Today, Merchant Mariners not only move cargo and passengers between nations and within the United States, but they operate and maintain deep-sea merchant ships, tugboats, towboats, ferries, dredges, excursion vessels, charter boats, and other waterborne craft on the oceans, the Great Lakes, rivers, canals, harbors, and other waterways.

WORLD WAR II: Before and during WWII, merchant ships experienced air, surface and submarine attacks ranging

from the early danger zones of the Atlantic, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean to the mid-Atlantic, Mediterranean, and the islands of the Pacific.

In total during WWII, more than 225,000 Merchant Mariners gave up their youths to serve our country, with over 9,000 men lost at sea; over 600 became POWs.

However, when the war ended, these men were not awarded veterans' status. This was finally accorded these men in 1988, some 43 years after WWII. Some feel that this was too little, too late for these aged men. They haven't given up, even though their numbers have dwindled drastically. They are still fighting with pending national legislative efforts.

POST-WWII CONFLICTS: Merchant Mariners played a

big part in the Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm conflicts, also. Perhaps not as dramatic as those of World War II, Mariner-manned sealifts were nonetheless vitally important to the cause.

In Korea, Merchant Marine sealifts supplied nearly 90 percent of the needed supplies to South Korea and evacuated hundreds of thousands of refugees from North Korea on ships like the SS Meredith Victory.

In Vietnam, "civilian" crews carried 95 percent of the equipment used by our Armed Forces, including bombs and ammunition, into combat zones under fire. Crew members were given Navy grades and rank identification in event of enemy capture.

In Desert Storm, more than 90 percent of the heavy equipment, ammunition, fuel

and other supplies for Desert Shield/Storm were carried by sealift.

Today, the U.S. maritime industry is in dire straits. American Merchant Marine Veterans is trying to help and supports pro-U.S. maritime laws and programs such as the Jones Act and others. In addition, AMMV is working hard to obtain veteran's status for Mariners who served in combat zones of the Korean, Vietnam, and Middle East conflicts.

AMMV is seeking younger Merchant Mariner members who are interested in not only publicizing maritime history, dating back to 1775, but helping it achieve its goals. For further information, please find them at [www.ammv.us](http://www.ammv.us), call the national office at (707) 546-6349 in Santa Rosa, CA, or email: [saaren@sonic.net](mailto:saaren@sonic.net).

## Chaplain's post not just ceremonial

BY GREG VINE

COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Father Michael Clements may be a Catholic priest, but he is quick to point out that his new role as chaplain for the Winchendon Police Department is nondenominational. "Father Mike," as he's known locally was recently appointed to the police department position after serving for some time in the same post for the town's fire department.

"My job isn't to convert anybody," he says, "it's to be an ear for anyone who needs it. It's not so much what you say or do, it's the fact that you're there."

In order to accept the position, Fr. Clements first had to receive permission from Worcester

Bishop Robert McManus. The bishop's okay was necessary, explained Fr. Clements, because he's taking on an additional ministry.

Fr. Clements is also the priest at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic church. He took over leadership of the Winchendon parish in July 2015.

He is a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD and was ordained in June of 2012.

Working with first responders comes naturally to the reverend. While attending St. Anselm College, he worked as a call firefighter and EMT in Goffstown, NH. In addition to acting as chaplain for the Winchendon police and fire departments, Fr. Clements has been chap-

lain of the Fitchburg Fire Dept. since the spring of 2013. He is a member of the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains.

Fr. Clements says working with police officers differs somewhat from his interaction with firefighters.

"I may work with individual firefighters but even individually they're reacting to something they've experienced as a group, especially when it comes to fighting fires. Police officers are scattered. They usually respond to incidents individually. When they're in their cruisers they're solitary. They may have an experience that they truly share with no one else."

The responsibilities of department chaplain go far beyond attending



Keith Hickey photo

Fr. Michael Clements, with Police Chief Dave Walsh, when he was appointed at a recent Board of Selectmen's meeting as police chaplain.

dedication or memorial ceremonies.

"I can be a resource for them," he says. "I can work with them. I can listen. Approachability is what makes the differ-

ence. If I have questions I may call Rev. Jim Tilbe (of Raynham), the Chief Chaplain of the Mass. Corps."

Fr. Clement explained that the Massachusetts

Corps of Fire Chaplains was formed shortly after six firefighters died fighting the Worcester Cold Storage and Warehouse Co. blaze in December 1999.

"A number of priests and ministers were called in to provide service in the wake of that event."

To become approachable, Fr. Clements explained, "I have to build trust. I've already been on some ride-alongs with officers and I hit different shifts at the fire department."

Fr. Clements is not a member of any particular order within the church, such as the Jesuits or Franciscans.

"I'm a diocesan priest or secular 'everyday priest'," he says with a smile.

## Fintech is changing money management for the better

Are you stressed about managing your money? Most of us are at one time or another. Whether you're trying to track your spending or invest spare change, fintech (financial technology) is here to ease your money worries. That's the promise of the entrepreneurs and engineers working in one of Silicon Valley's fastest growing industries.

Five Ways Fintech Can Help

Here are just a few examples of how fintech services could help you with your personal finances.

Budgeting easily and efficiently. There are budgeting apps that sync with your financial accounts to let you track your spending and savings in real time. You can even track spending in different categories, receive notifications when you exceed your budget and analyze the data to see where you spend most of your paycheck.

Saving money automatically. Apps can make it easy to grow your savings. Some services use algorithms to calculate how much you can afford to save, and then automatically transfer the money to your savings account.

Investing with minimal effort. Technology has made investing straightforward and inexpensive. Robo advisors are computerized investment management services that offer low fees, a simple setup and customized investment strat-

egies. Using a robo advisor, you can let a computer create and manage your investment portfolio with just a few clicks.

Getting paid back quickly. Say goodbye to post-meal negotiation as you and your friends try to split the check. Mobile apps linked to checking accounts let you send and receive money instantaneously.

Comparing loan offers. There are online services that allow you to enter your information once and receive loan offers from competing lenders. The shopping tools let you compare interest rates and terms, which could save you money over the lifetime of the loan.

You might also be benefiting from fintech developments without realizing it. For example, new technology could be powering your bank's online chat service or suspicious activity alerts.

Keeping Your Finances and Information Secure

Even if a new app or service seems reputable, it's important to take steps to safeguard your finances and personal information.

Always research an app or service. Search the name of the app or company



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and look for reviews. Positive reviews by major media outlets are usually a good sign that the service is considered reliable.

Improve your password security. Password protection is an important aspect of online security. Don't

use the same password for two accounts, financial or other, and try to use two-factor authentication, meaning someone can't log in with your password alone.

Use biometric authentication. Some banks offer biometric authentication that you can use to access your account from your phone. Rather than type in a password, the phone's camera or microphone can verify your identity with your fingerprint, eye, face or voice.

Enable location-based alerts. Geolocation tracking can add an extra layer of security to your account. With your permission, banks can use GPS data from your smartphone to help verify that you're with your card when it's used for a purchase.

Use several accounts. Keeping your assets in several accounts can help limit your risk. Even if one account is attacked, you'll have access to your other money while the financial institution looks into

the matter and makes you whole.

Bottom Line: Fintech is changing the way people save, spend, borrow and manage their money. Though there are important security risks to consider, these new innovative and intuitive services offer something for everyone.

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# SPORTS

## Mini-Devils defeat Mahar in season opener

BY BOB POLCARI  
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WINCHENDON — On a perfect evening for football, the Murdock Middle School football team kicked off its 2016 season on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Alumni Field under the lights. The Mini-Devils dominated from beginning to end using a stifling defense and an explosive offensive on their way to a 41-0 victory over a tough Senators team.

After a quick three and out by the Senators, the Mini-Devils took possession of the ball at their own 19 yard line. After being kept in check the first three plays from scrimmage, Murdock's high octane offense finally got rolling on fourth and one when Jack Polcari followed his blockers off the left side and then burst through the secondary on his way to a 72 yard touchdown and an early 6-0 lead. Corey Fasulo would kick his first of two extra points to increase the lead to 7-0.

Murdock's second series started at their own 30 yard line after the Senators were forced to punt again. After a couple of short inside runs, Justin Thira raced around the left end for 40 yards and the Mini-Devils were knocking at the door again. One play



Corey Fasulo headed for six points

Courtesy photo

later, Polcari would again find the end zone on a nice 24 yard counter off the right side. Once again, Fasulo would add the finishing touches with an extra point kick increasing the Mini-

Devils lead to 14-0. Polcari would tack on his third score of the game on the next offensive series of the game, racing 57 yards off the right side of the offense.

Nick Donahue would kick the extra point to increase Murdock's lead to 21-0 early in the second quarter. After another three and out by Mahar, the Mini-Devils put together

a methodical 12 play drive led by Ross O'Toole grinding out 55 yards on five carries and finished by Quentin Pridgen's one yard TD run to end the half up 27-0.

The second half was very similar to the first half with the Mini-Devils scoring on two of their four possessions. Fasulo would carry in a screen pass from 15 yards for the first score of the half and he would also add the two point conversion to put the Mini-Devils up 35-0.

Richard Anderson would cap off the scoring late in the fourth quarter on a two yard pass from Kevin Pesce to make the final score, Murdock 41, Mahar 0.

Murdock's offense accumulated a total of 456 yards of offense, with 415 yards coming on the ground distributed among eight different running backs. The Mini-Devils defense was stout all night allowing only two first downs and less than 40 yards of total offense.

The Mini-Devils were to play at Mohawk Trail on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and will then return to action at Alumni Field on Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 6 p.m. against Narragansett so mark it on your calendar to come out and support the Murdock Mini-Devils! Note that no admission is charged at the Middle School football game.

## Spanning eras

Let's start this way. I can probably count on two hands the number of times I've seen the Murdock scoreboard operating during afternoon soccer and field hockey games over the last dozen or so years, and that's a lot of games. A lot. There's no excuse for that. Those families are paying user fees and their games are just as important to them as the football games are to those families. I've been assured this will change and there will be an effort made to have the scoreboard running for day games. One can hope.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday night, ESPN aired a tribute to Dodgers play-by-play legend Vin Scully, who's retiring when the regular season ends next week. Think about this — when the nearly 90 year-old Scully began his broadcasting career, all with the Dodgers, in 1950, the manager of the then Philadelphia Athletics was concluding his own career. That my friends would be none other than Connie Mack, who was born in 1862 in the midst of the Civil War. So we have an announcer retiring in 2016 whose career briefly intertwined with a manager who was born 154 years ago. Baseball of course used to play a 154 game schedule. Earth-shattering news? No. Vaguely interest-

ing factoids? Well, to me at least, yes.

Talk about longevity. Scully started his career just three years after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier and the year before Bobby Thompson's home run. He broadcast Don Larsen's perfect game and has been in the booth for Dodger pitchers from Koufax to Kershaw. In 1950, Boston, Philadelphia, and St. Louis all had two teams. New York had three. There were no major league teams in Baltimore, Kansas City, or Milwaukee. Those would come in the next couple years. There was the first of three teams in Washington. Expansion to Florida, the Southwest, the West Coast? In 1950, I doubt Walter O'Malley or Horace Stoneham, owners respectively of the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants, were actively yet plotting their moves to California. MLB was comprised of 16 teams. The western-most destination? St. Louis, and you got there by train. As an aside, when the National League returned to New York in 1962, the Mets designed their uniforms to include both the Dodgers and Giants



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colors. Marketing 101. When Vin began 66 years ago, there was no discussion of a designated hitter. The All-Star Game wasn't determining home field advantage for the Series. In fact, there were two All-Star games back then, both played in July sunshine. The Series was played in October. Games started in sunshine and ended in twilight, usually at Yankee Stadium. Between 1947 and 1964 there were just two seasons, (1948, 1959) when there were no New York teams in the World Series. It's laughable to think about now, but when the Orioles and Pirates played a night game in the 1971 Series, that was supposed to be a one-time thing. No, really, it was. There was no need for a three-tier playoff structure nor was there instant replay, the latter of which has rendered those on-field arguments we used to love all-but extinct. I can only imagine what Earl Weaver and Billy Martin must be thinking somewhere.

66 seasons. Scully has seen the virtual demise of the complete game, the four man rotation and the rise of the one inning, sometimes one batter relief

specialist. Some teams now go with six-man rotations. In 1971, the O's had four 20-game winners. That will never happen again. No one gets enough starts to do that. In these last 66 seasons, Scully and the rest of us as we've grown have seen the rise of the cookie-cutter all-purpose artificial turf stadiums. Could any of you tell the difference between the stadiums in Cincinnati, Philly or Pittsburgh, etc? Then came the retro-baseball only parks, led by Camden Yards, which, to be sure, is a wonderful place to see a game and has been a boon for downtown Baltimore as have most of the other similar parks, but for me, it never had the charm of creaky, damp, obsolete- from-the-day-it-opened old Memorial Stadium. He's seen and we've seen indoor baseball from the-at-the-time-wonder of the Astrodome to the dump of Tropicana Field.

And through all these decades there have been other great broadcasters but Vin grown into a legend. I even sometimes stay up late just to hear him do an inning or so of Dodgers games. Now THAT is a tribute! He sure will be missed. See you next week.

## Lady Devils first half weakens in second

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Maybe it was because the bench was switched to the side of the field where the sun wasn't blinding. Maybe it was increased cohesiveness. Maybe it was a bunch of things but whatever the reason(s), the Murdock Lady Devils varsity soccer team played the West Boylston Lady Lions to a near standstill in the first half before weakening in the second stanza in a 3-0 home defeat last Thursday.

"Emily (Kiber-Pervier) did a good job in goal," said

coach Jason Marshall, who's been looking for a more or less permanent net-minder since practice began. Kiber-Pervier, who's never played the position before has been splitting time with Yolanda Lafrennie.

That first half saw Murdock take the game to the visitors and the Lady Devils had a chance to score in the last minute of the session when Maria Polcari broke free but West Boylston's defense recovered just in time. Kiber-Pervier turned away a Lady Lions chance with a solid kick-save.

As for moving the bench,

"you couldn't see anything from the other side. Nothing," explained Marshall, who said he's been thinking about making the change for a while.

While MHS has a lot of players, many of them are new to the game and many are young. Marshall reflected on his freshmen.

"Lexi Pare is one of the freshmen with some experience and shows us she'll be a good offensive player. Gabby Cote has good speed and no fear of mixing it up. She'll soon be a big contributor to the team's future."

"Yolanda Lafrennie is one of our two goalies. She has good potential and will see plenty of action. Breanna St. Pierre is a hard worker and is improving every day and is eager to learn new skills. Cassidy Stadfeld has high energy and lots of spirit. She's proving to be a valuable asset. Kara Vongchairueng is a late addition to the team. She's learning the game."

"Summer Turner is improving as a defender and might see

some offense as well. Katrina Young is a quick player who will soon be an offensive contributor."

In addition to the eight freshmen, there are 10 sophomores on the roster along with five juniors and five seniors.

"You like having younger players so you can continue to build your program. There are growing pains but we'll be better for it in the end and you can see improvement," the coach said.

Marshall's not the only one who liked what he saw

Thursday.

"I like the enthusiasm," senior Hanna Seghir said before Thursday's contest.

Added junior Hannah Turner, We're getting to be a better team every day. "And it's cool when you get tired, you can look over and see a lot of people on the bench and not be afraid to come out."

Murdock hosted Ayer Wednesday and hosts Trivium this afternoon with a 5 p.m. start time before visiting Narragansett Monday.

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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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# 40 children use playground during open house

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Twenty-one wristbands were sold and \$142 was raised during a Welcome Back barbecue for Project Playground at Toy Town Elementary School on Tuesday.

Parent Caitle Kelley, who donated \$20, likes how Project Playground is the community coming together to do something special for the community.

"I love that is a grassroots approach to the community," Kelley said inside the school. "It's not a corporation or an organized non-profit."

Kelley said parents,

some Parent Teacher Organization members, are coming together to improve the school community.

His nine-year-old daughter Reagan who is in 4th grade, said she has been playing on the structure for three years. She has been a student there for one year, but she lives nearby.

"It's really fun," Reagan said. "I enjoy it. I like the new 7-foot climbing structure — it's like a new spider web with rubber strings where you climb up onto it."

Her mother, Kayla Judd, said Project Playground is a great cause.

"We want our children to have a playground that

is safe to play on," Judd said. "The previous one wasn't in good shape, and much of it was closed off. I do not like seeing the graffiti. I didn't feel safe with her on it, but it was the only structure she could play on."

Sophia Boaster, age 8 and in third grade, was playing for 20 minutes with other 40 children outside when she said she loves the repaint on the structure.

"It's all pretty and blue," Sophia said.

However, they are not done yet.

"I think they should add more monkey bars," she said. "That'll be more of a challenge for me. My friend and me go down the double slides. I like

how we're going to get added stairs on both sides for added safety and the 'weird climbing thing,' as she calls it.

Sophia likes how they added stairs on both sides for added safety and the 'weird climbing thing,' as she calls it.

"It's really fun how they built the playground this time," Sophia said.

Her mother, Trisha Race, has had three other children who used the playground, Max, age 15, Andrew, age 13, and Mariah, age 20.

"Kids need to be able to run around, and not have it blocked off," Race said. "They did an amazing job. The slide was boarded up, and there was a lot of graffiti."

She said the process was fast. She drove by one day in June, and by

August, it was already ready.

Race said playing is vital to their learning.

"They need a base structure to play on to teach them coordination and sharing," Race said. "It helps the teachers deal with them for the rest of the day."

She explained when they get their energy out, it helps them to focus in class.

Mariah said the playground looks safer than when she played on it 12 years ago.

Morgan Eldredge, age 12, was playing on the zip line when she said the new structure was a huge change.

"The kids who go this school like it a lot,"

Morgan said. "There was all sorts of graffiti all over the place, but now, we have new equipment."

Her father David, of Chatham, saw how much more athletic she is become since playing on the playground.

"She loves basketball and American Ninja Warrior on Esquire Network," Eldredge said. "That came from her love of playgrounds. It inspires her to challenge herself."

She has gone playground hopping from Arizona, to Florida, Rhode Island, Colorado, and Vermont.

## Robotic enterprise brings students together

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Building a robotics program is a major goal for Murdock Middle School Assistant Principal Jess Vezina and last Friday, about a dozen students from the Winchendon School visited as discussions continued regarding how the local schools can work together to further that project.

"We were able to introduce the Lego Robotics League to our students and we're working to incorporate the program into our Engineering club which meets after school on Thursdays.

"The feedback from our teachers was positive," said Vezina.

Winchendon School IT director and robotics coach Pete Blais said he was

happy to have been able to bring his group to Murdock. "Anything we do can do to help we're happy to do that. Teaching younger students about robotics is essential in the 21st century."

Senior Cailyn Richardson was happy to be part of the tour group. "I've always been interested in engineering and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to be involved. I want to see more girls, well, boys too, get the same opportunity I've had," she said while adding she wants to use robotics and engineering to do cancer research.

Before the visiting students toured the middle school, Vezina delivered an overview of changes in the middle school and lauded the cooperation which already exists between the two schools.

"We're raising our academic stan-

dards," she stressed, adding that while many student face math challenges ("who doesn't?") she said wryly to appreciative laughter, the tutoring program run in conjunction with the Winchendon School is beneficial. Three days a week, prior to various extra-curricular club meetings, students spend from 2:05-2:40 doing homework. Winchendon School students have also been working with the art club at Murdock.

Vezina stressed the importance of the after-school program. "Kids and parents all get a lot out of it. Working parents obviously prefer the kids be involved in something rather than go home alone and some parents have even suggested ideas for after-school programs."

And while Vezina also mentioned some students have inquired about whether Murdock might think about

starting lacrosse, Friday was devoted to robotics and team-building as the Winchendon School students visited classrooms for the Lego League and team building activities.

Murdock teachers involved in the Lego League presentation included Andy Herrick, Nicole Landry, Bridget Marinelli, and Faye Wheeler. Those in the team-building project were Andrew Coleman, Wendy Cote, Cheryl Dufault, Cassie Maillet, Calvin Miller, Dave Orsini and Steph Rondeau.

"Our students were actively engaged and involved. We look forward to partnering more with the Winchendon School and other community members," added Vezina.

## Psychology of the paint palette

Perhaps nothing provides the "wow" effect as fast (or as cheaply) as redoing the walls of a room. After all, paint offers an easy and inexpensive means of transforming a living space — but that's not all. While paint can make a significant difference in a room's appearance, it can also make a difference in the mood of the people within those four walls.

Case in point: Several years ago prison officials discovered cell walls painted a bubble gum pink color calmed violent prisoners. Alexander Schauss, Ph.D., director of the American Institute for Biosocial Research in Washington, who was the first to research and report such evidence, stated: "Even if a person tries to be angry or aggressive in the presence of pink, he can't. The heart muscles can't race fast enough. It's a tranquilizing color that saps your energy. Even the color-blind are tranquilized by pink rooms."

Who knew slapping some paint on the wall could be so profound (or potentially dangerous)! For all those painting this season, here's a rundown on the psychology of paint.

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**Creative Color:** Want to foster your creativity? Try painting an office or work space light blue. Light blue also promotes imagination, inner security and confidence! Need to be more organized? Try pairing light blue with yellow, to stimulate the mind and help with organizational skills.

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**Deep Sleep:** Dark blue, however, tends to encourage deep and peaceful sleep, which makes the dramatic color ideal for a bedroom.

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**Diet Aid:** According to the Paint Quality Institute, medium blue is an appetite suppressant, so you might want to



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avoid using it in the kitchen or dining room, unless you're on a diet. In that case, a blue plate might just do the trick.

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**Bright and Brighter:** The color yellow is not only bright, it inspires mental brightness too! Yellow is associated with intelligence and expressive thoughts. Yellow is even credited with improving memory. If that's not enough to sell you on the color, yellow is a mood booster too! But with yellow a little goes a long way, and too much bright yellow can over stimulate the nervous system.

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**Chit Chat:** Aqua or Turquoise encourages communication, making it the perfect paint color for a teenager's room — or in a salesroom office where the deal is sealed.

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**Hunger Pangs:** It's no secret red inspires hunger, and many restaurants use the color psychology to whet a diners appetite. Red also increases the heart rate, energy and passion. But don't run off to buy a gallon of red yet. Studies show too much of some intense reds can cause irritability and anger. If you're using red in your room, try a darker shade of red, or try painting one wall to avoid becoming overwhelmed by the energetic color.

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**Spa Shade:** Green is considered a healthy color, fostering comfort, relaxation and a sense of wellness. Green is a good choice for a bathroom, sun porch or reading nook. On the other hand, lighter shades of green such as mint green, can refresh and invigorate the mind. Darker greens, however, add a sense of calm to the decor and are another favorite bedroom color.

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**Bust the Blues:** Depressed? Try painting your walls orange, or at least a workable shade of orange, such as peach or terracotta. Orange is the top mood

booster, according to experts. Orange fights depression and cultivates good humor. The powerful energy of orange even promotes the capacity to forgive!

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she acknowledged.

Participants were divided into smaller groups of six and though none knew it at the outset, the session would end with the group performing on stage at the historic venue.

"We had no idea that was coming. Being on stage at the Globe was really cool," she enthused.

Before that, though, "we really dug into the text, even analyzing syllables," recounted Rondeau, who added she returned with lots of ideas for the middle school's Shakespeare production this year.

"We even took voice lessons. We got to talk to actors and directors. We saw multi-cultural casts in some presentations, which certainly wasn't the case back then," Rondeau remarked and since 2016 marks the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death there were also lots of history lessons, including of the city and theatre.

In addition, there were discussion regarding the history of his plays. The consensus? MacBeth was likely real but Banquo fictional. There was a reason for these discussions.

"We want to use critical analysis in class," she explained. "We talked about how we can use what we did in the summer in our classrooms this year. I've kept in touch with people and we can draw on each other," she said, adding, "it was a great professional development summer."

Everything about the experience was historical. Rondeau and others stayed in apartments at Kings College and had the opportunity to attend numerous plays while enjoying the city.

"It was exhausting but exhilarating," she summed up.

**WATER**

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gallons a year, with Ashburnham drawing 15,600,000 annually. These figures are for public water users only, and do not account for all the water taken from the ground by private residences which supply their own water via private wells.

Gallant did add, "We know for a fact, the average residence or home owner who uses public water in Winchendon uses an average of 330 gallons per day, per home, at 2,100 customers consuming 700,000 gallons per day."

When adding town residents who have private wells, Winchendon's annual water use exceeds well over 50 million gallons annually.

While these daily numbers may sound high to some, consider as an example a family of four or five all the gallons it takes for bathing or showering, doing laundry, washing dishes, personal consumption and more. Those 330 gallons add up quickly not even including those who watered their lawns right up through June and July on the previous "Odd/Even" water ban.

Until this situation became an issue, having the pipe located four feet above the lake bottom was adequate; with enough covering water to prevent "cavitation", a

situation where the induction of air and not water is a direct threat to the pumps at the plant.

Previous information provided by Ashburnham Water Commissioners showed roughly nine inches of water above the intake pipe, close to the cavitation point. Upon reviewing drawings of the system, however, it seems there is much more water above the intake pipe, but other factors may be of importance based on math and seasonal change.

As the intake opening is four feet above the lake bottom, there is a 72 inch or six foot buffer zone of water above the inlet pipe opening known as the theoretical minimum lake level. Above that, is the nominal lake level, which is supposed to be 23 inches higher than the minimal. As of last week the lake was currently 27.5 inches below normal, placing water users "nearly five inches into the minimal level zone." Knowing the lake has dropped an additional 6.5 inches in one month, the water is now 67 inches above the pipe.

While that may sound within safe levels, if the lake continues to lose six inches or more per month, and water freezing in winter loses the capability of being drawn into the pipes another foot or more of viable water could also be lost. A cold winter could mean, according to Testagrossa, the possibility of

the pipe itself freezing shut, which would mean no more water.

"While there is no way of confirming this would happen, it is a valid concern if the lake level gets too low," said Testagrossa.

Boston news stations reported Ashburnham did pick up 4.25 inches of rainfall over the weekend, but that added only about one-half inch to the overall lake level.

Testagrossa via telephone said, "Again awareness is key. We will do everything we can here to monitor and keep people updated of the situation, but those using the water need to do everything they can to conserve. Just because winter is coming doesn't mean we are out of trouble."

In closing Gallant emphatically expressed, "People really need to know that they all seriously need to make a very strong effort to adhere to the restrictions of the full water ban. This is bad, and even if you don't have town water, all that water in the ground is eventually connected somewhere, and having a private well does not make you immune to running out of water as we are already getting calls from residents in Winchendon saying their wells have run dry. We are all asking 'Everybody' to do please do their part and please help conserve water as much as humanly possible!"

**OLD HOUSES**

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they've heard and we've put together a story and we really think it does go all the way back to the 1830s or for sure the 1840s."

Beaman referenced the Lois Greenwood book, "The Winchendon Years, 1764-1964", noting, "the part of the book that talks about our place is, we think, fairly accurate. Maybe not every detail, but a lot of it. We do think there was a hotel here once. We really do think there was some kind of dance hall for people who weren't that religious so we know there wasn't a church here. I don't know where she did all her research or who she talked to or who they talked to, but we know this property has been a lot of things," he said.

As best as can be determined, not only was there a dance hall for the-at-the-time alleged heretics, that

was, naturally a bar as well.

"That would make sense," Beaman acknowledged. Both were reported to be on the third floor.

"Maybe they were trying to keep out of sight?" Beaman laughed.

By all indications, shortly after the Civil War, or at least sometime between the end of the war and 1883, there was a Jonathan I. McColley who appeared to have run a general store, joined some years after by his sons, hence the J.L. McColley and Sons business name. John Dunbar and Joseph Watson, the latter a former minister, were also believed to have had dry good establishments on or very near the property.

In addition to the general store, McColley also ran a livery stable as well. Perhaps a horse from last week's featured Sargent house made its way to the Glenallan livery?

"If you look around, there's plenty of room here for a stable. The garage (which is connected to the bait

shop) is plenty big."

Sometime after the turn of the century in the early 1900s, the store moved to 31 Central St.

"I think that family, the McColeys, might have built the front porch but no one seems quite sure," suggested Beaman, whose family also owned what was once called a tenement building at the end of the current driveway to the bait shop.

"There were six families or so living there," he remarked.

"That was owned by my father," he pointed out, "but I don't remember what he paid for it."

Beaman has lived his entire 66 years in one of the two houses on the property and his brother has the other house.

"Most people don't live in the same place their whole lives but most people don't live in so historic a place, either," he said.

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# Another night to remember: the historic Casino



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Beloved roulette croupier Don Comeau at his post.

WINCHENDON — The Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center now has two museums to maintain, and hosts numerous programs throughout the year. Staffed by volunteers, the work is never ending and with the mission to maintain and preserve the history of the town as well as to provide a cultural repository for generations to come; the fundraising is always an important part of continuing work. This was a big year for the “party”, and one of the most successful. Always held in September, plans for a spectacular version for next year are already in the works.



WHCC volunteer Rebecca Blatz is multi-talented, as she proves behind the blackjack tables as a dealer. On Wednesdays you'll find her hard at work as curator's assistant.



Enjoying an evening of friendship and fun, Michele Comeau, Mark Desmarais, Kevin Gauthier, Cathy Desmarais and Lisa Gauthier.



Mark Shaughnessy and Janet Corbosiero share a laugh.



WHCC Vice President Peg Corbosiero served as greeting hostess for the evening.



Terry and Tammy St. Pierre decked out for the evening.



WHCC President Don O'Neil takes a break to try the one armed bandit; which was entirely for fun only. Oh well, a handful of fake coins looked like a grand prize!



Pretty Danielle Sroczyński volunteered to help with waitstaff duties. Tino and Gio O'Keefe were also hard at work doing the passing.



The historic Orange Whitney house has hosted parties from Senators to political hopefuls of various stripes, but the nine Casinos have crowded the house most successfully. Next year marks the 10th, and will include some historic surprises of its own.

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Winner of the 6-to-9-year old category, Gwen Roszko, age 8, of Springfield, dove into a chocolate éclair pie, which took her a few minutes to eat.

Gwen was surprised, because she has never won anything.

The winnings were all over her face. "I couldn't use my hands," Gwen said. "I'll definitely be taking a bath tonight. It's all over my face and nose."

Gwen said the vanilla and chocolate custard was excessively sweet.

Meanwhile, winner of the 10 to 14-year-old category Corey Fasulo, age 13, of Winchendon, noted his pineapple pie was not sweet.

His lower face was pie-smearing in a few minutes.

Corey is looking forward to spending his \$25 cash prize.

"I'll probably spend it on snacks and lunch," Corey said.

Three-time winner Austin Fountaine, age 16, of Winchendon, won in the 15-to-18-year-old category.

Austin said his secret is finishing the pie in three to five bites.

And he did not taste the flavor of the chocolate éclair.

Like Corey, he is also looking forward to spending his money.

"I'll use it for new parts for my Mongoose freestyle BMX bike," Austin said.

Bernabe Angulo won in the 19-to-49-year-old age category.

Angulo said it was a good taste.

And Mark Kenny won the 50-plus category.

After Whiskey Johnson played some

more tunes, Police Officer Jim Wironen gave a 20-minute demonstration with his 2-year-old shepherd, Clyde.

Wironen explained Clyde is trained in evidence recovery, breaking and entering, tracking, finding drugs, and apprehending suspects.

He asked the audience to stay back, but assured them he knows the difference between suspects and innocent people.

Everyone wants to see him bite, Wironen said.

"He'll hold onto someone until I tell him to let go," Wironen said. "He'll bite and hold, as to minimize injury. When you watch videos of canines apprehending people that way, it's because they're taught to do that."

Wironen said Clyde found his wife's wedding ring in their backyard.

"It's unbelievable what he can do," he said. "He's a curious dog."

After the demonstration, Amy Nguon, of Winchendon, was surprised at his strength.

"I liked the obedience to his handler," Nguon said. "And how he can decipher between the two different types of people and which ones he should go after - the bystanders and the suspects."

She owned a German shepherd, Sheba, who was by her side until she was 10. Her sister also owned Ozie, a shepherd, until a neighbor dropped a boulder onto his head, killing him.

Nguon now owns Lou Lou, age 9, a light brown rescue pug.

"My family are all dog lovers," Nguon said. "I enjoyed the show and the dedication the animal and the handler has."

Also in the audience, Jennifer Abare, of Winchendon, said she is surprised at



Photos by Keith Kent and Greg Vine

Corey Fasulo, age 13, of Winchendon, throws up his hands in victory after winning the pie-eating contest for his age category during the fall festival on Saturday.

Clyde's force and how hard he pulled. "The officer did a good job training him," Abare said. "The dog is very smart."

A little while later, Rebecca Blatz, of Winchendon, won first place in the pie baking contest.

Blatz used about 15 red Macintosh apples and green Granny Smith apples, cinnamon, sugar and nutmeg.

She said her secret was to keep everything hot for the entire process.

It took 45 minutes to make the pie-crust and filling and another 45 minutes to bake.

Second place went to Nicole Landry, who has won in the past.

Molly Michelson, age 6, won third place in the pie-baking contest.

She used coconut oil, coconut flour, apples, cinnamon and brown sugar.

She said it took an hour to peel, an hour to cut the apples, five minutes to mix it, and 35 minutes to bake it.

Her mother, Angelaa, said Molly made the pie herself, adding she can taste the coconut.

"She used all organic ingredients," Michelson said.

Molly said she is happy that she won third place.

Across the field, children painted pumpkins.



The ultimate Fry Daddy: George Bousquet at the Kiwanis food booth.

Winners were Ashley Williams, age 6, Madelyn Santos, age 9, Madison Rand, age 9, Nicole Arzola, age 11, and Raulianiz Arzola, age 12.



Gwen Roszko, age 8, digs her face into a chocolate éclair pie during the fall festival on Saturday.



Molly Michelson, age 6, eats her pie after winning third place in the pie-baking contest at the fall festival on Saturday.



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The Parks & Rec Commission provided pumpkins for painting, and awarded prizes to the best of the best.



# LEGALS

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated as of June 18, 2007 (the "Mortgage") given by John Coderre, Trustee of School Street Trust to GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at Book 41339, Page 103, which Mortgage was assigned to Sutherland Asset I, LLC (the "Mortgagee") by a certain Assignment of Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement effective as of December 10, 2013 and recorded with the Registry at Book 51908, Page 133, of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 (the "Sale"), upon the mortgaged premises, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit: That certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of School Street, Rte. #12, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land Prepared for Pauline L. Coderre, Winchendon, MA, February 27, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA" recorded with the [sic] Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 704, Plan 60, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most southerly corner thereof, at an iron pin in the northeasterly line of School Street, Rte. #12, at a corner of other land now or formerly of Pauline L. Coderre, being shown as Lot "2" on the aforementioned plan; thence N 43-48'-05" W, 212.02 feet to a point of curvature; thence northwesterly and northerly by a curve to the right having a radius of 117.00 feet, a length of 151.92 feet to a corner of other land now or formerly of Pauline L. Coderre, being shown as Lot "1" on the aforementioned plan, the preceding two courses being by said road line; thence N 67-51-31" E, 420.00 feet; thence S 64-11'-17" E, 174.04 feet to an iron pin at a corner of land now or formerly of the first mentioned Coderre and Lot "2", the preceding two courses being by said Coderre land and Lot "1"; thence S 43-04'-37" W, 160.00 feet to an iron pin; thence S 23-04'-37" W, 110.00 feet; thence S 48-04'-37" W, 200.00 feet to an iron pin in the northeasterly line of School Street, Rte. #12, and the point of beginning. Containing 2.640 acres or 115,000 square feet.

Shown as Parcel 2 in that certain deed recorded at Book 37063, Page 287. Property Address: 703 School Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475 Assessor's Plat/Lot: 1-0-237

The mortgaged premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that same are in force and applicable, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, existing encumbrances, and all other claims in the nature of liens, now existing or hereafter arising, having priority over the Mortgage, if any there be. The mortgaged premises will also be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

A deposit of **Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** shall be required to be paid to the Mortgagee by certified check or bank cashier's check (cash will not be accepted) at the time and place of the Sale, which deposit shall be increased to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the highest bid at the Sale, which increased deposit amount is to be paid within seven (7) days of the date of the Sale. The balance of the purchase price at the Sale is to be paid to the Mortgagee by certified check, bank cashier's check, or federal funds wire transfer such that it is actually received by the Mortgagee within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Sale, **with time being of the essence.** The Mortgagee may, at its option, either sell the mortgaged premises to the second highest bidder at the sale of the mortgaged premises or assume the highest bid should the highest bidder fail to fulfill the highest bidder's obligations under the sales agreement to be entered into with the Mortgagee immediately after the sale. In the event that the highest bidder defaults under such sales agreement and the Mortgagee sells the mortgaged premises to the second highest bidder, the Mortgagee may, at its option, assume the second highest bid should the second highest bidder fail to fulfill its obligations under such sales agreement. No such assumption of the highest or second highest bid or sale of the

mortgaged premises by the Mortgagee to such second highest bidder shall relieve the highest or second highest bidder, as applicable, from its obligations under such sales agreement nor operate as a waiver by the Mortgagee of its rights and remedies against the highest or second highest bidder.

THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS" AND WITH ALL FAULTS, LATENT OR PATENT, AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR IMPOSED BY LAW AND SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to credit bid at the sale of the mortgaged premises and to postpone the sale by auctioneer's public proclamation. The Mortgagee further reserves the right to change terms of sale at the sale or to add additional terms and to qualify some or all bidders.

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

SUTHERLAND ASSET I, LLC,  
Present Holder of the Mortgage,  
By: Its Attorneys,  
Riemer & Braunstein LLP  
Alexander G. Rheau, Esquire  
Riemer & Braunstein LLP  
3 Center Plaza  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-523-9000

September 16, 2016  
September 23, 2016  
September 30, 2016

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)

September 23, 2016  
Town of Winchendon  
109 Front Street  
Winchendon, MA 01475  
Telephone (978)-297-0085  
Fax 978-297-1616  
khickey@winchendon.town.ma.us

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

No earlier than October 1, 2016 the Town of Winchendon will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purpose of the following project:

**FY2016 Winchendon-Ashby Community Development Program - Walnut Street Infrastructure Project.** Repair of a local road including street repaving, sidewalk repair, and replacement of drainage, water supply and sewer equipment.

• **Winchendon-Ashby Housing Rehabilitation Program.** Rehabilitation of 12 housing units in the towns of Winchendon and Ashby, Massachusetts. Improvements will include repair and/or replacement of basic building systems, lead and hazardous material abatement, removal of architectural barriers, and corrections to sanitary and building codes violations.

• **Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program.** The project will involve providing home heating fuel assistance to income-eligible residents of Winchendon and Ashby and will involve direct services to the target population of low and moderate-income residents. This will be determined through a self-declaration on an income verification form and other income documents, and all participants will meet the LMI/ HUD definition included in this year's application. Public Social Services are exempt activities, which refer to a category of activities for which no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact under NEPA is required, except in extraordinary circumstances (see Sec. 58.2(a)(3)) in which a normally excluded activity may have a significant impact. No further action is required of a community for these projects and a drawdown may be undertaken without any further documentation (DHCD, Chapter 10, page 21).

The Walnut Street Infrastructure Project is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program is a Public Social Service which is an exempt activity, that refers to a category of activities for which no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact under NEPA is required, except in extraordinary circumstances (see Sec. 58.2(a)(3)) in which a normally excluded activity may have a significant impact. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Selectmen's

Office, Town of Winchendon, 109 Front St, Winchendon, MA and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with prior arrangement by calling (978) 297-0085.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Winchendon Board of Selectmen. All comments received by October 6, 2016 will be considered by the Town of Winchendon prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Winchendon Board of Selectmen certifies to DHCD that Keith Hickey, in her official capacity of Environmental Certifying Officer, consents to the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The DHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Winchendon to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The DHCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Winchendon's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Winchendon;

The Town of Winchendon has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;

The grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the DHCD; or Another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1054 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 55.76) and shall be addressed to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact the DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Keith Hickey  
Environmental Certifying Officer  
Town of Winchendon  
c/o Board of Selectmen  
109 Front St  
Winchendon, MA 01475  
September 23, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael L. Maghakian to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 23, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35410, Page 188 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 is the present holder by assignment from New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 dated May 31, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47468, Page 295; and corrective assignment from New Century Liquidating Trust successor-interest to New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 dated February 9, 2016 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54972, Page 283, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Munroe Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on October 20, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with buildings and other improvements thereon, situated on the southerly side of Munroe Street, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING: at an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street at land now or formerly of Merida O. Tardiff; THENCE: southerly on said Tardiff land, 129.5 feet to land or formerly of

E. Murdock Company; THENCE: easterly on line of said E. Murdock Company land, about 83 feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of one Beals;

THENCE: northeasterly on line of said Beals land and land now or formerly of one Spellman, 145 feet to an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street; THENCE: westerly on said southerly line of Monroe Street, 123.25 feet to the place of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23330, Page 72.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500

Maghakian, Michael, 15-023812,

September 16, 2016, September 23,

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## (SEAL)

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

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**ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

Francis C. Gordon and Anne-Mari Gordon

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C. App.

§ 501 (*et seq.*):

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Alternative Loan Trust 2003-14T1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-32

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchester, numbered 8 Blossom Hill Road, given by Francis C. Gordon and Anne-Mari Gordon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated May 30, 2003, recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39438, Page 498, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before October 17, 2016, or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 31, 2016.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

September 23, 2016



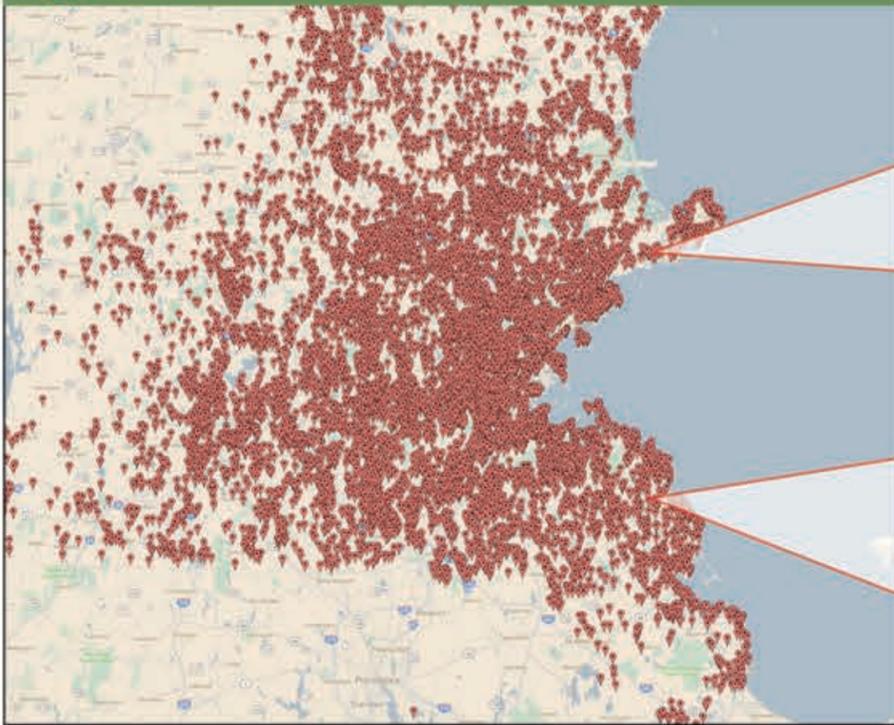
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