

## Cub Scouts learn community service early on

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Cub Scouts in Troop 193 helped to clean up GAR Park early Saturday.

About 10 Scouts dug up rocks and weeds to prepare for summer flowers that the Garden Club will plant around the gazebo.

Charlie Savage, age 10, found several types of trash — bottle caps, plastic wrappers, beads, wet ones — and placed them in a trash pile so it can be taken away.

He said they can't plant the flowers now, because they have to wait for a steady flow of rain.

"I can't wait to see what flowers they'll put in here," Savage said.

He commented on why he volunteered.

"The basic message is for us to enjoy helping the town and cleaning up trash that shouldn't be there," Savage said. "Someone has to do it."

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Tara Vocino photos  
Ten-year-old Charlie Savage said the message was to enjoy helping the town when he and other Cub Scouts cleaned up GAR Park early Saturday.

## Changes for White's Mill project

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Seventeen months ago, Brandywine Farms of Royalston announced it had purchased the 100,000-square-foot mill building complex in Winchendon Springs known as White's Mill, along with the 54 acre parcel on which it sits. At the time, owners John and Amelia Giovanoni announced plans to transform the complex, which had been home to sports equipment manufacturer Mylec, into what they billed as the largest indoor farm.

The agricultural concern would employ both aquatic and hydroponic farming strategies. Electricity would be supplied by a hybrid cogeneration and hydro-electric power plant. Sharing space in the home of one-time denim-maker White's, would be a "farm-to-table" restaurant, apartments, housing for farm workers, and small business office space. Opportunities for non-motorized water sports and hiking would be provided. There are also plans for an organic brewery, a country store specializing in local-

ly-made or -grown goods, a fruit orchard, and a farmers market. In addition, there are plans for the construction of a large solar array at the southern end of the parcel.

At the time, Winchendon resident and former project manager Eric Sawyer, boasted the development would become a destination for regional tourists. He was quoted as saying he was glad to see the complex developed "into a significant community asset."

Amelia Giovanoni now says the project has grown from a \$6 million effort to a \$30 million undertaking.

Representatives for Brandywine met recently with Town Manager Keith Hickey and out-going building inspector Paul Blanchard to discuss changes in the endeavor.

The biggest alteration has to do with the farm which, according to Giovanoni, will not longer occupy space in the old mill building. Instead, she says, work on a large greenhouse, which will be attached to what is known as Building

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## Quick action protects consumers as coolers malfunction

BY TARA VOCINO  
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WINCHENDON — The dairy case and frozen food freezers malfunctioned for a week at Central IGA Supermarket recently.

According to front end supervisor Tiffany Cranfill, employees did their duty in making sure customers knew.

"While we were emptying out

the shelves for a couple of days, the shades were down when items were on the shelf, but not for sale," Cranfill said. "We also put signs in large lettering and on multiple sheets of paper that, "the dairy cooler is broken. Sorry for the inconvenience."

Cranfill said they heard the fans rattling and quickly knew something was wrong.

She said they accommodated

customers as much as possible.

"We got them what they needed out back," Cranfill said. "And we made sure they didn't take it off the shelf, but some people probably still grabbed it."

They had milk, sour cream and creamer available out back.

Kathy Jalbert of Winchendon, was one of the customers who asked for milk.

"That was the right way to handle it, but maybe they could have put up a sign at the register saying more items were available out back, because I almost walked out since I didn't know," Jalbert said.

Jalbert has not had any issues with food temperature.

Cranfill said the freezer was more than 15 years old and just broke.

"I don't know what inside it was broken, but we didn't have to install a whole new unit," Cranfill said. "The refrigeration guy, who owns his own business, fixed it in a few hours."

She estimated there were seven pages of inventory, and a couple thousand dollars in net loss.

Cranfill said they did not receive complaints, just customers asking for dairy prod-

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Tara Vocino photo

A large amount of inventory had to be discarded, fresh dairy items were provided from a cooler in the back room by workers to those who asked, as both the freezers and a cooler broke down at the IGA recently.



Morgan St. Pierre photos

The indoor pool and jacuzzi, added in the '80s, is a unique feature of the Sargent house. Attorney David LaPointe is now using the loft above the pool as his office; calling it the Lawft.

## Sargent house has stately history

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Dating back over a century, it's known as "the Sargent house," that stately mansion on the corner of Central and Monadnock avenues and today the Courier launches a series on historic old houses around town.

The home at 518 Central has belonged to David and Danielle LaPointe since July who acquired the house from Jack and Pam Blair who had owned it since 1998. It is comprised of almost 3,900 square feet throughout three floors and includes a wrap-around front porch visible to all who drive by.

Danielle LaPointe did a good deal of research on the house and learned that in 1900 a woman named Elisha Murdock, presumably of "the" Murdock family sold the property to a Mrs. Lola Henry who didn't keep possession for very long. She in turn sold to Eaton Sargent on July 5, 1905, but two years passed before the Sargents actually moved in, though the reasons are unclear.

Cars weren't quite yet fully

in vogue and Dave LaPointe noted, "this place even has the original carriage barn where the horses used to clatter down to what became Central Street" and on the cement floor of that garage, Sargent's name circa 1910 was inscribed.

"Think about that. Think about the history here," said Dave.

The residence might be known as the "Sargent House," but the Sargents didn't live in it all that long. By 1921, William Hazlitt, general manager of the Morton E. Converse company had taken ownership and he was followed by a succession of owners through the ensuing decades until Thomas and Ellen Wombwell bought the house in 1980.

They installed one of the home's most popular features — the 30 foot indoor pool and fixed up that aforementioned barn as well since there was no need to use it for horses.

"A south facing window wall was created to provide a sunny experience year-round," noted Danielle, adding, "the windows were

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## Smith's wins new accolades

BY KEITH KENT  
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WINCHENDON — Smith's Country Cheese is proud to announce the awarding of five medals in four different categories at the 2016 cheese judging of the Eastern States Exposition known to many as the Big-E in Springfield.

SCC took the top honors with a Gold medal in the Swiss Styles category with their Smith's

Farmstead Gouda-aged Gouda.

SCC also proudly took four Bronze medals in the following categories: "Cheddar- aged up to 12 months" with Smith's Farmstead sharp Cheddar, "Flavored Hard Cheese" with Smith's Farmstead Gouda with salsa, and the category of "Flavored Soft Spreads" winning two separate Bronze medals with Smith's Farmstead

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Keith Kent photo

The variety of cheese at Smith's has won numerous awards



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### WEEKLY QUOTE

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

- Abraham Lincoln

# Staff in place for beginning of year

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — School began earlier this week, but last week was a busy one as well, especially Thursday when the entire educational staff gathered in Murdock's auditorium for a part pep rally and part getting-down-to-business morning session.

While there were moments of laughter and joking, the underlying theme was clear as Superintendent Steve Haddad stressed the district is on a path to be a level one school.

"No one wants to work at a level three school,

and we can get to level one if we work together, all of you, all of us, and we're making progress. One day this summer, I ran into a teacher at Hannaford's, who told me they can feel the energy. So can I," he told the staffers who packed the auditorium and offered a sustained round of applause when he noted, "we have a new business office which will be accessible to all of you."

High school Principal Josh Romano recalled a discussion he had during the summer while on National Guard duty, and the colonel he was talking to had served several tours in Afghanistan.

"He said he couldn't do your job," Romano told the assembled teachers. "I talked to a bunch of guys. They were doing pretty serious things. We were training to do search and rescue, leaning how to pull people out of rubble after things like earthquakes, and these people were all fascinated by what we do here in school. One guy, who's worked on nuclear projects, said our jobs are harder than his, maybe not physically but mentally."

"It takes a lot of emotional strength and mental resiliency to teach. So don't let anyone ever tell you your job is easy

because you get summers off. There really is a lot of respect for you out there," he added.

Middle school Assistant Principal Jess Vezina noted wryly, "it's been one crazy summer, but a good crazy summer" as she enthused about her expectations for the new year.

School committee Chair Danielle LaPointe told the teachers and staff, "we're grateful you have chosen to spend your time with us and with our students." But, she added, "parents though, are frustrated at what they perceive to be a lack of communication between these buildings

and them. We need to change that."

"We will be a sought after district where people will want to come here and stay here and live here," she asserted.

Haddad followed LaPointe and emphasized the importance of communication. "We've created a vision but we need to get that vision out there," he acknowledged, explaining post cards with school information will be mailed to town households and said the administrative team will be making visits to area businesses to introduce themselves and try to build a rapport with them.

"We're a different Winchendon public school system than we were last year," Haddad said.

Added Romano, "Steve has a vision. We all have a vision. We all need to work together to make it work."

New high school teachers include Cody Arrington (music/band), Cory DeLaGorgendiere (math), Gretchen Lafferty (SE math), Anya Jacobs (art/spanish) and Dylan Gamache (science). Newly starting on the middle school faculty are Melissa Woolfrey (math/science), Sarah Moore and Andrew Coleman (social studies).

# New director named at Visitation House

WORCESTER — Visitation House, a Worcester based home for women in crisis pregnancies welcomes Veronica Hachey as its new director of operations and human resources.

Hachey is a non-profit management professional with more than 20 years of organizational and community leadership, program management, human resources and client management experience. Her passion is helping and empowering

people to reach their highest potential, and serving multi-cultural individuals within the community. Prior to coming to Visitation House Inc., she served as executive director of Dress for Success Worcester where she was responsible for the strategic leadership and operational management of the organization's efforts to promote economic independence of disadvantaged women. Hachey was the recipient of the Action Hero award from the Worcester Community Action Council for dedicated commitment to serving disadvantaged women.

"I am pleased to announce the newest member to our Visitation House family," said Evelyn Lindquist, executive director of Visitation House.

"Veronica has outstanding knowledge, experience and resources to help residents at Visitation House navigate their lives as new mothers while they successfully transition back into their communities as stronger families," she added.

"I am thrilled to join the Visitation House team," said Hachey, "and look forward to helping the residents and their babies feel nurtured and confident for a more hopeful future."

Please welcome Hachey by "friending" her on our Visitation House Facebook page or visit our website at [www.visitationhouse.org](http://www.visitationhouse.org)

Visitation House is a home of compassion, support and empowerment for pregnant women in-crisis located in

Worcester. Founded and operational since 2005, Visitation House has welcomed 230 mothers and new babies by providing clean and safe housing; healthy meals; life-skills, pre/post-natal and career classes, along with 24x7 support to help each mother care for herself and her baby with grace, dignity and the hope of self-sufficiency for her growing family.

Visitation House is a 501c3, non-profit and operates solely on private donations. Donations may be made directly to Visitation House at 119 Endicott St., Worcester, MA 01610 to the Attention: Eve Lindquist, Executive Director, (508) 798-0762 or at <http://www.visitationhouse.org>.



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# Middle school welcomes new arrivals

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WINCHENDON — A whole new group of sixth graders began middle school earlier this week but before they arrived, administrators, teachers and other staff members were in the building last week preparing for their first day Monday.

"I'm excited that everyone is invested in the district, in the system, and in this school," enthused middle school Assistant Principal Jess Vezina after step-up day last Wednesday, which drew a full house of parents and incoming students.

Vezina went over the basics: explaining the core curriculum (math, English, science, social studies), noting schedules were carefully crafted. "We even worked hard on lunch schedules," she told the assembled crowd, which laughed in response.

Not every course will run until June. Music teacher Aly Galipeau pointed out her class runs quarterly. "It's a fun class. We all make it fun," she promised.

Vezina talked about more than academics. "This is a chance to try 'everything'. We have a lot of clubs and other activities. Try them. Find something you like," she urged, adding, "this

school belongs to all of us, students, parents, everyone who works here.

"We're part of the same community," she stressed, noting her own children are in the Winchendon system. And she suggested parents become active and involved as well.

"What they think, what they care about, that's important to us. Communication sometimes has been a problem and we're doing everything we can think of to fix that," she told the Courier later.

Building Principal Josh Romano echoed the participation theme. "Take advantage of what's available here. You never know what you might like," he told the new sixth graders.

Athletic Director Jenna Whitaker went over the sports offerings while conceding user fees are still required but assured payment plans can be worked out for individual situations.

Following the presentation, students were given a tour of the building, newly painted white, even though some may have attended last spring's introductory tour. Representatives from various school and community-based organizations hosted tables in the lobby. An outdoor lunch was served as well.

"I'm sure some of them, kids and parents both, might be a little nervous or intimidated," Vezina said, "but that's why a day like this is important. This will hopefully ease some of the anxiety when school starts. We want them to understand we really are a community. It's not just talk. We mean it. This is the start of a great adventure."

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A boy and his fishing rod, an open boat, a beautiful day... Lake Denison supports it all.

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## PAINTING AWAY THE TAXES!

Lionel Cloutier of Winchendon is seen working hard painting both the paint and battery & light sheds at the Winchendon transfer station the morning Aug. 25. Cloutier seen painting the second shed after completing the first, is working for the town as part of the property tax work off program. Those interested in viewing the program requirements or desiring to apply for the program can visit the town manager's office or download an application on the internet by going to [http://www.townofwinchendon.com/Pages/WinchendonMA\\_Manager/ApplicationFY17.pdf](http://www.townofwinchendon.com/Pages/WinchendonMA_Manager/ApplicationFY17.pdf)

# Participants in fundraiser say children need activity



Tara Vocino photos

Athol resident Shawn Thomas and his stepson Dylan Wellesey, age 7, said athletics is more important than using technology during the fundraiser at Lickity Splitz.



Volunteer Greg Vine shades his eyes from the sun as Jane LaPointe fills out a calendar raffle during the Lickity Splitz fundraiser for Project Playground on Saturday.



Winchendon residents Shawn St. Pierre, his fourth-grade son Colby, age 9, who goes to Toy Town, and first-grader Abigail, age 6, who will go to Toy Town in two years, are upset that the vandalism wasn't publicized until Colby went to school there.

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — About \$1,300 was raised during a boot drive, and about \$402 was gathered during a fundraiser at Lickity Splitz on Saturday to raise money for Project Playground to refurbish a vandalized community playground at Toy Town Elementary School.

According to organizer Tina Santos, \$200 out of the \$402 came from food sales with the rest of the profits from a calendar raffle, wristbands sale, and ice cream raffle. Ten percent of sales from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. went toward rebuilding the community playground.

People commented on why they wanted to support the cause beyond having lunch or ice cream.

Shawn Thomas of Athol said it is not like it used to be back in the day when he was growing up.

"We had slides, baseball and soccer," Thomas said. "I'd rather see the kids

do athletic things rather than just sitting around on technology and playing video games."

Winchendon resident Shannan Nutt and her roommate Julia Pfeifle both went to Toy Town for 4th and 5th grade in 2007, noting that the playground structure was never open during their stay there.

"It was all boarded up with wood on the top and bottom so people couldn't go into it," Shannan said. "There was dog waste, dirty bags, obscene words, and graffiti marks."

She said her brother, Sladyn, age 8, plans to attend there next year.

"It's good that he'll have a playground," Shannan said.

Julia said the purpose is two-fold.

"It's good in that it gives a sense of community," Julia said. "It's good for the kids in that they can have a place to go during recess."

They plan to buy a wristband and raffle ticket after lunch, they said.

Deborah Bigeau of Gardner, said she heard teenagers often hang out at playgrounds to vandalize.

"That's not good," Bigeau said. "But it's nice now that the kids now have a place to go where they don't have to worry about it anymore."

She said there is an epidemic with overeating. However, being outside and active will not stop kids from using electronics, she said.

Like Shannan and Julia, she plans to buy a calendar raffle and wristband.

Narragansett Regional High School 8th grade English teacher Jill Cote of Winchendon, joked elementary school children have better phones than she does.

She commented on why the fundraiser is more than just another fundraiser.

"Studies show children need physical activity and exercise," Cote said. "The playground is a vital part of that for schoolchildren in the area."

Cote said there is a cell phone epidemic and children need to be more active,

she said.

She said for lower grades, activity is crucial.

"They have to get their energy out," Cote said. "How can they get their energy out if they don't have a playground to play on?"

Eleven-year-old Isabella Cote, said her friend Olivea Changon will be happy to play on the playground.

"I'm glad we could get ice cream, chicken nuggets and help out the school today," Isabella said.

A portion of all sales on Saturday went toward Project Playground.

Winchendon resident Shawn St. Pierre's son, Colby, 9, who is going into 4th grade, had a similar sentiment.

"Now, it's time to have fun," Colby said. "We can do what we want, and get out of the classroom."

Colby said he is looking forward to playing on the new slide.

His father, Shawn, helped to remove the graffiti — swears, the Nazi symbol, graphic images and knife etchings with seven adults and five children. But it took a lot of work.

"We used elbow grease, nail polish remover, detergent, and paint thinner," St. Pierre said. "There are some faded remains. We just could not get it all off. Almost every wall was covered with spray paint."

St. Pierre said it is ludicrous that he did not know about the vandalism until Colby started school there last year. The vandalism has been there for five years, he said.

"It's a poor image for the town," St. Pierre said. "If more people knew, they'd do something about it."

He said children spend so much time on academics and constantly bombarded with assignments that it is nice to have a break.

"At the playground, they can let off steam so that when they come back, they're not so hyped," St. Pierre said. "It's where they can talk to friends aside from disrupting the class."

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## Solicitations from 'firefighters' group questioned

BY GREG VINE  
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WINCHENDON — If you receive a call from a group calling itself the Firefighters Support Foundation you might want to respond with a healthy dose of skepticism. A call was made to the Winchendon Fire Department earlier this week and no one asked had ever heard of the group. The department reportedly passed along a Bolton telephone number to the town's police department for investigation.

According to the group's website, the latest community to receive a grant to purchase equipment was the Randolph, NE Volunteer Fire Department, but that information could not be confirmed.

The Chelmsford Fire Department also recently received calls from town residents asking about the validity of telephone solicitations from the FSF. Officials there reportedly told residents they knew of no such group.

A search on the internet leads to a website indicating the Foundation is located at 64 East Cleveland St. in Greenfield, MA. However, the same website lists the office of the director of the organization being located in Cape Coral, FL. Some calls received by Winchendon residents purportedly on behalf of the Firefighters Support Foundation originated in Bolton. A spokesperson with the Greenfield Fire Department, said the FSF did purchase a piece of equipment for local firefighters "but that was quite some time ago."

A Winchendon Fire Department spokesman said there is no fundraising campaign underway in Winchendon. If anyone wants to help out the WFD, he said, people should contribute to the Winchendon Firefighters Relief Association, PO Box 453, Winchendon, MA, 01475.

Emily Snyder, with the state Attorney General's Office, said anyone receiving unsolicited telephone calls seeking

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## CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
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 3  
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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5  
LABOR DAY: town offices, schools and senior center closed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
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 7

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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
STORY HOUR: On Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library

on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

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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.

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.

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## EDITORIAL

*Busy, busy, busy*

This weekend is quiet; it's Labor Day and the last hurrah of summer. Families will perhaps have a last cook out, one last rush for school clothes and supplies, one last lazy day while the feel of summer is still in the air.

But it seems the second weekend of September kicks of the real beginning of fall. And this year is no exception.

For several years, the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center has held its gala Casino Royale on this second Saturday of the month and so it will again. Through the gracious kindness of Don O'Neil and Bob O'Keefe, the Orange Whitney mansion at 122 Pleasant St. will be thrown open for the party of the season. The games will begin, a silent auction in the dining room, food and fun for those who purchase the \$25 tickets are all there as it kicks off at 7 p.m. Vice President Peg Corbosiero has been hard at work selling tickets, which are going fast so if you still want one better call soon. This fundraiser is the biggest the WHCC runs each year and it is very important; it helps pay for the maintenance and heat for two buildings owned by them. Please help. If you can't attend, donations are most gratefully accepted.

And, if a gala with roulette and black jack isn't your style, how about a Doors tribute band instead? Once again the Lions Club has contracted the Through the Doors to hold an evening at the American Legion Post 193 also on Sept. 10. This was the night the band had available, it's too bad it happens the same night because certainly some people would have enjoyed both; but that's the way it goes sometimes. This great concert raises funds for the Lions Club and its many projects, and kicks off at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, available from Lions members, or \$20 at the door. There are usually some surprises during the evening like raffles or auctions to keep you enthused and also help raise funds for this local service group.

Start planning now for the following weekend and the Fall Fest out at Ingleside. The great American pie eating contest, best baking contest, a dessert auction (they are looking for people to bake goodies, see the Capsules elsewhere for more info) and great activities for kids are all part of the day.

Somewhere in the calendar of events there is a day to learn about Scouting (with lots of fun activities) so if you have a youngster who wants to know about Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts check that out.

And that's just the start of the season. We're sure there will be more as the season wears on. We thoroughly enjoy autumn, it's by far the best season of the year. Not too hot, not too cold and with the very best stuff to do. So get out and find the fun. Go to a football game or a soccer game; go to an event, visit one of the great new stores downtown (Not Just Produced is fun!), and before you know it, we'll be talking about snowy holidays....

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Cultural Council: in need of help

To the Editor:

This is addressed to Winchendon residents:

The Winchendon Cultural Council needs your help! We need the people who live and work here to help advise us about how best to allocate public dollars for programs and activities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences.

As you may know, our all volunteer municipally appointed council receives an annual allocation of approximately \$5,400 to fund projects by individuals, organizations and schools that serve a broad range of interests and needs. Our task is challenging. We receive many more proposals than we are able to fund. Last year, as an example, we received \$13,290 in requests, but could afford to support only \$6,132.

Because we distribute public dollars, it is essential we gather local public opinion and learn more about what is happening in our community and what the community needs. This will help us develop useful criteria and funding priorities to guide grant making decisions. We invite everyone to participate in

a one hour discussion with your neighbors on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. in the Winchendon town hall, second floor auditorium. We seek feedback concerning:

What current programs and activities — in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences — are important to maintain?

What cultural activities might be missing from our community?

What community issues might be helped by arts and cultural programming?

How have you, your organization, your kids and, or the community been affected by Council grants?

We'd be grateful for your help, and hope you can join us. Please RSVP by Sept. 5 to David LaDeau, (978) 297-0959 or [ladeaud20@comcast.net](mailto:ladeaud20@comcast.net).

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## NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

Who knows how we develop our ideas, our principles and make our commitments.

Nature?

Nurture?

We are born into families, groups of people with strong beliefs and prejudices. Who among us can deny we pick up on what we see as we grow? Then we are off school where we are influenced by a larger group that includes contemporaries, teachers, and administrators.

Some of us go on and gather more education, others

go into the workforce, but in every instance we are exposed to larger groups who influence our views. Sometimes we adopt the views of those we admire most. Other times we actually begin to form our own view of things.

I am never more reminded of these truths than during our presidential elections when tempers and opinions run high. Friends often find their friendship tested in the fiery ways as the interpret the difference they see in the candidates, the party, or the platforms.

I worked with an administrator at an educational institution who was also a psychologist, and I remember her

saying if you haven't resolved your personal issues by mid-life, they would likely ever be resolved.

I have thought of that often because I know she did not mean it in the sense that we can not change or alter our beliefs when confronted with evidence that we are wrong. I choose to believe she meant that we should know ourselves as adults, be true to ourselves, and be able to ably defend how we think about the issues at hand, while still being open to discussion that would take us in a different direction.

If we put being honorable and true to ourselves and our beliefs in a sacred place in our

lives, if are willing to entertain new thoughts but not so readily give up the thoughts formed in our lives through so many experiences, and if we can keep from being cynical, argumentative, even hateful, then we can live with our decisions and appreciate that they are not subject to blowing in the wind with every new rumor or attack of slander.

Also I know that the personality of a candidate can outweigh the programs he or she promises. How often in your lifetime have you seen the winning candidate hold to the platform on which he ran. When does he/she gets the grade card that says essentially "You

promised this, but you failed to deliver."

Well that "report card should be delivered at the ballot box. Did the party in power do what they said they would or did they fail? Do you accept their excuses for their failure? Or do you think it is time to congratulate them on their performance. Perhaps you think it is time for new leadership.

Be honorable and true to what you know to be your core beliefs, and the Ship of State will remain strong. Vote not on what you are being told in the next few months but vote on what you know to be true about actual performance and results for the last four years.

## Honorable and True

## Facing fears and memories

Last Friday, the Courier ran a front-page story on the gleaming new computer science lab at Murdock High School, funded by an \$86,000 grant. But here's the big background part of the story, at least for me getting it written — the lab is on the third floor.

This, of course, created a problem for me. On Tuesday morning my asthma was especially combative and walking those three flights of stairs was out of the question. It's no secret, and I've written here, I hate, loathe, detest and am terrified of elevators even though I've never gotten stuck in one. There was that one incident at Franklin Pierce a couple years ago when nothing happened when we got in it, but apparently if you push a button, at least the doors will open. Actually, let me rephrase. I hate, loathe, detest and am terrified of closed elevators. The glass ones I'm

okay with figuring if it gets stuck someone will notice.

Back to Tuesday. Actually, let's back up to last year. One day last year, MHS Principal Josh Romano assured me the elevator was working fine and I had nothing to worry about. The very next day I was at school for whatever reason and sure enough there was an elevator repair crew. Adorable, right? So on Tuesday, it was with incredible trepidation that I, with extreme reluctance, got into the elevator. Not alone, mind you. No way. Teacher Mike Fontaine, justifiably eager to show off his cool new lab, was with me. The ride up was, well, uneventful. Also mercifully quick even though I was palpating the whole time. I faced my fears. I should get a cookie, or preferably bacon. Ha.

Changing gears — as you age, some memories become sharper but oth-

ers, not so much. Case in point — the other day, I was in an online discussion about whether Bruce Springsteen performed on campus at our alma mater of American University in 1974 a few months before Born to Run catapulted him into the cultural stratosphere.

Well. It turns out he was indeed on campus the Saturday night before Thanksgiving and the proof is in an anthology which lists every concert he's done. I was not there. Or at least I thought I wasn't there but a whole bunch of people insist I was. I thought those who were insisting it happened at all and I was there were misremembering as 43 once said. I thought I was not there because some of my normally not-at-all rowdy floor-mates decided to have a pre-holiday party. Trust me, these people were not normally party people. They, we, were too busy running things

JOURNEY OF THE HEART  
JERRY CARTON

on campus and my memory says rather than going to see the Boss we wound up in the emergency room at Sibley Hospital when one friend, a nursing student no less, (of which there weren't many at a school known for government and international studies) tumbled down the steps breaking her ankle. I can still see that like it happened last Saturday, not one 42 years ago. I can still see my brown Ford Torino I used to park behind the student union at Mary Graydon Center. I guess both happened that night. Must have. Arthur, Barry, Craig, Jason, Karen, Susan can't all be

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*EpiPen, an epic consumer failure*

Yet once again, the pharmaceutical industry more often these days referred to as "Big Pharma" has successfully played the public and consumer market like a bunch of pawns that never had a prayer in what could have been the financial world chess championships of 2016.

Mylan, pharmaceutical juggernaut, has successfully raised the price of EpiPens "epinephrine injectors" by a staggering 400 percent over just the last five years. Their stock price as a result of this corporate manipulation quadrupled,

as consumers and families struggled to continually support a greed fueled burden of cost, while top executives and special interest divisions laughed all the way to the bank playing both our government and insurance industry like a finely tuned fiddle.

Enter Mylan CEO Heather Bresch, once named to the Fortune Magazine list of the 50 most powerful women in business in 2014, and daughter of Democratic West Virginia US Senator Joe Manchin.

Working her way up from the nearly the bottom of the

company, Bresch rose to the top through what was clearly very hard work. However, while serving in a laudable list of positions of importance for Mylan, Bresch and her company also successfully lobbied with the FDA to in an effort to broaden the EpiPen label, and successfully lobbied Congress to generate legislation making EpiPens mandated available in all schools and

ANYTHING NEAR & FAR  
KEITH KENT

in public places just like defibrillators. Oh yes, and Bresch also played a key role in decision of the FDA to change prescription guide lines from one EpiPen to two per package. Twice the sales, revenue increases well under way.

Now if this wasn't bad enough, one would think Mylan and Bresch would remember what was the big-

gest corporate blunder of this still young century just last year by former CEO Martin Shkreli. You remember him right? The disgusting portrait of corporate greed who in 2015 raised the price of an Aids medication from \$13.50 to \$700 a pill! Yes, that poor excuse for a human being. I'll bet it rings a bell now. Wouldn't you think Mylan would have learned from the past and its immediate public outcry? Well, now the real question is, did they or didn't they? Let's examine.

Turn To **ANYTHING** page **A9**

# New slide begins revitalization of playground

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — On the first day of school this week, children had a place to play on a renovated and renovated playground at Toy Town Elementary School.

The playground features a new climbing structure, slide, painting, and a gated barrier.

Seven thousand out of a \$25,000 goal has been raised since a School Committee meeting on June 16.

Volunteers, including parents and Lions Club members, came together to remove the graffiti with paint thinner and to raise money to replace the structure.

While Cheshire Fencing installed the fence posts along Murdock Avenue to the corner of Grove Street, Director of Facilities and Management Jim Murphy and Martin Johnson, facilities foreman, installed the equipment during school hours.

Third-grader Sofi Davidson ran up to her mother when she saw the slide being installed on Thursday.

"Mommy, look, there's a new slide," Sofi said. "I'm excited about the slide."

Parent and organizer Tina

Santos said the structure will be re-painted blue, tan and white.

Santos said although parents have different plans, the single goal they share is the safety of their children.

"Parents have different objectives for Project Playground," Santos said. "Some are more passionate about the structure itself. Others are more about the fencing. But the safety of our children is our utmost priority."

Christie Verville's nine-year-old, autistic son, Nick, fell on the basketball court on May 16, suffering a one-inch laceration to his forehead.

Verville explained how Nick became injured, now having a permanent scar above his eyebrow.

"He and his friends were playing tag at recess, using the basketball court," Verville said. "As he was running, he hit another child and tripped on one of the unlevel surfaces."

Verville said after transporting him to Heywood Hospital in Gardner, they observed him for a little bit, glued up the wound, and did a CAT scan to check to see if he had a mild concussion. He was in the emergency room for seven hours, she said.



Tara Vocino photos

From left, parent Christie Verville, parent Tina Santos, Director of Facilities and Management Jim Murphy, and Martin Jones, facilities foreman, stand in front of the new playground structure at Toy Town Elementary School. The thick mulch is at least partially thanks to a generous donation by Powell's.

She said she hopes no other parent will have to go through that experience.

The \$25,000 will fund the basketball court repair, a few hundred yards away, as well as the playground structure. It will also go toward updated surveillance cameras to help prevent defacing and vandalism.

They are talking to Spanish teacher and Service Leader Coordinator Miranda Jennings to see if The Winchendon

School, a private high school, could help paint a mural near the basketball court.

Interim Principal Mary Aker said she is overwhelmed with the amount of commitment to this community.

"Everyone is pulling together for these kids to become a Level One district," Aker said. "Parents, staff and the community works together. That is how we are going to get there. Every day that I come here, it

looks different."

She was referring to when the playground structure was being rebuilt.

Aker said she sees walkers taking a peep in the early morning hours.

Santos said Aker and Superintendent Steve Haddad are both supportive, selling wristbands in the office to fund-raise.

Santos said there was always a sense of teamwork, but it is shown more clearly now. There is a community volunteer clean-up in the works, she said.

She is not sure about the capacity on the renovated equipment.

Parent Renee Tenney Eldredge said she and Early Childhood Coordinator Suzanne Michel were invited to speak at the Gardner Rotary Club on Sept. 1 to share the initiative behind Project Playground and Save Our Playground. There are also about 10 raffle baskets being offered up by parents, local groups and businesses to raise money at a school event this fall.

See corresponding pictures of the boot drive and story on the Lickity Splitz fundraiser on Saturday in this edition.

# Multiple crashes reported in area



Courtesy photos Winchendon Fire Department

Winchendon Fire responded to an excavator tipping over around 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, at the intersection of Winchendon and Old Turnpike roads on the Winchendon-Royalston line, just hours before the car crash on Spring Street. The 61-year-old driver was transported to Heywood Hospital for his injuries.



A man was flown to UMass Memorial in Worcester with a severe leg injury after this Spring Street crash around 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

injury, is from town.

Fire Chief Thomas Smith did not know the extent of his leg injury.

Ruschioni said the car was so totaled that it was tough to decipher the make and model. But he could confirm it was a silver car.

He did not know the details on how the crash occurred, but he did know that it crashed into a tree by the golf course around 3 p.m. The department received multiple calls for the crash.

"A fairly small car hit a tree and sustained heavy front-end damage," Ruschioni said. "One subject was trapped in the vehicle, requesting the Jaws of Life and Life Flight."

It took five minutes to gain

access to the victim, he said. Ruschioni believes airbags deployed.

"We got him out of the car within 10 minutes," Ruschioni said. "We had great teamwork."

The department also responded to a prolonged extrication for an early Tuesday morning crash in Rindge, where the driver also hit a tree head-on along Cathedral Road. The teenage victim, who remains in critical but stable condition, also suffered leg injuries, requiring an airlift to UMass.

Shortly after that, the department responded to an excavator tipping over at the intersection of Old Turnpike and Winchendon roads around 11:10 a.m.

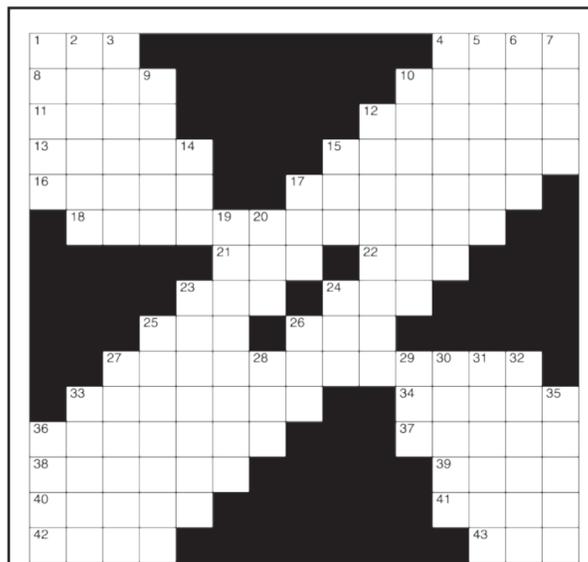
The morning before, on Monday, there was a head-on collision on the Fitzwilliam-Winchendon line.

"That was also a real bad

wreck," he said. "We don't usually respond to mutual aid that often. There were three to four major crashes in the area. That is unique. It's been an extreme-

ly busy two days."

They also received several medical aid calls within those eight hours on Tuesday.

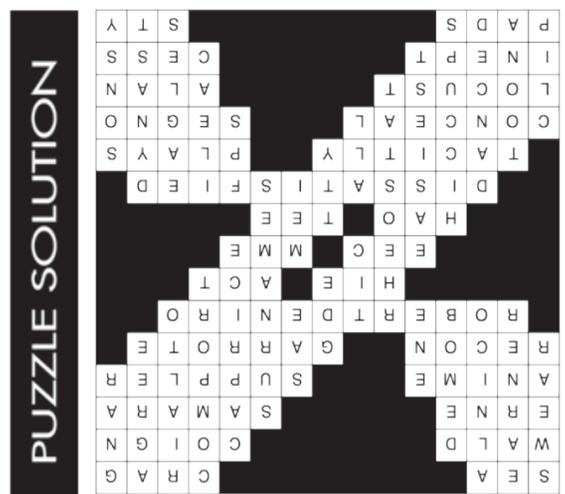


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Captain Ahab sailed this
- 4. Rugged rock or cliff
- 8. Statistical test
- 10. Wall angle
- 11. Irish river
- 12. Winged nut
- 13. Japanese animation
- 15. More flexible
- 16. Military slang
- 17. Strangle
- 18. 'Taxi Driver' star
- 21. Go quickly
- 22. Part of a play
- 23. European Economic Community
- 24. Woman (French)
- 25. Thai river
- 26. Golfers start here
- 27. Disgruntled
- 33. In an implied way
- 34. Actors appear in them
- 36. Hide
- 37. Small Italian village
- 38. Tropical grasshopper
- 39. Ladd is one
- 40. Clumsy
- 41. Scottish tax
- 42. Footballers wear them
- 43. Pigeon

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Curse
- 2. Brings home the bacon
- 3. Iron alloys
- 4. Conduct oneself
- 5. Commercial center of Venice
- 6. Share an opinion
- 7. Growl
- 9. British soldiers' post-WWII clothes
- 10. Impulse
- 12. Last names
- 14. Midway between northeast and east
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. Ethiopian airport
- 19. Electrical instrument
- 20. Twitch
- 23. Not the hardest
- 24. Chinese dinosaur genus
- 25. Reflexes
- 26. Thick target yield
- 27. Cut a rug
- 28. Complete
- 29. Feet per second
- 30. Intestinal
- 31. Don Henley's band
- 32. A hereditary ruler
- 33. Member of the mahogany family
- 35. Attractive and healthy (Scot.)
- 36. Holds necktie in place



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

12:05 a.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 12:25-1:01 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:14 a.m.: disabled MV (One Stop Plaza) info taken; 4:35 a.m.: ambulance (Eli Drive) transport; 5:38 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:12 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) traffic citation; 8:27 a.m.: ambulance (Warrenville Road) services rendered; 9:20 a.m.: suspicious MV (Murdock HS) info given; 12:43 p.m.: larceny (Mill Street) spoken to; 1:12 p.m.: animal abuse (East Street) refer to ACO; 2:51 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 4:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Willow Street) refer to ACO; 4:26 p.m.: property found (Colonial Co-operative) info taken; 4:27 p.m.: assist other agency (Otter River Campground) info given; 4:30 p.m.: summons service (Ash Street) served; 4:42 p.m.: summons service (Countryside Motel) unable to serve; 4:53 p.m.: summons service (Elm Street) unable to serve; 5:33 p.m.: DPW call (Benjamin Street) info given; 5:45 p.m.: burglar alarm (Snowbound Club) call canceled; 6:46-11:53 p.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 7:30 p.m.: general info (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 8:11 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 8:50 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 9:35 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 10 p.m.: MV stop (Main Street) verbal warning; 11:28 p.m.: disturbance (Irving Station) refer to other PD.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

12:06-1:01 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:07 a.m.: registration check (Spring Street) info given; 12:09 a.m.: registration check (Maple Street) info given; 12:17 a.m.: ambulance (Maynard Street) refused assistance; 12:21 a.m.: registration check (Belmont Avenue) info given; 12:23 a.m.: registration check (East Street) info given; 12:28 a.m.: registration check (Goodrich Drive) info given; 12:29 a.m.: registration check (West Street) info given; 12:36 a.m.: registration check (Pond Street) info given; 12:39 a.m.: registration check (Royalston Road North) info given; 1:05 a.m.: suicide attempts (Brooks Road) removed to hospital; 2:06 a.m.: suspicious MV (Gardner Road) report taken; 4:28 a.m.: assist citizen (phone) spoken to; 7 a.m.: DPW call (Spring Circle) referred; 9:25 a.m.: accident (Maple Street) assisted; 9:51 a.m.: assist citizen (Gardner Road) assisted; 10:05 a.m.: summons service (Harrisville Circle) unable to serve; 10:14 a.m.: general info (Rite Aid) removed hazardous material; 10:36 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 11:57 a.m.: larceny (Oak Street) report taken; 12:01 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 12:09 p.m.: accident (Front Street) assisted; 12:24 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Washington Avenue) spoken to; 1:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Denison) no PD service required; 1:21 p.m.: investigation (Brooks Road) spoken to; 1:32 p.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street) transport; 1:56 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street) secure; 2:20 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive) refer to ACO; 3:17 p.m.: ambulance (Morse Avenue) transport; 3:32 p.m.: threats (Lakeshore Drive) info taken; 4:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street) refer to ACO; 4:30 p.m.: MV stop (Maple Street) verbal warning; 4:37 p.m.: burglar alarm (Teel Road) secured building; 4:54 p.m.: MV stop (High Street) verbal warning; 5:02 p.m.: custody dispute (Goodrich Drive) refer to other PD; 6:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Cedar Terrace) refer to ACO; 6:13 p.m.: road rage (Forristall Road) gone on arrival; 6:53 p.m.: investigation (Morse Avenue) assisted; 8:43 p.m.: investigation (Morse Avenue) assisted; 9:53 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mill Street) no PD service required; 10:01 p.m.: property damage (Metcalfe Street) report taken; 10:10 p.m.: general info (Forristall Road) advised officer.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

12:32 a.m.: ambulance (Webster Street) transport; 12:45-3:29 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 2:50 a.m.: harassment (Central Street) report taken; 6:07 a.m.: suspicious MV (Maple Street) spoken to; 6:27 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) written warning; 8:35 a.m.: FD call (Harvard Street) services rendered; 8:55 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 9:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Converse Drive) info taken; 10:01 a.m.: custody dispute (Goodrich Drive) spoken to; 12:19 p.m.: be on the lookout (Baldwinville State Road) unable to locate; 12:38 p.m.: fight (Maple Street) report taken; 3:10 p.m.: illegal burn (Brown Street) extinguished; 3:35 p.m.: 911 hang up (Lake Denison) false alarm; 4:43 p.m.: property damage (Baldwinville Road) report taken; 5:44 p.m.: suspicious other (School Street) spoken to; 5:56 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 6:05 p.m.: assist citizen (Lakeview Drive) assisted; 6:24 p.m.: threats (Court Street) no cause for complaint; 6:31 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street) refer to ACO; 9:35 p.m.: extra patrols (Glenallan Street) services rendered; 9:51 p.m.: threats (Lakeshore Drive) report taken; 10:55 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street) services rendered; 10:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Juniper Street) gone on arrival.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

12:33-3:06 a.m.: 5:49 a.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street) transport; 6:10 a.m.: MV stop (School Street) verbal warning; 8 a.m.: illegal dumping (Happy Hollow Road) report taken; 11:13 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 11:17 a.m.: MV stop (Lincoln Avenue) spoken to; 11:58 a.m.: vandalism (First Street) report taken; 12:02 p.m.: assist citizen (walk in) refer to other PD; 12:32 p.m.: mental health issue (Lake Denison) removed to hospital; 1:42 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) no PD service required; 3:14 p.m.: assist citizen (Teel Road) spoken to; 3:21 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 3:28 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street) gone on arrival; 3:35 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road) unable to locate; 3:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) refer to ACO; 4:02 p.m.: property damage (Spring Street) spoken to; 4:19 p.m.: property found (Rite Aid) returned to owner; 4:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) refer to ACO; 4:56

## New officer joins Winchendon force

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT



Greg Vine photo

Officer Caleb Similia has joined the local PD

WINCHENDON — It's a long way from South Korea to Winchendon, but that's the path taken by Caleb Similia on his way to becoming the newest member of this town's police department. Born on the east Asian peninsula 25 years ago, Similia was adopted by American parents when he was six months old. One of his two siblings — his sister — was also adopted.

"I always kind of wanted to be a police officer," said Similia in a recent interview, "but I didn't really get serious about it until I took the state test. I went to the reserve academy in Boylston and graduated from there in February 2015. In March I started as a part-time in Winchendon. I worked whenever they needed someone to cover an extra shift or to fill in for someone."

Similia then started at the academy in Reading in March of this year. When he graduated in this past month, he was "ready to go."

When asked about issues that have recently arisen nationwide regarding police and their relationship with the communities they serve, Similia said when he finally decided on a career in law enforcement "I never doubted it."

"When I was at the academy, we talked about how 'we must be crazy to be here.' With the five officers being killed in Dallas and the shooting of officers in Baton Rouge, it really is a tough time to go into this career. We're doing a job that people appreciate when they need you, but when they don't they're not necessarily thrilled to see you."

"Still, Winchendon is — obviously — a lot different than Dallas," Similia said. "I love helping out the people of this town."

Although he's working in a town that is overwhelmingly white, Similia said he appreciated the academy's classes in cultural diversity.

"We also had to take time to examine our own biases," he said. "We had to learn how to avoid being judgmental when approaching pretty much any situation. We did a lot of role playing. It's actually hard to place yourself in certain situations. You must learn how to think things through."

The rookie cop added that while "you can't look at everyone as a suspect, but you do develop a mindset that everyone might be dangerous. Naturally, you tend to be a little more cautious at night because it's harder to see. You're also dealing with break-ins and bar fights, which tend to be more prevalent at night than during the day."

Similia said the most challenging calls are those resulting from domestic disputes, particularly those involving children. "It's tough to see. A lot of times kids are too young to understand what's going on. We may look like the bad guy when we're really there to help."

Despite the negative opinion many adults have "the younger generation," says Similia, "I'm not having any problem with the teenagers in town. If you show them respect, they show you respect."

Similia appreciates the respect he's been shown by residents of Winchendon. "When I was working the firemen's muster at the Legion a couple of weeks ago, a kid came up and offered me a snack and some water. People really do seem to appreciate what you're trying to do for them. The thanks I get really do provide a little extra motivation to do the job."

He said his parents "have both been supportive. They've been worried, given he current situation. But I was raised in a very good family. I know how to be responsible."

Before Similia joined the Winchendon police force, the department was short two officers, according to Police Chief David Walsh.

"He filled one position and we have one other going to the academy in Reading. What Caleb did was allow us to fill another patrol position. When the newest officer, Joe Champney, joins the force — at that point we'll be fully staffed."

"Caleb has definitely been an asset," said Walsh. "He's a very intelligent young man."

Similia grew up in Winchendon and is a 2009 graduate of Monty Tech.

p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street) transport; 4:59 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 5:05 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mill Street) spoken to; 5:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) spoken to; 7:17 p.m.: wires down (Juniper Street) refer to other agency; 7:22 p.m.: ATV complaint (Morse Avenue) spoken to; 7:42 p.m.: suspicious other (Elmwood Road) unable to locate; 7:59 p.m.: trespass notice (Royalston Road North) services rendered; 8:21 p.m.: harassment (Lakeshore Drive) spoken to; 8:45 p.m.: trespassing (Belletete's) unable to locate; 8:55 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Central Street) verbal warning; 10:45 p.m.: suspicious person (Town Farm Road) unable to locate; 11:37-11:53 p.m.: building checks, secure.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

12:24-5:58 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 12:33 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 2:48 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) services rendered; 6:12 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:49 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street) refer to ACO; 8:34 a.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) spoken to; 8:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive) refer to ACO; 10:20 a.m.: assist citizen (Memorial Elementary) refer to other agency; 12 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Maple Street) report taken; 12:54 p.m.: FD call (Lakeshore Drive) services rendered; 1:10 p.m.: investigation (Main Street) spoken to; 1:24 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street) spoken to; 1:25 p.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) spoken to; 1:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Woodlawn Street) referred to court; 1:49 p.m.: ambulance (Windsor Road) transport; 1:57 p.m.: fire alarm (Spring Street) false alarm; 2 p.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken; 3:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Royalston Road North) spoken to; 3:21 p.m.: traffic hazard (High Street) removed; 4:25 p.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) spoken to; 4:33 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Thomas Road) assisted; 5:48 p.m.: MV stop (Grove Street) verbal warning; 5:57 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) spoken to; 6:18-8:24 p.m.: alcohol violations (19 stops, local establishments) no cause for complaint; 7:17 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 7:34 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 7:40 p.m.: noise complaint (Maynard Street) spoken to; 8:10 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 10:11 p.m.: ambulance (Maynard Street) transport; 11:47 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) spoken to.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

12:03 a.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 12:17-2:58 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 12:19 a.m.: suspicious MV (Maple Street) secure; 12:29 a.m.: noise complaint (Juniper Street) spoken to; 12:36 a.m.: suspicious person (Family Dollar) spoken to; 12:38 a.m.: suspicious MV (Kwikstop) secure; 12:47 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 12:51 a.m.: disturbance (Maple Street) spoken to; 1:09 a.m.: assist other PD (Patriots Road) assisted; 6:28 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) written warning; 9:48 a.m.: trespass notice (Central Street) info taken; 9:58 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 11:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Robbins Road) refer to ACO; 12:53 p.m.: suspicious other (East Street) spoken to; 1:16 p.m.:

accident (Mill Glen Road) assisted; 2:28 p.m.: burglary, B&E (Pearl Street) report taken; 2:46 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Lake Denison) unfounded; 4:43 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 5:48-11:52 extra patrols, building checks, secure; 5:50 p.m.: suspicious other (Woodlawn Street) spoken to; 6:04 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mr. Mikes) gone on arrival; 6:12 p.m.: investi-

gation (Peggi Lane) report taken; 8:10 p.m.: MV stop (High Street) verbal warning; 8:22 p.m.: burglary, B&E (Pearl Street) no cause for complaint; 8:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) spoken to.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

12:02 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 12:23-2:45 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:46 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 12:57 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 1:22 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) refer to FD; 2:04-2:43 a.m.: registration checks, info given; 5:34 a.m.: burglar alarm (Mathieu Ford) accidental; 6:08 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 8:39 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 8:51 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock High) false alarm; 9:13 a.m.: burglar alarm (Eli Drive) false alarm; 10:18 a.m.: ambulance (Lake Denison) transport; 11:43 a.m.: accident (Fourth Street) no PD service required; 11:52 a.m.: dog bite (Liberty Drive) report taken; 11:53 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 12:31 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 1 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lincoln Avenue Extension) refer to DPW; 1:09 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street) report taken; 2:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive) refer to ACO; 3:05 p.m.: fire alarm (Highland Avenue) false alarm; 3:10 p.m.: ambulance (Pond Street) transport; 3:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) assisted; 3:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) advised officer; 4:38 p.m.: general welfare check (North Street) arrest: Matthew P. Sawyer, age 50 of 80 North St., Winchendon: based on warrant; 5:12 p.m.: accident (Beech Street) services rendered; 5:23 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road) summons: Michelle L. Goguen, age 46 of 184 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon: negligent operation of MV and OUI-drugs; 8:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Benjamin Street) area search negative; 10:05 a.m.: transport (Teel Road); 10:53 a.m.: missing person (Pine Street) spoken to; 11:10 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street) spoken to; 11:30 p.m.: burglary, B&E (River Street) area search negative.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

12:16 a.m.: notification (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 1:10-3:11 a.m.: building checks, secure; 8:07 a.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) secure; 8:37 a.m.: animal complaint (West Street) refer to ACO; 11:42 a.m.: accident (Banner Place) spoken to; 12:24 p.m.: ambulance (Ash Street) transport; 12:33 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) secure; 12:45 p.m.: fight (Webster Street) spoken to; 1:01 p.m.: threats (Webster Street) arrest: Michael Adam Arsenault Jr., age 29 of 25E Walnut St. Winchendon: intimidate witness and threat to commit crime; 1:22 p.m.: property found (Benjamin Street) report taken; 1:46 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) report taken; 5 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Road) transport; 5:05 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street) arrest: Ashley Marie St. Pierre, age 29 of 28 Juniper St., Winchendon: disturbing the peace; 6:20 p.m.: DPW call (Monadnock Avenue) no cause for complaint; 6:45 p.m.: custody dispute (Maple Street) advised legal help; 7:11 p.m.: burglar alarm (Mason Street) false alarm; 7:14 p.m.: suspicious other (Central Street) gone on arrival; 8:10 p.m.: harassment (Glenallan Street) report taken; 10:33 p.m.: suspicious person (Prospect Street) area search negative; 11:51 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport.

# OBITUARIES

## Carolyn 'Cabby' (Holmes) Paskiewicz, 75



Center in Athol after a lengthy battle with breast cancer.

Carolyn was born in Concord on March 12, 1941, the daughter of the late Carl and Dorothy (Miner) Holmes.

Affectionately known as "Miss Hampton Beach" for her love of the ocean and walks in the sand, Carolyn enjoyed life to the fullest, never skipping a beat. She worked for many years at the family farm "Stans Big Acres" in Littleton tending the farm stand and caring for the flowers. Fall was her favorite season with pumpkins and cider to sell, and the farm stand being fully decorated for Halloween. Her pets were like family to her and her kind-

ness transferred to all animals.

Carolyn had a special way about her and she will be greatly missed by all that have known her.

She is pre-deceased by her husband of 33 years John S. Paskiewicz and her sister Cynthia Pay. She is survived by her daughters, Alison J. Fellows and her husband Christopher of Winchendon, and Amy P. Fuller of Peterborough, NH; seven grandchildren, Robert Fuller, Jonathan Fuller, Ashley Fuller, Courtney Fuller, Lorilie Fuller, Joshua Fuller and Keegan Fuller, and one great grandchild, Lucas Fuller.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Aug. 31st in Woodlawn Cemetery, Concord Road, Acton.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to M.S.P.C.A., Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Organization or Brookhaven Hospice.

Arrangements are under the care of the Dee Funeral Home of Concord. To share a remembrance or to send a condolence in her online guestbook, please visit [www.deefuneralhome.com](http://www.deefuneralhome.com).

## Anthony Michael Sevigny, 25



Hospital, Gardner.

He was born in Gardner on March 28, 1991 and attended Winchendon schools.

Anthony worked at Waddell Furniture Company in Worcester, delivering and moving furniture. He enjoyed dirt biking, 4 wheeling, fishing, bird watching and playing video games. He also enjoyed driving his big truck.

He leaves his father, Anthony W. Sevigny of Winchendon, his mother,

Erin K. (Bombard) Berndt and her husband Fedor of Winchendon; a son, A.M. Sevigny; his paternal grandmother, Cheryl P. (Wiles) Sevigny of Winchendon; his maternal grandparents, Mary and Hoyt Norris of Deltona, FL; a sister, Dacia G. Sevigny of Winchendon; his significant other, Amber LaRoche of Templeton; a nephew, Axel Marland, and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to A.M. Sevigny Education Fund, care of Bank of America, 29 Parker Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

# OBITUARIES

## Randy S. Blanchard, 56



WORCESTER — Randy S. Blanchard, of Worcester passed away Aug. 5, 2016, in The Life Care Center in Leominster.

He was born May 13, 1960 in Fitchburg son of Robert and Frances (Gray) Blanchard and lived many years in Fitchburg.

Randy worked as a paper hanger for Spectrum Wallcoverings for 20 years. He also worked in construction for several years.

He is survived by his son, Daniel S.

Blanchard of Ashburnham; a step-son, Joshua P. Richard of Ashburnham; his brothers, Stephen Blanchard of Chicago, Illinois, and Lawrence W. Blanchard and wife, Melissa of Winchendon; his sister, Kathleen A. Perreault of Leominster; two grandsons, Samuel T. Richard and Calvin J. Richard. He also leaves Stella Porter of Ashburnham.

A calling hour will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 in The Lavery Chartrand Alario Funeral Home, 99 Summer St., Fitchburg, from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. Inurnment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

## Dr. Bruce Raymond Dorval, 67

NEW YORK NY — Dr. Bruce Raymond Dorval, age 67, passed suddenly while on vacation in his favorite spot, Sedona, AZ of a stroke. He leaves his mother Lila L. Dorval of Winchendon and four siblings Brian Dorval, his wife Cynthia Dorval and son Brian Dorval, Jr of Worcester, sister Sheila Dorval of York, ME, brother Dr. Brent Dorval and wife Carolyn Dorval of Douglas, and sister Susan Dorsey her husband James Dorsey and daughter Gwendolyn Gagne of Shirley. His father Raymond Dorval is predeceased.

Bruce attended Murdock High School and was part of the National Honor Society. Bruce received his doctorate from Duke University in develop-

mental psychology. He had a private clinical practice in Manhattan for 25 years helping children and adults. His life's work centered around the development of conversation and how males and females use language. He authored Conversational Organization and Its Development along with contributing and collaborating on several other books and projects. Bruce was a visiting scholar in developmental psychology at the Graduate School of NY. He was a candidate at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

He will be greatly missed by family and patients. There will not be a wake or service.

## Sylvia A. (Koski) Erickson, 102



TEMPLETON — Sylvia A. (Koski) Erickson, age 102, formerly of 101 State Road, Otter River, died peacefully Thursday morning, Aug. 25, 2016 in Applewood Home for Elders, Athol.

She was born in Gardner on Sept. 7, 1913, daughter of the late Victor and Maria (Tanner) Koski and attended Gardner schools. She lived in the Gardner and Templeton area her entire life.

Sylvia worked many years ago at Temple Stuart Furniture Company as a chair finisher. She was a member of Mission Street Congregational Church, Gardner. Her hobbies were doing crossword puzzles, scrabble, singing and telling jokes with her family. In her earlier years, she enjoyed playing horseshoes and candlepin bowling.

Sylvia was predeceased by her two husbands, John Yurkus and Harold Erickson, as well as her brothers and sisters, Mary Haapaoja, Elsie Smith, Aili Kliskey, Albert Koski, Alvar Koski and Wilho Koski. She leaves many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. Sylvia leaves two special nieces, Linda Columbus of Otter River and Marion Gay of Baldwinville, who were her caregivers and Scrabble partners.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016 in Mission Street Congregational Church, 15 Mission Street, Gardner.

Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery, Gardner.

Memorial donations may be made to Mission Street Congregational Church, 15 Mission St., Gardner, MA 01440.

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

## Gloria J. (L'Heureux) Friedrich, 88

GREENFIELD — Gloria J. (L'Heureux) Friedrich, age 88, former long-time resident of Shirley, passed away on Friday Aug. 26 at the home of her daughter.

Gloria leaves her husband of 70 years, Wallace "Ray" Friedrich, two daughters: Deborah A. Cory of Greenfield and Jeanne H. Murray and her husband Jack of Winchendon; five grandchildren: Elizabeth (Richard) Curran of Whiting, VT, Emily (Scott) Haskell

of Marstons Mills, Kristin (Brian) Dellechiaie of Winchendon, Matthew (Cheryl) Cory of Worcester, and Edward (Trish) Imprescia of Leominster. She also leaves sixteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and loving extended family and friends.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker Funeral Home, 14 High Street, Greenfield.

## Tammy L. (Mathena) Goguen, 57



WINCHENDON — Tammy L. (Mathena) Goguen, age 57, of 118 Morse Ave., passed away unexpectedly Monday afternoon, Aug. 22, 2016 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.

She was born in Bluefield, WV on Sept. 22, 1958, daughter of the late Joseph and Loretta (Brown) Mathena and lived in Winchendon for several years. Tammy was a graduate of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg and loved spending time with her family.

Her husband of 28 years, John Goguen, passed away in 2004.

She leaves three children, Chris Goguen of West Rutland, VT, Sara

L. Adams and her husband Erik of Winchendon and Bobbijo Roberts and her husband Joseph of Fitzwilliam; four sisters, Pam Kotoch of Fitchburg, Candy Vine of Winchendon, Cindy Mathena of Fitchburg and Kim Plouffe of Winchendon; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her twin brother, Daniel Mathena, passed away as an infant.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, Sept. 1 at 11 a.m. in Wildwood Cemetery, West Street, Gardner. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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

## Bert W. Parkhurst Jr., 75



WINCHENDON — Bert W. Parkhurst Jr., age 75, of 771 Brown Street, died peacefully Sunday afternoon, August 28, 2016 in Keystone Center, Leominster, with his family at his side.

He was born in Newport, VT on April 14, 1941, son of the late Bert W. and Olive Parkhurst and lived in Winchendon for most of his life.

Bert was a furniture worker at the former Conant and Ball Furniture Company and later worked at Standard Chair in Gardner until his retirement. Bert was an active volunteer at the Winchendon Council on Aging. He enjoyed puttering around his home and

especially enjoyed spending time with this family.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Donna L. (Pierce) Parkhurst; three children, Kevin W. Parkhurst of Keene, NH, Randall M. Parkhurst of Athol and Kelly J. LaFreniere and her husband Michael of Winchendon, 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A son, Kert J. Parkhurst, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 2, 2016 at 11 A.M. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. There are no calling hours.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Winchendon at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Council on Aging, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon, MA 01475.

## Pencie (Aultice) Carroll, 82



CAMDEN ME — Pencie (Aultice) Carroll, age 82, wife of Stuart Carroll, died peacefully on July 25 after a difficult struggle with Alzheimers. Born in Bedford, VA, on Feb. 7, 1934, she was the daughter of Eldridge

and Ora (Kidd) Aultice. Pencie was raised in Bedford with five younger siblings, Faye Warner of Charlottesville, Deane Rucker of Free Union, Kenneth Aultice of Bedford, Linda Crytzer of Charlottesville and Patrick Aultice of Blue Ridge.

She learned the value of hard work and high expectations in her father's vegetable gardens and she was an excellent student. In recent years she enjoyed returning to Bedford for reunions of classmates and The Mud Alley Gang from her childhood neighborhood. Pencie graduated from Bedford High School in 1951 and completed training as a registered nurse at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg in 1954. During training in Wilmington, DE in 1953, she met her future husband when she and her best friend returned the friendly wave of two young men in a passing convertible. She married Stuart Carroll in Bedford on July 1, 1955.

Pencie and Stu moved to Hamilton, MA in 1956, where he pursued careers in engineering and real estate and she became homemaker and devoted mother to their four children, Lee Ann Fandel of Boxford, who died in 2014, Susan Burdsall of Winchendon, Patricia Bowe of Lakeland, FL and Edward Carroll of Appleton, ME. She was a loving and kind grandmother in the lives of their

seven grandchildren and was proud of their many accomplishments.

Pencie was generous with her love and her time, volunteering as a softball coach and scout troop leader and leading by example through her interests in reading and gardening. She was an enthusiastic traveler through years of family trips to Virginia and Maine and car camping across northern New England. She was a devoted partner and wife for more than 60 years, and she and Stu traveled often together after the children were grown. They enjoyed many close friendships over the span of decades. She returned to nursing in the 70s and had many friends among her fellow nurses from 18 years in the labor & delivery ward of Salem Hospital in Massachusetts.

In 1999 Pencie and Stu moved to a lakefront home in Jefferson, ME to enjoy their retirement. They continued to travel, especially to the Southwest in winter, and enjoyed many summer days at the lake with visiting friends and family. Pencie appreciated simple things like wildflowers, stonewalls, junk-shop treasures and collecting shells from the many beaches she visited. She enjoyed people-watching and baked the best apple pies.

Memorial gifts in memory of Pencie may be made to the Maine Chapter, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Memorial services will be private; family and friends will gather at a later date for a celebration and remembrance of her life and her loving kindness. Condolences may be shared with the family at longfuneralhomecamden.com. Arrangements are with the Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Camden.

## Judith A. Girouard, 83



SHREWSBURY — Judith A. (McCourt) Girouard died Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 in Shrewsbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center with her daughters by her side. She was 83.

She was born in Portland, ME on July 10, 1933 daughter of the late James and Mary (Carson) McCourt and was raised in Worcester and graduated from North High School. Judy married Roger R. Girouard on Sept. 4, 1954. They raised their family in Shrewsbury and then Northboro, where she was very active with the Cub Scouts.

Judy worked as a financial analyst for Digital Corp. for many years, retiring in 1992.

With a lifelong passion for music and singing she was a member of the Northborough Area Community Chorus for many years. Other interests included knitting and crocheting, reading, gardening, dinners out with family and friends and traveling. She was also very fond of chocolate, ice cream and kitties.

In addition to her husband, Roger she is predeceased by her brother James McCourt.

She leaves her children, Debora A. Girouard and her husband Kenneth Alcorn of Shrewsbury, David R. Girouard and his wife Becky of Brimfield, Dana R. Girouard and his wife Ada of Ashburnham and Lisa B. Taylor and her husband, Michael of Winchendon; her grandchildren, James, Nathan, Karl, and Patrick Taylor, Joan Levine, Mary Newcomb, and Eric, Jason, and Emily Girouard; her great-grandchildren, Tiana, Ryan, Paige, Sophia, Dylan, Michael, Lincoln, Anya, Isabelle and Brooke; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored and remembered Judith's life by gathering for calling hours at Heald & Chiampa Funeral Directors ~ The Sumner House, 5 Church Road, On the Common, Shrewsbury Center on Tuesday, August 30th before leaving in procession to Saint Mary's Church, 640 Main Street, Shrewsbury where her Funeral Mass was celebrated. Burial is in St. Phillip Cemetery, Grafton at the convenience of the family.

Memorials in her name may be made to Ahmisa Haven Animal Rescue, 381 Baldwinville Road, Suite A, Templeton, MA 01468

To view Judy's online tribute, share a memory or offer a condolence please visit [www.healdchiampa.com](http://www.healdchiampa.com).

## Matthew Lee Grucan, 55

SHIRLEY — Matthew Lee Grucan, age 55, of 12 Harvard Road Apt 3, formerly of Templeton, died Wednesday evening, Aug. 24, 2016 in Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

He was born in Gardner on May 14, 1961, son of Raymond Grucan of Winchendon and the late Ellen (Strott) Grucan. Matt was a 1979 graduate of Narragansett Regional High School in Baldwinville and lived in the Templeton area for most of life. For the last six years, Matt was a resident of Shirley.

Matt worked most recently at Acromatic Plastics in Leominster. He previously has worked at Lilly Chemical in Templeton and at Cains Foods in Ayer. His hobbies were fishing, cooking

and tending to his flower garden.

In addition to his father, Matt is survived by a brother, Robert S. Grucan and his wife Joyce of Baldwinville, Susan E. Gallagher and her husband John of Clinton and Jenelle R. Maloy and her husband Brian of Rindge; a close friend Jennifer Johnson of Shirley and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at a future date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Templeton. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon is directing arrangements. [www.stone-ladeau.com](http://www.stone-ladeau.com)

## Clarisse A. Vienneau, 89



WINCHENDON — Clarisse A. Vienneau, age 89 of Winchendon, formerly of Fitchburg died Monday Aug. 22, 2016 in The Highlands, Fitchburg. Clarisse was born in Fitchburg on Dec. 1, 1926 daughter of Louis

and Adeline (Richard) Vienneau. She moved to Texas and then to Arkansas before moving back to the area in 2006. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Leominster. She had been a caregiver for many years taking care of many members of her family.

She leaves a nephew Edward and his wife Linda Dupuis, with whom she lived with, of Winchendon, nephew Henry and his wife Rita Dupuis of Fitchburg, a nephew Arthur and his wife Sue Vienneau of Maryland, nephew Terrance Duguay of Leominster, a niece Joanne Vienneau of Arizona, her God daughter Glennia Bourque of New Brunswick Canada, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Arthur and Laurie Vienneau and sisters Laura Dupuis and

Irene Duguay.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016 in the Pieta Chapel, St. Joseph's Cemetery, 486 Clarendon St., Fitchburg MA. Aubuchon-Moorcroft Funeral Home Fitchburg is assisting the family with arrangements.



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## SPORTS

## From the running track to the roller derby....why not?



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Andie Newton now skates for the Baystate Brawlers

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

FITCHBURG — It happened completely by chance as things sometimes tend to do. One day last year Andie Newton was in Fitchburg and was approached by a bevy of roller derby players trying to get people to come watch their games. The tickets were free and Newton was all for that, who wouldn't be, and a friend was called to use the other ticket and down they went to see the action.

"It sounded fantastic," Newton recalled.

Some 20 minutes into play, "I want to do this," Newton enthused and never mind the complete lack of experience in how to roller skate. There was a website and an application and that started that.

Meet the Baystate Brawlers, the women's league Newton

joined a little more than a year ago before transgendering in November. The Brawlers practice fairly locally at Roll on America and host home contests at the Wallace Civic Center in Fitchburg.

"No, I really didn't know how to roller skate," Newton laughed, "but that didn't matter. A lot of people don't and they work with you. I guess I was mostly worried about falling on my butt and cracking my head."

He acknowledges, "But I really wanted to do it. I didn't know anything about roller derby except what I saw on 'Bones' on TV."

Safety matters. You have to work your way onto a roster and Newton is still prepping for that opportunity. "I'm still what's known as a level 1 — it means I can practice

with the team but can't play in games yet. It takes a while," he explained.

But when you didn't even know how to roller skate, what kind of challenge was that for the coaches?

"They were great," exclaimed Newton.

"They're used to having new people come in. In fact, they encourage you to bring your friends," he noted, adding he was trying to encourage several co-workers to sign up.

Newton is involved in the 18+ league and said there are players whose ages range from 20-something to 50-something. "It's impressive to watch the older players."

Also impressive is Newton's approach to practice.

"I like practicing. I really do," he said, recalling a lot of practices during a high school

track career at Murdock. But, "this isn't competitive for me. I like the social aspect of being part of the team."

2016 marks the Brawlers fifth season of operation with two teams, the Punishers, who are internationally ranked in Flat Track Derby and the B-level Brawlin Broads. Baystate is also a non-profit but not yet a 501-c (3).

The league is also always on the lookout for rolling and non-skating referees, the latter being scorekeepers, penalty timers and who handle other game day chores.

"This has been so much fun," Newton assured. "I even know how to really skate now. I'm glad I did it," he smiled.

More information is available at [info@baystatebrawlers.com](mailto:info@baystatebrawlers.com)

## Dupuis returns as coach

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Head coach of the Murdock Blue Devils had fully intended to retire after last season, but he admitted, "A couple of guys talked to me; Coach Mizhir for 'Gansett and Coach Dubzinski, and they put my head right. It was a frustrating year last year."

"We lost 11 seniors, but a lot of our younger kids played a lot last year, so they have a lot of game experience," he admitted going into this season.

"We're OK. Everybody coming back has some game experience," he said.

So he is back, and look-

ing forward to a good season. He has his eye on a season that will include growing the team he has.

"Leadership this season so far has been pretty good. Today (Aug. 19) was a good day of practice; the kids stayed focused and the leaders kept them focused. It was actually one of the best first days I've had in a long time," he exulted.

Speaking about his expectations for offense and defense, he was cautiously optimistic.

"This season offensively, I think we're going to be pretty good, we'll be OK. Defensively, it's going to take a little bit of work, we've got some holes to fill. But I think we'll be OK, I mean we've

got some pretty good kids returning."

Of those kids, he had praise for some specific players as he watched them.

"We've got Sammy Drake returning, Nelson is returning, Dante Pridgen is returning; I mean we've got some good kids returning so we'll be OK."

So strategy. What will Murdock be planning?

"Murdock likes running the football a lot, but there will be more passing this season, you just won't see me putting three or four more days," Dupuis said.

"The main goal this upcoming season is just to be competitive. We've

probably got the toughest schedule in central Massachusetts, in our division; in fact I know we've got the toughest schedule in central Mass. We're going to be playing Division 2 teams and we're a Division 6 team but that's OK. We'll play them but we just have to try to be competitive."

"We've picked Littleton back up, we've picked Worcester North back up, we've got some tough teams on our schedule this year; so we have to be ready for them."

But Dupuis is confident, in his program and his players. He is ready for the games to begin and likes what he has seen so far.

"The football program

at Murdock so far is going pretty well. The middle school football team is flourishing; our numbers are good. We're right where we want to be, it's doing well and like I said, we're competitive."

He has high hopes for his varsity team, and is encouraged by the enthusiasm he sees.

"We're a small school competing against very large schools; much bigger than us and yet we remain competitive."

The 2016 roster includes: Jared Nelson, Daunte Pridgen, Tyler Cota, Caleb Landry, Will Iannacone, James Anderson, Nate Pelkey, Sam Drake, Ethan King, Jessie Nolette, Anthony Alden, Austin Barrows,

Steven Lemieux, Dominic Quionnes, Richard Swanson, Scott Laverdure, Logan Hawkins, Jack Newbrough, Ryan Thira, Nick Leblanc, Matthew Marbellow, Jose Gomez, Keagan Murphy, Morhei Castro, Alec Barrows, Brandon Newbrough, Logan Hugg and Alec Hart.

The Blue Devils open their season at home Sept. 9 against Worcester North. Other teams Murdock will be facing this season include Maynard, West Boylston, Littleton Ayr-Shirley, Assabet Valley, Clinton, Lunenburg and Narragansett.

## Girls Jimmy Fund team wins tickets with \$2,500 raised



Tracy Gambill photo

The Winchendon Girls Jimmy Fund Softball Team proudly pose for a photo after raising \$2,500 for the Jimmy Fund. Front row (l-r): Alivia Martin, Kalea Reilly, Randi Murphy, Nicole Fluet, Danielle Forth, Kateri Mason. Back row (l-r): Joe Duval, John Reilly, Acacia Beauregard, Monique Drapeau, Sadie Michelson, Ashley Sevigny, Rylee Lambert, Mabel Marion, Shane Murphy, Don Mason.

BY TRACY GAMBILL  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Girls Jimmy Fund Softball Team raised \$2,500 and won tickets to see the Red Sox play against the Toronto Blue Jays in Boston on Oct. 1st. The Jimmy Fund, as many know, supports cancer research and care at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

The girls, ages 9-12, held a raffle in early August for themed baskets and items generously contributed by area businesses. The girls also collected money donations in front of local stores.

Mom Kathy Martin said, "The girls were selfless in what they did."

Though the team did not play any official games, they worked hard and had fun at plenty of practices over the last couple of months.

Coach John Reilly said, "We maintained a clinic all summer and the girls have been amazing. They put forth great effort fundraising and every girl is better than they were on the first day. They have really become unified as a team."

As Reilly shared, it was obvious he enjoys coaching. "There's something special here," he added with a smile.

Moms gathered at one practice said they are impressed with Coach Reilly's patience and agree that "he goes out of his way for the kids."



TALKING  
SPORTS

JERRY  
CARTON

So San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kapernick didn't stand for the National Anthem last week before a pre-season game. Okay. So what? As usual, the hypocrisy from those who want "freedom" from government telling them what they can and can't do was overwhelming. Those sunshine patriots certainly had no problem dissecting and blasting Kapernick's behavior. First the collective we complain when athletes don't take stands and then lots of the collective we assail them when they do. Here's my take

— the Ravens have a wide receiver named Benjamin Watson who repeatedly says Planned Parenthood's real goal is to exterminate African-Americans. That's his opinion and he has every right to express it. Watson will miss this season with an ACL but had he stayed healthy, I'd only have cared whether or not he could make a contribution to the team. I have a number of very politically liberal friends in the DC area who abhor Nationals' second baseman Daniel Murphy's right-wing ideology, but they sure like that he's leading the NL in batting, even with his porous defense. Colin Kapernick's got every right to take a stand.

Period. I was, however, a m u s e d when I heard folks

say the Niners will cut him over this. That just displays an ignorance of the reality of the QB situation in San Fran. Kapernick's not going anywhere as long as the alternative is Blaine Gabbert who doesn't fit new coach Chip Kelly's philosophy and system at all. Fans are far more concerned with winning than political ideology.

That noted, there is a major starting job open. Tony Romo is hurt yet again and is projected to miss as much as half the season. The NFC East isn't the toughest division in the NFL but Dallas can't contend even in that bunch without Romo. I wonder if Jerry Jones might find Kapernick interesting. Thing is, though — it's been four years since CK led the Niners to the Super Bowl and while the subsequent collapse hasn't been all his fault, most

of the blame lying in the power struggle between now Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and the front office, Kapernick's play has deteriorated. Still, he's better than Blaine Gabbert.

You'd think you could find, in a country of some 320-million, 32 men who could adequately play quarterback in the NFL. Evidently not. The Jets. The Titans. The Browns (Sorry, Robert)? Let's talk more about this next week when the season starts.

For now, let's talk provincialism. After all the noise in these parts about the unfair way in which Tom Brady was treated, in their eyes, I haven't seen many postings or columns expressing the same outrage over Roger Goodell threatening to suspend non-Patriots if they didn't talk to him about drug allegations. Where's the local outrage

over this? Yes, that's a rhetorical question.

I'm writing this Monday so who knows what the AL East and wild card race will look like by Friday but when this essay is published it will be September and somehow the Orioles and Red Sox have stayed in the race despite starting and relief pitching respectively that should have relegated both to also-ran status. Offense is up across the board so the last few weeks should be fun to watch.

Last weekend's Travers stakes at Saratoga, aka the "Mid-Summer Derby" wasn't so much fun to watch because of the track conditions. It was apparent earlier in the day the racetrack was a Daytona-hard speedway and if you weren't on the front end or very close to it, you had no shot. Racetrack management has had a tenden-

cy to "soup" up their surfaces on big days but that not only produces skewed results which aren't repeated, it's also dangerous. Ah well. The Travers was run for the first time in 1864, (Bob Lincoln, the President's son was there and yes there are photos to prove it) and not until Arrogate the other day had the race ever been run in under two minutes. Not by Damascus or Buckpasser or Native Dancer or Easy Goer or Triple Crown winner Whirlaway. Not even by Man O'War. (Secretariat missed the Travers in 1973 due to a lingering fever.) Not by anyone ever. As some are wont to do, there were fans who began hailing Arrogate as great. Yeah. Typical in today's culture, people want to rush to judgment. Let' wait and see, shall we. See you all next week.

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**COLLECTORS' SHOW**  
**FITZWILLIAM** — The Tri Town Coin, Postcard and Sports Card Collector's Club will hold its next show and collector meetings on Sunday, the 11th of September at the Fitzwilliam VFW. Area collectors of all ages are invited to meet other collectors and various hobbyists. The event, which will offer door prizes, begins at 8 a.m. with a club business meeting during the show's start up session. After a family fun day of buying and selling collectibles, dealers will join the Tri Town Numismatic Society at 2:30 p.m. for its monthly meeting. Besides the usual group of exhibitors, the club welcomes a Canadian coin expert and a local collector of New England Postcards. There is no admission charge and

anyone looking to sell or trade their collectible items such as coins, comic books, sports/postcards and other interesting items may set up a card table by calling show chairman Joe Fuller at 802-297-1274 or e-mail [Pepsijoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:Pepsijoseph@yahoo.com). This collector's expo will be followed by another show on October 9th. In the past five years the group has participated in many charitable events in Southern Vermont, Keene, NH, and western Massachusetts. Tri Town Shows LLC 498 Coleman Hill Rd Rawsonville, Vt 05155 802-297-1274 Honest and Fair Dealing since 1968.  
**POPCORN!**  
 The Pack 193 2016 Popcorn Drive is set to begin this weekend and run through Oct. 22. This fundraiser is a major source of funds for the Pack's

operation during the upcoming year. Prices for the popcorn packages are \$10 and up; and up to 40% of the proceeds come back to the Pack as their commission. If you are not a fan of popcorn yourself, please consider a donation purchase of popcorn for Winchendon military personnel, to be distributed by Operation Winchendon Cares.  
 Blitz day is set for Oct 2, you may see Cub Scouts going door to door in your neighborhood. Additionally, between now and Oct 22 you may see tables set up in front of local businesses with popcorn for sale. Please show your support.  
 The Cub Scout program is open to boys from kindergarten age through 11 years old. The boys meet in dens with other boys their same age. This

program prepares young boys to enter the Boy Scout program after age 11. When they are not busy camping, hiking, and honing wilderness skills, they are learning life skills that help them become better sons and citizens.  
 For more information about this great program for boys please contact Cubmaster Kevin Fuller at [cmpack193@gmail.com](mailto:cmpack193@gmail.com)  
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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**  
**CANTON, NY (05/27/2016)** - Abigail M. Stowell of Royalston was one of nearly 600 students who were awarded bachelor degrees from St. Lawrence University during Commencement ceremonies held on May 22 in Canton, New York.  
 Stowell is a member of the Class of 2016 and majored in anthropology and sociology. Stowell received the degree of bachelor of arts. Stowell graduated from Proctor Academy.

**ANYTHING**

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Banking on the chance most American citizens have short memories, Mylan and Bresch rolled the dice and jacked up the price of EpiPen's 400 percent raising the price per package since the May, 2011 price of \$150 all the way to \$600. By the way, it was 57 bucks in 2007. Guess what, the public was paying attention along with many watchdog groups, and the outcry was almost immediate. In the media, a verbal lynching mob of sorts spoke up with a volume thankfully as loud as Shkreli provoked. Now here is where the corporate game gets interesting.  
 After much recent pressure and protest from both the consumer public and media, Mylan "Out of the pure goodness of its business heart" has recently announced it will offer a generic version of EpiPen, for just \$300 to be produced by Abbot Labs, who it previously specifically acquired for the generic market. A brilliant marketing strategy to say the least. Jack the price in to the stratosphere, and then when the people cry foul, offer it for half of the

new price. Trust me people, Mylan is laughing all the way to the bank. Let's be honest. Mylan and Bresch knew, based on events just a year prior, there was going to be an outcry over the proposal of the \$600 price tag. So they offered a generic version at half that price \$300, which is still double the old price of \$150, after getting the FDA to mandate two EpiPens per package vs one. The end result my fellow citizens, corporate annual sales revenue from EpiPen have gone from \$200 Million in 2007 to \$1.5 Billion annually. "WE'VE BEEN FLEECEED AGAIN!"  
 In yet other interesting twists, Mylan has previously made a large donation to the Clinton Foundation, and Bresch's father Democratic Senator Joe Manchin has according to the Washington Post received a combined total of \$60,650 from Mylan's PAC and employees.  
 In the end, Bresch's annual compensation at Mylan has risen from \$2.5 Million to almost \$19 Million in just under 10 years at a nearly 700 percent increase, while the average person struggles for 3 percent annually. At least Bresch can rest easy for if needed, I am sure she will have no problem affording an EpiPen.

**SCAM**

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donations to any organization should be extremely cautious.  
 Before giving money, she said, people should check with the AGO's Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division. The office can be reached at [www.mass.gov/ago/charitiesreports](http://www.mass.gov/ago/charitiesreports) or by calling (617) 727-2200 X-2101.  
 Snyder said people should also "know their charity. Take the time to verify the address, phone number, contact information, and review the website and written material, when possible."  
 She said charities can also be checked out a websites such as Charitynavigator.org and BBB.org/charity, where you will find additional information to help you understand a large number of charities. Examine your options.  
 Other advice offered by Snyder is to ask lots of questions. How much of the money goes to the charity and how much to a professional fundraiser? Ask who employs the telephone solicitor, if your contribution is tax deductible and what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions that might remain after the victims' needs are addressed.  
 Finally, do not pay by cash. Pay by check, and make it out to the charity (use its full name; don't use initials), not the fundraiser. Never give your credit card number to a fundraiser over the telephone. If the fundraiser directly approaches you, ask to see identification. It is best to mail your check directly to the charity.  
 Winchendon police recently held a workshop urging residents to contact them if they believe they've become the victim of a phone solicitation scam or if they've received a suspicious call from anyone claiming to be raising funds for any organization.

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**SCOUTS**

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Savage awoke at 7 a.m., which is when he usually gets up.

Ben Fuller, age 9, found Coke caps. He enjoys the fresh air.

"I'm keeping the worms in so they make good soil," Ben said. "The fun part is getting dirty."

Like Charlie, he also woke up at 7 a.m., which is the time he gets up for school.

For Colton Cochran, age 10, it was about seeing his friends and doing a good deed.

"I like to come here to see my friends, especially Ben," Colton said. "I know I'm doing a good deed."

Colton found grass, Bud caps, and Dunkin' Donuts plastic cups.

He woke up earlier, at 6 a.m., which is the time he wakes up normally.

Jack Vara, age 8, found worms but mostly rocks.

"I put the dirt on top of worms," Jack said. "I like community service."

Jack set his alarm for 5:30 a.m.

Six-year-old Damon Jess said he has never done anything like this, but he likes it.

"I haven't found any trash yet, but when I find rocks, I put them in a pile," Damon said. "I like the Scouts and the group of boys who I'm with."

Damon said he is tired since he woke up earlier than everyone in the house.

Committee Chair Sara Savage said the Garden Club will plant day lilies and echidnae.

Garden Club President Lorraine Fortugno and GAR Renovation Committee member wanted bright colors for the active park.

"It's not a memorial park," Fortugno said.

"Kids come and play ball. We have concerts here. I wanted something vibrant, so I elected

bright yellows, deep red, and shocky oranges."

She said they will bloom from the end of June to the end of September. The cost is about \$1,000. She bought six bags of waste products from Smith Cheese.

Fortugno said she hopes there is not more vandalism coming.

"The day after the bench park was installed, someone came by with a pocket knife and chipped the paint," Fortugno said. "I want people to drive by and say, 'What a beautiful park'."

She said flowers need a lot of water in the first week to get established. That means a prediction of several days of rain. Otherwise, there is no way to maintain them.

"They need at least an inch a week unless you're in a desert," Fortugno said.

She owns a large garden with hundreds of flowers.

Parent and Boy Scout

Troop leader Laura Fuller said service projects are important for multiple reasons. Unlike the Cub Scouts, which are for elementary school students, the Boy Scouts are for ages 12 to 18.

"For boys who achieve the Eagle rank with a lengthy interviewing process, once they finish boot camp in the military, they automatically get bumped to a private first class rank, which is a pay raise," Fuller said. "It also looks good on the college application process."

Only two percent achieve Eagle rank status, she said.

Fuller said it's always proper to say, 'I am a Scout, not I was'."



Tara Vocino photos

From left to right, Jack Varca, age 8, Owen Trickett, age 9, Damon Jess, age 6, Tristan Fuller, age 6, Robert Drapeau, a grandfather, Deb Kane, a Garden Club member, Addie Trickett, age 2, Alicia Trickett, a parent, Lorraine Fortugno, Garden Club president, Colton Cochran, age 10, Laura Fuller, a parent, Benjamin Fuller, age 9, Kate Varca, a parent, Charlie Savage, age 10, and Sara Savage, Cub Scout Committee chair prepared the GAR Park for summer flowers early Saturday morning.

**JOURNEY**

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wrong. Memory can play tricks on you.

I can also remember a time, many times in fact, when I swore up and down I'd never ever vote for Hillary Clinton but here I am. Of course I also never expected she'd run for President against someone as dangerous and unstable as DJT either. Those Establishment Republicans who are so horrified by Trump? When they (sometimes subtly,

sometimes not) hitched their fortunes to the Tea Party insurgency before the 2010 midterms, did they never think those far-right crazies would eventually and inevitably turn on them? What's the old line about making deals with the devil? This campaign is really their creation, their responsibility. They fully deserve what they're getting — the rest of us, not so much. 67 days to go. Yes, you have every reason to be very worried how nasty, ugly and un (small "d") democratic these 67 days might be. Awesome. See you next week.

**SMITH**

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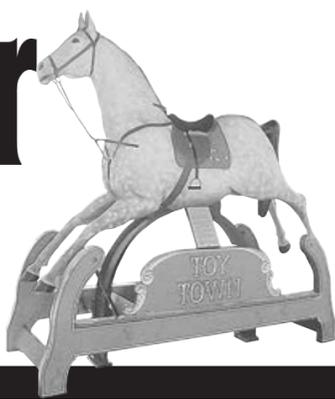


Garden Club member Deb Kane digs up rocks while helping to prepare to plant summer flowers at GAR Park on Saturday.



Cub Scout member Charlie Savage pointed out the trash that he found while cleaning up GAR Park early Saturday.

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## WHITE'S MILL

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#9, should get underway before the end of the year.

"It will be a completely new structure," she said.

The scope of residential space in the former mill also has grown considerable from the original concept.

"The town doesn't have a lot of affordable housing," said Giovanoni, when asked about reported plans to construct 100 housing units on site.

"Half would be designated for

affordable housing, where people earn 60 percent of poverty level or below," she explained, "while the rest would be for workforce housing for people earning between 61 percent and 120 percent. Our goal is to get families out of affordable housing and into a home in Winchendon; to add those homes to the town's tax base. We're not bringing in any children whose costs we're not covering."

Some town officials have expressed concern that the addition of 100 units to Winchendon's residential

housing base would create a strain on the town's schools and public safety agencies.

The new plans for White's Mill will be presented in detail to Hickey and Planning Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero at a meeting next week, according to Giovanoni, who added a formal site plan has been put together.

Said Giovanoni: "Everything is the same with the exception of moving the farm out of the building. We still plan on creating 100 jobs, possibly more."

Brandywine Farms also said the \$36,000 it owes in back taxes

on the property will be covered through an abatement agreement with the town.

"What we owe is taxes for last year, when we bought the property, plus the previous owner's taxes for three years," she explained. "We went to the town and had a lien placed on the property. We will likely be putting money to cover the bill into escrow."

Giovanoni praised Hickey for his willingness to work with Brandywine.

"Keith is responsive, informed, and on top of things," she said. "When I have

questions I get answers. I really want this (project built) in Winchendon. This is my baby."

Construction on the Winchendon Springs complex began in 1867 as the Nelson Mills Co. It later became White Bros. Co. before its final incarnation as N.D. White & Sons. Mylec Corp., which manufactures hockey equipment, was the last occupant of the facility.

According to the Winchendon assessor's office, the mill complex is currently assessed at \$572,800.

## COOLERS

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ucts from out back.

However, Winchendon resident Melissa Roy reportedly asked employees to put a sign up last week on Thursday, but they reportedly said it was not their responsibility.

Cranfill assured there were signs up the entire time the freezers were broken.

Roy said their dairy section temperature when the freezer was broken was more than 60° Fahrenheit when it needs to be 45° Fahrenheit or less.

"They have since fixed part of the cooler," Roy said. "I plan to call the Board of Health."

The Board of Health requirements are: 35° Fahrenheit for dairy; below 0° Fahrenheit for frozen, 40° Fahrenheit for produce; 35° Fahrenheit for deli; and 40° Fahrenheit for meat, she wrote down on a sheet of paper.

She said since the ice cream stayed get below zero, it was good, because it did not get to the defrost cycle.

Health Agent James Abare said it becomes a violation if the temperature went above that number.

Abare commented on what happens to the food.

"Depending upon the temperature, either transfer the food to a working freezer, or discard the food," Abare said.

Abare said sometimes older units are easier to repair than newer ones, so that could be why Central

Supermarket did not install a working freezer.

However, those parts will eventually have to be replaced, Abare said.

In the past, the food temperature was slightly above, and a technician came in to reduce the temperature.

"It's not a common problem, and it wasn't a complete failure, like this one was," Abare said.

The Board of Health will double check that it is still working and keep an eye on it.

Cole Morton of Winchendon, visits once every two weeks. He bought dairy, cream, butter and meats when being interviewed.

Morton said since he works in a restaurant, he understands it is tough to keep all the food going.

"The store did the right thing by putting signs up," Morton said. "It's the people's fault if they ignored signs, and then complained. They should know better. There's not much else that the store can do."

He has not had any issues with food temperature.

New Hampshire resident Cheryl Miganault visited the store on Friday when she saw the freezer was broken. The shelf had already been emptied.

"I never had a problem with temperature, but customers who do have every right to complain," Miganault said.

Similarly, customer Barry Jean visits the store four times a week and never had any food temperature issues.

## SARGENT HOUSE

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equipped with thermostatically controlled shades to ensure the room stays warm in winter and cool in summer."

The house represented the introduction of the Queen Anne shingled style house to the neighborhood and research indicated, "an engaged round tower occupies the southern corner. A wrap around veranda has a small entry gable and... rounded windows band the tower and stained glass oval windows occupy the extreme right bay in front of the house."

Near the end of the 20th century, Jack and Pam Blair bought the home and arrived in 1998 to begin working at the Winchendon School. "We fell in love with it," recalled Jack. "It was clear those who preceded us in owning had taken all the steps necessary to keep it in good order even though it was more than 100 years-old."

"That heated pool was a big feature," Blair added. "My guess is it was built for lap swimming and physical therapy."

Said Danielle, "The Blairs have shown great



Morgan St. Pierre photo

The Sargent house is a fine example of Queen Anne style. At right: The fine woodwork and the sweeping stairs are welcoming.



love and care for the home."

Dave added, "we're the custodians of an important piece of the town's history. We're excited and happy and we're going to take good care of this incredible place."

Research by the Massachusetts Historical Commission in a statewide inventory of historic assets, archives of the Winchendon

Historic and Cultural Center and private information were all accessed to create this story. If you are interested in having your house included in such a story, contact the editor of the Courier at [wincheditor@stonebridgepress.com](mailto:wincheditor@stonebridgepress.com) for more information.

# LEGALS

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nicholas E. Dillon to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, "Lender"; its successors and assigns dated June 16, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 39194, Page 206, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated May 10, 2012 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 48980, Page 390, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 12:00 PM, on September 16, 2016**, on the premises known as **32 Pearl Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on and numbered 32 Pearl Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

TRACT I:  
Beginning at an iron pipe and stones at a point which is North about 76 degrees 30' West, 149.5 feet from a stone post in the East line of land formerly of Damon heirs, and is the Southwest bound of Lincoln Place (formerly) now Pearl Street;

THENCE North about 76 degrees 30' West, by Pearl Street, 100 feet to an iron pipe and stones;

THENCE South about 18 degrees West 75 feet to an iron pipe and stones  
THENCE South about 76 degrees 30' East about 100 feet to an iron pipe and stones;

THENCE North about 18 degrees East 75 feet to the place of beginning.

TRACT II:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Tract I;

THENCE South about 18 degrees West 25 feet;

THENCE North about 76 degrees 30' West, 100 feet;

THENCE North about 18 degrees East 25 feet to Tract I;

THENCE South about 76 degrees, 30' East, 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Also conveying the right to pass and repass to and from Mill Street to and from the parcels hereinafter described over a private way laid out by heirs of Jones Damon, insofar as the same may now apply.

Subject to rights, easements, and restrictions of record to the extent in

force and applicable.

For my title see deed recorded here-with in Book 39194, Page 204.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 212, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

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

Present holder of said mortgage  
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by its Attorneys  
Guaetta and Benson, LLC  
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire  
P.O. Box 519  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
August 15, 2016  
August 26, 2016  
September 2, 2016  
September 9, 2016

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Carey Bryant and Christina Bryant to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., dated October 5, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40174, Page 180, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on September 12, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 22 Bemis Road a/k/a Route 140 Beamus Road, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with a mailing address of 22 Bemis Road, situated in the Southeasterly part of said Winchendon, bounded and described as follows.

NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Hiram L. Cook and Edward O. Cook; EASTERLY by land now or formerly owned by the heirs of Abigail Baldwin; and SOUTHERLY, SOUTHWESTERLY and WESTERLY by the road leading to Gardner past the house of Edson B. Bemis, known as Bemis Road; containing 5 acres more or less.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18498, Page 32.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the

purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL  
MASSACHUSETTS, INC  
Present holder of said mortgage  
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HARMON LAW OFFICES,  
P.C.

150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617) 558-0500  
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August 19, 2016

August 26, 2016

September 2, 2016

## Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed., September 21, 2016 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the Variance application of David Romanowski of 261 High St. Winchendon MA 01475 for property located at 261 High St, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 5D3 Parcel 35 owned by the same to hear an application for a Variance for relief from the side setback for construction of a storage shed afforded under Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw. Said property is located in the R40 Suburban Residential – Neighborhood District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.

BY: Cynthia Carville, Chair  
Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals  
September 2, 2016  
September 9, 2016

## TOWN OF WINCHENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 148, §13, the Winchendon Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, at Town Hall, 109 Front Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium, Winchendon, on the application of **Cumberland Farms, Inc.** to amend its underground fuel storage license at **95 Front Street**. Said license will provide for the storage of 32,000 gals. of gasoline and 8,000 gal. of diesel fuel in two, dual-compartment underground storage tanks for a total of 40,000 gals. All abutters and other interested persons are invited to attend.

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman  
Board of Selectmen  
September 2, 2016



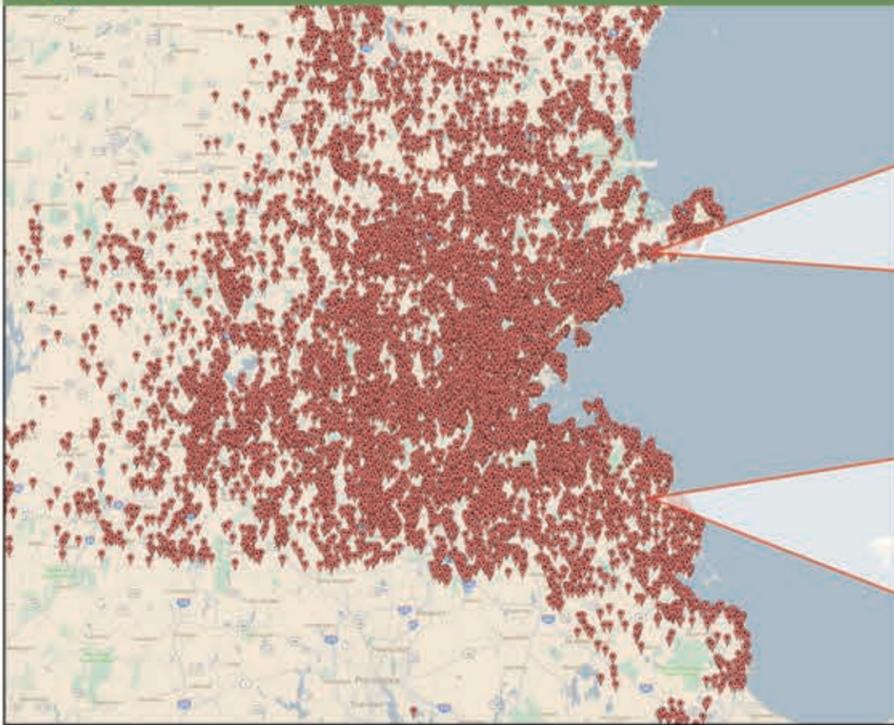
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