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BOS: mixed reviews for transfer station study

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Members of the Transfer Station Study Committee left Monday night's meeting with selectmen noticeably dejected after the board gave mixed reviews of the recommendations it formulated for operating the facility at a profit. While selectmen unanimously thanked the committee for its work, some suggestions received, at best, a lukewarm reaction, while others were rejected outright.

Study Committee Chairman Bob Zbikowski told selectmen his panel had met seven times over the past two months to develop its recommendations. Some proposals were drawn from policies currently employed in other communities.

The proposal drawing the most straightforward opposition was one to replace the two full-time workers currently manning the facility with a half-dozen part-timers. The committee presented selectmen with statistics which indicated that opening the transfer station a total of 27 hours per week, and manned by two part-time employees paid \$10 an hour, would cost the enterprise fund just under \$29,000 a year.

Selectman Amy Salter point-

ed out the state minimum wage is due for a bump-up to \$11 an hour this November, meaning savings wouldn't be as significant as anticipated.

Board member Mike Barbaro pointed out that the hiring of new part-time employees would be accompanied by costs associated with training them. He also said the town would be responsible for covering payments to Medicare and other indirect costs.

The nail in the coffin of the part-time worker proposal, however, was that Public Works Director Al Gallant had managed to get the department's labor union to agree to cutting the two-man staff in half. As of July 1, there will be just one person overseeing daily operations at the transfer station. Selectmen were united in their belief the union would be unlikely to go along with hiring part-timers. Some members of the study committee had also assumed, incorrectly, that part-time workers would not have to be unionized.

Gallant said cutting back to one employee at the facility will save the enterprise fund around \$40,000 annually.

Selectmen also balked at the committee's plan to institute a year-round schedule to keep the transfer station open from 9 a.m. To 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m on Saturday.

Town Manager Keith Hickey said he would be concerned about keeping the station open until 7 p.m. in winter, especially during the apex of the season, when sunset comes as early as 4 or 4:15 p.m.

"I think we'd be faced with safety and liability issues," he said

Zbikowski countered that the problem could be solved by the installation of a couple of floodlights.

"Our ultimate goal," he said,

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Greg Vine photos

The Ashmore family at the engraved stone as Fr. Michael Clements blesses the memorial.

Chief Ashmore honored with permanent memorial

Selectmen have hands full with

permits and summer-long plans

was granted to the town's Parks

and Recreation Commission,

allowing it to stage its annu-

al Summer Concert Series. A

variety of acts are scheduled

to grace the gazebo at G.A.R.

Park every Friday evening

from tonight through July

29. Each performance is free

and open to the public, who

are encouraged to bring lawn

chairs and blankets to relax

on while being entertained. All

BY GREG VINE

WINCHENDON — Sunday morning was cool and brisk winds unfurled the flags of the United States and Winchendon Fire Department as they were marched to the Winchendon Firefighters Memorial on Glenallan Street. Firefighters, former firefighters, friends, and family gathered at the memorial to remember late Winchendon Fire Chief Clayton Ashmore.

To those gathered, current Fire Chief Tom Smith said, "We are assembled here to focus our thoughts on the loss of our loved ones in the fire service. We are also here to support one another through times of joy and sadness...Not every call is a glory call, not every call is exciting; however, every call is dangerous in its own way no matter if it is a basic ambulance call or a devastating house fire. We are all in this job together as pieces in God's master plan...(O)ne thing that being chief of the Winchendon Fire Department has taught me is that there is a large extend-

ed family out there to support any member through their toughest of times."

One of the toughest times in the town's collective memory is Dec. 5, 1977. On that day, Chief Clayton Ashmore finished his shift at the department and went home. Just a short time after his arrival an ambulance was called – at around 3 p.m. – and the chief was rushed to Winchendon Hospital, now known as the Winchendon Health Center. It was there that he was pronounced dead of a massive heart attack.

Ironically, earlier in the day, he had served as a pall bearer at the funeral of Helen Sullivan, the wife of former Deputy Fire Chief Richard Sullivan.

Equally as ironic is that the night of Ashmore's death, selectmen were to open bids for construction of the fire station that now stands on Central Street. The chief had worked for many months with members of the Fire Station Study Committee to move

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events will run from 6:30 to

Performances will be moved

Acts scheduled to appear

include: Beatles for Sale, a

Beatles tribute band, June 17;

B. Dickens & Please Academy

(folk, rock and blues), June

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the second-floor auditorium

at town hall in the event of

approximately 8 p.m.

inclement weather.

Winchendon Winds returns under new director

WINCHENDON — With the loss of the talent of Jon Nicholson, it was feared the first season of Winchendon Winds, his beloved brainchild he had worked so very hard to come to fruition, might have been its last. But it was not to be. His family has stepped forward to take on his legacy, and found others with equal passion to continue his work.

With that, they can say with confidence, pack your picnic lunches and chairs and head out to hear delightful, live concert band music!

Winchendon Winds is a professional-level concert band comprised of more thanr 35 of the finest wind musicians in the region. "Win Winds" was founded last year by the late Nicholson, a Winchendon resident and career music educator and musician, and is continuing this year under his daughters Jill Nicholson Sackett and Inanna Arthen. Win Winds is dedicated to bringing high caliber concert

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Weekend Of Music

Not to worry if the announcement of the return of Winchendon Winds and the Winchendon Music Festival falling on the same date seemed incongruous. It works.

Winchendon Winds plays its concert at 1 p.m.; Sunday June 26 at Unitarian Universalist Church.

The last concert of the Winchendon Music Festival is 5 p.m. Sunday June 26 at Old Centre Church.

Since variety is the spice of life, the Win Winds concert features Irish-British music of the Isles while the John Arcaro & Band will be in jazz mode for the final concert of the weekend.

Something for everyone!
The other two concerts for Winchendon Music Festival at Old Centre, both at 7 p.m. are Friday featuring a baroque ensemble including Andrew Arcrei & Teresa

ing Andrew Arceci & Teresa Wakim with an ensemble; and Saturday featuring folk band Floyds Row.



Greg Vine photo

The new truck has unique properties, and the orange sand spreader in front of the back wheels serves a good purpose.

DPW gets important addition to fleet thanks to R-B grant

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Public Works employees who find themselves behind the wheel of the department's 2005 Mack truck for sanding purposes this winter will find their task a whole lot easier thanks to

a grant from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation.

DPW Chief Al Gallant said the \$28,000 grant was used to purchase a new "body dump spreader," as it's called by people in the know, which has

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BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — In addi-

end-of-fiscal-year

tion to dispensing with some

budget transfers, Selectmen

Monday night approved sever-

al permits which will bring a

variety of entertainment - and

some good eats - to the Toy

An entertainment permit

Town this summer.

routine

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WEEKLY QUOTE

"True originality consists not in a new manner but in a new vision."

Edith Wharton

Local entities benefit from grants

LEOMINSTER The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts announced the distribution of 23 grants, totaling nearly \$500,000 from its general endowment funds and field of interest funds, during a press event at Apple Hill Farm.

Among them was one that with help keep the after school programs in Winchendon a successful venture.

"All of the programs we funded will make a difference in the quality of life for our region," said Phil Grzewinski, president of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts.

Eight of the grants were made from the Community Foundation Endowment General Fund, which includes support from seven named funds: ABM General Endowment Fund; Allen & Barbara Rome General Endowment Fund; Brown/Peterson Family General Endowment Fund; Gerald E. Bieler Memorial Endowment Fund; IC Founders Society Endowment Fund; KRC Family Endowment Fund, and the W. E. Aubuchon, Jr. General Endowment Fund.

Those most closely affecting Winchendon include:

A \$15,000 grant to the Winchendon School District will fund an after school program that addresses curriculum gaps.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical Fitchburg, School, received a \$25,000 grant for its new veterinary science training program.

House of Peace and Education, Inc., Gardner, received a \$15,000 grant to train its staff for the implementation of "Training Grounds," a program to help clients with challenges.

\$11,000 grant An Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc., Fitchburg, will be used to integrate a nationally recognized bystander intervention curriculum into its youth groups and sessions, which teaches young people how to safely intervene on behalf of someone who is being victimized.

Over 120 professionals will receive training in health-based conflict intervention and mediation, which helps vulnerable population resolve issues, through a \$20,000 grant to Quabbin Mediation, Inc., Orange.



Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts' Maribeth Janssens and Phil Grzewinski look on as Cindy Darcy with the Winchendon school district receives a \$15,000 grant last week at the foundation's anniversary event at Apple Hill

Farm in Leominster.

L.U.K. Crisis Center, Inc., Fitchburg, will use its \$13,879 grant toward a program that will hire four young adults as peer outreach workers, who have relevant backgrounds to reach out and prevent youths from running away from home.

Other programs receiving funding from this source include:

Becket Family Fitchburg, Services, which specializes in addressing behavioral disorders in children and adolescents, of Fitchburg received a \$6,000 grant to purchase additional tools

> for its vocational programmingallowing it to serve more clients.

A \$3,000 grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster, located in Leominster, will support certified training to staff in facilitating ALL STARS programming, an evidence-based substance abuse prevention program designed for students 11 to 17 years old.

Friday Market, Petersham, received a \$2,000 grant toward Petersham Friday Market, which will provide a 20-week music program to enhance and increase community awareness and attendance.

The Doyle Fund, established for environmental causes and animal welfare made five grants:

A\$15,000 grant to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Athol, for its Eagle Reserve Conservation Initiative, which will create public access opportunities to a soon to be acquired 147-acre parcel

North County Land Trust, Inc., Leominster, received a \$9,580 grant toward The Farmland Inventory Project, which is focused on promoting the importance of local farms and farmland.

The Pat Brody Shelter for Cats, Inc., Lunenburg, \$5,000 grant will be used to provide low or no cost veterinary services for low income cat owners as well as stray and abandoned cats.

A \$15,000 grant to the Princeton Land Trust, Princeton, will go toward the acquisition of the Fieldstone Farm in Princeton for conservation. This grant amount, in conjunction with other efforts, will preserve the

Community The Foundation Organizational Development Fund, established to provide opportunities for area non-profits to take steps to build their capacity and/or provide for better sustainability, made five grants:

Athol-Orange Community Television, Inc., Athol, received a \$4,000 grant to hire a consultant to write a volunteer policy for the organization. Development of this policy will streamline the recruitment, training and retaining of volunteers – who play an integral part in the functioning of the organization and its mission.

A \$5,000 grant to Cooperative Elder Services, Inc., Groton, will be used toward the creation of a three-year strategic plan.

A \$11,800 grant to the Spanish American Center, Leominster, will be used to hire a consultant to draft a 5-year strategic plan.

The Virgina Thurston Healing Garden, Harvard, received a \$13,645 grant, which will be used to update and expand its marketing outreach.

Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, which manages United Way Youth Venture for United Way of North Central Massachusetts, received a \$20,000 grant to hire a part-time development person to assist with expansion of the youth development program to additional communities.

Five grants were made possible through the Community Foundation Critical Needs Fund, a fund established for providing assistance with issues that are deemed to be critical needs:

Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz, Inc., Leominster,

town's conservation land. received a \$15,000 grant to purchase food as part of a backpack program, which provides "food insecure" students in Leominster Public Schools with meals and snacks on the weekend.

Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc., Leominster, received a \$20,000 grant to assist with the development of a strategic and succession plan.

A \$23,400 grant to AED Foundation, Inc., Gardner, will be used for its Alyssa's Place: Peer Recovery and Resource Center, which provides substance abuse services.

The United Way of Tri-County received a \$5,000 grant for its Wheat Community Connections food pantry program in Clinton.

A \$20,000 grant to Veteran Homestead, Inc., Fitchburg, will be used as part of a program to address opioid addiction in veterans.

Since its inception, the foundation has awarded nearly \$48 million in grants and distributions from 185 funds that have been established by individuals, families and organizations.

Community

The

Foundation of North Central Massachusetts. www.cfncm.org, more than \$47 million in charitable assets, and has made over \$40 million in grants and distributions. It was created in 2001 to serve the charitable interests of donors in Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Ayer, Barre, Devens, Erving, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Harvard, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Leominster, Littleton, Lunenburg, New Salem, Pepperell, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Shirley, Sterling. Templeton, Townsend, Warwick. Wendell, Westminster Winchendon.



Celebrating a career of leadership, care and compassion

The Retirement of John E. Harrington, MD

After more than three decades of caring for our community, please join us in celebrating the retirement of John E. Harrington, MD.

Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 pm

Winchendon Health Center, 55 Hospital Drive, Winchendon Open to the public

John Harrington, MD, has been a leader of the Heywood Hospital Medical staff since joining the Winchendon Health Center in 1982.

In addition to the patients he cared for at the Winchendon Health Center, Dr. Harrington is well known for his work with Forward In Health, the Gardner Visiting Nurses Association, Winchendon School District Heywood Hospital's Transitional Care Center and Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



Refreshments to be served. Please RSVP to Heywood Hospital's Community Relations Department at (978) 630-6248.

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New events planned for this year's Solstice

BY TARA VOCINO COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON The Wendell P. Clark Memorial YMCA will ring in the start of summer with the 20th annual Summer Solstice Festival on Saturday, June 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., rain or shine, using the entire block of Central Street.

In its 20th year, the solstice celebration is constantly evolving to pay for scholarships, youth programs, and helps provide financial aid for those who qualify. There are several portions of the day that are new this year.

According to aquatics director Julie Whittemore, the YMCA is being mindful of families' finances by setting aside four free events this year.

A \$5 wristband will include children's games, inflatables, petting zoo, arts and crafts, face painting and train rides. However, there will be field games that are at set times throughout the hour that are

times are tough and offer activ-

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"We want to recognize that

ities regardless if families can afford them," Whittemore said, who is the road race organizer. "All they have to do is show up at the time that we're doing them."

The field games are: potato sack races, noon; tug of war, 1 p.m., water balloons, 2 p.m., and wheelbarrow races, 3 p.m.

According to gymnastic director Amanda Tousignant, Cornerstone Church down the road is bringing an antique car show from noon to 4 p.m. in the back parking lot, also new this

Tousignant, who is the parade organizer, commented on what attracts people year-after-year.

"Who doesn't love good vendor food?" she asked.

Tousignant explained although the YMCA promotes healthy living, splurging for a day is acceptable.

"There will be some healthy food," Tousignant said. "But it'll mostly be your normal festival food - fried dough, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cotton candy. But all that will be offset by running."

Executive Director Mike Quinn said that while the Kiwanis Club will hold center court with their always popular hot dog and hamburger specials, there will be a variety of other options available, ranging from Italian sausages, subs, tacos, fresh fruit and

> more. Whittemore said there's a Morin Real Estate 5K road race at 8 a.m., a 1/3-mile McDonald's Fun Run for children under 7 at 9:30 a.m., and a 1-mile McDonald's Fun Run for children 8-12 at 9:45 a.m.

> The parade travels one mile down Central Street from the Fire Station to IGA Supermarket at 11

> "There's 25 groups from the Boy Scouts, Department, Fire dance studios in town," Tousignant said. "They

will throw candy to kids on the sidewalk. It brings everyone together from surrounding towns, including Jaffrey, Rindge, Baldwinville, Ashburnham, and Gardner."

Local businesses, civic groups, non-profits, youth groups, sports teams, emergency responders and other organizations will participate in the parade, Quinn added.

Quinn estimated the celebration raises \$5,000 after expenses to help keep membership costs down. Whittemore estimated that 200 run in the races.

"The Solstice supports the annual support campaign, where members can get up to 70 percent off, if their pay stub shows they qualify," Tousignant added.

Quinn said last year, about 2,000 people came out and more than 500 children participated in the games.

Tousignant said that the bike trail grand opening will kick off at the corner of Glenallen and Spring streets at 1 p.m.

Also new this year, basket raffle tickets can be purchased at the front desk – \$5 for 15 tickets, \$1 for two tickets, Quinn said. Cash only. The winner will be drawn on Monday, June 20.

Athol Savings Bank is the title sponsor. Solstice is also sponsored by McDonald's, David A. LaPointe Attorney at Law, Morin Real Estate, GFA Federal Credit Union, Subway, Lyman Signs and Truck Lettering, Smith Electronics, Broadview Inc. Assisted Living Community, Smith Electronics, and 202 Truck and Equipment.

Elsa from Frozen will make an appearance. The Big RanDom, a classic rock group, and Brian Dickens will provide live music from 11:30 a.m. to to 4:30 p.m.,

Quinn added. Quinn said the Solstice is a

great summer kick-off event. "The event is a fun, family-friendly event that offers a lot of fun activities and events for children and adults like," Quinn said. "It is a great way to kick off the summer and to celebrate the community."

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Still the best reason to go work in the world



Aly Galipeau

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — She always wanted to teach. Always, from the time she was a kid in high school at White Mountain Regional high school in New Hampshire. That much Alv Galipeau, then Ryder, knew. What she didn't know was what she wanted to teach. She knew something else, too. She knew she loved music. She really loved music. Music was in her genes. She recalled a story about her father, who evidently was focused more on his DJ career than academics when he started college.

As a high school senior, rather than taking pre-calculus, Galipeau was taking another music class. ("He was famous I guess. Oh, you're Seth Ryder's daughter, I heard all the time") But...

"I had no idea that I could teach music for a living,' recalled Galipeau, who finished her fifth full year at Murdock earlier this week. "I was singing in the All-State festival and there was this female conductor. I was amazed," she laughed. "You can do this?, I thought, you could, indeed.'

After what Aly described as an "interesting" freshman year at Gordon College in Beverly, ("talk about feeling isolated in a bubble. It definitely wasn't the right place for me"), she transferred to Keene State where she met Sandra Howard and her music education really took

"She was my hero. My idol even. Still is," mused Galipeau.

So armed with her newly minted music degree, Galipeau began her professional career at, where else, Olive Garden in Keene. "I liked waitressing. I'm a people person and that's what you have to be there. Also, the bread sticks are amazing. Everyone loves the never-ending breadsticks," she beamed.

But it wasn't long before she found herself a permanent substitute teaching job at Murdock in February, 2011 and came on board fulltime the following fall.

"I'd been doing some subbing on and off around Keene, but this was the real thing. I babysat as a teenager. I just knew even back then I wanted to teach and now I was able to combine music and teaching.'

Galipeau, as anyone who knows her can attest, is a whirlwind of energy and she thinks her outgoing, bubbly personality has helped her reach students.

'Let's face it. Not every kid wants to be here. Some are filling their schedule, so I try to make it interesting. When we talk about Bach, he had 21 kids by two wives incidentally, or the great Ludwig, who was deaf pretty early, I try to get them to understand these men were people, not just some poster on the wall. They have interesting stories."

Of course there are technical things to teach, especially to the chorus, ("I have 35 in the high school chorus," she proudly noted), but, "I want every student who comes into my classroom to find something they like. I like to sing jazz. I like classic rock, Cream, bands like that. All of them can find something, and I try to make the class a hands-on experience. If they really don't like it, it's only a quarter, then they can move on."

On a broader scale, "There's so much 'stuff' we want to do with the program here (at Murdock). I want to grow the program. I need to teach, and I need to do it here. We have so many great kids here. This is exactly where I should be. I love Winchendon, too. It's such a special place. It's one of those old New England towns you can't help but love. I grew up around the White Mountains (Whitefield, NH) and I know small New England towns. Winchendon is a great one," Galipeau enthused.

She'll be spending the summer working both on her Masters from Keene State and at the Keene YMCA, whose camp is affiliated with her church, but Aly is already excited about next

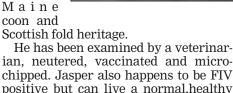
"Can't wait," she assured.

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KITTY KORNER

Jasper is a sweet and gentle boy t h a t would melt your heart. Jasper has unique look and we suspect he may have s o m e Maine



If you would like to meet him A Better



coon and

ian, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Jasper also happens to be FIV positive but can live a normal, healthy life indoors without the need of medication.

Tomorrow Shelter for Cars is open Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-3 p.m., and by appointment. For an adoption application, please visit www.shelterforcats.org or call (774) 641-1271.



CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY JUNE 17

FREE CONCERT: Beatles for Sale will play beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening with New England's best Beatles tribute band. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

STRAWBERRY IHM FESTIVAL: the annual affair begins 5-7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St.

KIDS PROGRAMS: Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 BIKE TRAIL GRAND OPENING: at 1 p.m. a ceremony will be held at the trailhead of the new section of bike trail at the corner of

Glenallan Street. IHM **STRAWBERRY** FESTIVAL: the festival continues 9 a.m.-9 p.m. with ticket auctions, raffles, basket booths, amazing food and more. At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St.

MORIN 5K: the annual race kicks off at 8 a.m. From the Clark Memorial YMCA as the beginning of the Summer Solstice. Followed by the mile McDonald's Fun Run and a race for smaller children as well. Register early at the Clark!

SUMMER SOLSTICE: all day on the grounds of the Clark Memorial YMCA. Live music, games, vendors and food! A parade winds through town at noon.

UU CHURCH SUMMER SALE: the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Central Street will be the site of a plethora of vendors, the Beals Memorial Library book sale, the Winchendon Garden Club plant sale and more. Stop by and browse.

AMERICAN LEGION YARD SALE: Winchendon American Legion Post 193 annual summer yard sale is scheduled Saturday, June 18 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (rain date June 25) in the pavilion at the Legion, 295 School St. Great time to clean out YOUR garage, attic or cellar, as we are accepting donations! Call Esther at (978) 297-1459 to arrange for pick up. All proceeds go toward children & vouth funds of Winchendon American

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 FATHER'S BREAKFAST: and the end of the strawberry festival when winners of the raffles are announced. Breafast is 9-11 a.m. Treat Dad to break-

fast for his day! MONDAY, JUNE 20

YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.\

TUESDAY, JUNE 14 STORY HOUR: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

ADULT CRAFTS: during the children's story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you'd like to attend but don't have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you

craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whomever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration, but for information call (978) 297-0300. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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.

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OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen Community supper is held at its popular time of twice per month, Thursday

night at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. The second Thursday of each month is "Soup and Sandwich night." Each month we're trying out a new soup recipe with a sandwich to go with it.

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

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Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

The combined meeting of Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee took up the topic of better communications, not so much among themselves but with the community on Monday night.

The first discussion centered on improving the facilities for the cable set up at town hall, and adding some much needed, upgraded equipment that might include portable abilities so events outside that building could be recorded.

Many towns even air their town's football games, high school plays and other events for the sake of those who can't attend. There isn't any way of knowing how many people actually take time to watch, but at least it is available. And it's fun.

Now, right now there already is some capability that isn't entirely utilized at the town set up except by the United Parish. That august organization airs its own Sunday services which they have recorded a couple of times a week on the town's cable channel.

Others could do that; they don't have to wait for the town to come up with the equipment, they could do it themselves. The town would certainly work with them.

But upgrading and better utilizing the facilities is a great step and we applaud it.

To move in that direction, and further discussion about better communication with citizens also went in other directions so that the final solution, or at least the next step, is to organize yet another committee to take on all the various and sundry pieces to this puzzle.

Not a bad idea either, but one that could be more difficult to pursue. See, trying to find yet more volunteers in Winchendon could be problematic unless they really, really want to be involved in this. And it's going to take some expertise in some of

Asking the town's IT guy to be a member was a good first step.

The existing communication committee members should also be asked (yes, there is one.) Some of the pieces are time consuming, which is why people like Constant Comment are PAID to keep up people's websites and Facebook sites and accounts. Volunteers do the best they can with the time they have.

And here is the catch no one ever likes to admit.

You will still have people who just to don't see things. It can be Tweeted, Facebooked, in the online calendar, on the TV wrap, announced at every meeting, on posters, in the pages of this newspaper and still, people will say they didn't know about something.

It's the old adage about leading horses to water..

But those in the communication business know this. That's why we keep at it. And we will continue to keep at it.

And while we understand why the town wants to expand its "face" on all the possible venues available, don't throw the baby out with bathwater as it were. Remember you already have advocates and cheerleaders here and we do our best to get the message out every single week.

Not everyone does visit the Internet daily despite what the younger plugged in generation would believe. Some can't as they don't have that capability because of lack of equipment or knowledge. So while we are huge supporters of all this new movement, and absolutely are behind every way the town can do to promote itself; we must remind everyone not to abandon existing modes of communication in a rush to embrace the new.

Anyone wanting to be part of this brave new world should contact the selectmen's office and/or write a letter of interest to be placed on the new committee. The plan is for seven members

LETTERS POLICY



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Great communications God's not listening... God's not listening... and neither is Congress

We've been here before. We've been here too often. In just the past year alone in the United States there have been – now – nine mass shootings that have claimed at least three innocent lives.

Sunday morning was the big one; 49 men and women gunned down in a night club while enjoying friends, a few drinks, and a little dancing - celebrating the weekend in a way in which most of us are quite familiar.

But yet another lunatic, this one rationalizing his actions under the cloak of religious fervor, ended the celebration by opening fire with a semiautomatic rifle in the club, crowded with some 350 unsuspecting victims. Yet another lunatic, this one apparently gripped by some irrational hatred of homosexuals, was able to legally get his hands on an AR-15 assault rifle and act on that hatred.

On Monday morning, the day after the massacre, the U.S. House of Representatives held yet another moment of silence after yet another American tragedy. But Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT) boldly refused to take part.

"Silence," said Himes, "That is what we offer an America that supports many of the things we could do to slow the bloodbath. Silence...I will no longer stand here absorbing the faux concern, contrived gravity and tepid smugness of a House complicit in the weekly bloodshed. Sooner or later, the country will hold us accountable for our inaction. But as you bow your head think of what you will say to your God when you are asked what you did to slow the slaughter of the innocents. Silence."

"Thoughts and prayers," he said. "are three words that cost you nothing." And he's right.

When 435 people bow their heads in the House Chamber and pray, what are they praying for? Are they praying that this won't happen again? Are they praying that some other lunatic won't try to break the U.S. record for number of dead in a mass shooting? Are they praying some other nut-case won't get his hands on an AR-15 and start shooting up another night club, or another elementary school, or another packed theatre, or another community college?

Is that what they're praying? Well it'll make the 30th time they've prayed just about the exact same prayer since 2010 and it just ain't working.

Either God's not there or he's just not listening...just like Congress.

Said Hines in one media interview, "I'd love to interview one of the parents down in Florida and sav: What does 16 seconds of silence in the House of Representatives mean to you?

Congress prays but does nothing. While the vast majority of Americans, including many members of the NRA, say they support expanded background checks, closing gun show loopholes, and prohibiting those whose names are on

View FROM THIS CORNER **GREG** VINE

the nation's terrorism watch list from being able to obtain firearms (the Orlando shooter's name was placed on that list, but taken off after 10 months), Congress does nothing.

The adjectives that can be applied to our

so-called leaders in Washington are many: gutless, spineless, feckless, and heartless immediately come to mind. But then, history shows only weakkneed, bleeding-heart liberals like Ronald Reagan have supported background checks and banning assault rifles.

Mourning is to be expected in the wake of a tragedy like that in Orlando. Failing to act to reduce (yes, reduce, not prevent) the likelihood of such bloodshed should not to be expected. We should - we must - demand more out of those who deign to represent us.

And we cannot forget that those gunned down in Orlando are not abstract beings just because we did not know them personally. They are, no less than the people next door, our neighbors, our friends, our loved ones.

They are: Edward Sotomayor Jr., age 34; Stanley Almodovar III, age 23; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, age 20; Juan Ramon Guerrero, age 22; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, age 36; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz,age 22; Luis S. Vielma, age 22; Kimberly Morris, age 37; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, age 30; Darryl Roman Burt II, age 29; Deonka Deidra Drayton, age 32; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, age 21; Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, age 25; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, age 35; Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, age 50; Amanda Alvear, age 25; Martin Benitez Torres, age 33; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, age 37; Mercedez Marisol Flores, age 26; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, age 35; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, age 25: Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez. age 31; Oscar A Aracena-Montero, age 26; Enrique L. Rios Jr., age 25; Miguel Angel Honorato, age 30; Javier Jorge-Reyes, age 40; Joel Rayon Paniagua, age 32; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, age 19; Cory James Connell, age 21; Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, age 37; Luis Daniel Conde, age 39; Shane Evan Tomlinson, age 33; Juan Chevez-Martinez, age 25; Jerald Arthur Wright, age 31; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, age 25; Tevin Eugene Crosby, age 25; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, age 24; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, age 27; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, age 33; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, age 49; Yilmary Rodriguez Sulivan, age 24; Christopher Andrew Leinonen, age 32; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, age 28; Frank Hernandez, age 27; Paul Terrell Henry, age 41; and Antonio Davon Brown, age 29.

Please, I hope you read their names. These were people who lived and loved, and were loved, just six short days ago. Their deaths cry out for action. We must be their voices.

TERROR

By the time you read this column you will have been inundated with television and newspaper reports of the great loss of life in the last terrorist incident.

We all now realize that the rules of engagement have changed.

Nations do not declare war on other nations. Individuals are radicalized and inflict carnage in new ways on civilizations.

What we teach at our service academies, the way we have learned to wage war, the people at the top who have been successful learning these tactics will be useless to us as we move forward.

Interestingly, we have lately been quite critical of our police. Now we find that it is at the local level where training and vigilance will be most important. Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will no longer be more important than your local police chief.

Also, our attempts to be more cautious and civilized in our policing will not serve us well. We are dealing with maniacs. When one person can kill 50 we need a whole new strategy with reference to identifying potential killers, compiling lists, interviewing and watching lots of people, and encourage everyone to adopt the "see something, say something" approach. Each of us must revisit political correctness and worry more about the survival of the innocents.

The current administration's efforts to change the Middle East have been a disaster. The open border policy has been a disaster. The "safe zones" for illegal immigrants has been a disaster.

Whoever is our next presi-

dent needs to tighten, not loosen, the regulations for admission to the United States.

read where someone

who had been deported five times, recrossed the border and killed someone. How long must we put up with this insanity.

It is time to revisit our thinking about protecting America. We no longer have traditional



Notes of CONCERN **JACK BLAIR**

wars. We are coming to a time, as exists in Israel, when if you go out for groceries, take a bus, go to a nightclub, there is a chance you are not coming home.

What we are seeing now is just the beginning. It is going to get

I go back to my Boy Scout training: BE PREPARED



JOURNEY OF THE HEART **JERRY** CARTON

The motives don't matter. Not really. Shooting up an elementary school in Connecticut, a church in Charleston, a workplace in San Bernardino, a nightclub in Orlando - none of it makes any sense. I assume we all agree on that at least? One might assume, but we don't.

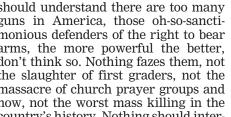
No excuse for it

This is why we don't. While anyone with a modicum of common sense should understand there are too many guns in America, those oh-so-sanctimonious defenders of the right to bear arms, the more powerful the better, don't think so. Nothing fazes them, not the slaughter of first graders, not the massacre of church prayer groups and now, not the worst mass killing in the country's history. Nothing should interfere with the right to arm ourselves, preferably to the teeth and concealed

if we want. Just ask state legislators in, say, Texas, who, incredibly if not surprisingly, voted to make it perfectly legal to carry concealed weapons on the UT campus in Austin.

This mindset is beyond comprehension. And those who share it aren't going to change. Those people are dug in, and they're not going to budge a single inch. Fewer guns? Not if they can prevent it and they can. That's the bigger-picture tragedy and I confess to not getting it. Whether it's about racism in Charleston or ties to radicalism in California or Florida, and while there's no way to prevent every potential domestic terrorist, nor the action of every unstable individual, shouldn't we at least make it as difficult as possible for anyone to have access to this kind of weaponry? How can that possibly not make sense?

Of course we should, but the stark reality is we won't. We never do. You're more than welcome to tell me why. I'll







Courtesy photo

Pictured are: Front Row (Left to right): Marc Brouillette, Susan (Vaine) Scott, Susan (Hildreth) Ashmore, Matthew Carpenter, Rev. Scott Manseau, Dawn (Gordon) Haskins, Joanne Mathieu, Carol (Mathieu) Neuffenberger. Middle Row (Left to right): Kevin Nicholson, Brent Gleason, Glenn Hunt, Loring Bennett, Linda (Williams) LaPointe, Susan Giardini, Coral Grout, Linda May, Judith (Duplease) Moriarty; Back Row (Left to right): Joe Dunchus Sr., Stephen Hayes, Raymond Andrews, Jerry Valliere, John Thompson, Ginny (Army) Soma, Wayne Cochran, James Whitaker, and Noel Veilleux.

CLASS OF '71 **HOLDS REUNION**

WINCHENDON — Twenty-five members of the Class of '71 gathered for a meet and greet at the Glen Caffe June 4 for their

Following the meet and greet, many joined about 250 people for the Murdock alumni banquet at the American Legion. On behalf of the Class of '71, Marc Brouillette presented a check to the Alumni Asssociation for its scholarship fund.

The reunion planning committee included Marc Brouillette, chairman, Susan Giardini and Judy Moriarty.

The class has lost track of several classmates and would like to locate them prior to the 50th reunion in 2021. Missing members are: William Ames, Roy D. Carr, Laura Clark, Mike Connors, Mary Ann Gouslin, Susan Gouslin Earle, John Keane, Elaine Wysocki Notis, and Linda Berardi Ghize. Anyone with information about any of these classmates is asked to contact Marc Brouillette or Coral Grout.

Local students graduate at FSU

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently held its 120th commencement exercises, graduate and undergraduate spring ceremonies.

The commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony was delivered by renowned educator and 1980 Fitchburg State alumna Barbara Wilson. to whom university President Richard S. Lapidus also presented an honorary doctorate. Wilson is co-founder and co-president of Wilson Language Training, which has transformed literacy training for children and adults across

The undergraduate ceremony also included the awarding of the President's Medal to Mount Wachusett Community College President Daniel M. Asquino, who is retiring at the end of the year after nearly 30 years leading that institution.

In all, the university conferred more than 650 undergraduate and 180 graduate degrees after the spring semes-

Among those, local gradu-

ates included: ASHBURNHAM: Kayla Bates (BS nursing), Thomas Benoit (BS business administration), Katherine Herndon (BS exercise & sports science), Stephen Hilton (BS communications media), Nicole Michalczyk (MS counseling), Lauren Sanborn (BS nursing), Jennifer Storm (MED special education), and Patricia Woodliff (BS criminal

BALDWINVILLE: Courtney DesBois (BS interdisciplinary studies education). Thomas Mason (BS computer science), Kayla McMilleon (BS psychological science).

GARDNER: Charles Adams (BS business administration), Quintin Burks (MA English), Joan Doyle (BS nursing RN to BSN), Tracy Fluet (MED special education), Megan Freeman (BS English studies), Natalia Gomez (BS biology), Jocelyn Goodale (BS nursing), Erik Hill (BS sociology), Ralph Hogan (MS applied communication), Aurelia Lyman (BS industrial technology), Stephani Maillet (BS psychological science), Erica Mallozzi (BS interdisciplinary studies), David Martin (BS English studies), Ashley Mathieu (MED curriculum & teaching), Sonya Matthews (MED special education), Craig Phelps (BS psychological science), Kyle Pratt (BS psychological science), Aaron Rocca (MA English), Ayla Sheridan (BS biology), Nathan Strout (BS exercise & sports science), Katelyn Wiita

(BS earth systems science),

Amanda Wirzbicki (MS counseling), and Kyle Villafane (BS communications media).

TEMPLETON: Morris (BS exercise & sports science) and Shyana Vaillancourt (BS nursing).

WINCHENDON: Kristopher Ambrozewicz (BSE elementary education 1-6), Jason O'Connell (BS history), Kristy Stevenson (BS communications media), Celeste Wehmeyer (BS human

RINDGE: Brenda Wright (BS nursing LPN to BSN).

Changes at Academy worked

BY JERRY CARTON

WINCHENDON — As the academic year drew to a close this week, Murdock Academy Director Kris Provost could look back and pronounce the move from the old Marvin school to the main campus a success which benefited the entire school community.

"They (the 30 or so Academy students) felt like they were more part of the school," Provost said.

'There was more access to other teachers and opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities. Having lunch with mainstream students also made them feel more like they belonged here," he noted.

To be sure, there was some trepidation about the move when school began last fall.

"Ships hit rough seas sometimes," Provost recalled, "and we had some rough moments. There were challenges, including with those viper pens, the electronic cigarettes; we expected those, though. It was a transition. We wanted to make this a collaborative, cooperative effort.'

"I can't say enough good things, I'm really grateful for the support we've gotten from Mr. (Josh) Romano (MHS principal) and Mr. (Ralph) Borseth (MHS assistant principal). We couldn't have been successful without them. They were great in providing space."

Provost pointed out the work done by Danelle Mallard and first year-to-the-Academy Becky

"You can't do this, make it work, without a great

team," he said. While Provost has just finished his first year at the helm of the Academy after taking the reins from Steve Haddad when the latter became superintendent, Mallard has been with the program from day one three years ago.

"It's been fun watching the success stories," she

Benedict came over from Memorial last fall. "I've loved it. I've learned a lot from the kids. This sure is different from Memorial, but it's been a wonderful opportunity and experience for me and it's such a beneficial program for the kids," she

"We tell them they're the captain of their own ship," Provost mused. "They have their uniqueness in common and that has helped them accept each other. Not every student learns the same way. Some need a non-traditional setting like ours," he pointed out.

Academy students have been doing their work

"I like that we can do it at our own pace," said rising freshman Nicole Storer.

"This is a comfort zone for them," Provost said. Changes are in the offing. Next year the Academy will be home only to high school students. This year and in the previous two years, there was a smattering of middle school students. Provost also anticipates small reading and math groups.

Five Academy students -Scott Bertourney, Faythe Ducette, Gage LeBlanc, Haley Lemieux, and Ian Nault - were part of the Class of 2016 which graduated MHS earlier this month.

CLUES ACROSS

- 5. Million barrels per day (abbr.) 8. From a distance
- 12. Ruth's mother-in-law
- 14. Performer Lo Green 15. Drug for Parkinson's disease, L-
- 16. Composure
- 18. Broadcasts cartoons (abbr.)
- 19. Used for baking or drying
- 20. About alga 21. Food grain
- 22. Not messy
- 23. Super Bowl-winning Bronco
- 26. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 30. Get rid of 31. Being enthusiastic
- 32. A bird's beak
- 33. Pores in a leaf

- CLUES DOWN

- 1, Tennis player Ivanovic Nui, Easter Island
- 3. Cotton pod
- 4. Air pollution 5. The real , the genuine article
- 6. Taken to
- 7. Holds artificial teeth
- 8. Greek mythical figure 9. Small depressions in the retina
- 10. Vertical position
- 11. Shout at length
- 13. Conceivable 17. White (French)
- 24. Singer Charles
- 25. Ancient Mesopotamian 26. Canada and the U.S. are members
- 27. Cognitive retention therapy
- 28. Much About Nothing 29. Georgia rockers

35. Cologne

60. Guided

62. DJ Rick

64. Patty

34. Time of life

44. Gallantry

47. Small dog

42. Parasitic fever

46. Put this in soup

49. Malay people

51. North winds

50. Third-party access

55. Peruvian mountain

57. Mourning garments

59. Network of nerves

61. Nests of pheasants

63. No seats available

56. Annual percentage rate

39. Yuppie status symbol

- 36. The products of human creativity
- 37. Brazilian city (slang) 38. Honorific title in Japan
- 40. They can die
- 41. Candy is inside this
- 42. Verizon bought them
- 43. Semites
- 44. Marine mollusk
- 45. Entertains
- 47. Made of crushed fruit or vegetables 48. Town in Apulia, Italy
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Police Log

Courtesy photo: Lt. Kevin Wolski, Winchendon

In a grainy surveillance image from Planet

Fitness in Gardner, the police are search-

ing for the owner of this silver minivan,

who reportedly smashed multiple car win-

dows and stole items inside in a string

of incidents in Massachusetts and New

The silver minivan driven by the breaking

and entering suspect is possibly a 2015 Kia

Sedona like this one.

Hampshire.

Police/Planet Fitness Surveillance.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 6

12:26 a.m.: suspicious MV (Irving Gas Station) info taken; 12:35-12:44 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:06 a.m.: registration check (Spring Street) info given; 1:51 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street) spoken to; 6:02 a.m.: DPW call (Sherbert Road) refer to state DPW; 8:25 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street) spoken to; 8:56 a.m.: keep the peace (Spring Street) assisted; 11:13 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 11:36 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 12:22 p.m.: assist other PD (phone) assisted; 12:30 p.m.: general info (Spring Street) refused assistance; 12:43 p.m.: keep the peace (Front Street) assisted; 1:03 p.m.: accident (Central Street) report taken; 1:20 p.m.: general info (Ipswich Drive) info taken; 1:26 p.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan Street) area search negative; 1:50 p.m.: keep the peace (Spruce Street) assisted; 2:32 p.m.: ambulance (East Street) transport; 2:36 p.m.: ambulance (Walnut Street) refer to other agency; 2:56 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) arrest: Nicholas M. Bento, age 36 of 22 Hillside Terrace, Winchendon: OUI-liquor and negligent operation of MV; 4:33 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive) transport; 4:54 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 4:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Forristall Road) refer to ACO; 6:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street) assisted; 6:39 p.m.: ambulance (Old County Road) report taken; 9:33 p.m.: repossession of MV (Goodrich Drive) info taken; 10:24 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street) no FD service required; 11:15 p.m.: repossession of MV (Winter Place) info taken. TUESDAY, JUNE 7

12:05 a.m.: suspicious other (Black Bridge) dispersed gathering; 12:58-4:19 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:48 a.m.: suspicious MV (Juniper Street) summons: Ryan J. Laplume, age 25 of 21 Victoria Ave., Rutland: unlawfully attaching plate; 3:45 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Main Street, Athol) services rendered; second call, 3:54 a.m.; 4:31 a.m.: suspicious MV (bike path, Glenallan Street) spoken to; 5:54 a.m.: general info (Brooks Road) info taken; 8:40 a.m.: animal complaint (School Street) info taken; 10:15 a.m.: extra patrols (Toy Town Elementary) advised officer; 10:30 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street) spoken to; 10:45 a.m.: assist citizen (Metcalf Street) assisted; 10:45 a.m.: investigation (Forristall Road) info taken; 12:39 p.m.: automatic box alarm (Ready Drive) false alarm; 1:41 p.m.: wires down (Pleasant Street) refer to other agency; 2:13 p.m.: ambulance (East Street) transport; 3:12 p.m.: wires down (Pearl Street) refer to other agency; 3:14 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street) info taken; 3:20 p.m.: general info (First Street) info taken; 5:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street) refer to ACO; 5:29 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) advised officer; 6:23 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 6:30 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) spoken to; 7:20 p.m.: fraud (Toy Town Lane) report taken; 7:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Avenue) refer to ACO; 8:02 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 9:58 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 11:05 p.m.: suspicious MV (Powell Stone & Gravel) secure; 11:32 p.m.: ambulance (Monomonac Road West) transport. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

12:33-2:54 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:46 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) spoken to; 6:20 a.m.: disabled MV (Mr. Mike's) spoken to; 8:16 a.m.: assist citizen (Pearl Drive) spoken to; 10:38 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street) spoken to; 10:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street) refer to ACO; 10:52 a.m.: investigation (Ingleside Drive) info taken; 11:30 a.m.: officer wanted

Police looking to ID suspects in B&E incidents

BY TARA VOCINO COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Police are searching for two black males in their early 20s in a silver minivan who reportedly broke into two cars at Lake Denison beach area, 1366 Main St., at 7:09 p.m. on Sunday, June 12.

The two suspects matching the same description allegedly came from Planet Fitness at 74 Victoria St., Gardner around 6 p.m., where they reportedly stole a purse and also smashed car windows.

According to Lt. Kevin Wolski, one car was a blue 2006 Subaru SE, where they reportedly stole a backpack and items inside, but they dumped the items on the road about one mile

The victim was less than 100 feet away in the day use picnic area when he called police, Wolski said.

"There probably wasn't anything that they wanted, so they just dumped the items on the side of the road,' Wolski said. "If convicted, it still could be larceny, breaking and entering into a motor vehicle, and malicious destruc-

tion of property. The other car was a blue 2012 Toyota Corolla SE, where \$500 cash and personal effects were reportedly stolen from the passenger front door.

"The driver's side window was smashed on that one," Wolski said. "I don't believe those items were recovered.' The suspect's car is possibly a 2015 Kia Sedona with no front license plate. A

black male reportedly drove the minivan with another male passenger. Wolski said the department has investigated cases in the past in the bike

path parking lot in broad daylight, but other than that, it's not common. "It's more common the middle of the night," Wolski said. "It was still daylight out on Sunday."

He gave advice to prevent breaking and entering and car vandalism in the future.

"Make sure your belongings are stored away," Wolski said. "People look for that when they break in.

Wolski said since the description of the suspect in Gardner matches the description of the suspect in Winchendon, he believes that the string of inci-

dents is related. "Those suspects also broke two car windows less than an hour before," he

A string of similar incidents also occurred in Jaffrey, Planet Fitness staff

Police cleared the scene about an hour later. Two cars responded.

According to the police log entry, a be on the lookout of the suspect car was sent to all area police departments.

Anyone with information is being asked to call police at (978) 297-1212.

(William's Pkg) assisted; 11:58 a.m.: harassment (walk in) report taken; 12:03 home: 5:12 n m · general info (Dugan's) noise complaint (Maple Street) spoken

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

12:15 a.m.: general info (Franklin Street) spoken to; 12:21-2:59 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:54 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) verbal warning; 3:48 A.M.: suspicious MV (Rod & Gun Club) spoken to; 8:51 a.m.: harassment (Highland Street) report taken; 9:35 a.m.: larceny (Calvary Cemetery) report taken; 11:09 a.m.: registration

check (Ipswich Drive) spoken to; 12:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Mill Glen Road) assisted; 12:49 p.m.: general info (Ash Street) services rendered; 1:51 p.m.: intoxicated person (Webster Street) unable to locate; 2:03 p.m.: investigation (Elm Street) info taken; 2:09 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street) info taken; 2:25 p.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken: 2:47 p.m.: investigation (Elm Street) info taken; 3:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Monadnock Avenue) unable to locate; 3:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Mellen Road) spoken to; 4:04 p.m.: burglar alarm (Veterans' Cemetery) checked, secure; 4:19 p.m.: fire alarm (Cathy's House) services rendered; 5:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street) spoken to; 6:25 p.m.: burglary B&E (High Street) report taken; 7:35 p.m.: noise complaint (Maynard Street) spoken to; 7:42 p.m.: MV stop (Railroad Street) verbal warning: 9:46 p.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Road) removed; 11:32-11:40 p.m.: building checks, secure.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

12:10-1:15 a.m.: building checks, secure; 6:28 a.m.: ambulance (School Street) false alarm; 7:46 a.m.: burglar alarm (Otter River Road) call canceled; 8:07 a.m.: investigation (Lakeshore Drive) spoken to; 9:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Avenue) refer to ACO; 10:04 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 10L31 a.m.: ambulance (Daria Drive) transport; 10:33 a.m.:

neighbor dispute (Front Street) spoken to; 12:37 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 12:59 p.m.: investigation (Happy Hollow Road) spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) spoken to; 2:02 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) unable to locate; 2:32 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 3:09 p.m.: burglar alarm (Lakeview Drive) false alarm; 3:30 p.m.: ambulance (Crosby Road) transport; 4:45 p.m.: animal complaint (North Vine Street) refer to ACO; 5:06 p.m.: mental health issue (Goodrich Street) spoken to; 5:14 p.m.: property damage (Water Street) report taken; 5:17 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Kemp Street) unable to locate: 6:25 p.m.: traffic enforcement (School Street) spoken to; 6:36 p.m.: property found (Woodlawn Street) info taken; 6:42 p.m.: dog bite (Forristall Road) refer to ACO; 6:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street) removed to hospital; 7:44 p.m.: extra patrols (foot patrol, bike path) Secure; 7:50 p.m.: foot patrol (Black Bridge) secure; 8:49 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 9:44 p.m. suspicious MV (Baldwinville State Road) spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: MV stop (Lake Denison) spoken to; 10:33 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 10:58 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Hale Street) unable to locate; 11:09 p.m.: harassment (Spring Street) assisted; 11:09-11:53 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Avenue) refer to ACO.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

12:17-12:48 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:25 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) report taken; 1:51 a.m.: assault (Linden Street) summons: Joshua Slade Lemere, age 26 of 63 Elm St. #2, Winchendon: A&B with dangerous weapon and accost or annoy person of opposite sex and summons: Jacob M. Blacquiere, age 23 of 62 Belmont Ave., Winchendon: A&B with dangerous weapon; 5:57 a.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street) unfounded; 7:22 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 10:19 p.m.: MV stop (Lincoln Avenue) spoken to; 10:20 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Hale Street) no PD service required; 10:54 p.m.: ambulance (Highland Street) transport; 12:30 p.m.: extra patrols (Oak Street) info taken; 1:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Emerald Street) refer to ACO; 4:30 p.m.: gunshots heard (Brown Street) unable to locate; 5:18 p.m.: fire alarm (Cathy's House) false alarm; 7:14 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Walnut Street) no cause for complaint; 8:22 p.m.: elderly welfare check (address not printed) removed to hospital; 9:50 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street) false alarm; 10:08 p.m.: noise complaint (North Ashburnham Road) no PD service required; 10:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street) secured building; 11:51 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Spring Street) unfounded; 11:52 p.m.: building checks, secure.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

12:09-12:43 a..m.: building checks, ecure: 7:25 a.m.; ambulance (Pine Street) transport; 9:03 a.m.: burglar alarm (Alger Street) false alarm; 10:09 a.m.: sex offender registration (walk in) services rendered; 11:09 a.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) unable to locate; 12:11 p.m.: MV violations (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:56 p.m.: building check, secured building; 2:03 p.m.: officer wanted (walk in) spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Highland Street) unable to locate; 5:15 p.m.: MV stop (Hill Street) verbal warning; 5:44 p.m.: investigation (Front Street) spoken to; 6:46 p.m.: larceny (Old County Road) report taken; 7:09 p.m.; B&E MV (Main Street) report taken; 7:43 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Lakeshore Drive) unable to locate; 8:58 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transport; 9:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Island Road) refer to ACO; 11:09 p.m.: noise complaint (Front Street) spoken to; 11:49 p.m.: ambulance (Hale Street) transport.

p.m.: traffic hazard (Tannery Hill) refer to state DPW; 12:46 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 4:03 p.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street) unable to serve; 4:10 p.m.: summons service (Elmwood Road) served; 5:02 p.m.: missing person (Front Street) returned to info taken; 5:48 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) spoken to; 5:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Circle) refer to ACO; 7:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeshore Drive) report taken; 7:31 p.m.: 911 hang up (Spruce Street) child playing with phone; 8:06 p.m.: larceny (Harrisville Circle) report taken; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street) transport; 9:05 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) removed to hospital; 9:16 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 10:38 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street) removed; 11:39 p.m.:



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Registry update

 $\label{eq:winchen} \mbox{WINCHENDON} - \mbox{The police department has issued an}$ advisory only that Nicolos Robert White, a level three sex offender registered with the department, has listed a new work address as 256 Murdock Ave., Winchendon.

White is not currently under any investigation or warrants; this is advisory only. He resides at 160 Summer St. Gardner.

White was convicted of one count of rape in January 2004 and is required by law to account for his whereabouts. He has been classified as a level three sex offender by the Sex Offender Registry Board.

OBITUARIES

Adam W. Morris, 40



RAYMOND, NH — Adam W. Morris, age 40, of 227 Harriman Hill Road, died unex-Monday, pectedly June 6 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.

He was born in and raised in Winchendon

and received his GED. For the last 20 years, Adam lived in Raymond, NH, where he and his wife operated a jewelry business. Adam enjoyed riding his motorcycle and loved spending time with his family. He was an avid fan of the New England Patriots.

He leaves his wife, Sascha (Messina) Morris; four children, Tristan Cutting, Jade Morris, Adam Morris and Stone Morris of Raymond; his mother and step father, Patricia L. (Gauthier) Lemmer of Winchendon; his brother Shawn Morris of Jaffrey, a sister Ticia

Conlon of Barre and their father James Morris of North Haledon, NJ; a sister Jennie Lee LeBlanc of Jacksonville, NC; his step brothers and stepsisters, Cheryl deOliveria of Fitchburg, Bonnie Batchelder of Gardner, Christy Maillet of Knoxville, TN, Marc Lemmer of Lampases, TX, Steve Lemmer of Grand Prairie, TX, James Lemmer of Winchendon and Matthew Lemmer of Ohio and many nieces and nephews. A stepbrother, Robert A. Lemmer Jr., died in 2011.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 13 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. The Rev. F. Calvin Miller officiated.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Morris Children's Educational Fund, care of TD Bank, 28 Main St., Jaffrey, NH 03452.

Nancy Marie (Champagne) Lagasse, 58



LUNENBURG Nancy Marie (Champagne) Lagasse, age 58, of Lunenburg, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, Friday, June 10, at Leominster Hospital.

Nancy was born in Leominster on July 23, 1957. She was a 1975 graduate of Fitchburg High School.

She is survived by both parents, Robert and Georgette (Boisse) Champagne; her loving husband, John Lagasse of Lunenburg; five daughters, Kimberly Miller and her husband, Shaun of North Carolina, Angela LeBlanc and her husband, Jason of New Salem, Michelle Lagasse of Fitchburg, Stephanie Martinez and her husband, Felix of Leominster, and Christine Lagasse of Winchendon; Also leaves behind 10 grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Rose Jacobs of Baldwinville, Rachel Mongeau of Fitchburg, Charles Champagne of Orange, Norman Champagne of Lunenburg, Paul Champagne of Phillipston, and Joanne Olkkola of Ashburnham.

Nancy loved outdoor activities such as the beach, motorcycling, Nascar events and camping. She also enjoyed shopping, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends.

Brandon Funeral Home, Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg entrusted with arrangements.

Sidney E. Otto, 92

PUYALLUP WA — Sidney E. Otto of Beverly Hills CA, died May 22, 2016 in Puyallup WA.. He was born June 10, 1923 to Alfred and Irene Otto in Pierce, NE.

He graduated from Pierce High School in 1941, attended the University of Nebraska, and graduated from the University of Missouri. After serving with the U.S. Army in Germany in World War II, he received an honorable discharge. He worked for several years for the Folgers Coffee Company in Kansas City, MO, and moved to California in 1957 where he was employed by Wells Fargo Bank until his retirement in 1988.

After retirement he was an associate with Mel Lowrance Interior Designs in

Los Angeles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Warren, and is survived by one brother, Keith Otto of Winchendon, and three sisters, Ilene Fiedler of Puyallup, Roene Kruckenberg

of Cheyenne, WY and Sharylene Riedel of Pierce, NE.

Interment will be in Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills.

Memorials may be sent to Project Angel Food, 922 Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Sheila Ruthe Hannan



MERRITT ISLAND FL — Sheila Ruthe Hannan [Gleason M.], of Merritt Island, Florida passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 5, 2016, from acute achalasia while in hospice care.

She was born in Winchendon on Dec. 5, 1937, to Dexter and Ruthe Gleason. She graduated from Athol High School in 1955, and attended Burdett College in Boston.

Sheila married Charles H. Hannan of

Athol on March 31,1961. She worked for H & R Block for 25 years as office manager and tax accountant.

She was Queen of the Merry Madams, Red Hat Society in Merritt Island and a member of the Black Hatters of South Florida, where she made great friends and enjoyed the camaraderie of all.

Sheila is survived by her husband of 55 years, Chuck Hannan, her sons Markus and Miles, her brother Russell Gleason and his children, her four granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren.

There will be no services.

Robert D. MacDougall

WALTHAM — Robert D. MacDougall of Waltham, died June 7, 2016. Husband of Virginia H. (Union) MacDougall. Father of Brenda M. Kelly and her husband, Michael, of Franklin, Gail A. Cannistraro and her husband, David, of Littleton, Robert C. MacDougall and his wife, Susan, of Winchendon and Paula J. Burke and her husband, Michael, of Bellingham. Brother of Richard D. MacDougall of Poinciana FL, Viola Taylor of Rollins MT and the late William A. MacDougall. Cousin

of the late Gloria McLean and her husband, Ken.

Also survived by eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church, 880 Trapelo Road, Waltham where his funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, June 11. Burial was in Newton Cemetery.

The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham was entrusted with arrangements.

David E. Makela Sr., 65



DOUGLAS — David E. Makela Sr., age 65, passed away on Sunday June 12, 2016 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester after a brief illness. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 28 years Nancy

(Thibodeau) Makela. David is survived by his three children, David E. Makela Jr., and his wife Kari of Douglas, Sara Harrington, and her husband Jeffrey of Douglas, and Daniel Makela, and his girlfriend Crystal Roderigues of Worcester; 13 grandchildren, and one great grandson; his brother Richard Makela of Winchendon; his sister Dorothy Valley, and her husband Paul of Hubbardston; his aunt Doris Hendrickson of Gardner, and five nephews. Born in Gardner on Nov. 2, 1950 he was the son of Kauno, and Pauline (Allard) Makela. David spent most of his youth in Hubbardston and lived in Whitinsville for most of his adult life.

David was a self employed master carpenter, and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, during the Vietnam Era where he achieved the rank of Corporal. He was very musically inclined, and enjoyed playing his guitars,



and writing music. A very talented craftsman, and appreciated the art of woodworking. He enjoyed Rally cars, and was an avid Red Sox fan. Dave was a very faithful man, and was an active member of Valley Chapel in Uxbridge. He enjoyed the church fellowship, and played in a band "God's Garage."

His funeral service was held June 14 in the Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge. Burial with full military honors followed in Pine Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dave's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

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CALENDAR

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attend, the religious communities of Winchendon. the Winchendon Community Action Committee, the Winchendon School, and many volunteers. FRIDAY, JUNE 24

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: an evening of baroque music with Andrew Arceci. Teresa Wakim & ensemble at the Old Centre Church begins at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. FREE CONCERT: B. Dickens & Please Academy

beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening with New England's best Beatles tribute band. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

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

Non-smoking venue. SATURDAY, JUNE 25

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the festival continues with an evening of folk music featuring Floyds Run beginning at 7 p.m. at the Old Centre

Church. Free and open to the public.
PAINT CLASS: "Less is More" painting class with Alicia Drakiotes on Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery.

RODRIGUEZ FAMILY FUNDRAISER: at the American Legion, 295 School St. with the band Deacon Express, 8 p.m. to midnight. Come help raise funds for the family that was burned out on Maple Street! Any help would be appreciated. \$10 or \$15 per couple and tickets are available at To Each His Own Design and also at the door.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the final night of the festival features pianist John Arcaro & Band and an evening of jazz at 7 p.m. at the Old Centre Church. The evening is free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

FREE CONCERT: Jake McKelvie & the Countertops beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening with New England's best Beatles tribute band. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission. FRIDAY, JULY 8

FREE CONCERT: Walden Whitham & Tattoo beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in

Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

PIG ROAST: the Murdock Historic and Cultural Center is hosting a pig roast 1-5 p.m. at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. with music by Shades of Gray. Both houses will be open that day. Only 200 tickets will be sold, \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and are available now from WHCC members.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

FREE CONCERT: The BIG RanDOM beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

FREE CONCERT: Cara Keane & the Disclaimers at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

AUGUST 6

food too!

FREE CONCERT: Noel Veilleux at 6:30 p.m. at & Mpact & Abundant Life the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

FAMILY FUN DAY: the annual Massachusetts State Chili Cook off and family fun day are moving this year to the grounds of the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St., Winchendon. A great venue for a great event, with live music, games for the kids, the petting zoo, Touch a Truck, vendors and more. \$8 for adults and as always children aged 12 and younger are free. Always looking for

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SPORTS

Home away from home...away from home

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — How do people wind up where they are? What leads them to their jobs? It varies for everyone. As their series opens, meet Katlin Murphy. She's from Rindge. She moved to Fitzwilliam and now lives and works in Gardner as a coordinator at the Crystal House Clubhouse, so where does she consider her hometown?

That would be Winchendon, of course, and to prove it, Murphy is a member of American Legion Post 193 and has bartended there as well.

My dad is from Winchendon. I have lots of family there. I stayed there for a while with a friend. It's just the kind of place you want to grow up in," she explained, adding, "I'd tell anyone it's a great place to live.'

Like everyone else on the small staff at Crystal, Murphy, title aside, does a bit of everything, though she's technically in charge of the snack bar and kitchen, "though I work on health and wellness too," issues not unrelated to



Katlin Murphy at her second home, at work at Crystal House.

food. It's not a coincidence that when Murphy came to Crystal three years ago, she had previously been in the food business.

"I had worked at Casey Jo's (now the Flip Side Grille) when I was 14 because I wanted stuff," and spent six years between 2006 to 2012 working in the cafeteria at Franklin Pierce University. "I was an omelette specialist," she laughed.

"I wanted something else. I had always gravitated to people with disabilities. Even when I was in high school, I wanted to show my friends that people who had disabilities aren't all that different from everyone else. I wanted to set a tone. I always sat at lunch with kids who might have had 'problems'."

So when a friend recommended Murphy apply at Alternatives, the parent company for Crystal, winding up in Gardner was where Murphy was, she felt, destined to be.

"It feels good to be here. When you have conversations, when you make connections, it feels really special. I love working with people who have potential because, you know, our goal is to help our members re-integrate in the community as best they can. We had one guy, when he started coming here, he'd just sit here and not talk to anyone and now he's our front desk reception-

ist," she smiled.
"You see that, you can't help but get attached. It's so rewarding to see. I get emotional just talking about it," she acknowledged.

Murphy paused. "We try to treat everyone like family, the way we should all treat each other," she noted.

Not all the stories are happy ones. 'It's hard when we lose older people. The pain I sometimes see really does a number on me. I'm a helper and when you can't help fix everything, it hurts,"

How does she deal with the stress? For one thing,

"I'm a foodie. Food's a passion. I help a catering service making 'fancy' fruit and cheese platters. When they need the 'fancy' stuff, they call me," Murphy laughed.

But there's more. What else?

"I go back to Winchendon and go to the Clark. That clears out the stress,' she revealed. "Like I said, even tough I live in Gardner, Winchendon is where I think of more as home than anywhere

Lady Devils drop close one to 'Gansett

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — Rising junior Molly Murphy led the way with 18 points, sister and rising sophomore Kelly scored eight, and Ari Dibble added two, but that wasn't quite enough as the Murdock Lady Devils dropped a 31-28 close encounter to area rival Narragansett in a summer basketball league game earlier this week in Gardner.

The Lady Devils had a four point lead with four minutes remaining but were unable to stave off the Lady Warriors late charge. The loss dropped MHS to 0-2 after a 41-17 thrashing at the hands of Athol to start summer play, a game in which the Lady Devils had just five people show up, not an unusual thing in summer basketball.

Varsity Coach Jim Abare can't be on the bench during summer league per MIAA

rules so Glenn Murphy's been handling the reins there. Abare though, has of course, been in the Gardner school gym and praised the board work of Gloryanne Andino, who played her first season last winter, and could be a starter in the 2016-17 campaign, and rising sophomore Jocelyn Garner, who is expected to see significant playing time next regular season since MHS lost a number of seniors to graduation earlier this month.

The Murphys and Garner were among the quintet who showed up for the Athol con-

"You never know who will be there" for summer games, Abare said. "You especially want the younger players to be here. The more minutes they get in the summer, the better off they'll be. It's hard to put the ball down in March, not pick it up until November

and be ready to play. It doesn't work like that.'

He wasn't kidding about never knowing who might turn up. Several summers ago, 'Gansett arrived for a game with five players and one left at halftime so MHS player Haley Jandris put on a 'Gansett jersey and faced her own teammates in the second 20 minutes. "That's not unusual," Abare noted.

Athletics RX

Sports has a drug problem. Maybe you've noticed. Just ask Maria Sharapova, who is facing a two-year ban for taking something apparently made in her native Russia and which had been taken off the approved list. No one has even suggested the substance is a PED, but somehow it wound up on the banned list and Sharapova and her team either didn't catch it or rolled the dice. Regardless, tennis will presumably be missing its biggest female star other than Serena for a couple years.

Baseball we assume we know about. We suspected Barry Bonds. Mark McGwire eventually confessed, as did Rafael Palmiero, though

the Orioles drafted his kid anyway. So did Andy Petitte. Roger Clemens continues to vehemently deny. Sammy Sosa forgot how to speak English. A-Rod got a year off. Even this year, several players have been suspended for a long time. Marlon Byrd got a whole season, 162 games. True, home run numbers are down overall but evidently some guys haven't gotten the memo.

The NFL? Seriously? Humans aren't supposed to look like cyborgs. Racing? It was less than uplifting to see the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes won by trainers who have run afoul of the rules more than once. It doesn't help that every racing state

has different medication rules

Cycling? After Lance Armstrong et. al, you'd hope the game would be cleaner. Who knows? Track and field? Ask the Russian athletes. And Marian Jones, And oth-

We react differently to each of these. We seem to mostly shrug it off. Except for baseball. Baseball transgressors piss us off unlike cheaters in any other sport, though personally I feel the same way about unethical horse trainers and vets. NFL suspensions we yawn at, but baseball ones trigger furious debate. PED use has never appeared to have kept anyone from Canton but that's not the



Cooperstown. I suppose we maybe look at base-

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ball more reverently? As I write this, but before you read it, the NBA Finals have turned into something the defending champi-Warriors haven't had all year - a challenge. Game 6 was last night in Cleveland, the very place where Golden State claimed the title in Game 6 last spring. I don't follow the NBA all

regular season, though this year it was impossible not to keep abreast of the Warriors run at the all-time record, which they reached at 73-9. Mostly I pay attention only to how Maryland players are doing, and to Kyle Korver of the Hawks because he, as far as I know, the only guy from the Patriot League (conference of my alma mater) in the Association. I do pay a little attention when playoff time, make that interminable playoff time, comes around and I am sure ABC was rooting for a Cavs win last night to force a deciding game Sunday in Oakland. After

that closely during the

all, Game 7 has a magic aura about it. There was no magic aura at Belmont Park last Saturday with no Triple Crown at stake. That happens more frequently than not and in this vear's Belmont Stakes. there were three horses with legitimate credentials and a pair of them of them ran one-two. I doubt many people watched a race that ended IN the closest finish possible without a dead-heat (tie). No TC bid means not many eveballs. So it goes.

Let's see how many eyes are paying attention this weekend at the US Open if Rory or Ricky or Justin or Jason aren't at or near the top of the lea-

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TRIPS PLANNED

REGION — The Gardner chapter of AARP has planned two international

July 26-Aug. 6: Panama Canal Cruise and Panama - 12 days, 27 meals, 11 tours with personal headsets. Visit Panama City, several towns, and an Indian village. Cruise through two locks on the canal and visit San Lorenzo National Park. For more information call Diane Pellett 978-632-5976.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WORCESTER — 693 students received a degree during Assumption College's 99th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 7, held at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. The following local students graduated

with a Bachelor of Arts degree: Andrew

Donahue of Rindge and Mitchell Haley

of Templeton

KEENE, NH — Keene State College is pleased to announce that 1,323 students have been named to the spring 2016

dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State College undergraduate students must be enrolled in a degree program, and must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average, on a 4.0 scale to earn dean's list honors. Congratulations to the students below who made the list. Tanya Amato. Heather Bilodeau, Miranda Goddard, Lisa Hastings, Emily Killmer, Ryn Lubin, Kim Pollock, Nicholas Pollock, and Mary Quill of Rindge. Meghan Belletete, Walker Deschenes,

and Courtney Lawn of Jaffrey.

Analee Benik and Matthew Menegus of Fitzwilliam.

Dillon Dodge and Josefina White of Emily Romano and Alec Zbikowskiof

Winchendon. BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for

the Fall 2015 semester: Michael Kenney is a native of Athol (01331) and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Michael will graduate in

2019 from the Bostoncampus. Derrick Card is a native of Gardner and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science

in diagnostic medical sonography. Derrick will graduate in 2016 from the Worcester campus.

Donald Hunt is a native of Winchendon and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Donald will graduate in 2017 from the Worcester campus.

Jacob Hunt is a native of Winchendon and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Jacob will graduate in 2017 from the Worcester campus.

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

CONWAY SC — Kristopher Kodys, a junior majoring in marketing, from Templeton was among approximately 1,940 students at Coastal Carolina University who made the Spring 2016 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade point average, and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 grade point average.

WORCESTER — Assumption College has announced that 561 students were named to the College's undergraduate Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a fiveclass, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice every academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

Local students named to the Dean's List were: Andrew Donahue of Rindge a member of the Class of 2016 and Mitchell Haley of Templeton a member of the Class of 2016

WORCESTER — The following local residents were among 1,292 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2016 semester.

Owen Chace of Winchendon is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in mathematical sciences.

Kelsey Regan of Winchendon, is a member of the class of 2017 majoring in

mechanical engineering. Justin Harris of Winchendon is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in

robotics engineering and mechanical engineering. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List

differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average. Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

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"is to get more people to use the transfer station. Year-round, late-night availability could move us closer to that goal."

"I believe later hours are more beneficial than opening for an extra day," interjected study committee member Larry Sordoni.

While he did not flatly reject the proposal, Hickey said it would be important to calculate the cost of wiring the station for night lighting, for the cost of operating the lights, and for other expenses that may be related to later hours of operation during the winter. Selectmen ultimately voted to go along with a recommendation formulated by Hickey and Gallant to open the facility for a fourth day, as opposed to the current three days of operation. That strategy, scheduled to go into effect on July 1, will keep the facility open between June and November from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

During winter months operating hours will be from 8 a.m. To 4 p.m. on all four days.

Selectmen said they would take some of the other study committee recommendations under advisement.

One such proposal calls for abandoning the sale of trash

bags in favor of the sale of stickers, which would be affixed by patrons to bags they purchase themselves. The denomination of the stickers would be \$2 and \$4, just as lime green bags currently purchased at the public works office are sold for \$2 or \$4 a piece, depending on the size of the bag.

Barbaro asked what would keep people from buying a \$2 sticker and affixing it to a bag that should have a \$4 sticker on it.

Zbikowski said one of the responsibilities of the employee on duty would be to ensure patrons aren't mistakenly or intentionally shortchanging the enterprise fund. While transfer station workers are

prohibited from accepting cash, they could – as they do now – accept a check from patrons to make up the difference. Short of that, people would have to leave without dropping off their trash, then return once they had purchased the appropriate sticker.

In addition to buying stickers instead of bags, the committee also recommended that patrons be required to purchase a \$50 sticker each year.

A proposal to adopt a single stream recycling policy, doing away with the need for customers to sort glass, plastic, and paper items, has already been adopted by the town.

While the final recommendation presented to selectmen was

to keep the Transfer Station Study Committee a standing committee, Zbikowski said it didn't seem feasible to keep the body together since selectmen hadn't adopted any of its proposals. While selectmen did not formally vote to disband the the panel, Gallant said Tuesday morning that some of its members had already submitted letters of resignation.

Gallant said waiting for the study committee to complete its deliberations had set back his planning by about two months, but added he's confident the station will be ready to go when changes are due to go into effect on the first of July.

ASHMORE

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that project from mere idea to reality.

Joining the department in 1947, Ashmore worked his way up through the ranks until he was tapped to succeed retiring Chief Lyman Sawtelle in January 1972. A Navy veteran of World War II, Ashmore also served on the board of directors of the Southwestern New Hampshire Fire Mutual Aid Association.

Ashmore's sons, retired lieutenants

Stephen and Craig Ashmore, and his grandson, firefighter and EMT Troy Ashmore, joined current Chief Smith to unveil the memorial, which had been draped in black bunting. When the bunting was removed, Chief Ashmore's name was revealed on the rear of the granite stone.

After the stone received the blessing of department Chaplain Father Michael Clements, the hymn "Amazing Grace" was played on bagpipes.

"The fire service has come to accept that a Line of Duty Death does not just mean you died in a fire," said Smith. "Our fire service now understands that a LODD can occur at any time from responding to a call, during the event, or any time during a 24 hour period after a call. It is for this reason that our department has felt the need to engrave Chief Clayton Ashmore's name in our monument stone as our way of forever thanking him for his service and sacrifice to the Winchendon Fire Department."

"Chief Ashmore," he added, "may

you continue to look over and guide all of our firefighters, both past and present, wherever they may be, and if the time comes where one of us is fallen in the line of duty may you again bring them in as a member of your department in Heaven."

After honoring Chief Ashmore, the memorial was re-dedicated to all fallen firefighters. Fr. Clements offered a prayer and Smith followed with a reading of the Firefighter's Prayer.

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band entertainment in a relaxed, family-friendly, open-air setting. All concerts are free of charge.

The concerts will begin at 1:30 p.m. on three successive Sunday afternoons: June 26, July 3 and July 10, on the shady front lawn of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St., downtown. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will move into the lovely church sanctuary and will be held rain or shine.

Taking up the baton this year is Winchendon's own Lucinda Ellert. Ellert has been conducting the Reading Civic Concert Band for 14

years and the Chelmsford Community Band for the last three years. Prior to that, she was the leader and arranger for the Happy Feet Dance Orchestra. She is a graduate of the New England Conservatory with degrees in composition and music education. Ellert is thrilled to be conducting a band in her home town, and has selected musical programs that are sure to

"I have been really busy with several other things, but when asked I made room; this is just such an opportunity and such a great venue. With wonderful musicians too I might add," she said.

delight audiences of all

The June 26 program,

"British and Emerald Islands," features music that ranges from royal marches and operettas to favorite Irish and English folk tunes such as "Danny Boy."

The July 3 "America!" program is a patriotic extravaganza of true American classics, sure to put you in the mood to celebrate our country's independence.

The July 10 program, "Family Favorites and Features," includes tunes from blockbuster movies as well as solo and ensemble pieces showcasing some of the remarkable talent within the band.

Bring your friends and family and enjoy a true New England tradition of summer concerts on the lawn!



Greg Vine photos

The annual honors include a solemn parade of colors to the monuments.

PERMITS

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24; Jake McKelvie & the Countertops (punk/indie rock), July 1; Walden Whitman & Tattoo (acoustic/dance/soul), July 8; The Big RanDOM (classic rock), July 15; Cara Keane & the Disclaimers (indie rock), July 22, and; Noel Veilleux (folk), July 29.

A permit was granted to the Winchendon Historical Society for a pig roast which will take place on Saturday, July 19 at the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center, 151 Front St. The event starts at noon; the serving of food begins at 1 p.m. A total of 200 tickets are available. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. To purchase tickets call (978) 833-3025 or e-mail djoneiljr@gmail.com.

Attendees will have more than good food to keep them entertained, however. Music will be provided by Joshua Hill & Friend, Route 2 Revolution, and Shades of Grey, billed as an authentic Civil War band. Tickets will be available the day of the event if not completely sold out ahead of time.

An entertainment permit was also granted to the Gardner Area League of Artists (GALA), allowing the group to hold an outdoor monthly coffee house and jam sessions which are open to the public. The permit covers the period

from July 1 of this year to June 30, 2017. Pending the issuance of an occupancy permit for GALA's new headquarters at the historic Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St., events will take place at the neighboring Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center.

In other action Monday night, selectmen approved the appointment and/or reappointment of a number of individuals to several town committees. Appointees included: Mike Barbaro, Capital Planning Committee; David Whitaker and Kyle Bradley, Conservation Commission; O. Anne Coderre, Judith Mizhir, and Ottmar Rau, Council on Aging; Coral May Grout, Cultural Council; Karen Brooks and Guy Corbosiero, Fence Viewer/ Field Driver; Corey Bohan, Historical Commission; Ron Muse and Cindy Darcy, Board of Library Trustees; Paul Kachinsky and Russ Gaulin, Open Space Preservation Appraisal and/or Survey Revolving Fund Advisory Committee; Brian Dickens and Diana Ringer, Parks and Recreation Commission; Burton Gould Jr., Planning Board; Gregory Vine, alternate member, Planning Board; David Connor, Registrars of Voters; Matthew Guinn, Zoning Board of Appeals; Doneen Durling, David Grady, and Mark Landanno, alternate members, Zoning Board of Appeals.

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been mounted on the Mac well ahead of the upcoming winter sanding season. Instead of a single spreader, or "spinner," located at the center rear of the dump body, the new one is equipped with dual spinners; one located in front of each of the vehicle's rear tires. This allows the truck to gain traction as it sands while

traveling up-hill.

Trucks equipped with conventional body dump spreaders require drivers to sand while driving up-hill in reverse.

"This was a problem, particularly when trying to sand places like High Street and Benjamin Street," said Gallant. said Gallant. "It's not safe for our drivers and it's not safe for the public. We're backing up-hill while traffic is coming downhill. If there's no sand on the road yet, it creates a hazard for motorists who may need to suddenly stop or swerve to avoid our truck. This new piece of equipment solves that

problem. We're sanding the road for ourselves at the same time we're dong it for the public."

The Monroe 10-foot body dump spreader was purchased from Donovan Equipment of Londonderry, NH, at a total cost of \$30,235. The balance was paid for out of the Highway Department budget.

The new dump spreader comes with an electrically-run canopy. which rolls out to cover sand in the dump body, and an air-controlled rear gate, making it easier to open for dumping sand or gravel out of the dump body. While it can be used during the summer months for hauling some materials, "it can't be used for hauling large boulders or anything like that," according to Gallant.

"We really needed this," he said. "The old dump body was rotted out and had some big holes in it."

Gallant said the Robinson-Broadhurst grant was originally given to the department to purchase an illuminated LED sign for the Grout Memorial Park at the intersection of Spring Street (Rte. 12) and Glenallan Street

"But the town's bylaws say LED signs are illegal," he explained. "So the folks from Robinson-Broadhurst basically said 'figure out what you're going to do with the money.' This was something we definitely needed so I requested a change in use for the grant and about a month later they said to go ahead and buy the equipment."

Gallant said he'd like to purchase another new dump body spreader for the DPW fleet, "but obviously it's not something we can do right away because of the cost."

He also noted the overall age of Winchendon's truck fleet.

"The oldest truck we have right now is a 1997," he said. "It's just about at the end of its life, but we manage to keep it going... for now."

The newest truck in the DPW garage is the 2005 Mack; one reason it was put together with the newest piece of equipment.



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Haunting night planned at museum

WINCHENDON — It cards read by maswill be a night of haunts strangeness next weekend as on Saturday, June 25 from 6 p.m. to midnight, come join some daring souls as Lucky Belcamino and William Wallace present "A Night of Mystery" at the Murdock Whitney Mansion at 151 Front St.

Belcamino is Winchendon resident who is a psychic medium/sensitive and also a paranormal investigator for many local ghost hunting teams.

William Wallace is also a paranormal investigator and has been in the field for many years. Wallace will be conducting a lecture on some of his findings and equipment used in the field.

Belcamino will be conducting the paranormal investigation using some modern and natural mediums to try to make contact with the friendly spirits that linger there.

Every October Belcamino hosts a paranormal event during Halloween and they decided to bring a midyear event to help raise funds for the Winchendon Cultural Center as a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center.

While attending tarot

ter Tarot reader Rissa Sullivan or get a psychic reading from clairvoyant Brandie Wells will be available. Purchases of stones, crystals and jewelry from Wanda Van Martin or Sue Laflamme will be available.

The cost to attend is \$40 per person and includes Investigation, Lecture, and Tour

Readings are separate but are at reduced price for this event and you can sign up during the evening for readings.

Rissa Sullivan-Tarot Readings \$20 for 20 Minutes

Brandie Wells- Psychic Readings \$20.00 for 20 Minutes

There will be refreshments and snacks offered as well.

The Murdock Whitney mansion has been host to many ghost hunting events over the years and the house is warm, inviting and historic. A tour of the home will be given to each attendee along with a 2 hour paranormal investigation, lecture by William Wallace, and we will be offering refreshments, and having some local vendors available.

The mansion was built by Elisha Murdock, son of Ephraim Murdock. Ephraim Murdock was the founder of E. Murdock

and Company on River Street, Waterville. E. Murdock and Company was the second oldest industrial business in Winchendon and become the oldest and largest wooden ware establishment in the country. Elisha Murdock was also the president of the Winchendon Savings bank, founded on March 31, 1854. It remained the home of the members of one of the most successful and longest standing families in Winchendon history. It is surely one of the town's most historic and beautiful homes which is a Colonial Revival with Victorian elements.

Claims from paranormal teams and some of the staff and visitors that an old woman walks the floors and halls of the mansion. There has been mysterious footsteps heard throughout the house, sightings of mist and other paranormal activity. There has been some speculation that the on goings of the home are being carefully watched by the old woman and is very protective of her surroundings. For tickets you can send payment to aspaceforthesoul@gmail.com directly to Paypal or contact Lucky for more information. Space is limited so reserve your spot today.



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Relay again raises funds...and spirits

REGION — "Cancer...Not Here, Not There, Not Anywhere!" was the Dr. Seuss themed slogan of the 2016 Relay for Life of Greater Gardner. The two-day event spanned from June 10 through June 11, drawing in people from far and wide. Tents with colorful Seuss decorations, raffles, and goodies completely surrounded the track at Mount Wachusett Community College as people proudly walked the track in support of cancer research.

The Relay for Life of Greater Gardner started 23 years ago, and has been growing exponentially with each event. Gardner is now proudly the number one Relay for Life in New England, number 16 in the world, thanks to the support and love of sponsors and the community. In fact, it has grown so much as to have surpassed the \$13 million raised mark.

The events and ceremonies over the two days were a powerful combination of raw emotion, fun, passion, and support. Survivors, caregivers, and teams walked the track under the motto of "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back." To kick off the Relay students from surrounding community's high schools ran from one o'clock in the afternoon until the Relay's start at 6 o'clock that evening, carrying a torch to light to signify the start of the events.

As the sun set behind the horizon on Friday night, people began to light candles to honor those fighting cancer and those who have passed in preparation for the Luminaria ceremony. The track was completely encompassed in the soft glow of hundreds of candles representing hundreds of stories. Guest speakers and singers evoked every emotion during this powerful ceremony of reflection and honor.

Among the strong survivors being honored at the Relay was Winchendon's Don Darleau Sr. with his caregiver Cheryl Tourigny, who had stayed by his side through every long treatment and saw him through to his recovery. After being cancer-free for almost three years, Darleau is still going strong and following his passion of putting a smile on people's faces every day. He shares his story to be a mentor to cancer patients, and in hopes of helping people appreciate the life they

"I look at life differently now," he said earnestly. "I look at how beautiful life is. I appreciate the sounds, the people – I take whatever life has to offer."

Survivors brought faces of hope and strength, caregivers showed their compassion and dedication, and all the supporters at the Relay came together to show their support and raise money to end the horrible monster known as cancer. The 2016 Relay for Life of Greater Gardner was, as always, a huge success in raising both money for a good cause, and bringing awareness to cancer prevention. The Relay honored its motto to Celebrate survivors' stories, Remember those who lost the valiant battle, and Fight Back until we have eradicated this dreaded disease.













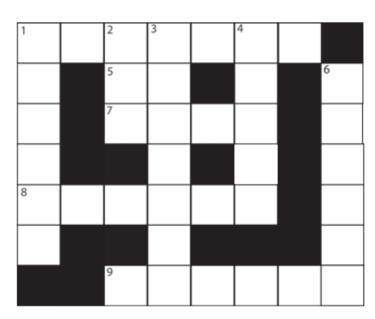








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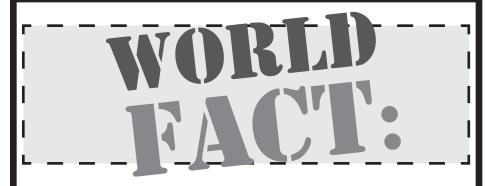
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- 1. Hanging seat
- 5. University of Oklahoma
- 7. Scottish hillside
- 8. Plant or animal from a specific place
- 9. Paths

DOWN

- 1. Walking terrain
- 2. Big group
- 3. Harder to see through
- 4. Thick substance
- 6. Moving waters

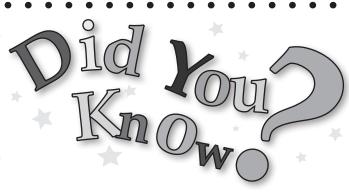
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For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 15, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 40193, Page 261.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments. if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP 1080 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

Attorney for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 272-1400

June 3, 2016 June 10, 2016 June 17, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

54 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 208

Pursuant to the provisions of the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 at 7:15 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owner Robert Van Dyke for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to an Isolated Wetland at 54 Pinewood Drive; Assessor's Map 4, Lot 208. The project entails the construction of a new single-family house and the repair and re-grading of the existing excavated slope adjacent to the Isolated Wetland. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall,

109 Front Street.

The Notice of Intent is available for public review at the Land Use Office. Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am - 12noon, except for 3pm - 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537. June 17, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission 771 Teel Road; Assessor's Map 9, Lot 142

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 at 7:10 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Delisle Landscaping & Construction for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 771 Teel Road; Assessor's Map 9, Lot 142. The project entails the replacement of an existing deteriorated timber retaining wall. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am - 12noon, except for 3pm - 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537. June 17, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission 485 School Street; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 91

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Garrett C. Davieau for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 485 School Street; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 91. The project entails the placement of a 7'11" x 10'2" preconstructed garden shed on cement blocks. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am - 12noon, except for 3pm - 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537. June 17, 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 Jenny Cooper to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated January 31, 2008 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42362, Page 340, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and/or assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated November 24, 2015 and recorded with said registry on December 16, 2015 at Book 54706 Page 154, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on July 13, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 32 WALNUT STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in the village of Winchendon, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated on and numbered 32 Walnut Street, bounded and described as fol-

Commencing at a stake and stones at the junction of Walnut Street and Beech Street;

Thence N. 50-1/4 degrees W. on line of said Walnut Street five (5) rods to a stake and stones at the Southeast corner of land of Arnold E. Anderson et ux; Thence N. 39-3/4 degrees E. to land now or formerly of Ellen M. Cross and hereinafter described;

Thence S. 50-1/4 degrees E. five (5) rods to the line of Beech Street; Thence S. 39 degrees 45' W. on line

of said Beech Street to the bound first mentioned. Also the land and buildings in the rear

of the described premises, being the "barn lot," so called, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said lot on Beech Street, at the Southeast corner of a lot now or formerly of William H. Jewett;

Thence Westerly on line of said Jewett land about five (5) rods to the Northeast corner of land of said Anderson;

Thence Southerly on line of said Anderson land about 41-1/4 feet to the first described tract;

Thence Easterly on a line parallel with the first line, being line of first parcel, to Beech Street;

Thence on line of Beech Street Northerly 41-1/4 feet to the place of beginning. A deed from Adam J. Miller and Andrea B. Miller to Jenny Cooper recorded herewith in Book 42362, Page 338. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed

recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42362, Page 338.

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 thirtv (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.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201508-0409 - PRP

June 17, 2016 June 24, 2016 July 1, 2016

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Timothy J. LeBlanc and Kelly A. Dalton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39156, Page 143, subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA. National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-B by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 49142. Page 106: of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on July 8, 2016 at 26 Toy Town Lane, Winchendon, MA. all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Toy Town Lane in Winchendon, Worcester County. Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "15" on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Toy Town Heights, Winchendon, Massachusetts", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 763, Plan 102, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Parcel and said Lot. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. at Book 39156, Page

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE: deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral

announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-B Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS MORAN PLLC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 13-017732

June 17, 2016 June 24, 2016 July 1, 2016

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

> **DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT** 16 SM 001871

LAND COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Diane Caeran AKA Diane C. Caeran;

Maria T Lattanzio and to all persons entitled to the benefit

50 U.S.C. App. §501 et seq.: Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA")

of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 403 West Street, given by Maria T. Lattanzio and Diane Caeran to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns, dated January 29, 2007, and recorded with the Worcester **County (Worcester District) Registry** of Deeds in Book 40614, Page 181, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 11. 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on June 2, 2016 Attest:

> Deborah J. Patterson Recorder (OM 15-000670)

June 17, 2016

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF **MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL** COURT

2016 SM 004639 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

Gary W. Brown, Susan J. Brown and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 et seq.:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in WINCHENDON, 23 SIBLEY ROAD. given by Gary W. Brown and Susan J. Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 26, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37206, Page 42, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination Defendant's/Defendants'

Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the abovementioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 25, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of

said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on June 8, 2016 Attest:

> Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201604-0186-YEL

June 17, 2016







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