

# State not happy with grant oversight

## MRPC ADMINISTRATION UNDER SCRUTINY

**BY GREG VINE**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A recently completed state audit of the town's fiscal year 2017 Community Development Block Grant turned up a number of problems relating to oversight of the million-dollar grant, which was split between the towns of Winchendon and

Ashby. Most of the funding, \$660,000 went to the Toy Town, with the rest going to Ashby. Much of Winchendon's share was used to pay for the reconstruction of Walnut Street, with the remainder committed to housing rehabilitation projects and fuel oil assistance.

Town Manager Keith Hickey

told selectmen Monday night, "The town had contracted with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) to do all the administrative work for the grants, with no real oversight by town staff."

"The state Department of Community and Housing Development, who we received the grant through," Hickey explained, "had approved MRPC as our administrator in handling the CDBG grant. Unfortunately, during the

review by DHCD, they found a number of errors and omissions in the required record keeping."

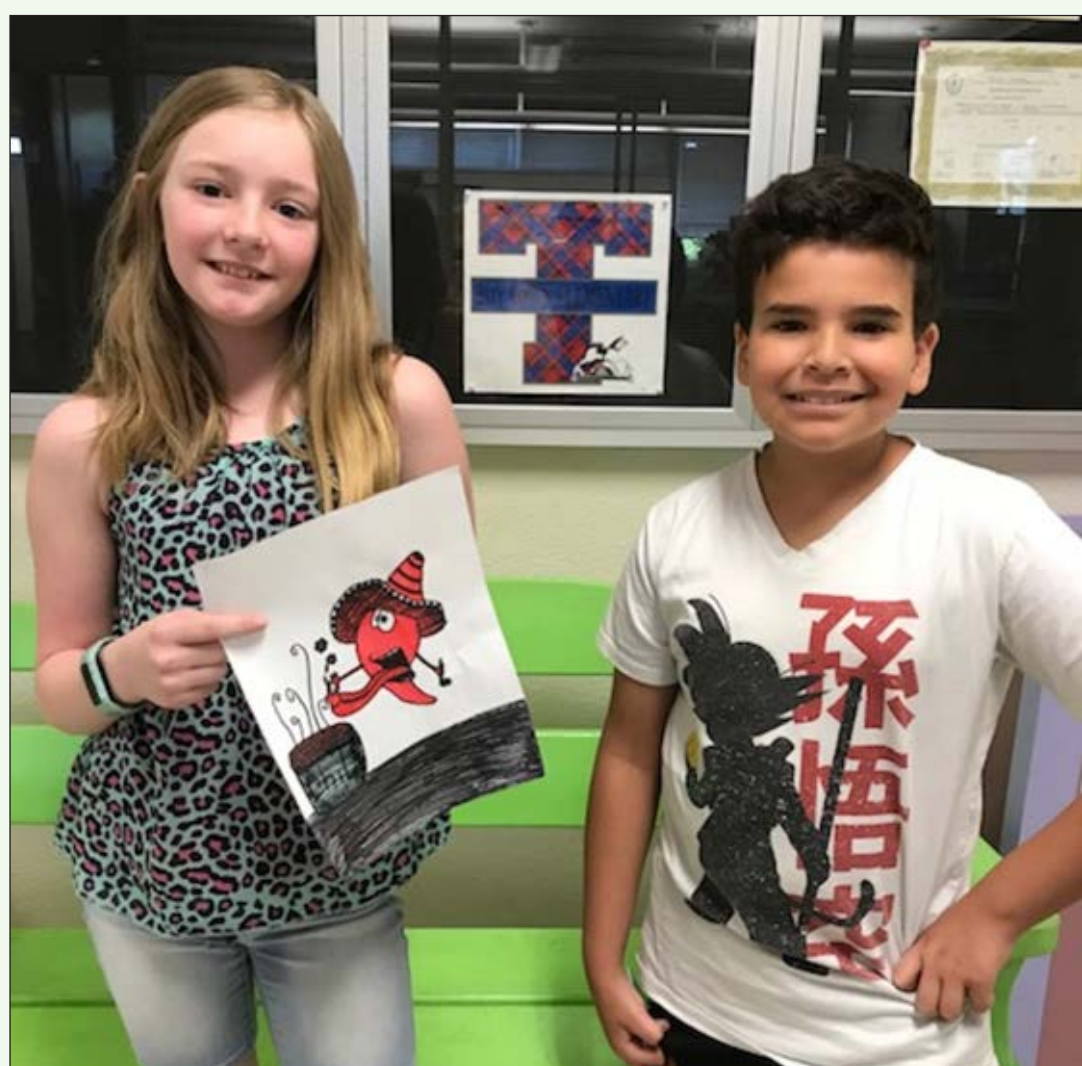
"With the assistance of (Winchendon Planning and Development Director) Tracy Murphy, Tracy and I had conversations with officials from the DHCD, shared our displeasure and disappointment with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission and ultimately terminated their contract with the town of

Winchendon."

As a result, the town has contracted with a new firm, Breezeway Farm Consulting of New Salem, to take over administrative oversight of Winchendon's FY17 CDBG grant. Hickey told the board the company had been recommended by DHCD. Breezeway began its new duties on July 1.

It was also noted that the town failed to receive the

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Ruth DeAmicis photo

Every year the students at Toy Town Elementary School enter ideas for the t-shirts for annual Kiwanis event. The Kiwanis take it very seriously, poring over the entries and narrowing down them until a final choice is made. This year the voting chose the drawing by Guilherme Souza (at right). His drawing is now on this year's t-shirts, available tomorrow at the Family Fun Day. Second place went to Noah Beauvais, who wasn't available for the photo, and third to Brielle Voorhels, at left.

## Saturday is the DAY

On Saturday Aug. 3 plan to make a day of it at the annual Family Fun Day featuring the Massachusetts state level Chili Cook off!

This is the 34th annual event held in Winchendon, sponsored by the Kiwanis of Winchendon and this

year the Kiwanis warmly welcome the help of the Winchendon Lions.

The event is held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bentley Field, Grove Street. Admission remains \$8 for adults, kids age 12 and younger \$1. Mychael David Project will be entertaining

all afternoon, crafters tents throughout the field, chili tasting for People's Choice award, the Famous Kiwanis food tent, raffles, the annual t-shirts and more. Plenty of free parking around GAR Park, come enjoy the day!

## State plods on marijuana roll out

**BY JERRY CARTON**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

While three vendor licenses to sell marijuana have been awarded in Winchendon and are awaiting the go-ahead from Boston, the state Cannabis Control Commission sure doesn't seem to be in any hurry to move things along.

Commission Chair Steven Hoffman acknowledged while July 1 had been an "arbitrary deadline," he wants to see a focus on "an orderly rollout" of the opening of the recreational sales venues. Now Hoffman says he hopes to start issuing actual licenses "shortly,"

"We said from the beginning July 1 was not a legislative mandate," Hoffman added.

Naturally, bureaucracy became a factor. More than

11-hundred applications for business licenses have been posted on the Commission's portal since April and of last week, less than 60 were fully complete.

Hoffman stressed Massachusetts regulators aren't going to rush the process just to do it, noting that in several states where speed became the priority, problems arose with inventory or background checks.

"I hope everyone in the state believes it's the right thing to do," to take the time to do a thorough check, said Hoffman.

His stance was echoed by Jim Borghesani, former spokesperson for the Marijuana Policy Project.

"I think there are plenty of consumers who were looking

forward to purchasing cannabis in a safe and legal location and most of them are going to have to wait," he said, citing the reality a number of cities and towns were taking their own time in resolving local issues regarding the opening of prospective businesses.

Hoffman said the commission was in many cases still waiting on an outside contractor to finish up background checks or for some cities and towns to provide information which had been requested. Many cities and towns, including Winchendon have had debates on locations and hours of operation.

"We're getting there," said Hoffman.

The "Paint the Town" art reception with Sitka Gallery was a very successful show Friday night on July 27 according to GALA organizers.

"We had 19 artists participating with 30 pieces of artwork all about Fitchburg," said Deb Giordano, president of GALA, who was very impressed by the subject matter. "Artists always have the eye to find beauty anywhere they go."

Giordano handed out the award ribbons and cash awards.

The artists that were awarded ribbons were;

1st Place: Charlene Noel-Photography

2nd Place: Arlene Ferrier-Oil

3rd Place: Corrine Goodrich-Oil

Honorable Mention: Scott Graves- Pastel

Honorable Mention: Sandra Richard- Watercolor

Cash awards were given to the first, second, third place winners by NewVue Communities and The Fitchburg Cultural Alliance.

"We thank them for their support!" said Giordano.

Senator Dean Tran made a surprise visit with his family, and awarded Giordano a citation for "GALA's commitment for fostering strong artist communities in North-Central Massachusetts."

Giordano was so delighted, that she is going to have her citation framed and hung



Courtesy photos

GALA President Deb Giordano making a presentation.



State Senator Dean Tran.

on the wall in the new Arts Gallery located on the property at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center.

Tran also gave smaller citations to the first, second, third place winners for

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WEEKLY QUOTE

There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.

– Beverly Sills





# CLYDE’S CORNER

Friday August 3

STONEWALLING: Friday, August 3 at 7:00 pm, brings author and stonemason, Kevin Gardner, to talk on the subject of the stone walls of New England, touching on the history, techniques, stylistic development and aesthetics of our region’s ubiquitous stone walls. He explains how and why we came to acquire these structures and their significance to our famous landscape. At Beals Memorial Library, Pleasant Street.

SEPPI’S IS OPEN! The ice cream shop at the rear of the Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St., is open 4-8 p.m.

Saturday August 4

ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY: and Massachusetts State Chili Cookoff! It’s the 34th annual event right here in the Winch! Featuring music by the Mychael David Project, kids’ games, craft vendors, the famous Kiwanis food tent and more. Bentley Field on Grove Street, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults: \$8, kids \$1.

MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday’s 4-7 p.m. and Saturday’s 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202,

Winchendon.

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Thursday August 9

EDUCATION DONATIONS: The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193 is doing an education donation drive on Thursday, Aug. 9 6-7 p.m. at the American Legion, 295 School St. Acceptable donations include: books, backpacks or book bags, loose paper, notebooks, folders, three-ring binders, pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencil boxes or cases, scissors, glue or glue sticks, rulers, calculators, craft supplies, tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, monetary donations, sports equipment and

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Friday August 10

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### GO FLY A KITE!

The Narragansett Historical Society presents their annual “Go Fly a Kite” event Sunday, August 5 (weather dependent) starting at noon. Come help

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achieve the goal of 100 kites in the air at one time! The event will be held off of Baldwinville Road, watch for signs on where to park and join the fun. Hay ride shuttle will be available to the field from marked parking spots if needed. All are welcome, there is no cost to attend and you can bring your own kite or build one there for \$5. BBQ lunch will be available for purchase while you enjoy giant bubbles, tractor pulls, antique tractors and cars on display as well as live music by HooDoo Highway (until 5 p.m.). Sponsored by the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton Cultural Council and JBM, this afternoon of family fun is sure to become YOUR favorite summer tradition! If you have any questions, contact Julie at (978) 257-6404.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SPECIAL

## PROGRAM

On Saturday Aug. 11, there will be a special program presented by CMGS and funded by the Gardner Cultural Council. Kathy Krysiak will be speaking about Polish family history as well as her own research. Jeanne Douillard will present “Silent Presence – the French in New England” covering La Nouvelle France and Arcadie. There will also be translators for both Polish and French documents. We hope to see you at Hope Masonic Lodge, 42 Central St., in Gardner starting at 1:00 p.m. Membership is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple per year (JAN-DEC). Mail to CMGS P.O. Box 811 Westminster, MA 01473.

### GOBI OFFICE HOURS

Tyler Wolanin, District Aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be

holding abridged office hours in towns in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex senate district during the month of August. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov, or by phone at 508-641-3502. Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns. Monday, August 13: Ashburnham Town Hall, 7 to 8 a.m. and Templeton Town Hall, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CAZENOVIA, NY — Lily Germano of Rindge was name to the Cazenovia College Dean’s List for the Spring 2018 semester. Those named to the Dean’s List have achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average.

STORRS CT — Emily Parillo of Phillipston graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BA in an individualized program.



ANTIQUES,  
COLLECTIBLES  
& ESTATES  
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WAYNE TUISKULA

The U.S. rare coin market dropped in value from a \$4 billion industry in 2016 to \$3.4 billion to \$3.8 billion in 2017 according to a Professional Numismatics Guild survey cited in Numismatic News. Auction prices also saw a decline during the same period.

“The aggregate prices realized for U.S. coins sold at major public auctions in 2017 totaled \$306,199,305,” PNG said. “This is a decline of about 10 percent from the \$341,815,542 achieved in 2016.”

An April 20, 2018 Coin Week article expressed optimism about the future, but also acknowledged that “rare coin

market has been soft or depressed in the last few years.” Many coin prices have drifted downward with some sinking to “historic lows.” Many have dropped to levels not seen since the 1980s.

There are a few reasons why coin prices can drop. When multiple important collections come to market around the same time they may create a glut that causes a decrease in coin values. As with many other antiques and collectibles, the number of collectors is dropping as long time collectors sell their collections. There often aren’t enough younger collectors to fill the void left by older collectors who are selling large, valuable collections.

Some people are willed collections and may hold onto them indefinitely. It often isn’t the best decision. A colleague told me that he asks potential clients whether they would have chosen to invest in coins

if they hadn’t inherited the collection. Most agree that they would have invested the money elsewhere. They then decide to sell the coins and purchase something that they need or invest the money that they receive from the sale of the coins elsewhere.

When you decide to sell your coins, there are different options available. You can sell them in an online auction, to a dealer, or with an auctioneer.

An online auction may not be the best option. You need to pay both the online auction company and another company that transfers funds. You will have to properly describe everything, even though you may not be an expert. You will need to photograph your items, answer questions and ship the coins. A buyer may not be pleased with the coin you sold and could initiate a dispute after receiving it.

Selling items to a dealer is another option. Of course, they have to buy them at a price where they can make a profit. The markup can vary greatly between different coin shops. You may have to bring the coins to multiple shops for pricing.

As you may have guessed, I recommend auctioning coins. An auction draws a large number of collectors, dealers and investors who all compete against each other, ensuring that you receive fair market value. The auctioneer will evaluate your coins. They will sort through them and search for rare coins with numismatic value that may be mixed in with more common coins. A live auction allows bidders the opportunity to inspect coins prior to the auction, which can result in



higher prices. Sellers can also take comfort in knowing that Massachusetts auctioneers are required to be licensed and bonded when they entrust someone with a valuable coin collection. When selling a coin collection, weigh all of your options so that you don’t get short changed.

We will be running a live all coin auction on August 30 in Worcester. Our next live antique estates auction takes place on September 27. My “Evaluating your antiques” class will be held on October 15 for the Bay Path Evening School I’ll be at the Winchendon Historical Society appraisal event on October 28 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other upcoming events.

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## Photo contest of the Millers seeks contributors

The Millers River Watershed Council is pleased to announce the first-ever Millers River & Watershed Photo Contest and Exhibition, co-sponsored with the Athol Public Library, where the exhibition will run

during the month of October before moving to other watershed venues. MRWC aims for the Photo Contest and Exhibition to inspire watershed residents and visitors alike to explore, appreciate and help protect the 50-mile long Millers River and its surrounding watershed of 400 square miles — including numerous tributaries, streams, lakes and ponds.

Contest Guidelines are available on the MRWC website’s homepage at [millerswatershed.org](http://millerswatershed.org).

Images must be received ready-to-hang by the Athol Library

after Aug. 17 and no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24. All submissions meeting the guidelines will be judged by noted nature photographers Paul Rezendes of Athol, Bill Fournier of Gardner and Dale Monette of New Salem.

A map showing the watershed’s boundaries, including all or parts of 17 Massachusetts and six New Hampshire towns (and one city – Gardner), is available on the MRWC website. For more information email [council@millersriver.net](mailto:council@millersriver.net) or leave a phone message at 978-248-9491.

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# Campaign Notes: crowded field every where

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Massachusetts Third Congressional District, which includes most of Winchendon, isn't the only area district where a crowded field has taken shape. New Hampshire's Second District, and that means Rindge and Fitzwilliam, has a field of six Republicans vying for their party's nomination and the right to face incumbent Democratic Rep. Ann Kuster, who narrowly won re-election to her third term in 2016, winning by just four points though that was better than Hillary Clinton who carried it by just over a point.

GOP candidates include Brian Belanger, former county treasurer Robert Burns, Gerard Beloin, former Veterans Administration regional director Dr. Stewart Levinsen, Jay Mercer, and state Rep. Steve Negron. Kuster defeated incumbent Charles Bass in 2012 when President Barack Obama took 54-percent of the district's vote and scored a comfortable victory in 2014 over Marilinda Garcia before her slim triumph last cycle. Road and lawn signs are beginning to spring up in Rindge and Fitzwilliam including along Routes 202 and 12 out of Winchendon. The New Hampshire primary is

scheduled Sept. 11. Precinct 1 is the only area of Winchendon in Massachusetts Second Congressional District, a geographic entity created after the 2010 census. The district is laid out in such an unwieldy way people who live on adjacent streets in precinct 1 might be in different congressional districts. Voters are advised to check their registration before the Sept. 4 primary. There also isn't anywhere near the action which is taking place in MA-3 and NH-2. That's because Rep. Jim McGovern tends to run pretty much unopposed. In the last three cycles, McGovern has received upwards of 98-percent of the

vote. No Republican candidate filed to challenge McGovern this year, either. McGovern usually gives the majority of his fund raising to Democratic candidates in more competitive districts. The races for governor and US Senator are pretty quiet too, though last week a rally for Senate candidate in Barrington for Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai was interrupted when an unidentified man went after the candidate, yanking at the megaphone into which Ayyadurai was speaking. The Ayyadurai campaign said their candidate suffered swollen lips as a result of the incident.

## Campaign Notes: Gifford visits Senior Center

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

He's been to Winchendon before, having shown up at the Route 12 Cruisin' Diner on President's Day, the only of the dozen or so Third Congressional District hopefuls to have visited and Rufus Gifford was back in town last Thursday, stopping by the senior center in advance of the Sept. 4 primary in which all those candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination to succeed retiring Rep. Nikki Tsongas (D). "This is a great old New England town and this building is amazing," said Gifford as he strolled amongst several dozen lunchtime diners, shaking hands, listening to their concerns and saying he was bringing a positive message to town. "It's not enough to just be against Donald Trump," even in a heavily Democratic district, insisted Gifford. "You have to be for something. People want to know how you're going to try to make their lives better."

To that end, Gifford said if he gets to Congress he's going to focus on jobs for a district which for a long time was a major manufacturing area. "This time we're going to be talking about green jobs. This western corner of the district has a rich manufacturing history. If we can bring green jobs here in industries like solar, Massachusetts will be showing the way to provide good, solid middle-class jobs. We can bring some of that history back but in a different, 21st century way," he asserted. Asked why someone with his resume' (finance chair of President Obama's 2012 re-elect, US Ambassador to Denmark between 2013-17) wants to become a freshman member of the House of Representatives, Gifford was alternately reflective and enthusiastic. "After the (2016) election I was asking myself what I could do to try to make a difference in people's lives in a positive way. So I decided to come home and do this. Believe me, I never imagined I'd ever be running for anything, I never

thought I'd ever put my name on a ballot, but you know, this is about stepping up my service. This is about responsibility. Everyone needs to step up. I really believe in this country. I believe in our fundamental values and like I said, it's not enough just to be against. You have to be 'for'. I'm for jobs. Green jobs which we need here. I'm for improved infrastructure," he stressed. Gifford is upbeat about the energy he sees in his volunteer supporters. "They fire me up. They're doing such a great job. I think I've knocked on something like 10-thousand doors in stifling heat and pouring rain since we started and they're so much a part of this, the volunteers. They're out there no matter what. It feels great out there. We're getting a great response. You talk to people and you can see they want to believe but we've got to earn their trust," he said. The campaign indicated Gifford would try to make it back for tomorrow's chili-cook off.



Greg Vine photos  
Congressional candidate Rufus Gifford speaks with Winchendon Council on Aging Director Sheila Bettro during a campaign stop last Thursday at the Senior Center at Old Murdock. Gifford is one of 10 people seeking the Democratic nomination to succeed U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas in Massachusetts 3rd Congressional District. Tsongas last year announced her retirement.



Congressional candidate Rufus Gifford speaks with Arthur Mowry during a campaign stop last Thursday at the Senior Center at Old Murdock.

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We have tried prohibition before in this country. Do-gooder laws and self righteousness just go hand in hand.

We just love to tell other people how to run their lives.

Whether it is to tell them what to eat, or drink, or wear, or safety equipment, or cleaning their property because we don't want to be offended by what we see, or their health because we fear their decisions...it doesn't matter. We feel we have the right to tell others how to live.

This is how we have seatbelt laws and helmet laws, which shouldn't even be needed.

And anti-smoking laws, which shouldn't be necessary.

And how we had prohibition, which didn't work, caused downright bloodshed and was repealed.

And marijuana prohibition, based on false claims and racism.

According to recorded history, doctors knew the medical properties of marijuana were more beneficial than any side effects of blissing out, though anti-anxiety benefits were also recognized. That remained the norm until the early 1900s, when immigration from the south meant the wild marijuana easily grown and already a staple of daily life of many from South America, frightened people.

Then it became a peaceful and appreciated part of the jazz scene by performers in New York, New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit and other large cities. Often noticeably by black performers first.

Horrors. People of color had found a recreational, peaceful, non-irritating way to ignore their lives and their tensions.

The government stepped up and stepped in. Because the do-gooders were frightened.

One of the worst forms of propaganda ever invented was a piece of horror called Reefer Madness. It warned parents their teenagers would be invited to jazz clubs specifically to get them 'hooked' on this dangerous, gateway

drug. Marijuana has been medically proven NOT to lead to any other, harder drugs.

There has never been a proven death due to a marijuana overdose.

The medical benefits of marijuana, for seizure, pain relief, anti-anxiety, even cancer treatments; have all been verified, and there is still research being done on what more it can do. It is a natural, organic product with properties still being found. Much like aspirin, a derivative originating from willow bark.

Can one imagine what might have been the outcome if someone had decided willow trees were a banned product?

Yes, indulging in recreational marijuana can result in a 'nod.' An entirely natural and definitely organic reaction of the human body to cannabis. It is a relaxant. The body does indeed become relaxed, sedated, distracted. Though some people become agitated, talk a mile minute, become giggly; the lassitude is more likely.

In that state, driving is definitely not advisable. Obviously. We agree.

The intent then is to convince people to choose wisely.

But the choice is not ours to make, no matter how much we want it to be ours. We can rant, we can write laws, we can spend money on education and ad campaigns but ultimately, the decision is not ours to make.

It never has been.

The decision to drink, to smoke, to indulge in risky behaviors whether it be riding dangerously without a helmet, not wearing a seatbelt or just not taking care of one's health is still an individual right and freedom.

It could be construed as a pursuit of happiness, the right of each individual as guaranteed by our own overreaching, intentionally worded declaration.

If that includes recreational cannabis, we can only remind one another, as we continue to do with those who choose to drink alcohol, to do so responsibly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moon: there will be no impeachment

To the Editor:

Ben Bradlee has become better known to a younger generation by his portrayal in the film The Post. He is rightfully lauded for the decision to press for the publication of what became known as The Pentagon Papers after an attempt to muzzle the story by the Nixon administration. But that film skillfully seizes the rightful kudos of The New York Times and Neil Sheehan for being the first to boldly publish the hard truth of our descent into the Vietnam War.

Publishing the calculated mendacity of both Democratic and Republican administrations that resulted in Viet Nam and that split the country was an act of courage. The Washington Post stood by its rival The New York Times and defied a court order to stop publishing because the Post publisher, Kay Graham, was convinced that a free press was the life's blood of a democracy. It was a gamble on legal argument before the Supreme Court and one of the finest hours for the "Fourth Estate."

Later, when a "third-rate burglary" of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate soon began to take on a dark and troubling outline, it was Bradlee who stood by his editors and reporters. As the Nixon White House crafted lie after lie to hide the truth, Bradlee's Post connected the dots. The end product was the resignation of a disgraced President and the jailing of more than forty people, "...including the Attorney General of the United States, the White House Chief of Staff, the White House Counsel, and the president's chief domestic advisor."

The story of the Nixon administration attempting to cover for the illegal and corrupt practices that soon had Nixon's own party signing on to Articles of Impeachment is better told elsewhere. It deserves our study. What can be said without prejudice is that Richard Nixon was forced out of office to avoid impeachment.

I think the most damning idea to emerge from that long ago call for impeachment was uttered by Ben Bradlee in his memoir, A Good Life:

I am still half-convinced that if Nixon had not bugged himself, if there had been no record of the president's most private conversations, Nixon would never have resigned. There would have been no "smoking gun"; there would not have been enough votes to impeach; Nixon would have survived, scarred beyond recognition, but still president.

The key phrase here is "enough votes to impeach." Should the current investigations by the Special Counsel, Robert Mueller, ever compile a strong case for the impeachment of Donald Trump, whether for obstruction of justice or some other "high crime or misdemeanor," is there anyone who believes that the fawning Trump Party, formerly

the GOP, will summon the courage to indict and impeach? Can the party in the pocket of lobbyists, the party ready to steal Social Security by labeling it an "entitlement" when it is paid for by taxes, the party that has turned our country into a debtor nation by rewarding corporations with unwarranted tax breaks, can this party be expected to act in the best interests of ordinary citizens?

The President has shown no interest in what is good for the long-term success of the United States as a world leader. He has defied diplomatic norms, isolated our allies, coddled our enemies, and set citizen against citizen in unremitting attacks on our greatest strength, our dedication to the legal framework of the Constitution. That framework outlined checks and balances so that no one branch of the Federal government, especially the Executive, would hold sway over the others.

The same revered Constitution recognized the importance of the Fourth Estate, an unfettered press, to investigate and publish the facts in political disputes, carefully separating opinion from fact, so that a concerned citizen could weigh the arguments and decide for themselves what course of action to follow. We acknowledged as citizens that an attack on the rights of one citizen was an attack on all citizens.

In daily "tweets," the President now encourages social turmoil throughout the country with false claims and promises. He appeals to bigotry, prejudice, resentment, and retribution in bombastic "speeches" to many who feel alienated and ignored by their government. In these actions, the president behaves like a demagogue. Moreover, through bullying, intimidation, and crass rewards, he has captured the majority of the Trump Party. Their inability to stand in opposition as the President attacks the norms of ruling in a pluralistic Republic will be damned by history.

And beneath the Articles of the Constitution was the shared understanding that with the best of intentions, mistakes would be made. Imperfect judgments were to be corrected through debate, through elections, through Amendments to our founding document, but all subject to the rule of law.

Now the President has floated the legal argument that he may pardon himself, that he is in fact above the law. He continues the drum roll of threats that he may fire the Special Prosecutor. If the president fires Mr. Mueller, a cowardly and incriminating act, there will be no impeachment by the Trump Party.

But there will be a reckoning.

PATRICK MOON  
WINCHENDON

LETTERS POLICY



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JOURNEY  
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JERRY  
CARTON

Last week in Baltimore County, a 60 year-old woman, a longtime nurse at the hospital where all my children were born, was killed. So was her five-year-old granddaughter. They were walking along a leafy suburban street when they were, and there is no other way to describe it, allegedly plowed down by a 22 year-old woman who had been just recently warned by a judge to stop driving while drunk or high, and who was charged with manslaughter and driving while well over

the legal limit as well as reportedly testing positive for other substances. The alleged offender wasn't a first-timer, either. There was a history.

This was and is tragic beyond articulation. It's just horrible. And it got me thinking.

A little less than two years ago, I voted in favor of the referendum which would basically legalize marijuana. Regular readers of this and other papers have been able to follow the process for opening shops in this and other communities. I never really gave the question much thought. I voted pretty much reflexively.

Back in college at AU in the 1970s, I was anything but a pothead. I was into student government. I wrote for the

Eagle, the school paper. I hung out at the Tavern and went to concerts and I regularly made the drive from Northwest DC to racetracks in Bowie and Laurel and Baltimore and yes, I did in fact go to class. Some friends did weed. Others did other stuff. I got high on horseshes. One particular friend was both a literature major and Deadhead. She was also a student government representative, thanks primarily to her energetic campaigning and an insightful campaign manager. And she was a very big fan of just about any recreational pharmaceutical she could get her hands on. More than once (I can still remember quite vividly), I would say, 'no, you can't drive. You can't drive your Toyota or my Torino.

Period'. I knew it wasn't safe. Not for her. Nor for me. Not for anyone we might have with us and not for anyone on Connecticut Avenue or East-West Highway or wherever. I was what, 19, 20, 21 — and smart enough to know that.

Yet, some 40-plus years later, I never hesitated to vote 'yes'. That tragedy last week, though, made me stop and wonder if I'd done the right thing. I remember Courtney and some of her friends voted against it because, they argued, "people shouldn't drive high". In fact, and surprisingly to me, exit polls showed her demographic group supported the referendum statewide by a smaller, yes, smaller margin than any other even in some college communities. Overall,

the vote wasn't all that close, but the younger the voter, the more skepticism there was.

None of us think it's okay for people to drive while drunk or even a little buzzed. Common sense, right? Evidently though, a lot of us didn't apply the same concerns to marijuana when we cast our ballots.

There's a reason. I suspect it's because my generation simply hasn't shared the same doubts about pot which has seemed to have plagued both the generation before and ironically after ours. Go figure. In the end, I'm okay with my vote. I'd vote that way again. Keeping marijuana criminalized seems absurd to me. To what end? Agree? See you next week.

Reflecting after the vote

Know your enemies

some practically frothing at the mouth as they spewed their vitriol.

Now, two weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the annual Vine family reunion in little Bradford, New York. Bradford is about as rural as you can get, and it sits in the heart of what, in New York state, could be called Trump country. And there was little doubt the majority of my beloved relatives cast their votes for Donald Trump in 2016.

I'll admit, when I was asked what I was doing these days I was tempted to respond, "Well, I'm an enemy of the American people."

But I didn't. I simply told folks I worked for a little weekly newspaper in Winchendon, Massachusetts — and I love it. Which I do.

When I saw the angry, distorted faces on those people verbally attacking the media at Monday's Trump rally I had a really hard time imposing the faces of any of my relatives on those of the apoplectic individuals on my television. And I satisfied myself that none of the Vines in that little gathering in Bradford would ever allow themselves



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

"The Founding Fathers gave the free press the protection it must have to bare the secrets of government and inform the people." — Hugo Black, U.S. Supreme Court Justice

My column has been absent from The Courier for the past couple of weeks mainly for two reasons; first, frankly, I



# Campaign Notes: Lindstrom makes stop in Winchendon

**BY JERRY CARTON**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

US Senate candidate Beth Lindstrom came to Winchendon Tuesday and before heading out on a door-to-door canvass said she was both open-minded and the “real Republican” in the race, accusing opponent Jack Kingston of abandoning the party.

With the primary a month from tomorrow, candidates are stepping up their efforts and Lindstrom’s pitch is she’s a consensus builder.

“I want to build relationships,” she said.

“You get more done by being collaborative,” added Lindstrom, who stressed that’s what she did when she was undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.

“We have such hyper partisanship now. Maybe by modeling some good behavior of creating relationships with a few people down there (in Washington) across the aisle would be a good thing. Everyone is just not civil to each other,” she said.

Lindstrom said she recalled former Sen. Scott Brown going to the White House to take part in bill-signing ceremonies during the Obama Administration.

Back in June, the GOP convention designated Kingston as its preferred nominee, but Lindstrom appears

undaunted.

“He’s not the real Republican. He went out to Utah and supported Evan McMullen. I represent real Republicans,” she insisted.

“I’ve been a Republican for 30 years,” she said.

Lindstrom had harsh words for incumbent Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who is waiting to find out her opponent.

“She has a far-left agenda. She doesn’t represent Massachusetts values. She never wants to have a conversation. She shuts the door all the time,” said Lindstrom.

She acknowledged concerns with the tariff policies being imposed by the Trump Administration.

“I’m thinking we should have done one at a time and see how that worked out,” said Lindstrom, who also said she doesn’t think abortion rights will be in danger if Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed for a Supreme Court seat.

“He made it clear he believes in precedent. I don’t think Roe is in trouble,” Lindstrom said.

Winchendon isn’t foreign territory to her, noted Lindstrom.

“I’ve been up here a lot in my life,” she remarked.

As for the campaign, “it’s going well. We’ve been reaching out to a lot of business owners as well as going door to door. We’re getting a good response.”



Greg Vine photos

**Beth Lindstrom, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts, brought her campaign Winchendon Tuesday evening, visiting homes and businesses in town. Lindstrom is seeking the GOP nomination to challenge incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren.**



**Beth Lindstrom, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts, brought her campaign Winchendon Tuesday evening, visiting homes and businesses in town. Lindstrom is seeking the GOP nomination to challenge incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren. Accompanying Lindstrom was Gardner City Councilor and Winchendon native Edward Gravel. Gravel, a Republican, is challenging incumbent Democrat Jon Zlotnik for state representative from the 2nd Worcester District.**

# Fundraiser planned for family of stricken 4-year-old



Benjamin Stone

**BY GREG VINE**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On June 8, 4-year-old Benjamin Stone of Gardner suffered what appeared to be a seizure.

His grandmother, Wendy Smith of Winchendon, picks it up from there:

“My son had come home. Benjamin was lethargic, his eye was crossed. So, his father, Alex, took him to the emergency room. From there they sent him to UMass and they found a large brain mass that day. So, they had him Life-Flighted to Boson Children’s and they diagnosed several large tumors.”

Smith said they found five

more tumors over the course of the weekend.

“On Monday, the 11th, they did a craniectomy to remove the largest tumor – or as much as they could get,” she explained. “From there, Ben’s been in and out of the hospital a couple of times and he just started radiation two weeks ago, finally. But from June through July, when they started the radiation, it spread throughout his whole spine.”

The prognosis for Benjamin remains questionable at this point.

“It’s a very aggressive cancer,” said Smith. “He’s doing 30 treatments, and the last two weeks of treatment is when they’ll have a better idea if they were able to get it. With this particular kind of cancer there’s a zero percent survival rate in adults and 20% to 30% in children.”

“Benjamin is a good little boy,” said Smith. “He’s very agreeable. He’s really sweet.”

A pre-schooler in Gardner, Benjamin was unable to finish out the school year.

Smith said, “His favorite thing is spending time with his dad. Alex takes him out every weekend and the go hiking, and they go fishing, they spend a lot of time among nature and in the woods. He’s a big out-doorsy kid. He loves climbing trees and all that stuff.”

While insurance is covering most of Benjamin’s medical

costs, his father is unable to work because of the demands of driving his son back and forth to Boston several times a week. Ben’s parents also have a 3-year-old daughter to care for.

To help defray the family’s costs, a fundraiser is being held Aug. 26 from 1 to 7 p.m. at American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 in Winchendon. Alex’s grandparents, Ken and Elizabeth Stone, are both Winchendon residents and drove school bus for many years in town.

The fundraiser includes appearances by the bands Broken Stix and Graveyard Tan. A large raffle will be held, and local businesses are contributing to the event. They include: Pattie’s Jewelry, To Each His Own Design, Chick’s Tavern, Dugan’s Salon and Spa, The Crafty Cauldron, Friend’s Garden, 2nd Impressions, Lickity Splits, Kathy’s Beauty Salon, Subway, Dunkin’ Donuts, the Gardner Municipal Golf Course, The Gardner Ale House, O’Neil’s Bicycle Shop, Duguay’s Chicken, Cruisers Diner, The Blue Moon Diner, Prestige Hair Studio, Happy Trails Natural Foods, Roll On America, Speedee Oil Change, Anne’s Drive-In, and House of Paws.

Many handmade craft items have also been contributed by local individuals.

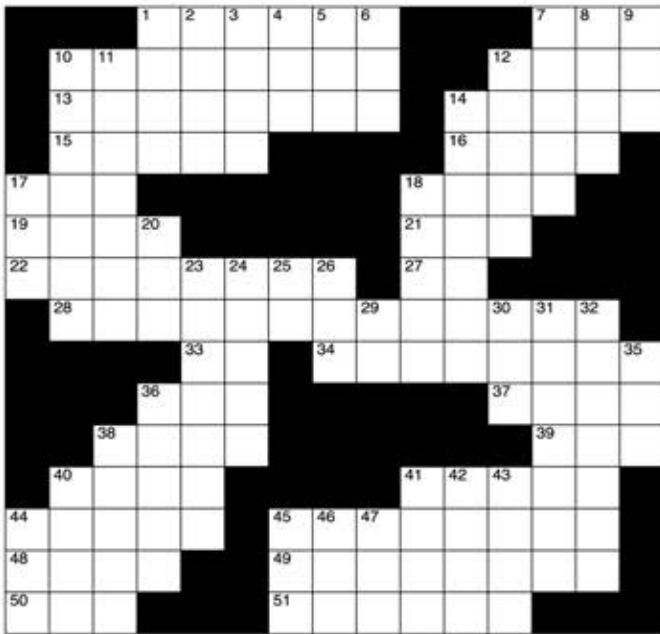
Smith said she hopes to see

as many people at the fundraiser as possible.

“The family certainly needs the help,” she said.

In addition, a Go Fund Me page with a goal of \$10,000

has been set up for Ben’s family. To contribute go to [www.gofundme.com/benjamin-stone-support](http://www.gofundme.com/benjamin-stone-support).



### CLUES ACROSS

1. The winners  
7. A place to relax  
10. Monies to pay debts  
12. Horse mackerel  
13. Type of steroid  
14. Make dry  
15. The Godfather’s adopted son  
16. Ivanovic and Gasteyer  
17. Horror movie franchise  
18. Grab  
19. Iranian city  
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
22. One’s illicit lover  
27. Fake smarts (abbr.)  
28. Where Jersey natives depart from
33. Doctor  
34. Front feet  
36. Insurance option  
37. Some is “wicked”  
38. Type of weaving  
39. Religious woman  
40. One point east of southeast  
41. Prestigious literary prize  
44. Tiny humans  
45. Relish over  
48. Computer manufacturer  
49. Envelops  
50. One type is dippin’  
51. Bequeaths

### CLUES DOWN

1. Dice game  
2. Greek goddess of youth  
3. Piers Anthony protagonist  
4. One-thousandth of an inch  
5. JFK Library architect  
6. A type of corrosion (abbr.)  
7. Beat up  
8. Political action committees  
9. Antidiuretic hormone  
10. Of the desert  
11. Oblivious of  
12. Actress Lathan  
14. Musical instrument  
17. It’s in a plant  
18. One-time special prosecutor  
20. Indigenous people of Brazil  
23. Mothers  
24. Mongolian desert
25. Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland  
26. British air aces  
29. A lover to Zeus  
30. Frequently  
31. Get together again  
32. Gives a permanent post  
35. Sun worshippers love one  
36. Ammonia-producing process  
38. 4th month of the Jewish calendar  
40. New England river  
41. Stores grain  
42. Confess openly  
43. Quarterbacks do it  
44. Not good  
45. Witness  
46. Author Coulter  
47. Type of screen

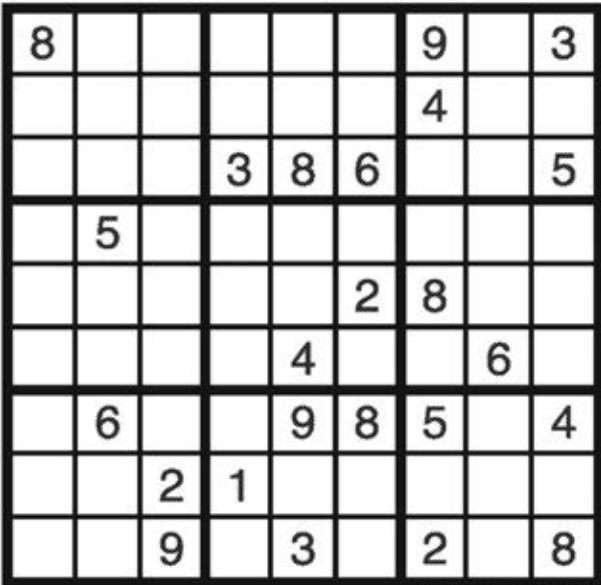


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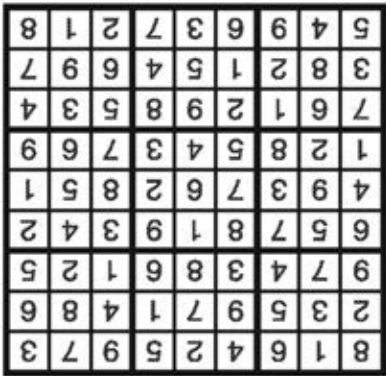
## SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

### Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## PUZZLE SOLUTION





# POLICE LOG

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

*Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.*

**TUESDAY, JULY 24**

12:24-2:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:03 a.m.: burglar alarm (Gardner Road), accidental; 8:44 a.m.: wires down (Glenallan Street), referred; 9:16 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:29 a.m.: fire/box alarm (Ipswich Drive), services rendered; 9:55 a.m.: welfare check/general (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 10:25 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 11:41 a.m.: welfare check/general (Webster Street), services rendered; 11:53 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 11:56 a.m.: fraud (Pearl Street), info taken; 12:53 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), referred; 2:14 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 3:00 p.m.: disturbance/group (Central Street), gathering dispersed; 3:24 p.m.: fraud (Congress Street), spoken to; 3:37 p.m.: missing person (Gardner Road), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: accident (Front Street), report taken; 4:05 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Spring Street), report taken; 4:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Otter River Road), spoken to; 5:06 p.m.: illegal burn (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 5:50-5:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Robbins Road), spoken to; 6:00 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:16 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Spruce Street), no cause for complaint; 6:45 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), services rendered; 9:00 p.m.: FD call (Juniper Street), no service necessary; 10:48 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), referred; 10:50 p.m.: CO alarm (Ash Street), accidental.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

12:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:10 a.m.: traffic hazard (River Street), referred; 12:53-1:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:31 a.m.: ambulance (Phyllis Road), assisted; 4:03 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 9:25 a.m.: welfare check/child (Spring Street), spoken to; 10:39 a.m.: loitering (Central Street), spoken to; 10:51 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), services rendered; 11:03 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 12:14 p.m.: fraud (Maple Street), report taken; 1:04 p.m.: ambulance (School Street), transported; 1:07 p.m.: accident (Lincoln Avenue), report taken; 1:17 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 1:49 p.m.: keep the peace (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 3:41 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), assisted; 3:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 4:57 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), report taken; 5:14 p.m.: missing person (Ready Drive), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: welfare check/general (Polly's Drive), services rendered; 5:39 p.m.: custody dispute (School Street), report taken; 9:11 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), report taken; 9:43 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:32 p.m.: missing person (Front Street), returned to family; 11:19 p.m.: disturbance (Central Street), gone on arrival; 11:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street), report taken.

**THURSDAY, JULY 26**

12:56-1:21 a.m.: buildings checked,

**BY GREG VINE**  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Arrest warrants have been issued for two women who were detained by Winchendon Police following a drug raid at 73 Monadnock Ave. last week.

It was the second raid at that address in the past month and the third since December.

Members of the Winchendon Police Department and the Northern Worcester County Drug Task Force carried out the raid at around 3:30 p.m. last Thursday. Court documents indicate no one was at home when officers entered the residence.

During a search of the premises, police allegedly found crack cocaine under a pillow in the bedroom. Also found, according to the police report, was a digital scale with what appeared to be cocaine residue on it.

The report goes on to say a motor vehicle pulled into the driveway while officers were still inside the home. The car was occupied by 31-year-old Krystal Hubbard, a resident of the address, and by Trisha Jewell, age 40, of 545 Dublin Road, Jaffrey. The report stated that Jewell was known to Winchendon Police.

As the vehicle pulled into the driveway, Hubbard was reportedly observed stuffing something into her bra. When questioned, she at first denied she had hidden anything but, when told a female officer would be

secure; 1:24 a.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street), transported to hospital; 2:11-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:50 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), referred; 7:11 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), secure; 10:04 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), Michael Alar Arsenault, Jr., 31, 59 School Street, Apt. B, Concord, NH, op w/suspended license; unregistered mv, miscellaneous equipment violations, arrest; 12:46 p.m.: suicide attempts (Linden Street), transported to hospital; 1:19 p.m.: wires down (Spring Street), referred; 1:37 p.m.: keep the peace (Glenallan Street), assisted; 2:11 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 3:30 p.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue), Krystal K. Hubbard, 31, 73 Monadnock Avenue, Windchenon, possession Class B drug; Trish L. Jewell, 40, 545 Dublin Road, Jaffrey, possession Class B drug, arrests; 3:49 p.m.: mv stop (Railroad Street), verbal warning; 4:55 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Glenn Road), transported; 6:03 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 6:58 p.m.: trespassing (Alger Street), spoken to; 7:04 p.m.: missing person (Cardinal Lane), canceled; 7:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street), referred to ACO; 8:30 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), transported to hospital; 9:06 p.m.: keep the peace (Monadnock Avenue), assisted; 10:22 p.m.: assist citizen (Walnut Street), spoken to; 11:03-11:27 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:35-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

**FRIDAY, JULY 27**

12:00-12:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: disabled mv (Rose Court), assisted; 2:04-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:23 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), referred; 8:32 a.m.: traffic hazard (Front Street), referred; 9:29 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich

called to conduct a pat down, Hubbard admitted to being in possession of some crack cocaine, which she produced for officers. A small amount of crack cocaine was also found during a search of Jewell.

The two women were booked at the Winchendon Police Department, each on one count of possession of a class B drug, the crack cocaine. Jewell was released without bail after booking, while Hubbard was released on \$400 bail.

Hubbard and Jewell were scheduled to appear in Winchendon District Court in Gardner last Friday morning but neither one showed up for her arraignment. Arrest warrants were then issued for the women.

The Monadnock Avenue address was last raided on July 3, resulting in the arrest of Tyrone Walker, age 25, of 7 Ridgeland Drive, Shrewsbury. He is facing charges of possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of crack cocaine Suboxone, unlawful possession of a firearm, and unlawful storage of a firearm. Walker was ordered held on \$5,000 cash bail at his arraignment on July 5. He is expected in court Aug. 8 for a pretrial hearing.

On Dec. 13 of last year, Hubbard was arrested at 73 Monadnock on charges of possession of heroin and possession of Suboxone. That case is still being resolved.

Drive), transported; 11:40 a.m.: welfare check/general (Royalston Road North), report taken; 12:55 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Walnut Street), report taken; 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Memorial Drive), spoken to; 3:07 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), referred; 3:54 p.m.: assist citizen (Mill Glen Road), assisted; 5:01 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 6:29 p.m.: welfare check/general (School Street), unfounded; 6:32 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Alger Street), secure; 6:48 p.m.: disturbance (Central Street), gone on arrival; 7:25 p.m.: keep the peace (Walnut Street), assisted; 7:51 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallen Street), transported; 9:01 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 11:41 p.m.: registration check (Baldwinville State Road), info given.

**SATURDAY, JULY 26**

1:16 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:20 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 1:31-1:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:38 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:5:45:2 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:16 a.m.: property lost (Central Street), info taken; 7:51 a.m.: transport (Front Street); 9:02 a.m.: info/general (Walnut Street), info taken; 9:17 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 10:02 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street); 11:54 a.m.: burglar alarm (Hale Street), false alarm; 12:11 p.m.: traffic hazard (Main Street), referred; 12:21 p.m.: burglar alarm (Fairbanks Street), false alarm; 12:45 p.m.: welfare check/general (Central Street), spoken to; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 1:47 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 2:14 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), verbal warning; 3:09 p.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Street), services rendered; 3:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Baldwinville State Road), services rendered; 4:24

p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), services rendered; 4:52 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Central Street), transported; 5:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Whitney Street), services rendered; 5:15 p.m.: burglar alarm (Fairbanks Street), services rendered; 5:41 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 5:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Sibley Road), services rendered; 5:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Joshua David Paul Robichaud, 28, 46 Royalston Road North, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, services rendered; 6:38 p.m.: mv stop (Walnut Street), services rendered; 6:52 p.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), services rendered; 6:58 p.m.: 911 hang up (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:46 p.m.: property damage (Walnut Street), report taken; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), services rendered; 8:12 p.m.: noise complaint (Central Street), services rendered; 10:28 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 11:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Poland Avenue), spoken to.

**SUNDAY, JULY 27**

12:02 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:25 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 1:32 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 1:35 a.m.: disturbance/fight (Clark Road), protective custody; 2:57 a.m.: traffic hazard (Front Street), removed; 3:08 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 3:35 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Poland Avenue), spoken to; 4:05 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 1:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), canceled; 1:38 p.m.: noise complaint (Elm Street), services rendered; 4:29 extra patrols, secure; 4:46 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), spoken to; 5:04 p.m.: custody dispute (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 5:32 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:14 p.m.: mental health issues (Liberty Drive), transported to hospital; 6:55 p.m.: smoke (River Street) services rendered; 6:55 p.m.: burglary/b&e (West Monomonac Road), report taken; 7:26 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), spoken to; 8:06 p.m.: disturbance/group (School Street), spoken to; 9:00 p.m.: disabled mv (Baldwinville State Road), assisted; 9:06 p.m.: welfare check/genera (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 10:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street), unable to locate; 11:38 p.m.: suicide threats (Hale Street), spoken to.

**MONDAY, JULY 30**

12:04-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:49 a.m.: unwanted party (Candy Lane), spoken to; 4:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:12 a.m.: investigation (Commercial Drive), spoken to; 6:25 a.m.: vandalism (Happy Hollow Road), report taken; 10:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Avenue), info taken; 11:00 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street), advised officer; 11:02 a.m.: summons service (River Street) advised officer; 11:04 a.m.: summons service (Ready Drive), advised officer; 11:36 a.m.: investigation (School Square), services rendered; 11:39 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 11:40 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), property returned to owner; 12:30 p.m.: fire/CO incident (River Street), services rendered; 12:42 p.m.: civil complaint (Alger Street), report taken; 1:03 p.m.: FD call (Maple Street), services rendered; 6:09-6:20 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:49 p.m.: suspicious person (Grove Street), spoken to; 8:03 p.m.: erratic operation (Front Street), unable to locate; 8:29-9:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:54 p.m.: property found (Central Street), spoken to; 10:01 p.m.: suicide threats (Alger Street), transported to hospital.

## *Municipal police training included in legislation*

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and The Massachusetts State Senate passed House Bill 4516 to create a dedicated revenue source for the Commonwealth's municipal police training committee. With this vote, the legislation will now head to Governor Baker for his signature. The legislation passed (unanimously) and will fund critical needs for police training. Throughout the current legislative session, the Senate has led the effort to create dedicated funding for this critical public safety need by including this legislation as amendments in the Senate's version of the FY18 supplemental budget and the Senate's version of the FY19 budget. The Senate passed the amendments, both introduced by Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro), unanimously each time they were offered.

“Our police officers are often placed in very difficult situations and must react quickly, and decisively,” Senator Gobi commented. “Proper training and keeping up with evolving practices helps to protect them, and in turn, us.”

“Municipal law enforcement officers keep our communities safe, and their ability to receive training is essential to ensure that officers are utilizing the most effective methods of community policing. I am happy that the Senate has passed this essential legislation.” said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester)

“Municipal police are integral to the success of our communities, and it is vital that they are given every tool available to excel in their work,” stated Senator Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland), chair of the

Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "Passage of this bill has long been a priority of the Senate, and I am thrilled that we are getting it done today."

“Effective and sufficient training for the men and women of local police departments that protect us every day is an absolute necessity and a moral imperative,” said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

"I am grateful to my colleagues who unanimously supported dedicated revenue for the municipal police training committee from the moment I introduced it earlier this session. It's excellent news for the Commonwealth that the House and Senate have done their part to recognize the sacrifice and service of police across Massachusetts," said State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro) "It's important that our police departments, and the men and women who serve in blue, have the best available tools to keep our communities safe and prosperous. I am proud that the legislature worked collectively and swiftly to secure stable funding for their training."

"I am pleased to be supporting our police officers with better training through this measure," said Senator William N. Brownsberger, Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee (D-Belmont). "It's long overdue."

“As the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security I am particularly pleased that the Senate took action today to support a dedicated revenue

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# OBITUARIES

## Sr. Sylvia Lariviere, 93

MANCHESTER NH — Sr. Sylvia Lariviere, pm (Sr. Theodore-Marie), age 93, of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in Manchester, died July 23, 2018.

She was born in Westbrook, ME on July 8, 1925 to Theodore and Virginia (Laberge) Lariviere. She made her religious profession in 1946.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education and did post-graduate studies at Rivier University in Nashua and Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Sr. Sylvia taught at various elementary and high schools and was a religious education director in Massachusetts and Maine for 26 years, including in Winchendon. She also gave Rivier



Retreats and lead Bible study groups for many years until retiring at Methuen in 2006 and later at Manchester in 2013.

She was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Eugene Lariviere and two sisters, Blanche Nickerson and Cecile Gallant.

The family includes a niece, Virginia Gillian and many grandnephews, grandnieces, cousins and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 30, 2018 at the Resurrection Chapel of St. Marie Residence, 495 Mammoth Road, Manchester. Burial will be in Presentation of Mary Cemetery in Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Presentation of Mary Retirement Fund, 495 Mammoth Rd., Manchester, NH 03104.

## Rosalie P. (Therrien) Vaillancourt, 78

GARDNER — Rosalie P. (Therrien) Vaillancourt, age 78, of 61 Lake St., formerly of Winchendon, died Saturday morning, July 28, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.

She was born in Winchendon on October 30, 1939, daughter of the late Arthur and Adeline (Grydzinski) Therrien and lived in Gardner since 1990. She was a resident of Winchendon for most of her life and was a graduate of Murdock High School.



Rosalie was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion Auxiliary, Crystal House of Gardner and AA. She had done volunteer work for several years for CAC, Head Start and Salvation Army.

She was the mother of the late Ronald H. Vaillancourt Jr. and leaves seven sons, Richard P. Vaillancourt of Gardner, Randy L. Vaillancourt of Gardner, Raymond J. Vaillancourt and his wife Susan of Winchendon, Roger A. Vaillancourt of Winchendon, Russell J. Vaillancourt and his girlfriend Sue Lavoie of Fitchburg, Robert A. Vaillancourt of Winchendon and Rene S. Vaillancourt of Baldwinville; a sister,

ATHOL — Jay A. Rogers, age 60, of 96 South Main Street, died peacefully at his residence Wednesday evening, July 25, 2018, with his wife at his side, after a brief battle with cancer.

Jay was born in Exeter, NH on February 8, 1958, son of Dorothy (Jordan) Rogers of Allenstown, NH and the late Earl R. Rogers. He moved to Massachusetts from New Hampshire over 30 years ago and worked at Nichols and Stone for 25 years. Jay was currently employed by East Point Properties as a maintenance supervisor. He was fondly referred to as "Maintenance Man" by the children living there.

In addition to his mother, he leaves



his wife of 15 years, Pamela Anne (Atherton) Rogers; three sons, Jay Collins of Groveland, Nick Rogers of Winston Salem, NC and Ryan Rogers of San Diego, CA; a daughter by marriage, Laurie-Anne (Stirewalt) Lovewell; sisters, Sherry Raymond of Allenstown, NH and Fay Elliott of Rochester, NH; a brother Jack Rogers of Exeter, NH; four grandchildren, Samantha, Kasey, Alexis and William and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Terry A. Rogers.

A memorial service was held Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon. The Rev. John Neilon officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to GVNA Healthcare Inc., 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440.

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We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

# July is National Wild Blueberry Month

Wild blueberries recently topped the list of "anti-aging" foods rich in antioxidants. In celebration of both the impressive taste and health benefits of blueberries, July has been proclaimed National Blueberry Month. Since 1999, the virtues of wild blueberries have been touted each year. Today there is even more reason to help yourself to a handful of healthy blueberries!

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Did you know:

\*Blueberries are grown in 35 states in the US, and the United States produces over 90% of all of the blueberries in the world.

\*The virtues of blueberries are many. According to the New England Journal of Medicine, the Rutgers Blueberry Cranberry Research Center in Chatsworth, N.J. found that blueberries help prevent infections in the urinary tract in much the same way that cranberries do.

\*They may also help to prevent macular degeneration according to Ronald L. Prior, Ph.D., director of the USDA.

\*Out of 40 different fruits, juices and vegetables, the blueberry comes in with the highest antioxidant level, according to the North American Blueberry Council.

\* Just three and a half ounces of blueberries are equivalent to over 1700 International Units of vitamin E.

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A recent study showed that a one-cup serving of wild blueberries had higher antioxidant capacity than a serving of other popular fruits such as cranberries, strawberries, prunes, raspberries, and even cultivated blueberries. Antioxidants are important in terms of their ability to protect against oxidative cell damage that can lead to conditions like Alzheimer's, cancer and heart disease – conditions also linked with chronic inflammation. The antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects of blue-purple foods like wild blueberries may have the potential to help prevent these diseases

"A strong indicator of antioxidant activity is color," said Susan Davis, MS, RD, nutrition advisor to the Wild Blueberry Association of North America. According to Davis, anthocyanin, the deep-blue purple pigment in foods like wild blueberries, is a potent phytonutrient that acts as an antioxidant and anti-inflammatory.

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A half-cup a day is all you need to satisfy a daily fruit serving and get the important color blue into your diet. Naturally smaller and more compact,



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wild blueberries deliver more berries per pound — up to three times more berries than cultivated.

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Wild Blueberry Honey Coffee Cake  
Topping Ingredients: two cups wild blueberries; one tbsp. all-purpose flour; one half cup honey; two tbsp. fresh lemon juice.

Cake Ingredients: one and one half cups all-purpose flour; two tsp. baking powder; one half tsp. baking soda; one half tsp. salt; one half cup honey; two eggs; one quarter cup milk; two tbsp. fresh lemon juice; one tsp. freshly grated lemon peel; one tsp. vanilla extract; six tbsp. butter, melted.

Directions: Place blueberries in bottom of greased round cake pan; distribute evenly. Sprinkle with flour; drizzle with honey and lemon juice. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside. In a medium bowl, combine honey, eggs, milk, lemon juice, lemon peel and vanilla; beat with fork until well mixed. Add flour mixture; mix well. Stir in melted butter; mix well. Pour batter over blueberries in pan; spread to cover evenly. Bake at 350 °F

for 30 to 35 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Invert cake onto large plate; cool.

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

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail [kdrr@aol.com](mailto:kdrr@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

# Sheriff warns of most recent scam

Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis is warning residents about a recent phone scam in Worcester County where citizens are being targeted and threatened with prosecution for failing to comply with jury service in federal or state courts.

In recent days, fraudulent calls have been made to residents in which a caller identifying himself as an officer from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office has attempted to pressure recipients into providing pre-paid money cards, credit card and confidential data,

potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. These calls, which threaten recipients with fines and jail time if they do not comply, are fraudulent and are not connected with the U.S. courts or the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. This scam which has been going on for several years, is back in full force. Over the past week, our office has received dozens of phone calls regarding this, unfortunately some individuals have fallen prey to this scam.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office does not con-

tact residents and demand payments or ask for credit card information on behalf of the courts regarding jury duty, and is asking residents to be vigilant against this most recent scam. Federal and state courts do not require anyone to provide any sensitive information in a telephone call or email. Most contact between a federal or state court and a prospective juror will be through the U.S. mail, and any phone contact by real court officials will not include requests for Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, or any other sensitive information.

Persons receiving such a telephone call or email should not provide the requested information, and should notify the Clerk of Court's office of the U.S. District Court in their area. For more on the Massachusetts Court System Jury Information, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/jury-info/>

"Our department does not contact residents and demand payment or ask for credit card information. Today's scam artists are always trying to stay ahead of the curve, residents

need to beware of any unsolicited calls that ask for their personal or credit card information," said the Sheriff.

"These callers can sound convincing, will be aggressive and try to intimidate you, even threaten you with jail time. We encourage anyone who gets a suspicious call to just hang up or call authorities first before giving out any type of personal information or money," said Evangelidis.

## TRAINING

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source for the municipal police training fund," said Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury). "Ensuring that local law enforcement is adequately trained is paramount to safe communities. Given the fiscal constraints faced by municipalities, having a dedicated funding source for police training will help alleviate some of that burden."

The legislation calls for up to \$10 million in annual revenue for training that will be provided by adding a \$2 fee per rental car transaction in the Commonwealth. The legislation also allows for three other additional sources of revenue to be used for the fund: money

from the Marijuana Regulation Fund; legislative appropriations designated to the municipal police training fund; and revenue from private sources such as grants, gifts and donations.

The dedicated funding stream will allow the Municipal Police Training Committee to maintain critical services and expand training, including:

- First Aid/CPR in-service training
- First-line supervision training
- Field training
- More sexual assault investigator training
- First-line supervision leadership training
- School Resource Officer training
- Instructor trainer courses: including firearms, defensive tactics; first aid/

CPR; health and wellness

Fair and impartial policing, procedural justice and, implicit bias training

This funding, when fully implemented, will allow the Municipal Police Training Committee to administer ample resources to effectively reduce or altogether eliminate the costs municipalities currently incur for recruit training.

House Bill 4516 now returns to the House for

engrossment, and then will be sent to the Governor's desk for his review and signature.

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# SPORTS

## Think you can drive? Try these race tracks

**SUBMITTED BY DON SANTINI**

I'm still racing, even as I turned 70 years old during the 2017 racing season. I'll keep racing as long as I'm able.

Road Racing tracks are a combination of long straights, numerous curves of various dimensions and configurations, and hills with gentle to very steep changes in elevation, up to nine stories steep. The overall one lap lengths of the tracks are between 2.00 and 3.5 miles. It takes two things to race on these circuits. First, right away you'll see that you'll need a high performance machine. Second, you'll have to drive it. You'll have an opportunity to ask yourself if you think you have what it takes to race on these circuits because below I've listed all the tracks on which I've raced. I've provided instructions on how to view the tracks. Along with each track I've indicated how many miles the winner of a race travelled, and the amount of time it took the driver to cover the total distance.

**FIRST A NOTE ON MY LAST YEAR'S REACING SEASON**

I continue to race in the in the 125cc Shifter class. My kart is capable of a top speed of 115mph. The 125cc kart has a six speed transmission that allows for terrific acceleration in the lowest gear, and extremely fast speeds in the top gear. The kart was built for Road Racing types of tracks, that is, tracks that have a combination of long straights, numerous curves of various dimensions and configurations, and hills with gentle to very steep changes in elevation. The overall one lap lengths of the Road Racing tracks are between 2.00 and 3.5 miles.

At the start of the 2017 racing season I promised myself that I wouldn't get involved in vying for the Driver's Championship. I didn't want to get involved because after having won the title in 2014 and 2105, I knew exactly how much time, work, dedication, and attention to details would be required to be a contender. I didn't have the time to devote because I was consumed with personal projects that needed my full attention.

Also, I knew I didn't have the equipment this year to be very competitive. In racing you have to stay current with the ongoing changes, and two major developments changed the complexion of the 2017 season.

The first development was a rule change that now allowed "Full Body" aerodynamic coverings. Prior to this change our karts were "Open Wheeled", that is, no fenders, similar in style to Formula One and Indy cars. It was up to the driver to decide whether or not to use the new bodywork. Only three of last year's 21 competitors opted to use the full bodywork. There were several reasons why most drivers, myself included, opted not to use it, the main reason was that you couldn't just "buy" the bodywork, you had to "remanufacture" existing bodywork never meant for our karts, a very time consuming project. Second, if you chose to use the bodywork you incurred a handicap of having to weigh an additional 20 pounds over the minimum limit, a handicap that proved to be not big enough. Lastly, most of us thought it was a desecration to the very nature the Open-Wheel concept

of racing.

The second major development was the appearance a new Italian made engine that proved to be faster than anything anyone had used previously. The engine had been used for several years on the shorter Sprint Tracks where the top speed was much lower, usually around 80 mph. I then heard rumors about the engine being tested and refined on our type of Road Racing tracks, which had long periods of sustained speeds up to 115mph, but all the rumors were negative with respect to durability. But when they didn't blow up, they were said to be "Smoking Fast"!!!! I had never actually seen one of these engines until the driver I had beaten every prior race bought one for the last three races of the season. The engine proved to be fatally fast. Not only did he beat me, he beat everybody!.

However, with all the things against me, including my own lackadaisical focus on racing because of my attitude to not get involved in vying for the Drivers Championship, I found myself in first place after the fourth race of the 10 race calendar. I knew I couldn't hold the lead, but I felt I had a "decent chance" at third place, a trophy place, and at 70 years old that would be an accomplishment. During the season, many of the drivers approached me before the start of a race and shook my hand and said how much they admired what I was able to do. At the end of a race a number of them congratulated me after I finished ahead of them in the race. All of these admirers were much, much, younger than I. All in all, it felt nice, but I ended up in fifth place out of 21 total drivers. It was close, I lost fourth place by 8 points to the driver who had the new engine (1235 to 1243 points), and I lost third place, the one I coveted, by 48 points (1235 to 1283 points).

Each of the drivers who finished ahead of me had either the newly allowed full bodywork, or the new engine. No one had both. I had neither. It was close because I lost three positions during the season that would have gotten me to third place. I lost a position in one race by 7/10s of a second to the driver who finished the overall season in second place. I also lost two positions in two other races, one race, again by 7/10s of a second, and the other race by 3 seconds. Losing these last two positions hurt the most because it was to the driver who finished the season in third place, the trophy place I had coveted and had a "decent chance" to win. I was competitive, but they don't give out trophies for being competitive.

For the future, the driver who finished just ahead of me with the new engine mentioned he was thinking of also using the full bodywork. As for me, I'm looking into the new engine. I'm not sure what I'll do about the new bodywork because I'm still strapped for time with personal projects. However, I'm not giving up. You see, when I lost the two races that I mentioned above by 7/10s of a second, both drivers pumped their fists in the air as they crossed the finish line, and I didn't appreciate that! Pumping their fists in the face of an 'old man' didn't sit well with me; I'm not the type to forgive...or forget.

I've listed all the tracks

on which I've raced. Included are instructions on how to find a satellite overhead image as well as a close to the ground 3-D image of each track. Indicated under most of the track listings is how far a winner at each track traveled in miles and the amount of time the driver took to travel the stated miles. After viewing those, and assessing the distance, decide whether you think you have what it take to win...

Depending on the configuration of the track, our races "usually" cover between 42 to 46 miles.

To give you an idea of that distance, 42 miles, according to "google-maps.com", is the distance from McDonalds on Spring Street to the Concord Prison via routes 12, 140, and 2. 46 miles is the distance from the Fitzwilliam/Winchendon border to the Concord Prison.

Let's assume the route to the Concord Prison, as described above, is a race track free of traffic. (Given my once a week drive to Boston I believe that the route "IS" a race track. I believe that for every 100 vehicles on the road the following is true: the only vehicles going 55 mph are Ambulances and Fire Trucks; at least 60% of the vehicles are doing between 60 to 70mph; 35% between 70 to 80 mph; 4% over 80mph; and 1% hitting over 90mph.) Most of the route from Winchendon to the Concord Prison is relatively curve free. Therefore it would be relatively easy to cover the 42 or 46 mile distance in 30 to 31 minutes given that It would require an "average speed" of only about 84 to 92 miles per hour, something an average late for work, gum chewing, mascara applying, radio tuning, texting girl in a standard car could manage. (Please ladies, no cards, letters, or threatening phone calls, unless the phone calls are made late at night, in a sultry voice, that initially ask me a question about what I'm wearing at the moment. This type of phone call will be greatly appreciated as it will substantially lower my "900" number phone bill.)

The time YOU will have to cover the 42 to 46 miles is: 30 to 31 minutes.

Our races are "NOT" conducted on the basis of a predetermined number of laps, but are conducted by the following two rules:

1) The Checkered Flag Will Waive After 30 Minutes.

The reason for waiving the checkered flag after 30 minutes is because we carry only about two and a half gallons of racing fuel which starts to run low after 30 minutes.

2) Everyone Races to the Checkered Flag.

The meaning of the this statement can best be explained by the following example. Assume there are four karts in the race. Kart #1 is in the lead, with kart #2 next, kart #3 next, and kart #4 last. All the karts are on their 19th lap and are approaching the Start/Finish line. As karts #1 and #2 cross the Start/Finish Line the elapsed time has NOT yet reached 30 minutes, which means that the Checkered Flag is NOT yet waiving, therefore Karts #1 and #2 continue to race and they're now beginning their 20th lap. The 30 minute mark is now reached and the CHECKERED FLAG WAVES. As Karts #3 and #4 approach the Finish Line they see the Checkered Flag and their



Courtesy photos

Don Santini, from the beginning near the newest edition of his ride, to entering the race.



race is over as soon as they cross the Finish Line. The final standings will list Kart #3 in Third Place because two karts are still on the track racing, and Kart #4 will place fourth. Karts #3 and #4 will have both completed 19 laps. Karts #1 and #2 are still racing and they're on their 20th lap. They continue to race until they reach the Finish Line where the Checkered Flag is now waving and their race is now over. Kart #1 crosses the finish line and wins First Place with Kart #2

in second place. Their recorded number of laps will be 20 laps. Their recorded time will be greater than 30 minutes, perhaps around 31 minutes, hence, the reason that the total time will "usually" be somewhat greater than 30 minutes.

Below is a list of the tracks on which I've raced. To view these tracks, follow the instructions after the list of tracks. The tracks are listed in the order in which it's easiest to identify the actual circuit from the satellite image.

The first four tracks are marked with an asterisk (\*) because these tracks are the easiest to identify and get a sense of what a Road Racing track is like.

After each listed race track is the total number of miles the winner covered in the 30 to 31 minutes of a race. Next, is the total number of laps the winner accumulated, which is then multiplied by the length of one lap, yielding the distance the winner of the race covered. Lastly, is the direction of the race: clock-

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# SPORTS

## The tiresome debates... and trades



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Richard Sherman is right. As the NFL anthem debate drags on, Sherman is right when he said Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, ought to shut up, which Jones did after an edict from Roger Goodell. Jones is old, white, rich, and maybe worst of all, southern. Talk about every possible negative stereotype for a largely African-American workforce. There are some legitimate issues here, of course, not the least of which is the blackballing of Colin Kaepernick but it astounds me the owners have repeatedly fallen into the trap

of responding to the tweets of a guy who hates the NFL because he wasn't allowed to buy the Buffalo Bills. That is after all at the root of DJT's problem with the league. Sure, it plays well to his base, hence the comical, or was it pathetic, stunt from VP Pence walking out of a game last year, but it all goes back to the NFL pooh-bahs turning Donald down on the Bills. Maybe the real solution is for the NFL to have the integrity and guts to sever its obnoxious ties to the Pentagon. You don't hear the Star Spangled Banner before the movie starts, right? Why with sports? Yes, of course that's a rhetorical question. The NFL got here because of greed dating back to when it signed on with the Defense Department in 2009. It fully deserves all the trouble. And if you think there's controversy about the anthem wait 'til you see the howling about helmet

hits this year after a supposed new policy has been adopted. I used to really care whether the Colts/Ravens won or lost. Not anymore. Not at all. Baseball's non-waiver trade deadline passed earlier this week. In some cases, contenders might be renting players for the stretch; in others, guys may have found a longer term new team. Manny Machado going from Baltimore to the Dodgers was the biggest name and Manny will unquestionably help LA try to fend off the D-Backs and Rockies and then try to advance back to the World Series but maybe it was telling when he said, "I'm here for two months." We'll see, The focus for now is these last two months and the rest can be worried about in November. Machado and Brian Dozier too, help solidify a Dodgers infield ravaged by injury. Are they the NL favorites? The Cubs

picked up Cole Hamels. The Braves got Kevin Gausman and the Phils Wilson Ramos. It says here the senior circuit is up for grabs and while if I had to bet, I'd take Chicago I can easily see the Series being played in Los Angeles, Phoenix or Denver. I think the Cubbies and those three NL West teams tower over Philly, Atlanta and Milwaukee. As for Washington, who knows? The Yankees really improved their pitching with JA Happ, Lance Lynn and Zach Britton. The Sox picked up Ian Kinsler, a sure sign they don't think Dustin Pedroia will be back this year and maybe never. And then there were the Orioles, who took the Cubs 2013 and Astros 2014 playbook and held a firesale. Three years after the aforementioned teams did likewise, they were world champions. So, 2021? The Sox also sent Chris Sale

to the 10-day DL. Sale is a great, great pitcher. Always has been. Right up 'til September. Every year. Why should this be any different? Last week brought the official announcement of the retirement of Triple Crown winner Justify. We knew that was coming. So trainer Bob Baffert, having conditioned two TC winners in 4 years is bereft of stars? Ha. First, the Baffert barn always has stars. Last week, he unveiled two new ones. Roadster's a colt. Chasing Yesterday's a filly, and American Pharoah's half-sister (same mom, different dad). Were they impressive in their debuts? They were. But let's not have a Roadster '19 TC coronation yet. Yeah, the rich get richer. America, 2018, you know? Racehorses are so fragile. Let's wait and see. See you next week.

## Midway through vacation: gearing up for fall sports

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer! School vacation is half done with classes to begin August 28th!. Students: get going on your summer reading! Four weeks goes by really fast! Fall sports will be officially starting practices in 2-3 weeks. Some individual athletes have already begun their pre-season workouts in the weight rooms, attending camps, etc. Fall sports offered at Murdock Middle School and Murdock High School are cross country, football, cheerleading, boys' soccer, girls' soccer and field hockey. Register to play ASAP (really helps coaches to plan their season if they know

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how many participants they will have) by going to FamilyID.com. Also, very important - make sure the athlete's physical is up to date! As you start cleaning out closets in preparation for change of seasons, back to school, etc., please consider saving clothing, linens, shoes, books, & bags for the Murdock Sports Boosters clothing drive fundraiser in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation. More information to come next week or call Sue for pick up of items if you must dispose of them urgently (978-257-5671). Have a good week!

## Thoroughbred racing in nearby Lancaster

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A proposal to build a thoroughbred horse racing track in not-far-away Lancaster is in the works and a site plan was submitted Wednesday for review by town officials. Southborough-based Capital Group Properties developed the project for The Stronach Group, which owns major thoroughbred facilities in California, Florida and Maryland. Lancaster Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco confirmed discussions are underway. "Stanley Starr, the chairman of our Board of Selectmen, has had preliminary discussions with the current land owners, who wish to remain anonymous. Capital Group is buying the land and the Stronach Group is sending a representative to make a presentation for

putting a horse track on part" of the property. Representatives of the Stronach Group initially reached out to the landowners. "That's all we know right now," said Pacheco, adding the town is slating a meeting Monday with the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. "A lot of people in town are excited about a thoroughbred race track as part of the development," noted Pacheco. "They've expressed a tremendous amount of interest." The racetrack would use about 100 acres of a 400-acre site on the west side of Route 70, just off I-190 and would be accessible by McGovern Boulevard. The remainder of the property is envisioned as "an overall mixed use development that could include retail space, commercial space, industrial space, residential units and a hotel to

name a few," suggested Capital Group's document. The plan suggests a new traffic rotary off McGovern Boulevard and even a new road heading north from the proposed rotary to ease anticipated traffic jams near the track. There would be room for a 1,220 vehicle parking lot on the site as well. Capital Group said racing would be held between noon and 6 p.m. The Stronach Group declined comment. Among the company's holdings is Pimlico race course in Baltimore, home to the Preakness stakes, middle jewel of thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown. Stronach also owns Gulfstream Park near Miami and Santa Anita Park outside Los Angeles. Both have hosted racing's season-ending Breeders Cup championship weekend multiple times. The site is about a 20-30-minute drive from Winchendon.

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wise or counter clockwise. Depending on the track, a driver shifts between 450 and 650 times, or more, during a 30 to 31 minute race, a shift frequency of a every 4 to 2.8 seconds. Now, think about what's it's like to do this on a day when the temperature is between the high eighties and mid-nineties. You're wearing a toe to neck fireproof suit pulled tightly around the ankles, wrists and neck. Also, you put on a pair of gloves, a tight fitting enclosed helmet, and a neck collar/brace that feels like it's choking you. SPECIAL TREAT: The fourth track listed, Mid-Ohio, can be viewed not only from the satellite, but also from "YouTube" video of one full lap taken by an Indy Car camera. The Indy Cars arrive at this track one to two weeks after we race. I swear, it's EXACTLY what it looks like from my driver seat. The last track listed is the one on which I began racing karts. It's called F1 Boston Outdoors, and it's located in East Bridgewater. To do serious racing on this track you have to own your own equipment. They have races on this track every other Sunday from early May to late October, and on the off weekends the drivers travel to neighboring states for races. If you want to get started kart racing please call me: 978-297 2475. The first four can be seen on the internet with overhead map technology: \*1-Grattan Raceway, Belding MI, 46 miles-total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 23 Laps X 2.0 miles per lap = 46 miles; Clockwise race \*2-Roebling Road Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA (near Savannah), 44.4 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 22 Laps X 2.02 miles per lap = 44.4miles; Clockwise race \*3-North Carolina Center for Automotive Research, Garysburg NC, 42.8 miles- total distance covered in

30-31 minutes; 22 Laps X 2.04 miles per lap = 42.8miles; Counter Clockwise race \*4-Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio: (internet viewing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsnp1ClexQg), 45.6 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 19 Laps X 2.40 miles per lap = 45.6miles; Clockwise race The following are not available for viewing on the internet in the same manner: 5-South Carolina Motor Sports Park, Kershaw SC, 38.7 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 17 Laps X 2.28 miles per lap = 38.7miles; Clockwise race 6-Virginia International Raceway, Alton VA, Full Course: 46.2 miles - total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 14 Laps X 3.27 miles per lap = 46.2miles; Clockwise race; 2) North Course: 44.4 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 18 Laps - 2.25 miles per lap = 40 miles; Clockwise race 7-Summit Point Motor Sports Park, Summit Point WV: 1) Summit Point Circuit (Main Course); 44.4 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 20 Laps X 2.0 miles per lap = 40 miles; Clockwise race; 2) Shenandoah Circuit: 48.4 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 22 Laps X 2.2 miles per lap = 48.4miles; Clockwise race 8- Atlanta Motorsports Park, Dawsonville, GA: 42 miles-total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 21 Laps X 2.0 miles per lap = 42 miles; Clockwise race 9-New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon NH: NOT THE OVAL-the Road Course (also known as the motorcycle course); 1.6 miles track length 10-New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville NJ: 1) Thunderbolt Course; 2.25 miles track length; 2) Lightning Course; 1.9 miles track length 11-Daytona International Speedway, Daytona FL: The 24 Hours of Daytona Course; This course includes 2.5 miles around the traditional oval, plus and

additional 1.1 miles on the curvy infield course, for a total one lap distance of 3.6 miles; 46.8 miles- total distance covered in 30-31 minutes; 13 Laps X 3.6 miles per lap = 46.8miles; Counter Clockwise race 12-F1 Boston, Outdoors, East Bridgewater (my first track!): 1.25 mile track. The track is referred to as a "Sprint Track", not a "Road Racing Track". It is "very" difficult and "very, very" fatiguing to drive because of the constant turning on its 17 listed curves. It's very difficult to breath due to the constant side to side "g" forces. The top speed attainable is in the low 80mph range. To view those available, do an internet search for googlemaps.com, type in name of the track, city and state and then click the magnifying glass at the right. A map will appear on the right portion of the screen. Close the left side panel by clicking on the small arrow to the right of the Magnifying Glass. The map will encompass the entire screen. Then click on Satellite at lower left to zoom in and move the cursor to view.

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\$550,000 it had applied for in its FY18 CDBG application. Neither Murphy nor Hickey could say for certain whether the town’s failure to land the grant was due to the state’s critical report.

All of the \$550,000 would have been used to pay for housing rehab and fuel assistance.

“It’s some of the most vulnerable townspeople who will feel the effect of not getting this grant,” Murphy told The Courier, “as it included a housing rehabilitation program and fuel assistance for those of low to moderate income. Recent windshield surveys done in con-

junction with CDBG grant preparations have shown a great need in the community for the Housing Rehabilitation program.”

“The town has been proactive in modifying the program to eliminate the Loan to Value (LTV) restriction,” Murphy explained, “expand the target, area and offer forgiveness on the remaining 25 percent of the grant after the 15-year grant period. These efforts have spurred more interest in the program. Additionally, the fuel assistance program, while only in its second year, was a resource many took advantage of and the planning and development office already had many inquiries about the application for this year.”

“Unfortunately, after making strides

with townspeople taking advantage of these grant programs, we now have to direct them to other sources,” she said.

Although no due date for the FY19 CDBG application has yet been set, Murphy said the town will most certainly apply.

“The maximum the town can apply for is \$800,000 in a grant year, with a \$1.35 million maximum over a two-year span. We had determined the amount sought in the FY18 grant round by leaving the maximum available – \$800,000 – in the FY19 round for a potential infrastructure project.”

Selectmen voted Monday to send a letter to DHCD outlining the steps the town intends to take in or to avoid any grant administration problems in the

future, including the agreement with Breezeway.

Selectmen Austin Cyganiewicz asked for assurances the town was not severing all ties with MRPC.

“I hope that this doesn’t affect our relationship with MRPC,” said Cyganiewicz.

“This does impact our relationship with MRPC,” said Hickey. “We’ll certainly continue to have a business relationship in the areas that benefit both parties. But I don’t foresee MRPC managing a Community Development Block Grant for us for a long, long time because they’ve proven that they are incapable of doing that.”

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“68 of which would prefer to see the current system remain the same, as single stream, and to increase the cost of the transfer station decal by \$20, from \$50 to \$70 annually.”

“There are some logistical reasons why Al and I are also recommending this option,” Hickey continued. “One of the things Al has been able to do with the start of single-stream recycling is to reduce the number of employees up there to try and save money. If we decided to move back to separating of recyclables, Al would like to see a second person up at the transfer station to oversee the way in which people are recycling.”

Hickey said someone would to be on site to ensure everyone sorts their recycling properly. Loads that get to the disposal company that are

improperly sorted are billed at \$225 a ton rather \$100.

Hickey also explained that the fee increase would be retroactive to the start of the use of the new red stickers for the fiscal year.

“Some of those were purchased in June,” he said. “Others, obviously, were purchased in July. We would have to send letters out to those current permit holders, seeking the additional \$20 from them. We have a second decal sold to those individuals to identify them as someone who has paid the additional \$20. People could pay that at the transfer station or at the town office building.”

“It seems,” said board member Austin Cyganiewicz, “that it’s getting more and more difficult for communities to continue offering recycling, and transfer stations in general. Do you foresee where we might have to get rid of

the transfer station?”

“I hope not,” said Gallant. “I don’t want to see that because if that happens we will see a lot of roadside trash. I would like to always see a transfer station. Personally, I think the 900 or so people who use it like it. I think at least 900 residents are abiding by the rubbish disposal laws.”

“Our percentage of recycling in this town is way above other towns,” Gallant added. “We’re doing a really good job of recycling. Unfortunately, it’s costing us money to do that. We did about 168 tons of recycling last year, and this year we’re on track to do 200.”

The board ultimately vote 3-1 to approve the increase, with Cyganiewicz voting in opposition. Selectman Mike Barbaro was absent from Monday’s meeting. People who recycle at the transfer station will have until Sept. 8 to pay the additional fee.

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participating in the show and supporting Fitchburg.

Tran said that he lives in Fitchburg and saw the article in the Sentinel and was thrilled. He is an art lover and supporter and wanted to give citations for supporting his community.



Third place was earned by Winchendon artist Corinne Goodrich.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE’S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

COMMENCING AT A STAKE AND STONES AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LOT, IN LINE OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF DENNIS MANGAN, AND ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF A STRIP OF LAND TWO AND ONE-HALF (2-1/2) RODS WIDE LAID OUT FOR A ROAD BY CHARLES L. BEALS, NOW KNOWN AS ORIENT PLACE; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES WEST ON LINE OF SAID ROAD, FIVE AND 76/100 (5.76) RODS TO A STAKE AND STONES; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES WEST, SEVEN AND 84/100 (7.84) RODS TO A STAKE AND STONES IN LINE OF WILLIAM DOODY’S LAND; THENCE ON LINE OF SAID DOODY’S LAND, NORTHERLY FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4-1/2) RODS TO A STAKE AND STONES AT A CORNER OF SAID MANGAN LAND; THENCE ON SAID MANGAN LAND, EIGHT (8) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO ANOTHER LOT OF LAND ADJOINING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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August 3, 2018  
August 10, 108  
August 17, 2018

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

A certain parcel of land on the southerly side of and known and numbered as 151 Spring Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the corner of Spring Street and a street laid out from said Spring Street to Ash Street, being the northeast corner of the lot; thence On line of second named street South 2° West 117 3/4 feet to the northeast corner of house lot now or formerly of Martin McCabe; thence North 68° West on the northerly line of said Martin McCabe’s house lot, 225 3/4 feet to a stake and stones; thence Northerly on line of land owned in common by Patrick McCabe and said Martin McCabe 80 1/2 feet to the southerly line of Spring Street; thence Easterly on line of said Spring Street to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 45932, Page 117.

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

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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.

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August 17, 2018

Town of Winchendon  
Planning Board  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board, per Article 12 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday August 21, 2018 at 6:35 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, to hear the Formal Site Plan application submitted by Winchendon Ash Street Solar 2 LLC of 1550 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 310 Wayne PA 19087 for property identified as Parcel 9, Map 5D4, owned by the Winchendon School, Inc. 172 Ash Street Winchendon MA 01475 for the construction of a Ground Mounted Solar Energy Collection system. Said property is located in the R80 – Rural Residential Zoning District. All relevant materials, including site plans, may be viewed at the Dept. of P&D at Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend. Meeting room is accessible. Alternate accommodations can be made by calling 1-978-297-3537 at least 3 days in advance.

BY: Guy C. Corbosiero,  
Planning Board Chairman  
August 3, 2018  
August 10, 2018



# Gobi co-chairs special commission

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Michael S. Day (D-Stoneham) were pleased to announce their appointment to Co-Chairs the special commission reviewing the qualifications and scope of practice for qualified examiners in Massachusetts. The commission was established through an amendment, submitted by Senator Gobi, to the Criminal Justice Reform Bill passed earlier this session- and will be tasked with reviewing the process which determines whether or not an individual meets the criteria for a Sexually Dangerous Person. This amendment arose from the release of convicted rapist, Paul Shanley, a Boston priest notorious for his role in the Catholic Church's sex abuse scandal who was convicted in 2005 but subsequently released last year after examiners deemed him to no longer be a threat to society.

"I am pleased to co-chair this important commission," commented Senator Gobi, "There have been too many

instances where the safety of children has been jeopardized because of inconsistent assessments. Protecting children is my major focus."

"I am honored to join Senator Gobi in co-chairing this commission," said Representative Day. "The review of this area of the law is another important part of the reforms we passed earlier this year as we continue to modernize and improve our criminal justice system."

Authorized under Section 226 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, the special commission is empowered with reviewing the educational and experiential requirements of qualified examiners, as well as reviewing clinical standards, practices and risk assessment criteria used by qualified examiners in conducting an assessment of sexually dangerous persons. The special commission shall:

Determine whether the requirements, standards and practices for qualified examiners reflect the current

scientific research and best practice evidence in the field;

Make recommendations for the revision of current professional requirements, clinical standards, practices and risk assessment criteria; and

Make recommendations needed to support effective practices among qualified examiners and to maximally ensure public safety.

Prior to this legislation's passing, law only required qualified examiners to be licensed psychiatrists or psychologists with two years of experience in the diagnosis and general treatment of sexual offenders. However, sex offender-specific risk assessment demands specialized knowledge and training, especially given the high stakes involved with getting this important task right. This legislation directs the special commission to determine whether the current qualified examiner standards and practices need to be revised in order to support effective practices and, most importantly, ensure public safety.

"We are grateful for Senator Gobi's leadership on this important issue," said Dr. Laurie Guidry, public policy director for the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. "She has opened the door to bringing the most current research and evidence-based best practices on the assessment of sexual dangerousness. Based on this research, a task force will be able to update the guidelines for qualified examiners as they evaluate sex offenders returning to the community. We are confident that this change will help make the communities in Massachusetts safer for everyone."

The commission must submit a report with recommendations, together with drafts of legislation to carry its recommendations into effect, with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than Dec. 31.

For more information, please contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

# School district shortfalls concern legislators

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Kimberly Ferguson (R-Holden), co-chairs of the Regional Schools Caucus, were pleased to announce a pair of initiatives included in the FY19 state budget aimed at addressing cost issues plaguing regional and rural schools.

The first budget initiative targeted the reimbursement rate for regional school transportation. There are currently 58 regional school districts in Massachusetts with 171 member schools. Massachusetts law entitles Regional School Districts to 100% reimbursement for school transportation expenses, but the actual amount is subject to annual appropriation by the legislature. The last time regional school districts received 100% reimbursement was over 15 years ago and in fiscal year 2016, the reimbursement rate was 73%. The transportation money that is not reimbursed by the state comes directly out of their school budgets - in FY16 these districts experienced a collective shortfall of \$14.4 million in this category. Senator Gobi has advocated each year for an increase in funding with a goal of 100% reimbursement.

"When I met with school superintendents on how best to assist them, transportation reimbursement was at the top of the list," remarked Senator Gobi. "The 80% reimbursement is a significant increase and a great step towards the 100% goal. I appreciate the support of Representative Ferguson and the entire Regional Schools Caucus for my amendment and I expect the Governor will recognize the importance and not veto the funding. "

"I am honored to chair the Regional Schools Caucus with Senator Gobi and appreciate the collective effort of caucus members, as well as our constituents throughout the state who advocated for this increase in funding," commented Representative Ferguson. "Although I am pleased to have reached an 80% reimbursement rate for transportation, there is still work to be done to address the unique challenges faced by regional schools and we will continue to advocate for our school districts."

Costs associated with transportation in a regional school district represent a significant portion of a district's budget because of the geographical footprint associated with bus routes across numerous communities, often with low

population densities. The mandate that regional school districts are required to transport all students to and from their homes places a significant financial burden on school districts, made especially difficult with reimbursement rates fluctuating from year to year. The amendment, filed by Senator Gobi, raises the reimbursement rate to 80 percent of full funding, at a total of \$68,878,679 - a \$7,357,679 increase over FY18 funding.

The second initiative sought to address the many pitfalls facing rural school districts.

In January 2018, The Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) released a report on the "Fiscal Conditions in Rural School Districts," studying current fiscal conditions in rural school districts across the state with regards to enrollment, staffing, spending trends, local aid, school choice and charter school tuitions. As provided in DESE's report, rural school districts are defined as "municipal and academic regional school districts with student densities of less than 21 students per square mile, based on foundation enrollment." In the Department's findings, it was of no surprise to hear that rural school districts struggle

to provide their students sufficient resources, while experiencing steady enrollment declines over the last ten years and spending substantially more per pupil on transportation costs and staffing needs.

In response to these issues, Senator Gobi and the other members of the Caucus advocated successfully for a new line of funding that establishes rural school aid. Sometimes referred to as "sparsity aid", this funding is separate from Chapter 70 aid and any other school aid that school districts already receive. The proposed formula takes into account two primary metrics to determine a school's eligibility: (1) student density; and (2) ability to pay. It establishes school aid for eligible rural school districts with the greatest fiscal needs, exclusively for municipal and regional school districts, at \$100 per pupil. The line item was included at a rate of \$1.5 million for the FY19 state budget.

The final version of the FY19 State Budget now heads to Governor Charlie Baker for signing. For more information please contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

# Gobi advocates for food policy initiatives in state budget

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced a multitude of budget initiatives aimed at increasing access to fresh, local foods. As a member of the Massachusetts Food Policy Council and the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, Gobi has studied the need for greater food access for many years and advocated for funding boosts to food programs during Senate debate. Gobi filed amendments supporting Buy Local initiatives,

the statewide Healthy Incentives Program, the Farm to School project and Senior Farm Share Program that were all adopted in the reconciled version of the final budget.

"As I travel throughout the district I am amazed at the great work being done to bring locally grown and produced food to people in the district and outside of it," said Gobi. "Supporting our farms, farmers and agencies that bridge the gaps to provide quality food to people in need is something I am proud to do and will continue to work

on."

Senator Gobi was effective in securing funding for the Healthy Incentives Program at a rate of \$4,000,000. Launched in April 2017, the HIP provides a matching incentive for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients' purchases of locally-grown fruits and vegetables directly from farmers at participating farmers' markets, farm stands, mobile markets, and community supported agricultural programs. Each dollar spent through the program results in an additional

\$1.12 in local economic impact as farmers in turn contribute that money back to the local economy, and SNAP sales at farm retailers have increased by nearly 600% from 2016 to 2017 as a result of HIP.

The budget also included \$500,000 for Buy Local initiatives in western, central, northeastern and southern Massachusetts. With over 7,755 farms and with generated sales over \$492 million, Massachusetts farms play an important role in the Massachusetts economy. Buy Local campaigns play an import-

ant role in connecting farms to consumers and boosting this industry, while increasing access to locally grown, healthy foods.

The Farm to School project received support in the reconciled version of the budget, with \$120,000 being approved to facilitate sustainable purchasing relationships between local institutions and local farms, promote local food and agriculture education for students and support state, regional and national networking of farm to school practitioners.

Senator Gobi was also able to advocate for funding for the Senior FarmShare program, with \$50,000 being allocated to ensure that low-income seniors have access to low cost, locally-grown fruits and vegetables. These shares are valued at \$125 and participants pay a one-time fee of \$10 during the enrollment period which takes place from May 1- June 1.

For more information on these programs please contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

## ENEMIES

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to be so easily manipulated by a little tin god. In my heart, I know they recognize that attacking the press is the first arrow in the quiver of autocrats like Vladimir Putin, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and Rodrigo Duterte. They, like most Trump supporters, are good, decent people who just could not deal with the idea of Hillary Clinton in the White House.

But much of his base hangs on his every word. And Trump's attacks on the free press strike such a nerve that they just can't help themselves. Any negative reporting is seen as an unprovoked attack on their hero. These people forget, if they ever had a clue, what the free press has done for this country.

It was a free press that uncovered the Watergate scandal. It was a free press that printed the Pentagon Papers, unveiling the lies we were told to shore up Americans' support for the unjust war in Vietnam. It was a free press that reported the details of the Iran-

Contra Affair, when, in contravention of Congressional dictates, deals were made with Iran in order to arm the Nicaraguan contras. It was a free press that brought us details of the Lewinsky Affair and of the Bush administration's stretching of the truth regarding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Yes, attacking the free press is strategy number-one for demagogues, and Donald Trump surely falls into that category. Suppression of the free press is the first step on the road to authoritarianism. Those who would gag the media are the real enemies of the American people.

Americans would do well to remember the words of Founding Father Thomas Jefferson: "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Were he alive today, Jefferson would no doubt include television, radio, and social media.

To that I can only say, "Amen, Tom. Amen."

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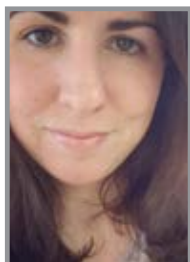
## Reading the morning newspaper is the realist's morning prayer.



George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



# I went back to the Cape, but as a tourist



## MASCHI MASH UPS

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I used to live on the Cape, my home was located right off Route 6A in Yarmouthport. I graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School and worked as a house keeper at the Cape Codder Inn and Resort.

I used to have a love hate relationship with tourists when they would visit the Cape. The traffic went from smooth to unbearable. The lines went from non-existent to long and tiresome.

With tourists came more work, more tips, and much better pay. Tourists turned the lives of residents upside down every summer. Local teenage couples would break up for the summer and get back together when winter came. Retail jobs let it be known there would

be no vacation time allowed during tourist season. Our beaches became crowded as did our restaurants and shops. I was once a resident, and now I can be one of those tourists!

I do not take many trips back to the Cape, but when I do I it tends to be quick and on holidays. This year I had a real vacation and finally decided that I would do as the tourists do. I packed up more than I needed, strapped my canoe to the roof of my SUV, and drove down with my kids to have epic adventures. I crossed the Sagamore Bridge and pointed out all the boats. I drove past cranberry bogs and I still didn't understand why some love the taste of those tart berries. I flipped and flopped onto Red River Beach in Harwich and blinded all those around me with my reflective haven't-seen-the-sun-in-weeks legs.

I wore my huge sunhat with pride, and squirted sunblock everywhere.

I read a book next to the dunes, swam in the ocean, and I loved every minute of it. When you live somewhere as beautiful as the Cape you tend to grow



Enjoying a bit of ice cream

numb to that beauty.

I love that I am now a tourist, I can escape to the Cape and yet still know where I am, where I am going, and the best spots to visit. I know the splendid book stores, the great restaurants, and the secret playgrounds for my kids. I know where to park, where to walk, and what to avoid. Even if you do not have the upper hand as I do, it is still a great journey to take.

I tried to make each moment count with my children while away from computers, school, and work. I reconnected with them and for some reason sun and sand helped. My daughter and I held hands and walked together out onto the jetty. We passed tiny worlds of mussels and snails; stepped from smooth rock to barnacled riddled stones and we reached the end of the jetty and watched the waves crash against the rocks. We sat and cast our wished into ocean.

"I wish we could have a house by the ocean," I said.

"I wish daddy was here with us," said Charlotte.

"I wish I could walk along the floor of the ocean," I whispered.

"I wish I was a mermaid and could pet sharks and tickle the fish," said Charlotte.

We finished books, my kids and I. We canoed out to Hawks



Kim Maschi photos

## My own mermaid

Nest and dove under the pond water in search of sticks to throw for my mother's dog Thunder to fetch. We ate picnics and licked dripping ice cream cones. We breathed in the salty air and we basked in just how cleansing a vacation can be.

When it was over, I'll admit, I got a wee-bit nostalgic. I drove by my old haunts, I looked for faces I knew but found none. We have all gone our separate ways it seems. From high school parties to parenthood and responsibilities. When it was time to go, I couldn't help but to play just a little bit of some '90s hit music for the ride home.

I embarrassed my kids by rocking out to the music I used to listen to while driving back home and far from the ocean side I love. I was sorry to Ms. Jackson, I didn't go chasing waterfalls with TLC, I had no diggity and no doubt, I was Livin' La Vida Loca, and it was Closing Time in my Semi-Charmed Life.

While we may be dictated by



A driftwood mermaid

our jobs to tell us when we can or cannot have vacation, or we have too many responsibilities that need our immediate attention; it is still important to know we need this time for ourselves. We need to bury our feet in the sand, float along the tide, climb mountains, jump from planes, hike into forests, or travel to foreign lands. Reconnect with yourself, take the time you need and you will come back stronger and better than ever.

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