

School override fails, layoffs loom

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A dozen or more Winchendon public school students got their first real taste of political disappointment Tuesday, and the taste was inarguably bitter. The teens had spent much of the day standing by the entrances to the senior center at Old Murdock, the polling site for a Proposition 2 ½ override that would have provided an additional \$417,000 to Winchendon schools. They held signs urging voters to sup-

port their cause, and responded with cheers every time a passing motorist tapped their car horn to denote their backing for the expenditure. Their hard work and enthusiasm, however, would go for naught.

The fact that opponents of the override had carried the day was made obvious by the students' tears of disappointment and the hugs of moral support they shared with one another. They could be heard asking one another – along with other supporters of the override –

“What do we do now?”

In the end, 501 people cast ballots against the measure, while 454 voted in the affirmative; a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent. The 955 people who showed up at the polls represented approximately 15 percent of Winchendon's 6,388 registered voters.

The breakdown by precinct is as follows: Precinct 1: Yes – 175, No – 178; Precinct 2: Yes – 143, No – 115; Precinct 3: Yes – 136, No – 208.

“I don't get it,” said School

Committee Chairman Larry Murphy immediately after the votes had been counted. “I just don't get it. Some people talk like we've got all the money in the world. It's almost like they think we're somehow enriching ourselves, and that's certainly not the case. We want to give these kids the best education we can possibly give them. This vote makes that goal a lot more difficult.”

By Wednesday morning, Murphy was feeling a bit more positive and looking to the

future.

“When you suffer a disappointment like this,” he said, “you need to take time to reflect a bit on why it happened. We need to figure out why voters Tuesday didn't support what had been voted on at town meeting.”

“The biggest thing,” Murphy added, “is to stay positive. Our administrators and educators are all committed and dedicated to providing the best education possible with the resource-

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Mat Plamondon photo

Jacob Johns is flying high over the ninja obstacle course, part of the Summer Solstice activities this year. He and twin brother Dylan took great advantage of the bounce houses. More photos page 12.

Summer Solstice ushers in the season

BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Laughter and high spirits filled the hot air as one of Winchendon's most beloved summertime traditions filled Central Street with fun and entertainment during the 21st annual Summer Solstice Festival last Saturday. Vendors filled the area in front of the Clark Memorial YMCA, a proud hometown parade marched down Central Street, and an array of games and activities for the kids kept everyone in the family happy. Athol Savings Bank was again the main sponsor for another successful year of the town's welcoming of the fun-in-the-sun

season.

The Summer Solstice Festival kicked off with the Morin Real Estate 5k Road Race bright and early at 8 o'clock that morning, followed by the McDonald's McFun Runs, one for kids ages 7 and under, the other for kids ages 8-12. Tamara Popko took first place in the overall female division in the 5k with a time of 21:25, while Brandon Davis took first place in the overall male division with a time of 17:33. Molly Horgon (age 10) won first place in the one-mile kids' run with a time of 7:10.

At 11 o'clock, people gathered along the edge of Central Street to cheer on the parade

filled with businesses and organizations from around the community, including the Clark, GFA, Winchendon Girl Scouts, Winchendon Daisies, the American Legion, Brooks Automotive, Murdock Dairy Farm, Mathieu Ford, Colonial Bank, United Parish of Winchendon, Unitarian Universalist of Winchendon, Lickity Splitz, Lucky Dragon, and the Murdock High class of 2020. Both of the town's dance centers were represented and put on a quick performance as they made their way down the street. Shiny classic cars and fire trucks appealed to the vehicle

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Giacobone leaving town ball

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

After more than seven years on the job, Margaret Giacobone is leaving the post of administrative assistant to the town manager. According to Executive Assistant Linda Daigle, Giacobone's first day on the job was Jan. 25, 2010. She was hired to fill the vacancy created when Alida Herring left the job after several years.

Her last day was Wednesday, which was highlighted by a farewell party.

“When we hired someone to fill the job,” said Daigle, “we wanted someone with a technical background as well as someone with experience as an office manager. Margaret had worked at the town offices in Templeton, and she was familiar with doing minutes, pro-



Greg Vine photo

Margaret Giacobone, seated, with Town Manager Keith Hickey and Executive Assistant Linda Daigle, as she wraps up her final week.

cessing liquor licenses, those sorts of things.”

“It was kind of a tough time when Alida left,” said Daigle,

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Gobi instrumental in securing funding for Cathy's House

BOSTON — Senators Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Jennifer L. Flanagan (D-Leominster) have announced that the Massachusetts Senate adopted their budget amendment to provide funds for Women's

Housing for Veterans at Cathy's House in Winchendon. The amendment provides \$124,000 to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center (MVOC) who administers the

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EXHIBIT ON MILL CHILDREN

The Desmarais sisters are two of the many photographed by Lewis Hine while he traveled through the area.

Joe Manning will do a presentation at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center Saturday, June 24 from 1-4 p.m. His presentation on the photographs by Lewis Hine, a child labor investigator in the early 20th century, are a labor of love. Manning spent years researching the families of the pictured children in Winchendon mills. Come learn more about the history that changed history, as these photos were instrumental in changing child labor laws for good.

Lewis Hine photo

Shining a light on Colemans right here in Toy Town

BY GREG VINE

Last month I was busying myself with some work at the Courier office when the phone rang. Being the only one in the building, I answered and on the other end was a gentleman who said he was calling to inform me that a convention of the International Coleman Collectors Club would soon be coming to Winchendon. To be honest, I thought for a brief moment the guy must be joking. But he couldn't have been more serious.

It turns out more than 130 members of the club, the ICCCL for short, will converge on the Senior Center at Old Murdock – beginning Thursday, June

22nd – for three days of Coleman collector conventioning. The man on the other end of that first phone call, Curt Raymond of Ashburnham, said Coleman enthusiasts from all over the U.S. and Canada will be attending the event.

Curt and his wife, Angie, are the convention hosts.

According to an online history, William Coffin Coleman started selling gasoline pressure lamps in 1900 in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Two years later he moved to Wichita, Kansas. That city is still the headquarters for Coleman.

While the company started out with lamps, in later years it moved on to manufacture gas-fueled hot plates, camping stoves,

and a variety of other camping-related items. Coleman currently employs about 3,600 people in the U.S. but, since the majority of its products are now manufactured in China, most are not manufacturing positions.

In 2005, Coleman's parent company, Sunbeam, was purchased by Newell Brands, probably best known as the maker of Rubbermaid products. Sunbeam had taken over Coleman in 1998.

According to company historians, the W. C. Coleman demonstrated the effectiveness of his lamps by illuminating a night football game between Cooper and Fairmount Colleges (now

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Affliction comes to us, not to make us sad but sober; not to make us sorry but wise.

H. G. Wells



CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday, June 23

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: every Friday, June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn

chairs and enjoy the evening! June 23: The Ashboys.

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: 7 p.m., all concerts at Olde Center Church. Jazz interpretations of the "Great American Songbook" as well as contemporary jazz compositions. John Arcaro & Band.

hosting a songwriters event on Sunday, June 25, 4-7 p.m. Please bring a song in the works or completed to share. We will once again host a round robin of talent, with chairs set up for a listening audience. \$3 non-members, \$2 members. We are excited to meet in the GALA Arts Gallery Barn at 135 Front St. We look forward to seeing you all! Bring family & friends. Refreshments will be available.

28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! June 30: Trailer Park.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT: At United Parish, 39 Front St. beginning at 6 p.m. Tonight will be Zootopia. Popcorn and goodies for sale, come on down for a family movie night right in the Winch! For more information call (978) 297-0616.

Saturday, June 24

ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS RIDE: Registration at the Glen Caffe 8-10:15 a.m. with kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. for this annual ride to raise funds to benefit Special Olympics. Open to the public, come ride and enjoy the day, and help the kids too. Raffles, music and a great meal to follow at the Glen. Riders: \$20; Passengers: \$10; meal only: \$10.

TOY TOWN OUTDOOR MARKET: 126 Central St. on the lawn of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Winchendon Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

SONGWRITERS CAFÉ: GALA is

Tuesday, June 27

GROUNDBREAKING!!!! The official groundbreaking ceremony for the Access Project (elevator) at the Beals Memorial Library will be held Tuesday, June 27, starting at 5:30 p.m. on the library grounds. If you have the time, please stop by and meet some of the key players who are making this long awaited undertaking a reality. Completion date for the project is slated for mid-December.

Friday, June 30

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: every Friday, June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and

Thursday, July 6

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.

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Fitzwilliam plans day of festivities

On Saturday June 24, the Fitzwilliam Historical Society will again host its annual Strawberry Festival on the Common from 1-4 p.m., rain or shine. Strawberry shortcakes made from freshly picked strawberries, homemade biscuits and real whipped cream will be sold with all proceeds going to support the Fitzwilliam Historical Society.

There will be music and possibly dancing. Membership forms will be available and can also be picked up at the Library for those who would like to join our organization. Please come and enjoy a delicious treat!

The Blake House Museum will also be open for touring during that afternoon. The Blake House was built in 1837 by Levi Haskell, and in 1865 it became the home and law office of Amos Blake, community leader, town official and state legislator. It now houses items donated or acquired by the Fitzwilliam Historical Society that illustrate the history of the town and the region. The town of Fitzwilliam has an absolute treasure in this building and the artifacts it contains. Come and take a look at the treasures it holds. We hope to see you on the Fitzwilliam Common on Saturday, June 24.

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Memorial students celebrate completion of Kindergarten

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

As part of a celebration of the completion of Kindergarten, nearly 100 Memorial Elementary students cheerfully performed and delighted their parents and families opening with the song, "Hello Everybody."

With a crowd of 200 present eagerly awaiting the children's show, Principal Michelle Atter said with a smile, "We are very happy to see all of you here, so please remain seated and enjoy your children and the show today."

Music teacher Sam Vendt followed during the opening with, "We try to teach all kinds of songs here at Memorial School and we now will begin with the classic song, BINGO."

As the students began their performance the room quickly filled with joy as proud parents were smiling, cell phones were held high recording, and children not only sang but providing their parents with cherished memories.

Vendt shortly before the beginning of the second song said, "Every year I like to teach the children a patriotic song to sing. With that, we present Yankee Doodle." With the children now set-

ting in, voices became louder, feet started moving in place, arms began swinging, and more parents moved to the front caught up in the moment to take precious pictures.

The young stars captured hearts of the crowd. Opening with Hello Everybody, and moving on to Bingo, Yankee Doodle, and My Aunt Came Back, students next sang the song Pause, which is about showing respect to each other. Children then became more excited stepping in place to the classic song as they sang, "Let's go Marching." It was then parents laughed hardily with the next performance which was clearly the children's favorite song, "Sandwiches."

Kindergarten students appropriately ended their 20 minute performance with "Goodbye Everybody" as all the children stood proudly and bowed to the audience. One parent could be heard saying, "This is so much fun, these go by so fast" while another said, "I am so proud of how great these children remembered their words as they sang together."

At the end of the celebration students accompanied by their parents and guardians were called back to their individual classrooms for each to receive their "Certificate of Completion" signifying the passing of Kindergarten for the 2016-17 academic school year and acceptance in to the upcoming First Grade. Certificates were presented in the classrooms of teachers Johnson, O'Connor, Musgrave, and Boucher.

After it was all over Vendt explained, "The students have practiced and done rehearsals for one month. In addition, some of the songs we have been doing all year."

As students and classes are on a six day rotation, children attending music class once a week on average. Atter closed with, "These students have done an amazing job. They have worked hard, and they are ready to now move on and conquer First Grade."

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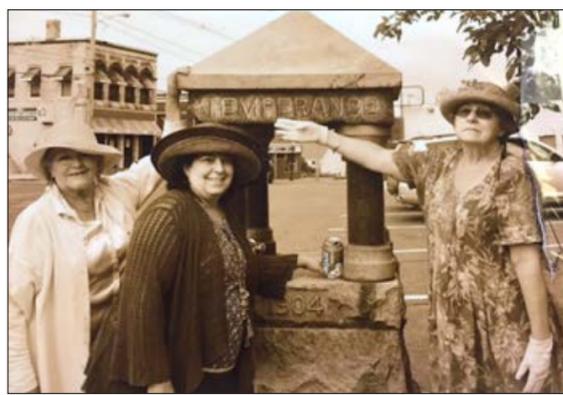
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Narragansett Historical Society hosts a vintage clothing display and information on the "Good Old Days" of this period at the Templeton Center on the Common. Enjoy music of the era, food and beverages and tour of the times! \$10 at the door. Saturday, June 24 2-4:30 p.m.

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Celebrating 150 years by giving back

Athol Savings Bank continues its yearlong 150th anniversary celebration with customer appreciation events and charitable efforts. The significant milestone of longevity and success will be commemorated with an employee-driven 150 Days of Giving Back campaign to thank the community for continued support.

"If not for the trust, confidence, and generational banking relationships formed with residents and businesses throughout our communities, we would not be here today," states President and CEO, Daniel J. Zona. "This commitment has inspired us to dedicate much of this year to giving back."

ASB employees will facilitate events throughout the communities it serves to promote the spirit of giving back. The bank will surprise residents with random acts of kindness including free coffee, a week's worth of groceries, and a free fill at the gas pump. Additionally, five local elementary schools that partner with ASB for the SaveSum Banking program will receive free supplies for the 2017-18 school year.

The bank will also be hosting Customer Appreciation Days in its branches where free refreshments and giveaways will be offered. Visitors may also have a chance to meet ASB President Dan Zona.

The celebration will continue through the end of the year with additional events. Free Community Shred Days will be held at various branch locations where residents can discard sensitive documents and protect against ID theft. Employees will participate in a winter



Courtesy photo

Employees kicked off the 150th anniversary festivities by celebrating at the Ellinwood Country Club in Athol. There, they enjoyed being served Italian cuisine by the senior management team, dancing, and raffles for free giveaways throughout the evening.

coat drive where new and gently used items will be collected and distributed. Dates and details are to come.

Other various volunteer initiatives will take place throughout the holiday season as the bank's 150th year comes to a close. The bank looks forward to opportunities to give back to the community during this time. Executive Senior Vice President Cheryl D'Ambra, commented, "Our small towns are rich with tradition and reflect the comforts of home."

Since its incorporation on Feb. 12, 1867, ASB has grown from a one-branch, state chartered mutual savings bank to a \$400 million bank that serves

six communities throughout central Massachusetts. The bank credits its growth and success to the support of the community, and is honored to show its appreciation through organizing a wide variety of community initiatives.

Athol Savings Bank is the largest mutual savings bank based in Massachusetts' North Quabbin region, where it has fostered a friendly, small-town banking environment for 150 years. The full-service bank has eight offices located in the communities of Ashburnham, Athol, Baldwinville, Barre, Gardner and Winchendon. Athol Savings Bank can also be accessed via its mobile app and at www.atholsb.com.

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GOAL!!!
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SPORTS ACTION!

Flagg is on the job... and in the court



Courtesy photo

Law intern Brad Flagg is learning the ropes.

"He's not the first to say that," laughed LaPointe. "I hear what he's saying."

In any event, while isn't a decision he faces immediately, deciding what he wants to do in the legal profession, there's also plenty of time before he has to choose where he even wants to practice, though Flagg did indicate likes the South.

"We'll see, but if I had to guess down the road, I'd say there's a good chance I'm going to want to move back South," he mused.

Flagg, whose mom Tracy is a Winchendon police officer, did know he liked UNH.

"I toured different schools and UNH was definitely the most supportive. It felt like it was the right place to be," he reflected. So far, the experience has been positive, including a successful mock trial.

LaPointe said Brad will get a taste of the whole soup-to-nuts process.

"It's only fair to our interns to give them a look at how it all works," he noted. "If they have unrealistic notions of glamour, and Brad doesn't, which is good, that changes pretty quickly. Like any profession, there are times when the work can seem tedious."

Flagg isn't fazed. "I'm looking for the 'real-world'.

Anything else isn't going to do me much good, and the whole idea of the internship is to get a variety of experience," he pointed out, whether that be sitting in a courtroom or a law library or at an office table poring over case files and precedent.

As for mom, "she's in a different part of 'the system'," quote, unquote. She's been completely supportive. She's always said I should go for what I want,"

Brad said.

One thing he knows he wants is to make an impact.

"I think that's part of the reason anyone would do this," Flagg reflected.

LaPointe's take?

"Brad has the right temperament. The right instincts. He's going to be a very good lawyer," said LaPointe.

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EDITORIAL

Fill'er up

We get to a point in this business when we stare at the plans for a new issue and begin to worry...what is happening? Will there be good, interesting items to fill the pages? Will we be needing to fill pages with unrelated, albeit useful information because there isn't enough news pertinent to a town?

It's the one big nightmare.

So far, because the towns covered by Stonebridge Press newspapers are vital, vibrant and busy places, the nightmare has yet to come true.

Could we do a better job of finding more pertinent information? Especially as it pertains to what is happening in town hall or as it affects the budgets and the roads and stuff that affects taxpayers and wallets? Always. In every town.

And there is also this, if we don't get to every meeting or at least due diligence on following up and following through, it gives anyone who just MIGHT think no one is watching a freer hand to do something we all might regret later.

No specific things come to mind, but temptation is always greatest when you think you can away with it. When no one is watching.

And that is a big piece of what journalism is supposed to do. From the first small, single sided sheets that raised questions about local taxes (visit Old Sturbridge and the print shop, they have examples), and as it followed of course the "sedition" that caused the entire colonial set up on this side of the Atlantic to rebel and become its own nation thank you very much, has been charted and in some cases fomented in the pages of a newspaper or its equivalent of the time.

Patrick Henry wrote pamphlets explaining his theories of government. Newspapers reprinted them.

It is still happening, newspapers do

indeed keep an eye on local politics, state politics and yes, national politics, whether politicians want them there or not. Budget cuts mean there aren't nearly as many feet on the ground doing it, but they are still there and the ones who are there are working very hard at it.

We have a theory in the business, if you think we must be decrying the screaming and ranting about whether the news being reported is "fake" or in some way manipulated. It probably isn't, being purposely tilted or created as an entirely bald faced lie of any way shape or form, but reporters might take a stance, choose which quotes to use, so as to give a story the "flavor" they want. Yes, it does happen. Is the entire story a "fake" then? No, most certainly not. The choice of which quotes to use are relevant of course, they give more weight to a story, and actually often make it easier to read, clarify information and let you know how people feel about issues. If we DIDN'T quote anyone that too would cause problems.

If you listen and watch carefully, to the quotes and then those who dislike the choices, you might quickly discover that, whoever doesn't like the quote and derides it most likely prefers the opposite point of view; no matter which one that might be. And rather than pick up the gauntlet and explain their own point of view in a serious way, would rather level accusations of bias, fakery and lying hoping in some way someone will take up the topic for them.

And back to that theory here it is: whether you liked it or hated it, you read it. And that is always the ultimate goal. We hope you read it, we hope we give you information you can use, we hope we perhaps entertain you a bit, and leave you wanting more.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mooney: civil war engaged

To the Editor:

For the first time since he started writing his weekly Conservative bashing diatribes, I find I actually agree with something Jerry Carton said.

We are indeed engaged in a "civil war." I do, however disagree with his opinion it is BECAUSE of the bigotry, racism, islamophobia, homophobia, and general hatred of anyone who doesn't look like us that Jerry accuses conservatives of every time he sits in front of a keyboard. Rather, it is because the Jerry's of the world have spent the last 8 years ACCUSING anyone and everyone that dares disagree with them of bigotry, racism, islamophobia, homophobia, and general hatred of anyone who doesn't look like us.

And it has finally come to a full-fledged "civil war." It took 8 years for the Jerry's to get us here, but all the effort apparently has paid off. We have the youngest progressive members of the Democratic Party rioting, looting, and causing enormous property damage on college campuses to prevent anyone with a differing opinion from expressing that opinion. They are being good progressives. They are eliminating hate speech. Which, apparently, is anything that the Jerry's would ever disagree with.

We have the N.E.A. controlled high school teachers excusing students from class to go out and march and demonstrate to prevent any opinion contrary to the Progressive Union agenda they are force fed in the class-

rooms. Just as an aside, isn't it outrageous they want us to give them more money to do this?

Convicted domestic terrorist and Obama friend and fund raiser Bill Ayers once said that America will never be changed from a horrible Capitalist nation into a loving and caring Socialist nation with guns. He said it may take a little longer, but we can get there when we "educate the children". It certainly looks like he was correct. Why, just last week, there were a group of middle school children that refused to appear in a photograph with Speaker Paul Ryan, and when asked why, said that they disagreed with his heartless budget. I can't understand why we are continuously asked to provide more money to the schools, when they are doing such a remarkable job that 7th graders can read, understand the intricacies of, and provide intelligent commentary on a federal budget.

We certainly have a civil war on our hands. It is NOT, as Jerry regularly implies, because some lunatic sprayed a swastika on a wall, or the n-word on a fence. It is being carried out by the young Progressive Democrats, with their faces covered, because the Jerry's have told them anything they disagree with is hate speech, and they need to get out there and put an end to it.

So they are.
Violently.

RICHARD MOONEY
WINCHENDON

COURTNEY

(Editor's Note: due to production error, a portion of this column was not printed in its entirety last week. It is important it be so. We are re-running it with the missing portion included.)

Sometimes there truly are no words. For myself, for our family, I cannot even hope to begin to adequately or appropriately articulate both the depth of our devastation or our eternal gratitude at the overwhelming outpouring of love so many, many people genuinely felt for Courtney. I honestly had no idea how many lives she touched. I really didn't. Knowing she did fills my shattered heart with song. In the midst of this mind-numbing grief, the breathtaking support we've received over the last nine days has truly been a comfort.

I could, if space allowed, fill this entire newspaper with our profound and heartfelt individual thank-yous. Since that's not practical, suffice to say you know who you are and your kindness and thoughtfulness and simply "being there" is a

debt I wouldn't begin to know how to repay.

That said, I do want to say this — last Thursday, the day after Courtney passed, it was her friends who instinctively knew they wanted to do "something." That's how last Saturday's memorial came to be and though, as noted, I don't have room to list everyone though I, we, are obviously appreciative of so many people, I hope you'll forgive me when I tell you it's important to acknowledge Lindsay Kuchta, her best friend since they were 8, as being the point person on the project and Chantell Delgado for crafting a slideshow which prompted actual smiles and laughter. But it wasn't just them, not at all. Courtney was blessed to have had so many wonderful friends. She really was. It was a gut-wrenching, but incredibly moving ceremony. So very many people were there. I remain awed by the turnout. Her friends spoke and sang from the heart. Afterwards, they had this amazing balloon release from the pitcher's mound on the MHS softball



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field where Courtney played and pitched in so very many games. What a special tribute!

When I finally mustered up the courage to look at her Facebook page, I was blown away by what I saw and read. I had to stop and start multiple times because the tears kept coming in crashing waves, a weird combination of grief and pride alike.

There were so many facets to her life but through all of them, she really was a kind, sensitive and compassionate soul. She made me a better person. Her teammates and classmates and her growing list of professional associates all told me so, and not just in the last week. I've heard it for years. She wanted to be a social worker because she understood pain and felt

an obligation, I think, to do whatever small part she could in making children's lives happier and emotionally healthier. I often write here about the responsibility we all have to try to make a difference and I will forever be proud she took that responsibility to heart and ran with it. I hope she was beginning to make an impact.

So many memories have somehow penetrated the fog of the last week — in third grade, she and her friend Julia Kime did a social studies project and wrote a little book, "We're Going to Africa", a storybook authored by eight year olds they were still laughing about 15 years later. I remember taking her to a softball tryout because I didn't want her to be lonely and thought it might be a way to make friends and at that tryout she stood on home plate because she didn't know whether she batted left-handed or right. She had been hesitant to go that morning, I remember that, too. I just figured it would be an okay way for her to become part of the community. The rest, of course is quite literally history. I promise you

none of us had a clue in the beginning where that softball journey was about to take us. Thanks Scott, Tracey, Randy, Dan, Tracy, and above all, Phil. You all know what you did for her. I will be forever grateful to you all.

As she grew, she took on an internship at Memorial School which solidified, cemented even, her career ambitions. She volunteered at Heywood hospital, worked as a camp and child watch counselor at the Clark. Her internships with YOU, Inc., where Smith's social work program had placed her broadened her horizons and strengthened her commitment to service, a commitment that was still growing at the very end.

It's no secret Courtney struggled with her diabetes nor that she wasn't the most compliant patient until the last couple years of her life. She desperately wanted to be just a kid. I can't imagine the toll the relentless routine of finger sticks and injections took on her psyche. It's a disease I wouldn't wish on anyone.

Choosing Words Good Well

Americans have been blessed since well before the nation's founding with leaders who have had an enviable command of the English language. Documents from the Virginia Declaration of Rights,



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to the Declaration of Independence, and the Federalist Papers employed soaring rhetoric set to parchment by some of the brightest minds among The Founders.

In truly memorable inauguration speeches, men like Lincoln implored us to call upon "the better angels of our nature," FDR reminded us we had "nothing to fear but fear itself," and JFK admonished us to "ask not what (our) country could do for (us); ask what you can do for your country."

So, here's a challenge; see if you can determine which among our long list of impressive national leaders made some of the following quotes. They include the words of some of the wisest, most compassionate men ever to guide our nation. Others...not so much.

clothed...It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

B) "When I see the crumbling roads and bridges, or the dilapidated airports, or the factories moving overseas to Mexico, or to other countries, I know these problems can all be fixed, but... only by me."

C) "I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty."

D) "Part of the beauty of me is that I'm very rich."

E) "Think about every problem, every challenge, we face. The solution to each starts with education."

F) "No, I'm not cutting services, but

Here ya go:

A) "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not

I'm cutting spending. I may cut the Department of Education."

G) "It is now our generation's task to carry on what those pioneers began. For our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts. Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law — for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

H) "I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab 'em by the ass."

I) "In a nation that was proud of hard work, strong families, close-knit communities, and our faith in God, too many of us now tend to worship self-indulgence and consumption. Human identity is no longer defined by what one does, but by what one owns."

J) "Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest — and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault."

K) "I can imagine no greater disservice to the country than to establish a system of censorship that would deny to the people of a free republic like our own their indisputable right to criticize their own public officials."

L) "Our press is allowed to say whatever they want and get away with it. And I think we should go to a system where if they do something wrong — I'm a big believer, of the freedom of the press...But if they make terrible, terrible mistakes and those mistakes are made on purpose to injure people — I'm not just talking about me; I'm talking anybody else then, yes, I think you should have the ability to sue them."

M) "War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children."

N) "I would just bomb the s**t out of 'em. I would just bomb those suckers."

Well...I guess some leaders are more impressive than others, and some rhetoric is more soaring than the rest.

POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, JUNE 13

1:01-3:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:52 a.m.: lift assist (Maple St.), transported; 5:56 a.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), written warning; 6:13 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 6:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Rd.), referred; 7:24 a.m.: power outage (Alger St.), referred; 7:46 a.m.: extra patrols (Mellen Rd.), secure; 9:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Beech St.), assisted; 10:07 a.m.: ATV complaint (Central St.), citation issued; 11:21 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 11:32 a.m.: welfare check (Spring St.), secure; 11:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), advised officer; 12:53 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 2:01 p.m.: investigation (Whitney St.), spoken to; 2:09 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 2:25 p.m.: accident (Old Centre) report taken; 4:01 p.m.: wires down (Hill St.), referred; 5:23 p.m.: harassment (Hyde Park Dr.), assisted; 6:07 p.m.: tree down (Ash St.), referred to DPW; 6:12 p.m.: hazardous materials spill (Rtes. 140 & 12), removed; 6:27 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Mechanic St.), gone on arrival; 6:43 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 6:54 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan St.), written warning; 7:00 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 7:11 p.m.: harassment (Pond St.), report taken; 8:22 p.m.: bolo (Rte. 140), unable to locate; 8:25 p.m.: welfare check/child (Hale St.), no cause; 8:40 p.m.: disturbance (Beech St.), assisted; 9:42 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central St.), accidental; 10:39 p.m.: ambulance (Oak St.), transported; 11:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Beech St.), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

12:10 a.m.: registration check (Central St.), info given; 12:57 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 12:58-1:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: disturbance (Beech St.), report taken; 1:42 a.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Rd.), services rendered; 2:11 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:18 a.m.: recovered mv (Pleasant St.), services rendered; 2:36 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:47 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 4:24 a.m.: erratic operation (Lincoln Ave.), gone on arrival; 7:40 a.m.: info/general (Hall St.), info taken; 7:43 a.m.: wires down (Hill St.), info taken; 8:29 a.m.: license plates missing/stolen (Mellen Rd.), info taken; 8:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Front St.), canceled; 9:17 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Dr.), transported; 9:51 a.m.: officer wanted (Laurel St.), spoken to; 10:11 a.m.: animal complaint (Metcalf St.) referred to ACO; 10:21 a.m.: mv stop (Front St.), citation issued; 10:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Rd.), referred to DPW; 10:39 a.m.: mv stop (Front St.), citation issued; 10:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Central

St.), services rendered; 10:58 a.m.: mv stop (Front St.), citation issued; 11:27 a.m.: accident (Spring St.), Jason R. Perini, 38, 35 Waterford St., Gardner, refusing to identify self, negligent operation, operating w/license revoked as habitual traffic offender, arrest; 12:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Eagle Rd.), referred to ACO; 12:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Dr.), referred to ACO; 1:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Beech St.), spoken to; 1:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), advised officer; 1:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grove St.), child playing w/phone; 1:58 p.m.: officer wanted (School St.), advised officer; 2:52 p.m.: suicide threats (Harrisville Cir.), report taken; 3:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Cavender), no service necessary; 4:23 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), spoken to; 5:45 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 8:24 p.m.: suspicious person (Mason St.), report taken; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Ave.), written warning; 9:07 p.m.: registration check (Harvard St.), spoken to; 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 9:27 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Dr.), citation issued; 9:27 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Lake St.) 209A issued; 10:27 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), verbal warning; 10:38 p.m.: mv stop (Jefferson Ave.), verbal warning; 11:31 p.m.: suspicious auto (Pearl Dr.), spoken to; 11:37 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), secure.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

12:04 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), Joseph Saball, 23, 112 Washington St., #2, Gardner, warrant arrest; 12:08 a.m.: extra patrols (Lake Dennison), secure; 2:22 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Rd.), verbal warning; 2:37-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:53 a.m.: investigation (School St.), info taken; 3:24 a.m.: wires down (Baldwinville State Rd.), assisted; 4:49 a.m.: ambulance (Webster St.), transported; 7:39 a.m.: open door/gate (Central St.), building secured; 7:59 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple St.), gone on arrival; 8:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple St.), report taken; 10:19 a.m.: civil complaint (Spruce St.), advised court action; 10:47 a.m.: accident (Central St.), report taken; 11:23 a.m.: mental health issue (Doyle Ave.), no service necessary; 11:27 a.m.: accident (Spring St.), report taken; 1:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Front St.), no service necessary; 2:58 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Dr.), transported; 3:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Front St.), spoken to; 3:32 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Glenallan St.), services rendered; 3:49 p.m.: accident (School St.), John Waite, 50, 1034 Main St., North Walpole, NH, negligent operation; 4:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), report taken; 5:19 p.m.: harassment (Central St.), spoken to; 5:24 p.m.: assist other agency (Oakland St.), services rendered; 5:48 p.m.: ambulance (Webster St.), report taken; 7:26 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Town Farm Rd.), services rendered; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 9:52 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), gone on arrival; 10:43 p.m.: property lost (Whitney St.), info taken.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

12:21-12:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:44 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 1:00-1:48 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:28 a.m.: mental health issue (Hyde Park Dr.), Section 12; 2:40 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 4:29 a.m.: missing person (E. Monomonac Rd.), spoken to; 9:02 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), services rendered; 9:11 a.m.: investigation (School St.), info taken; 9:56 a.m.: accident (Gardner Rd.), no service necessary; 10:08 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 10:56 a.m.: mv stop (River St.), Ruthanne Kalinowski, 46, 163 Brown St., Winchendon, operating w/suspended license, citation issued; 11:30 a.m.: larceny (Glenallan St.), advised officer; 11:32 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 11:39 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Rd.), referred; 1:30 p.m.: fraud (Webster St.), report taken; 1:57 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.); 4:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Alger St.), spoken to; 4:20 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich St.), spoken to; 4:38 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.); 4:49 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported; 5:06 p.m.: welfare check/general (Mill Glen Rd.), unable to locate; 5:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Main St.), referred; 5:41 p.m.: burglar alarm (Summer Dr.), secure; 6:11 p.m.: suspicious person (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: larceny (Krantz Rd.), report taken; 6:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan St.), referred to ACO; 6:36 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Park St.), secure; 11:46 p.m.: suicide threats (Glenallan St.), Section 12.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

1:07-3:0 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:55 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported; 8:18 a.m.: ambulance (Old County Rd.), transported; 10:36 a.m.: wires down (Maynard St.), referred; 10:39 a.m.: fire/auto (Grove St.), services rendered; 10:47 a.m.: property found (Grove St.), returned to owner; 11:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard St.), assisted; 11:51 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 12:27 p.m.: atv complaint (Juniper St.), advised officer; 12:38 p.m.: assist other PD (Pine St.); 1:02 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Central St.) services rendered; 1:04 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), services rendered; 1:16 p.m.: property damage (Spring St.), report taken; 1:20 p.m.: assist other PD (Spring St.); erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), advised officer; 2:54 p.m.: animal complaint (River St.), referred to ACO; 3:25 p.m.: runaway (Alger St.), Donna Provost, 27, 680 Alger St., Winchendon, a&b on police officer, disorderly conduct, arrest; 6:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 6:45 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), secure; 8:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 8:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), returned to owner; 9:36 p.m.: fraud (Laurel St.), report taken; 10:06 p.m.: noise complaint (Mellen Rd.), spoken to; 10:39 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 11:31-11:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:53 p.m.:

burglar alarm (Spring St.), accidental/defective.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

12:18-1:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:35 a.m.: disturbance (Main St.), gone on arrival; 2:44 a.m.: burglar alarm (Brown St.), secure; 7:10 a.m.: illegal burn (Willow St.), services rendered; 8:18 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 8:48 a.m.: registration check (Goodrich Dr.), info taken; 9:29 a.m.: info/general (Grimes Rd.), info taken; 9:36 a.m.: property found (Central St.), returned to owner; 11:10 a.m.: assist motorist (Spring St.); 11:16 a.m.: welfare check/general (Hyde Park Dr.), secure; 11:27 a.m.: investigation (School St.), spoken to; 11:41 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 12:20 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Dr.), transported; 1:45 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Rd.), citation issued; 1:52 p.m.: missing person (Old Gardner Rd.), info taken; 2:00 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Rd.), citation issued; 2:06 p.m.: alarm (Teel Rd.), canceled; 4:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), unable to locate; 4:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring St.), spoken to; 4:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring St.), spoken to; 5:49 p.m.: larceny (Ash St.), report taken; 5:56 p.m.: ambulance (Front St.), transported; 5:58 p.m.: burglar alarm (Railroad St.), false alarm; 6:11 p.m.: welfare check/child (Lake Denison Beach Area), report taken; 6:29 p.m.: investigation (Spring St.), info taken; 6:56 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central St.), gone on arrival; 7:36 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central St.), protective custody; 10:09 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front St.), report taken; 9:26 p.m.: suspicious person (Kemp St.), dispersed gathering.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

2:41-3:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:47 a.m.: recovered mv (Glenallan St.), info taken; 8:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Rd. No.), referred to ACO; 8:36 a.m.: info/general (Spring St.), assisted; 9:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), info taken; 9:58 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 9:59 a.m.: investigation (Maple St.), spoken to; 10:56 a.m.: sex offender registration (Mason St.), info taken; 11:12 a.m.: assist citizen (Beech St.); 12:32 p.m.: assist other PD (Polly's Dr.), false alarm; 1:22 p.m.: info/general (Goodrich Dr.), info taken; 2:05 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring St.), unable to locate; 2:13 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), spoken to; 2:21 p.m.: illegal burn (Linden St.), services rendered; 3:03 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central St.), false alarm; 3:12 p.m.: unattended death (Ipswich Dr.), report taken; 3:13 p.m.: fire alarm (Mill Glen Rd.), false alarm; 3:16 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), secured; 3:17 p.m.: tree down (Brook Rd.), referred to DPW; 3:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Ash St.), secured; 5:30 p.m.: harassment (School St.), spoken to; 5:43 p.m.: info/general (Ingleside Dr.), info taken; 6:34 p.m.: DPW call (Central St.), referred; 7:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm St.), report taken; 10:38 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.); 11:48 p.m.: missing person (Spruce St.), services rendered.

Moury recognized by his college as outstanding alumna

Jason Moury of Winchendon was named this year's recipient of Northern Essex Community College's Outstanding Alumni award at the college's 55th annual commencement exercises on May 20.

Selected by the NECC Alumni Association, the award recognizes an NECC graduate who has achieved career-related success, is active in the community and/or has exemplified active support for the college's efforts.

Moury graduated from the respiratory care program in 2006, and he

quickly began making waves in the field after taking his first job as a respiratory therapist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Within five years of his graduation, he became the lead respiratory therapist at HealthAlliance Hospital in Leominster and was recruited to serve as an adjunct lab instructor at NECC. Since then, he's become vice president of both the COPD Foundation in Miami, FL and of the Massachusetts Society for Respiratory Care.

The treatment of COPD (chronic

obstructive pulmonary disease) is a central part of Moury's career, and a crucial reason he was selected for the award. As one of the leading causes of death in the United States, largely due to its links with smoking, there is a large need for research and work related to its treatment in the country. Among other things, Moury has coordinated a nationwide public health campaign called "DRIVE4COPD," written in several peer-related journals and was even appointed to the Massachusetts Special Commission

for COPD by Governor Charlie Baker in 2015.

"Moury is the type of person who inspires us every day through his selfless devotion to helping others," said Bill Klueber, chairperson of the NECC Alumni Association, who presented Moury with the award at the ceremony. "As a prominent leader in the field of respiratory care, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of those around him."

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Abigail Bradley, Reese Minckle and Maia Drake are fifth graders, Elise Moury is in third grade. The quartet spearheaded the campaign to end bullying.

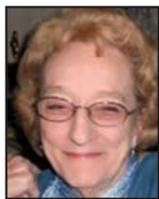
Fifth-graders Abigail Bradley, Reese Minckle, and Maia Drake and third-grader Elise Moury grew sick and tired of the bullying they witnessed during the school year and decided to take matters into their own hands. The

Toy Town Elementary School students organized an anti-bullying assembly, to provide information on the different types of bullying, their effect on victims, and the most effective ways of handling bullies.

OBITUARIES

Wilma S. Cilley, 88

FRANCESTOWN, NH — Wilma S. Cilley age 88, fondly known as Jeri, went peacefully at home while in the presence of loved ones, to be with our Lord and Savior Friday night, June 16, 2017. Born on May 4, 1929 to Emma and Leonard Staak in Wilmette, Ill. She graduated from New Trier in Winnetka, Ill.



Jeri lived in Winchendon for many years before moving to Francestown where she has resided for the past 36 years. She worked for NH Ball Bearings for 17 years, Peterborough Savings bank, for Leroy Malouf for 15 years, and retired from Tenny, Fritz & Combs Veterinary Clinic after 20 years where she worked as their bookkeeper. Jeri loved animals and her family. There was nothing she enjoyed more than to have family and friends around to visit and to talk about anything; there would always be laughter. She enjoyed playing volleyball, water skiing and snowmobiling and playing Cribbage. She was a talented artist, knitter and loved doing crossword puzzles; there were few puzzles that she could not finish. She was a lov-

ing Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Auntie.

She is survived by her son and his wife David R. Norcross Jr. and Helen D. Norcross of Francestown, her sister, JoAnne Bitterman of Glenview, IL, Step-son, Alan Cilley of Belmont, NH, Step-daughter, Lauren Cilley of Laconia, NH, Granddaughters, Heather Panagiotes, Heidi Blanchette, Tamesin Morrison, and Amber Lapointe, Grandsons, Jim Cilley, Joe Cilley, Micheal Morrison, and Logan Moody. She is also survived by 6 great grandsons and 4 great granddaughters and 5 nephews and nieces along with numerous great nieces and nephews. Jeri was preceded in death by her father, Leonard Staak, Mother, Emma Staak, Sister, Lorraine Staak, Brother Leonard Staak, Step-son Davin Cilley, and Step-daughter, Valarie Morrison, and husband, Richard C. Cilley.

There will be a graveside service on Sunday July 23, 2017 at Francestown Cemetery on the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike at 3PM.

Donations in Jeri's memory can be made to the Monadnock Humane Society.

Henry J. Hamel, 76

WINCHENDON - Henry J. Hamel age 76, of Winchendon, passed away in his home, surrounded by his loving family Friday evening, June 16, 2017.



Henry was born August 13, 1940 in Gardner, son of Edward and Edith (Gingrass) Hamel. He attended and graduated from Gardner High School in 1959. Henry was a life member of the Templeton Fish and Game Club. He was also a member of Mission Street Congregational Church of Gardner. He played in a band alongside of Dick LaFortune. Henry enjoyed watching Boston Red Sox games on television. He enjoyed family time as well as playing with his grandchildren. He owned and operated Henry J. Hamel and Sons painting and wallpapering for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Phyllis of Winchendon; his brother Raymond Hamel of Baldwinville;

daughter Lisa Hamel of Templeton, sons Thomas Meador III and wife Connie of Homosassa, FL, Henry Hamel and wife Brandy of Gardner, Robert Hamel and wife Magen of Gardner and Gary Hamel and wife Meredith of Winchendon.

He also leaves his many grandchildren, Robert, Josh, Chase, Brian, Patrick, Isabelle, Lillian, Anastasia, Rose, Mason, Bryan, Steven, Christopher, Jonathan, Todd, Dora, James who is joining the family next month, and four great grandchildren, Eric, Emma, Audrie and Jason.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 22, 2017 in Mission Street Congregational Church, 15 Mission Street, Gardner. Refreshments followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mission Street Congregational Church, 15 Mission Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon was entrusted with arrangements.

Richard E. Monette, 85

WINCHENDON — Richard E. Monette, age 85, of 104 Ipswich Drive, died peacefully at his residence Monday, June 19, 2017.



He was born in Winchendon on May 10, 1932, son of the late Edgard and Hazel (McPhee) Monette and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon.

Dick worked for several years in the town of Winchendon school system as head of maintenance until his retirement. He and his late wife Eunice formerly operated a mobile lunch service and also operated the former Corner Lunch and Variety in Waterville.

Dick proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion. He enjoyed ice racing and snowmobiling in his younger years. He was a fan of the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox and NASCAR, enjoyed camping and especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

His wife of 65 years, Eunice M. (Blake) Monette, died in 2015. He leaves

two children, Allen K. Monette and his wife Robin of Ashburnham and Lisa J. Cosentino and her husband Daniel of Royalston; five grandchildren, Adam, Brian, Josef, Keith and Zachary; five great grandchildren, Adam, Rylee, Addison, Olivia and Aurora; three brothers, Robert E. Monette of Athol, Frederick Monette of Winchendon and Norman K. Monette of Winchendon and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by a son, Brian R. Monette, two brothers, Howard Monette and James Monette, and one sister, Eleanor Nadeau.

At the time of Eunice's death, Dick wished that calling hours, funeral services and burial be held for he and his wife together.

Memorial services for Dick and Eunice will be held Friday, June 23, 2017 at 10 A.M. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 5 to 7 P.M. Members of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion will conduct military honors at 6:30 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Murdock Athletic Department, care of Murdock Middle High School, 2 Memorial Drive, Winchendon, MA 01475

Charles F. 'Charlie' Kelley, 82

MAYNARD — Charles F. "Charlie" Kelley, age 82, of Maynard died suddenly Friday, June 9, 2017, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington. He was born Dec. 26, 1934, the son of the late Hugh F. and Dorothy R. Kelley. He was raised in Somerville and attended Somerville High School completing his education while serving as a



Quartermaster Petty Office Third Class in the US Navy. He attended Coyne Electrical School and received a master's electrical license, retiring from Digital Equipment Corporation where he worked as a security technician.

Charlie invented multiple electronic devices that were patented. Charlie was an active parishioner of St. Bridget's Parish, Maynard, where he served for many years both as an Eucharistic minister, bringing Holy Communion to the homebound and nursing homes, and as a religious education teacher. He was a member of the Order of Franciscan Seculars, serving as treasurer and counselor. Of most importance to Charlie was his faith and his family; his grandchildren brought great joy in his life. He

was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his son, Paul Kelley, his granddaughter Elizabeth Young, his parents Hugh F. and Dorothy R. Kelley, and his brother Joseph Kelley. Charlie is survived by his wife of 54 years Joan B. Kelley; his daughter Mary Young and son-in-law Robert of Hudson; his son Charles J. Kelley and daughter-in-law Diane of Townsend; his daughter Michelle Mackie and son-in-law Robert of Winchendon; nine grandchildren: Joseph, Brendan and Amber Kelley; Robert, Peter, Rebecca and Kevin Mackie; and Kelly and Kristine Young; his sister Mary Spinale of Shirley; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, June 15th, 2017, in St. Bridget's Church, 1 Percival St., Maynard with burial in St. Bridget's Cemetery, Maynard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Bridget's Parish, 1 Percival Street, Maynard, MA 01754.

Acton Funeral Home (actonfuneralhome.com), 470 Massachusetts Ave (Rt 111) Acton was entrusted with arrangements

Ryan S. Parks, 29

WINCHENDON — Ryan S. Parks, age 29, of Winchendon, and formerly of Jaffrey, died suddenly and unexpectedly on June 7, 2017 at his father's home in Jaffrey.



He was born on May 10, 1988 in Lebanon, NH, a son of Scott Parks and the late Charlene (Larrete) Parks. Ryan was raised and educated locally and was currently employed at NH Ball Bearings as a machine setup technician. He had also been employed as a lumber grader at HHP in Henniker, New Hampshire and at New England Forest Products in Greenfield, New Hampshire.

When not working, Ryan could be found playing hockey, fishing, turkey hunting, and hiking with his children and fiancé, Danielle. He was also an artist at heart and enjoyed drawing and was a talented tattoo artist. He also liked landscaping and stone work.

In addition to his mother, Charlene,

Ryan was predeceased by his brother, Thomas Pickford, and by his maternal grandparents, Mavis and Thomas Hardy.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Scott and Mia Parks of Jaffrey; his fiancé, Danielle White, and his three children, Jaden, Hailey and Connor, all of Winchendon; his siblings, Stacie Pickford of Swanzy, New Hampshire, Corey and his wife, Kristen Parks, of Keene, New Hampshire and Nicholas and his fiancé, Kayla Cabana, of Jaffrey; his paternal grandparents, Ronald and Phyllis Parks of Peterborough; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 in the Cournoyer Funeral Home Chapel (cournoyerfh.com), with Father Wilfred Deschamps officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Jaffrey.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in memory of Ryan to the Ryan Parks Memorial Children's Fund, c/o TD Bank, 28 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

Anthony E. 'Tony' Tenney, 55

WINCHENDON — Anthony E. "Tony" Tenney, age 55, of 134 Glenallan St., died peacefully Friday afternoon, June 16, 2017 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester.



He was born in Winchendon on July 28, 1961, son of Mary (O'Malley) Tenney Dumont of Ellenton, FL and the late Frederick Tenney. Tony was a 1979 graduate of Murdock High School and lived in Winchendon for most of his life.

Tony was employed as a woodworker for several local furniture companies prior to becoming disabled. He was an avid coin collector, woodworker and fan of the New England Patriots. Tony was also a fan of the Boston Red Sox

and Boston Bruins. He was very family oriented and enjoyed barbecues, family events and gatherings with family and friends.

In addition to his mother, he leaves sisters, Cindy May of Ellenton, FL, Karen Dennehy of St. Petersburg, FL and Terri Ann Gouslin of Winchendon; his significant other, Sandra Croteau of Winchendon; his step father Ronald Dumont of Ellenton, FL; four step brothers, Dario Uguccioni, Gary Uguccioni, Richard Uguccioni and Mark Uguccioni and several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grandnephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Frederick Tenney Jr. and sister, Donna Michaud.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

Betty L. (Connor) Rollins

ASHBURNHAM — Betty L. (Connor) Rollins began a new journey peacefully on June 13, 2017, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease, in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner. She was born in Ashland, OK on August 9, 1935 and lived most of her life in California and later years in Nevada.

Betty is predeceased by her husband, Don Rollins of Riverside, CA; her mother, Lucy Neil; her father, George W. Connor of Indio, CA, 2 brothers, George Hambelton of Bakersfield, CA and Jack Gentry of Broken Arrow, OK.

Betty is survived by her loving chil-

dren, Sheila Milardo of Ashburnham, Karolyn Hutchings and Donald Rollins of Henderson, NV; their spouses, and four grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, five sisters, three brothers, several nieces and nephews, as well as many friends, whom she has made along the way.

Her celebration of life will be held in Hackett, Arkansas, with graveside services to follow in Pryor Cemetery, Stuart, Oklahoma at a later date. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Irene Young, 90

SWANZEY NH — Irene Young, age 90, of Swanzy NH, died at home Tuesday, June 13, 2017 after a lengthy illness.

Irene was born in Fitzwilliam to Arthur and Elizabeth Dunton on August 7, 1926. She attended a small three room school located in the state line area of Fitzwilliam. She left school after completing the 9th grade to help support her family. She lived most of her life in Fitzwilliam. Irene had a lifelong love for animals, especially dogs.

Irene is preceded in death by her husband Wallace, her parents, Arthur and Elizabeth (Borey), brothers Charlie, Author, Stan, Walter, Louis, and Marshall all lived in Fitzwilliam and

sister Patty Thibeault of Fitchburg.

She is survived by her children Betty Vonlangen and her husband Bob of Tonawanda NY, Terry Varney of Fitzwilliam, Charles Young and his wife Janice of Swanzy, Doreen Baillargeon and her husband Paul of Allenstown, NH and Denise Young-Vivian and her husband Steve of Brooklet, GA. She is also survived by her sisters Alice Jacobs and Vina Carter of Fitzwilliam, Betty Kutcht and Helen Finch of Winchendon, and Ann Dunton of Ashburnham and 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made in Ms. Young's name to the Monadnock Humane Society 101 W Swanzy Road, Swanzy, NH or Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services, 312 Marlboro St., Keene, NH.

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Murdock Whitney House welcomes musicians



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Organizer and songwriter Brian Dickens



Ian Galipeau



Headliner Prateek Poddar

BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Acoustic guitars and passionate lyrics rang through the near-summer air as local musicians put on an intimate performance for enthusiastic music lovers at the Murdock-Whitney House last Saturday. Opening acts Ian Galipeau, Brian Dickens, and headliner Prateek Poddar per-

formed original work in a historic and picturesque setting that accompanied the beautiful music perfectly. Songs ranged from soft and sweet, to melancholy and sentimental, to folk and punk inspirations, and every song led to praise and applause on the immense talent sharing their songs with the world.

Galipeau opened the

show, playing original work that was soft, passionate, and poetic. His lyrics were thoughtful and relatable, drawing on things and events from his life, such as marriage and a short story by the famous American Writer Ray Bradbury titled Kaleidoscope.

Winchendon local Brian Dickens took the stage next in celebration

of the one-year anniversary of his first album, *And The Plot* Dickens, release. Though he played two new songs that will be on his upcoming release, the rest of the songs he played were from his original album. His quick-tongued lyrics told the tale of small town life, growing up, finding your place in this crazy world, the pursuit of hap-

piness, and how sometimes you can look everywhere for happiness just to realize that it's inside yourself the whole time.

Headliner Prateek Poddar from Boston had his turn in the limelight next. His humor made the audience laugh as they tapped their feet and swayed their heads in time to the music. His songs drew inspiration from the ups and downs

of life, sharing his stories of making his way through the world and figuring out how to follow your passion through the struggle of being a local musician.

The talent, passion, and beauty of every musician's performance captivated and charmed the audience the whole show through, leaving everyone eager for more.

Academy continues to work through the summer

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The 2016-17 school year ended yesterday but for students at the Murdock Academy for Success the beat doesn't have to stop just because of the calendar.

Director Kris Provost and Becky Benedict said earlier this week they're more than willing to work with students who are still finishing assignments, perhaps in order to graduate, or who might want to get a jump on next year.

"What calendar?" laughed Provost, adding more seriously, "we want to do everything we can to help our students succeed, of course, and if that means they want to continue to finish up at home in the summer, we're fine with that."

Added Benedict, "We gave them our phone numbers so they can contact us

when they need to."

Plowing ahead. That's the mindset of the Academy but nothing remains stagnant and Provost says he's always looking for ways to improve. While he anticipates enrollment will remain around 30 kids in the fall, "One of the things we're looking at for when school starts is to interact more effectively with parents. We want them to be part of the team, so we're thinking about a parent contract as well as a student contract."

"Sometimes it's hard, for one reason or another, for some students to get to school in the first place and that's especially the case for some of ours. This is where we think engaging parents can help."

Since the Academy moved from the old Marvin School on Ash Street to the main campus, one group of people have had the opportunity to become even more engaged and that's the high school

faculty.

"They work closely with us," noted Benedict. "For example, I've been talking to (technology teacher) Mike Fontaine every day about a student. Another example, (science teacher) Dylan Gamache has been very involved. Others too. We're also a good resource for students who might need one credit or so to graduate. They can come down here and get that done. Sort of a safety net. That benefits everyone," she said.

"Being up here is leaps and bounds better" than being segregated at Marvin, said Provost. "There's just a lot more access to more school activities as well as faculty," he pointed out, adding, "it's a true blend with mainstream students."

Yet, just as the middle school is its own 'school within a school', so too in many ways is the Academy. "We count on each other, students and staff,"

asserted Provost. "There are unique challenges to this program and we resolve them together."

Added Benedict, "One thing we are able to do here is tailor a program for every student individually. We look at the whole person because every student is here for a different reason."

There are success stories. This year alone, five students were on stage with their graduating peers earlier this month and they weren't the first Academy students to receive their diploma. Additionally, another student or two might finish this summer and be eligible for graduation as well.

Those youngsters represent role models for other Academy students. "It's not just talk that you can succeed here. Students see other students succeeding and that can help push them to do that as well. Success can breed success. We're flourishing here."

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NECC President Lane Glenn (left) and NECC Alumni Association Chairperson Bill Klueber (center) present Jason Moury with the college's Outstanding Alumni Award.

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es they have. You saw some of the kids crying (Tuesday) night after the vote. I did my best to reassure them we will do everything we can to make sure next year is a great year."

Murphy also explained it is important for everyone involved "to do some strategic planning, to do what we can to get the biggest bang for every buck we have."

The School Committee chairman said plans to establish an ad hoc committee including wide variety of community members will be crucial to setting the district's course and strengthening the credibility of its leaders.

"The community is critical in restoring trust and faith in the work we do in our schools," he said.

"But there are two important points I'd like to make," Murphy continued.

"First, we only lost by 47 votes out of more than 900 cast. It was very, very close. It was a great turnout. And it's encouraging that we know we have a base of support to build on."

"Finally," he concluded, "I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to try to get this passed. I especially want to thank the students who stood outside with signs and

who have been so supportive throughout this process. People need to know we have some really great kids in this town."

Superintendent Steven Haddad said in the wake of Tuesday's vote he was "not looking forward to having to tell a dozen people their jobs are gone."

Haddad had warned the jobs of eight teachers and four support staff would have to be cut if the override failed. The superintendent is in the process of trying to determine exactly which educators will be cut. Among the support staff facing the loss of their jobs are two part-time secretaries, one 10-month secretary, and a part-time custodian.

"We're doing our best to reconstitute a middle school team," said Haddad. "But right now, it looks like we may be losing a middle school math and science teacher. We will also likely be losing a middle school special education teacher, along with cutting the consumer science class and a music teacher at the high school. At the moment, it's sort of a shell game. We probably won't know exactly who will be cut for few more weeks."

When asked how the atmosphere was at school district headquarters Wednesday morning, Haddad said, "Very quiet. It's very quiet."



Combined awards banquet recognizes athletes

The combined spring sports banquet held earlier this month recognized the pictured athletes with their awards. Those unable to attend included from JV softball Chloe Lawrence (Most

Improved); from JV baseball offensive MVP Nate Michaud and defensive MVP Thomas Adonteng.

Jeff Millman photos



Will Iannacone was named MVP for varsity baseball.



A Coach's Award for varsity baseball went to Alex Marshall



A Coach's Award for varsity baseball went to Jack Polcari



Allison Cobiski was named MVP for JV-middle school softball



Coaches Award for JV softball was awarded to Erica Lashua



The Coach's Award for middle school baseball went to Jake Ross



Varsity softball likes to do a different take on the awards, and chose Emily Smith as its Iron Girl this year.



Varsity softball named Maria Polcari as its slugger.



The "Murdock Blue" award for varsity softball went to Sydnie St. Pierre



MVP for the boys' track team was Jordan Manuel



Coaches Award for track was presented to Richard Swanson



Cameron LaPlaca was awarded as Most Improved for track



Justin Thira was awarded recognition as Most Improved for track



Recognized as Best New Runner for varsity track was Briahna Bouchard



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Most Improved for girls' varsity track was Lilly Digman



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enthusiasts, and people tossed candy to the sidelines for the kids to scoop up. The Murdock Middle/High School cheerlead-

ers showed their school pride accompanied with a "Go Blue Devils!" sign. There was even a special appearance by Ronald McDonald, bringing joy and a sense of sentimentality to the parade.

Live music by Haywire & Corey Knapp kept the beat of

the rest of the day's festivities. Local vendors sold jewelry, toys, crocheted goods, food, and greeted everyone with a warm smile. The Clark presented a basket raffle that included themes for cooking, summer fun, movie night, and more. The kids enjoyed

giant inflatables, a petting zoo, face painting, and train rides. There were also field games going on throughout the afternoon, including tug of war and tic tac toe relay.

Though the sun was hot, the community gathered for the time honored tradi-

tion of the annual Summer Solstice Festival for 21st time. Winchendon has officially welcomed in all that summer has to offer, so let the good times continue to roll.

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Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed., July 5 at 7:35 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the request from Keith & Chris Paquet of 34 Colony Rd. Westminster MA 01473 to modify Special Permit #15-01 dated March 4, 2015 issued for their property located at 379 School St. Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 2D1 Parcel 2. Modification request is for an addition of a garage and storage area and to allow for the sale of recreational vehicles, lawn and garden equipment and used vehicles. Said property is located in the C-2 Neighborhood Commercial District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.
BY: Cynthia Carville, Chair
Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals
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June 23, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mark Paoluccio to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated January 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38200, Page 362, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-PR2 Trust dated March 27, 2012 and recorded with said registry on April 9, 2012 at Book 48797 Page 153, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 p.m. on July 19, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Linden Street a/k/a 8 Linden Street, #10, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated on Linden Street and bounded and described as follows:
COMMENCING on the Southeasterly corner of lot on Linden Street at corner of land now or formerly owned by Ann Weber; thence
Westerly on line, parallel with, and 2 feet from a shed attached to barn on said Weber premises, 89 feet to an iron post in line of one now or formerly owned by John Bourgault; thence
Northerly on said Bourgault line 28 feet more or less to an iron post; thence
Westerly on line of Bourgault land 42 feet more or less, to an iron pin in line of Baptist Church; thence
Northerly in line of Baptist Church 88 feet, more or less, to an iron post in line of property now or formerly owned by Max Aronoff; thence easterly
On line of Aronoff to iron pin in line of Linden Street; thence
On line of Linden Street Southerly to point of beginning 109 feet, more or less.
For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38200, Page 360.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water

and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-PR2 TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
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June 23, 2017
June 30, 2017
July 7, 2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO-17P-1782-EA Estate of: ELAINE MARIE FRANK Also Known As: ELAINE M. FRANK Date Of Death: August 12, 2016 INFORMAL PROBATE INFORMATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert L Frank of Columbia SC** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Robert L Frank of Columbia SC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be

filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
June 23, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 002568 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Gary M. Tusia; Angelic M. Tusia and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered **76 Krantz Road**, given by **Gary M. Tusia and Angelic M. Tusia to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A.**, dated **May 9, 2003**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **30063**, Page **352**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 17, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on June 5, 2017
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Very few are ever happy with the weather

Every year we have four seasons, and everybody has their favorite. Some like it hot, some like it cold, and then there is the ever growing group of people who complain no matter what the weather.

Here in the North East our weather can really run the gamut. Just barely a few weeks ago it was 45 degrees, and I awoke to needing to turn the heat back on just to reach the mid 60s in our home. Only a few days later we reached the low to mid 90s several days in a row. Here in New England nature can seemingly flip a virtual switch, going from an Arctic conveyor to mid-Atlantic temps at the drop of a hat.

Now here is where it gets good. Not long ago I was in Hannaford Supermarket just over the state border. While standing in line I could hear people saying, "Wow, it is really just too hot outside, this is crazy." I will be honest; it was

hard to keep a straight face.

Just last month in May we had plenty of below normal temperature days. I heard many people at various public places saying, "When is it ever going to warm up outside!" Well it finally did and you got what you wanted so quit your, "Well you know." LOL.

Here is the truth. No matter what the weather is in New England, there are plenty who will never be happy with it. Not enough sun, too much sun, not enough rain, too much rain, too cold, too hot, it never stops. Talk about free entertainment, you can't make this stuff up.

Now hot and cold all depend on where you live and where you grew up. Think it gets hot here, try Phoenix, AZ. It's not uncommon for Phoenix residents to see 120° or more throughout a portion of the year. American Airlines which even has transport planes designed for up to 118



ANYTHING NEAR & FAR KEITH KENT

just had to cancel a bunch of flights there as the local weather again peaked out at 120 or slightly above. Their heat is bone dry, and as my cousin will jokingly tell you one can fry much more than just eggs on the sidewalk all the way up to Las Vegas. But tell you what, in January or February when temps dip down to the low 60s, many Southwest locals not only cry it's too cold out, but run for their sweaters and sweat shirts.

Want to know how you can spot a snowbird from the North East in central to upper Florida

during the winter months? Just look for the folks who are out walking around in a t-shirt and shorts when it's in the mid-50s. Even funnier, here in the North East when it's in the low 30's on an October day locals can often be heard saying, "Oh my God it's so cold outside" but when you have the same temperature in February or March many smile and say, "Wow, it's really nice out today."

How about the dreaded four letter S-word, "Snow?" Here in north central Mass we average about 60 inches per year with some much higher like few winters ago when we got five feet in just five weeks, or others when we only obtained 30 inches along with a lot of freezing rain. Go north of the notch in the New Hampshire White Mountains and many will tell you it is not uncommon to see 200 inches of snow or more in the Presidential range. Yes, that's 16 feet to 20 feet.

For me personally, if I don't have to shovel it up, roof rake it, snow blow it, clean off my vehicle, or have it plowed, I don't care what the temp is outside it's a really good day. Rain, no big deal. I once had a plant manager tell me, "Any day off is a good day off no matter what the weather is." There is a lot of truth in that.

Finally, I truly regret not becoming a weather forecaster in my youth. To be able to have a job where you can be wrong 50 percent of the time or more and not get fired, is a remarkable calling. However, truth be told let's be honest, it's a tough job with computer models contradicting each other far more than politicians in our nation's capital. So, I see it this way. If I get up to read the paper and my editor at the Courier hasn't put my name in the obits, I don't care what the weather is, it's a beautiful day.

MARGARET

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"We needed someone with a light personality, and that certainly describes Margaret."

Daigle explained that "Margaret was only part-time when she first was hired, but with the growth of services and the need to broadcast meetings, her position eventually became full time."

Daigle said the period in 2015 following the departure of then-Town Manager James Kreidler and a complete turnover in the Board of Selectmen "was a really tough time for both of us."

"We didn't have a town manager and we had to take on a lot of that responsibility. She and I supported each other through it. I don't know what I'd have done if she wasn't here."

Current Town Manager Keith Hickey said Giocobone was indispensable when it came to helping him make the transition from town manager in New Hampshire to the same position in Massachusetts.

"It was important to have both Linda and Margaret here," said Hickey. "Margaret really helped me adjust to the different requirements for certain things here in Massachusetts. She helped me avoid a lot of land mines."

"Her familiarity with the people in town was also invaluable," he said. "She knew the people who were likely stopping in to discuss a particular issue or problem, and those who were just stopping by to say 'hi,' who were just checking in, as it were. Margaret was able to help handle various problems and provide information people were looking for. That helped me concentrate on the things that really needed my attention."

"I never got the sense that she was judging a situation," said Daigle. "She understood where people were coming from. She was the face of the town manager's office."

When asked what she'd miss most with Giocobone's departure, Daigle said simply, "The friendship."

"She's such a caring person," said Hickey. "She cares about how you're doing. She wants to help wherever and whenever she can. There aren't enough people like that in this world."

Giocobone's husband, Carl, has worked in the planning department in Templeton for the past six years. The couple are both retiring and moving to Connecticut.

Lindsay Kuchta, who has been working in the town's planning department, has been named Giocobone's replacement.

GOBI

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housing program.

"As we reflected on sacrifices made by veterans at Memorial Day ceremonies, it is so important that we also support the veterans who are still with us," said Senator Gobi. "Cathy's House and MVOC provide critical services and I was

glad to join with Senator Flanagan to make sure that Women veterans are not forgotten."

"I am grateful for my colleagues in the legislature who helped Senator Gobi and I pass this crucial amendment," said Senator Flanagan. "MVOC does invaluable work that needs to be supported, praised, and replicated."

Cathy's House is a

transitional/permanent-supportive housing option that offers a safe and healthy home environment for women veterans in need of support services. The home houses up to eight residents, who each have their own room and a shared common living area. The residents also share responsibilities around the house under the oversight of a staff case manager and

resident house manager. "We are very grateful for the continued work and advocacy that Senators Gobi and Flanagan do on behalf of MVOC and all veterans," said William Edson, executive director of MVOC. "Their recent efforts to secure funding for the MVOC housing program at Cathy's House was critical to the mission of providing continued sup-

port services to homeless women veterans. Without their dedicated partnership in securing this funding, these services simply would not exist. We are all very fortunate to have such great representation in Senators Gobi and Flanagan at the State House." Residents are able to participate in all MVOC therapeutic activities and programs. It is within

walking distance to the MVOC's Stallings Campus Outreach Center, local stores, banks, a library, and a YMCA.

Funding for this program was also included in the House of Representative's final budget at the same amount so it will be included in the final budget delivered to the Governor for signature.

COLEMANS

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known as Sterling College and Wichita State University) in 1905.

Curt Raymond said he first became interested in Coleman products during the ice storm of 2008.

"My wife's grandfather gave me his Coleman lantern and stove," he said. "While most of my neighbors had to leave their homes for a few days, we were able to cook and heat water for bathing. It made a big impression on me."

Raymond characterizes himself as a Coleman enthusiast rather than collector, even though he owns 63 lanterns.

"I like to pick up old ones and work on them," he says. "Other people have collections that put mine to shame."

"After 1924 the company began dating their lanterns by year, with the designation "A" or "B," said Raymond. "Sometime after the '30s they began including the month of manufacture on them. A lot of people try to collect the lantern that corresponds to their birth-

day. I have three of them. I've been trying to find one for my wife but haven't been able yet to track one down."

Raymond said the first day of the convention will run from noon to 5 p.m. On Friday, June 23rd, the convention will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the public will be allowed in at noon. Saturday the 24th will be a half-day event, which will conclude with a charity auction.

"The auction will include a little bit of everything," said Raymond. "Of course, there will be a lot of Coleman items available but, more generally, it will be camping specific."

When asked why they chose Old Murdock as the site for the convention, Curt Raymond said he needed to find a venue of about 3,000 square feet, and the second-floor auditorium fit the bill.

"It's a good size," said Angie Raymond, "but I wanted to choose just because it's such a beautiful building."

According to Curt Raymond, most of the convention attendees will be camping out "along the entire north loop of Lake Denison." Shining a light on Colemans right here in Toy Town

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Solstice highlights

From baby piglets to high flying bounce obstacle courses, hand drawn yarn to fried dough; the annual Summer Solstice had something for everyone. The main attraction is the Clark Memorial YMCA event, but the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon at the other end of the block also does an event, filling its lawn with vendors and food; the book sale

for the Beals Memorial Library and plants by the Garden Club. The parade, the races and yes, even the weather all made it a great event. Kiwanis food booth was busy, the music by local talent was appreciated.

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Annual festival draws crowds

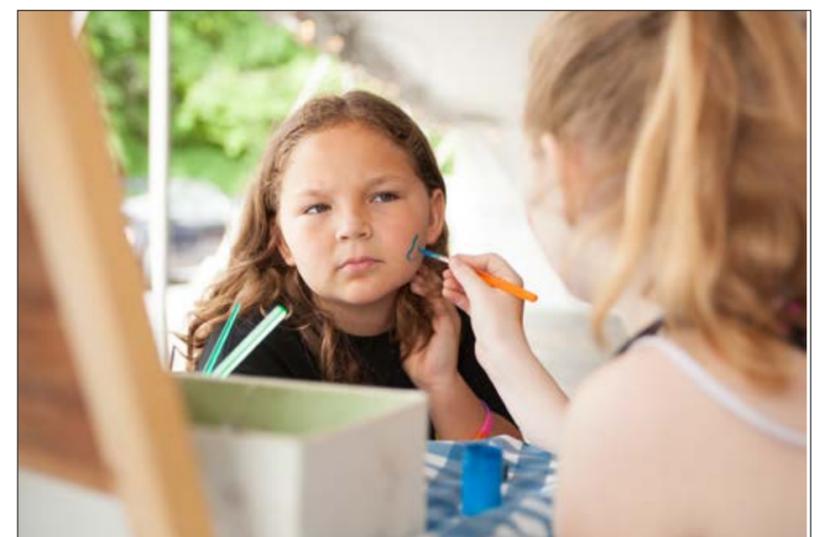
BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The annual Strawberry Fest at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church brought in crowds yet again this year, drawing in people of all ages over Father's Day Weekend. Besides the fresh and enticing strawberry shortcake and other delicious delicacies, there were activities for the whole family over the Festival's three-day run.

Children got their faces painted with cute and colorful designs, played carnival style games, including a dart toss, for prizes, and could stuff their own plush bear to take home with them. The adults participated in a ticket auction, themed basket drawing, and an auction. There were homemade baked goods, shortcake, burgers, and more to tantalize the taste buds of happy festival-goers.

Laughter floated through the air as families and friends enjoyed the annual Strawberry Fest for another successful year. With smiles and satisfied stomachs full of the famous summertime dessert, the community welcomed the start of Summer with strawberries and fun.

Mat Plamondon photos





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