

**Town meeting: May 16 7 p.m. MHS auditorium • childcare available**

## Troublesome buildings getting attention of officials

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Until now, the town has lacked a policy on how to deal with vacant, dilapidated and abandoned buildings in town. That may soon change.

Fire Chief Tom Smith present selectmen at their meeting Monday night with a proposed “Vacant and Abandoned Building Policy” to deal with what a growing number of residents say is a problem in town.

A preamble to the policy

says, “Unsecured, vacant, and abandoned buildings present danger to the safety and welfare of public safety officers and the public and, as such, constitute a public nuisance.”

The purpose of the policy, it states, is to “minimize hazards to public safety personnel inspecting or entering such buildings by preventing unauthorized persons from gaining entry to abandoned and vacant buildings.”

An abandoned building is defined as “a vacant building, the ownership responsibilities

of which have been surrendered or relinquished, whether intentionally or by failure to occupy and maintain such property; or buildings, structures and premises, for which the owner cannot be identified or located...which persistently or repeatedly becomes unprotected or unsecured or which are or have been occupied by unauthorized persons.”

A dangerous building is “any unoccupied building that has been neglected and deteriorated or abandoned, vacated, unsecured or open to weather

to such an extent that it is a danger or potential danger to life or property.”

The proposed policy also states that any building that remains unoccupied or empty for 21 or more consecutive days will be considered vacant, as will any building with “dilapidated walls, roof or doors which fail to prevent the entry of a trespasser.”

The policy requires property owners to obtain a certificate of building closure. To obtain the certificate, property owners may be told to meet a num-

ber of requirements, including providing a set of floor plans of the building in question, securing all windows and door openings, the posting of “No Trespassing” signs, and the maintaining of liability insurance on the building.

Owners could also be required to post a \$5,000 bond to cover any expenses the town might incur as a result of “inspecting, securing, marking or making such building safe.”

Failure to comply with pro-

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## Transparency is key to town budget

WINCHENDON — When you look at the grand total of the town budget recommendation by Town Manager Keith Hickey and see \$28,009,693; you might first think he has gone on quite the spending spree.

But Hickey has the theory that people would rather see every single line item their tax dollars pay for; not a multi-page confusion without resolution.

With that in mind, the four page summary in the center of Hickey’s line item budget includes everything from general government and the schools to state assessments and debt service.

“It’s the only way. Now you see what it really costs, where the money goes,” he said.

Drilling deeper, he explained changes in line items within some departments including a zero line item this year in the town manager’s personnel because there is no need for vacation buy back or a town manager education incentive or a town manager cell phone.

“Those are not in my contract,” he said simply. “And I am not leaving to need to buy back any vacation time.”

There is an addition to the Finance Committee’s line, as they are now responsible for hiring the town’s auditing firm. And under accountant personnel is a line for a consultant, though with the hiring of a new town accountant, Hickey said

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Greg Vine photos

Members of the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture listen to testimony at Tuesday’s hearing on a plan to introduce timber rattlesnakes to Mt. Zion Island in Quabbin Reservoir. Media from around the state were on hand to cover the hearing.

## Hearing rattles many at Athol

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

ATHOL — Some 200 people packed the auditorium at Athol’s town hall Tuesday for what was billed as an oversight hearing on the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife’s plan to establish a timber rattlesnake habitat on Mt. Zion Island in the Quabbin Reservoir. The hearing was organized by the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture at the behest of State Senator Anne Gobi

(D-Spencer), the Senate chair of the committee, as well as the House Chair Rep. Paul Schmid III (D-Westport).

The plan to locate the rattlesnake habitat on the island near the south end of the reservoir has drawn criticism from anglers, as well as those who hike the lands around Quabbin. There is fear the snakes could make it off the island, thus putting those who use the reservoir for recreation at risk.

Matthew Beaton, the Baker administration’s Secretary of the Executive Office of

Energy and Environmental Affairs, began the hearing by saying he was sorry for a lack of public input on the plan.

“I want to apologize for a lack of public engagement,” said Beaton. He added he was working to put together “a working group to engage with the committee, the public and stakeholders to protect this endangered species.”

“We’re embarking on a public dialogue,” said Beaton. “Hopefully once that process is described and the

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## Winchendon benefits from Zlotnik inclusion

BOSTON — State Representative Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) was instrumental in including two pieces of funding into the proposed House budget that directly affects the town of Winchendon.

The first proposes \$50,000 in planning funds for the redesign of the Blair Square intersection. Preliminary work has been done on the intersection, which includes Front, Spring and Central streets; and with the intent of construction by Cumberland Farms on the same corner within months, Zlotnik said the timing was right for the proposed rede-

sign.

Plans are for a modified roundabout.

Also benefiting from Zlotnik’s proposal is the women’s residence for veterans, Cathy’s House. The site stands to have a grant of some \$124,000 toward operating costs.

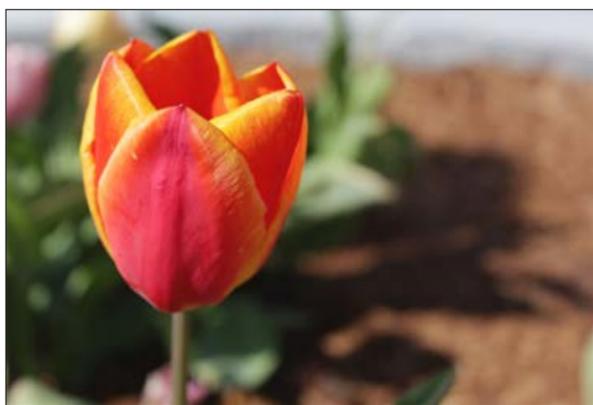
The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted on its version of the proposed fiscal year 2017 budget April 27. The budget now moves to the Senate for consideration.

This budget contains no new taxes or increased fees. It also reduces the state’s reliance on one-time revenue sources

and, for the second consecutive year, does not withdraw any resources from the State’s stabilization account. The projected deposits into this account are in excess of \$200,000,000.

“This budget exercises fiscal discipline, is in line with the Governor’s proposal and makes important investments in our Commonwealth,” said Zlotnik. “In addition, I think it is important to note that every Democrat and every Republican voted for its passage. In a time where partisan bickering is causing gridlock

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### AFTER APRIL SHOWERS...

It may have been a mild winter, but the rainy spring certainly made up for that. Pops of color like this are now brightening our days, even if they are a bit late, swirling open in May instead of the traditional March or April. A May flower indeed.



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### WEEKLY QUOTE

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Anne Frank

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**TM backs off rate hikes...a little**  
BY DEE VINE  
WINDCHENDON — The cost of water and sewer service in the town of Winchendon is locked on the line, but not quite as steeply as originally anticipated.

**Local teens up with Dazed**  
BY JERRY CARTER  
WINDCHENDON — It's called the Dazed for Youth Campaign. It's aimed for next November, but the Winchendon Community Center is already in the process of planning for it.

**Upcoming event highlights struggles with darkness**  
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**Keeping families intact, and in home**  
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**School keep increases in check**  
WINDCHENDON — Two contracts have been ratified by the Winchendon Teachers Association, but they both keep any increases in pay well below the allowed 2.5 percent for the next year.

**Earth Day Saturday**  
The annual clean up is slated 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Toy Town with the big dumpster located on Pleasant Street near Veterans Park.

**Weekly Quote**  
"A man can do all things if he but wills them."  
— Leon Battista Alberti

# Monty Tech building trades students get hands-on training

FITCHBURG — Seniors in the building trades taught at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School recently participated in a five-day hands-on training program focusing on preparing them to move into well-paying jobs in a variety of construction fields.

Students in house carpentry, HVAC and property maintenance, masonry, electrical and plumbing received 30 hours of pre-apprenticeship training in a variety of careers in transportation and the highway construction industry.

This statewide program, which is currently being held in 15 voc-tech schools, is sponsored by the Massachusetts Construction Career Development Pre-Apprenticeship Program in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the New England Laborers' Union.

The program seeks to educate students and young adults about the diverse career pathways available in the state in transportation and the highway construction industry. Students received hands-on instruction in and information about many aspects of the



Courtesy photo

Monty Tech senior building trades students, from left, Connor Welsh of Barre, Skylar Gaulin of Fitchburg and William Clukay of Winchendon, practice constructing a small-scale interlocking block wall used in highway construction projects.

construction fields, such as unions, apprenticeship programs, health and safety, workers' benefits, and simulated construction practices.

Students were also able to speak with representatives of various trades and educational institutions about apprenticeship applications and post-secondary education opportunities.

All instructors are members of the New England Laborers' Training Academy in Hopkinton.

The last day of the pro-

gram consisted of hands-on demonstrations of skills the students acquired during the week. Working in teams of five, each team was given a set of plans and specifications. Under the leadership of New England Laborers' Training Academy instructors, students were responsible for constructing and presenting their projects to school administration.

Uppender Gupta of Holden and Christian Cormier of Gardner, both seniors in Monty Tech's HVAC and property maintenance program, were learning about road surveying and elevation. They were using an auto level, tripod and story pole to calculate elevation. "Calculating elevation is one of the first and extremely important steps on any MassDOT highway work project," said Tommy Lemon, program field coordinator and instructor. Both students said they never experienced this type of work and really liked it. "I love it. I think I will apply to the labor union when I graduate," said Uppender.

Another group of students was building a small-scale interlocking block wall. Blocks, weighing anywhere from 500 to 1,000 pounds, are used for soil retention on actual highway work projects. Others were learning about manhole brick inverts used to redirect water or sewage underneath highways.

According to Lemon, the program was created to help fill the gap in a variety of construction jobs due to an aging workforce.

"Many currently working in these fields are nearing retirement age, and skilled workers are needed to replace them. When attaining apprenticeship status in these jobs, workers earn good wages, along with pension, annuity and health benefits without college debt," he said.

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**BUZZER BEATER!**  
CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!



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## LIONS RECOGNIZE YOUNG AMBASSADORS

A program of the Lions International recognizes service, academics and involvement for young people and the local Winchendon Lions knew they had winners on their hands when reading the applications from Murdock High School.

Police Chief David Walsh said the choice was difficult, but Chandler Torres-Pagan, at Walsh's right, was chosen as the award winner. At her right is Phylicia Shippey who was also honored. Lions members Ken LaBrack and Deidre Holt, and not pictured Vicky LaBrack were on hand for the presentation. Not available for the ceremony was a third recipient of the honors, Haley Jandris.

The Murdock guidance department recommended the students.

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## EDITORIAL

## It's no mistake

If this is the first time you've looked at the Winchendon Courier, welcome. If you are an old friend, thanks for coming back.

We have been around for more than 130 years, covering local news, the schools, politics, boards and committees, events, sports...the stuff that makes this town a great place to be.

We want you all to enjoy life in a small town, and this is one place to come to find out what is happening on a regular basis. We try to keep our calendar: Clyde's Corner, as current as possible so if you have something happening let us know and we will add it.

Our classified section is a busy place, and yard sale ads are FREE so if you want to let your neighbors know you have plans for one, let us know and we will let the rest of Toy Town know.

We accept announcements for engagements, births and weddings. We love hearing about milestones like graduations and honor rolls.

All these are considered news.

Unlike the big newspapers, that continue to charge for these "services" in order to keep themselves alive, we are a community-based newspaper and this is news for us. We encourage you to send it to us. Pictures are even better!

We love our children and we love school news. Events at the schools, special programs, sports, we try to keep up with our youngsters are doing. These are the future of our community; we want to keep them in our sights.

Now that we have explained ourselves a bit, let us remind you about Monday, which is why this issue is coming to you free of charge.

It's the annual town meeting.

It's why we are a New England democracy; the essence of one man, one vote.

The town meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Unlike many in the past, this one isn't full of contentious possibilities, but it is still very, very important. We need to pass the money stuff, the budgets.

And the articles that gives the selectmen the right to trade off some public property to the private school for some other, larger piece of property.

Is it a good swap?

Perhaps.

We are withholding a firm hurra on this one and here's why:

There are no firm plans for the land, though perhaps that is premature until the town owns it. Still, is there a real need for the town to own 43 acres of property with three buildings with a "Possible" future use to us?

What funding liabilities will be borne by the town once we own it? We know there will be some insurance needs for the buildings; liability insurance for the property itself and it fronts water. We haven't yet seen any cost estimates for what this might cost taxpayers.

Will it become a burden for public safety personnel? We have already heard of problems there.

And finally, while we do have a Redevelopment Authority that could conceivably look into selling parcels of that property instead of retaining it all for the town's use, is that what we want to do? That might be a good idea in the long run, so the town has more control over just who develops the area, with an eye to over 55 apartments or such; but is this a business the town should be in?

So, those are our reservations.

And if there are better reasons to own it than not own it, we would be pleased with the idea. Open space is never a bad idea.

So please, remember to come to the town meeting, all residents of Winchendon can participate if they are registered voters.

And there is going to be childcare this year courtesy of student groups at the high school.

Come be part of democracy in action.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## OWC: spring drive successful

To the Editor:

Spring has arrived and everyone seems to be very busy. We want to thank those people who showed up for Operation Winchendon Cares "Spring Is in the Air & Summer Isn't Far Behind" Drive. We were able to send out 21 packages!

As always, a huge "thank you" to the American Legion Post 193 for the use of their hall and donation of postage for the packages. Thank you also to the Sweet Treat Bakery for the delicious shrink wrapped cookies that Marcus delivers with a smile on his face and to the Blue Star Mothers for the Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards.

A special thank you to our volunteers who made the packing go very quickly: Joni Gorecki, Susan & Tom Hadley, Mark Robichaud, and Ann Marie Slomcheck.

Thank you to everyone who donated: Anonymous Woman; Broadview Residents & Mary Ellen Mansfield; Joni Gorecki; Coral Grout; Susan &

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Everyone else, we might have missed.

Please remember to check out our website ([www.winchendoncares.com](http://www.winchendoncares.com)) and the Operation Winchendon Cares Facebook page for updated news. Our next mailing will be the beginning of August.

LINDA & LARRY SORDONI  
OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES

## WEC: encouraging passage

To the Editor:

We encourage you to attend the Winchendon town meeting on Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Murdock Middle High School and vote for the Selectmen to take the next steps toward acquiring the Ingleside property. We believe this is a golden opportunity for Winchendon to take its future into its own hands, at little to no cost. We hope many of you feel the same. Now is the time for your voice to be heard.

In 2013, the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation gathered about 100 residents to identify new possibilities for the town and help make them happen. Soon after that meeting, we learned the Winchendon School was selling the 43+ acre Ingleside property on Whitney Pond. It seemed this property was a good fit for the town's vision as spelled out in its Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan. We wondered whether townspeople would feel the same way.

After many outreach meetings with town and community committees and boards, an open house was held at the property in the fall of 2014. Over 2,000 people attended and showed great interest. Robinson-Broadhurst provided funding for a Master Plan, illustrating that over a period of years, this property can be developed with grant funding and volunteer work. But, the town was not in a position to purchase the property in 2014.

In 2015, the financial situation looked

even worse. Still, over 2,500 people attended a Fall Festival at Ingleside that year, and continued to be enthusiastic.

A breakthrough came this year when the School Department released the Marvin School to the town. The Winchendon School Trustees are willing to work with the town on a swap.

A YES vote on Article 14 would authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Marvin School. A YES vote on a referendum would show the Selectmen the town stands in support of acquiring Ingleside. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Winchendon residences.

We look forward to the privilege of working with the Selectmen and the community to make this dream a reality. Please see the town's website for more information.

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## Whoa Cowboy!

OK. We have whittled down a long list of candidates and we have standing at the end, the two we seem to have liked the least.

Be honest, we didn't dislike Bush, Kasich, O'Malley, and the others. Turns out they just didn't have the "it" factor. We like the entertainment factor in politics now. We started to lose interest in capability around the time Bush Jr campaigned. We certainly lost all interest in previous and measurable experience when Obama ran. And now we have reached to pinnacle of fecklessness running Trump over Clinton.

People are dug in without having heard or studied and program planned for either candidate's presidency... because essentially we haven't been viewed as smart enough to ask for, or see examples, of detail about anything. So far we have given them both policy free rides.

Yet we have people threatening to move out of the country if one or the other wins. From where I sit, if I were the winner I would send a free passport, airline ticket and some walk around money to these idiots the day after the election. But that is for a different column.



## NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK  
BLAIR

Everybody thinks they need to have a strongly held position now and announce their favorites. Well I have some advice for you. Making a decision today is infantile. We have months before November to clearly, deeply

vent these two candidates. On voting day we will have a great deal more information.

Both candidates I think have skeletons we have not yet seen. We need to know what those are. Since Clinton and Trump are gutter fighters I think this stuff will be coming at us fast and furious.

Both candidates have some serious successes in their pasts, probably some that have not yet been trotted out for your consideration.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we just all sorted to move forward seriously and maturely and await months of informa-

tion yet to be displayed before making a final decision, one which by that time will be based on a lot more than the vaudeville behavior we have witnessed these past many months.

Barring something really unexpected one of these two flawed candidates will be our president. Neither of them will probably be popular presidents but one of them will be there anyway.

So our goal seems to be to select the least worst of two unattractive hombies!

## Basing our hopes on understanding and tolerance

By coincidence, May is National Mental Health month and this week's Courier is being distributed to every household in town. Forgive me then, for climbing back on my soapbox to talk a little bit about this issue because we simply don't talk about it enough.

For far too long you see, discussion of mental health has been relegated to the shadows as if it's a communicable disease better off not mentioned. Progress is being made yes, and that's good, but at the same time, as a society, we're woefully inadequate when it comes to providing faster access to treatment, especially emergency treatment.

In the 21st century, that's indefensible. We need to do better. For starters, hospital ERs need to be able to assess patients faster. Sitting around waiting hours to see a clinician, especially when someone's in crisis, isn't acceptable. Waiting as long as a month or more to see a therapist isn't acceptable. Isn't investing in mental health worth it to

our society? I sure think so. At the same time, we need to continue the fight to erase the stigma surrounding mental illnesses. Depression, bi-polar disorders and all the rest are illnesses just like cancer or diabetes. There are still far too many reflexive assumptions about people who are suffering from them and God knows there's nowhere near enough legitimate support nor understanding. We simply need to do better and we need to be better to each other. Period.

Which brings me to this: the xenophobia, racism, and pure hatred we've all seen too much of this primary season. Most of it has surrounded Donald Trump's beyond-improbable campaign and it's been far beyond distressing to



## JOURNEY

## OF THE HEART

JERRY  
CARTON

base and The Donald sure has catered to his.

The problem has been that what he's been selling, and what they've been eagerly and enthusiastically buying goes against the ideals of inclusiveness and tolerance which are supposed to be part of the foundation of the Republic. We fought a Civil War over bigotry and racism, remember? Therefore, as frightening as the prospect of a President Trump may be, what's even more terrifying is that many of his supporters truly are

filled with frothing-at-the-mouth rage towards those who aren't like them, and as well towards government on every level, except of course when governments pass laws like that despicable bathroom bill in North Carolina. Those governments are just fine by Trump backers.

As for Trump himself, who knows what he really believes or how he'd actually govern? There's no question numerous "Establishment" Republican leaders like the Bushes are withholding support in part because, (in the case of the Bushes, they're pissed Jeb lost), and others in part because Trump isn't one of their club members, but also (I'd like to idealistically believe) because they're genuinely fearful of a Trump presidency. He's erratic, uninformed and has shown no interest in boning up on policy. The question becomes, if Republican primary voters gravitated

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# Should you join the Gig economy?

Today, our standard work-day isn't so standard anymore and we're talking more about "gigs" — alternative work arrangements that often depend on the latest technology and a desire to set one's own schedule and pay. However, the question is whether everyone plans for the reality of the work or the impact self-employment in any form can have on his or her long-term finances.

Gig workers — a broad spectrum that includes temporary help agency workers, on-call employees, contract company workers, independent contractors and freelancers — were measured as a startling and growing economic force in a March study by Harvard and Princeton researchers ([https://krueger.princeton.edu/sites/default/files/akrueger/files/katz\\_krueger\\_cws\\_march\\_29\\_20165.pdf](https://krueger.princeton.edu/sites/default/files/akrueger/files/katz_krueger_cws_march_29_20165.pdf)). According to their measurements, this diverse group of earners that made up 10.1

percent of the workforce in February 2005 has grown to nearly 16 percent as of late 2015.

Anyone thinking about going into business in place of or in addition to their day job should consider a planning period with the help of a qualified financial or tax expert. Major issues to cover include:

Consider qualified tax and financial advice. Switching to gig work — even if you find lucrative contract work in your field — can be an enormous shock to your finances. Cash flow can be irregular, disrupting budgets and long-term savings. It's a good idea to get some qualified financial and tax advice so you understand the changes you might face and to keep major financial goals like retirement and college savings on track.

Setting up a business structure: While most gig economy participants settle on a sole proprietorship or some form



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of limited liability company (LLC) business structure, (<https://www.sba.gov/start-up-business/choose-your-business-structure>) the choice needs to be carefully considered based on your particular business activity, overall tax situation and other financial factors unique to you. This is probably one of the most important reasons to seek out qualified tax, legal or financial expertise — the level of personal or property risk inherent in your choice might call for a structure that offers additional protection against lawsuits or insurance claims.

Think carefully about your

benefits... Unless you fit a particular group exempt (<https://www.healthcare.gov/health-coverage-exemptions/exemptions-from-the-fee/>) from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or are insured by a spouse or partner, you'll have to invest in health-care insurance for yourself or consider the cost of being uninsured. This is a particularly important expense to plan in advance based on your health needs and the type of affordable coverage that's available. Get referrals on qualified health insurance agents to get a full range of choices. And most of all, make a plan to keep saving and investing your money for long-term goals. Walking away from a weekly check can make that process tougher — talk about it and plan for it.

Track your spending and planning carefully. If you don't budget or track your expenses now, it's time to start. Being in business entitles you to certain deductions for home office expenses, equipment and other costs related to your work. So whether you use a specific software program or a computer spreadsheet or paper and pen to track your expenses, do so regularly to avoid missing items that could eventually save you money. If you're work-

ing with a tax professional or financial planner, coordinate this recordkeeping with the work they're doing for you. Also keep a constant discussion going about saving for the future, including retirement.

Make sure you're really right for this. With proper planning, the gig economy can be both enjoyable and challenging. You'll not only learn whether you can support yourself, but also whether you'll enjoy doing it long-term. Many of us dream of being our own boss, but reality can be very different, particularly when managing uneven earnings and cash flow common to many new companies. It's not just about business; it's about whether your lifestyle and personality traits (<https://hbr.org/2010/02/should-you-be-an-entrepreneur>) make you right for operating a business in this economy — or any economy.

Bottom line: Plenty of people find themselves dealing either by choice or necessity with the brave new world of "gig" work. It's important to approach it as a financial and lifestyle decision on par with starting a business.

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## There's too much secrecy in government

We have a secrecy problem. This may seem odd to say during an era in which the most intimate details of individuals' lives are on display. Yet government is moving behind closed doors, and this is definitely the wrong direction.

### YOUR TURN

BY LEE H. HAMILTON

from learning all sorts of details about how the federal government conducts business.

Campaign contributors increasingly manage to avoid disclosure of their political activities. Government contractors are not subject to most of the transparency rules that affect federal agencies — even as more and more business is being done through contractors.

The 72 federal inspectors general who are appointed to ensure the efficiency and accountability of the agencies they oversee face constant efforts to limit their access to records. Routine information is classified and kept secret; members of Congress joke that what they've just read in a top-secret document was taken from the front page of the New York Times. Yet they themselves increasingly rely on omnibus spending bills — which are put together behind closed doors by a handful of leaders and congressional staff with no public scrutiny.

Most notably, of course, secrecy extends to national security issues. There are some government secrets that are necessary to protect, and a balance has to be struck between protecting national security and openness. But the presumption should be in favor of openness. Those who favor secrecy should make their case in public and not rely on the old adage, "Trust me."

Take the question of the U.S. drone program. The overall program may be necessary, and technical means, operational details, intelligence methods are all rightfully classified. But that should not be an excuse for hiding information from the American people about what we're

doing with drones. Do we want our resources spent on targeted killing programs? Who determines who gets killed? What's the evidence on which we base who gets killed? How many innocent people have been killed? The American people have a right to know what's going on. But we're being kept in the dark.

Openness is not a panacea, but it makes good government more likely. Representative democracy depends on our ability to know what's being done in our name. We cannot exercise the discriminating judgment required of citizens about politics, policies and politicians if we do not know what they're doing. Nor is it possible to maintain the checks and balances required under our Constitution without openness and transparency. We have to shine a bright light on the actions of public officials so that it's more likely they'll act with integrity. Justice Louis Brandeis gave perhaps the most famous formulation of this requirement in his 1913 statement, "[S]unlight is said to be the best disinfectant."

But Judge Damon Keith of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals put an exclamation point on the idea in a 2002 ruling that the government could not carry out secret deportation hearings without proving the need for secrecy. "Democracies," he wrote, "die behind closed doors."

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to Trump because of their enmity towards government, what will their reaction be if Donald God forbid wins and there is no wall and there aren't mass deportations? The answer — even more estrangement from government in an era where faith in virtually every institution is shaky. That estrangement is coming, too because it's, a) unlikely Trump will win the general, and b) no one's paying for that wall anyway. And no one's rounding up 11-12 million illegal aliens, either. Not in the real world. End of story.

I've been wrong about Trump all along, but I don't see how he pieces together a coalition to get to 270 electoral votes. Presidential elections are in truth 50 separate elections and Donald has, whether for show or not, alienated too many people to win. He can't simply flip that. The non-white vote, which cast 12-percent of the ballots in 1980, will cast about 30-percent this fall. Those demographics are bad for Trump. Very bad. He's going to lose. Yet, regardless of the probable outcome, the campaign is likely to be hideous. It is certain to be hideous because far too many Republicans down ballot are playing to voters' fears rather than hopes, just as Donald has done all year. That's no way to win elections and no way to heal wounds. Until they act like the rational Republicans of yore, the kind of Republicans who helped LBJ pass the Civil Rights bill, they will deserve the contempt the rest of us have for them. Where are the Republicans with integrity and courage to have the guts to tell their base hatred and venom solve nothing? Are such leaders out there? The rest of us are waiting, and hoping. See you next week.

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# Jaffrey planning a big bang!

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Jaffrey Airfield Silver Ranch and Atlas PyroVision has announced the return of the Jaffrey Festival of Fireworks! This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival. We welcome you to join us on Saturday, Aug. 20th for the Best Fireworks Festival in New England.

This year, Atlas will produce a 35 minute pyro-musical titled ~ Small Town...Big Dreams! This display will feature songs that remind us of small town America, family traditions and of course...a few surprises! Keeping in the tradition of giving back to our community, the festival organizers have committed to the Monadnock Adult Care Center as the non-profit host organization. This important organization provides critical care services to adults from across the Monadnock Region. Donations made to the Monadnock Adult Care Center in the online ticketing will be matched by the festival partners.

Come join us for a spectacular event including live entertainment, the roaming railroad, skydivers, games and lots of food for your enjoyment. The gates open at 3 p.m. and the fireworks begin at 9 p.m. The online ticketing is now available and please note that online tickets will increase after Aug. 12.

Entertainment includes 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Northern Stone; 6:40-7 p.m. sky divers; 7-9 p.m. Wyld Nightz band and fireworks should begin about 9 p.m.

Tickets available on line at [jaffreychamber.com](http://jaffreychamber.com) or at [atlaspyro.com](http://atlaspyro.com).



Greg Vine photo

## SHREK COMES TO TOY TOWN

Lyanna Laford (Princess Fiona), Patrick Cortis (Shrek), and Domenic Iannacone (Donkey) rehearse for this week's middle school presentation of Shrek Junior at the Murdock Middle School auditorium. The play will be performed Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5, senior citizens get in free. The event is supported by the Murdock Friends of Music.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

**FRIDAY MAY 13**  
**KIDS PROGRAMS:** Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit [winchendonlibrary.org](http://winchendonlibrary.org).  
**MONDAY, MAY 9**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

**TOY TOWN MARKET:** The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 15**  
**PIN SHOOT:** at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club every third Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On River Street/Winchendon Road on the Royalston line. For information call (978) 297-3955. Always looking for members!  
**MONDAY, MAY 16**  
**YOGA:** yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit [winchendonlibrary.org](http://winchendonlibrary.org).  
**TUESDAY, MAY 17**  
**STORY HOUR:** On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.  
**ADULT CRAFTS:** during the children's story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you'd like to attend but don't have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whomever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration.

but for information call (978) 297-0300.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**  
**BINGO!** Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 19**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT:** the next one at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. kicks off at 9 p.m. with host Ryan Murphy. Gather a group of friends and head on down to compete. Open to the public, held downstairs. Come find out what all the buzz is about.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 20**  
**OPEN MIC:** at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 21**  
**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC:** the annual event at Beals Memorial Library is scheduled 10-11 a.m. Bring a favorite stuffed animal and enjoy.  
**MUSIC!** Stepa21 at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. 8:30p.m.-midnight. This event is free! Come help celebrate Coopa's 21 birthday party!  
**SUNDAY, MAY 22**  
**HAWG HAULERS:** May 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, 169 Winchendon Road, swap

meet and flea market. Any and all items accepted; \$5 admission buyer or seller; no additional vendor fees. Declutter your attic or garage! Text or call JC at (978) 894-5752 or [swapmeet88@hotmail.com](mailto:swapmeet88@hotmail.com).

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**  
**FIRE SAFETY:** The Winchendon SEPAC invites you to our Fire Safety Night! On May 24th beginning at 6 p.m. at the Winchendon Fire Department on Central Street. Learn how to prepare your family in case of an emergency. Kids are welcome to attend and check out the emergency vehicles. RSVP at [sepac@winchendonk12.org](mailto:sepac@winchendonk12.org) or call the Special Ed offices at (978) 297-1850.

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**  
**OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN:** Our Neighbor's Kitchen Community supper is held at its popular time of twice per month, Thursday night at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. The second Thursday of each month is "Soup and Sandwich night." Each month we're trying out a new soup recipe with a sandwich to go with it.

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

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

**MONDAY, MAY 30**  
**MEMORIAL DAY:** the annual parade steps off at 9 a.m.

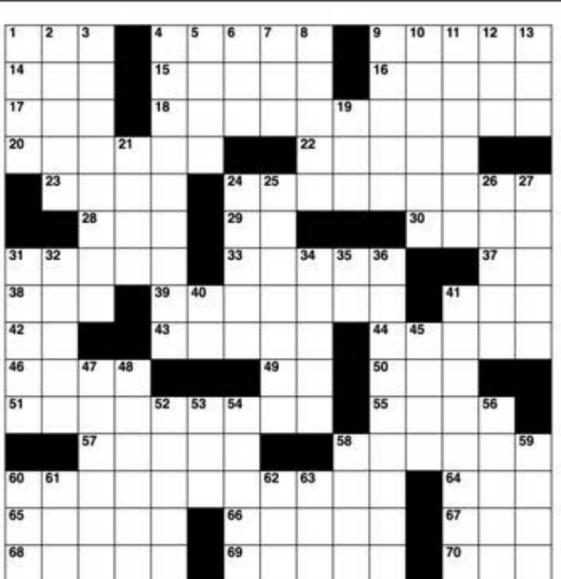
**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
**ALUMNI SOFTBALL:** June 4 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Murdock softball field; Murdock Alumni of all ages welcome to play! Please call Sue at 978-257-5671 if interested in participating. Hoping to have a great turnout this year. Family and friends encouraged to attend to cheer on your favorite player!!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**  
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Satisfaction
- 4. 18th Hebrew letter
- 9. Couches
- 14. Severe
- 15. Makes comic books
- 16. Grape
- 17. Handle perfectly
- 18. Home of J.R.
- 20. Everyone has these
- 22. Linen
- 23. He owned the Bucks
- 24. Supported
- 28. River in Guangdong
- 29. Exclamation of surprise
- 30. Nicholas II was one
- 31. Comic antihero
- 33. In the back of a mammal's mouth
- 37. Joe is a famous one
- 38. Impressionist painter Italo
- 39. Send forth
- 41. They \_\_\_
- 42. Not down
- 43. Computer program I-\_\_
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. County in New Mexico
- 49. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 50. Russian river
- 51. Sorts
- 55. A feeling (slang)
- 57. Type genus of the Elopidae
- 58. Ingesting
- 60. Paints small things
- 64. Trouble
- 65. Turn on its end
- 66. Story (archaic)
- 67. Negative
- 68. Manners
- 69. Hurts
- 70. IBM's software group

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Greek sophist
- 2. Diacritic mark
- 3. Tumors
- 4. Can't play
- 5. Dabbling ducks
- 6. Dekaliter
- 7. The world of the dead
- 8. Greek Muse
- 9. Estate in Dickens
- 10. Wild cat
- 11. Menders
- 12. Comedienne Gastereyer
- 13. Female sibling
- 19. Man-child
- 21. Tommy Dorsey's trumpeter
- 24. Mesopotamian deity
- 25. Speech sound
- 26. Bore
- 27. Designer van Noten
- 31. Small flakes of soot
- 32. Insects
- 34. Genus of gulls
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Fixes up
- 40. Homer's bartender
- 41. Riding horses
- 45. Dismounted
- 47. Unlocks cans
- 48. Salty
- 52. These are for cars
- 53. Mentally quick and resourceful
- 54. Hemlock
- 56. Give qualities or abilities to
- 58. This (Spanish)
- 59. Chime
- 60. Uncommunicative
- 61. A stock sale
- 62. Leisure (slang)
- 63. Similar





## SPRING VERSION OF A MIDSUMMER NIGHT



In a wild bit of by play, fairies, and mortals, have a merry mix up among lovers. The play, an intense bit of work by the Winchendon School, will be reviewed with more photos in next week's edition of the Courier.



Mat Plamondon photos

The fairies have a little fun with Bottom, who has been turned into a donkey by Queen Titania.

# Recognizing excellence...with a good meal and honors

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Murdock High School honored its most accomplished scholars at a dinner Tuesday night and, said Principal Josh Romano, "Tonight demonstrates what Murdock students can accomplish. They can compete with anyone. The number of scholars of underclassmen is testament to the good things happening here. It gives us a chance to highlight our younger kids as well as the seniors. For the seniors, tonight marks the beginning of the countdown to the end of the school year."

Superintendent Steve Haddad and assistant principal Ralph Borseth were also upbeat. "We're very proud of all these students," Haddad remarked. "A lot of students here are doing very well."

Noted Borseth, "this is an



Morgan St. Pierre photo

It is traditional that staff serves students and their parents at the Scholars Dinner.

opportunity to recognize our best, a recognition they fully deserve."

Students Michaela Benedict,

Andrew Burns, Britney Jackson, Vicky Lemire, Alex Marshall, Maria Polcari, Aidan Provost, Camay Rich, Lindsey

Smith, and Tom Sutherland were "recognized for displaying superior academic excellence," and all told more than 40 were recognized for having achieved GPA's of 3.0 or better for the first three quarters of the school year.

Aside from that group of ten, those honored included freshmen Izzy Alcantara, Elissa Boucher, Yang Yi Chen, Lillian Dack, Kaileen Dibble, Adam Digman, Lindsey Gemme, Lily Hunt, Ben Lawrence, Chloe Lawrence, Nicole Lemire, Makenzie Lundin, Kaeleigh Prouty, Tim Quinn, Max Race, Phoebe Shippy, Ashley Signa, Emily Smith and Ryan Thira, sophomore Ariana Berman, Jacob Carter, Michael Duffy, Marisa Losurdo, and Tiana Taylor, juniors Tom Aho, Morgan Grant, Brooke Harris, Ryan Kaminsky, Jordan Manuel, Jay Pereira, Dalton Scott and Victoria Swanson

and seniors Kelsey Brooks, Nathaniel Gagnon, Haley Jandris, Maria Mae Javien, Lindsey Paul, Deanna Polcari, Mackenzie Rushia, Phylcia Shippy, Chandler Torres-Pagan, Jacob VanHillo, and Christian Whitaker.

As is the custom, the dinner was served by staff volunteers and this spring that meant Deb Connelly, Sherri Fairbanks, Edna Jenkins, Peter Kraniak, Marcia Meyer-Krull, Therese Packard, Stephanie Rondeau, and Faye Wheeler.

School committee member Larry Murphy was the featured alum at the event. "It's always cool to be a Blue Devil, no matter what your age," he said.

Sponsors included the Devil's Cart, the Sound of Murdock and the Student Council. Benedict and Provost were the singers just prior to the presentations.

# An EZ move to School Street

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It's been about a month since E-Z Auto moved from Spring Street to more spacious quarters on School Street and owner Ed LeClair admits that in the beginning he had some concerns about whether his customers would follow.

Follow them, and LeClair, who's been in business on his own since 2010, says he's even getting new customers from Fitzwilliam and Rindge as well.

"We had that small shop downtown, and here we have a lot more room. Honestly, it was sort of small and grimy down there. It really wasn't a pleasant place to wait," he acknowledged.

"Not here. And although it was only a two-mile difference, it's a little of a winding road to get here and you know people tend to get comfortable where they are. I like to think our customers came with us because they trust our service and know we do a good job," he mused.

Being the car business came naturally to LeClair, whose daughter Amanda was a multi-sport star athlete



Morgan St. Pierre photo

It's really...EZ...to find the new location on School Street...look for the signs.

at Murdock. "I've loved cars all my life. You could say I was born to do this."

Opening his own shop was something of a natural, perhaps inevitable, step after working at General Motors places his entire adult life.

"The GM dealership in town closed, and I thought to myself maybe it was time to go out on my own. It was a challenge, definitely, but I'm glad I did. We're a small shop, just two of us, me and Dennis, who's been with me about two years and he's a great guy and great worker, but when it's just two

of you, there are challenges."

"That's why we appreciate our customers so much. They understand it might take a day or two for the turn-around time and they're good with that," he said.

But when you're a small shop, as any small retailer can attest, the hours are long, sometimes grueling, and you'd better like what you do. "Otherwise it's not worth it," said LeClair, who not only works all day on cars, he's responsible for the administrative side of the job as well, which is also time-consuming, though he acknowledges it's part of the drill.

"The people make it worthwhile," he said. "You meet the most interesting people here. I like to think we treat them all as friends and with respect and that's why we've had long-time customers since we opened. Six years might not seem like a long time but in any retail business it can be."

E-Z doesn't do body work, but they do

take care of other car issues.

"Rust drives me crazy," he laughed. "But in this part of the country, the roads and weather, with all the salt and the bumpy roads, that makes rust happen more. Like I say, it makes me crazy."

Originally from Fitchburg, LeClair came to Winchendon back in 1988. "I've never regretted it," he noted.

E-Z Auto, now on School Street just past Eastern Propane on the right, is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be reached at (978) 297-3279.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Joy and Gary Davis of Winchendon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brittany to Roger St Jean, son of Lucille and Roger St Jean of Manchester NH. Brittany is a graduate of Monty Tech and MWCC. A September wedding is planned.

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# POLICE LOGS

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MONDAY, MAY 2

12:15-3:36 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:43 a.m.: general info (Spring Street) info taken; 12:45 a.m.: disabled MV (Gardner Road) spoken to; 12:50 a.m.: suspicious person (Grove Street) spoken to; 5:39 a.m.: DPW call (Sherbert Road) referred; 6:55 a.m.: ambulance (Hale Street) transport; 7:03 a.m.: suspicious MV (North Ashburnham Road) unable to locate; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Avenue Extension) referred; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street) referred; 7:38 a.m.: suspicious MV (Mellen Road) unable to locate; 9:04 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 9:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Rice Road) report taken; 10:16 a.m.: assist citizen (Town Farm Road) refer to court; 11:33 a.m.: accident (Gardner Road) removed to hospital; 12:54 p.m.: assist other PD (Chestnut Street) unable to locate; 1:05 p.m.: investigation (Rice Road) spoken to; 1:12 p.m.: larceny (Hyde Park Drive) report taken; 1:21 p.m.: assist citizen (Bayberry Circle) spoken to; 1:52 p.m.: investigation (Teel Road) report taken; 3:15 p.m.: summons service (Central Street) served; 3:20 p.m.: summons service (Central Street) served; 3:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street) report taken; 3:30 p.m.: summons service (Goodrich Drive) served; 3:33 p.m.: summons service (Goodrich Drive) unable to serve; 3:45 p.m.: summons service (Elm Street) unable to serve; 3:51 p.m.: summons service (Ready Drive) served; 4:22 p.m.: general info (Hyde Park Street) info given; 4:25 p.m.: summons service (Spruce Street) served; 4:31 p.m.: assist citizen (High Street) assisted; 4:32 p.m.: summons service (Monadnock Avenue) served; 4:37 p.m.: general info (Summer Street) info taken; 5:17 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) assisted; 5:42 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 5:43 p.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) unable to locate; 6:33 p.m.: fraud (Walmart, Rindge) refer to other PD; 7:46 p.m.: harassment (Hillside Drive) report taken; 7:48 p.m.: keep the peace (Bayberry Circle) assisted; 11:19 p.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street) unfounded; 11:26 p.m.: fire alarm (Pearl Drive) no FD service required; 11:28-11:49 p.m.: building checks, secure.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

12:04-12:58 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:24 a.m.: MV stop (Goodrich



Keith Kent photo

## TRUCKIN' OUT

As the annual spring floods at Lake Denison and the Millers River are now a past memory, the photographer collected all the waste seen in this photo along side or on all the roads that join the rear of the Otter River State Forest, Lake Denison State Park, Birch Hill Wildlife Management area, and protected wet lands together as one on Friday, May 6. After five hours between collecting and then unloading at the Otter River State Forest complex, nearly 200 beer cans and bottles, waste of all kinds, two tires, a back massaging device, and some items unmentionable, were removed from what many consider to be locally hallowed grounds for both nature enthusiasts and sportsmen alike. As the majority of the roads are now gated closed due to illegal waste and dumping issues, DCR will someday be forced to shut off all motor vehicle traffic leaving the only way in or out by foot, bicycle, or horse in the future. Please remember what you take in to the parks with you should also leave with you, or the one percent causing the problem is going to cause its loss of access for the other 99 percent of patrons. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Drive) verbal warning; 7:40 ambulance (School Street) transport; 9:04 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Otter River Road) unable to locate; 9:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Front Street) refer to ACO; 10:34 a.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road) transport; 10:58 a.m.: investigation (Cross Road) secure; 11 a.m.: animal complaint (Holly Drive) refer to ACO; 1:12 p.m.: harassment (Maple Street) report taken; 1:45 p.m.; officer wanted (Pearl Street) report taken; 1:47 p.m.: assist other agency (walk in) assisted; 2:43 p.m.: investigation (Alger Street) spoken to; 3:41 p.m.: MV stop (Main Street) verbal warning; 4 p.m.: MV stop (Main Street) traffic citation; 6:09 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic cita-

tion; 6:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) refer to other agency; 6:24 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:40 p.m.: MV stop (East Street) written warning; 7 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:18-8:47 p.m.: building checks, secure; 7:28 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 7:51 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) assisted; 8:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street) refer to ACO; 9:53 p.m.: registration check (Grove Street) info given.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

12:14-5:51 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:17 a.m.; warrant check (Central Street) services rendered; 3:42 a.m.: suspicious person (Front Street) transport; 7:14 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Royalston) removed to hospital; 7:51 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Main Street) verbal warning; 8 a.m.: investigation (Memorial Drive) info taken; 8:53 a.m.: investigation (walk in) info taken; 8:38 a.m.: trespass notice (Royalston Road North) assisted; 8:47 a.m.: license plate missing (Belmont Avenue) report taken; 9:24 a.m.: MV stop (Hale Street) spoken to; 9:25 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street) unable to serve; 9:34 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 9:42 a.m.: summons service (Prospect Street) unable to serve; 10:06 a.m.: trespassing (Maple Street) info taken; 10:41 a.m.: general info (Crosby Road) info taken; 10:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Crosby Road) refer to ACO; 11:13 a.m.: suspicious MV (Royalston Road North) spoken to; 1:11 p.m.: investigation (Crosby Road) info given; 1:18 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive) transport; 1:30 p.m.: warrant check (Spring Street) no PD service required; 1:45 p.m.: investigation (Memorial Drive) info taken; 1:53 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 2:05 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 3:04 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 3:16 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unfounded; 3:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street) spoken to; 3:56 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive) transport; 4:38 p.m.: unwanted party (Front Street) spoken to; 8:10 p.m.: assist other agency (Spring Street) assisted; 9:54 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) transport.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

12:54-1:57 a.m.: building checks, secure; 6:26 a.m.: accident (Forristall Road) summons: Micah

Kargela age 18 of 14 Heritage Drive, Rindge: negligent operation of MV; 7:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) spoken to; 7:58 a.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street) assisted; 10:54 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) false alarm; 11:18 a.m.: fraud (Hale Street) report taken; 11:33 a.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 12:09 p.m.: warrant check (Front Street) no PD service required; 12:13 p.m.: unwanted party (Baldwinville Road) advised officer; 12:20 p.m.: investigation (Ash Street) services rendered; 1:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street) summons: Jacob E. Lemieux, age 23 of 833 Rte. 12, Fitzwilliam: vandalize property; 2:19 p.m.: unattended death (Front Street) report taken; 2:45 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road) transport; 4:40 p.m.: assist other agency (Baldwinville Road) assisted; 4:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street) refer to ACO; 5:02 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 5:28 p.m.: dog bite (River Street) report taken; 6:36 p.m.: custody dispute (Goodrich Drive) spoken to; 7:26 p.m.: FD call (Central Street) services rendered;

FRIDAY, MAY 6

1:06 a.m.: harassment (Teel Road) unable to locate; 4:04 a.m.: patrol initiated (School Street) checked, secure; 6:33 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Maple Street) unable to locate; 7:51 a.m.: property found (North Street) services rendered; 8:52 a.m.: power outage (Alger Street) refer to other agency; 9:24 a.m.: sex offender registration (Teel Road) assisted; 9:49 a.m.: investigation (Doyle Avenue) info taken; 11:05 a.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive) spoken to; 11:58 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Baldwinville State Road) unable to locate; 12 p.m.: assist citizen (walk in) assisted; 12:11 p.m.: suspicious MV (Brown Street) unable to locate; 1:31 p.m.: summons service (Prospect Street) unable to serve; 1:37 p.m.: summons service (Central Street) served; 1:39 p.m.: summons service (Elm Street) unable to serve; 1:43 p.m.: summons service (Lakeshore Drive) spoken to; 1:45 p.m.: accident (Central Street) assisted; 1:52 p.m.: tree down (Baldwinville Road) refer to DPW; 2:36 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) spoken to; 2:51 p.m.: MV stop (School Street) traffic citation; 3:46 p.m.: property damage (River Street) info given; 4:49 p.m.: keep the peace (Mill Street) report taken; 5 p.m.: ambulance (Toy Town Lane) transport; 6:09 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) summons: Kevin M. Henry, age 20 of 75 Main St., Winchendon: number plate violation to conceal ID and unregistered MV; 7:42 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Teel Road) dispersed gathering; 9:19 p.m.: DPW call (Elmwood Road) removed traffic hazard; 10:26 p.m.: noise complaint (Crosby Road) spoken to; 10:53 p.m.: noise complaint (Crosby Road) arrest: Lisa M. Hogan, age 46 of 6 Crosby Road, Winchendon: disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct; 11:38 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street) no PD service required.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

2:31 a.m.: suspicious MV (Maple Street) advised officer; 2:59-4:01 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:01 a.m.: noise complaint (Cross Street) spoken to; 3:24 a.m.: general info (Maple Street) info taken; 10:28 a.m.: harassment (Crosby Road) spoken to; 11:08 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road) transport; 12:03 p.m.: fire unknown type (Central Street) no FD service required; 12:17 p.m.: suspicious person (Central Street) spoken to; 12:31 p.m.: harassment (Summer Street) assisted; 1:46 p.m.: suspicious MV (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 2:26 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:47 p.m.: fire alarm (Madison Avenue) services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 3:42 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Forristall Road) spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transport; 4:25 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) spoken to; 4:30 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) spoken to; 5:30 p.m.: accident (Otter River Road) report taken; 6:09 p.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) spoken to; 7:49 p.m.: disturbance (Central Street) dispersed gathering; 8:15 p.m.: be on the lookout (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 9:20 p.m.: burglar alarm (Main Street) secure; 9:39 p.m.: officer wanted (School Street) area search negative; 9:50 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning.

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## HONORING CARLA

An afternoon honoring Carla Fletcher is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at the Clark YMCA walking track. The track is being dedicated in Carla's memory, as she so loved walking. This will be followed by a group walk to Carla's church, the United Parish on Front Street for a 4 p.m. celebration and dedication of the carillon with light refreshments.

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# OBITUARIES

## Ernest J. Babineau, 84



WINCHENDON — Ernest J. Babineau, age 84, of 49 Eastern Ave., Leominster, formerly of Winchendon, died peacefully Sunday morning, May 8, 2016 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University

Campus, Worcester.

He was born in Newcastle, Ontario, Canada on Nov. 11, 1931, one of 12 children of the late Marcel and Mary (Connors) Babineau. He lived in Michigan for several years and lived in Winchendon from 1975 until moving to Leominster in December, 2010.

Ernie worked at Fitchburg Paper and various paper mills for most of his life. While living in Winchendon, he worked as a bus driver for Fred's School Bus, where he was well liked by the students and fellow bus drivers. He was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion and Lunenburg, Townsend and Leominster Senior Citizens. He proudly served his country from 1949 to 1951 as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War. Ernie enjoyed fishing, going to the casino, playing scratch tickets, playing cards, reading history and following politics. He also enjoyed meals at Italian Burger Café in Fitchburg. He will be remembered as a gentle, caring family man.

His wife of 59 years, Betty D. (Wade) Babineau, died in 2009. He leaves three children, Steven J. Babineau and

his wife Marsha of Orange, Joyce A. Bond and her husband John of Gardner and Cindy Lafrennie of Gardner and many siblings, David Babineau of Fitchburg, Irene Arsenault of Fitchburg, Doris Putnam of Winchendon, Josephine Smith of Lunenburg, Alice Cormier of New Hampshire, Linda Goguen of Leominster, Lana Leger of Gardner, Barbara Cordio of Fitchburg and Joanne Spare of Fitchburg; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by a son, Larry L. Babineau of Orange, who died in 1982; a daughter Susan Marie Thomas of Baldwinville, who died in 2004, and two sisters Mary Alma Wolski and Betty Ann Babineau.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, May 11 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce Street, Winchendon. Burial, with military honors, followed in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Eugene M. Connor American Legion Post 193, 295 School St., Winchendon, MA 01475

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



## Thomas M. Boudreau, 64



WINCHENDON — Thomas M. Boudreau, age 64, of 125 Baldwinville State Road, died peacefully Monday, May 9 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester.

He was born in Athol on June 14, 1951, son of Joseph and Victoria Lucier Goula Boudreau and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon.

Tom operated Boudreau's Finishing Shop for over 20 years and worked at Teleflex Medical in Jaffrey for 10 years as a machine operator. He was a member of the Worcester County Sheriff's

Association and Mid State Antique Auto Club. He enjoyed art, music, dancing and going to auto shows. Tom also enjoyed dabbling in antiques.

He leaves his wife Evelyn Y. Odonkor Boudreau; a son Thomas Boudreau Jr and his wife Amy, and his mother Emelie Boudreau; two stepsons, David Odonkor and Daniel Odonkor; three brothers, Joseph Boudreau of West Bethel, ME, Albert Boudreau and wife Annie of Winchendon, and Charles Boudreau and wife Doris of Machias, ME, a sister, Elizabeth Dore of Hernando, FL, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 12 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home. The Rev. Francis A. Roberge officiated. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

## Ronald A. Girouard, 82



GALLATIN, TN — Ronald A. Girouard, age 82, of 100 Beacon St. formerly of Winchendon, died Saturday, May 7 in St. Thomas Midtown Hospital, Nashville, TN.

He was born in Winchendon on Sept. 19, 1933, son of the late Alfred T. and Julia M. (Houle) Girouard. He grew up in Winchendon and graduated from Murdock High School in 1951. He earned his Master's degree in criminal justice from Arizona State University.

Ron served in the United States Marines for 20 years, from 1953 to 1973 and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He earned the Good Conduct medal, Vietnam Service medal, National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Presidential Unit citation, Navy Achievement medal and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He lived in Tennessee for 13 years, moving from Rochester, NH.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Irene

(Penney) Girouard; five daughters, Donna Harper of Gallatin, TN, Sheryl Hankins and her husband Patrick of Lewisburg, TN, Karen Young and her husband Kevin of Gordonsville, TN, Roni Martin and her husband Jules of Cross Plains, TN and Janice Girouard of Portland, TN; ten grandchildren, David, Caroline, Armaugh, Trisha, Dustin, Sydney, Kelsie, Julia, Paige and her husband Jesse and Cameron; numerous great grandchildren; and a sister, Claire Abare of Chelmsford. A sister, Lucella Maurer, preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, May 13 at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon are Thursday, May 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Little People of America, 250 El Camino Real Suite 218, Tustin, CA 92780.



## Lorraine I. (Sicard) McDermott, 88



GARDNER — Lorraine I. (Sicard) McDermott, age 88, of Gardner, passed away peacefully April 30th in her home.

She's the daughter of Aurele and Beatrice Sicard of Leominster, beloved wife of the late

Francis J. McDermott. Graduate of St. Cecilia's, retired from N.E. Telephone to Yarmouth. Artistically talented and active with her art, garden and loved to travel. She also raised three children in Fitchburg along the way.

She leaves behind her son, Michael McDermott of Winchendon; daugh-

ter, Ann (McDermott) Berube of Westminster; and son, Stephen McDermott of Gardner. Also leaves nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; her brother, Charles Sicard of Lancaster; and her sister, Lucile (Sicard) Goguen of Leominster.

A memorial mass will be held Friday, May 13, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Church, 180 Mechanic St., Leominster, MA. She will be buried with her husband, at the Veterans Cemetery in Bourne at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Lorraine's name to the Yarmouth Senior Center, 528 Forest Road, West Yarmouth, MA 02673.

## Timothy Lafrennie, 50



WINCHENDON — Timothy Lafrennie, age 50, formerly of 5 Elmwood Road, died peacefully Sunday afternoon, May 8th in Seasons Hospice, Milton.

He was born in Gardner on Jan. 23, 1966, son of the late Paul A. and Rita M. (Jones) Lafrennie and was a resident of Winchendon for most of his life. Tim was educated in Jaffrey and had worked as a furniture business, specializing in restoring furniture.

Tim was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed attending auto races at Monadnock Speedway. He was an excellent woodworker.

He leaves two children, Brian E. Lafrennie of Winchendon and Elizabeth

Klein of Shrewsbury; his brothers, Stephen P. Lafrennie and his significant other Doreen Hodgen, Paul A. Lafrennie Jr. and his wife Florence and Joseph M. Lafrennie and his wife Tekla, all of Winchendon; grandchildren Brent Lafrennie, Arielly Klein and Alvaro Klein; his stepmother Leda Lafrennie of Rindge, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers: Mark A. Lafrennie, Scott A. Lafrennie and Kevin J. Lafrennie and a sister, Michelle S. Brow.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery. The Rev. Michael J. Clements will officiate. There are no calling hours.

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

### CLYDE

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

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

CANDY LAND: The Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center hosts Willie Wonka himself and an afternoon tea for children 2-4 p.m. at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come play games, win some luscious prizes and enjoy some time with the master of chocolate himself. \$5 per person (but Willie could be persuaded to be generous if LOTS of children want to come....)

GOLDEN AGERS: the annual birthday party is planned! Reservations are required and particulars will be provided when you call Gloria LaBrack at (978) 297-4525.

OPEN POETRY: Poetry Open Mic on Sunday, June 12, 2-4 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

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

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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

#### JULY 9

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

#### AUGUST 6

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

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## SPORTS

## Betting on the favorite? This time it worked

There are years when the Kentucky Derby, and there have now been 142 of them, stages a wild, frantic, heart-beat-skipping finish (Alysheba, 1987, where he nearly fell in mid-stretch after clipping heels with Bet Twice). There have been years when some speed horse breaks on the lead and gallops around the racetrack because the other speed didn't get out so well (Spend a Buck/Eternal Prince, 1985). There have been Derbies where one horse is simply faster than everyone else from start to finish (Bold Forbes, 1976, Seattle Slew, 1977, the filly Winning Colors, 1988) There have been slow Derbies (lots of them) and blazingly fast Derbies (Secretariat in under two minutes in 1973). And then there have been Derbies when the far-and-away best horse sits comfortably behind the leaders, takes command on the far turn and winds up draped in

roses.

The latter is what happened last Saturday. Nyquist was easily the best horse going in and coming out. I didn't go with Nyquist simply because there's no value in betting favorites whether it's the Derby or the fourth race on a frigid Wednesday afternoon in February on Aqueduct's inner track or bottom-level claimers going a half mile on a stifling August afternoon at the Maryland state fair at Timonium. If you watch one race a year, sure, go ahead and root for the favorite, but if, like me, you follow the races every single day, you know to bypass the chalk. Favorites win about 33-percent of the time.

That's from a long-term handicapping perspective, though. The Derby is a singular spectacle - 20 young horses going further than they ever have while surrounded by some 170,000 screaming fans. Only



## TALKING SPORTS

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in the Triple Crown series do horses hear crowds on their left as well as their right and it unnerves a bunch of them. It takes a special horse to handle all the chaos.

Nyquist is 8 for 8, winner of the Breeders Cup Juvenile last fall and now the Derby. He's special. There were some, myself included, who were somewhat skeptical about whether he could handle the mile-and-a-quarter distance. He could. To be sure, he got a perfect trip but he got that trip because of his athleticism and adaptability. There were, of

course, the inevitable musings about whether he can reprise American Pharoah's tour de force last spring. We shall see. There has been one instance of back-to-back TC winners when Seattle Slew and Affirmed swept the classics in 1977 and 1978 before the well-documented 37-year drought ended by AP. The Preakness next Saturday will have a smaller field (maximum 14 horses) and more than one impressive Derby winner floundered at Pimlico. Half the fun is anticipating, right? Perhaps more importantly though is that racing has ridden the 'Pharoah wave. Betting is up. Attendance is up, even though it's easy now to watch (and bet) online or while watching TVG.

More foals were born this year than any in the last decade. Sale prices have shown an uptick. The sport will never again be what it once was - never again will daily newspa-

pers devote a full page or more to coverage, but for many of us, it's nice to see even a quasi-rebound.

5,000-1. Those were the odds on Leicester City winning the Premier League soccer championship and yet, that's exactly what the oft-derided club did, an upset on a par perhaps with those pulled off by the Miracle Mets, the Miracle on Ice, and Buster Douglas. I've long insisted that true reality TV is sports because you simply never know.

Finally this. A couple years ago, Portland, Maine spent \$34 million in taxpayer money to refurbish the stadium which has been home to the AAA Pirates. The team was so appreciative it informed city officials last week they're leaving for greener (as in dollars, no doubt) pastures. I'm sure Portland residents are elated.

## Lady Devils rebound to win

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — A tough loss to undefeated Tahanto ended Murdock's winning streak at four last week, but the Lady Devils bounced right back with a 5-1 win at Sizer, completing a season sweep of the Lady Tigers. In fact, Murdock's girls teams swept Sizer in every sport they played during this school year. The victory moved the Lady Devils to 7-3 pending Wednesday's home game against West Boylston.

Emily Smith continued her impressive freshman season with nine strikeouts and Vicky St. Hillaire and Molly Murphy contributed key RBI singles and doubles respectively. Smith was caught for the first three frames by sister Lindsey before Haley Jandris resumed her regular position behind the plate. In addition, though she went hitless for the day, a rarity for her, Deanna Polcari made her presence felt when she lined out to second, a drive lashed so hard it left that player shaking her wrist the rest of the day.

Sizer came at the right time on the schedule

after Murdock's 9-3 lead against Tahanto evaporated as the visitors scored three runs in the fifth to pull within 9-6. Then in the sixth inning the Lady Stags tallied six of their own, eventually winning 13-11.

Early on, the teams traded leads. Murdock got on the board in the first when Maria Polcari, who collected four hits on the afternoon, scored the game's first run. Tahanto, 8-0 after their rally, came back with two in the second and MHS responded with a pair in the third for a 3-2 edge. Polcari and Tatum Mahoney scored those runs on a passed ball and a Jandris triple.

After the Lady Stags scored in the top of the fourth to tie things 3-3, Murdock exploded for those six runs, including a two-run home run off the bat of senior Jandris. St. Hillaire, Lindsey Smith, Maria Polcari, Murphy, and Mahoney hit as well.

Sydney St. Pierre went the first five innings for Murdock before Emily Smith came on in relief. She yielded seven runs, but only two were earned after a defensive mishap during Tahanto's sixth

inning comeback.

Murdock has been scoring runs themselves. Deanna Polcari, through ten games, is hitting .631 with four homers and 14 RBI. St. Hillaire is batting a strong .464 with seven RBI and freshman Jocelyn Garner is hitting .437. Other high averages include Jandris at .385 with a homer and 13 RBI, Molly Murphy at .357 with eight RBI, Emily Kiber-Pervier at .350, and Mahoney at .348 with seven RBI.

"We've come a long way," said coach Mike Fontaine, likely referencing last year's dismal record when both pitching and offense were frequently at a premium. "If we keep improving and the girls keep working hard and believing in themselves, we'll do good" the rest of the way this year.

On Monday, the Lady Devils got past Bromfield, 12-10 to boost their record to 8-3. Garner contributed 4 RBI and Smith rang up 12 strikeouts. Jandris moved up to the three spot in the batting order and went 3-4.

"I think we'll keep her there a while," said Fontaine.

## COURIER CAPSULES

## HEADSTART OPENINGS

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## FARM PROGRAM

The Farm Viability Enhancement Program or FVEP, this popular business planning and technical assistance program provides management advice and grants from \$25,000 up to \$100,000 to implement farm growth and sustainability strategies. Farm operators not only receive upfront cash awards for signing a 5 or 10 year Agricultural Covenant, but also receive valuable consultations and visits from a team of experts to discuss farm production and management, marketing, and business planning. Typical uses of funds from the Farm Viability Program include building or repairing farm structures, modernizing field equipment, purchasing delivery vehicles and tractors, and improving retail marketing structures or food processing capacity. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, June 8, 2016. FVEP applications are available at [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/about/divisions/fvep.html](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/about/divisions/fvep.html).

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The Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA) Program helps with business improvement on new farms. MEGA provides technical assistance and business planning help, and then provides funds for farm improvement strategies. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available from this Program on a one to one cash-matching basis. It is the objective of the MEGA Program to assist beginning farmers in their first through fifth year of business who aspire to develop their farms into commercially viable operations. Funds are typically used for equipment, infrastructure or other capital improvements needed to implement strategies recommended through the business planning process. The RFR release date and deadline for applications still to be determined. MEGA applications are available at [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/about/divisions/mega.html](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/about/divisions/mega.html).

## SOLAR LOANS

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center have launched a new \$30 million loan program for residentially metered and low income properties. The program also helps pay for the first 20 or 30% of the project costs.

Certain agricultural operations as well as residences may qualify for this program. Please visit [www.mass-solarloan.com](http://www.mass-solarloan.com) under the Consumers and Residents tab for details. For more information, you can contact MassCEC's main telephone number 617-315-9355 and ask for the Mass Solar Loan Program staff. You can also contact Gerry Palano @ MDAR 617-626-1706, [Gerard.Palano@state.ma.us](mailto:Gerard.Palano@state.ma.us).

## AGRICULTURAL PHOTO CONTEST

Did you take pictures of your farm this year? Are a recreational photographer who enjoys capturing images of agriculture; including farms, farm products, and horticultural products? Then join Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom (MAC) and MDAR for the annual "Celebrating the Season of Massachusetts Agriculture" photo contest. The annual "Celebrating the Seasons of Massachusetts Agriculture" calendar provides an interesting daily reminder of the diversity of agriculture across the Commonwealth. It includes monthly educational/teaching tips, special ag-related days and website links on each page. Twelve winning photos, one for each month, along with possible honorable mentions, will be published in the 2017 calendar.

Photos for consideration should represent Massachusetts grown crops (maple, cranberries, livestock, flowers/plants, fruits and vegetables), as well as farms practicing innovative methods such as renewable energy systems, urban agriculture, and more. The deadline is June 1st. Contact Rick LeBlanc @ [Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us](mailto:Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us), or 617-626-1759 if you have any questions. Web address for entry is [www.mass.gov/agr/docs/photo-contest-entry-form-2016](http://www.mass.gov/agr/docs/photo-contest-entry-form-2016).

## AARP MEETING

The May meeting of the Gardner AARP will be held on Wednesday, May 18, at the Senior Center on Pleasant Street at 1:30 p.m. There will be a presentation of the Woman's Achievement Award by Toni Dahir. Also presentation of the AARP Scholarship Awards, and the recipients will be invited to the meeting. And our AARP State President, Sandra Albright will be speaking. Tickets will be available for the Installation Luncheon in June, and the Barbecue in July.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

GARDNER - Mount Wachusett Community College students enrolled in a range of academic programs and involved in numerous activities have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be included in the 2016 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The 44 students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and the potential for continued success. This year's honorees are: Ashburnham: Sara Khan; Athol: Aleisha Berthiaume, Elizabeth Cruz, Tatjana James, and Ashlie Visco; Ayer: Jana Murphy; Baldwinville: Karen Chapaloni, Emanuel Corbeil, and Thomas Hill Jr.; Barre: Benjamin Spurr; Fitchburg: Joseph Almeida, Marcus Altman, Bethany Jones, Kimberly Mertell, Marymar Perez Cruz, Rebecca Pincott, and Michael Racine; Gardner: Andrea Bartlett; Harvard: Jari Squire; Hubbardston: Levi Bushnell, and Stevie LaBelle; Leominster: Thayna Aguiar, Aurea Carrion, Nelida Figueroa Lopez, Alana Jones, Hillary Nna, Camila Pereira, and Ellen Smith; North Brookfield: Arturo Aponte-Cruz, and Kevin Figueroa; Orange: Jasson Alvarado Gomez; Phillipston: Jennifer Garipey; Shirley: Trevor Hansen; Sterling: Alyssa Adoretti; Ware: Leah Trudeau; Winchendon: Thomas Berger, Michel Cocuzza, Nathan Morris, Christian Rossi, Cathy Teague, and Kelly Williams; Worcester: Bella Ballin; Fitzwilliam: Julia McHugh; and Jaffrey: Shannen Pimental.

## Clark readies for summer

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Clark Memorial YMCA is getting ready for the day the bell rings signaling the end to the current school year. Right now, plans call for the Y's annual Day Camp to get under way June 27, although senior program director Kyle Scrivines says it's possible things could actually get started a week earlier.

The camp is divided into three programs for kids of different ages. Camp Clark is for children ages 5 to 12, Sports Camp is for 7- to 13-year olds, and a program called Counselors in Training is for teens from 13 to 15.

Scrivines says Camp Clark "is a traditional day camp. We have games, activities, arts and crafts. At present there are nine sessions scheduled, with each session lasting five days, Monday through Friday, from June 27 to August 26. The day program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the option for a morning extension from 7 to 9 a.m. or an afternoon extension from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost for Clark Memorial members is \$65 per session and \$90 for non-members. Extended sessions cost an extra \$10.

Sports Camp runs for eight sessions from June 27 to August 19. It includes sports in the morning and Day Camp in the afternoon. Hours are the same as for Camp Clark. Members pay \$90 per session, with non-members paying \$115. Extended sessions are also available for \$10.

Kids will participate in basketball, karate, gymnastics, flag football, soccer and gymnastics, depending on which activity is featured during a given session. Promotional material for the camp says participants will "learn to listen to a coach, value teamwork, and develop individual sports skills in a non-competitive environment."

An option to participate in Sports Camp only is also available. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$65 for members, \$90 for non-members.

There are four two-week sessions for Counselors in Training, starting June 27 and wrapping up August 19. Members pay \$130 per session, non-members \$180.

"We teach the kids a number of things," says Scrivine. "Things such as leadership skills and resume writing. They also get to spend time with their peers and learn how to work with a group of younger participants, along with the counselors. They get a chance to shadow counselors."

"A lot of our staff has come up through camp. A few are year-round employees, but most are high school students."

Scrivines says there are a total of 13 or 14 counselors.

"On any given day, we have anywhere from 75 to 100 kids here," he says. "They come from all over. Naturally, we get a lot from Winchendon, but we also get quite a few from Rindge, Jaffrey and Gardner."

Anyone interested in registering their children for any of the programs should contact the Clark at (978) 297-9622 or stop by the Y at 155 Central St.

Participants in all groups will need to bring their own lunch.

Most of the sections fill up before the start of camp, according to Scrivines.

Scrivines has been associated with the YMCA for about 20 years, including 12 years with the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA. A native of the Nutmeg State, he has been in Winchendon going on three years.

"I love it here," he says. "I saw the posting for the job in Winchendon and applied, and here I am."



# A preview of things to come



Photos by Tracy Gambill and Greg Vine

At left: The ice cream counter from Joseph's will eventually be an integral part of the Morse house and the WHCC activities.

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center and the Gardner Area League of Artists (GALA) collaborated in holding a well-attended open house last weekend at what is known as the Isaac Morse house and carriage house located at 135 Front St. The carriage house is to become the new

home of GALA, while plans call for the house to be transformed into the home of a new toy museum, a gift shop, office space and, eventually, an ice cream parlor.

The home of the Historic and Cultural Center was also open Saturday afternoon.

In addition to tours of the buildings, there was entertainment and a wine tasting.

Kevin Bird of Birdhill Design was on hand to walk visitors through plans for the redesign of the interior of the carriage house. In essence, very little will be done to alter the inside of the building. The exposed beams in the historic post-and-beam structure will remain visible to visitors. Some sheet rock will be installed between the beams in the lower section of the building to allow for the display of artwork. Track lighting to illuminate the art will also be installed. Beyond those changes, very little in the carriage house will be altered.

GALA had looked a number of possible locations for its new home, including spaces in Gardner and the former White's Mill in Winchendon, before finding a partnership with the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center.

The classic ice cream and soda fountain that once graced Joseph's Variety Store on Central St. is now housed at the back of the Morse house. On Saturday, the fountain, still proudly sporting a large capital "J" on its center, saw a much dif-

ferent kind of refreshment cross its counter top. Visitors sidled up to the vintage counter for the event's wine tasting.

Elsewhere inside the house, various pieces of art from members of GALA were hung for viewing and for sale. Works were hung in rooms that will eventually house a portion of the large toy collection currently housed upstairs in the Historical and Cultural Center's home, which sits near the Morse house, just across Lincoln St.

Plans currently call for a Poetry Open Mic from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 12 at the GALA Arts Gallery.

The gallery will also play host to a "Less is More" painting class led by Alicia Drakiotes from 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25



Above: The interior of the barn is in process of being renovated, and the great beams will be left exposed.



A second floor fireplace at the Morse house features ceramic tiles with unusual painted decoration.



The interior of the Isaac Morse house features a graceful staircase to the second floor.

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and discord in other parts of this country, Massachusetts continues to set the standard for consensus governing.”

The FY17 House budget increases Unrestricted General Governmental Aid by \$42,100,000 to over a billion dollars.

\$200,000,000 in Chapter 90 road assistance money was approved earlier this year with an additional \$50,000,000 targeted for small municipal bridges set to be debated later this year.

**Education:**

\$105,800,000 increase in Chapter 70 school aid over FY 16, and \$33,700,000 over the Governor’s recommendation. This raised the total Chapter 70 appropriation to \$4,607,665,795 which represents more than 10 percent of total state spending not including additional education line items

\$15,000,000 for early education salaries. \$10,000,000 increase over FY16.

\$32,000,000 for early education quality improvements, improving the quality of services provided to preschool-age kids throughout the state. This line item also includes a \$4 million earmark for training, research and grants related to the development of the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), and also reserves \$2 million for direct grants to early education programs participating in the QRIS. This is a new line item.

\$2,998,750 for the School-to-Career Connecting Activities program.

\$1,666,235 for the Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment line item, which represents a

\$466,235 increase over the FY16 level. This line item funds grants for college-school partnerships to support eligible public high school students with intellectual disabilities, ages 18-22, to increase their academic and career success through participation in college and university activities, thereby developing career-planning, self-advocacy and new life skills.

\$60,021,000 for regional school transportation, which represents a \$1 million increase over the current FY16 level. Increased funding for this line item will help provide additional support to many communities that rely heavily on this funding as a major source of local aid.

\$276,631,180 for the Special Education Circuit Breaker, which represents a \$4.9 million increase over the current FY16 level.

\$85,500,000 for Charter School Reimbursement, which represents a \$5 million increase over the current FY16 level. This money goes to the public schools that send students to charter schools to offset the lost funds.

\$2,295,000 for the After-School/Out-of-School Grant program. After School/Out-of-School grants provide opportunities for children to participate in activities outside of the traditional classroom setting. Many of these students participate in STEM activities as well as other programs that help prepare them for 21st century careers. Other programs are provided during the summer, which help diminish summer learning loss.

\$400,000 for the Safe & Supportive Schools line item. The Safe & Supportive Schools

initiative helps school districts across the Commonwealth better address the behavioral health needs of their children by creating safe and supportive learning environments to improve educational outcomes for all students.

\$1,000,000 for the Dual Enrollment line item. Dual enrollment programs provide valuable opportunities for students to take college courses while still in high school, thereby increasing graduation rates and students’ college readiness.

Substance Abuse: A 65 percent increase in funding since FY12.

\$28,300,000 increase for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

\$2,000,000 for 46 new Transitional Support Service Beds (388 Total)

\$2,000,000 for case management services for 500 additional families

\$13,000,000 in new funding for 45 Substance Abuse Treatment beds at Taunton State Hospital

\$3,000,000 for Medication Assisted Therapy in Emergency Rooms (Pilot Program)

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Department of Children and

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Economic Development: Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation: Provides \$2 million to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for their small business technical assistance grant program, which provides competitive grants to businesses with 20 employees or fewer for targeted training and technical assistance.

Start-up Mentoring and Talent Pipeline Program: Provides \$1.5 million to support two programs run by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. The Start-Up Mentoring Program connects early-stage entrepreneurs, technology start-ups, and small businesses with successful, experienced firms and capital financing. The Talent Pipeline Program supports stipends for interns at technology and innovation start-ups through dollar-for-dollar private matches.

Manufacturing Extension Partnership: Provides \$2 million for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which maintains and promotes state programs designed to assist small and mid-sized manufacturing companies.

Small Business Development Center: Provides over \$1.1 million for the Small Business Development Center at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The center offers free technical assistance to small businesses at locations throughout the Commonwealth. The center also organizes free or low-cost seminars, workshops and conferences addressing a wide range of concerns for both startups and existing firms.

Microlending Grants: Provides \$200,000 for micro-lending grants. These grants will be issued to established Community Development Financial Institutions and Community Advantage Lenders making direct micro-enterprise and small business loans to borrowers on a regional basis. Grant recipient-institutions will also provide technical assistance to applicants and borrowers in order to foster successful and sustainable business establishments.

Smaller Business Association of New England: Provides \$250,000 for the layoff aversion through management assistance program for consultant and technical assistance to manufacturing companies to prevent business closure and employee displacement. The competitive grant program requires dollar-for-dollar private matches.

Local Impact: \$2,200,000 to fund the prison mitigation program which distributes money to host communities based on a formula. Gardner receives around \$130,000 from this program.

\$250,000 for On-Site Academy, a non-profit residential treatment and training center for critical incident stress management for first responders located in Westminster.

\$124,000 for MVOC’s “Cathy’s House” Women’s Veterans Housing in Winchendon

\$50,000 for the redesign and engineering of the intersection of Front Street, Central Street and Spring Street in the town of Winchendon.

\$50,000 for the operation of the Greater Gardner Business Incubation Network’s business incubator in the city of Gardner.

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Florence Saccone (left), wife of the late Robert K. Saccone, longtime Monty Tech culinary arts chef-instructor, examines a plaque dedicated in his honor at a ceremony held recently in the school. Also in photo are Thomas R. Browne, principal, Lori Saccone, Mr. Saccone's daughter, and Superintendent-Director Dr. Sheila M. Harrity.

# Instructor honored for contributions to school

FITCHBURG — Robert K. Saccone, Monty Tech's first chef-instructor in the culinary arts program, who served at the school from 1970-2001, was honored posthumously at a ceremony held recently in school's Mountain Room Restaurant.

Saccone, who with his family, owned and operator the former Victorian House Restaurant in Ashburnham, died last June at the age of 77. More than 100 family, friends and colleagues attended the ceremony.

Last fall, a group of present and retired staff members came up with the idea that Saccone should be formally recognized for this contributions to the school with the establishment of a scholarship in his name and a plaque, with his picture, prominently placed in the school's restaurant.

Retired Superintendent-Director Stratos G. Dukakis presented the idea to the Monty Tech Foundation members who unanimously gave their

endorsement.

Current Superintendent-Director Dr. Sheila M. Harrity and School Committee members subsequently approved the proposal.

The Culinary Arts Scholarship Committee was then formed comprised of current culinary arts chefs-instructors Michael Banks and Paul Gosselin; retired restaurant manager-instructor Maureen Hanney, retired principal and business manager John Dzerkacz, and Saccone's wife Florence and daughter Lori.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to two deserving culinary arts students.

Speakers joining Dukakis, Dzerkacz and Hanney in paying tribute to Saccone that evening include, Helen Lepkowski, recently retired Gardner School Committee representative, and Burton Gould Jr., longtime Winchendon representative

to the School Committee, who served as master of ceremony.

Dukakis spoke of his long professional and personal association with Saccone, and his many contributions to the school, particularly his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the culinary arts program and its students.

His commitment went so far, Dukakis said, that Saccone actually built the culinary arts classroom, kitchen area and restaurant back in the late 1960s and early 70s.

"Thanks to Bob's efforts, the program is one of the best in the state, illustrated by the fact that a total of 440 graduates are currently working in the field."

He noted that Saccone, a third-generation chef, also played a major role in creating and advancing the school's annual Superintendent's Dinner, which since its inception in the late 1980's, has been the school's major fundraiser and continues to sellout every

year.

Dzerkacz spoke of Saccone's major role in establishing the culinary arts program and setting the standard for its excellence.

"Robert Saccone, who passed away last June, was a cornerstone at Monty Tech, who through his dedication to education and his persistent hard work, assisted in developing the outstanding reputation of the school."

"His 34 years of experience in education, 30 of which were at Monty Tech, allowed him to oversee the graduation of over 400 students in the culinary arts program. Many of his former students are successful chefs and owners of many of the finest restaurants in the Fitchburg/Gardner area, as well as throughout New England. Bob not only designed the layout of the original food trades kitchen and Mountain Room restaurant at the school, but he oversaw the expansion

plans of his department as it evolved into the outstanding culinary arts program that it is today. The reputation of the culinary arts department at Monty Tech is legendary, and this is due to the high standards that Bob Saccone established. He will long be remembered for his dedication to his students, his love of education, and his commitment to excellence. His memorial plaque will be a visual reminder of the positive impact he had on Monty Tech, and through the Saccone Scholarship, he will continue to help future culinary arts graduates. He will be dearly missed by former students, staff and administration," said Dzerkacz.

Those wishing to contribute to the scholarship, may send donations to: Monty Tech Robert Saccone Scholarship Fund, in care of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster St., Fitchburg, MA 01420.

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### SELECTMEN

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visions of the policy could cost property owners \$300 a day for each day any identified violation occurs.

Following Smith's presentation, selectmen voted to accept the first reading of the policy. The proposal will require subsequent approval before it becomes official.

In other action at Monday's meeting, Town Manager Keith Hickey informed the board that Brian Tata will be stepping down as director of Beals Memorial Library. Hickey said Tata cited a medical issue as the reason for his decision to vacate the library post.

Tata moved into the position on a permanent basis last April after serving as interim director for several months following the retirement of long-time director Julia White-Cardinal.

Selectmen also gave Town Clerk Judy LaJoie permission to scrap the voting

machines currently used by the town in favor of purchasing new Imagecast scanning and tabulation voting equipment. LaJoie said the voting machines now in use are "antiques" and noted that the memory cards used in those machines are no longer manufactured so, "when they're gone, they're gone."

LaJoie said plans call for the new machines to first be used in the September state primary. She did say that one of the older machines would be kept to accommodate early voting.

Entertainment, race, and parade permits were approved for the Clark Memorial YMCA's annual Summer Solstice celebration. The event takes place on Sat., June 18.

The board also reorganized at its Monday meeting. Barbara Anderson was elected chairman, taking the post previously held by Mike Barbaro. Audrey LaBrie was chosen to replace Anderson as the vice chair.

### TOWN BUDGET

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the need for that position was not as firm.

He did say it was likely the new accountant would be announced as soon as the Board of Selectmen's meeting prior to the town meeting May 16. An executive session at Monday's meeting was to discuss negotiations and the wording of a potential contract offer.

The \$20,000 line item in the town collector's office to continue work on tax title and takings is a positive move Hickey said; as the work should continue to keep it viable.

"There is an auction planned later this year, we should have several properties ready," he said.

There is a small increase in hours in the technology department, and there is a stipend paid to the town manager's administrative assistant for work done concerning technology.

"She is a back up for technology issues. She is very knowledgeable and helps a great deal. We want to keep her on board with this," said Hickey.

Discussing the three separate enterprise funds, Hickey was pleased to be able to say the increase to sewer and water rates would be even less than the anticipated increases from just two weeks ago.

"We did some research and found no

need for some indirect costs as calculated. If all collective bargaining agreements are reached, there should be an ability to keep the rates a bit lower," said Hickey.

The increase for water would be from \$5.06 per 100 cubic feet to \$5.34 per 100 cubic feet. For wastewater it would be from \$8.03 to \$8.61.

Changes to the transfer station to keep that fund viable include only one worker on site on a regular basis; changing to a single stream recycling bin for paper, glass, tin and plastic; and perhaps being open both one more day and open one evening per week. A \$10 per ton for demolition materials increase would be levied.

Hickey explains, "If the worker is on site, it makes sense to have the gates open for users plus having it open during an evening would be helpful and might encourage more use."

The plan would be to be open on Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. from May through October.

As Hickey worked on the budget, he said he did some adjusting to revenues as well as expenditures; noticing that motor vehicle excise taxes never seemed to meet the estimates.

Adjustments also happened in the health insurance appropriations as 24 employees

opted out of the town's programs.

New to the town's budget this year is six capital items included and funded within the budget itself. Hickey said depending only on free cash and letting important projects and maintenance go was not a good practice for the town.

The first item is a required compliance to EPA standards for drainage issues on the town's streets and roads. New guidelines required upgrades and should the town not comply, it could mean fees and fines in the future. Hickey explained the work can be done in stages, and an amount of money budgeted annually to address steps. The line requests an initial \$33,000 to begin the work.

Next is \$51,000 to replace outdated cardiac monitors and defibrillators on the town's ambulances and fire equipment. Newer equipment is required by state officials as improvements to technology occurs and Winchendon is behind in replacing this.

A police cruiser for \$38,000 is the third request. Hickey said in the past there has been the possibility of using some grant funds for police equipment, and prior purchases of vehicles have been included; but this year it will need to come from town coffers. This is also true of the next line

item, \$25,000 for duty weapons. These too are required to be upgraded every few years, and Winchendon needs to become compliant.

The town clerk has researched and requested \$26,500 to replace the town's election equipment. The current system is becoming unwieldy, and occasionally has some issues with reading ballots.

Finally, upgrades to the school security systems would be a multi-year program and would include all school buildings. This would be done in phases. At present, some schools do not have any cameras, others have fewer than required for safety. Other equipment such as key card doors and safety locks are also part of the program. The first phase would begin with a \$35,000 appropriation.

Hickey said the capital projects could be funded further going forward if, for example, the town does have a successful tax title sale and saves resulting funds into the capital fund as originally planned. There are some building issues with the DPW and fire station that could then be addressed.

The town meeting is Monday, May 16 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Murdock High School auditorium. Child care is being provided this year by the Murdock Student Council and National Honor Society.



Greg Vine photos

(l-r) Assistant Director Thomas French of the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, Commissioner George Peterson of the Department of Fish and Game, and Jack Buckley, director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, testify before a legislative committee on plans for timber rattlesnake habitat at Quabbin Reservoir.

### SNAKES

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plan is described more effectively than what was done in the past, the public will see the merits of the project."

"We understand fears regarding the reintroduction of this species," Beaton said, while claiming the move would not jeopardize public safety or access.

"We'd like to mimic the success of the reintroduction of the bald eagle."

Department of Fish and Game Commissioner George Peterson and Jack Buckley, director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, also apologized for not seeking greater public input before deciding on Mt. Zion Island for the snake's habitat.

"We blew this terribly," said Peterson. "Absolutely terribly."

Thomas French, assistant director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for natural heritage and endangered species, told the crowd that presently there are only five small pockets of timber rattlesnakes in Massachusetts "between the New York border and Blue Hill just south of Boston." He said two of those groups are on the verge of disappearing.

"But in the Blue Hill Reservation, within five miles of the Statehouse, we have timber rattlesnakes and copperheads co-existing with 200,000 hikers a year," said French.

He said Mt. Zion Island is the perfect habitat for the rattlesnakes because it's off limits to the public.

"The snakes need one place where they aren't threatened by people," he said.

Noting there hasn't been a recorded case of a anyone being bitten by a rattlesnake in Massachusetts over the past 50 years, French said the chances of someone getting bitten by one of the snakes on Mt. Zion is "astronomically small."

The president of the Swift River Restoration Association, Martha Knightly, told the state officials that "putting rattlesnakes into Quabbin is an insult to the people who lost their homes" to make way for the reservoir.

"Those of us that love it, we're attached to the people that lost their homes," she said.

The towns of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott were flooded to make way for the reservoir, which was created to provide water to the greater Boston area. The project was started in the 1920s.

Gobi asked if plans to establish the snake habitat could be put on hold until the working group has finished its task.

While saying he didn't "want to say necessarily we are on a suspension," Beaton did add there would be a "significant amount of time before any action would be taken."

### SCHOOL

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was that the amount (\$300,000) would be provided annually to the schools over and above the net school spending required; as would the accrual of a 2.5 percent increase allowed.

"That is very valuable to us, and we count on it in the budget. That is a few salaries actually, teaching staff or para salaries; instructional salaries. It is imperative to keeping programs," he said.

He began the discussion about the budget by talking about some shortfalls in revenue however, saying the special tuitions revolving account would be several thousand dollars less because of fewer students. And because of illness, the Robinson Broadhurst grant often sought to help pay for athletic programs was not filed this year.

"It's a loss, but not insurmountable."

The biggest change will be the loss of an administrator's position, as the middle school will be overseen once again by the high school principal.

"There will be a vice principal at each school, but the high school principal will oversee both parts of the programs," explained Haddad.

It is Toy Town Elementary Principal Katherine Vanderhoof who is retiring, and Middle School Principal Len Mackie will return to that school.

"We can make this work, at least for now. It isn't ideal, but it will work," said Haddad.

High school art teacher Ellen Schneeflock is also retiring, and it is expected a new teacher will garner a lower salary in that department.

"Small savings, small savings," said Haddad.

There will be some line item juggling, he pointed out further into the pages, as an expected retirement is now not hap-

pening, and that salary will be replaced; and he also pointed out an error in funding from the year before in coaching stipends that this year has been remedied.

"You might also see what looks like changes from a grade level or school to another and that's common. We might need to change a teacher to a different place because of pupil count, or transfer to a different placement. This is common practice. It's the same person, not a new position," he explained.

In addition to the Chapter 70 funds from the state and the local funds provided, Haddad was careful to point out the myriad other funding sources used by the school to make up its budget.

"There are Circuit Breaker funds, which are reimbursement funds for special education, but remember those are always only a percentage of what was spent, it varies every year and is based on what was spent last year; there are other special education tuitions and school choice tuitions. Though do remember we often have more students choosing out rather than coming in."

He said there were some building rentals, to a preschool program and to the CAPS Collaborative program, and occasionally to a sports program. But often the "rentals" only covered the costs of custodial care and utilities for the use of the building.

"And we are very grateful to the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation and our own Murdock Trust that contribute every year," he said.

The innovative staff also take advantage of every opportunity found to apply for grants.

"Some grants are entitlements, and we do make certain the paperwork happens for those; but we have become very cognizant of competitive grants and if someone finds something we think fits our schools, we do our homework and make the

effort," said Haddad.

Within this budget are \$1,405,138 in grant funds.

"Those are identified, and we will be striving for more. If they become available, and we find them, we go for them," he said.

As the school system is currently in the process of interviewing to hire a new business manager, replacing the business firm that has been in place for the past three years; Haddad hopes to see even better control of the district's funds.

"We expect to have someone right here, in house. Knowledgeable, with the ability to explain the entire system to all of us, any one of us whether they 'get' school budgeting or not," said Haddad.

"School budgeting is a different animal. Funds don't come in regularly, some wait a whole year before they show up; but people must be paid, programs must happen, and if it's grant funded or specific to a program than it needs to be properly tracked and identified. So, we need to do that and explain it. Yes, that line looks like there's no money in it because the funding isn't there yet, but people are being paid, we can do that because it works that way in school budgets," Haddad explained.

"But we need a person who can both do it, and explain it."

He said he was pleased with this year's effort, and while he would much rather have more money, because there were certainly programs he would like to have in the schools, and he would rather have two principals at the two schools he is grappling with; he thinks his administration and staff are also perhaps not 'happy' but at least content.

"We didn't have wholesale layoffs. We didn't end any programs. We have good schools, good teachers here and great kids. They deserve the best we can give them. I think we can do that."

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# LEGALS

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 16, 2016**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES  
(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Committee Reports**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote transfer the additional sum of \$40,000 to be added to the School Transportation line item voted under Article 14 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager.)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0-1 Recommend**

**ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY16 Operating Budget as voted under Article 7 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting by making the following changes: Health Insurance-Employer - Decrease by \$40,000 (Submitted by the Town Manager.)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon seven days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of April 2016.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

- Michael Barbaro, Chair
- Barbara Anderson, Vice Chair
- Amy Salter
- Audrey LaBrie
- Austin Cyganiewicz

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
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**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES  
(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 1**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee, the annual report of the Selectmen and of any other officers or committees required to report to the Town, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to choose all other Town officers or committees that may be required or deemed necessary to the Town for the ensuing year and give any instructions to same, or to any other town officer or officers, and to discharge any committees which have completed their duties, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

**REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION ARTICLE  
(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to establish or re-establish the following revolving accounts as provided for under the provisions of section 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as shown on the following table for fiscal year 2017, and further that the balances at the close of FY2016 in any revolving funds under control of any board or officer for which the use of the fund has changed below shall be carried forward in FY2017:

Fund	Authorization By	Source	Use of Fund	FY17 Spending Limit
Agricultural Commission Fees	Agricultural Commission	Agricultural programming fees	Costs in connection with its official responsibilities under local bylaws, including but not limited to part-time staff support, postage, posting & publishing, and consultants	\$20,000
Planning and Development Plotter Fees	Planning Director	Fees for large-format copier and plotter	Any lawful purpose related to large-format copier and plotter	\$20,000
Library Copy Fees	Beals Memorial Library Director or Library Trustees	Fees for use of Library copiers, printers and fax machines	Maintenance and supply costs for copiers, printers and fax machines	\$8,000
Library Materials	Beals Memorial Library Director or Library Trustees	Fees for overdue, lost and/or damaged Library materials	Repair or replacement of Library materials	\$8,000
<b>Total of All Revolving Loan Funds</b>				<b>\$56,000</b>

(submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.71, s.71F to allow funds received by the School Committee for tuition payments for nonresident students and as state reimbursements for students who are foster care children to be deposited in a separate account to be expended by the School Committee without further appropriation for educational costs in connection therewith; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by School Committee)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-1-1 Recommend**

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY FINANCIAL ARTICLES  
(majority vote required)**

**SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the overlay surplus account the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the Senior Tax Work-off Program, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

**NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the overlay surplus account the sum of \$18,000.00 as grant to the non-profit Community Action Committee, Inc., 273 Central Street, Winchendon, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the Town or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend**

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ARTICLE  
(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from other available funds the sum of \$14,444,269 for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article) (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend**

Town of Winchendon	
Summary of Other Available Funds	
FY17	
Cemetery Trust	\$ 3,060
Title V Liens Redemption	\$ 7,967
Infrastructure Investment Fund	\$ 71,399
Water Indirect Costs	\$ 212,854
Wastewater Indirect Costs	\$ 230,435
Transfer Station Indirect Costs	\$ 26,740
<b>TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 552,454</b>

**ARTICLE 7  
DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

	2016 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	2016 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,387,865	\$ 1,426,654	\$ 1,432,306	\$ 44,441	3.20%
TOTAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,387,865	\$ 1,426,654	\$ 1,432,306	\$ 44,441	3.20%
YMCA	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL TOWN ARTICLES	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
SELECTMEN					
EXPENSES	\$ 24,374	\$ 13,036	\$ 14,654	\$ (9,720)	-39.88%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 24,374	\$ 13,036	\$ 14,654	\$ (9,720)	-39.88%
TOWN MANAGER					
PERSONNEL	\$ 208,378	\$ 105,408	\$ 263,878	\$ 55,500	26.63%
EXPENSES	\$ 13,510	\$ 6,107	\$ 15,950	\$ 2,440	18.06%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 221,888	\$ 111,515	\$ 279,828	\$ 57,940	0.00%
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
PERSONNEL	\$ 700	\$ 400	\$ 700	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 159,960	\$ 262	\$ 168,785	\$ 8,825	5.52%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 160,660	\$ 662	\$ 169,485	\$ 8,825	5.49%
ACCOUNTING					
PERSONNEL	\$ 157,761	\$ 65,648	\$ 143,315	\$ (14,446)	-9.16%
EXPENSES	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 158,061	\$ 65,648	\$ 143,615	\$ (14,446)	0.39%
ASSESSOR					
EXPENSES	\$ 85,712	\$ 47,679	\$ 87,398	\$ 1,686	1.97%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 85,712	\$ 47,679	\$ 87,398	\$ 1,686	1.97%
COLLECTOR / TREASURER					
PERSONNEL	\$ 137,257	\$ 64,682	\$ 137,532	\$ 275	0.20%
EXPENSES	\$ 59,535	\$ 23,500	\$ 71,935	\$ 12,400	20.83%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 196,792	\$ 88,182	\$ 209,467	\$ 12,675	6.44%

	2016 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	2016 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
LEGAL EXPENSE					
EXPENSES	\$ 60,000	\$ 13,107	\$ 40,000	\$ (20,000)	-33.33%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 60,000	\$ 13,107	\$ 40,000	\$ (20,000)	-33.33%
DATA PROCESSING					
EXPENSES	\$ 39,300	\$ 24,225	\$ 54,600	\$ 15,300	38.93%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 39,300	\$ 24,225	\$ 54,600	\$ 15,300	0.55%
TECHNOLOGY					
PERSONNEL	\$ 36,502	\$ 15,139	\$ 47,460	\$ 10,958	30.02%
EXPENSES	\$ 5,015	\$ 6,694	\$ 15,015	\$ 10,000	199.40%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 41,517	\$ 16,686	\$ 62,475	\$ 20,958	50.48%
COMMUNICATIONS COM					
EXPENSES	\$ 32,900	\$ 8,152	\$ 29,800	\$ (3,100)	-9.42%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 32,900	\$ 8,152	\$ 29,800	\$ (3,100)	-9.42%
TOWN CLERK					
PERSONNEL	\$ 85,373	\$ 40,112	\$ 87,110	\$ 1,737	2.03%
EXPENSES	\$ 4,875	\$ 2,770	\$ 5,795	\$ 920	18.87%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 90,248	\$ 42,882	\$ 92,905	\$ 2,657	2.94%
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS					
PERSONNEL	\$ 1,690	\$ 720	\$ 1,690	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 21,500	\$ 4,219	\$ 31,815	\$ 10,315	47.98%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 23,190	\$ 4,939	\$ 33,505	\$ 10,315	44.48%
CONSERVATION					
PERSONNEL	\$ 15,528	\$ 6,790	\$ 14,719	\$ (809)	-5.21%
EXPENSES	\$ 460	\$ 265	\$ 470	\$ 10	2.17%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 15,988	\$ 7,055	\$ 15,189	\$ (799)	-5.00%
PLANNING BOARD					
PERSONNEL	\$ 1,900	\$ 270	\$ 1,630	\$ (270)	-14.21%
EXPENSES	\$ 3,100	\$ 321	\$ 3,100	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 5,000	\$ 591	\$ 4,730	\$ (270)	-5.40%
ZONING BOARD					
PERSONNEL	\$ 1,400	\$ 135	\$ 1,400	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 518	\$ -	\$ 518	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 1,918	\$ 135	\$ 1,918	\$ -	0.00%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
PERSONNEL	\$ 91,365	\$ 34,868	\$ 130,490	\$ 39,125	42.82%
EXPENSES	\$ 1,425	\$ 722	\$ 1,425	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 92,790	\$ 35,590	\$ 131,915	\$ 39,125	42.17%
TOWN HALL					
PERSONNEL	\$ 28,275	\$ 13,792	\$ 28,825	\$ 550	1.95%
EXPENSES	\$ 92,523	\$ 37,567	\$ 87,300	\$ (5,223)	-5.65%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 120,798	\$ 51,359	\$ 116,125	\$ (4,673)	-3.87%
POLICE					
PERSONNEL	\$ 1,100,906	\$ 602,416	\$ 1,093,833	\$ (7,072)	-0.64%
EXPENSES	\$ 93,740	\$ 39,177	\$ 134,240	\$ 40,500	43.20%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 1,194,646	\$ 641,593	\$ 1,228,073	\$ 33,428	2.80%

	2016 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	2016 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
DISPATCH					
PERSONNEL	\$ 214,851	\$ 108,221	\$ 218,351	\$ 3,500	1.63%
EXPENSES	\$ 2,200	\$ 769	\$ 2,200	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 217,051	\$ 108,990	\$ 220,551	\$ 3,500	1.61%
FIRE					
PERSONNEL	\$ 673,769	\$ 307,546	\$ 722,447	\$ 48,678	7.22%
EXPENSES	\$ 68,940	\$ 11,890	\$ 91,830	\$ 22,890	33.20%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 742,709	\$ 319,435	\$ 814,277	\$ 71,568	9.64%
AMBULANCE					
PERSONNEL	\$ 16,000	\$ 3,788	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 57,200	\$ 24,185	\$ 85,250	\$ 28,050	49.04%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 73,200	\$ 27,973	\$ 101,250	\$ 28,050	38.32%
LAND USE					
PERSONNEL	\$ 91,152	\$ 43,026	\$ 92,152	\$ 1,000	1.10%
EXPENSES	\$ 3,954	\$ 994	\$ 4,039	\$ 85	2.15%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 95,106	\$ 44,020	\$ 96,191	\$ 1,085	1.14%
EMERG MGMT					
PERSONNEL	\$ 2,452	\$ 49	\$ 2,452	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 4,952	\$ 1,049	\$ 4,952	\$ -	0.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL					
PERSONNEL	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 48,370	\$ 21,074	\$ 48,370	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 49,170	\$ 21,074	\$ 49,170	\$ -	0.00%
DPW ADMIN					
PERSONNEL	\$ 133,226	\$ 61,692	\$ 130,400	\$ (2,826)	-2.12%
EXPENSES	\$ 10,950	\$ 2,305	\$ 11,000	\$ 50	0.46%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 144,176	\$ 63,998	\$ 141,400	\$ (2,776)	-1.93%
DPW HIGHWAY					
PERSONNEL	\$ 244,504	\$ 96,127	\$ 197,329	\$ (47,175)	-19.29%
EXPENSES	\$ 105,000	\$ 61,900	\$ 111,400	\$ 6,400	6.10%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 349,504	\$ 158,026	\$ 308,729	\$ (40,775)	-11.67%
DPW FLEET MAINT					
PERSONNEL	\$ 91,725	\$ 34,161	\$ 91,723	\$ (2)	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 154,950	\$ 78,715	\$ 117,450	\$ (37,500)	-24.20%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 246,675	\$ 112,876	\$ 209,173	\$ (37,502)	-15.20%



# LEGALS

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	2016 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	2016 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
DPW CEMETERY					
PERSONNEL	\$ 83,774	\$ 41,692	\$ 87,164	\$ 3,390	4.05%
EXPENSES	\$ 8,800	\$ 6,963	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,200	13.64%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 92,574	\$ 48,655	\$ 97,164	\$ 4,590	4.96%
DPW TREE TRIMMING					
EXPENSES	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000	20.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000	20.00%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT					
PERSONNEL	\$ 42,082	\$ 19,467	\$ 42,082	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 7,255	\$ 1,853	\$ 7,555	\$ 300	4.14%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 49,337	\$ 21,320	\$ 49,637	\$ 300	0.61%
BOARD OF HEALTH OUTSIDE SERVICE					
EXPENSES	\$ 750	\$ 472	\$ 1,250	\$ 500	66.67%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 750	\$ 472	\$ 1,250	\$ 500	66.67%
BOARD OF HEALTH VISITING NURSE					
EXPENSES	\$ 8,500	\$ 2,125	\$ 8,500	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,500	\$ 2,125	\$ 8,500	\$ -	0.00%
COUNCIL ON AGING					
PERSONNEL	\$ 115,718	\$ 54,225	\$ 128,739	\$ 13,021	11.25%
EXPENSES	\$ 32,370	\$ 4,751	\$ 42,270	\$ 9,900	30.58%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 148,088	\$ 58,975	\$ 171,009	\$ 22,921	15.48%
VETERANS SERVICES					
PERSONNEL	\$ 14,126	\$ 6,807	\$ 14,126	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 477,570	\$ 223,369	\$ 477,570	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 491,696	\$ 230,177	\$ 491,696	\$ -	0.00%
BEALS LIBRARY					
PERSONNEL	\$ 147,125	\$ 62,067	\$ 132,970	\$ (14,155)	-9.62%
EXPENSES	\$ 35,430	\$ 13,889	\$ 40,575	\$ 5,145	14.52%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 182,555	\$ 75,956	\$ 173,545	\$ (9,010)	-4.94%
RECREATION COMMITTEE					
EXPENSES	\$ 3,400	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,400	\$ (1,000)	-29.41%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,400	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,400	\$ (1,000)	-29.41%
HISTORIC COMMISSION					
EXPENSES	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL					
EXPENSES	\$ 751,017	\$ 249,143	\$ 946,199	\$ 195,182	25.99%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 751,017	\$ 249,143	\$ 946,199	\$ 195,182	25.99%
DEBT SERVICE INTEREST					
EXPENSES	\$ 89,630	\$ 21,449	\$ 243,330	\$ 153,700	171.48%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 89,630	\$ 21,449	\$ 243,330	\$ 153,700	171.48%

	2016 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	2016 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
STATE ASSESSMENT EXPENSE					
EXPENSES	\$ 1,267,929	\$ 292,629	\$ 1,391,856	\$ 123,927	9.77%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,267,929	\$ 292,629	\$ 1,391,856	\$ 123,927	9.77%
STATE ASSESSMENT EXPENSE					
EXPENSES	\$ 20,643	\$ 8,603	\$ 20,704	\$ 61	0.30%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 20,643	\$ 8,603	\$ 20,704	\$ 61	0.30%
OTHER REGIONAL ASSESSMENT					
EXPENSES	\$ 27,798	\$ 13,436	\$ 31,920	\$ 4,122	14.83%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 27,798	\$ 13,436	\$ 31,920	\$ 4,122	14.83%
PENSION					
EXPENSES	\$ 1,237,027	\$ 1,225,852	\$ 1,328,215	\$ 91,188	7.37%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,237,027	\$ 1,225,852	\$ 1,328,215	\$ 91,188	7.37%
WORKERS COMPENSATION					
EXPENSES	\$ 187,386	\$ 157,493	\$ 177,000	\$ (10,386)	-5.54%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 187,386	\$ 157,493	\$ 177,000	\$ (10,386)	-5.54%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
EXPENSES	\$ 200,000	\$ 56,741	\$ 125,000	\$ (75,000)	-37.50%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 200,000	\$ 56,741	\$ 125,000	\$ (75,000)	-37.50%
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER					
EXPENSES	\$ 2,267,168	\$ 1,205,904	\$ 2,145,197	\$ (121,971)	-5.38%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,267,168	\$ 1,205,904	\$ 2,145,197	\$ (121,971)	-5.38%
LIFE INSURANCE - EMPLOYER					
EXPENSES	\$ 25,300	\$ 1,673	\$ 25,806	\$ 506	2.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 25,300	\$ 1,673	\$ 25,806	\$ 506	2.00%
MEDICARE TAX					
EXPENSES	\$ 222,000	\$ 77,774	\$ 230,000	\$ 8,000	3.60%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 222,000	\$ 77,774	\$ 230,000	\$ 8,000	3.60%
PROPERTY / LIABILITY INSURANCE					
EXPENSES	\$ 250,666	\$ 245,522	\$ 268,660	\$ 17,994	7.18%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 250,666	\$ 245,522	\$ 268,660	\$ 17,994	7.18%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,500	\$ 145,500	100.00%
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,500	\$ 145,500	100.00%
OTHER					
PRIOR YEAR DEFICITS	\$ 662,115			\$ (662,115)	-100.00%
TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 20,000			\$ (20,000)	-100.00%
AUDIT	\$ 45,100			\$ (45,100)	-100.00%
PRIOR YEAR BILLS	\$ 210			\$ (210)	-100.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,389,579</b>	<b>\$ 7,602,698</b>	<b>\$ 14,444,269</b>	<b>\$ 54,690</b>	<b>0.38%</b>

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 8**  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,096,518 (Water Receipts of \$1,046,518 and Retained Earnings of \$50,000) for the operating budget of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 9**  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,317,640 (Wastewater Receipts of \$947,640, Retained Earnings of \$100,000, and Betterment Revenues of \$270,000.00) for the operating budget of the Wastewater Treatment Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE ARTICLES**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 10**  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$174,389 from Transfer Station Receipts for the operating budget of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLE**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 11**  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,846,644 (Required Net School Spending of \$16,220,012 plus \$315,188 prior year override which includes a 2.5% escalator less \$3,688,556 for net school spending eligible indirect costs budgeted in the general government budget for School Expenses) for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any action thereon. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-1-1 Recommend

**ANNUAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE 12**  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$877,890 to fund the Town's assessment for its share of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

**CAPITAL ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE 13**  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$180,000, more or less, for improvements to the Town's two water tanks located at Elmwood Road and High Street, including all related and incidental costs; and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said funds pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §§ 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds and notes therefor; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-2 Recommend

**ARTICLE 14**  
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located at 89 Ash Street, which property is commonly known as the Marvin School and shown as Assessors Map 5C3 Parcel 175, for such consideration, including acquisition of other land in addition to or in lieu of a cash payment, and upon such other terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, and to authorize said Board to acquire any such land by purchase, gift, or eminent domain for general municipal purposes and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to

execution of instruments; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for such purposes; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

**NONBINDING REFERENDUM**

To see if the Town will vote to provide guidance to the Board of Selectmen on a non-binding Resolution as follows:

Do you support the acquisition of the Ingleside property by the Town of Winchendon?  
(submitted by petition)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon seven days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of April 2016.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

Michael Barbaro, Chair  
Barbara Anderson, Vice Chair  
Amy Salter  
Audrey LaBrie  
Austin Cyganiewicz

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY  
DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Project File No. 607529**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed North Royalston Road Over Tarbell Brook Bridge Replacement Project in Winchendon MA.

**WHERE:**

Winchendon Town Hall  
2nd Floor Auditorium  
109 Front Street  
Winchendon, MA 01475

**WHEN: Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 6:00 PM**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed replacement of the North Royalston Road Bridge over Tarbell Brook in the Town of Winchendon, MA. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of replacing the existing 28 foot single span bridge structure with a new 52 foot single span bridge structure. The new bridge structure will accommodate a 24 foot wide roadway and is to be constructed in the same approximate footprint as the existing bridge. The roadway approaches on each side of the bridge will be reconstructed. The work will also include safety improvements such as new guardrail throughout and an improved roadway profile. During construction, a single lane temporary bridge will be constructed to the south, with alternating traffic controlled by temporary traffic signals.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Winchendon is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

**Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.**

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 607529. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be post-marked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days

before the meeting. In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

**THOMAS J. TINLIN  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER**

May 13, 2016  
May 20, 2016

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

Premises: 155 River Street, Winchendon, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by

James M. Calabrese to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for Shelter Mortgage Company, LLC and now held by **Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee for the Lehman XS Trust Series 2005-3**, said mortgage dated June 17, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36580, Page 93, as affected by a Modification Agreement dated June 30, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47807, Page 45, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Shelter Mortgage Company, LLC to Aurora Loan Services LLC by assignment dated September 28, 2010 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 46430 at Page 72; said mortgage was further assigned from Aurora Loan Services LLC to Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee for the Lehman XS Trust Series 2205-3 by assignment dated December 2, 2013, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51919 at Page 40; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on June 3, 2016 at 3:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

**A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon in the Westerly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts on 155 River Street bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING at a stake and stones at the Southeast corner of the lot on the Northerly side of River Street, at a corner of land formerly of Angele M. Royse; THENCE N. 84 degrees W., on like of said River Street, 5 rods to a stake and stones; THENCE N. 6 degrees E., 12 rods to a stake and stones; THENCE S. 84 degrees E., 5 rods to a stake and stones; THENCE S. 6 degrees W., 12 rods to a place of beginning.**

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated 6/17/2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 36580, Page 92.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.  
Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP  
1080 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Attorney for **Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee for the Lehman XS Trust Series 2005-3**  
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 272-1400

May 6, 2016  
May 13, 2016  
May 20, 2016



# Uniquely challenging: MHS program explained

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It's likely many readers don't know Murdock High School has deaf students or that the school also employs a teacher and a pair of sign-language interpreters as part of the CAPS Collaborative Deaf and Hard of Hearing program. It's also perhaps likely not many readers know Murdock offered a volunteer American sign language class after school last fall which drew about a dozen interested students.

Teacher Dan Magennis and interpreters Tracy Boudreau and Mary McFadden are in agreement — sure their jobs are challenging but satisfying as well. "We're making a con-

tribution," said McFadden.

As for students Serena Caputi and Jeriel Claudio?

"They're amazing kids," enthused Boudreau. "Serena made an excellent transition to mainstream and she does fine. She's popular with her classmates, people high-fiving her in the hall. They're both resilient kids, likable and friendly."

"Serena sang with us in chorus," said music teacher Aly Galipeau. "She doesn't let anything get her down. She's simply Serena."

Sign language is a genre of its own, explained Magennis. "Every country has its own language, just as they do with speech in general. Sign language is a picture language."

The first "deaf school" in America dates back just about

two centuries — to 1817 in Hartford, CT. Education is an ongoing theme, though, and that's why deaf awareness was featured last week.

On Wednesday, a cafeteria display highlighted information to bring awareness about sign language and deafness, part of a national Deaf Rally Movement.

"We want to improve accessibility, employment opportunities and education," stressed Magennis.

Magennis himself attended Gallaudet University in Washington DC and received his masters from Simmons in Boston. This is his first year at the high school level though he's been with CAPS for over a decade. At MHS and other schools, the program "has a

self-contained classroom for students who are deaf or hard of hearing who qualify for special education under a secondary eligibility or that need modification to the curriculum in order to succeed." In plain English, said Magennis, "that means they have the same access to education as any other student".

That includes participating in extra-curricular activities, too. Caputi played basketball last winter, has been in the music program, and was playing softball this spring before suffering an ankle injury.

"The after-school program — we think we improved awareness with that," Magennis reflected. Improving awareness last week included a visit from Jared, a student repre-

sentative at Narragansett. The junior explained, "I'm here supporting sign language."

Boudreau, who's been doing this since 1991 and began at the recommendation of a friend and McFadden, who's been at it "since before the turn of the century," she laughed, share the interpretive responsibilities. For the latter, it's her first year at MHS. "I love it here," she enthused.

"This program is one of the qualities that make our school unique," noted Principal Josh Romano.

Magennis agrees. "The administration here has been very supportive," he said, adding, "we couldn't ask for more."

## MOM! I'm bored...

### ADVENTURE ACADEMY

GARDNER — Each summer, nearly 800 children and teenagers from throughout the region participate in Mount Wachusett Community College's Adventure Academy. This year, the college is offering more than 30 classes and sports programs between June 27 and Aug. 5.

Classes include Legos, beginning veterinary medicine, American Girl, theater, pottery, painting, sculpture, forensic science, dinosaurs, rockets, basketball,

soccer and martial arts. A majority of the classes are taught by area elementary school teachers on summer break and incorporate lessons in STEAM (science technology, engineering, art and math) education. MWCC's Adventure Academy is offered to children ages 5 to 18 and includes all supplies and materials. Lunch is provided for students attending full-day classes.

Among the new offerings this year is an Introduction to the Potter's Wheel course for teens age 16 and above, adults and art teachers.

For more information and to register, visit [mwcc.edu/noncredit](http://mwcc.edu/noncredit), call 978-630-9525 or email [noncredit@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:noncredit@mwcc.mass.edu) <mailto:noncredit@mwcc.mass.edu>.

### THEATRE CAMP

SUMMER DRAMA CAMP PROGRAMS at Theatre at the Mount/Wachusett Community College/Theatre at the Mount is now accepting applications for Summer Drama Programs for children and teenagers. Three different programs for various ages are available.

The Theatre Bug is for children in grades 1 and 2 and is a two-week introduction to the wonderful world of theatre for the very young student. The program combines theatre games, pantomime, music, dance and creative

play. Through storytelling, expressive movement and improvisation, students discover the joy of being bitten by the "theatre bug." The Theater Bug is an 8-day program, July 5 - 8 and 11 - 14, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Lights! Stage! Action! is for children in grades 3 through 8 and takes a script from page to stage in just 2 weeks! Classes in acting, music and dance lead to the thrill of actually putting on a play - the highlight of the final evening. Two 8-day sessions are offered. Session A meets from 9:00am to 3:00pm, July 5 - 8 and 11 - 14; Session B meets from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Thursday, July 18 - July 22 and July 25 - July 28.

Spotlight on Musical Theatre is a program for students in grades 9 through 12 (by fall of 2013). Students learn the basics of song and dance while experiencing the thrill of performing in musical numbers from Broadway shows. Spotlight on Musical Theatre runs 8 days, 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Thursday, July 18 - July 22 and July 25 - July 28.

All three programs feature include lunch, a camp T-shirt and a performance for family and friends on the last evening of camp.

For more information on Summer Drama Programs visit the TAM web site at [www.mwcc.edu/tam](http://www.mwcc.edu/tam) or request a brochure and application by contacting Theater at the Mount director Gail Steele at [g\\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu)



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## LEGALS

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Christopher Hancock and Teresa Hancock to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, dated December 4, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40309, Page 309 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 by Sand Canyon Corporation F/K/A Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 50004, Page 307; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 3, 2016 at 145 Eagle Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Eagle Road, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot 15, shown on a plan entitled "Benjamin Hill Estates, Winchendon, Mass.", Prepared by Joseph R. Henry and Associates, dated December 24, 1986, and revised March 26, 1987" recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 576, Page 16, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of said parcel. This deed is given subject to the following: 1. Rights and easements granted by A.J. Maillet, Trustee of Quality Homes Realty Trust to Massachusetts Electric Company, dated October 8, 1987, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 10899, Page 296. 2. Rights and easements granted by A.J. Maillet, Inc., to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Massachusetts Electric Company dated November 2, 1987 and recorded with said deeds in Book 10922, Page 207. 3. Rights, restrictions and covenants set forth in Declaration of Protective Covenants and Release by and among Robert P. Smith, et al, dated Sept. 16, 1994 and recorded with said deeds in Book 16619, Page 227. Also granting the right to pass

and repossess for any and all purposes for which ways are used in the Town of Winchendon over the ways shown on said plan recorded in Plan Book 576, Plan 16, and any revisions thereof to and from Benjamin Street and High Street in said Winchendon. Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed at Book 2780, Page 58.

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

#### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANS MORAN PLLC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
15-007074

May 13, 2016  
May 20, 2016  
May 27, 2016

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Suzan L. Kowaleski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Sunset Mortgage Company, LP D/B/A SMCPA Mortgage Company its successors and assigns, dated December 29, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40458, Page 47, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 52888, Page 241, subsequently assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47280, Page 158, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49806, Page 125; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on June 3, 2016 at 275 School Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings and other improvements thereon, situated on the easterly side of School Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly line of School Street, it being a corner of the mowing formerly owned by Hazel E. Geddes and now or formerly owned by Llyod R. Call et ux; Thence South 79° East, by the line of said mowing, 452.10 feet to a corner of stone walls; Thence Easterly, in a straight line about 966.90 feet to a point in line of land now or formerly of one Damon which is distant northerly 346.5 feet from a stone monument at the southeasterly corner of the tract as described in deed to Lloyd R. Call et ux dated November 10, 1941, and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2840, Page 217; Thence South 19° 30' West, by said Damon land, 346.5 feet to the aforesaid stone monument; Thence North 86° West 455.40 feet to an angle; Thence continuing North 88° 30' West, about 964.42 feet to the easterly line of School Street; Thence Northerly, by

the easterly line of School Street, 346.5 feet to a corner of stone walls and it being the place of beginning. Excepting, however, such part thereof as was taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for highway purposes, if any, as shown by a Taking duly recorded in said Deeds. Being the same premises conveyed by deed and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 20228, Page 190.

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

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# Running for those Roses!!!

Mat Plamondon photos



From the start bell to announce "They're off" at the Downs to the last sweep up of a bit of confetti on the floor, the first Run for the Roses fundraiser by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193 can be deemed a success.

Food provided by Heywood Hospital, a bevy of fantastic prizes provided by local merchants and businesses, the raffle of the new television used to watch the race (won by Anne Dickson), and even specialty drinks like mint juleps available if so desired.

Final figures on just how much was raised for Cathy's House haven't been done, but from all accounts, it will be a good donation to help that worthwhile cause.

When asked, President Lisa Gauthier and organizers said yes, they would definitely do the event again next year.

"It was work, but it was fun. We heard nothing but good things from those who attended, and they are excited to come again, so we are planning to do it again," said Gauthier.

Two bands, Obsession and the Williams Brothers provided live music, and DJ Mark Demarais was also on hand.

The chapeau contest was won handily by Rebecca Brattz, who also lent a hand dealing blackjack for a while. State Sen. Anne Gobi dropped by and helped judge that contest; spoofing a bit with American Legion treasurer Dave Johnson who got into the spirit by sporting one of the hats himself (and being a judge too).

The Auxiliary thanks everyone who helped in any way, and for those who missed it...plan for next year, it's going to be amazing.



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