

New science center dedicated to Asquino

GARDNER — Clouds and rain couldn't dampen the spirits of those who joined Mount Wachusett Community College for a celebration of students, innovation, leadership, and progress. With more than 150 guests including Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Commissioner Carol Gladstone in attendance; and Mount Wachusett Community College staff, faculty, students, trustees, alumni, elected officials, honored guests and community members, the official ribbon was cut on the new Dr. Daniel

M. Asquino Science Center, a state-of-the-art 44,000 square-foot addition to the Gardner campus.

In recognition of Asquino's 30 years of leadership at Mount Wachusett Community College, the dedication included remarks from a host of lawmakers, students, and colleagues filled with gratitude and well wishes for the soon to retire leader, a science themed DNA strand ribbon cutting at the entrance and the unveiling of the name of the building to a sparkling cider toast to complete the celebration.

The day's honored guests included Mark Hawke, mayor

of Gardner; Polito; Gladstone; Anne Gobi, Massachusetts State Senator; Stephen Brewer, Massachusetts State Senator; Stephen Hay, Massachusetts State Representative; Kimberly Ferguson, Massachusetts State Representative; Jennifer Benson, Massachusetts State Representative; Jonathan Zlotnik, Massachusetts State Representative; Stephen DiNatale, mayor of Fitchburg; Dean Mazzarella, mayor of Leominster; Lew Evangelidis, Worcester County Sheriff; MWCC students Ifra Hassan, Josiah Irfan and Liam Scanlon; Tina Sbrega, chair of the

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Dr. Daniel M. Asquino, Chair Tina Sbrega, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke, and State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik cutting the DNA strand "ribbon" on the new Dr. Daniel M. Asquino Science Center.



Mat Plamondon photo

Super freak

The once majestic textile mill, now the home Doody Burial Vaults, is a grand backdrop for the super moon this month. Monday brought the largest full moon the world has seen in 70 years. Another like it won't grace Earth's skies until 2034.

A super moon emerges when the moon is full and at its closest position to Earth. Since the moon's path around the planet is elliptical, the distance varies from day to day. When the moon is at its very nearest to Earth, a super moon appears.

At its closest position to Earth, the moon can get up to 14 percent closer than at its furthest point. Because it looks so much larger, it shines up to 30 percent more moonlight onto Earth.

Middle school success shared as example

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Recognized as an "exemplar school for systems and practices," Murdock Middle's success story was shared with more than a dozen other schools at a conference in Marlborough recently.

Assistant Principal Jess Vezina and teachers Cassie Maillet and Stephanie Rondeau represented the school at the Massachusetts PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Training Day event which included round-table discussions focusing on how to help middle schools function

more effectively.

When it comes to behavior, the mantra is, "if you expect it, you teach it," said Vezina, pointing out learning is impossible in chaos.

"We want to be pro-active in anticipating issues. We don't want to be putting out fires. Our job, our first responsibility is to educate, and things like reminding how to walk in the halls, how to behave in assemblies, that's all part of education too. We're preparing them for high school not just academically but overall. And we expect our teachers and staff to be role models too."

"You know, it's not easy

being 13, 14 years old," she acknowledged. "Their brains are still forming but if the PBIS concept works, and we're confident it is, then there is less chaos, everyone gets on the same page and academics are good too. That's not to say we don't have issues but since we implemented PBIS, the number of referrals to the office has really dropped. We had 33 during September and October 2015 and 12 this year. That's concrete evidence it's working. PBIS is cemented in place here." That last is important because the PBIS grant expires

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Photo by Mat Plamondon

One of the cadre of Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts who honored veterans by helping recite the Pledge of Allegiance and poetry at this year's ceremony. More photos on page two.

Winchendon thanks its veterans

COURIER STAFF REPORT

WINCHENDON — A couple hundred people attended the Veterans Day ceremonies at Edward M. Connor American Legion Post 193 to say "thank you" to the men and women of Winchendon who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. armed services.

The services were led by Mark Desmarais, Junior Vice Commander of Post 193.

"While we remember those who have gone before us, this day is to honor the service of those veterans still living. Many of us may have veterans living next door to us and not

even know it. But if you do, take a moment to thank them."

Desmarais also thanked the Murdock Chamber Singers, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts, any other young people who helped make the ceremony possible.

The Murdock Chamber Singers opened the event with their rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." They also sang "Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier," "God Bless America," and a medley of the theme songs of the various branches of the armed services.

"What struck me this year,"
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Town Meeting disappoints school officials

WINCHENDON — School officials were disappointed Monday night when voters at a special town meeting twice turned aside efforts to secure \$55,000 to pay several past due bills, some dating back as far as 2008.

Most of the money, about \$30,000, is owed to National Grid. Another \$14,700 is owed to the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative.

The overdue bills were uncovered by the district's new business manager, Rich Ikonen, who moved into his office in July. Ikonen actually found a couple of the unpaid bills tucked away in desk drawers.

Passage of the article, which required a nine-tenths majority for approval, was recommended by both the Finance Committee and the Board of

Selectmen.

Superintendent Steven Haddad told voters, "There's no good explanation of why these bills weren't paid."

Two superintendents and three business managers oversaw the finances of the school district during the time span covered by the past due bills, prior to Haddad and Ikonen assuming their positions.

The original vote on the article was defeated by a margin of 86% in favor to 14% against.

No one voting against the measure rose to explain their opposition to the article.

Voters did decide to reconsider the article, but it again went down to defeat, this time by an 87% to 13% margin.

The vote to reconsider, offered by Selectman Michael Barbaro, was based on the fact Barbaro said the amount

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Veterans Day 2016 remembered

Photos by Mat Plamondon and Tina Leduc Santos
Kassandra Santos of Junior Troop 64509 with her father Guy were part of the contingent of Girl Scouts who helped remove flags on Saturday.



Leo Desmarais, a Korean Conflict era veteran and his son Mark Desmarais, a 20-year Navy veteran, share a moment during the ceremonies.



Girl Scouts from troops 64509 and 11694 both helped with the flag removal project.



The Murdock Chamber Singers were part of the program at both the American Legion and at Broadview.



Veterans at Broadview Assisted Living were honored for their service.

Friday's Child



Julyzia, or "Juju" as she likes to be called, is a caring and affectionate 8-year-old girl of African American/Caucasian descent, Julyzia absolutely loves being a helper of any kind. People who know her well describe her as funny, smart and creative. For fun, she loves to play outside, ride her bicycle and do arts and crafts. She'll even make cards for others as a surprise! Julyzia is happiest when she is playing "Just Dance" and "Mario Kart." Julyzia currently lives in a residential home and can struggle with the day-to-day routine, especially at night and during transitions. In school, she is making good progress with special education services.

Julyzia's social worker hopes to find a supportive two-parent family with a mom and dad or two moms with either no children or older children. Julyzia will need continued contact with members of her birth family including her birth parents. She is close to a 9-year-old sister who is also in foster care, and they could either be placed in separate homes or possibly together in a skilled, experienced family. She also has two other half siblings placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What does Adoption Cost?

It costs little or nothing to adopt a child from foster care. Unlike international or private adoptions, there is no adoption agency fee. There are also a number of free post-adoption support services available to families statewide, including support groups and respite care. Children with special needs who are adopted from the foster care system are eligible for ongoing financial and medical assistance after adoption. These children are also eligible for a tuition waiver to attend a Massachusetts state college or university.

To learn more about Julyzia, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org.

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CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

ANNUAL TURKEY SOCIAL: sponsored by the American Legion Post 193 begins at 7 p.m. at the Post, 295 School St. Other raffles, usually other surprises abound! Come win your Thanksgiving bird and benefit the Legion too!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
SKATE CLUB

Winchendon Skate Club invites all ice skaters to join our club. We skate from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Winchendon School on Ash Street. The 2016-17 season is right around the corner. The Winchendon Skate Club provides educational lessons that teach proper techniques. We offer learn to skate programs for beginners of ice skating and hockey. Find us on Facebook-Winchendon Skate Club or Winchendonskateclub@yahoo.com.

HARVEST MOON JAM: the American Legion Post 193 presents Northern Company in an evening of dance and friendship 8 p.m.-midnight. Proceeds benefit the programs of the American Legion. Advance tickets \$10 available at the Legion, 295 School St., or \$15 at the door.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

BASKETBALL CLINIC: The annual Bob Bigelow Basketball Clinic is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 20 at Murdock High School, 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person (cash or check made out to Bob Bigelow). Bigelow is a retired NBA player and former member of the Celtics. For information contact Jim Abare at (978) 632-8193 or (978) 660-7799.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday nights at 6:30 Beals Memorial Library has an adult craft hour providing a place to meet and do crafts. People bring in things they are working on, and can get help on knitting, crocheting, quilting and discuss different ideas.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

TOYS FOR SANTA: annual toy collection by the Winchendon Unitarian Universalist Church, 128 Central St. from noon to 4 p.m. Toys can be dropped off in the circular drive all afternoon. Help local kids have a better holiday!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SHOP LOCAL: local merchants will all have great sales and deals today plus, once you've shopped stop at Winchendon town hall auditorium for the vendor fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. More than 20 vendors have registered. Think big, shop small on Small Business Saturday!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

PAINT NIGHT! Kiwanis of Winchendon and the Crafty Cauldron unite to bring the community an evening of fun with its first creative night for a great cause. From 6-9 p.m. at the Crafty Cauldron, 91 Central St., bring your friends and join us to paint a pair of wine glasses for yourself or a gift this holiday season. \$40 per person; register on line at www.thecraftycauldron.net/events or stop in during business hours. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis backpack program at Toy Town Elementary School.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: will be held at Carriage House restaurant 8-11 a.m. Hosted by the Kiwanis of Winchendon, the jolly elf and his Key Club helpers make this annual visit and gift every child with toy. Breakfast buffet at a nominal price; gifts donated by Kiwanis.

WINTERFEST: the annual table setting displays and wreath auction by the Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center will take place. This free of charge event is not to be missed as the tables dressed in holiday finery are amazing. Basket auction as well as a bake sale and lunch available. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

TOWN TREE LIGHTING: The tree in the Veterans' Park on Pleasant Street will be lit at 4:30 p.m. A hayride will leave the Fire Department at approximately 4 p.m., space is limited so if you want to be part of it, be at the station on Central Street early to ride with Santa! There will be caroling and hot chocolate at the tree. Make an ornament to add to the tree!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our

Neighbor's Kitchen, Winchendon's Community Supper, is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door, contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations, and many hard-working volunteers.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting Thursday Dec. 8. Books are available at the library.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

NO TUMMY SHOULD BE EMPTY: Cub Scout Pack 193 will be hosting our fifth annual Community Movie Night at Memorial Elementary's cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 9 beginning at 6 p.m. We will be showing the classic Home Alone and refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket and wear your jammies to enjoy a fun filled Movie Night and get a chance to visit with Santa himself after the movie! In place of admission, we ask that each person bring a non-perishable food item. All donations will benefit the Winchendon CAC Food Pantry.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

TEA AT THE MURDOCK-WHITNEY HOUSE: take a break from the scurry of shopping for a bit of tea and nosh at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center's two museums from 1-4 p.m. The first floor of each house will be decorated, and tea will be served buffet style at the Murdock-Whitney House while the best of the best table settings from last weekend's Winterfest will be on display at the Isaac Morse House. Enjoy both, visit the gift shop and stop for a few moments of music by the Monadnock Flutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE: the final day of the Winchendon Fire Department toy drive is today. Bring an unwrapped new toy to the station on Central Street at 1 p.m. Boxes have been around town for the collection since last month, today marks the end of the drive. All toys collected will be part of a better Christmas in cooperation with local churches and the CAC.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from April to December at the Ipswich Drive community building. New members are always welcome. For more info please call Lorraine 978-297-1760.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

ROCKING NEW YEAR'S EVE: the party is back at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of the Inferno, the band Rock House will provide music as Toy Town rocks in the new year. Raffles and surprises too. Tickets are already on sale at the Legion and at To Each His Own Design.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

ANNUAL BONFIRE: the American Legion will be the site of the bonfire of Christmas trees and wreaths beginning at 6 p.m. A chicken barbecue is planned as well. A drop off point for trees and decorations will be designated in the parking lot; leave yours after the holidays then come watch them go up in flames! More information will be forthcoming.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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.

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Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

What were we thinking?

We have to admit we didn't understand the mindset of the voters at Monday night's town meeting when they refused to pass the school article to pay outstanding bills.

Why?

No one spoke against the payments, so there was nothing to base the decision on; no reasoning given to understand just why the decision was made.

The thing is, these are bills that go back eight years. Eight years! Now, you can huff and puff and shuffle about how someone should have caught this error and who was responsible and on and on and on...but the bottom line is we are talking about two or three superintendents; and two or three business managers, all of whom either did...or didn't...know and cover this up.

In the case of the National Grid bills apparently there is somehow a way to pay a partial bill and just carry over outstanding balances...forever. It only costs carrying fees and interest and whatever. Something apparently people have been doing for a while so the books would balance. Now we must pay that proverbial piper and get these bills paid.

We can't just keep robbing Peter to pay Paul.

We finally have responsible people in place in the business manager and the superintendent who want to do the right thing. They brought this forward. They did it in good faith. They said, look, we found this. We know it isn't right. We want to fix it.

And the voters of this town punished them for it. By saying no.

The current administration didn't do

this. They found the errors.

By saying no, we are trying to punish the wrong people here.

We have the money in the bank right now, because of good practices throughout the town. We are in great shape at the moment because everyone, town manager, accountants, business managers, superintendent, treasurer, administration in all departments have been bending over backwards to toe the line. We have, for the first time in a long, long time: free cash.

We can pay back the state and still have some for ourselves.

Which means yes, we could move forward on the library.

We could pay back some town debt- edness.

We even lowered our own tax rate through a vote of the town meeting.

But not the schools. The only article that didn't pass.

It makes us look miserly and foolish.

Because we do have to pay those bills, one way or another. And if in the long run it harms some place else, we can only blame ourselves.

One other small thing to clarify, if you thought our columnists suddenly jumped ship and changed their allegiances last week in some manner as you read through their offerings; we need to point out that a new person laid out the pages for us at the other end of the internet link. Not knowing who is who, she mislabeled the Jack-Jerry duo. So no, Jerry isn't suddenly a conservative and Jack isn't suddenly a liberal; thank goodness the world still turns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OWC: holiday drive amazing

To the Editor:

What an amazing turnout we had for our holiday drive! Thank you to the American Legion Post 193 for the use of their hall and the donation towards the postage. Thank you to Will Brown for our website www.winchendoncares.com. Thank you to Sweet Treat Bakery for the discount and for shrink wrapping the cookies so that they stay fresh. Thank you to Dick and Sandi Creamer for the posters and to Stephen Ashmore for posting them at various locations. It was too late in August to publish a thank you to the following: Betty Brehio, Coral Grout and Doreen & Yvonne Page. If we missed your name, we apologize. Please remember to sign our book — neatly — next time so that we can thank you.

A huge thank you to the following: Betty Allaire; Michaela Benedict; Coral Grout; Owen Benedict; Elissa & Natalie Berry; Meghan Bohan & Family; The American Legion Auxiliary E. M. Connor Post 193; Boy Scout Troop 193; Daniel Fuller; Connie & Todd Cohn; Cub Scout Bears: Kate & Jack Varca; Cub Scout Pack 193: Christopher, Samantha & Brandon Chapman, Susan & Colton Cochran, Christine & Anthony Correa, Susie Greene-Hanks, Brody Hanks, Paul, Lisa, Ashlyn & Ethan Musgrove, Charles, Richard & Andrew Watson-Tredette; Sherry Divoll (OT department Winchendon public schools); Robert Drapeau; Brittany Ellis; Emerson School in Fitzwilliam; Bud Fletcher in memory of Carla; Flip Side Grille in Fitzwilliam; Girl Scout Junior Troop 64509; Joni Gorecki; Alicyn Gormley; Becky Harmon & Jacoby Atwood; Doreen Hodgen; Mary Laflamme; Doris

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Barrieau: not happy with Question 4

To the Editor:

For me, it was almost all good news at the ballot box. However, there was one glaring mistake made in Massachusetts. Weed.

Making marijuana legal has killed innocent people in Washington State.

The advocates for legislation have given their reasons, but the main one is the tens of millions of dollars the state will get in the high taxation of the product. This is true. But the real reason that this has passed, is that some, a lot, of people want to get stoned. That's it. This bad idea was made legal because people, (voters), want to have another way to become legally intoxicated.

Well, now you can grow it in your garden. Now you can ingest it in a number of different forms. Cakes, cookies, candy, and soda. Will there be a law to put these goodies under lock and key to protect the children?

Is marijuana a gateway drug? Obviously, in some cases, it is.

The roads will become more dangerous. When cannabis becomes legal, will more people start using it? Of course they will. We don't know what the numbers will be, but Colorado and Washington have seen a dangerous rise in cannabis related crashes, some of them deadly.

Your decision making abilities and reaction times don't improve when you are drunk or stoned. So, it comes to this; more people will be killed on the roads. More parents will see their children on a slab in a morgue. More loved one's lives will be shattered.

Why, because someone wanted to get stoned and some of the citizens of Massachusetts made it easier by making it legal.

LARRY BARRIEAU
WINCHENDON

Ipswich resident: recognition deserved

To the Editor:

Speaking to a lady at Beals Memorial Library recently, there are many citizens of Winchendon who do outstanding work here — even when they don't have to.

She said the Winchendon paper used to have a citizen or person of the month, well I think our maintenance man Rocky Flint should have this recognition. This man works very hard — even after hours during the winter and other times to keep our area up here in great shape. No matter what the problem is, he's always polite and understanding... and cleans up after a job is done. I am sure many of the old-timers up here

and around town agree Rocky Flint deserves a special day and month of thanks from the town.

So since you are the editor of our newspaper we're depending on you to write up a special column honoring our maintenance man because the state and federal rules now here and at Hyde Park and other places can't give him the thanks for all he does here.

But I bet you can.

I'd like the whole town saying thanks to Rocky for all your time and patience and good work.

RESIDENT OF IPSWICH DRIVE.

Can we move forward & not move-on?

In the immediate days following a very tight and mean spirited race for the Presidency of the United States, what started as the right to "peaceful protest & assemble" under the First Amendment, sadly quickly turned illegal and violent in many of America's largest metropolises.

While Secretary Hillary Clinton won the national popular nationally by a narrow margin, she lost her bid for President against Donald Trump who won the electoral vote convincingly. Now many but no where near all who voted Democratic are signing online petitions at MoveOn.org asking our nation to disband the Electoral College.

The petition to abolish the Electoral College which had obtained 506,000 signatures just one week after the election reads, "The Electoral College has outlasted its usefulness. It is part of the constitution, written when communication was by pony express. Voters currently living and voting in a 'red' or 'blue' state are disenfranchised, because their vote doesn't matter. Eliminating the electoral col-



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lege means: no 'swing' states getting all the attention and all the campaign stops and all the empty campaign promises."

What the petition doesn't tell you is without the Electoral College, the counties with our largest cit-

ies would have virtually determined this past election. A national map of election results and how counties voted clearly demonstrates this interesting fact. An on-line video which explains why we have the Electoral College, can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/prageru/videos/883270108382513/?pnref=story>

An additional petition in the form of a letter to our nations Democratic Super Delegates requests that they vote the will of the majority, and not the Electoral College vote count tallied at the end of the election. The petition, which gained much less traction, has less than 200,000 signatures.

May I ask, "Where was this or a similar petition when Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) was proven to have gotten a raw deal by insiders at the Democratic National Committee

which was exposed nationally and globally?"

During the current infancy of these two petitions, though the two events don't necessarily go hand in hand, hundreds of violent protestors have been arrested. In Los Angeles — 185 in just one night, Oakland has had hundreds. Violence reported in the televised news media against police officers, businesses, and public and private property. It is all documented in video recordings on both social media along with televised news broadcasts. Thankfully, those protesting in Boston have protested respectfully.

Many people have asked and speculated what the first days of "Trump's America" would look like. Well, now we know. Some people in many large metropolises have thrown a gigantic temper tantrum, and have acted in illegal and violent ways while saying they are bringing awareness to what they proclaim is the evil of President Elect Trump. May I ask, "How is your illegal violence any better than the cause you claim to be attempting to bring awareness to?"

Our nation and its people need to heal. While we need to come together as one, and as we are clearly divided on many contentious issues, it is not

looking like the division will be erased anytime soon, if ever. I do however hope and pray.

As the vast majority of violent protestors documented are younger adults who grew up in the "Everybody gets a trophy generation" one friend of mine who works in public education recently shared with me, "We praise effort because it leads to a desired outcome. What was lost along the way was the outcome part of it. We started praising effort no matter where it led. 'But I tried' became good enough leading to the 'everybody gets a participation trophy' mentality."

Violence in major cities against people and property, along with petitions to request we abolish the Electoral College after the outcome didn't go the way some wanted, do absolutely nothing to try to restore peace, love, and at least some level of mutual respect and decorum among our peoples. Those actions only serve to foster and create more decisiveness.

As an Independent voter I encourage those protesting the loss to take a page out of Secretary Clinton's book. For in the end while I was no fan of hers to her credit, she graciously lost with dignity, and asked our citizens for unity.

POLICE LOG

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12:10-5:02 a.m.: extra patrols and building checks, secure; 5:36 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 5:46 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:01 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 6:18 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:31 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:15 a.m.: illegal dumping (Lakeview Drive) report taken; 8:18 a.m.: suspicious MV (Grove Street) advised officer; 11:56 a.m.: FD call (Murdock High School) services rendered; 12:41 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street) property returned to owner; 12:45 p.m.: suicide threats (Health Center) removed to hospital; 12:50 p.m.: investigation (Webster Street) traffic citation; 1:17 p.m.: assist other agency (School Street) assisted; 2:28 p.m.: animal abuse (Town Farm Road) report taken; 2:59 p.m.: investigation (Central Street) services rendered; 3:19 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Converseville Road) removed to hospital; 4:52 p.m.: summons service (Mill Street) served; 6 p.m.: officer wanted (Hall Road) spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: ambulance (Grove Street) transport; 10:22 p.m.: accident (Central Street) report taken; 11:16-11:58 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street) refer to ACO.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

12:03-1:28 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:30 a.m.: transport (Central Street); 7:30 a.m.: illegal dumping (Baldwinville State Road) refer to state DPW; 8:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) spoken to; 9:51 a.m.: investigation (transfer station) info taken; 10:24 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 11:15 a.m.: general info (walk in) info taken; 12:30 p.m.: MV stop (Pleasant Street) traffic citation; 1:27 p.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street) unable to locate; 2:17 p.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street) served; 2:21 p.m.: summons service (Brown Street) served; 2:28 p.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street) served; 2:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street) report taken; 2:38 p.m.: summons service (Main Street) unable to serve; 3:30 p.m.: harassment (Webster Street) spoken to; 4:03 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 4:06 p.m.: smoke (Converse Drive) unable

to locate; 4:21 p.m.: automatic fire alarm (Old Murdock) services rendered; 4:25 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) assisted; 4:25 p.m.: smoke (Spring Street) unable to locate; 4:44 p.m.: harassment (Webster Street) info taken; 5:18 p.m.: unattended death (Academy Street) report taken; 5:49 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road) transport; 9:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Island Road) assisted;

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

2:05-6:18 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 7:38 a.m.: DPW call (Water Street) referred; 8:01 a.m.: ambulance (Monomonac Road West) 209A issued to plaintiff; 8:37 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 8:40 a.m.: ambulance (Hillside Terrace) accidental; 9:23 a.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) traffic citation; 9:31 a.m.: burglar alarm (Brown Street) secure; 9:44 a.m.: notification (Lincoln Avenue) unable to locate; 9:54 a.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Avenue) referred; 10:29 a.m.: illegal burn (Old Gardner Road) services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: suicide threats (Goodrich Drive) removed to hospital; 12:42 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) traffic citation; 12:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Avenue) refer to ACO; 12:56 p.m.: warrant of apprehension (Teel Road) removed to hospital; 1:17 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street) transport; 3:01 p.m.: accident (River Street) report taken; 4:22 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street) transport; 4:35 p.m.: investigation (CVS) spoken to; 5:12 p.m.: general info (Spruce Street) assisted; 5:27 p.m.: assist other agency (East Street) assisted; 5:29 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street) assisted; 5:35 p.m.: ambulance (Murdock High School) transport; 6:05 p.m.: MV stop (Academy Street) verbal warning; 6:12 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 8:35 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mill Circle) no cause for complaint; 8:45 p.m.: investigation (Ipswich Drive) spoken to; 10:27 p.m.: unwanted party (Mill Street) services rendered; 10:45 p.m.: ambulance (Winchendon Road, Royalston) transport.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:45 a.m.: harassment (IGA parking lot) report taken; 1:06-3:17 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 5:32 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 5:46 a.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) traffic citation; 6:30 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 8:42 a.m.: property damage (Glenallan Street) report taken; 9:40 a.m.: warrant (Teel Road) arrest, no further info provided; 9:50 a.m.: MV operating errati-

cally (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 10:01 a.m.: sex offender registration (walk in) info taken; 11:03 a.m.: property found (Kwikstop Liquors) info taken; 11:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Converse Drive) report taken; 1:52 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) traffic citation; 2:29 p.m.: smoke (Ingleside Drive) fire extinguished; 3 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) info given; 4:08 p.m.: fire unknown type (Ash Street) extinguished; 4:23 p.m.: ambulance (Ash Street) assisted; 6:16 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 6:27 p.m.: lift assist (Central Street) services rendered; 6:47 p.m.: harassment (Pearl Drive) transport; 6:47 p.m.: harassment (Ash Street) report taken; 7:01 p.m.: accident (Jackson Avenue) report taken; 7:21 p.m.: dog bite (River Street) report taken; 8:38 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 9:31 p.m.: suicide threats (Baldwinville Road) removed to hospital; 10:11 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road) transport; 10:53 p.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street) unable to locate; 11:26-11:42 p.m.: building checks, secure.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:19 a.m.: investigation (bike path) spoken to; 12:38 a.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 12:48 a.m.: parking violation (Jackson Avenue) traffic citation; 12:55 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street) traffic citation; 12:59 a.m.: building check, secure; 1:01 a.m.: MV stop (West Street) summons: Julianne M. Whittemore, age 31 of 414 Front St. #4, Winchendon: failure to stop or yield, unregistered MV and uninsured MV; 2:57 a.m.: suspicious other (Crosby Road) area search negative; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Ingleside Drive) referred; 8:55 a.m.: disabled MV (Gardner Road) assisted; 9:15 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 9:51 a.m.: registration check (Maple Street) spoken to; 10:20 a.m.: warrant check (Maple Street) no PD service required; 10:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Sibley Road) refer to ACO; 10:42 a.m.: traffic hazard (River Street) assisted; 11:15 a.m.: DPW call (Alger Street) referred; 11:35 a.m.: animal complaint (bike path) refer to ACO; 11:59 a.m.: sex offender registration (Baldwinville Road) assisted; 12:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Harvard Street) refer to ACO; 12:22 p.m.: ambulance (Eagle Road) transport; 12:33 p.m.: investigation (Main Street) spoken to; 12:49 p.m.: brush fire (Ingleside Drive) fire extinguished; 12:55 p.m.: registration check (Goodrich Drive) no PD service required; 2:04 p.m.: investigation (Town Farm Road) no PD service required; 2:28 p.m.: investigation (West Street) no PD service required; 3:45 p.m.: MV stop (Lincoln Avenue) verbal warning; 4:22 p.m.: MV stop (Main Street) written warning; 4:53 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 4:57 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) refer to other agency; 5:24 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) report taken; 6:27 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) no FD service required;

6:45 p.m.: larceny (Whitney Street) report taken; 6:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (Kemp Street) accidental; 7:07 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Mill Glen Road) unable to locate; 7:33 p.m.: burglar alarm (United Parish) info taken; 9:12 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) summons: Brielle L. Lepkowski, age 18 of 212 Mill Glen Road, Winchendon: minor transporting or carrying alcohol beverage; 10:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Vaine Street) unfounded; 10:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street) spoken to; 11:30-11:54 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:50 p.m.: MV stop (Main Street) verbal warning.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

12:13 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) services rendered; 12:20 a.m.: MV stop (Goodrich Street) arrest: Kyle David Marion, age 24 of 16 Gavin St., Baldwinville: OUI-liquor second offense, lights violation and possession open container of alcohol in MV; 12:57 a.m.: dog bite (Main Street) services rendered; 1 a.m.: suspicious other (Mill Glen Road) fire extinguished; 2:19 a.m.: burglar alarm (United Parish) secure; 6:59 a.m.: lift assist (Spring Street) services rendered; 9:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Drive) report taken; 11:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) refer to ACO; 12:40 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road) transport; 1:09 p.m.: assault (Glenallan Street) Alexandra E. Comeau, age 22 of 30 Glenallan St. second floor, Winchendon: A&B with dangerous weapon; 1:10 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) gone on arrival; 1:52 p.m.: road rage (Gardner Road) spoken to; 2:46 p.m.: shoplifting (CVS) spoken to; 4:05 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) report taken; 4:30 p.m.: general info (Central Street) assisted; 4:59 p.m.: disturbance (Chick's Tavern) removed to hospital; 6:11 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 7:29 p.m.: accident (Spruce Street) spoken to; 9:07 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street) transport; 9:53 p.m.: suspicious person (Crosby Road) services rendered; 11 p.m.: assist citizen (walk in) assisted.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:16 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 12:29 a.m.: patrol initiated (Irving Station) secure; 12:38-2:35 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:09 a.m.: MV stop (Teel Road) traffic citation; 4:59 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 5:56 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 8:29 a.m.: noise complaint (Spruce Street) spoken to; 10:17 a.m.: assist citizen (Spruce Street) refer to ACO; 11:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Cummings Road) report taken; 1:38 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 1:47 p.m.: runaway (Converse Drive) services rendered; 2:10 p.m.: illegal burn (Old Gardner Road) services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transport; 2:33 p.m.: threats (Old Gardner Road) arrest: Kevin M. LaBarge, age 52 of 11 Old Gardner Road, Winchendon: assault with dangerous weapon.

COURIER CAPSULES

BASKETBALL CLINIC
WINCHENDON — The annual Bob Bigelow Basketball Clinic is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 20 at Murdock High School, 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person (cash or check made out to Bob Bigelow). Bigelow is a retired NBA player and former member of the Celtics. For information contact Jim Abare at (978) 632-8193 or (978) 660-7799.

CUMBY'S MOVES FORWARD
 The Winchendon Planning Board Tuesday night approved plans by Cumberland Farms to fold three pieces of property neighboring its current store into a single parcel to hold the new facility it plans to construct.

The convenience store chain plans to construct a new 5,000-square-foot store on property currently occupied by the old Joseph's Variety and the adjacent Fairbank house. Plans also call for the demolition of the garage behind town hall.

In addition to the new store, which is designed to resemble the Joseph's building, Cumberland Farms plans to expand the number of gas tanks and provide additional parking spaces on its property at the corner of Central and Front streets.

While the company still has several permits to obtain before moving ahead with work on the project, a representative for Cumberland Farms said plans call for the demolition of the three old buildings to commence sometime in late spring or early summer of next year.
HOLIDAY FAIR
TEMPLETON — Holy Cross Church, Lake Avenue holds its annual holiday

fair Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the church hall. Homemade pies, fudge and baked goods; ticket auctions, crafter's delight, and a children's only gift room are just some of the highlights of this great local fair. Lunch will be served in the tea room.

MOVIE NIGHT!
WINCHENDON — No Tummy Should Be Empty! Cub Scout Pack 193 will be hosting our fifth annual Community Movie Night at Memorial Elementary's cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 9 beginning at 6 p.m.

We will be showing the classic Home Alone and refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket and wear your jammies to enjoy a fun filled Movie Night and get a chance to visit with Santa himself after the movie! In place of admission, we ask that each person bring a non-perishable food item. All donations will benefit the Winchendon CAC Food Pantry.

PRACTICAL NURSING PREVIEW
REGION — Monty Tech's practical nursing program will hold an informational session from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, in the school cafeteria. Those interested in jump starting a career in nursing are urged to find out more about the 10-month, hands-on practical nursing curriculum.

Faculty and alumni will be present to answer questions about the program and career opportunities available to graduates. Financial aid is available, and the G.I. Bill is accepted. Information about the current bachelor's degree bridge program with Fitchburg and Worcester state universities will also be available. The program is accredited on the state level as a Chapter 74 adult education program, and nationally by the Council on Occupational Education. It is also fully approved through the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Tours of the program's state-of-the-art facilities, and demonstrations of high-tech medical equipment, will be given. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 978-345-9200, ext. 5108.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
 Tickets are now available for the annual Holiday Pops Concert with the New England Symphony Orchestra (formerly known as Thayer Symphony Orchestra). The concert will take place at



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OBITUARIES

Joan E. (Young) Antilla, 81



GARDNER — Joan E. (Young) Antilla, age 81, formerly of 134 Peabody St. died peacefully Wednesday morning, Nov. 9, 2016 at Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, with her family at her side.

She was born in Gardner on Sept. 14, 1935, daughter of the late Stanley Young and Elsie (Koski) Young Smith and was a resident of Gardner for most of her life.

Joan worked at Simplex Time Recorder Co for over 30 years until her retirement. Joan had lived in Baldwinville for 40 years and then moved to Gardner, where she lived for

over 30 years. She enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles. her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

She leaves two daughters, Deborah L. Howson of Baldwinville and Donna M. Richard and her husband Roger of Royalston; two sisters, Marion Gay of Baldwinville and Linda Columbus of Otter River and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Bridge Street, Baldwinville. The Rev. Stephanie Flynn will officiate. There are no calling hours.

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

Raymond Thomas Brunt, 58



WORCESTER — Raymond Thomas Brunt, "Tom", age 58, of 12 Edgeworth St., Worcester, formerly of Winchendon, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 at his residence.

He was born in Augusta, GA on Nov. 25, 1957, son of Raymond Brunt of Warner, NH and the late Mary Louise (Dick) Brunt. He had lived in Winchendon and Jaffrey at one time and lived in Worcester for the last

proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

He leaves three sons, Ryan T. Brunt and his wife Ashley of Winchendon, Adam R. Brunt of Fitchburg and Brandon D. Brunt of Leominster; two grandchildren, Brady R. and Camden T. Brunt; his former wife, Deb (Palmer) Brunt of Rindge; his brothers and sisters, Tim Brunt and his wife Sue of Hillsborough, NH, Bob Brunt and his wife Debi of Newport, NH, Nancy Dunlap of Hillsborough, NH and Wendy McLaughlan and her husband Ian of Warner, NH and several nieces and nephews.

Military funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 25, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon.

There are no calling hours.

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

Maurice J. Cardin, 84



LEOMINSTER — Maurice J. Cardin, age 84, of 556 Central St., Leominster died peacefully at home on Monday morning, Nov. 7, 2016. He was born in Winchendon on March 19, 1932, son of the late Albert and Mathilda (Ricard) Cardin of Winchendon Springs.

He graduated from Murdock High School in 1950. Following graduation, Maurice served in the U.S. Army and fought in the

Korean War. He lived in Winchendon for the first 70 years of his life.

Maurice starting working at the First National grocery store in Winchendon while still in high school and moved to the Gardner store when the Winchendon market closed. He worked for First National until the chain closed. He then work for L.S. Starrett Company in Athol, where he applied his talent for precision work to the final fitting and inspection of high precision calipers.

Maurice had a good eye and steady hands for balancing and aligning things at work and, throughout his life, he contributed his time and talent to the DIY

projects of family and friends. Maurice was also a generous host who enjoyed gathering loved ones around an exuberantly laden table.

Maurice's appreciation for music ranged from classical through pop classics from the 1950s, and he was a talented improvisational piano player. Like his father, Maurice loved cars, dogs, travel and his mother and sisters. He is survived by his sisters, Alice LaPointe and Annette Duvarney, of Winchendon. His sisters, Beatrice May and Elaine Cardin, predeceased him.

Maurice, in accordance with his wishes, was remembered and laid to rest in his hometown at the Veteran's Cemetery on Nov. 10, 2016. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home directed the arrangements.

His family would like to thank the Gardner Visiting Nurses Association for the care and support their Hospice staff provided to Maurice and the family. Maurice was determined to stay in his home and Gardner Visiting Nurses' hospice division made this possible. The family is especially grateful for the exceptional care and love that Maurice received from Sue Lowthers, Hospice nurse, and Dr. John Harrington.

It is fitting for the young man voted most courteous by his Murdock graduating class of 1950 that the last words he spoke were, "thank you."

Brandon S. Flinkstrom, 33



WINCHENDON — Brandon S. Flinkstrom, age 33, of Winchendon, died suddenly Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 in his residence.

Born in Gardner on March 28, 1983, he was the son of Terri Ann (Duguay) (Flinkstrom) Hall and the late Donald Flinkstrom.

Brandon graduated from North Middlesex Regional High School of Townsend with the Class of 2001.

He was an electrician employed by Lawrence Blanchard. He was previously employed by ERS Electric of Ashby.

Brandon enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing pool.

Besides his mother and her hus-

band David Hall of Ashby; Brandon leaves two sisters, Ashley Flinkstrom of Houston, TX and Britney Hall of Ashby; two brothers, Jeffrey Flinkstrom and Darren Flinkstrom both of Ashby; maternal grandmother, Gloria (Latigne) Duguay of Baldwinville; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. in the Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols St., Gardner. Burial will be private and held at a later date.

A calling hour will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the A.E.D. Foundation, Inc., PO Box 67, Westminster, MA 01473. Please reference in memory of Brandon S. Flinkstrom.

Clifford A. Gilbert Jr., 83



LUNENBURG — Clifford A. Gilbert Jr. age 83, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 at Emerson Hospital after a long illness.

Clifford was born in Fitchburg on April 18, 1933, the son of the late Clifford A. Sr. and Gladys (Appleby) Gilbert. He graduated from Fitchburg High School, attended Springfield College and graduated from Fitchburg State College with a BA in education. He was a teacher at the Leominster Trade High School in Leominster for over 30 years.

Clifford was a man of many interests and talents. He was an avid hunter, loved fishing, snow skiing and golf and was an accomplished craftsman building almost 20 homes including four ski chalets in Vermont, one of his favorite spots. Clifford was an excellent athlete throughout his life and a passionate sports fan supporting all New England teams.

Cliff was the husband of the late Irene (Lennon) Gilbert, who died April 23, 1988. He leaves three children, Cathy A. Shattuck and her partner

Sam Gruenbaum of Waltham, Ronald C. Gilbert of Ashby, and Jay J. Gilbert and his wife Dawn of Winchendon; nine grandchildren, Melissa Welch, Todd Shattuck, Angie Beauvais, Crystal Cormier, Benjamin Gilbert, John Gilbert, Austin Gilbert, Katelyn Gilbert and Lexie Gilbert; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joanne Gilbert of Gardner. He was predeceased by a brother, William Gilbert and a sister, Grace DiNardo.

Clifford's family would like to extend a very special thank you to the French Connection for the outstanding care given to Clifford over the past few years; it was a great source of comfort for his family.

Clifford's funeral mass was held Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 at St. Boniface Church, 817 Mass Ave., Lunenburg, MA, 01462. Burial followed in the North Cemetery, Holman Street, Lunenburg.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, <https://org2.salsalabs.com>.

The Lunenburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 763 Mass Ave., Lunenburg was entrusted with arrangements.

Maury Gamache, 92



PHILADELPHIA PA — Maury Gamache, age 92, a World War II Navy veteran died Oct. 20, 2016.

He was the devoted husband of Jeanne (Larkin); and loving father of Jan Cawthorne and her husband Bill, Sue Mattucci and her husband Mark. He leaves his grandchildren: Chris, Alex, Bill, Cyndi, Julie, Christine, Jack, Alyssa, Emily and Maria.

He was the brother of Lorraine Vaine, Bill Gamache, and the late Phil Gamache.

Relatives, friends, and members of the 50+ Club attended a visitation at St. Christopher Church in Philadelphia immediately followed by a funeral Mass on Oct. 22.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Redeemer Healthcare & Hospice, 12265 Townsend Road Suite 400, Philadelphia PA 19154.

DiGiacomo Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Joseph A. L'Etoile, 90



WINCHENDON — Joseph A. L'Etoile, age 90, of 101 Highland St., died Saturday morning, Nov. 5, 2016 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester.

He was born in Winchendon on May 12, 1926, son of the late Joseph O. and Jean B. (Taylor) L'Etoile and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon. He was a 1944 graduate of Murdock High School.

Following high school graduation, Mr. L'Etoile proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was discharged in 1946.

He was in the construction business, J.O. L'Etoile and Sons for 30 years and then went to work for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts DOT for 20 years. He was a very much loved man and a great story teller. He was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion, a life member of Lt.

Frederick Wilder White Post 2158 VFW, both of Winchendon and St. Vincent de Paul Church, Baldwinville.

He leaves his wife of 68 years, Mary C. (McNamara) L'Etoile; a son, Michael E. L'Etoile of Winchendon; a daughter Jane N. Pineo and her husband Philip of Gardner; a son Joseph J. L'Etoile of Winchendon as well as 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Three sisters, Doris, Marjorie and Lillian L'Etoile, preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville. Burial, with military honors, followed in Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Tribute Program, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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

Jennifer L. (Burns) LeClair, 43



GARDNER — Jennifer L. (Burns) LeClair, age 43, of Gardner, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 in Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, following a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Gardner on Feb. 14, 1973, she was the daughter of Donna (LaFortune) (Burns) Fortin of Winchendon and the late Vance Burns.

A life-long resident of Gardner, Jen graduated from Gardner High School with the Class of 1991 and later attended Mount Wachusett Community College of Gardner.

She was a financial service specialist employed by GFA Federal Credit of Gardner, and was recently recognized for 20 years of service.

Jen enjoyed snowmobiling and hiking. Her greatest joy was watching her sons play hockey. She and her husband took great pride in supporting their sons by attending their games, no matter where they played. She loved spending time with family and friends, and will be deeply

missed by all who knew and loved her. Jen will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, positive attitude and amazing courage.

Besides her mother, Jennifer leaves her husband of 25 years, John L. LeClair of Gardner; two sons, Justin L. LeClair and Jace L. LeClair both of Gardner; maternal grandmother, Claire (Contois) (LaFortune) Rafuse of Westminster; three brothers, Michael Burns of Gardner, Jacob Burns and his wife Taryn of North Carolina, and Ryan Burns of Indiana; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A 'Celebration of Jennifer's Life' was held Sunday, Nov. 13 at Kamaloht, 1 N. Main Street, Templeton.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Jennifer may be made to support the Dr. Priscilla Brastianos' Brain Metastasis Fund at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center. Please make checks payable to Massachusetts General Hospital, c/o MGH Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114.

Boucher Funeral Home, 110 Nichols Street, Gardner is handling the arrangements.

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SPORTS

Devils' D holds on for the win

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WESTFORD—Last week the Murdock Blue Devils traveled to Nashoba Tech to take on the Vikings Nov. 10. The Devils had the lead 14-6 with just 30 seconds left in the game; but the Vikings would eke out another touchdown to narrow that lead to 14-12. The Devils defense would hold and come up big with a goal line stand to keep the gap and hold to a final winning score.

It would be a slow start for both teams

as the defense on both ends would let nothing into the zones; making it a 0-0 game after one quarter.

Nashoba Tech would grab the first points of the game to go up 6-0 early in the second quarter; but late in the same quarter the Blue Devils would get their first TD to tie the game at 6-6 going into the break.

After half time the Blue Devils kicked off to the Vikings, having received the first kick-off. It would remain a tied up game until just over five minutes left in

the third quarter, when Jared Nelson did a scoop and score for a touchdown to put Murdock up 12-6.

The Devils would tack on the two-point conversion to make the score 14-6 with 4:40 to go in the third; and carry it over into the fourth.

The Vikings would put a scare into the Devils with only 24 seconds left in the game, and cut the score to 14-12; but the lead would stand when the Devils' goal line would come up big to stop the Vikings from getting the additional two

points.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Vikings would try for an onside kick, but the Devils secured the ball and Murdock made the win a reality.

It put Murdock's record at 2-8 on the season.

The next, and final, game for the Murdock Blue Devils will be the annual Thanksgiving Day match up at 10 a.m. at Narragansett. The Devils hope to carry the momentum over to 'Gansett to get a third win on the season.

Oh the places we have been... and will go...



TALKING
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Let's talk this week about sports venues. Like many of you, I've been to good ones, bad ones, and one beyond-articulation great one which lived up (and more) to every word of its advance billing. Yes that would of course be Saratoga. Then again, I've also been to the Oakland-Alameda Mausoleum too, so there's the opposite end of that spectrum. We all have our favorites and non-favorites.

I grew up around racetracks, ballparks and arenas. Both Memorial Stadium, where the Orioles and Colts played in their glory days and the Civic Center, the Bullets home for a dozen years after the franchise moved from Chicago, were obsolete the day ground was broken on each. Didn't matter. It didn't matter the stadium had so many concrete poles that seats around them were labeled "obstructed view." It didn't matter that the upper

deck seats were, for the longest time, nothing more than wooden benches with no backs. It didn't matter that stinky puddles formed in the concession areas if as much as a sprinkle was falling. It didn't matter cars were parked bumper to bumper on the Eastern High School lot across the street and if you were wedged in, too bad. You had to wait for the owners of the other cars to get to the lot and move. That's why we began parking at a liquor/grocery store a few blocks away during football season. It was one thing to wait on a warm July night. A frigid December dusk was a whole different thing. None of that mattered. Memorial Stadium was home and it had its amenities. Those trees out beyond center field? Those weren't planted — they were the trees in the front yards of people who lived on the street just past the parking lot. Crowds weren't exactly filling the joint until the launch of so-called "Orioles Magic" in June 1979 so you could walk up to the box office a few minutes before game-time and get a choice seat. The crab cakes were legitimate Maryland crab cakes.

The Civic Center? 12,000

seats. That was it. There was a multi-level parking garage directly across the street which was a novelty in 1965 but the arena itself? When the NHL doubled in size 50 years ago, it was Oakland rather than Baltimore which received the sixth expansion franchise. That said, I loved the Civic Center. The Beatles and Stones played there. So did Elvis, and the Monkees. I was there for the latter. For a building which an NBA team called home, I liked the cozy feel. During my three years as a ballboy, I liked that we had access to the press room and its gourmet delights: pretzels, potato chips and soda. Hey, I was a kid. The best part of those days? The doubleheaders when teams like the expansion Cavaliers and Rockets would play at 6:00 in front of maybe 1,000 fans scattered around before the main event, Bullets v. whomever at 8. Can you imagine that happening today?

The Bullets left after, I think, the 1973-74 season for the new and larger Capital Centre in God-forsaken Landover. At first, we were excited to go to games and concerts in the palace. The Bullets were consistent contenders and we saw

Richard Pryor, Billy Joel, the Beach Boys and Chicago together and of course Bruce. But the drive became interminable even though by then I was living in Washington and the parking lot an eternal and unmitigated disaster. Eventually the Centre was razed and I have no idea what exists on the site now. But I've got fond memories of both hoop arenas. I suppose many in this region feel likewise about the original un-air-conditioned Boston Garden. Maybe even of Schaefer Stadium?

Once I went to the original Yankee Stadium. I've been to the Astrodome when it was the alleged eighth wonder of the world. Indoor baseball? Really? The first time I went to Fenway was during the Impossible Dream season of 1967, somewhere around the week Tony Conigliaro was beaned. I went to the dump in Cleveland. The day I was there some 10,000 fans rattled around the cavernous 80,000 seat ballpark. It was like an echo chamber.

I went to RFK Stadium when the regional hysteria surrounding the Redskins was in full flower. Talk about loud. I've even been to Connie Mack Stadium. That was pre-Vet in

Philly. In those days, baseball parks had an intimacy which eroded when the stadiums were replaced with those depressing cookie cutter artificial-turf buildings. Camden Yards, of course began the revival of downtown parks with fewer seats (at higher prices) but what I remember most about that first season in 1992 was feeling like I shouldn't make noise or drop a napkin. Yeah it was retro, and it was "in," but it wasn't the old place on 33rd Street. It took a while to warm up to the Yards even though we could get there on the light rail and not have to worry about parking and we could hang around the Inner Harbor and choose from a million places to eat before or after games. Nonetheless, it just felt way too "yuppie" for my tastes. I was over 40 by then. Maybe that was it?

Am I waxing nostalgic? Yep. Indulge me. The games all seemed less mercenary then. They weren't of course — Curt Flood made that clear and so did Andy Messersmith but the venues? The venues were unforgettable and the best part? Everyone could afford to go. Oh yes, things and times have changed.

Murdock Mini-Devils defeat Uxbridge

BY BOB POLCARI
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

WINCHENDON — The Mini-Devils faced their toughest challenge of the season taking on the once beaten Uxbridge Spartans at Alumni Field in the final home game of the season Nov. 9. The Spartans came in with a 5-1-2 record including victories over Marlboro, Millbury, Narragansett, Bartlett and Auburn and their only loss to Northbridge.

The Devils established the run game early moving the ball 70 yards exclusively on the ground to take an early 6-0 lead. Quentin Pridgen did the majority of the work in the first series including a 52 yard scamper to the three yard line. The Devils then turned to the power running of Corey Fasulo to punch it in to the end-zone for his first of two touchdowns of the evening.

The Spartans worked hard to answer right back on their first possession moving the ball 63 yards on 12 plays. Joey Marobella came up with a huge stop at the Devils five yard line assisted by Riley Kimball, Kevin Pesce, Jack Polcari and Fasulo on a fourth and three from the Devils seven yard line resulting in the Spartans turning the ball over on downs. The Mini-Devils offense kept rolling and after seven running plays had moved the ball to the Spartans 25 yard line.

The Devils then went to the air with Polcari throwing a strike to Richard Anderson for the second touchdown of the night to increase the lead to 12-0. Polcari added the extra point run to put the Devils up 14-0.

On the ensuing Spartan possession, Pridgen, Kimball and Calvin Tenney combined to stuff the Spartan running back for



Corey Fasulo scores his second touchdown of the evening

Courtesy photo

a four yard loss on first down. Tenney made another big play on second down stopping the Spartan quarterback for a one yard loss on a sweep. After an incomplete pass on third down, the Spartans punted and the Mini-Devils took possession at the Murdock 49 yard line.

The third Murdock offensive possession was highlighted by two big fourth down runs by Polcari, the first a 16 yard run on a fourth and 14 from the Spartan 44 yard line and the second a 23 yard run on a fourth and seven from the Spartan 25 yard line. Polcari capped off the drive with a 2 yard run on the last play of the half but the conversion pass was unsuccessful resulting in a 20-0 half-time lead for the Devils.

The second half opened with another key fourth down stop by the Devils defense resulting in a turnover on downs. The Murdock offense took over at the Uxbridge 38 yard line and five plays later, Polcari raced around the left side for a 20 yard touchdown followed by Fasulo punching in the conversion run to increase the Murdock lead to 28-0.

Uxbridge came right back and scored on the third play of their next possession. After a penalty and a negative play, the Spartans were facing a third and 20 from their own 20 yard line and called a halfback pass. The pass appeared to be defended well by the Devils but somehow the Uxbridge receiver came down with the ball at the 40 yard line and outran the Murdock defenders for the Spartans first touchdown of the night. The Spartans conversion run failed but the Devils lead was now only 28-6.

The Devils quickly struck back on their next possession with Polcari outracing the Spartan defense on the second play from scrimmage on a 72 yard run followed by Pesce pulling in a three yard conversion pass to increase the Devils lead to 36-6.

The fourth quarter was highlighted by two Uxbridge scores and Fasulo notching his second touchdown of game to bring the final score to Murdock 42 and Uxbridge 20.

The Mini-Devils were up for their ninth win of the season last night versus Narragansett.

Mushing when there is no snow

BY MELISSA LYNCH
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

WINCHENDON — On Sunday Nov. 6 18 teams enjoyed a beautiful day mushing and walking their pups in their second annual Husky Paw Run in Lake Denison. The temperatures were only in the 40s but they were perfect for mushing the dogs.

Three team members drove as far away as Connecticut to participate in this six mile trail run. Some teams mushed with one dog while most others had two dogs on their mountain bikes and

one musher majestically controlled her team of three wholly huskies on her rig. There were several people who came to cheer us on while some passersby looked on with amazement.

There were plenty of check points for the mushers to stop their dogs and water them and take a break and cool off.

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Carol J. (Vaine) Schrawder, 77



BALDWINVILLE — Carol J. (Vaine) Schrawder, age 77, of 23 Forest St., died peacefully Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, 2016 at her residence with her family at her side.

She was born in Winchendon on April 14, 1939, daughter of the late Ovila and Ruth (Bushey) Vaine and was a 1957 graduate of Murdock High School. Carol has been a resident of Baldwinville for the past 41 years.

Carol worked as the office manager at Morin Real Estate for several years until her retirement in 2004. She was a member of the United Parish and its Bible Study group in Winchendon. Her church, faith and the many special people of United Parish meant the world to her. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family, friends, her pugs Laila and Lola and especially her grandchildren. Carol loved being a Grammie to her five beautiful grandchildren, spent countless hours attending their events and cherished each and every moment she spent with them.

Carol will be remembered by everyone who knew and loved her as a kind, loving, patient, generous, thoughtful, sweet person and the kind of friend everyone hopes they can have. She always had a smile on her sweet face and a special glow in her beautiful eyes. She was a beautiful person, a loving

wife, and the best mother and grandmother that any family could ask for. She will be sadly missed by everyone whose life she touched.

Besides her husband of 54 years, Charles A. "Chuck" Schrawder, she leaves her children, Marla J. Whittle and her husband Scott of Templeton and Brent A. Schrawder and his wife Elisha of Leominster; a stepson, Clayton A. Shaffer and his wife Julie of Westminster, CO; her sisters, Rochelle A. Doody of Winchendon, Nancy L. Toothaker of Tallahassee, FL and Linda S. Tobia of Winchendon; a brother, Steven C. Vaine of Winchendon; five grandchildren, Cameron, Conner, Sabrina, Breanna and Bryce, as well as several nieces and nephews. Her son, Ryan C. Schrawder, preceded her in death in 2004.

Graveside services were held Monday, November 14, 2016 in Greenlawn Cemetery, Bridge Street, Baldwinville. The Rev. F. Calvin Miller officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ryan C. Schrawder Scholarship Fund, C/O Charles Schrawder, 23 Forest St., Baldwinville, MA 01436. This scholarship was created in her son Ryan's memory and is given annually to a college bound senior graduating from Narragansett Regional High School.

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

Mary A. (Davis) Young, 51

WINCHENDON — Mary A. (Davis) Young, age 51, of Winchendon, died Oct. 16 after an illness.

She was born Aug. 21, 1965, in Gardner, daughter of the late Clifford and Phyllis (Mailloux) Davis. Mary touched everyone's heart that she met in so many ways. She had faced so many battles in her life that she had overcome and showed just how strong she really was. She was an inspiration to so many people and was the most caring, kind, and selfless person you could ever meet. She was always doing for others and helping in any way she could. She loved her grand babies more than anything and would spend most of her time with them. Her kids, including her dog, Willow were her life and to Mary, family meant everything. She was an amazing nurse who had nothing but love and compassion for her patients. All her life she took care of others; it's who she was. She loved fishing, camping, Patriot games, Bruins games, but most of all she loved spending time with her family

and friends.

She leaves one son, Jason Girard and his wife, Shelby of Jaffrey; two daughters, Crystal Girard and her fiancé, Ryan Tenney of Winchendon, and Kelly Shaw and her husband, Kevin, of West Roxbury; five grandchildren, Brook and Sierra Tenney, Liam and Tess Shaw, and Jemma Girard; two brothers, Gerald Davis of Winchendon, and Charles Quartermouse and his wife, Sandy of New Ipswich, NH; one sister, Linda Davis-Rhodes of Pennsylvania; and her former husband, Kerry Girard of Jaffrey.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Young, her daughter, Cassandra Girard, and her father, Charles E. Quartermouse who passed away when she was very young.

Lamoureux-Fletcher & Smith Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner assisted the family with arrangements.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.mackfamilyfh.com.

Henry E. St. Pierre, 73

LEWISTON ME — Henry E. St. Pierre of Lewiston, formerly of Norway, passed away peacefully at Hospice House in Auburn on Saturday, May 28.

He was born in Winchendon on Aug. 31, 1942. He graduated from St. Francis College (now UNE) in 1964. A people person from his earliest years, Henry joined a community of Franciscan friars as he discerned whether he was being called to a religious vocation.

Following his time with the Franciscans, he settled in Maine and quickly adopted the many friends he made as his family. He was an active parishoner and youth leader at St. Catherine of Siena parish in Norway for several years and was also active in the Maine State CYO organization in the 1970s. He was involved in the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club and spent several years in the Oxford Hills school system, having also served at the former Welchville School.

Henry eventually made his way into the hospitality industry, becoming manager of the former Positively Maine Street restaurant in South Paris. His career led him to the travel industry

where he became a travel agent and tour leader of choice for many around central Maine during his time at Destinations Unlimited.

Henry was a showman and performer at heart. He was deeply involved in various genres of music, directing everything from barbershop quartets Catholic liturgical choirs. Henry retired as the music director of Holy Family Church in Lewiston.

His family and friends would like to thank the many health care professionals at D'Youville Pavilion, St. Mary's Hospital for making Henry a part of their extended family. A heartfelt thanks to the many friends who extended Henry their support over the years.

A time of visitation was held June 7 at Holy Family Church, 607 Sabatus St. in Lewiston followed by a Mass of Christian burial. Graveside services were held Friday, Nov. 11 in Calvary Cemetery, Winchendon with Fr. Leo Paul LeBlanc officiating.

Arrangements were in the care of Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 45 Main St., South Paris.

Corridon 'Corry' F. Trask Jr., 92



BARRE — Corridon "Corry" F. Trask Jr., age 92, passed away on Nov. 8, 2016 in Baldwinville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

He leaves his wife of 71 years, Margaret (Gahan) Trask, two sons, Jere Trask of North Andover, and Gene Trask and his wife Joan (Young) of Royalston. He leaves three daughters: Dona Lapati of Barre, Diana Petracone and her husband John of Hubbardston and Jody Pierce and her husband Richard of Barre; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

her husband John of Hubbardston and Jody Pierce and her husband Richard of Barre; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Corry was born in Lewiston, ME on July 13, 1924, son of Corridon F. Sr. and Ethel (Humphrey) Trask. He graduated from Spaulding High School in Rochester, NH, in 1938, receiving recognition for his athletic achievements. He served in World War II as a Navy pilot in the Pacific in the Navy Squadron VC71 assigned to the aircraft carrier CVE-61 USS Manila Bay.

Upon graduating from Keene State

College in 1951, Corry began his distinguished 36 year career as an educator in Troy, NH as a teaching principal and coach. In 1957 he moved to Greenfield to serve as the director of secondary education until 1961, when he accepted the position of principal, then assistant superintendent of Masconomet Regional High School in Topsfield. In 1967 he assumed the position of superintendent of schools in the newly created Quabbin Regional School District, serving for 19 years until his retirement in 1986.

In recognition of Corry's leadership and service to the Quabbin District, he was honored to have the Performing Arts Center dedicated in his name in October 1997. Corry will be deeply missed by family, friends and all whose lives were touched by him throughout the years.

The family would like to thank the staff of Broadview Assisted Living in Winchendon and especially the caring and compassionate staff of Baldwinville Skilled Nursing Facility.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Corridon Trask was held Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 in the Barre Congregational Church Park St. Barre.

Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 South Barre Road, Barre is assisting the family arrangements.

Awareness of issues lets student tell story

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — As Transgender Awareness Week is acknowledged, one local resident stepped up last week to tell his story.

Meet Andie Newton. "I concluded I didn't, for lack of a better term, fit as a female. I was always a tomboy, I guess but as I got older I realized who I actually was and 18 months ago I knew for sure," he recalled, adding, "I came out last November 15."

Perhaps not surprisingly, Newton hadn't jumped up to tell the whole world right away, but said as he did so cautiously, his teammates at Roller Derby and co-workers were completely accepting.

"I was just me" to them, he noted, "and it was safe to come out to them. I even apologized if I offended anyone but they were all great to me. In fact, a lot of people who I wasn't sure would be supportive turned out to be. Not everyone of course, but a lot. At my brother's wedding last year (Nov. 15) I was asked if I was my brother's brother."

"The whole gender-fluid thing is confusing to a lot of people," Newton conceded, pointing out, "but fortunately more people are becoming aware of the spectrum and where we all are."

"That said, there's still a big need for education. Transvisibility is important. It matters. That's why this week is important," he said.

"Gender is a spectrum," he said, adding, "that is something that is vital in raising awareness of transgender

issues. So many people think gender is black and white, male or female. But there is so much gray space in the middle that's not talked about. A lot of people fall somewhere in the middle and are lost because society tells us we must be male or female, but that's false. The spectrum runs from female to demi-girl to non-binary, agender, androgynous, and gender queer to demi-boy and male. When I came out to my team, I first came out as androgynous, which is simultaneously male and female. As I began to accept the more masculine parts of myself, I realized I didn't identify with anything that was feminine and after about a month I realized and began to accept I was a male in the wrong body."

Newton added he's concerned about the rise of violence and antipathy towards transgenders and other minorities which repeatedly bubbled up during the campaign and what that might mean during the Trump Administration. "It's scary," he remarked.

It was 18 years ago when Rita Hester, a transgender woman living in Boston, was murdered, stabbed 20 times in a hate crime (her killer has never been found) and that horrific incident sparked the Transgender Day of Remembrance. Every Nov. 20, vigils are held to honor those lost to hate crime.

That's a single day in a single week of activities designed to promote awareness and

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Vet business is booming

TROY NH - There aren't any veterinary offices open in town but plenty are scattered throughout the region and one of those, Keep 'Em Healthy, located in Troy, NH, serves a bunch of Winchendon clients and is doing so well a major expansion is underway.

"We want the families who come to us to know we really care about their pets and treat them like they're part of our family too," explained Dr. Andrew Cooke, who owns the practice.

Keep 'Em Healthy isn't hard to find either. It's a straight shot up Route 12 (School Street in Winchendon) to 120 Main St. in Troy and while the ease of the commute might have been an initial factor in the decision by some locals to use the practice, Cooke thinks there are other reasons as well.

"When word gets around about how you treat people and pets, people will give you a chance," he observed.

Keep 'Em Healthy's Facebook page emphasizes that mantra. "Client communication and education are a large part of our mission. We believe an informed pet owner is a happy and good pet owner," it reads. "That helps sum us up," noted Cooke.

Clients are happy, too. "It's easy to make appointments. They're really attentive to our pets' needs. You can tell they all really love the animals," enthused Dawn Fronte of Winchendon.

The facility opened in 1999 but Cooke has been working with animals ever since he was growing up in Ithaca, NY joining a friend in accompanying the friend's dad on all sorts of farm calls.

"It was a unique opportunity to spend time as a kid watching and learning," he recalled. And Cooke always knew what he wanted to do.

"Probably since the third grade," he laughed and after receiving his bachelor of science from Cornell and DVM from Tufts Veterinary school, Cooke began working with large animals at Saratoga race course ("I loved it. It was 24-7 but I loved it. Never bet, but I loved it," he reiterated.). Cooke also spent around a year in Kentucky including working at some of the nation's most storied breeding farms where he helped tend to among others, Affirmed and Alydar, the legendary Triple Crown rivals of 1978.

Eventually he made his way to Keene's Cheshire Animal Hospital before opening the Troy practice.

"I had to decide. My daughter often didn't know if I was ever going to be home. There was a lot of commuting around dairy farms" so launching Keep 'Em Healthy helped create what passes for stability in Cooke's profession.

He's proud too, of the thoroughness of services offered at Keep 'Em Healthy including wellness care, dental and gen-



Courtesy photos

Dr. Andrew Cooke doing what he loves.

eral surgery, vaccines and digital radiography.

"It's a complete range of services," noted Cooke, who added, "we have a great staff (Chelsea, Courtney, Maggie, Maureen, Rachel, Sonya, and Romeo the cat) here. They're the first people clients see when they come in and their professionalism and kindness tells people who we are and they represent our passion for what we do."

The downside? It's tough on everyone when the end comes.

"Alleviating suffering is part of our mission," Cooke said somberly. "People leave members of their family in our care



The groundbreaking at Keep 'Em Healthy brought the whole crew out for a photo.

and we have an obligation to be good to the whole family," he stressed.

There have been lighter moments through the years too.

"A pig got loose once," Cooke said dryly.

Proof positive the practice is growing? Dr. Tim Sileo, who received his DVM from the University of Pennsylvania ("he has a great manner and rapport with our clients. It's worked out really well," said Cooke), has joined up and ground was broken in September for a new and larger facility adjacent to the current building.

"It's going to be more functional. We'd pretty much out-

grown where we are now and that's a good thing, but it's become sort of like working on a submarine. We're going to have four exam rooms and surgical and recovery suites. It's going to be better for the animals," he said.

The expansion must mean Cooke isn't planning an imminent retirement.

"No, no," he assured. "I'll be around. I like what I do."

Open Monday 8-8, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30-6, Wednesday and Friday 8-6 and Saturday 8-12, Keep 'Em Healthy is located at 120 Main St. in Troy. They can be reached at (603) 242-6007 and their website is www.keepemhealthy.com.

AWARENESS

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education, but Newton noted, a constant effort is needed.

"We want people to not be afraid to come out and be who they are and we want people to not judge or criticize," he stressed.

A 2014 report from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects said 80-percent of hate crime victims are people of color and 55 percent were transgender women of color. The staggering numbers don't stop there. The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network reports that 16 percent of transgender students reported being physically assaulted the same year and 32 percent said they were physically harassed.

"You can see why there's such a need for awareness and education, and understanding," said Newton.

It may take a while for some in society to catch up on changes, but one thing to which everyone can relate has remained constant: gay, straight, trans, regardless — if you want to change your name, it'll



Courier file photo

Andie Newton in an earlier photo in the roller derby uniform.

cost you.

"Pay your \$165 fee and it's done," Newton shrugged.

KITTY KORNER



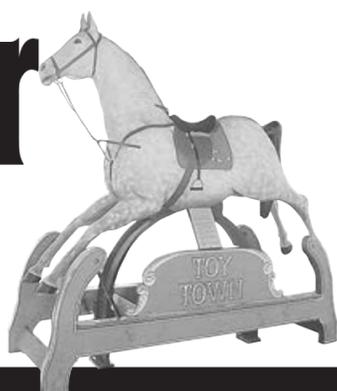
Dee came to the shelter as a stray and was found out she was pregnant. She had two kittens who are current-

ly up for adoption. Dee has been a wonderfully affectionate mother to them. She is a happy, playful and social girl that seems to do well with kids, cats and dogs.

Dee has been examined by a veterinarian, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

If you would like to meet her, A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats at 202 Central St. is open Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-2 p.m., and by appointment. For an adoption application, please visit www.shelterforcats.org or call (774) 641-1271.

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Carve that turkey with confidence

(StatePoint) Will you be hosting Thanksgiving dinner this year? Even those with the best mashed potatoes, the tastiest cornbread and the sweetest pie can have reservations about carving the turkey.

Easy tips from the carving experts at Smith's Housewares, a manufacturer of innovative knife sharpeners and kitchen tools, can give you confidence during this final step of feast prep:

- Schedule your turkey to come out of the oven about 20 minutes before you begin carving it. This will make handling the hot turkey easier and give the meat's juices time to redistribute for maximum deliciousness.
- Remove the string first. Then, remove each leg and thigh from the body of the turkey, using your hands to separate, and your knife to slice through the meat.
- Next, separate the thighs

from the legs by pulling on a leg and using your knife to slice. Target the 'V' area with your knife, feeling around until you find the joint. Slice the meat away from the thigh bone and place it directly on your serving platter. Next, remove the wings using a similar method. By identifying where the joint is; you can avoid slicing bone.

- Slice each breast slightly off the midline with an even stroke. Gently pull the breast away on the side you've chosen. Slice each breast into quarter inch thick slices. Place on your platter. Alternatively, cut slices of breast directly off the turkey, parallel to the rib cage. Either way, keep slices even on both sides.

- Save time and energy and be safer and neater by using a sharp straightedge knife and a carving fork to steady your meat. This will prevent tearing the meat and making a mess.

- On one of the most important

cooking holidays of the year, you'll want to make sure your kitchen is prepped to handle the work. Sharpen all the knives you will need in advance, particularly your turkey carving knife. Give yourself a present early this year by equipping yourself with a compact electric knife sharpener, an essential for everyday use, as well as major feasts. Those from Smith's feature a manual slot for polishing a freshly ground edge or a quick touch-up of already sharp knives. They can be found at walmart.com.

- A true holiday meal should be a feast for all the senses. So, after arranging your carved turkey on the serving platter, use fresh in-season herbs, fruits and vegetables to give your main course extra appeal.

With the right, well-maintained tools and the right technique, carving can be the simplest step of your Turkey Day preparations.



Courtesy photo

Here it is: ready to serve

ASQUINO

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Mount Wachusett Community College Board of Trustees; past and current college and foundation board members; Fitchburg State University President Richard Lapidus; Fitchburg State University President Emeriti Robert Antonucci; Berkshire Community College President Ellen Kennedy; presidents of the area chambers of commerce; Dr. Asquino's family; and past and present college staff, faculty, and students.

"President Asquino has built deep and meaningful partnerships that have resulted in a college that is extremely relevant and connected to the students and community it serves. Dr. Asquino has been driven by the belief that education is society's great equalizer and has transformed this college into what you see here today. His legacy will pay dividends for our students and our communities for years to come," said Sbraga.

Asquino has served as president of Mount Wachusett Community College since August 1987 and is currently the longest-serving public higher education president in Massachusetts.

"This is about access to quality higher education and opportunities for all. It is about the economic and workforce development of this region, the Commonwealth and our nation. It is about equality and diversity," reflected Asquino, speaking about the long

planning and construction process culminating in this dedication. "These new anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, microbiology, earth science and physics labs will replace 45 year old labs which were showing their age. These new spaces which rival those found even in the best elite universities — all combined with our outstanding faculty — allow us to continue a tradition of service and excellence."

The event would not have been complete without students telling the story of the college through their own perspectives and experiences. Student speakers included Irfan, who attended Fitchburg High School, and then began at MWCC through the STEM Starter Academy summer program. He discovered his love for computer engineering and hopes to go on the UMass Amherst after completing his computer information science degree at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Scanlon, of Princeton, decided to attend Mount Wachusett Community College as a smart economic decision after having a positive experience with the STEM Starter Academy. He plans to pursue engineering or physics after completing his degree in liberal arts.

Hassan studies biology at Mount Wachusett Community College and is also a STEM Starter Academy graduate. She recently traveled to NASA headquarters to participate in a scholarship program utilizing Mars rover replicas and hopes to attend Brown University after completing her degree

at MWCC.

Irfan, Hassan, and Scanlon all have the opportunity to complete coursework in the Asquino Science Center and work towards their educational goals in new classrooms on cutting edge technology and lab equipment.

They were joined by several other outstanding MWCC student leaders including Student Trustee Jasson Alvarado Gomez who also serves on the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Building Authority and Student Government Association President Faith Kurtz.

"Through science classes at Mount Wachusett Community College, I discovered my great passion for biology. Now, I plan on becoming a doctor and that wouldn't have been possible without the amazing program here at MWCC," said Hassan in her remarks to the capacity crowd.

After more than 18 months of construction and extensive renovations, the anxiously awaited opening of the new science center went off without a hitch as guests enjoyed conversations with student ambassadors, faculty, and staff while touring the new facilities. In addition to the 44,000 square-foot Science Center wing, tours had a clear view of the new 2,300-square-foot greenhouse and renovations throughout the existing Arthur F. Haley Academic Center.

Many construction milestones were celebrated along the way leading up

to this momentous day in the 50 year history of the college. On Aug. 11, 2015, the centuries-old tradition of a beam signing was observed to commemorate the completion of the structural phase of a building. During the ceremony, Asquino, students, staff, college, community leaders and members of the construction team signed the steel beam that was placed as the uppermost beam as the new building began to take shape overlooking Green Street.

Designed by Boston-based Architerra, Inc. to meet LEED gold certification for efficiency and sustainability, the new building contains energy-efficient features reinforcing the college's commitment to sustainability. Over the past 15 years, MWCC has been the recipient of top state and national sustainability awards, including the American Association of College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Wildlife Federation. Shawmut Design & Construction, also based in Boston, acted as construction manager.

MWCC received \$37.9 million in state capital funds for the project, as well as a \$500,000 grant from Massachusetts Life Sciences for laboratory equipment. The project completed on-time and on-budget.

For more information about the college's commitment to students, sustainability, and Asquino's legacy, visit mwcc.edu.

THANKS

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reflected music teacher and choral director Aly Galipeau, "is the impact the vets have on students. We went to Broadview after the community service and met eight veterans there. They all have amazing stories and it really was an up close and personal experience for our students. We were able to get a glimpse of what they have sacrificed for us and I believe seeing the students helped remind them of why they served."

American Legion Auxiliary

National Historian Coral Grout said, "It's unfortunate more towns don't pay as much attention to their veterans as Winchendon does."

She ticked off a list of local parks honoring the service of Winchendon residents who served in various conflicts, including the newly-refurbished GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Park, with its memorial listing those who served and died in the Civil War. She also mentioned the World War I and World War II parks, and Grout Memorial Park.

Grout Memorial Park hon-

ors the memory of Charles "Charlie" Grout, who served for many years as the veterans' agent for Winchendon and several other local communities. Grout was a veteran of the Navy.

The town also hopes to establish a memorial to Navy veteran Ed Gandy. Gandy served aboard the USS Finback, the submarine that plucked George H.W. Bush from the waters of the Pacific after his plane was shot down during World War II. The two men remained friends until Gandy's passing in 2012.

This year's guest speaker

was Winchendon native Frank McKinnon Jr., who spoke about his service in the Merchant Marines as well as outlining the history of the branch. McKinnon also pointed out his branch suffered a higher ratio of casualties during World War II than any other losing one in 26 members but the Merchant Marines, 70-plus years later, still haven't gained official veterans status.

A second Veterans Day ceremony was held last Friday afternoon at Broadview Assisted Living. Members of Post 193 presented eight veterans with certificates and small

American flags honoring their service to the country.

Those honored included: US Army veterans Malcolm Brown, Louis Owens, and John Christian; Larry Driscoll, who served in both the US Army and the Air Force; Air Force veterans Roland Beauregard and Olavi Palojarvi; Lyle Newton, a Navy veteran, and Brian Morrow, a veteran of the Canadian Navy.

Desmarais, noting the huge turnout, said he remains proud to be the coordinator for Memorial Day and Veterans Day events in a town that never forgets those who served.

SCHOOL

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at the end of this school year next spring. "It's who we are by now," asserted Vezina.

To help faculty be on the same page, each teacher has a PBIS Handbook geared to whichever grade they teach which includes strategies for reaching expectations and pro-actively anticipating and dealing with a wide range of potential situations and recommended responses. This includes classroom discussions which gets students directly involved.

"It's their school," Vezina reminded. And rather than look to punishment as a reflexive reaction, PBIS emphasizes rewards for doing things the right way. "A much better approach," said Vezina.

MMS has a faculty team which in addition to Vezina, Maillet and Rondeau, includes Cathy Desmarais, Aly Galipeau, Kayla Hamilton, Danielle Higgins, Amanda Rodgers and Cindy Wolley.

"We get lots of feedback," noted Vezina.

Northeast PBIS Network Director Adam Feinberg is impressed.

"At the PBIS Academy, we are excited about the great work you've been doing at Murdock," he told Vezina.

That's why MMS was invited to be "the exemplar school for Middle school Systems and Practices. We want you to talk about what your school has built," he said.

"We're building a culture here," Vezina reflected, adding, "it's an honor to be recognized. To me, that says people are noticing we're doing some pretty cool things here."

MEETING

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should have been included in the deficit legislation done by the town at an earlier time.

"At the time, this wasn't known, this should have been part of that and it wasn't; so now we need to address it," Barbaro explained.

Haddad said taking the cash out of next year's budget could result in the loss of at least one school employee. Following the conclusion of the town meeting, he said he may bring the issue before voters again at the annual town meeting in May.

In other action, voters approved using \$140,000 from the town's stabilization fund to complete the renovations of the

Beals Memorial Library. The Library Board of Trustees voted to seek the funds after it was learned that the cost of certain metals needed for the project would be higher than anticipated.

A new entrance is being constructed and an elevator installed in order to bring the library into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The expenditure approved by voters will cover \$120,000 of the cost of the metals, which will be used in the new entryway, a canopy over the entrance, and a new stairway. Another \$10,000 to \$20,000 will pay the cost of installation.

The entire cost of the project has now hit the \$1.5 million mark.

Voters also approved

some relatively minor changes in the town's charter, and the transfer of 87 acres of town-owned land off Old Town Farm Road to the oversight of the Conservation Commission.

None of the 11 articles engendered much discussion except the proposed charter changes and the school deficit.

Finance Committee Chairman Tom Kane explained the intention of the town to take a large portion of the state finalized free cash funds to pay down the deficit legislation.

Some of the remaining free cash will be used to reduce the tax rate, approved by the town meeting; as was an article to use water retained earnings to offset water rates.

FRIGHT NIGHT

A new tradition at Murdock Middle School is the creation of scarecrows to line the halls. Some gory and gruesome, some whimsical and some, well, just odd.

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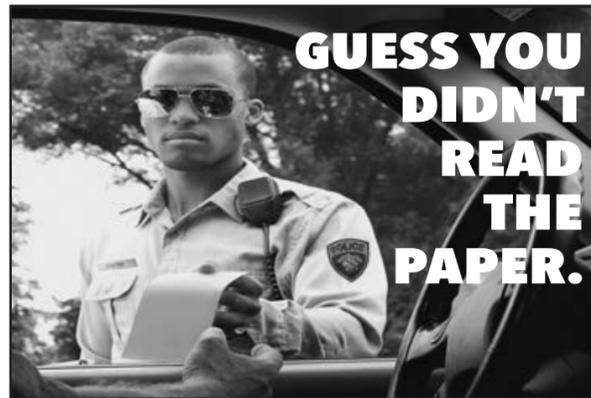
WINCHENDON — The Winchendon Police have issued the following notification concerning a local individual identified as a Level III sex offender by the Sex Offender Registration Board. The Board has determined this individual is at high risk to offend again and the degree of dangerousness to the public causes a substantial public safety interest. However, this person is not currently wanted by any law enforcement agency.

Gregory George Ogershok, age 57 is a Caucasian male approximately five feet four inches tall and weighing approximately 135 pounds. His eyes are hazel and his hair is

brown. He is currently listed as homeless, though he occasionally stays at 562 School St.

Ogershok was convicted on Sept. 17, 1987 with rape and abuse of a child; and with indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years of age.

This information is for public safety use only, the person described is not currently wanted for any offenses. Use of the information for discrimination or harassment is deemed illegal; use of the information to threaten to commit a crime may be punishable.



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LEGALS

Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed., Dec. 7, 2016 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, to hear the Variance application filed on behalf of Jeffrey T. and Deborah C. Millman for property located at 95 Island Rd, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map M2 Parcel 1 owned by the same. Relief is sought from the front and side setback requirements as outlined in Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaws for the construction of a 26' x 30' garage. Said property is located in the R40 Suburban Residential – Neighborhood District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend. BY: Cynthia Carville, Chair Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals November 11, 2016 November 18, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WINCHENDON PUBLIC HEARING

FY 17 Community Development Block Grant Application

The Winchendon Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall located at Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA, to discuss the town's proposed application to the FY17 Massachusetts Small Cities Community Block Grant (CDBG) program. The application is for up to \$557,336.00 Dollars for eligible activities as follows: housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, public facilities, public services, and planning services. The town will contract with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to administer the grant. Interested persons and organizations are encouraged to attend, and will have the opportunity to comment and be heard on the proposed application. Reasonable accommodation will be attempted upon written request to the Selectmen's Office prior to the meeting. The meeting room is handicapped accessible.

By: Winchendon Board of Selectmen November 18, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Crystal A. Geslak to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Delta Funding Corp., its successors and assigns., dated May 24, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37039, Page 257 subsequently assigned to HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Delta Funding Corp., its successors and assigns. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 53281, Page 380 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 54317, Page 20; 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 11:00 AM on December 9, 2016 at 12 Winter Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING at a stake and stones at the southeasterly corner of the lot, on the Westerly side of Winter Street; THENCE west-

erly on line of land formerly of Emeline Vose, ninety nine (99) feet to the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of William C. Parke; THENCE northerly on line of land of said Parke eighty two (82) feet to said Parke's northeast corner. THENCE easterly on line of land now or formerly owned or occupied by Charles W. Day ninety nine (99) feet to said Winter Street; THENCE southerly on said Winter Street eighty two (82) feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises as conveyed by deed and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 34506, Page 236.

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.

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust

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By Its Attorneys,
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November 18, 2016

November 25, 2016

December 2, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Scott D. Parkinson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, dated March 16, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40848, Page 269 subsequently assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 47624, Page 38, subsequently assigned to Bank of America N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 55080, Page 331 and subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 51163, Page 311; 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 10:00 AM on December 9, 2016 at 147 Benjamin Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land together with all buildings and improvements thereon located on the southerly side of Benjamin Street, in the Town of Winchendon, Worcester County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 3, containing 1.000 acres, on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Lots prepared for Robert B. Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA, dated November 18, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA" said Plan being recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 718, Plan 6, to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description. Subject to any and all matters as shown on Plan Book 718, Page 6. Meaning and intending to describe and convey the same premises conveyed to Scott D. Parkinson by deed of Lawrence A. Wells, Jr. and Kristin S. Wells, dated October 10, 2003 and recorded at Book 31933, Page 263 at the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

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.**

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November 18, 2016

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December 2, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Lance E. Budka to Town and Country Credit Corp., dated August 9, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37087, Page 381 subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R9, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated October 1, 2005 by Citi Residential Lending Inc., as attorney-in-fact for Town and Country Credit Corp. by assignment recorded

in said Registry of Deeds at Book 43883, Page 236; 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 10:00 AM on November 28, 2016 at 23 Brooks Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Easterly side of Brooks Road, in Winchendon, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner at an iron pin in the Easterly line of Brooks Road at land of Evolution Realty Trust; thence N 45-53'23" E by Evolution land 450.00 feet to an iron pin; thence S 41-43'40" E by Evolution land 200.00 feet to an iron pin at other land of Evolution Realty Trust and being Lot "4" on a plan herein referred to; thence S 45-53'23" W by Lot "4" 450.00 feet to an iron pin in the Easterly line of Brooks Road; thence N 41-43'40" W by the Easterly line of Brooks Road 200.00 feet to an iron pin and the place of beginning. Containing 2.0643 Acres. Being shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Prepared for George J. Mizhir, III, Trustee of Evolution Realty Trust, Winchendon, MA Scale 1 inch = 40 feet, July 28, 2000, Edmond J. Boucher, Pls, Jolly Road, South Royalston, MA" to be recorded herewith. Being a portion of land described at Book 22820, Page 372. For title reference, see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 23701, Page 246. Being the same premises Book 23701, Page 246.

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.

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For the duffer in the family.....

Back in the saddle as the pro at the Winchendon Golf Course, Tom Borden knows it's almost winter but the season hasn't dampened his enthusiasm one bit as he talks about the local club and the game in general.

For starters, there's a big sale at the club starting today and running through Black Friday with discounts on shirts, shoes, outerwear and perhaps most significantly, on 2017 memberships (10-percent off) and indoor winter lessons (three lessons for \$120 or six for \$200).

"Great deals," Borden enthused. He's even more enthused about Winchendon's junior golf program.

"Those kids are the future of course and our course in Jaffrey is the New Hampshire official First Tee site, and that's a designation we'd like to have for our course in Winchendon — be the official Massachusetts First Tee site. We would love that. The First Tee program is really important because it's about so much more than golf. It's about core values and healthy habits. Think about the nine core values (honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy, judgment). These are things we want for all our kids, these are things they'll be using their whole life, and the golf focus is pretty good too," he laughed.

Speaking of junior golf, "we had nine weeks of junior golf programs last summer", Borden recalled, adding "we had about 30 kids involved. What we'd like to see if these become like Little League, a big part of the community. We want to see those lines on the first tee again."

"Golf should be a family activity that you can do for a long time. I know people are intimidated by what they think are antiquated rules, but that's not the way it is anymore. People shouldn't be intimidated by an old school stigma," he stressed, adding, "we've got to think outside the box if we want to grow the game. Compared to a lot of other activities, golf really isn't expensive."

The local pro reiterated he likes working with up-and-coming young golfers. "You see their energy and enthusiasm and you can't help but get caught up in that," Borden noted.

You can even eat there. "Zoe's is open all year and Todd does a great job there," said Borden.

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