



Courtesy photo

The champions found the beach

## Local dancers garner national championship

WINCHENDON — The Dance Center came home this July as National Champions from the Beyond the Stars Nationals in Atlantic City, NJ. 37 members of Team TDC traveled down for this event and it was a great success.

The dancers received high gold, platinum, and diamond awards along with many special awards created by the judges, including the Ultimate Technique award. The team performed pieces choreographed by TDC staff and guest choreographers including, Brittany Ashlaw, Joyce Baldwin, Amanda Couturier-Cormier, Debbie Falconer, Jessica Falconer, Jennie Membrino-Nano, and Dede Recko.

Many of the pieces placed in the Top 10 of their age divisions and categories. Some dances were also asked to dance again in the company's Ultimate Challenge, which was a dance-off that ended the week. The pieces chosen included Stray Cat Strut, Celebrate, Numb, Conductor, The In Between, Lessons of Antoine, and The Tree of Souls.

Lessons of Antoine, choreographed by Amanda Couturier-Cormier, and Conductor, choreographed by Jessica Falconer, won their age divisions in the Ultimate Challenge and the biggest award, the Stellar Award/National Championship Title for ages 13 and up, was given to the full team production, The Tree of Souls, choreographed by Jennie

Membrino-Nano.

Other first place wins through the competition included: I Will Be danced by Rachel Burke, choreographed by Amanda Couturier-Cormier for Teen Soloist, The In Between, choreographed by Amanda Couturier-Cormier for Senior Large Group, Lessons of Antoine, choreographed by Amanda Couturier-Cormier for Junior Small Group, Conductor, choreographed by Jessica Falconer for Teen Large Group, and The Tree of Souls, choreographed by Jennie Membrino-Nano for Teen Production.

Along with the team competition, The Dance Center also had 12 dancers enter the title program and they performed amazingly. These dancers not only competed and took classes with the team, but also took title class and were interviewed during an on stage pageant.

Congratulations to Nova Lajoie, who was crowned and named the 2017 National Miss Junior Beyond The Stars and to Rachel Burke, who was crowned and named the 2017 National Miss Teen Beyond The Stars.

Congratulations to Kasey Murdoch who received fourth runner-up for the 2017 National Miss Teen Beyond The Stars title,

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## Students with disabilities receive sports opportunities in Unified Sports Program.

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Students with disabilities who attend the public school system and their families are about to realize a previously unobtainable dream, as those students ages 4 and up will now be able to take part in their very own real life sports programs thanks to the Winchendon School and volunteers in a

Unified Sports Program.

The local college preparatory school with its facilities will provide and host a progressively innovative and unique opportunity for disabled students from Winchendon, the Narragansett Regional school district, and Gardner public schools to play sports on teams just like all other students.

Presenting a scenario at the Aug. 3 School Committee

meeting, Suzanne Michel, assistant director of pupil services asked members, "Imagine being a parent of a child with special needs, feeling so optimistic of the prospect of your child engaging in recreational activities just like any other child only to find that zero or very few programs even exist. Then if a program did exist, most

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Courtesy photos

A crowded house: the day care yard is reminiscent of any playground

## A day care for doggies

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — With plenty of Winchendon clients on the rolls, the Gardner Animal Care Center continues to grow but in at least one way which has surprised owner Dr. Mike McTigue.

"Day care," he marveled. "Doggie day care didn't exist when I bought the practice in 1988, at least not around this region. Maybe in some big cities," said Dr. McTigue.

But every day some 30 or so dogs arrive, ready to play with fellow canines. Maybe that's not the single most important thing that happens at the

facility, but it sure matters to 'parents' and pets alike. And to be sure, day care is a growth industry all by itself.

Before anyone had even thought about doggie day care, McTigue knew what he wanted to do, and by 1999, he'd bought nine acres on Eaton Road near Mount Wachusett Community College and across the street from the golf course. On June 15, 2000 the new center opened and there's a memory from that day which McTigue won't ever forget. We'll get to that. First things first.

"We're a community-wide care center. We cover every aspect of a pet's life and health.

It's a bigger umbrella than just routine veterinary medicine. In addition to the daycare, we have boarding, grooming, laser therapy, obedience training, and surgical suites," noted McTigue.

All these services enable McTigue and his staff of vets, nurses, techs and front desk personnel, to build connections with human as well as animal families.

"That's what you want to do - provide the kind of quality service they can trust. We want our families to know their pets are not just safe with us, but be able to know they'll flourish

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## Connor lands scholarship from MassALA.

By Greg Vine  
Courier Correspondent

Winchendon resident Lindsey Connor will now be able to concentrate on earning her master's degree rather than how she is' going to pay for it. Last Friday, Connor, the director of business and marketing at Broadview Assisted Living, received a \$14,000 scholarship from the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association Foundation to pursue her degree from UMass Boston.

According to Connor, the funds will pay for her next two years of schooling.

A 2009 graduate of Murdock High School, Connor received her bachelor's in health sciences from the University of Southern Maine in 2014. She has worked at Broadview since September 2015. She is completing her master's in aging services management via an online program offered by UMass Boston.

"When we started the foundation," said Richard Moore, president ex-officio of the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association and a former state senator, "we decided to start helping people who work in assisted living, particularly in Massachusetts. To help them advance their careers, and get additional education or training. We work with UMass Boston to try to identify people



Greg Vine photo

**Broadview Business and Marketing Director Lyndsey Connor received a \$14,000 scholarship from Richard Moore, President Ex-Officio of the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association. Connor is pursuing her master's degree in aging services management from UMass-Boston.**

who are working in assisted living, but would like to get a bit more education. We want to help all people who work in assisted living advance their professional standing."

A career in assisted living was not always in Connor's future.

"I was seeking a new career," she told the Courier, "and they were looking for help at Broadview. I didn't know what it would entail, but I just fell in

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## WHCC plans antique car show

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The Winchendon History and Cultural Center will present its first Antique Car Show tomorrow, Saturday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under, and those with a car in the show, will be admitted free of charge.

The cost of admission includes tours of both the Murdock-Whitney Mansion, home of WHCC, and the Isaac Morse House. The first tour steps off at 10:30 a.m., with the second walk-through starting at 1:30 p.m.

Mary Bulger, museum curator, has been organizing the event.

"It's been an interesting process," she says. "I've had several drivers notify me that they intend to be there, and I expect there are others who will be coming, so we really don't have a firm number, yet, as to how many cars will be shown."

"If a car is 50 years old,"

said Bulger, "it's considered an antique."

Bulger said this will be the center's first car show, although such an event has been discussed in the past.

"We try to keep things interesting for people," she said. "We're really only open on a weekend from basically June 1 to October 31. So, we try to have something interesting every month. We try to change some things up, and some are traditional. The traditional, for example, is Casino Night, and the Christmas tours alternating with the Christmas tea. But then you like to have something a little different in between. And we've never done an antique car show before."

Bulger said her husband will be bringing his 1924 Ford Model T to Saturday's event, and her brother-in-law will bring a 1920s vintage Chevrolet.

In addition to house tours,

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WEEKLY QUOTE

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

Milton Berle





# Nearest pot shop? Maybe Westminster

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

With Winchendon out of the running, it appears the closest medical marijuana dispensary might turn out to be in Westminster.

No decisions are yet etched in stone, but Trichome Health is asking that town's Board of Selectmen to green light, or at least not oppose, opening a facility on Theodore Drive.

Trichome has not ruled out seeking distribution facilities in other locales

but didn't specify where aside from applying for a cultivation center in Auburn.

Company CEO Alexander Mazin said, "As the medical marijuana industry continues to grow and validates itself and helps with many different side effects and symptoms, what better state to be involved in than Massachusetts to help promote all of this? I am looking for a letter of support or non-opposition to do cultivating, processing and dispensing. This is only for medical purposes. I know there are concerns

on the recreational side of things, but everything my company is trying to do is for medical use."

Massachusetts voters approved a ballot question legalizing medical marijuana in 2012 and last year okayed recreational use under guidelines recently established by the state.

Individual towns whose voters cast a majority in favor of pot cannot ban dispensaries without another town-wide ballot referendum but do have the authority to determine where such sites can be located.

There had been some speculation earlier in the process that Winchendon might be a potential site for a cultivation center, dispensary or both, but that never materialized when contenders for those operations chose to look elsewhere in the north central Worcester county region.

If Westminster winds up getting a facility, the company estimates it will provide as many as 25-30 jobs with pay ranging between \$15- \$22 per hour.



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## Citizens Legislative Seminar scheduled in October

BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) announced she is seeking nominees to participate in the 79th Citizens' Legislative Seminar (CLS) to be held Oct. 24th and Oct. 25th at the State House in Boston. CLS is a semi-annual educational seminar geared towards adults of all ages interested in learning more about state government and the legislative process.

Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts,

the two-day seminar features engaging presentations by Senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in the Commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the parliamentary role of the Clerk of the Senate and the future of the Legislature. The Seminar will walk participants through the legislative process including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed.

The CLS culminates with a simulated legislative hearing and Senate session

where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as "Senators" in the Senate Chamber in order to have a first-hand experience of the legislative process.

Interested residents in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex District are invited to contact Brian Ferrarese at 617-722-1540 by Friday, September 1st in order to be nominated by Senator Gobi. Seats are limited and nominations are taken on a first come, first serve basis.

## Senior passes to parks available online

All Corps of Engineers projects and parks in New England are sold out of the \$10 Senior America the Beautiful passes, but they are still available for purchase online.

The new annual and lifetime senior passes are available now and people are rushing to buy the current ones. The Corps parks are getting numerous calls, but rangers are directing callers to the website <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/annual.html>.

The cost of the senior pass for national parks and federal recreational lands will increase from \$10 to \$80 as of Aug. 28. Pass holders are given lifetime access to more than 2,000 sites and parks. The fee increase will support critical investments in

maintenance projects at national parks and federal recreational lands nationwide.

Until that date, US citizens and permanent residents age 62 and older are eligible for the \$10 price. Previously purchased Golden Age or Senior passes will continue to be honored.

Included among the properties are Buffumville Lake in Charlton, West Hill Dam in Uxbridge, West Thompson Lake in North Grosvenordale and all sites managed by the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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### KEEP 'EM HEALTHY OPENS NEW WING



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Troy's animal hospital has expanded and Dr. Andrew Cooke DVM, at center, was happy to welcome people to a mini-ceremony for tours recently. The photo includes staff, from left: Rachel Lewis, Maureen Kennedy, Courtney Belcik, PJ Cooke, Dr. Cooke, Jennifer Murphy, Sonja Bolton, Margaret Wentzel and Dr. Timothy Sileo VMD.

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attendees will be able to grab a scoop or two of refreshment at "Seppi's" Ice Cream Shop, located in the rear of the Isaac Morse House. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and cold drinks will also be available. While the food is not being sold, WHCC is asking for donations.

The ice cream shop features

the bar that once occupied Joseph's Variety, which once occupied the site of the soon-to-open Cumberland Farms store on Central Street. The shop will be manned by Don O'Neil and Peg Corbosiero, and will feature Murdock Farm ice cream. The name "Seppi's" comes from the nickname for Cecile Joseph. She and her sister, Catherine Joseph Drudi, operated the store until it closed a number of years ago.

Proceeds from Saturday's event will benefit further development of the WHCC museum. The goes on, according to Bulger, "rain or shine."

As a side note, the Winchendon Firemen's Muster is also scheduled Saturday, at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. The muster begins at noon. A chicken barbecue is planned by the American Legion itself, entrance to the muster is free.

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# CLYDE'S CORNER

## Saturday, August 19

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

**SATURDAY YARD SALE:** at UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. From 9 a.m. to noon, come browse for unlikely treasures and unexpected bargains. Donate goods to sell or set up your own table for a modest donation to the church. Saturday Yard Sales run every other week through the summer.

**ANNUAL FIREMEN'S MUSTER:** Begins at noon with a parade through downtown Winchendon ending at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. where the historic antique pumper equipment will vie for recognition as the best at aiming and distance with the pressured water. Barbecue chicken will luncheon will be sold by American Legion, entrance to watch the Muster is free. Other family activities available.

**ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW:** The Winchendon History and Culture Center is hosting its first antique car show Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Murdock Whitney House Museum, 151 Front St. Admission is \$5 per person, tour of the museum included. The museum will be open for two tours, one at 10:30 a.m., the second at 1:30 p.m. only. Drivers of antique cars and children under 12 free. Hot dogs, burgers and cold drinks will be available, have lunch on the grounds of the museum!

## Sunday, August 20

**INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON:** The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

## Tuesday, August 22

**WINCHENDON NA MEETING.** This is a new meeting being launched with the support of the Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Led by Winchendon residents, Winchendon NA is an open meeting, welcoming newcomers and old-timers alike, featuring discussion, sharing and learning. If you're in recovery or want to be, and would like support, please join us. At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday, September 9

**CASINO!** Casino Royale is Saturday Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. This is our 10th Casino so come see how much fun it is. Tickets are now available by calling Peggy at 978-297-2415 or 561-459-9484. They are \$25 each and we are always sold out so call Peggy Corbosiero now. This event is held at the Orange Whitney Mansion at 122 Pleasant Street in Winchendon.

## Thursday, September 14

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

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday September 14 Books are available at the library.

**TRIVIA CHALLENGE:** every month it's Franco O'Malley's trivia challenge at Zoe's Restaurant beginning at 8 p.m. Bring a team or join a team and try your memory at this intriguing game of wits. Open to everyone, come on down.

## Thursday, September 28

**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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## Saturday, October 7

**FALL FEST:** the entire length of Central Street will be closed off for a fun day of vendors, music, food and fun. Activities begin at 10 a.m. More information as it becomes available. Plan for this one.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### SUNDAYS

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#### MONDAY

**LEGO CLUB:** Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. hosts a Lego Club for kids aged six-12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon the library is open. Show off your creative side. More information about this and other programs by calling (978) 297-0300 or visit [townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary](http://townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary).

#### TUESDAY

**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.

**TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP:** on Tuesday 10-11 at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. for toddlers aged 0-4. Songs, rhymes and sharing.

#### WEDNESDAY

**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.

**BINGO 2!** Old Murdock Senior Center hosts Bingo on Wednesday afternoons at 12:15 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**FREE MOVIES:** Throughout the summer, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church holds family movie nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket, a chair, pillows and a few snacks for a free movie under the stars. Every movie will be a family rated G or PG bundle of fun. In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown the following day, Saturday. Check the Facebook page for the name of each week's movie.

# Summer UP supporters donate



Courtesy photo

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke, MWCC President James Vander Hooven and members of the Gardner Women's Circle of Giving visited the Summer UP Jackson Park site last week.

**GARDNER —** Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke and members of the Gardner Women's Circle of Giving visited the Summer UP Jackson Park site last week along with Mount Wachusett Community College President James Vander Hooven.

Both the city of Gardner and the Women's Circle were instrumental in helping to fund Summer UP. The program, coordinated by Mount Wachusett Community College, operates five sites where meals and activ-

ities were provided to elementary and middle school students throughout the summer. At the Jackson Park site in Gardner, approximately 75 students made use of the program daily.

The Women's Circle contributed to Summer UP this year with a donation of \$6,100. At Jackson Park on Wednesday, Women's Circle members Deb Hubbard, Tina Sbrega, and Darlene Morrilly presented MWCC President James Vander Hooven with the donation.

The Summer UP locations are safe spaces for elementary and middle school students from Leominster, Fitchburg and Gardner to spend their summer hours. With five different locations, many of the participants can even walk to the locations that provide activities and meals for free. Summer UP has locations in Fitchburg at Park Hill Park and Lowe Park, in Gardner at Jackson Park and Olde English Village, and in Leominster at Allencrest Apartments.

# Clean your closet and help out

WPS Extended Day Program is conducting a shoe collection drive starting on Sept. 1, until Nov. 30 to raise funds for afterschool programs.

The Extended Day Program organization will earn funds based on the number of pairs collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated goods. Those dollars will benefit afterschool programming. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at Toy Town Elementary School, The Crafty Cauldron at 91 Central St., Winchendon, and more locations to be announced.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow business-

es in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales

are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Jennifer Haddad, EDP coordinator. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient."

"It's a win-win for everyone," added Haddad.

By donating shoes to the WPS Extended Day Program fundraiser, the

shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives.

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## EDITORIAL

*Hate is a learned behavior*

Put a group of five or six children of different backgrounds in a playroom at age two, and they will have the time of their lives. The squabbles that erupt will be over sharing or taking turns; but not based on skin color or religion.

By the time those same kids are four, it's a different story.

Hate and fear have taken root.

People aren't born hating.

They are born with fear.

Fear of the unknown. And if that fear is reinforced in anyway by the adults around them, then that fear becomes something else entirely.

And of course children do what they see. So if their parents or even their favorite uncle is espousing critical words and mannerisms; then it must be the right way to think and feel and do things.

The fear and the hate are not usually based on an individual's actual experiences. They are based on perception. What they think they know. What they've been told is so.

And it is based on a sort of wish to be accepted by others. IF everyone around you seems to feel this way, perhaps it is so and you'd better believe it too.

When reality walks by and smacks you the face...people aren't this way or that way they are just the same as you are...it can be even more frightening.

Because it means everything you thought you knew is now in question. You most likely need to dig in your heels and shout, because if this thing isn't true, what about everything else you believe?

That's why it's so very, very hard to convince someone they are wrong

about a prejudice.

They may understand at some level that they do indeed have the information incorrect, but that means throwing a lot of other stuff out of whack too. That's pretty scary.

And the way to make yourself better or at least safer when you are scared or feeling like the outsider? Make someone else hurt before they can hurt you.

Then there's the blame game. It's a terrible thing when there aren't enough good paying jobs, or schools, or political problems. And taking responsibility is a tough thing, so it's easier to find a reason outside of yourself for problems. Usually singling a group of "others". Like the Irish in Boston as an example. It's always someone else's fault. Blame them. For taking jobs, running down the neighborhood, bad schools.... And blame keeps you from having to actually do anything about the problems yourself; it isn't your fault after all.

The usual deadly sins all play in, jealousy plays a part; envy. How dare someone want to make something more of themselves and their families? Well, yes they have to work for it but still.

And so then it comes to this, the riots, the hate speech, the inability to even listen to an opinion from someone with a different view, and again, the fear.

We don't know what the answer is; because humans have feared and hated since two tribes discovered one another and fought over territory and mates. But we do know this, it can't continue as it is now, or we will back in the same scenario, living in tribes in a post-apocalyptic world.

Cameron, Julia White Cardinal & the Winchendon Garden Club, Liz Findley & Sons, Bud Fletcher in memory of Carla, Lori Gaydos, Coral & Rachel Grout, June & Jerry Longe, Kayla & Mikey Maine, Mercy Moses, Monique Nasiatka, James & Rhonda Robichaud, Ann Marie Slomcheck, Nicole & Colby & Abby St. Pierre, Tracey Tenney, and Laura & Cassandra Wightman. Thanks to the St. Pierres for also helping to deliver all of the packages to the Post Office!

A special thank you to Will Brown for setting up and maintaining the website.

Our next drive will be the Holiday Drive on Saturday, November 4th. So, mark your calendars and spread the word! Hope to see you at the American Legion with your donation and your friends with their donation. Watch for update on our Facebook page and the website [www.winchendoncares.com](http://www.winchendoncares.com).

LARRY AND LINDA SORDONI  
OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Mateik: bidding farewell

To the Editor:

After serving this community for over 47 years, I now have to say goodbye to all those patients, colleagues, and friends who have supported, challenged, and cared about me over these many years. As I look forward to a new chapter, it is not without some regret and sadness.

I have been fortunate to have been a part of this community where I raised my family, served on several boards, played lots of sports, and treated as many as 5 generations of some Winchendon families. Throughout the years, I have worked with some of the very best people. Together with the great support of my office staff, I was able to become a part of this special business community and serve your eye care needs. Joanne Moreau, Lisa Murphy, and Tammy Ayers have collectively worked with me over 70 years.

They, along with all my past employees, have always been the back bone of my practice. I could not have done it without them.

Joanne, Lisa and Tammy will continue working at the office along with Dr. Glavine and Dr. Sweeney. As always, patients will be well served. I have full confidence that the employees and owners of Eye and Lasik Center, along with the office staff and doctors, will continue to address the eye care needs of this community with respect and professionalism.

Finally, I would like to thank all my patients for their loyalty over the years. I also appreciate all the kind wishes and thoughts you have expressed in the last few months. Thank you all for enriching my life while I served you all.

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## O'Neil: finally, it's open!

To the Editor:

The Winchendon History and Cultural Center is pleased to announce Seppi's, the ice cream parlor at the rear of the Isaac Morse House at 135 Front St., will be open this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. right along with the antique car show.

We've worked very hard to prepare the space, with the original soda fountain from Joseph's Store showcased, and a bit of nostalgia thrown in.

Six flavors of ice cream to start, and we are now trying to plan just how we can keep it open on a regular basis. We have some ideas, and those will be announced soon and going forward, opportunities for families and groups to be part of it too.

But we are looking a bit further ahead in the calendar and realize the holidays are drawing near. This is the year for the Holiday House Tour, and we want

more people involved.

Even if you can't open your own home, we have an offer: we will be decorating trees and table settings at both the Isaac Morse and Murdock Whitney houses for the tours and for the holidays; and you could be part of that.

Could you do a table setting?

Could you decorate a tree?

A great chance to stretch yourself artistically and creatively and help this historic event too.

The number of opportunities is limited, only so many tables and trees will be available; so if you are interested in doing one, or both, please contact me, President Don O'Neil at (978) 833-3025 before Oct. 7 to discuss it or for more information.

DON O'NEIL, PRESIDENT  
WINCHENDON HISTORY AND  
CULTURAL CENTER

## Rogstad: Converse funds continue

To the Editor:

On August 7, the leaders of the town announced the disposition of The Morton E. Converse 100 Year Fund which was established by my great grandfather, Morton E. Converse, in 1917 with a gift of \$7000. Morton E. cared deeply about Winchendon. He felt it was his duty to, as we would say in 2017 lingo, "pay it forward," given his desire to keep the town he loved vibrant for future citizens so they could benefit from a rich civic community as he and his family had.

On this 100 year milestone, it is important to remember and reflect on what a town father of the last century wanted to preserve in Winchendon. Two thousand dollars established a fund to be used by the schools in the town, with the annual income from the fund intended to "add to the happiness and profit of the school children." Every class to have graduated from Winchendon schools since 1917 has benefited from this fund.

The other \$5,000 was to be invested for 100 years which ends this year. The current value of his initial \$5,000 investment is today worth \$373,865. Mr. Converse stipulated that this Hundred Year Fund should be distributed by the town fathers in the following manner:

1. to each incorporated church the sum of \$5000. There are seven churches now eligible.
2. to the trustees of the Murdock Fund, the sum of \$20,000 to assist needy and worthy graduates to further their education.
3. to the Beals Memorial Library the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of books.
4. to the Town of Winchendon the sum of \$43,000 for the maintenance of designated cemeteries.
5. to the Town of Winchendon, the sum of \$50,000 to be reinvested in another One Hundred Year Fund, the proceeds being available to the town in 2118, free of restrictions.
6. the remainder of the fund should go to the Town of Winchendon to be used for "public park purposes". The amount now made available to your town for

this purpose is \$206,000.

Not only is the legacy of this fund important to the town from an historical and resource perspective, it also is a source of joy and pride for those of us who are the surviving members of his family. In that regard, I am writing this letter on behalf of all of the direct descendants of Morton E. as he is known in the family. His daughter Grace had two children, my mother Harriet Cross Rogstad and her brother Kent Cross, both life-long residents of Winchendon. There are four children of Kent Cross: Susan, Linda, Louis and Sally, deceased. My brother Ronald and I are the surviving children of Harriet; our sister Barbara died in January.

We have children and grandchildren for whom Mr. Converse serves as a role model of responsibility to community and his fellow citizens.

As many of you are aware, Mr. Converse founded the Converse Toy Factory, which in 1917, was the largest manufacturer of wooden toys in the United States. We believe he was a stellar representative of early business leaders throughout the nation who understood the civic responsibility they had to their country and community. Winchendon was particularly fortunate in this regard when one recognizes the legacies of business leaders such as Messrs. Whitney, Beals, Murdock and White, among others. The Historical Museum holds a rich display of their good works.

We are very proud of our heritage in Morton E. Converse as a Town Father and astute businessman and want to celebrate with the Town the significance of his contributions at the time of distribution of this One Hundred Year Fund. We believe it is a notable milestone in the town's history. But more importantly, we hope it will serve to remind us all of the importance of giving back to the community and the power of investing in the future.

Respectfully,

BARRY KENT ROGSTAD

## DANCERS

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and to Brooke Morrison who received second runner-up for the 2017 National Miss Senior Beyond the Stars title.

18 of Team TDC's dancers also performed in the Opening Number of the

closing show, choreographed by the coach of the Knicks City Dancers.

Other events during the week included master classes and down time on the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

Along with these National events, many of The Dance Center students will be continuing

their dance education with a variety of workshops and classes this summer. The Dance Center is very proud of all of its students and wishes them well on their summer dance experiences and looks forward to starting up a new year in the fall.

*Can you save for college and retirement?*

Few of us have unlimited financial resources — which means that almost all of us need to prioritize our financial goals. Consequently, you'll have some decisions to make if you'd like to help pay for your children's college

educations someday while, at the same time, saving for your own retirement. Your first step in addressing these objectives is to maintain realistic expectations. Consider the issue of paying for college. Right now, the average four-year cost (tuition, fees, room and board) is about \$80,000 for in-state students at public universities and approximately \$180,000 for private schools, according to the College Board. And these costs are likely to keep rising in the years ahead. Can you save this much for your kids' education?

Instead of committing yourself to putting away this type of money, take a holistic approach to saving for your children's higher education. After all, you probably won't be the only one to help pay for college. Depending on your income and assets, your family might be eligible for some needs-based financial aid awarded by the college. Also, you should encourage your children to apply for as many scholarships as possible — but keep in mind that most scholarships don't provide a "full ride." Here's the bottom line: Don't assume you will receive so much aid that you

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don't need to save for college at all, but don't burden yourself with the expectation that you need to pick up the full tab for your children's schooling.

On a practical level, you may want to commit to putting a certain amount per month into a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. You can generally invest in the 529 plan offered by most states, but in some cases, you may be eligible for a state income tax incentive. Also, all withdrawals from 529 plans will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named. (Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal and state taxes and a 10% penalty on the earnings.)

By starting your 529 plan early, when your children are young, you'll give the investments within the plan more time to grow. Plus, you can make smaller contributions on a regular basis, rather than come up with big lump sums later on. And by following this approach, you may be in a better financial position for investing in your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Obviously, it's to your benefit to contribute as much as you can to these plans, which offer tax advan-

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# County Jail to house Worcester PD equines

BY GREG VINE  
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A large crowd – including state, city, and law enforcement officials, and members of the family of late Worcester County Sheriff John “Mike” Flynn – gathered at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction last week to dedicate the new Sheriff John “Mike” Flynn Memorial Stables.

That facility will house the horses who are now a part of the Worcester Police Department’s equally new Worcester Mounted Police Unit. Due to financial and moral support from a number of sources, equine patrols will be back on the streets of the City of Seven Hills after a 70-year absence.

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis said an old, unused horse barn on the grounds of the correctional facility had become overgrown with weeds and had fallen into disrepair. By using inmate labor, he said, his department was able – with minimal investment – to transform the building into a home worthy of the handsome horses which will now patrol



Greg Vine photos

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis with four mounted police behind him as he speaks.

Worcester streets.

Worcester City Manager Edward Augustus Jr. said the cost of constructing a new horse barn and supplying it with tack and other equipment would have been beyond the city’s means. Evangelidis said it cost less than \$20,000 to bring the existing facility up to snuff.

“The cost to the city of having to build out the barns and the facility was just cost-prohibitive,” said Augustus. “It would have been over a million

dollars for us to do that. To have this facility right on the line with West Boylston and the city of Worcester, and the willingness of the sheriff and his team to work with us and to martial all the resources necessary to put this facility back into operation, has allowed us to bring back this mounted unit.”

John Flynn, known to most people as “Mike,” served as sheriff of Worcester County for 18 years, from 1987 to 2005. After serving in the



(l-r) Worcester City Manager Ed Augustus, Worcester Police Chief Steven Sargent, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, and Worcester County Jail and House of Correction Superintendent David Tuttle at Tuesday’s dedication of the Sheriff John “Mike” Flynn Memorial Stables.

Pacific Theatre during World War II, Flynn joined the Fitchburg police force in 1953, where he was an officer for nearly a decade. In 1962, he took a position as deputy master at the old Worcester County Jail. He stayed with the

department and was first elected sheriff in 1986. He remained in charge of the department until he was defeated in the Democratic primary by then-state Sen. Guy Glodis in 2004. A resident of Charlton, Flynn passed away in January 2016 at

the age of 89.

“I want to thank everybody for taking the time to honor somebody who served Worcester County, and his family, and his department with such pride,” said correctional facility Superintendent David Tuttle.

## The silence and the weekend

The President of the United States (#notmypresident) is a Nazi sympathizer. As jaw-dropping, as other-worldly as it is to write and read that sentence, it’s also the truth. Donald Trump left no doubt on Monday. So my question is this: where are the patriotic Republicans who are finally willing to say enough is enough? Mitt Romney by the way did stand up and speak the truth. Good for him.

But where are the Bushes and their entourage? Where are the other conservative but certainly patriotic Republicans whom we know don’t think the way he does? Where’s the moral leadership?

Where are the letter writers now? Where are those correspondents who have for so long been so eager to write letters of condemnation and accusation? Where are the letters condemning the violence in Charlottesville? Where is the moral outrage from those who have steadfastly heretofore refused to acknowledge who’s truly complicit? Words matter. Mexicans are rapists. Muslims are dangerous. Words matter. They matter from correspondents to this and every newspaper and media outlet and they certainly matter from Presidents.

This President (#notmypresident) has failed the test of morality and has done so over and over. This President (#notmypresident) by his moral failure and his words, and all too frequently lack thereof, has given cover and comfort to the filth, to the evil, to the basest instincts, to supporters of white supremacy. And he’s not alone. That’s what’s so terrifying. He’s far from alone, very far. Go to any social media outlet and you’ll find them - seething racist bigots who have emerged slithering from the ground spewing their hate. They’re proud of it, too. The neo-Nazis in the home town of Mr. Jefferson’s university were cowards and they have more than merely implicit support from Donald Trump. Deplorable? Hardly. Despicable is more accurate.

A whole lot of those people who bought into the nonsensical “Make America Great Again” garbage share the ideology of these descendants



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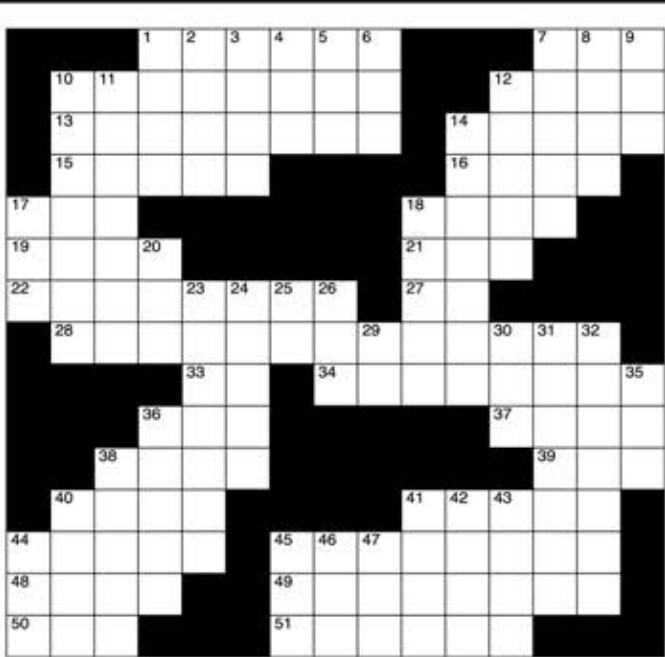
of the KKK. So where are those letter writers now? They’ve certainly been silent, haven’t they?

But what can we do? Like it or not, Trump was elected legitimately. Impeach him? You really want the seemingly unassuming but exceptionally radical Mike Pence in the White House? No. So, what can we do?

Here’s what — I say it all the time. We go to work in our own communities, we vote for starters, on local issues and local candidates. And then we get involved in this program or that project, and while we’re doing so, we do it with compassion and love. I know someone who somewhere would be urging us to do precisely that because that’s how she lived her life. We should all emulate her.

Today would have been Courtney’s graduation day. Today she would have been receiving her Masters in Social Work from Smith. Last week two of her friends (yes, that’s you Amee and Rachel) led a drive to try and convince the school to award her degree posthumously. Among other steps, including meeting with college administrators, they circulated a petition which wound up garnering almost 500 signatures. But all of it was to no avail. Courtney’s thesis was disseminated and her field work was completed to rave reviews from field supervisors saying she demonstrated compassion and understanding towards her clients while maintaining an appropriate professionalism. This reflected well on Smith as well as her but bureaucratic politics being what it is, the powers-that-be made clear there was neither a mechanism nor a path to awarding that degree. But that’s not quite the end of the story.

Last spring Oprah Winfrey was the undergrad commencement speaker and Amee, amazing, awesome Amee showed up one day last week at the administration building with a sign which read, “Courtney has more credits than Oprah.” See what I mean about amazing and awesome? And for that, and for their efforts, I will be eternally grateful. Thank you so, so much.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Would

7. Pitching stat

10. Wounded

12. Guitarist Clapton

13. Penalizes

14. Female MMA fighter VanZant

15. Proverb

16. Urban gym

17. Midway between northeast and east

18. La \_\_ Tar Pits

19. Go out to eat

21. Oral allergy syndrome

22. Where some are put

27. Spiral galaxy
28. Lethargic

33. Integrated circuit

34. Let your mind wander

36. Midway between north and northeast

37. Nomadic palace

38. Posted

39. Trouble

40. Wise

41. Make happy

44. Dog-\_\_: worn or battered

45. One who fixes

48. Central European

49. Sleighs

50. Exponential time hypothesis

51. Puts within

### CLUES DOWN

1. Typically noncoding molecules (abbr.)

2. Former Secretary of State

3. River in Belgium and France

4. Unnilhexium

5. “Fall Guy” actor Majors

6. Tooth caregiver

7. Lucci character “Kane”

8. Latvian capital

9. Pet detective Ventura

10. Sporting dog

11. External genitals

12. “The Secret Room” novelist

14. Ancient wonder

17. Electronic data processing

18. Autocratic

20. Defunct European organization

23. Removed flesh

24. Indicating silence
25. Commercial

26. Chap

29. Farm state

30. Chief research officer

31. Poked holes in

32. Chutes and \_\_

35. What cows say

36. A desert in southern Israel

38. Isaac’s mother

40. Sodium

41. Absence of effort

42. A way to articulate

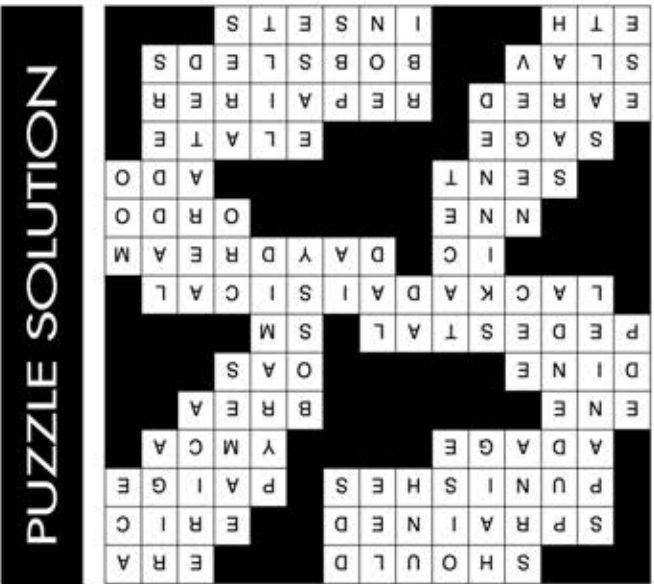
43. Greek god of war

44. Midway between east and southeast

45. Run batted in

46. The longest division of geological time

47. Public broadcaster



## Technology forcing out senior citizens

As technology advances and old school devices which were once commonplace become less available, so do the services that came with them. As those older services slowly fade away into a discarded electronic darkness there is one associated problem which needs to be brought back into the light, both a virtual and real life technology forcing out our elderly citizens, who struggle to change and adapt.

Case in point. My mother, who we will just say is currently involved in an extremely difficult medical challenge, needed to find a cheaper “Life Alert” device to call for help if needed. She shopped around, and found one. However, it requires a traditional “Hard Line” or in-home phone jack. Yes, the device I am sure roughly all reading this grew up with as children, and some still have.

I had to explain to my dear mother that she will be wasting her time with Comcast in her particular situation, because to have a phone with them



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like she has her cable television, you need that neat little thing called “The Internet.”

My mother, God bless her, has no desire or use for that “Internet Thing” as she has a cell flip phone, and a big flat screen television. They work great for her so I say, outstanding. However, for Life Alert at her price level, she needs a phone that plugs into the wall. If by the chance some teen is reading this “Doubt it” as this isn’t on their iPhone, the phone is not plugged in to a wall to charge like a cell phone, but one that plugs in to a wall to get both a connection and power. If your teen just happens to get cross eyed by reading that, my apologies.

So, I did a Google search for the number to call Verizon to find that new “Old” elusive hard line connection. I Googled and Googled. Clicked on this, clicked on that, and couldn’t find Jack.

contribution, if one is offered.

And once your children are through with college, you can discontinue saving in your 529 plan (although you may want to open another one in the future for your grandchildren) and devote more money to your retirement accounts.

It can certainly be challenging to save for education and retirement – but with discipline and

perseverance, it can be done. So, give it the “old college try.”

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tages and a wide range of investment options. If you’re investing in a 401(k) or similar employer-backed plan, try to boost your contributions every time your salary increases. At the very least, always put in enough to earn your employer’s matching



POLICE LOG

Passengers walk away after high impact accident

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

12:26-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: investigation (Main St.), spoken to; 12:55 a.m.: mv stop (Ash St.), verbal warning; 12:56 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:02 a.m.: investigation (Spring St.), spoken to; 2:58 a.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Ave.), services rendered; 4:16 a.m.: trespass notice entry (Spring St.), info taken; 4:44 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), canceled; 7:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), referred to ACO; 7:50 a.m.: arrest (Walnut St.), Michael J. Grady, 51, 25 Walnut St., Unit B, Winchendon, failure to register as sex offender; 7:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Highland St.), referred to ACO; 8:05 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), no cause; 9:13 a.m.: info/general (Lakeview Dr.), info given; 9:17 a.m.: investigation (Main St.), report taken; 11:08 a.m.: suspicious person (Hyde St.), gone on arrival; 11:32 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), report taken; 11:54 a.m.: assist other PD (Glenallan St.), unable to locate; 12:12 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Ipswich Dr.), report taken; 12:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Dr.), report taken; 12:29 p.m.: investigation (Murdock Ave.), report taken; 12:34 p.m.: town bylaw violation (Pond St.), info given; 1:33 p.m.: repossession of mv (Spring St.), impounded; 1:51 p.m.: juvenile/general (Laurel St.), transported; 2:22 p.m.: 911 hang up (Alger St.), secure; 3:14 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 3:34 p.m.: investigation (Spring St.), services rendered; 4:06 p.m.: trespassing (Central St.), report taken; 4:15 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 4:26 p.m.: mv violations (Baldwinville State Rd.), unable to locate; 4:48 p.m.: assist citizen (Goodrich Dr.); 5:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Pearl St.), spoken to; 5:47 p.m.: welfare check/child (address not printed), spoken to; 6:38 p.m.: assist citizen (Walnut St.); 6:43 p.m.: property found (Central St.), returned to owner; 6:48 p.m.: summons service (Metcalf St.), unable to serve; 7:07 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 7:22 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), written warning; 8:48 p.m.: extra patrols (Ingleside Dr.), secure; 9:08 p.m.: mv stop (Morse Ave.), Joe Mendez-Olivares, 49, 57C Hyde Park Dr., Winchendon, plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, report taken.

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12:00 a.m.: investigation (Beech St.), services rendered; 12:05 a.m.: investigation (Grove St.), spoken to; 12:10 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), written warning; 12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 12:33-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:14 a.m.: mv stop (School St.), verbal warning; 1:22 a.m.: investigation (Ipswich Dr.), spoken to; 1:24 a.m.: registration check (Summer St.), services rendered; 1:25 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: extra patrols (GAR Park), secure; 1:44 a.m.: investigation (Summer St.), spoken to; 2:11 a.m.: investigation (River St.), spoken to; 3:12 a.m.: summons service (Independence Dr.), served; 7:00 a.m.: fire alarm (Pleasant St.), no service necessary; 9:04 a.m.: summons service (Branch St.), unable to serve; 10:14 a.m.: harassment (Center Ln.), report taken; 10:51 a.m.: investigation (Murdock Ave.), spoken to; 11:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Rd.), referred to ACO; 11:38 a.m.: animal complaint (West St.), referred to ACO; 12:41 p.m.: harassment order service (Banner Pl.), unable to serve; 12:42 p.m.: harassment order service (Banner Pl.), unable to serve; 12:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Beech St.), advised civil action; ambulance (Juniper St.), transported; 1:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to ACO; 2:16 p.m.: summons service (Converse Dr.), unable to serve; 2:45 p.m.: park-

WINCHENDON — A multi vehicle accident involving three automobiles took place Wednesday evening, Aug. 9 at 93 Gardner Road in front of the entrance to Brian's Place which houses both a Dunkin' Donuts & Irving Gas Station.

A 2012 GMC Canyon pickup truck operated by Ronald Bourque, age 61 of 250 Gardner Road, Hubbardston was traveling north on Gardner Road when attempting to turn left to enter Brian's Place.

While crossing the median to enter the business Bourque was stuck on the passenger side of his vehicle by a 2016 Chrysler traveling north and operated by Lawrence Calefell, age 44, of 22 Prospect St., Winchendon, accompanied by one passenger, Joseph Reiv, age 37 of Fitchburg.

The impact, which caused Calefell to cross the median and come to rest in the ditch on the wrong side of the road, spun Bourque around in front of the Brain's

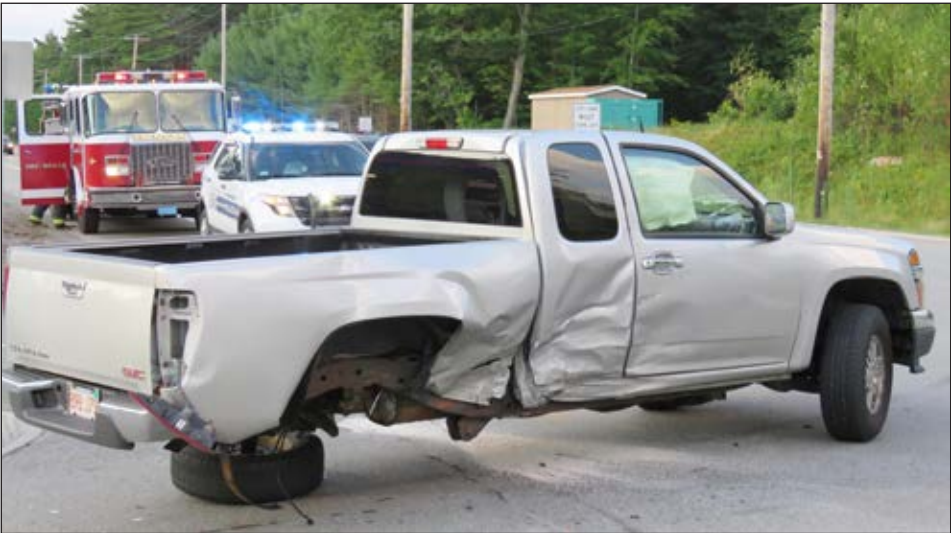
Place entrance 180° to appear as though he was exiting, dislocating the rear axle and wheels of his vehicle, while coming to rest against the front bumper of a 2015 Ford Fusion, operated by Michael Lemire, age 40 of 115 Converse Drive, Winchendon.

Both the police and fire departments were immediately dispatched to the scene of the accident for emergency purposes, with the WFD also assisting in roadside clean up, and Brooks Auto Services towing both the GMC pickup truck and Chrysler away from the scene.

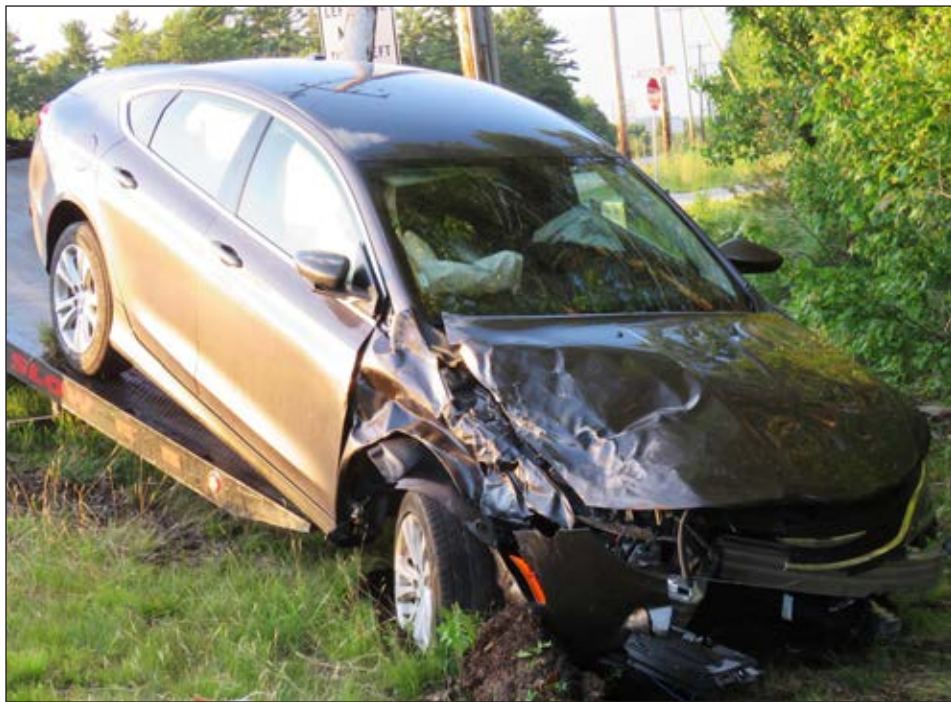
Despite the high impact and heavy damage to two of the three vehicles, which also propelled the truck's rear axle some 50 feet away, all parties miraculously walked away from the accident.

After the accident Bourque told the Courier, "I honestly didn't see the other vehicle coming when I was pulling in, I just never saw it coming."

No other information was available at this time as the accident was under investigation.



The truck by itself resting on one wheel, after the force of the impact ripped the axle from the vehicle. It came to rest after being spun 180° on impact.



The Chrysler which stuck the truck, and came to rest down in the ditch on the wrong side of the road

ing violation (Summer St.), no service necessary; 4:03 p.m.: summons service (Hale St.), served; 4:12 p.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Rd.), served; 4:23 p.m.: summons service (Robbins Rd.), unable to serve; 4:30 p.m.: accident (Front St.), report taken; 4:51 p.m.: summons service (Converse Dr.), unable to serve; 4:53 p.m.: harassment order service (Banner Pl.), unable to locate; 4:58 p.m.: harassment order service (Banner Pl.), unable to locate; 6:24 p.m.: threats (Pond St.), spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: accident (Gardner Rd.), report taken; 7:29 p.m.: extra patrols (Baldwinville

Rd.), info taken; 7:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Linden St.), referred to ACO; 8:01 p.m.: burglar alarm (Bayberry Ct.), secured bldg.; 9:30 p.m.: suspicious person (Pearl St.), unable to locate.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

12:09-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main St.), verbal warning; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 6:29 a.m.: larceny (Eagle Rd.), info taken; 7:19 a.m.: property found (Eagle Rd.), report taken; 7:22 a.m.: harassment order service (Banner Pl.), served; 8:08 a.m.: accident (River St.), report taken;

8:21 a.m.: burglar alarm (Otter River Rd.), false alarm; 8:23 a.m.: harassment (Central St.), report taken; 8:27 a.m.: vandalism (Elmwood Rd.), no cause; 8:53 a.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 9:16 a.m.: fraud (Eagle Rd.), no cause; 9:50 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), info taken; 10:16 a.m.: ambulance (Murdock Ave.), transported; 11:14 a.m.: investigation (Ipswich Dr.), services rendered; 11:17 a.m.: investigation (Mellen Rd.), services rendered; 11:21 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), services rendered; 12:39 p.m.: road rage (Baldwinville State Rd.), spo-

ken to; 12:41 p.m.: suspicious person (Gardner Rd.), report taken; 1:12 p.m.: illegal burn (Hale St.), extinguished; 1:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Ave.), referred to ACO; 2:34 p.m.: juvenile/general (School St.), spoken to; 2:53 p.m.: property found (Spring St.), returned to owner; 2:55 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Glenallan St.), report taken; 3:05 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Rd.), unable to locate; 3:20 p.m.: burglar alarm (Bayberry Cir.), secure; 3:50 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), report taken; 4:12 p.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Dr.), secure; 4:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Main St.); 4:59 p.m.: investigation (Mill St.), spoken to; 5:12 p.m.: investigation (Pearl St.), spoken to; 5:23 p.m.: assist other PD (Benjamin St.), unable to locate; 5:26 p.m.: suicide threats (Front St.), transported; 5:29 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), accidental alarm; 5:35 p.m.: burglar alarm (Bemis Rd.), secure; 5:51 p.m.: erratic operation (Independence Dr.), spoken to; 6:19 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 7:03 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring St.), unable to locate; 9:08 p.m.: extra patrols (Juniper St.), secure; 11:02 p.m.: larceny (Mechanic St.), report taken; 11:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Goodrich Dr.), unable to locate.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

12:37 a.m.: patrol (Spruce St.), spoken to; 12:49 a.m.: patrol (Gardner Rd.), secure; 12:55 a.m.: transport (Gardner Rd.); 1:04-2:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:55 a.m.: ambulance (Royalston Rd. No.), transported; 7:58 a.m.: investigation (Main St.), spoken to; 8:30 a.m.: suspicious activity (Hancock Rd.), spoken to; 9:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring St.), referred to ACO; 9:38 a.m.: investigation (Chestnut St.), info given; 9:49 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 10:29 a.m.: smoke (Hyde St.), no service necessary; 10:57 a.m.: wires down (Alger St.), referred; 11:24 a.m.: investigation (Juniper St.), unable to locate; 11:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Juniper St.), info taken; 11:54 a.m.: assist citizen (School St.), referred to court; 12:18 p.m.: accident (Central St.), report taken; 12:43 p.m.: investigation (Ready Dr.), spoken to; 1:12 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Rd.), transported; 1:19 p.m.: erratic operation (School St.), spoken to; 2:01 p.m.: investigation (Main St.), spoken to; 2:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Mechanic St.), info taken; 2:20 p.m.: FD call (Linden St.), services rendered; 2:31 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), services rendered; 3:18 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Rd.), verbal warning; 4:07 p.m.: keep the peace (School St.), John J. Neely-Richard, Jr., 28, 479 School St., Winchendon, threatening to commit a crime, report taken; 4:26 p.m.: illegal dumping (Teel Rd.), report taken; 4:46 p.m.: fraud (Belmont Ave.), report taken; 4:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Dr.), false alarm; 5:28 p.m.: mv repossession (Lincoln Ave.), info taken; 6:09 p.m.: suspicious person (Central St.), spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), spoken to; 7:24 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Alger St.), services rendered; 9:59 p.m.: erratic operation (Mill Glen Rd.), advised officer; 10:02 p.m.: investigation (School St.), no service necessary; 10:05 p.m.: mv stop (School St.), verbal warning; 10:30 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 11:48 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Central St.), spoken to; 11:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Sunset Ct.), spoken to.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

12:10-2:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:17 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central St.), secured; 12:40 a.m.: assist citizen (Emerald St.), info taken; 1:04 a.m.: registration check (Banner Pl.), spoken to; 2:11 a.m.: registration check (Glenallan St.), services rendered; 6:00 a.m.: assist citizen (School St.), spoken to; 7:16 a.m.: noise complaint (Teel Rd.), services rendered; 9:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), assisted; 9:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Main St.), returned to owner; 9:38 a.m.: power outage (Goodrich Dr.), 10:07 a.m.: welfare check (address not printed), spoken to; 10:26 a.m.: investigation (Lake Dennison), spoken to; 10:41 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Rd.), Lin Fei Shao, 21, 53 Rolling Green Dr., Amherst, MA, op. w/suspended license, no license in possession, speeding, citation issued; 11:43 a.m.: keep the peace (Harrisville Cir.), unable to locate; 12:19 p.m.: tree on wires (Baldwinville State Rd.), info taken; 12:28 p.m.: summons service (Branch St.), served; 12:53 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Dr.), transported; 12:56 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 1:18 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central St.), false alarm; 2:38 p.m.: ambulance (Mill St.), transported; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main St.), verbal warning; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Rd.), citations issued; 6:40 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), unable to locate; 6:58 p.m.: erratic operation (School St.), unable to locate; 7:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Main St.), transported; 8:10 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan St.), verbal warning; 8:53 a.m.: mv stop (School St.), verbal warning; 9:27 p.m.: trespassing (Elmwood Rd), report taken; 11:31 p.m. extra patrols (Goodrich Dr.), secure.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

2:02 a.m.: extra patrols (Central St.), secure; 5:03 a.m.: assist other PD (Benjamin St.), spoken to; 9:36 a.m.: assist citizen (Madison Ave.); 11:12 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), false alarm; 12:13 p.m.: info/general (High St.), info taken; 1:18 p.m.: extra patrols (Island

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# OBITUARIES

## Adrienne L. (Dupuis) Hudson, 96

RINDGE — Adrienne L. (Dupuis) Hudson, 96, of 2 Todd Hill Road, died peacefully Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at her residence, with her family at her side.



She was born in New Bedford, MA on September 13, 1920, daughter of the late Joseph P. and Eleanor (Lambert) Dupuis and had lived in Rindge for almost 30 years. Adrienne was a 1938 graduate of Fitchburg High School and Burbank Hospital School of Nursing. She became a registered nurse in 1942 had worked for many years at a variety of hospitals, including Leominster Hospital and Burbank Hospital. She served as Town Treasurer of the Town of Rindge for twelve years and was named as the Town of Rindge Citizen of the Year in 1995. Adrienne was a former treasurer of Rindge Woman's Club and chairman of its Operation Santa for ten years.

She attended the First Congregational Church. She had been active many years ago with the Lake Monomonac Sailing Association and always enjoyed playing bridge, tending to her flowers and vegetable gardening. Her husband of 61 years, Robert C. Hudson, died in 2004. She leaves three children, Robert C. Hudson Jr and his wife Cindy of Leominster, Jeffrey D. Hudson and his wife Bettyann of Leominster and Lynda Kuhn and her husband Edward of West Reading, PA; thirteen grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 2 P.M. in First Congregational Church, Rindge Common. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to Rindge Woman's Club Operation Santa, PO Box 343, Rindge, NH 03461. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon is directing arrangements.

## Robert 'Bob' Lapointe

BURNT STORE MARINA, Florida – Robert “Bob” Lapointe passed away on August 2, 2017. He also lived in Rindge, New Hampshire and Saco, Maine.



Immediately after graduating from high school, Bob entered the U.S. Air Force, spending seven years on various bases in different countries, including Osan AFB in Korea, Hahn AFB in Germany, and Wheelus AFB in Africa. After his honorable discharge as a Sergeant from active duty, he served six years in the AF Reserves. He then attended Fitchburg State College on the GI Bill, earning a Bachelor of Science in secondary English education. Bob taught middle school English in Winchendon, Massachusetts for many years. During that time he returned to Fitchburg State and earned two Masters of Education, one in Secondary English and the other in Educational Leadership. He was Class Advisor to the Class of 1975 and traveled with them to England for their Senior Trip. They dedicated the song “To Sir With Love” to him during their high school years and at graduation. He started his administrative career as an Assistant Principal at Athol Junior High School and then went back to Winchendon as the Middle School and then the Elementary Principal. He was a member of the NEA Principal Group and presented at many conferences in New England. He also served on NEAS&C committees evaluating schools around New England. In 1972, Bob joined the Rindge Fire Department and worked his way up the ranks to become Fire Chief, retiring

in 1998. During that time, he became one of the first nationally certified EMTs in the country. He was also an SCBA Instructor for many years at Meadowood Fire School and he was a Fire Warden for the State of New Hampshire. He believed in giving back to the community he lived in. He served as Bail Commissioner for the Town of Rindge and was a Justice of the Peace. He belonged to the American Legion, the Elks, and the VFW. He was also a Mason. Bob loved his vacation home in Camp Ellis Beach, Maine and his boat “Knot Behavin.” While living in Maine, he took the coursework and was awarded his Coast Guard Captain License, stating that the CG Course was harder than his two Master's Degrees. Bob struggled with health issues and when his kidneys failed, he received a double kidney transplant at Maine Med in Portland, Maine in 2003. He suffered many illnesses and physical complications over the years and moved to Florida to get away from the New England winters. Bob is survived by his wife, Margaret, and their family, Jesamyn Angelica and her husband, Gus Beucke, of Hayward, California, and Heather Kerwin and her husband, Jason Kerwin, and three grandchildren, Aurora, Finnian and Everett of Cape Coral, Florida. He also is survived by six sisters and two brothers, and many nieces and nephews. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Donations may be made in Bob's name to the Rindge NH Fire Department, 150 Main St., Rindge, NH 03461, or the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY, 10016.

## Judith P. (Packard) Phillips, 83

GARDNER — Judith P. (Packard) Phillips, 83, of 194 Central St., died peacefully on Monday, August 14, 2017 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester. Her family was at her side.



She was born in Detroit MI on October 19, 1933, the daughter of the late John S. and Ruth (Tupper) Packard and lived in Gardner since 1963. Judy was a graduate of Oak Grove School in Vassalboro ME, attended Iowa State University, and then graduated from Chamberlain Business College in Boston. She worked for many years as a loan officer at the former Gardner Savings Bank. Judy was an avid bridge player and an incredible fan of the Boston Red Sox. She enjoyed watching sports, reading, gardening, and was known as a gourmet cook. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family. She was a member of Heywood Hospital

Aid Association and worked for several years as a volunteer at the hospital. Her husband of 42 years, Richard J. Phillips died in 1997. She leaves two daughters, Karen P. Anderson and her husband, Nils of Gardner, and Gale Barbe and her husband, Paul of Glendora, CA; one sister, Miriam Brown of Lake George, NY; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Phillips, Erik Anderson and his wife, Lauren, Jeffrey Anderson, and Meagan Barbe; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Jeffrey E. Phillips, in 2000. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 10:30 AM in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. The Rev. Richard Olsen will officiate. Burial will follow in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Gardner. Calling hours will be held in the funeral home Saturday, from 9:00 - 10:15 AM preceding the service. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham MA 01701. www.stone-ladeau.com

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12:02-3:34 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:04 a.m.: investigation (Front St.), spoken to; 12:39 a.m.: registration check (Gardner Rd.), Seanryan Bingham, 23, 15 Iroquois Dr., Ashburnham, op. unreg. mv, citation issued; 1:41 a.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 2:26 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant St.), services rendered; 3:31 a.m.: ambulance (Pond St.), transported; 4:44 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), accidental; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Ash St.), referred; 7:30 a.m.: tree on wires (Fourth St.), referred; 7:33 a.m.: investigation (Walnut St.), spoken to; 8:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Walnut St.); 8:46 a.m.: assist other PD (Benjamin St.); 8:56 a.m.: suspicious auto (Harvard St.), info taken; 10:05 a.m.: b&e mv (Mill Glen Rd.), info taken; 10:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard St.), spoken to; 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to

ACO; 11:03 a.m.: investigation (Walnut St.), spoken to; 11:09 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 11:28 a.m.: investigation (Juniper St.), unable to locate; 11:32 a.m.: property found (Main St.), unable to locate; 11:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Mill St.), report taken; 12:17 p.m.: warrant of apprehension (Jackson Ave.), unable to locate; 12:22 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Dr.), transported; 12:34 p.m.: VIN inspection (Gardner Rd.), assisted; 12:37 p.m.: ambulance (Front St.), transported; 1:28 p.m.: lift assist (Walnut St.), canceled; 1:56 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), secure; 3:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Walnut St.); 3:21 p.m.: suspicious auto (School St.), gone on arrival; 3:46 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), 4:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill St.), services rendered; 4:12 p.m.: erratic operation (Krantz Rd.), spoken to; 4:30 p.m.: animal complaint (services rendered); 4:35 p.m.:



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suspicious person (Teel Td.), report taken; 5:02 p.m.: mv violations (Goodrich Rd.), spoken to; 6:38 p.m.: transport (Spruce St.), referred to DCF; 7:10 p.m.: mv repossession (Central St.), no service necessary; 8:09 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:11 p.m.: suspicious person (Pearl

St.), services rendered; 8:42 p.m.: investigation (Maple St.), secure; 9:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Water St.), unable to locate; 10:13 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front St.), secured; 11:00 p.m.: animal complaint (High St.), referred to ACO.

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Looked on the left, and read to the right, checked out the fine print, nothing in sight. Everything I searched took me to “FIOS”, FIOS packages, and one when I clicked on it which said phone connections even tried to get me to bundle HBO and others, all which involved “HAVING THE INTERNET.” Do we see a pattern here? Next I called the city of Gardner Housing Authority who represents where my mother lives. They gave me a number off the bill so I called it and what did I get but a Verizon tech rep who couldn’t find who to connect me to because it didn’t involve the internet.

Seriously? Finally, after nagging enough people who were willing to sell me everything but an internet connection to top secret nuclear fallout shelters, I got a number. Now I know, I can hear many of you saying, “I have the number right here on my home phone bill,” and I am sure you do. However, if you don’t already have a home hard line connection, enjoy the experience of trying to get an appointment to set up installation or activation. It can be, shall we say, interesting. It was then I discovered you can get two plans. One for unlimited local calling and one home phone plan which is a little cheaper for “pay as you go” with a flat rate and then additional charges of

1.6¢ per minute. My mother already has a cell phone so we went with the pay as you go, as she will most likely only need it for Life Alert, which I hope she doesn’t. So here is the moral of the story. While it is no secret that the internet has become deeply rooted in the very fabric of nearly all communication, the once beautiful hardwood forest is becoming over run by pine. The trails many elderly once easily viewed and walked are now disappearing and cluttered under fallen branches of technobabble. Old forms of communication are increasingly tougher to get, forcing those who worked hard all their lives and finally exist on a limited income to either give in and pay for the internet,

or give up and lose out. If you have an elderly relative or friend who moved and desires a traditional Verizon hard line for phone service or even a Life Line, please call Verizon at 800-483-4000, and asked to be transferred to the Springfield, MA Verizon office for setting up a service call and credit check like the good old days. Unlimited local calling is \$30/Month and Pay-as-you-go is \$22/Month with taxes and fees included. You will need the person’s social security number and date of birth where the service will be installed. Knowledge was always intended to be shared, so spread the good word and save both yourself and the senior you love some time and a lot of anguish.

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# SPORTS

## What if...?



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Not long ago, ESPN Films aired a show titled “Baltimore Boys”, the story of four teammates at fabled Dunbar High, all of whom went on to college and NBA careers, and the second half of the film focused largely on Reggie Lewis, the Celtics captain who died at a 1993 practice.

I took issue with some of the characterizations of Baltimore in the early 1980s but that’s a different story for a different

venue. This is a sports column. There was one glaring factual error about another Dunbar player named Skip Wise. The movie implied Wise dropped out of college because of substance abuse issues when in fact he left early to sign a pro contract with his hometown Baltimore Claws whose tenure in the old ABA lasted less than one pre-season. Another different story.

Anyway, the film chronicled the lives of Lewis, Reggie Williams, David Wingate and Tyrone “Muggsy” Bogues. The quartet did in fact grow up in the roughest part of Baltimore city. They were in fact surrounded by drugs and violence and death. And they all emerged to be not just professional athletes but on balance

to be what they remain today - productive adults.

The movie also included their high school coach Bob Wade, who would leave Dunbar to become the head coach at the University of Maryland after Len Bias died, but was eventually forced to resign for violating inane and bigoted NCAA rules because he had the temerity to try to help student-athletes get on with their lives. Wade might’ve well been in over his head in the ACC anyway but his decency and humanity can’t be debated.

And now the what-if. What if Reggie Lewis, whose death was attributed officially to cardiac issues (there were lots of unsubstantiated rumors of drug use) had lived? How great an NBA career might

he have had? Suppose he and Bias had actually been teammates in Boston? How great would the Celtics have been? Good enough to challenge the Jordan Bulls? Maybe so. That’s the tantalizing sports question left unanswered when Lewis and before him Bias, passed? Perhaps Boston would have another dynasty, not like the one back in the Russell days, but it’s reasonable to think the Celtics would have had another big run. What if indeed?

Lewis was the best of the four. Wingate and Williams played more than a decade in the NBA but were better at Georgetown than they were in the Association. Bogues, all 5-3 of him was solid both at Wake Forest and professionally. But Lewis, who might have been a

bit behind in his hoops development in high school, turned out to be easily the most gifted pro. Being named Celtics captain was a rare honor, and Lewis’ best days appeared to be still ahead of him.

Baltimore has long been a hotbed of high school hoops. Dunbar’s not in the best section of town but back in the day, no one seemed to mind going if they could see the great players the Poets had. Dunbar’s clashes with DC suburb DeMatha High became the stuff of legend and the Poets subsequently went national, winning a championship in 1982.

The ESPN film was riveting, pretty factual, and brought back a ton of memories for me. It was a nice trip into the glorious hoops past.

## Basketball with the big guy



While one basketball camp for older students was happening at one high school, another was taking place for younger athletes just up the road...this one with Shaquille O’Neil as one of the mentors.

The first Rolle basketball camp,

meant for middle school aged athletes, brought together a bevy of students from surrounding school systems for a series of drills on skills, and a chance to interact with coaches...and Shaq...in a friendly atmosphere.

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## Basketball camp drills the skills

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
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Last weekend was the second annual Future Hoops basketball camp and both days involved skills and drills; starting with stretching and running to warm up before getting down to business.

Drills included a dribbling station, free throws, lay ups, jump shots, post ups and a sliding drill.

Sponsors for the camp included silver sponsors Belletetes, Flipside Grille, Gardner Screw Cap, Winchendon Furniture, Hidden Hills, Smith’s Country Cheese, and Playaway Lanes; gold sponsors: Grand Scape, Dry Construction, Form Up Foundations, Friends Garden, Harbour Restaurant, Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, and Xtreme Auto Body & Collision.

Coaches who helped both days of camp included Matt O’Malley, Lamont Hicks, Chris Kirkland, Ramsey Clayton, Jim Jahnz, Frank Abell, Mike Weaver, Bill Weaver and Greg Biron.

The 32 participants included Chase Berg, Lane Berg, Gabe Bernard, Tyler Biron, Jazmyn Coppolino, Alexis DeSimone, Desiree Doane, Trinity Doane, Trey Everett, Gregory Fitzgerald, Ajay Flores, Robby Goudreau,

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# Not my favorite, but where are they?



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Where have all of the bluefish gone? Although they are not my favorite fish for eating, I still enjoy catching a few for a couple of my buddies that often smoke the fish, and it is great eating. Catching bluefish can provide a lot of action for anglers that use light rods and surface poppers. Catching an 8 lb. or 10 lb. bluefish on light tackle is awesome, and bringing a young angler along on the trip is sure to give him the ultimate fishing experience. I know that serious saltwater anglers fishing for stripers can lose a lot of eels to the savage eating habits of a bluefish, but I still miss their presence during some of my fishing trips. At this time of year I often encountered a school of bluefish during my fluke and seabass fishing trips, and they sure filled in the slow action on

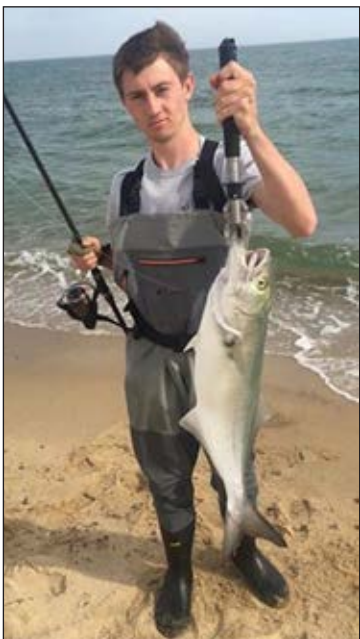
the water.

The Providence River held many large bluefish back a few years ago and fishing surface plugs had the reels drag screaming as the line left the spool during an encounter with a bluefish. They made numerous runs before being brought to the gaff or net. Many anglers will not use a net on bluefish as their sharp teeth often destroy the net. Some of the new rubberized nets do a much better job in handling bluefish and work great on most all other species of fish. Hooks rarely become lodged in the new nets. Wire leaders are absolutely needed to avoid being cut off from the bluefish sharp teeth. Lures are very expensive these days, and losing a \$ 20 plug to a bluefish can become very expensive and frustrating. Purchasing fishing lures and fishing plugs can save an angler a lot of money if they do a bit of shopping at a yard sale or flea market. Some may need a paint job or new hooks, but can save an angler lot of money. When planning a fishing trip for bluefish bringing along a large cooler with plenty of ice,

is very important in keeping your catch fresh. Taking the time to fillet the fish on the boat and placing them on a bed of ice will ensure some great eating, but can make a bloody mess of the boat. Many boat captains do not allow any blood spots on their boat and would never think of cleaning fish on their water craft. Bluefish spoil very fast after they are caught. If you plan on smoking the fish, cooking them in a casserole or making a fish chowder, fresh bluefish can provide some great table fare. Every year numerous anglers suffer the pain of a hook becoming imbedded in their hand or leg. Bluefish are notorious for thrashing about on the floor of a boat and need to be handled carefully. Some anglers carry along a small bat and club the fish to subdue them. Anglers fishing with umbrella rigs had the most accidents with hooks becoming imbedded in their hands or legs as numerous fish are caught at one time. Multiple bluefish thrashing on the floor of the boat need to be handled with extra care to avoid injury. If you do get a hook into your



Photos courtesy of Red Bait & Tackle  
**A 50 pound lunker of a striper caught at Cape Cod Canal.**



**This big bluefish was caught surf fishing.**

of seconds. Be sure to apply some disinfectant to the area and keep it covered. I recommend watching the procedure on the internet, to ensure you are doing it correctly. The Cape Cod Canal continued to give up some big stripers as this week's picture shows an unidentified angler with two 50 lb. fish he and his buddy caught. Most fish are being caught on bait and underwater plugs. This

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## PROGRAM

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students are dismissed from even participating in those programs because of their disabilities and special needs. How would you feel as that parent, and what would you wish for?" Michel explained, "This is something that I have had conversations with parents about time and time again. They want their children to be equal partners of their community, and they want their children to participate in recreational activities." Expressing she was so excited Michel said, "I had received word from Miranda Jennings at the Winchendon School that the prospect of such programs was now in near reach, prompting a meeting with representa-

tion from the Winchendon, Gardner, Narragansett, and the Winchendon School." Michel said, "Together we decided we wanted to bring forward to our communities, a unified sports program to provide a sports program for children with special needs ages 4 and up. It will start with a soccer season, and the Winchendon School has graciously offered us use of 'All of their facilities.' While we will start with soccer, we will be looking to grow this program with things like learning to skate, ice hockey, baseball, softball, and basketball. They have offered us full range of all of their facilities." In addition, the Winchendon School has also offered to use students in leadership groups who are working on service projects, to also reach out for donations for sports equipment.

"I have talked with a few parents who are actively involved with their children, and they are absolutely excited that we as the WPS district are a part of this program. We will start on Sept. 17, with a buddies and volunteer meeting only. These will be Sunday afternoon events with all volunteers helping to make this happen. These kids will be getting T-shirts with their teams on them just like any other kid would when they participated in an activity. All the coaches will be volunteers so there will be no cost, it's all volunteerism. This is my passion, so I have no problem being the volunteer for this committee to make it happen. This will also be a great opportunity to make those cross-community collaborations and connections," explained Michel. The program which will

utilize "Buddies" who will volunteer to help the children with disabilities and are expected to be anything but in short supply, as participation in the program would look impressive on any college application for high school students. Each child in the program will be partnered with a Buddy. A suggested donation of \$20 per player is requested to help keep the program going strong, as the cost for the soccer season is over \$30 per player, and will go toward helping defray the cost of items such as snacks and drinks at events which are anticipated to last up to 2 hours. Michel clarified, "It's no means a stop for a family who can't provide a \$20 donation, as we are going to accept every child who wants to participate in the program." Donations for players

should be made out to the Winchendon School with "Unified Sports Program" written in the memo line. Donations should be mailed to Unified Sports Program, C/O Miranda Jennings, The Winchendon School, 172 Ash St., Winchendon, MA 01475. The program in its first session, will be limited to students with disabilities from only WPS, the NRSD, and Gardner public school, which were districts who chose to participate. If you would like to register a child or apply to be a Buddy Volunteer go to [www.unitedsportsprogram.weebly.com](http://www.unitedsportsprogram.weebly.com). For any questions please contact program director Miranda Jennings of the Winchendon School by at (978) 621-4524, or at [mjennings@winchendon.org](mailto:mjennings@winchendon.org)

## DOGGIES

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here too," he stressed. When McTigue graduated from Cornell University, the Rochester, NY native was looking for a practice to buy. The Gardner facility had opened on Pearson Boulevard in 1984 on the site of the current Tender Hearts and four years later, McTigue purchased it, knowing from the outset he'd eventually be looking for more space. So on that first day on Eaton Street, someone showed up with "an animal they didn't know. We put it in this very room," he recalled, gesturing around where he and the writer were sitting. It turns out the "animal they didn't know" was a skunk. Said skunk proceeded to spray. "It was our first day. First. I'm thinking, 'on our first day?' I don't mind dealing with skunks, but outside," he laughed. "What a way to start," added McTigue. As for regional service, "I can't tell you exactly how many Winchendon clients we have specifically, but we have

them for sure. I like to think that's because people respect how seriously we take what we're doing." Vet tech supervisor Gina Cuzzi agrees. "We want the dogs and cats, we want every animal, and every family who comes in to know we'll take care of their pets." Cuzzi conducted a tour on a rainy morning earlier this week. "We have plenty of room for them to play outside," she said of the dogs who come to play for a day or stay for however long. "This is a great place to work. I've always loved animals. I used to play vet with my stuffed animals," she laughed, "and when I saw this opportunity at a job fair at the Mount (where she's a student), I jumped at it," said the Jaffrey native. "We have a great staff. Most of them have been here a long time," reflected McTigue. "That tells me the work they're doing is as fulfilling for them as it is for me." Gardner Animal Care Center is located at 73 Eaton St. in Gardner. Their phone number is (978) 632-7110 and they can be found on Facebook as well.



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# LEGALS

**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 Maria T. Lattanzio and Diane Caeran to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns, dated January 29, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40614, Page 181 subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53296, Page 252; 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 September 11, 2017 at 403 West Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the easterly side of West Street in the northwesterly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof, at a point in the easterly line of West Street, at a corner of other land of George J. Mizhir, Jr., and being shown as the northwesterly corner of Lot "4" as shown on a plan hereinafter referred to: Thence N. 13 degrees 22' 23" W. 40.39 feet to a drill hole in a boulder; Thence N. 17 degrees 37' 50" W., 109.61 feet to a corner of other land of said Mizhir and being shown as Lot "6" on said plan, the preceding two courses being by a stone wall and said road line; Thence N. 73 degrees 32' 34" E. by said Mizhir land and lot "6" about 845 feet to a point in the center line of Robbins Brook and at other land of Mizhir; Thence Southerly and Southwesterly by said brook and said Mizhir land downstream about 235 feet to a corner of the aforementioned Lot "4" and said Mizhir land; and Thence S. 73 degrees 32' 34" W> by said Mizhir land and Lot "4" about 695 feet to the easterly line of West Street and the point of beginning. Being shown as Lot "5" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Lots prepared by George J. Mizhir, Jr., in Winchendon, Mass. Scale 1 inch = 100 feet June 4,1980, Michael S. Szoc, R.S. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass.", recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 476, Plan 44. Being the same premises as conveyed by deed and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 36450, Page 322.

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.

Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA")  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANDS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
15-000670

August 18, 2017  
August 25, 2017  
September 1, 2017

**Town of Winchendon,  
Planning Board\_  
Public Hearing**

**Notice of Formal Site Plan Review**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:40 PM in the Town Hall Aud., 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475 the Winchendon Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing for Formal Site Plan Review to consider the application of West Street Solar 1, LLC of 4 Liberty Square, 3rd Floor Boston MA 02109 for property located on West St., Winchendon, MA 01475 known as Assessors Map 2, Parcel 109 for the purpose of Ground Mounted Solar Energy Collection. The property is located in the R80 Residential Zoning District within the Golf Residential Overlay. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend. Reasonable accommodation for disabled parties can be made by contacting the department during business hours, (978) 297-3537 at least three days in advance. The Town of Winchendon is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

By: Guy C. Corbosiero, Chairman  
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**Legal Notice  
Winchendon Conservation  
Commission**

53 Belmont Avenue; Assessor's Map 5A-3, Lot 80  
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 24th, 2017 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Dean Lepkowski for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 53 Belmont Avenue; Assessor's Map 5A-3, Lot 80. The project entails the construction of a 12' x 16' (192 square feet) shed on concrete blocks. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

August 18, 2017

**Legal Notice  
Winchendon Conservation  
Commission**

85 Alger Street; Assessor's Map 5D-1, Lot 58  
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 24th, 2017 at 7:10 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Armando Sanchez for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 85 Alger Street; Assessor's Map 5D-1, Lot 58. The project entails the construction of a 16' x 16' (256 square feet) deck and staircase. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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**Legal Notice  
Winchendon Conservation  
Commission**

206 Lakeview Drive; Assessor's Map M-10, Lot 24  
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 24th, 2017 at 7:15 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Scott Crichton for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomonac at 206 Lakeview Drive; Assessor's Map M-10, Lot 24. The project entails the enlargement of an existing driveway serving a two-bedroom house, associated tree removal, grading, and paving. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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August 18, 2017

**Legal Notice  
Winchendon Conservation  
Commission**

6 Island Road; Assessor's Map M-6, Lot 9  
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 24th, 2017 at 7:20 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner John DiVito for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomonac at 6 Island Road; Assessor's Map M-6, Lot 9. The project entails the placement of a 3-5 foot wide strip of granite/limestone rip-rap along the lake shoreline to control erosion. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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August 18, 2017

**Legal Notice  
Winchendon Conservation  
Commission**

Off West Street (east side); Assessor's Map 2, Lot 109  
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 24th, 2017 at 7:25 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by West Street 1 Solar, LLC on behalf of property owner Winchendon Ventures, LLC for proposed work within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at West Street; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 109. The project entails the development, operation, and maintenance of a 1.3 MW ground-mounted solar voltaic energy system. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Notice of Intent is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

August 18, 2017

**Legal Notice  
Winchendon Conservation  
Commission**

Off West Street (west side); Assessor's Map 1, Lot 99  
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August

24th, 2017 at 7:40 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by West Street 2 Solar, LLC on behalf of property owner Winchendon Ventures, LLC for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at West Street; Assessor's Map 1, Lot 99. The project entails the development, operation, and maintenance of a 1.3 MW ground-mounted solar voltaic energy system. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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August 18, 2017

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bruce A. Traudt to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, dated May 12, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36359, Page 236 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquet Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6 is the present holder by , for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 81 Benjamin Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on September 14, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A parcel of land on the southerly side of Benjamin Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts shown as Lot "A" on a plan entitled "Plan of lots prepared for owners, RICHARD E. & DOLORES A. GARNO, Winchendon, MA, Scale 1 inch = 50 feet, February 24, 2004, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA, 01368", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 806, Plan 59, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. Lot "A" contains 1.0915 acres according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36359, Page 234.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquet Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6

Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851  
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Traudt, Bruce, 14-019586, August 18, 2017, August 25, 2017, September 1, 2017

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