

Winchendon liens 236 properties

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The town has again been left with no legal choice after sending out notices, but to place liens on 236 property accounts as a result of 422 unpaid bills generated by delinquent water and sewer users, causing the town to fall short \$221,814.80.

The funds, according to town Treasurer and Collector Donna Spellman, may be receiving a first lien, or in some cases have been cited multiple times. Once liens are applied it takes roughly one year to obtain money from banks that hold titles on properties.

Spellman said, "Many people for whatever reason are comfortable with having liens placed on their property to pay their water and sewer bills."

These new liens just applied, are for the last two previous semi-annual bills representing July, 2015 through June, 2016 according to Spellman. To complicate matters even more, letters will soon be sent out for quarterly bills due December, 2016.

As a result, both the town and the Water & Sewer Departments will now have to wait according to Spellman, "Roughly one full year on average" due to the process, before

the town realizes the payments from the banks to regain the nearly quarter million dollars.

In a previous meeting last fall DPW Superintendent Al Gallant said it is extremely tough to run the town water department when there is such a short fall of revenue to pay bills and operating costs. This newest shortfall of nearly \$250K, is sure to do nothing but only worsen the current revenue situation.

After reviewing a copy of the report obtained from town offices, an account by account examination of the 32-page report, of the 422 delinquent bills generated by 236 accounts,

the total funds owed only tell part of the story. The liens range from less than \$20, to nearly \$9,000. The following is the breakdown.

There are 100 liens for the sum of \$500 or less. There are 57 liens representing \$500-\$999. Next are 61 liens ranging from \$1,000-\$1,999. Liens for \$2,000-\$2,999 total 11. In the category of \$3,000-\$3,999 there are three liens outstanding.

In the top 50 percent representing \$4,000-\$9,000, the numbers really begin to rise. In the \$4,000 to \$4,999 range there are two liens. The largest is applied to Joan E. Rahaim, for 62 Maple St. at a total of \$4,0882.46.

Second is a lien applied to 206-210 Central Street, owned by William Stewart for the sum of \$4,576.44.

Jumping to the next liens listed, it is one lien applied to Karen Powers for property at 13-19 Front St., representing \$7,445.28.

In the top spot for combined delinquent past semi-annual bills owed, is the property located at 86-90 Front St., listed as owned by 912 Capital LLC, at \$8,821.05.

Further examination of the report yielded yet another interesting statistic. Not only

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Keith Kent photo

Just some of the fruit and vegetables now available for purchase at Not Just Produced.

Grocery options examined for area residents

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WINCHENDON — With the recent and unannounced closure of the IGA Central Supermarket residents who either do not own transportation or cannot drive have been forced to seek other options for food. Many in certain groups such as the elderly and disabled have been especially hit hard due to the loss of the only supermarket in the community.

On Monday, the Board of Selectmen did vote to add funding to the Council on Aging so an additional van run to the Rindge groceries could be scheduled. The van will be made

available to anyone in the community needing the service, not just the elderly. Call the COA at (978) 297-3155 for information on how to be added to the van service, which will pick up people at their homes.

An examination of products available was done, going store by store in Winchendon ranging from small convenience stores to larger chain stores companies as CVS and Family Dollar to try to help residents.

CVS Manager and town resident Chris Harrington explained, "We have been working

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Contractors' offices and yard proposed



Staff photo

The site of a proposed commercial contractors' yard with offices is off Gardner Road.

WINCHENDON — Jamison Van Dyke, owner of Form-Up Foundations, is hoping to get permission to construct a three-lot non-residential subdivision off Route 140 south, about half-way between Teel Road and the Route 12 intersection. The parcel on which the subdivision would be established is located across the highway from the site of a long-defunct miniature golf course.

Van Dyke's plans would allow for the construction of buildings that would house contractors bays, office space, and warehouse space. He described the three lots as "build-to-suit," adding the headquarters for Form-Up would relocate from its current home in Rindge to the Winchendon site. The amount of construction work underway — and anticipated

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Aid increasing in Governor's budget

BOSTON — At the Massachusetts Municipal Association annual meeting, Governor Charlie Baker announced the Baker-Polito Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal will include an increase of more than \$91 million in Chapter 70 education funding, totaling over \$4.7 billion in total aid to public schools, including an increase of at least \$20 per pupil to all 322 operating districts. The budget will also include a \$40 million increase (to a total of \$1.062 billion) in

unrestricted local aid to the Commonwealth's cities and towns, representing 100% of the rate of increase of projected tax revenue growth.

"We are committed to investing in our cities and towns to support their efforts to drive our Commonwealth's economic growth and prepare our children for a successful future," said Baker. "We are proud of the strong municipal partnerships our administration has fostered and look for-

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High Street bridge costs less than anticipated

WINCHENDON — Sometime after the state Department of Transportation ordered the closure of the High Street bridge due to safety concerns, town officials figured repairs to the span would cost somewhere near \$400,000. To pay for the project, Public Works Director Al Gallant set aside that amount from the \$447,000 in state Chapter 90 monies

received by the town for the current fiscal year.

On Monday night, Town Manager Keith Hickey informed selectmen the real cost of the bridge work will be less than half of what was anticipated. Instead of \$400,000, the repairs will actually cost \$170,000. The balance remaining from the set aside, \$230,000, can now be targeted to other

road improvement projects.

The High Street bridge was originally constructed nearly 167 years ago, in 1850. While some repairs were made to the span over the years, it was not until 1973 that the bridge was rebuilt. Since that time, a combination of water, road salt, and corrosive fluids leaking

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Extension of IGA Beer and Wine License on Hold

REQUEST TO KEEP
LIQUOR LICENSE ON HOLD

WINCHENDON — A public hearing on a request by the owner of the now-defunct Central Supermarket IGA to hang onto the store's beer and wine license for another three months was continued until Feb. 13, after a motion to extend the license was stalled on a tie vote by the Board of Selectmen.

At their meeting Monday night, Selectmen grilled store owner Mike Szelest about the closing of the supermarket and his intentions regarding the license.

Szelest still holds a lease on the space once occupied by the

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.

— Elbert Hubbard

Restaurant tales

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — Pick a restaurant, pretty much any restaurant and then listen. Listen to the stories told by servers, some humorous, some poignant and some which simply leave you shaking your head. The Courier agreed not to identify servers from the half dozen area restaurants we visited, (most, but not all, in Massachusetts) and while the stories we heard are likely commonplace throughout the industry, each had their own personal tales.

While tips generally run in the 15-20 percent range at most sit down eateries, there are always individual exceptions. One server at an area establishment told us in lieu of a tip, they've more than once received a \$100 scratch ticket. "That was thoughtful," they said.

One server told us they'd received an \$83 tip from a party of 22, whose bill was in the vicinity of \$260, where the average tip would be much less.

"That was nice. But they were nice.

I think that makes a difference too. You can tell when you have a rapport. Some people — it just comes naturally to be outgoing, others not so much. You need to be able, too, to read customers' moods. Sometimes even kids will get in on it and try to leave a dollar or so which is really cute."

But, "everyone's different. There are regulars who never tip, not here, not at a valet parking, not anywhere. They just don't. They say, 'I don't believe in tipping,'" that server reflected. "I don't understand it and I would never do that myself, but everyone has the right, I guess, so you don't expect it from them. What can you do? They've had a bill up to 80 bucks and still didn't tip. Not a penny."

"On the other hand, I had someone come in by themselves, order a \$6 sandwich, give me a 20 and tell me to keep the change. I wasn't complaining. I've had \$65 and \$35 tips just before Christmas. I think people were in the holiday spirit," the server laughed appreciatively.

Another server said they might not be thrilled with a customer's no-tip policy, but they respect that more than they do the ones who will leave something like 50¢.

"It makes you wonder what you did wrong," they reflected, adding, "if you did do something wrong, I'd rather know what the complaints are so I can fix it or at least try to make sure it doesn't happen again. And even if the problem was really in the kitchen, you can't ever say that. You have to suck it up. That's just the way it goes."

Some restaurants combine tips but at others, each server collects their own.

"I've worked in places where everyone shares them and I didn't like that. I much prefer working where you have your own section and you get whatever tips you get. Sometimes you'll do really well but some days not so much. Still, I'll take my chances."

There was a consensus that area restaurants which don't open for dinner in some (though not all) cases hurt the

employee's tips.

"It's not a rule, but since dinner prices are higher, it stands to reason tips will be better at night," mused a server who has worked at places which do serve dinner as well as ones which don't. "But," they added, "it's funny that it doesn't always work out that way. I've had times when I did better tip-wise at breakfast than dinner. Go figure. Maybe people are in better moods in the morning," they speculated.

Every server we talked to agree on one major point. "You have to leave your own mood at home," is the way one put it. "If you're in a bad mood, customers don't need to know that and besides, you're being unfair to your employer and to yourself. Why would you want to screw yourself?"

And there was unanimity on this, too. "You need a thick skin. Most people are fine, but you know there are going to get complaints and you're one of the front lines. You better be able to handle it," one server stressed.

Old Murdock activities for February

Please find below the activities listed for the month of February 2017 for the Old Murdock Senior Center. At this time of year, any activity can be cancelled at the director's discretion. All activities are weather dependent (if the weather is bad, we'll cancel an activity). In the case of inclement weather, please call the center before venturing outside at (978) 297-3155. The Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 for President's Day holiday.

February 1: Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard. BINGO at 12:30

February 2: Wii Bowling at 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 3: Peanut Auction – 10:30

February 6: Market Basket at 12:15; Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00

February 7: Bowling at 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 8: Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard; BINGO at 12:30

February 9: Wii Bowling – 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 13: Market Basket at 12:15; Wii Bowling at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 14: CAKE AUCTION at 12:15; Shopping at 9:15; Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard;

February 15: Wii Bowling at 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard; BINGO at 12:30

February 16: Fallon Rep at 10-12; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 17: Peanut Auction at 10:30

February 20: CENTER CLOSED

PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 21: Senior Whole Health Rep 10-12; Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 22: Wii Bowling at 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard; BINGO at 12:30

February 23: MOC PRESENTATION – GERD at 10:00; Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00

February 27: Market Basket at 12:15; Wii Bowling at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

February 28: Wii Bowling at 9:30; Chair exercise at 9:30; Yoga at 10:00; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard.



WINCHENDON STUDENT NAMED WORCESTER COUNTY SCHOLAR

Ashley S. Ellis of Winchendon, a senior in the health occupations program at Monty Tech, was recently recognized by the Monty Tech District School Committee on being named to the 2016-17 scholar program sponsored by the Worcester County Superintendents' Association. She was honored, along with scholars from throughout the county, at the annual luncheon held recently at Clark University. Superintendent-Director Dr. Sheila M. Harry (left) and Barbara Reynolds of Lunenburg (right), School Committee chairperson, present Ashley with a certificate at a recent School Committee meeting.

Courtesy photo

Zlotnik makes visit to Winchendon

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — Meeting with local constituents on Saturday, state Representative Jon Zlotnik (D) said he sees economic development as a key issue for Winchendon.

Zlotnik made the observation following office hours at the Beals Memorial Library

where several people showed up to discuss their concerns face to face with the third term representative.

"Most of the time now we hear from people through email or phone calls, but I think it's still important to do these," said Zlotnik.

Zlotnik said he can look back with pride on having helped Winchendon stay solvent in

late 2014 and it was a close call.

"We were under a lot of pressure to get it done or the town wouldn't be able to make payroll," he recalled, noting this was happening as former Governor Deval Patrick's term was nearing its end.

"Getting anything through the legislature can be a challenge but especially for me because back then I was still the 'new guy', and it really was right at the end of the administration. I think it might have been the third to last bill Governor Patrick signed. If he had left office without signing it, we'd have had to start over."

At least one constituent asked to speak to Zlotnik pri-

vately, and local resident Guy Corbosiero asked what was going on with the repair of the Whitney Pond dam. Zlotnik said "the money is there, but it's up to the governor" and suggested the local Board of Selectmen ask Governor Charlie Baker to look into the issue.

While Zlotnik represents numerous towns on Beacon Hill, he said he's especially concerned about the unemployment rate in this part of the district.

"That really needs to be the focus now. If you have a vibrant economy, if people are making more money, then local governments will have more money to

invest in schools, roads and all those other things."

Into his third term and no longer the youngest member of the legislature, Zlotnik said he's not as naive as he might have been at the beginning.

"Anyone who says they come into this with all the knowledge they need is probably exaggerating," he reflected.

"It takes some time to figure things out. But I feel like we're really starting to put some accomplishments behind us. More of my bills are being co-sponsored," he laughed, adding, "and more of them are coming out of committee. That's progress."



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

SKATE CLUB: Winchendon Skate Club invites all ice skaters to join our club. We skate from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Winchendon School on Ash Street. The 2016-17 season is right around the corner. The Winchendon Skate Club provides educational lessons that teach proper techniques. We offer learn to skate programs for begin-

ners of ice skating and hockey. Find us on Facebook-Winchendon Skate Club or Winchendon skateclub@yahoo.com.

OPEN MIC NIGHT: with the host band Obsession at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, River Street from 8 p.m.-midnight.

PAINT NIGHT: gather your friends and make it a date as the Winchendon Kiwanis and Crafty Cauldron again sponsor a paint night to benefit the backpack program. Show your artsy side by creating unique glassware. Go online to sign up at www.thecraftycauldron.net/events.html. Hurry, space is limited and the last one sold out.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

LIONS MEAT RAFFLE: the annual breakout bash is planned with meat alone! Come take a chance on winning a nice roast, pork loin or roasting chicken for a long winter's night. Fun starts at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Always other raffles and surprises too.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

OWC: "Send a little love to our troops!" On

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COURIER CAPSULES

SUPER RAFFLE ON REGION — The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce annual Super Raffle and February Business After Hours will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8. The event is sponsored by and will be held at South Side Grille & Margarita Factory, 242 West Broadway, Gardner.

The Business After Hours will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and will include networking, hors d'oeuvres and the raffle drawing. The winning tickets, including the grand prize of \$10,000 will be drawn at 7 p.m. Additional cash prizes include one second prize of \$1,000, four third prizes of \$750 each and five fourth prizes of \$250 each. Only 400 tickets will be sold.

The event is free to Chamber members and raffle ticket purchasers. Advanced reservations for the Business After Hours are requested. Super Raffle tickets are still available and can be purchased at the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce office at 29 Parker St. 2nd floor,

Gardner or online at www.gardnerma.com. For more information contact the Chamber at (978) 632-1780 or at info@gardnerma.com.
S T U D E N T ACHIEVEMENT

BRISTOL, RI—Alexander Vorfeld, a resident of Rindge, has been named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

MANCHESTER, NH — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year, including 214 students from New Hampshire. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better in a semester with at least 16 credits of study which award a letter grade. Among them were the following local students: Fitzwilliam: Tate Van Valkenburg (Undeclared); Jaffrey:

William Bearce (History) and Rindge: Victoria Roach (Psychology). In addition, Caroline Chelebec (classical archaeology) of Winchendon was named to the Dean's List.

NORTH DARTMOUTH — UMass Dartmouth students are named to the Chancellor's List in recognition of earning a Fall 2016 semester grade point average of 3.8 or higher of a possible 4.0. The following local students included are Krystopher Grasmuck of Phillipston and Cameron Whittle of Templeton.

WEST HARTFORD, CT — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Tyler Coppo of Fitzwilliam has been named to its Dean's List for Fall 2016.

GRANVILLE, OH — Aixin Li of Ashburnham was one of 327 students named to Denison University's 2016 fall semester dean's list by Provost Kim Coplin. Students who achieve dean's list status have maintained a grade point average of 3.7 or better (out of 4.0) for the semes-

ter. Li is a graduate of Cushing Academy and a member of the Denison class of 2018.

WATERVILLE, ME — The following Colby College were students named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2016-17 year. These students are part of 521 Colby students — or 27 percent of the qualified student body — to qualify for the Dean's List this semester. Students on this list have earned a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher this fall to be included on Colby's highly selective Dean's List.

Jenna Athanasopoulos and Michaela Athanasopoulos of Fitzwilliam are both members of the Class of 2017. They attended Monadnock Regional High School and are the daughters of Theodore and Debra Athanasopoulos of Fitzwilliam.

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ward to more collaboration ahead as we strive for stronger schools and communities."

At the MMA's opening session, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced the administration's plans for an \$8.8 million local funding and grant package for municipalities, including \$4 million for Community Compact grants and \$2.8 million for the District Local Technical Assistance Program in the FY18 operating budget and \$2 million in the FY18 Capital Budget, released in the spring, for the Community Compact IT Grant

Program. Polito has served as a champion for the administration's municipal partnerships, entering into 252 Community Compacts that represent over 600 community-crafted, mutual best practices aimed at improving local fiscal policies, sustainable energy practices and advancing economic development and affordable housing.

"As former local officials, Governor Baker and I appreciate the importance of our municipal relationships and the certainty state government can deliver in local aid increases and historic education funding levels," said Polito. "Through the Community Compact Program, we have been fortunate to work closely with leaders from

our cities, towns, and regional planning agencies to build strong local partnerships."

"The administration has kept to its commitment of supporting our communities," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Kristen Lepore. "From local aid to the Community Compact to updating laws and regulations, we have made certain that local governments have the tools they need to succeed."

In his budget proposals to date, Governor Baker has honored a commitment to increase unrestricted local aid by 75% of projected revenue growth in his first budget, and 100% of growth in subsequent years. A 3.9% consensus projected revenue growth

for FY18 was announced by Secretary of Administration and Finance Kristen Lepore and the chairs of the Senate and House Ways and Means Committees earlier this year.

Last summer, Baker and Polito joined local officials to celebrate the passage and signing of municipal modernization reform legislation, enhancing partnerships between state and municipal governments by eliminating or updating obsolete laws, promoting local independence, streamlining state oversight and providing municipalities with greater flexibility.



CELEBRATING

Rita (Lafortune) Shepard celebrated her 102nd birthday on Jan. 23. She lived in Winchendon for almost 100 years before moving to Rowley to be near her son and daughter-in-law Guy & Liz Shepard.

She is seen here in the photo at one of her birthday get togethers with nieces Betsy (James) Antonellis and Jennifer (James) Haddad.

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As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2017.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods.

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2017:

Winchendon

Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2016 but may require some touch-up work in 2017:

Winchendon

Treatment Periods

January 30, 2017 - May 31, 2017	May 31, 2017 - October 15, 2017	October 15, 2017 - December 31, 2017
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
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VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

Perceptions

Twice this week the city of Boston has paid attention to our town. The Boston Globe did a feature, finding people to comment on the election of Donald J. Trump and how these particular people thought it might impact them.

Then, a television station chose to find someone already growing marijuana for their personal use and found them, where else, Winchendon.

We keep finding that Boston seems to have a preconceived idea about what they will find when they come out here. And lo and behold, they find it.

It reminds of a joke, a very old joke but a very telling one.

A grumpy woman moves into a new apartment building and confronts someone in the laundry room.

"Hey," she says. "How are the people in this town?"

The woman she asks looks a little surprised, then thoughtful, "How were people where you lived before?"

"Awful. They were rude, mean, spiteful. Terrible neighbors. Loud. I was glad to move."

"Well, I'm afraid it won't be any better here."

And of course, it was so.

So, for some reason Boston has decided Winchendon is the town to come to when they want to find the crude neighbors. The ones who represent that demographic they want for some reason for just the right flavor for whatever preconceived notion they have for a one sided story they are creating.

Because from what we read, and what we saw. It was just that.

They already knew exactly what they wanted to have people say, and they found people to say it.

They certainly didn't ask, or find, anyone with a different opinion.

It was intended as a one sided story only.

So we challenged them.

Come back.

Come back and do another story on the firemen's muster. Or the family day and chili cook off. Or the Summer Solstice. Or any event at the Historic & Cultural Center. Or just about anything else that might give a positive and balanced view of the town.

We hope they take us up on it.

An opportunity to meet the Commissioner



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
STEVE HADDAD

It isn't all that often when the state school commissioner comes to our region to join us in a town hall but that's exactly what's happening Tuesday night at Fitchburg State University.

None of his predecessors over the last couple decades have managed to make their way to northern Worcester County, it always seems they've forgotten about us, so it's a big deal that Commissioner Mitchell Chester is making the trip and the best part of it is that we're all going to have the chance to tell him face-to-face about the successes we've had and the challenges we face here in Winchendon.

And make no mistake — we have a slew of significant successes — our technology/robotics program is unequaled anywhere in the region; our perma-lab is on the cutting edge of 21st century science; we are working to align the curriculum to pave the way for a smooth climb from kindergarten through 12th grade and graduation, each step laying the foundation for the next with one crucial goal of making certain each student is able to read by third grade; the Murdock Academy for Success has been a lifeline for students who work best in a non-traditional classroom setting and has enabled them to graduate.

This year, more than 80-percent of our senior class had completed college applications before December 1. The number of students attending four year-colleges has been growing steadily.

All that is good and we're very proud of the advancements our schools have made. We believe we've earned the right to be a destination system, not

one students and families should run from.

But we do have challenges as well. The truth is we're operating on a bare-bones budget. As a

smaller and rural system, we simply don't have the same resources as do larger more suburban ones. That's not a complaint but simply a fact. We all know it to be true. That's us.

As I mentioned earlier, for too long, state education commissioners haven't heard from us directly, making it pretty much impossible for them to fully grasp the good that's going on out here or to understand the economic challenges we confront every day. They have had charts and books full of dry statistical data but they haven't seen the faces nor heard the words of people, of parents, who live in communities which are strained for resources.

That's finally going to change on Tuesday. Commissioner Chester is coming to Fitchburg State to hear us tell our stories. The event in the main lounge of the Hammond Building (160 Pearl St.) is, of course, free and starts with registration and some light refreshments at 6 p.m. After Commissioner Chester talks for a few minutes, it then becomes our turn. The room will become our venue. This isn't an opportunity that comes around much and it's one which we should take advantage of.

I'd like parents to join me, to come say your piece, to tell the state education commissioner what you see and think, what you feel we want and need. I'd love to have you with me. Call my office (978) 297-0031 if you'd like to come and together we can be the faces and voices of Winchendon public schools.

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Electricity and technology overdue for a failure



ANYTHING NEAR & FAR
KEITH KENT

History has taught us that many either simply disregard, or do not study their history. You can try to deny it, try to rewrite it, or try to destroy its

records all together. However, it matters not. History like humans always repeats itself time and time again, and I promise you most do not remember the great technological failure of 1859.

As we marvel in all of our great technological advances and have become nearly one hundred percent dependent on anything that uses AC to make our lives simpler, live longer, and help carry us on through cyberspace with a level of

inter-connectivity the likes of which sci-fi only once dreamed of, we forgot to do one important thing. We didn't protect either electricity or technology from solar flares. You remember our best friend which lives about 93,000,000 miles away don't you? It's called the sun.

Enter the great Harrington Event of 1859. What technology could have existed in 1859 you ask? Well it was only so huge that it was actually the Internet of its day. Yes, we

didn't have the World Wide Web, but we did have the World Wide Telegraph System. It may have not spanned the oceans, but it existed on virtually every industrialized nation, and guess what, one day in early September of 1859 a massive solar flare from our sun reached the earth in just under 18 hours flat. The result, it fried telegraph systems around the globe, leaving long distance communication once again dependent on either

transmission by horseback, or steam powered trains.

This could never happen to us, right? Well, think again my fellow citizens. The electromagnetic radiation in that giant solar flare fried every-thing electronic around the globe. Even in current day, Atmospheric & Environmental Research in the United States (AER) has estimated that if this were to happen again, repair

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OGHWM



NOTES OF CONCERN
JACK BLAIR

Lots of marching. Brought back memories.

- Vietnam Veterans March
- Million Man March
- March Against Abortion
- The Womens' March
- The list could be so much

longer. Not too long ago those of us who are called old grey-haired white men (OGHWM) were in the position of running the country. We were to be removed. I didn't hear too many people come to our defense.

We old grey haired white men couldn't get out and march. Most of us never marched unless we were drafted in the '60s. We are sitters. We like our soft recliners in front of our big screen televisions. And truth be known, we like to hear that we run everything.

So, imagine my surprise when the dust settled to find we indeed have been selected to once again run everything: The White House, The House of Representatives, The U.S. Senate, The Supreme Court, over 50% of the Governors' mansions and a majority of the state Legislatures.

This reality suggests that by not marching, we've done pretty well. However, there is part of me that feels we must be missing out on some fun. I never threw anything through a window, grabbed a hot babe on the street, carried obnox-

ious signs with perverted sayings, but actually I wouldn't have found that to be any more fun than a frat keg party.

So, I am asking the other card carrying members of the Gray-Haired Old White Men's Club to set aside Super Bowl Sunday, and at exactly noon we will sit down on our comfortable chairs. I don't think we will get a lot of press attention unless we all throw something through our picture windows at the same time.

In any event, give this some thought, and let me know if you are "on board." I know it isn't a

"march," but we can stand up for things, too, or sit down, as the case may be made.

At our age, we can't afford to wait till the marchers get old enough to become sitters. The bottom line is that our group is not likely to grow in numbers, but as long as all the other groups are marching and fighting, we can probably keep control of things.

No wonder the Chinese revere their elderly. Obviously common sense and proper behavior come with age. As does wisdom.

Taking the high view: from 90

Today is my father's birthday, his 90th. That's one hell of an impressive milestone. He's not going to spend it jumping out of a plane like fellow Navy veteran former President George H.W. Bush did on his 90th but hey, just getting to 90 is something the majority of people don't do. I'm hoping that he and my mom, who'll be 85 this year, will be able to get out and maybe at least go to dinner, which at 90 is no small feat. As I always preach, you take the little wins.

Aging's not easy. At all. Even in my mid 60s, I can attest to that. My dad can't hear very well, even with the hearing aids; and he's not quite as mobile as he was when he was a shortstop



JOURNEY OF THE HEART
JERRY CARTON

at Forest Park High School in Baltimore and a quarterback at Temple. But he's got that walker so that helps and mentally he's as sharp as ever and at 90, well, who among us wouldn't happily take that? My dad instilled in me an early love of sports, baseball, football (he still thinks Joe Flacco is the Ravens' primary problem) and above all, thoroughbreds; and he used to bring me packs of baseball cards every Friday, a ritual which thrilled me as a little kid, but more importantly, he (and my mom) also encouraged my sister and me early on to take stands against racism and other forms of discrimination.

When an African-American family first wanted to buy a house in our heretofore segregated neighborhood, my parents refused to buy into a scheme to have everyone pitch in and buy the property in order to block the black family from moving in. That was a powerful message and one which I've never forgotten through these many decades since.

Mostly though, he's tolerated my mistakes large and small alike and never turned his back on me even when there were times he must have been tempted. So here he is at 90 — the person I love and admire more than anyone on the planet. Happy birthday dad.

Then there's the man I admire pretty much less than anyone else on the planet. On his first full day as President, Donald Trump, a) went to the CIA and rather than try to mend fences, talked

instead about his inauguration crowd as compared to that of 2009 because that, of course, matters more than real issues. Trump of course claimed his crowd was larger even though pictures told a different story. It was encouraging to see the Washington Post even in news stories directly call him out on his blatant lies, and b) sent out press secretary Sean Spicer to double down. Spicer has a reputation for being a stand-up guy. Let's see how long he lasts. On Sunday morning, Kelly Anne Conway drew the short straw to go out and be eviscerated by Chuck Todd on Meet the Press, refusing to answer the obvious lead question as to why POTUS wanted to start off with a debate about crowd sizes. Conway sounded ridiculous and Todd

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POLICE LOG

Winchendon Police Department
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MONDAY, JANUARY 16
 12:05-3:04 a.m.: building checks & extra patrols, secure; 7:28 a.m.: sex offender registration (Spring Street) assisted; 7:31 a.m.: suspicious MV (Elmwood Road) unable to locate; 8:32 a.m.: fire alarm (Central Street) false alarm; 9:49 a.m.: suspicious MV (Central Street) report taken; 1:39 p.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken; 1:41 p.m.: ambulance (Winchendon School) transport; 1:47 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street) services rendered; 2:57 a.m.: sex offender registration (homeless) info taken; 2:59 p.m.: general info (Mellen Road) advised officer; 3:10 p.m.: assist motorist (Orient Place) assisted; 3:52 p.m.: suspicious other (Old Murdock) report taken; 4:27 p.m.: ambulance (Willoughby Avenue) transport; 5:06 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) written warning; 5:34 p.m.: assist citizen (Ipswich Drive) assisted; 5:53 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Jackson Avenue) unable to locate; 6:19 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) written warning; 7:17 p.m.: ambulance (Clark YMCA) assisted; 9:12 p.m.: assault (Central Street) report taken; 10:07 p.m.: ambulance (Linden Street) transport; 11:32 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 11:39 p.m.: building check, secure.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
 12:46-4:36 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Royalston Road North) unable to locate; 8:29 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) info taken; 9:25 a.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) info taken; 10:01 a.m.: open door (Maple Street) secured building; 10:23 a.m.: burglar alarm (Harbour Restaurant) secured building; 11:25 a.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) info taken; 11:56 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:07 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Alger Street) false alarm; 12:39 p.m.: burglar alarm (Crosby Road) false alarm; 12:47 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street) secured building; 12:49 p.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Central Street) false alarm; 12:55 p.m.: property damage (Mr. Mikes) no cause for complaint; 1:34 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) report taken; 2:16

p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) advised officer; 2:28 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:47 p.m.: general info (Alger Street) info taken; 3:12 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 5 p.m.: investigation (Harrisville Circle) unable to locate; 5:08 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 5:24 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Birchwood Terrace) services rendered; 5:46 p.m.: harassment (Hyde Park Drive) report taken; 7:22 p.m.: burglary B&E (Murdock Avenue) secure; 9:38 p.m.: ambulance (Vaine Street) transport; 10:22 p.m.: ambulance (Colonial Lane) transport; 11:49 p.m.: building check, secure.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
 12:17-2:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:45 a.m.: disabled MV (Lakeshore Drive) spoken to; 4:09 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road) transport; 8:45 a.m.: disabled MV (Joslin Road) no PD service required; 11:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Harrisville Circle) refer to ACO; 11:26 a.m.: assist citizen (Robbins Road) spoken to; 12:01 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 12:15 p.m.: assist citizen (walk in) property returned to owner; 12:34 p.m.: trespassing (Clark YMCA) services rendered; 12:39 p.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street) no PD service required; 1:06 p.m.: harassment (Whitney Street) report taken; 1:49 p.m.: disabled MV (Gardner Road) assisted; 2:10 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 2:36 p.m.: ambulance (Harrisville Circle) transport; 2:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road) refer to ACO; 3:38 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Alger Street) non-emergency; 4 p.m.: animal complaint (Spruce Street) refer to ACO; 6:07 p.m.: extra patrols (Murdock Avenue) services rendered; 6:24 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mill Glen Road) unfounded; 9 p.m.: accident (Royalston Road South) report taken; 9:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North) refer to ACO; 10:08 p.m.: investigation (Sibley Road) spoken to; 11:41 p.m.: building check, secure.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
 12:03-12:58 a.m.: building checks, secure; 4:22 a.m.: ambulance (Hillside Drive) transport; 9:09 a.m.: suspicious other (Central Street) spoken to; 9:49 a.m.: assist other PD (Monadnock Avenue) assisted; 10:16 a.m.: assist other PD (Lincoln Avenue) assisted; 10:27 a.m.: assist other PD (School Street) unable to locate; 10:40 a.m.: assist other PD (North Street) assisted; 10:49 a.m.:

assist other PD (Mechanic Street) unable to locate; 11:01 a.m.: summons service (Mill Street) served; 11:11 a.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive) transport; 11:45 a.m.: assist citizen (Baldwinville Road) assisted; 1:22 p.m.: summons service (Front Street) served; 3:04 p.m.: MV stop (School Street) verbal warning; 3:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Sibley Road) refer to ACO; 3:50 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) traffic citation; 4 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) traffic citation; 4:01 p.m.: parking violation (Central Street) traffic citation; 4:32 p.m.: larceny (Cumberland Farms) report taken; 5:58 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) assisted; 6:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Baldwinville Road) assisted; 8:12 p.m.: disabled MV (River Street) assisted; 9:02 p.m.: MV stop (Monadnock Avenue) report taken; 10:03 p.m.: disabled MV (Maple Street) assisted; 11:44 p.m.: suspicious MV (Oak Street) spoken to.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
 12:30 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 12:43 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 1:16-2:58 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 1:25 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 9:28 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive) transport; 9:41 a.m.: officer wanted (Whitney Street) summons: Mary E. Chamberland, age 28 of 3 Bear Hill Road, Hillsboro NH: assault & battery; and Jessica C. Lea, age 26 of 35 Turnpike Road #4, Jaffrey: assault & battery; 9:59 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road) assisted; 10:43 a.m.: assist citizen (Front Street) assisted; 10:59 a.m.: ambulance (School Street) transport; 12:10 p.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken; 12:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street) spoken to; 1:52 p.m.: assist citizen (Stone Road) assisted; 2:14 p.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street) transport; 2:29 p.m.: general info (River Street) spoken to; 2:38 p.m.: suspicious other (phone) refer to other PD; 3:41 p.m.: general info (Pearl Drive) spoken to; 4:15 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive) unable to locate; 4:20 p.m.: summons service (Cedar Street) served; 4:30 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) written warning; 4:35 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 5:27 p.m.: MV stop (High Street) traffic citation; 5:44 p.m.: MV stop (Maple Street) verbal warning; 6:07 p.m.: suspicious other (86 Front St.) unable to locate; 6:54 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:17 p.m.: general welfare check

(address not printed) unable to locate; 8:07 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) report taken; 8:08 p.m.: officer wanted (phone) spoken to; 9:52 p.m.: ambulance (Snowbound Club) transport; 11:37 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Ipswich Drive) info given.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
 12:10-2:42 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:53 a.m.: suspicious MV (Waterville Plaza) spoken to; 1:08 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) written warning; 1:23 a.m.: ambulance (Royalston, Norcross Road) assisted; 6:35 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 8:15 a.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street) info taken; 11:40 a.m.: larceny (North Street) report taken; 12 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive) transport; 1:06 p.m.: investigation (Alger Street) spoken to; 2 p.m.: general info (Benjamin Street) assisted; 2:09 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 2:25 p.m.: larceny (25 Walnut St.) info taken; 4:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) returned to home; 4:36 p.m.: summons service (Main Street) served; 4:39 p.m.: summons service (Main Street) unable to serve; 4:51 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) written warning; 5:04 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 8:28 p.m.: harassment (Beech Street) report taken; 9:18 p.m.: investigation (Joslin Road) info taken; 10:48 p.m.: alarm type unknown (Gabby's Pizza) secure; 11:43-11:54 p.m.: building checks, secure.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
 12:07 a.m.: suspicious MV (Valero) verbal warning; 12:20 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Glenallan Street) assisted; 12:48 a.m.: MV stop (Spruce Street) spoken to; 2:52-4:01 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:30 a.m.: general info (Spring Street) info taken; 3:35 a.m.: ambulance (Linden Street) transport; 4:23 a.m.: unattended death (Mill Street) services rendered; 5:05 a.m.: ambulance (Center Lane) transport; 10:20 a.m.: automatic fire alarm (Ipswich Drive) accidental; 12 p.m.: officer wanted (25 Walnut St.) spoken to; 2:25 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street) transport; 5:30 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) written warning; 6:06 p.m.: registration check (Lake Denison) secure; 7:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Walnut Street) info given; 7:44 p.m.: summons service (Main Street) served; 8:23 p.m.: MV stop (Grove Street) spoken to; 11:43 p.m.: building check, secure.

LIENS

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are the two highest delinquent accounts located on Front Street, but it also additionally has the highest financial total of delinquent accounts of any street in Winchendon, with no less than 11 properties equaling \$26,680.44 in liens.
 Other streets in the report with higher amounts of properties with applied liens included but were not limited to Juniper, Central, Spring, and River.
 Some residents have also called in to question the town's legal authority and right to enter on to their property and

shut off their water for lack of payment. Massachusetts General Laws states the following.
 Under Chapter 165, Section 11 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the legal "Procedure for shutting off the flow water on failure to pay lawful charges" reads as follows.
 "Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a water company may shut off the flow of water from its mains or pipes to the premises of any customer who has failed or refused to pay the lawful charges of said company for water previously consumed. The officers, employees or agents of said company may, upon any business day between the

hours of eight ante meridian and four post meridian, enter upon the premises of a customer whose payments are in arrears and close a valve, remove or disconnect a meter pipe or fitting, if necessary, for the purpose of shutting off the flow of water as above authorized, provided, however, that the customer has been given 36 hours notice in person or by registered or certified mail directed to his last address furnished to the company. If such address is different from the address of the premises affected a copy of such notice shall also be so mailed to the address thereof."
 Simply put, the town does have the legal right to enter property and shut off

water for lack of payment so long as the above guidelines provided under the law are followed.
 In August 2016, a list of 13 proposed fees for the Water Department to assess for services were presented to and approved by the selectmen. Item Four regarding water shut offs and turn ons, includes but is not limited to shutting off for unpaid bills during normal business hours. A fee of \$100 is listed.
 If the 136 account customers who owe \$500 or more to the town for unpaid bills met the legal requirements were shut off for being delinquent, this would generate an additional \$13,600 in revenue for Winchendon.

BRIDGE

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from vehicles passing over the bridge have caused joints and portions of the metal I-beams supporting the span to deteriorate.
 As a result, in April 2015,

state inspectors found the bridge to be in "poor to satisfactory" condition, and recommended the support beams be repaired or replaced.
 Gallant said current plans call for work crews to remove portions of the deck to allow them to strengthen the beams by welding steel plates onto

them. Joints at each end of the span will also be replaced. Once the support structure has been reinforced, the bridge deck will be resurfaced.
 Gallant said the town will go out to bid on the project sometime in early February.
 The DPW director pointed out the repairs will only extend

the life of the bridge by somewhere between 10 and 15 years. During that time, the town will need to decide whether to replace the span.
 Because the repair work is a relatively small project, according to Gallant, the town believes the project should be completed by July 1.

The \$230,000 left over from the original \$400,000 set aside can now be applied to other road work in Winchendon.
 Gallant said he has hired StreetScan, a company based in Burlington, to help the town draw up a list of priority road projects. StreetScan will use high tech equipment to make acoustic, radar, and optical measurements and observations to determine the condition of Winchendon's approximately 90 miles of roadway. The company deploys the equipment on vehicles that will simply drive over the town's roads to determine whether a given street simply needs resurfacing, or whether a complete reconstruction is in order. The entire study takes about 12 weeks to complete.
 Gallant anticipates the work will be finished by late March or early April.
 The \$38,000 contract with StreetScan is being paid for out of the same Chapter 90 monies Gallant had reserved for the bridge work.
 At Monday's selectmen's meeting, Hickey also informed the board that the state Department of Revenue has decided to allow the town to use up to \$100,000 in free cash to cover and cost overruns in the snow and ice account. The state's decision renders moot a decision recently made by selectmen to transfer \$40,000 from other accounts to fill any deficit in the snow and ice line item. The use of free cash will require the approval of voters at a special town meeting scheduled to take place Monday, May 15, just before the annual town meeting.



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OBITUARIES

Julia J. Booras, 89

KEENE NH — Julia J. Booras of Keene, NH died on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, in the presence of her devoted family.



Julia was loved and respected by everyone who knew her. She was nonjudgmental and got along well with people. She was born in Keene on Sept. 19, 1927; the daughter of Greek immigrants John A. and Antonia (Panopoulos) Booras.

Julia attended Keene schools and graduated from Keene High School in 1945. She was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in many school activities. In college, Julia majored in home economics. She graduated from Keene State College with a Bachelor's degree and later earned a Master's degree with Honors from the University of New Hampshire. Julia was a member of the Home Economics Association of New Hampshire and Nu Beta Upsilon.

She taught at the Keene Middle School, Murdock Junior High in Winchendon, and Hinsdale Junior High School. In conjunction with her professional career, Julia enjoyed designing and sewing clothes and creating new food recipes. She was appointed to special committee to evaluate the home economics curriculum in schools throughout New Hampshire.

During her early years, she served as hostess and assistant manager of her father's restaurant, the Bon Ton in Keene. Here, she met many celebrities including Poet Laureate Robert Frost, composer Leonard Bernstein, the Vienna Boys Choir, and many performers for the Fuller Bartlett and Community Concert Series.

Julia enjoyed reading, traveling, and playing the piano, both classical and contemporary music. Her interest included the history of the Keene region and was a member of the Cheshire County Historical Society. Julia was also interested in ancient Greek history, especially the evolution of Greek architecture.

She was an active life-long member of the St. George Greek Orthodox

Church. Julia attended church faithfully and was a generous contributor, including time and effort. For many years, she was active in preparing the Memorial Wheat Tray and Bread of Oblation. She sponsored many Fellowships Hours which followed church services including those conducted at the Cathedral of the Pines. Through her many years of dedicated service, Julia inspired pride and spirit within the church community. She was representative to the 1998 Conference of the Greek School Teachers at St. John's University, New York, and was a delegate to the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Boston Clergy Laity Congress at Hellenic College 2000.

Julia was president and one of the original members of the Doric Guild, the church's young lady's society. She was a volunteer organizer and teacher of the Greek Language School consisting of primary, intermediate, and adult classes and individual tutoring.

She was active in many charitable organizations including the Eastern Star, the woman's auxiliary of the Masonic Lodge. She visited people in hospitals and people confined to their homes. She was a volunteer at the Keene Hospital and served as an interpreter.

Gardening was a favorite hobby. Julia took pleasure in landscaping and planting flowers and shrubs and managing their growth. She looked forward to spending her summers at the family home in Hampton Beach, swimming, bicycling and taking long walks. During the winters, Julia enjoyed skiing on many weekends at local ski areas.

Survivors include a sister, Mary, a brother, Chris both of Keene; a nephew, John Werner and his wife Sharon of Aloha, OR; a niece, Beth Lee and her husband Maurice of Lompoc, CA; many grand nephews, grand nieces, cousins and godchildren.

Her brother, Peter and sister, Helen Werner both died earlier.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017 at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church. The Fletcher Funeral Home, Keene, NH has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Julia's memory to the Saint George Orthodox Church Building Fund, 70 West St., PO Box 392, Keene, NH 03431

Darcy Lee (Cote) Yliniemi, 48

WINCHENDON -- Darcy Lee (Cote) Yliniemi, age 48, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2017, in her home, after an illness. She leaves her parents, Robert A., and Marlene M. (Kamppuri) Cote of Fitchburg; and her companion, John Morse of Winchendon.

Darcy was a waitress at several area restaurants including Longhorns Steakhouse and the Outback.

She was a 1986 graduate of Narragansett Regional High School and entered and attended on an accelerated acceptance

.She loved animals.

She was born in Fitchburg, on Jan. 16, 1969 and lived in Ashburnham for many years before moving to Winchendon this past year

Funeral services and interment will be private and there are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue, 381R. Baldwinville Road, Templeton, MA 01468. www.ahimsahaven.org.

The Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli and Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, 243 Water St., Fitchburg, MA has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

Nancy J. (Wheeler) Domenici, 60

BERLIN — Nancy J. (Wheeler) Domenici passed away on Jan. 16, 2017 at Wachusett Manor after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease at the age of 60. Her husband Trent C. Domenici died in 2007. She leaves her two daughters, Heidi Levenson of New Hampshire, and Sara Domenici of Clinton; her father, Roger E. Wheeler of Berlin; her twin brothers, Peter and Paul Wheeler both of Berlin; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Marlborough and raised in Berlin, she was the daughter of the late Helen (Bradley) Wheeler. She lived several years in Gardner and Otter River. Nancy graduated from Tahanto Regional High School, class of 1975. Years ago, she worked at the former Vambrozi's, Nypro Inc. in Clinton as well as Simplex in Westminster. She

was most recently employed by Fred's School Bus in Winchendon. Nancy enjoyed reading, walking, playing cards, and listening to oldies music. She was an avid Red Sox fan.

The funeral was held Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 in First Parish Church of Berlin, 24 Central St. Burial will be in South Cemetery.

Donations in Nancy's memory may be made to Wachusett Manor Resident's Fund, 32 Hospital Road, Gardner, MA 01440, where she was lovingly cared for over the past 12 years.

Hays Funeral Home, 56 Main St. Northborough is honored to serve the Nancy's family with arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.haysfuneralhome.com.

Barbara A. (Graves) Yaghjian, 53

WINCHENDON — Barbara A. (Graves) Yaghjian, age 53, of 26 Shady Glen Terrace, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester with her family at her side.



She was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, daughter of Eleanor (Sharkey) Green and the late William Graves and had lived in Winchendon for six years. Barbara was a graduate of Boiling Springs High School in South Carolina and Fitchburg State College with a degree in counseling and psychology.

Barbara enjoyed reading, cross stitching and watching movies. She was a NASCAR enthusiast and a

Jimmy Johnson fan. Barbara attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

In addition to her mother, she leaves two children, Ashley E. Yaghjian of Exeter, RI and Brandon E. Yaghjian-Tison and his husband Kevin Yaghjian-Tison; two grandchildren, Edward Yaghjian-Tison and Joseph Yaghjian-Tison and her partner Linda Perrault of Winchendon.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at 1 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. The Rev. Michael J. Clements will officiate.

Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Winchendon will be private in the spring.

Calling hours are Saturday, Jan. 28th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. preceding the funeral.

Martha 'Marty' Wade, 86

PHILLIPSTON — Martha "Marty" Wade, age 86, of Phillipston died on January 19, 2017. She was born in Conway, NH on Oct.



28, 1930, daughter of the late Cecil and Grace (Doloff) Head, and graduated from Kennett High School in Conway and then from Plymouth State College with a degree in education.

Following graduation from Plymouth State, she taught grade school for many years in Virginia and Vermont. Later, upon her graduation with a Master's degree from the University of Vermont, Marty became the special education director of Chittenden South school district.

Marty was infinitely enthusiastic about life. In addition to her students and studies, she enjoyed outdoor activities including skiing and hiking. Undaunted by hard physical work, she and Dave restored and built homes during their summers away from teaching in Hinesburg for many years and Marty was the family's most adept fin-

ish carpenter.

After sustaining a life-threatening brain injury in midlife, Marty recovered with Dave's unrelenting help and support. Over the decades since her injury she showed determination, grace and humor, as she coped with disability and inspired all those around her. In her later years, swimming has been Marty's passion. Many pleasurable hours were spent at the YMCA in Athol.

Marty is survived by David, her husband of 65 years, her daughter Cathy Szal and her husband Gerry of Phillipston and her son Chris and his wife Ginny of Charlotte, VT. Her grandchildren include Drew, and his wife Sam, Ross, Becky, Will and his partner Kyra and her daughter Safia.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. The Rev. Stephanie Flynn officiated.

Burial will be in Village Cemetery, Hinesburg, VT in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to Athol YMCA, 545 Main St., Athol, MA 01331.

Cheryl A. (Bonk) Spaulding, 53

WESTMINSTER — Cheryl A. (Bonk) Spaulding, age 53, of 394 South Ashburnham Road, died peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester.

She was born in Hinsdale, IL, daughter of Stanley and Judith (Herr) Bonk of Westminster and lived her whole life in Westminster Gardner area and was a 1981 graduate of Oakmont Regional High School. Cheryl also graduated from Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

Cheryl last worked as a secretary for Gardner Visiting Nursing Association. She was a wonderful daughter and devoted mother and grandmother. She possessed a true love for family and truly enjoyed spending time with them, especially her grandchildren, Camden, Braiden and Logan. She enjoyed gardening and spending time outside in the spring and fall months. She had an interest in collecting antiques and did so quite often with her other half Brian. She was an avid animal lover and was always an affectionate owner to her dogs Buddy and Precious as well

as many cats. Cheryl always thought of others first and was always willing to help in any way she could. Her huge heart was her biggest attribute. She greeted everyone with a warm smile, found joy in the simple things in life and never gave up on anyone. She will be forever remembered for her strength and integrity. The only necessity for her was her family and her pets.

In addition to her parents and grandchildren, she leaves two daughters, Bethany Jensen and her husband Christopher of Clinton, and Brittany Wilson of Newton; her sisters, Kimberly Bonk and her husband Ray Lemek of Gardner and Christa Gorrell and her husband George of Ashburnham as well as several nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

Private family graveside services will be held in the spring in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

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Saturday, Feb. 4 at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street from 9-11 a.m. Monetary donations for postage is always welcome. Check out our Facebook page or website for a list of items to be donated- www.winchendoncares.com. Stop by to lend a hand sorting and packing the items!

BACK TO THE '80s: the Snowbound Club on Baldwinville Road hosts a throwback party 8 p.m.-1 a.m. This is a charity event and the public is invited to attend. For more information contact Rick Moulton at rickmoulton73@gmail.com.

MARK'S ROAST: come out the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. and give Mark Desmarais a hard time! Yes, he's been everywhere and done everything. A Navy veteran, commander of the Legion, president of Lions, even governor of Lions, guitarist with Deacon Express and a go-getter from the get-go. 7 p.m. is cocktail hour, festivities begin at 8 p.m. \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. All proceeds will be donated to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, a charity personally chosen by the man of the hour.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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 Feb. 9 Books are available at the library.

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. The January meals for Our Neighbor's Kitchen are: Jan. 26: Shepherd's pie with sides and dessert.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked home-style from fresh ingredients. We're sup-

ported by voluntary donations at the door, contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations, and many hard-working volunteers.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

ZOOM, ZOOM: the annual Pinewood Derby goes flags down at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Come watch local Boy Scouts and Cubs with their hand made cars vying for the trophies.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CAKE AUCTION!: the 8th annual Old Murdock Senior Center cake auction takes place at noon in the dining room at the Center. This is always the very best time of the year, and promises to be another sell out. The cakes are amazing, the crowd is enthused, and who can resist the bidding on the glorious confections? We welcome more submissions too, call the Center at (978) 297-3155 for information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

GREASE IS THE WORD: Murdock High School presents the musical Grease beginning tonight at 7 p.m. A second performance is scheduled tomorrow night also at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET: the Winchendon area Boy Scouts celebrate their year with the annual Blue & Gold banquet at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

ANNIVERSARY BLOW OUT: the 10th anniversary of Fire & Iron will be celebrated with the annual spring blow out at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 7 p.m. Come help us celebrate!



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SPORTS

The Goodell truth...



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And so now Patriots fans can spend the time until next Sunday gleefully anticipating what they see as the likely prospect of Roger Goodell having to hand the Lombardi Trophy to Bob Kraft, and feeling certain it will be a very awkward moment for the NFL commissioner who is so unpopular in these parts.

I hate to be the one to pour cold water on your revenge fantasies but here's the real-world truth: Roger Goodell is a prep school, Ivy League educated son of a United States Senator who is the very, did I say very, well-paid CEO of one of the nation's largest and most prosperous businesses. Do you

really, really believe spending 10 minutes handing a trophy to the CEO of a team who did something as inconsequential as winning a football game will honestly faze him in the least, given that the team in question is part of a 32-team partnership? Really? If you do, you're not living in the real world. Goodell might not prefer the Patriots but you can be absolutely sure he's not losing a minute's sleep over a trophy presentation if the Patriots beat the Falcons next week.

That's because the ultimate, bottom line business of the NFL isn't winning and it certainly isn't about taking violence, on and off the field, seriously. Taking the weight of footballs seriously just to show the players union how stupid it was to cede so much power to the commissioner — even that's not really a priority other than to be used as a prop for a power play. No indeed. The ultimate collective business of the NFL is making a profit for

its 32 member partners, primarily off its television and merchandising contracts and if they happen to score an extra windfall by screwing the fans in St. Louis, San Diego and Oakland, that's just an added bonus. Period. Yes, I know — all professional sports are big business — the NFL's just more obnoxious about it.

Hence next Sunday, the league will put on another overblown show in Houston, even though the game should be in Atlanta or Gillette stadium. I'm old enough to remember when the NFL title game was actually played before home fans. I even went to one, in 1959. A neutral site championship game is nothing more than yet another money-grabbing hustle. But fans being fans, you'll be on the edge of your seats at home. Have fun.

I'll be on the edge of my own seat tomorrow when the first-ever Pegasus Cup is run at Gulfstream Park. It's a \$12 million race and owners had

to pony up a million bucks to reserve one of the dozen starting slots. The distance and time of year are all wrong — the race is an eighth of a mile shorter than the generally accepted classic distance of 1 1/4 miles and so horses drawn to the far outside will be at a significant disadvantage in the shorter run to the first turn and besides that, most top-class horses are usually resting in January. This first edition though, got lucky because the timing did work out for the best horse in the world. California Chrome, Horse of the Year in 2014 and 2016, and Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner in '14, is going to stud this spring. But because race horses share a universal birthday of January 1 and a thoroughbred mare's gestation period is roughly 11 months, most foals are born between February and May, though January births aren't uncommon. Thus, CC can make his final career start tomorrow at the ancient racing age of

six before heading to his new home in Kentucky. His presence alone makes the Pegasus must-see-TV but Arrogate, winner of last year's Breeders Cup Classic and Travers, will be there too for a final showdown with CC, whom he narrowly edged in the Classic. No one knows whether the concept can survive beyond the first year, but I do like the innovation — and the two best older horses in training showed up. You can have the Super Bowl — the Pegasus is much more interesting and important to me. Of course, so is any racing day but hey, to each their own, right?

The other good sports story next week? That will be the PGA Tour arriving in Scottsdale, home to the most raucous hole on Tour — the famed 16th. Aside from maybe 17 at the Players, it's almost everyone's favorite hole of the season. Let the rowdiness begin.

Blue Devils make it 7-4

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — After losing two games in a row, to the Maynard Tigers and the Narragansett Warriors, the Murdock team got back to their winning ways with a 64-51 victory over the Ayer-Shirley Panthers. Then on Friday the Devils welcomed Sizer to town and from start to finish they dominated the game, finishing the game at 71-34.

The victory gave the Devils a second victory in a row.

Murdock quickly jumped to 8-0 before Sizer could get onto the board and would add to the lead with a basket by

Jared Nelson to go to 10-3. By the end of the first quarter of play, the Blue Devils would find themselves with a comfortable 24-9 lead.

Murdock would continue to keep the pedal to the metal, cruising to a 38-20 halftime lead.

They would pick up right where they left off, continuing the dominating performance and cruising to a 71-34 final. Three players were in double digits for Murdock: Nick Roy, LJ Hicks and Ryan Kaminsky. Leading scores: Roy at 20 points, Hicks at 15, Kaminsky at 14, Spencer Pelkey at 8; Nelson at 7; Tyler Cota at 3; and Zach Richards and Josh Smith each had four.

Coach Matt O'Malley thought the team, "Played a little sloppy defense in the first half, the guys were a little lazy and reaching, which got them (Sizer) in the bonus early. But the second half we played much better defense. We moved our feet, we didn't reach."

"No one got into foul trouble so that's what helped us push that lead out in the second half."

Heading out on the road to Tahanto and West Boylston, O'Malley said, "Two road league games, it's the second time through the league now so everyone knows what everyone does. We've got to come ready to play both nights, because in this league anybody can beat any-

body."

"It's never easy."

Next week the Blue Devils will return home, facing Maynard and welcoming the 'Gansett Warriors.

"Obviously," observed O'Malley, "Maynard is Maynard. They are very good. We finally get another shot at them and no matter the circumstance, the 'Gansett game is a big game. We blew a big lead the last time we were at 'Gansett, we want another chance at them too."

With the victory over Sizer, the Devils move to 7-4 on the season.

Free throw shoot out at Murdock

WINCHENDON — Young athletes from around the Winchendon area took part in the annual free throw shooting contest held last Saturday in the gym at Murdock High School. The event was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

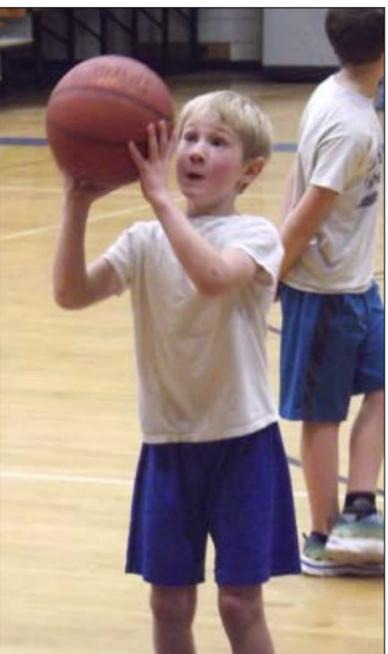
Event organizer and K of C member Chip Dowling was pleased at how smoothly the event proceeded and praised the youngsters who took part, as well as fellow Knights and other volunteers who donated their time. He also thanked Murdock Athletic Director Jenna Whitaker for making the gym available to the group each year.

The Winchendon event was one of around 3,600 that took place all around the country. The winner in each age group advanced to the Central Region shootout which takes place on March 12 at Nichols College in Dudley. The state finals will be held on April 29 at Anna Maria College in Paxton.

All of those who took part in Saturday's competition received a certificate of participation, along with an enthusiastic congratulatory handshake from a smiling Dowling. The winner of each division also received a plaque.

Winners of Saturday's event were: Alyssa Hardy, Baldwinville — girl's 14-year-old division; Andrew Race, Winchendon — boy's 14-year-old division; Andrew Capps, Templeton — boy's 13-year-old division; Danni Marion, Templeton — girl's 11-year-old division; Sam Curtis, Ashburnham — boy's 11-year-old division; Kalea Reilly, Ashburnham — girl's 10-year-old division; Charles Fredette, Winchendon — boy's 10-year-old division; Brandon Reilly, Winchendon — boy's 9-year-old division.

Staff photos



How do you tell if it's 'fake news?'

BY TARA VOCIÑO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — What is real news? What is fake? What is public relations, or spin, or perhaps alternate facts?

The night before President Trump took the oath of office, Dr. Kyle Moody, who is assistant professor of communications and media at Fitchburg State University, presented a timely presentation at the Beals Memorial Library.

"Fake news isn't a new thing, but it has changed with social cycles," Moody said. "With social media, sometimes my students don't know what's real or not."

The program, "Fake It Until You Make It: Fake News and You in the Era of President Trump" gave guests an opportunity to guess a fake news story headline. The fake news headline was: "Report: CNN/Buzzfeed To Release Damaging New Trump Tape 48 hours before Inauguration."

Moody said "fake news" typically does not have an editorial process, confirmed material, or credibility.

Moody said the hope is to look for a cure to "fake news" and to end the presentation on an optimistic note.

He explained "fake news" consists of sensational headlines, a falsified story, untrue information, and professional journalists do not maintain "fake news". Online ad networks pay for content, according to Dan Faltesek on Medium.com.

"It's solely created for 'clicks,' or just to make money," Moody agreed.

Moody said while "fake news" takes on the same form as a news story, there are notable differences.

"There are often many exclamation points, capitalization errors, choppy

sentences, and questionable spelling," Moody said. "It's not always right the first time. It's almost wholly online, spread through social media."

Moody said there is often exaggerations and fantastical language in "fake news" stories.

Almost as important as what "fake news" is — what it is not. Satires, op-eds, and parody sites, such as The Onion and The Borowitz Report from The New Yorker are not "fake news," Faltesek wrote.

"That's more political sense making," Moody agreed. "However, not all jokes are funny, and they have real-world consequences."

Moody said "fake news" is nothing new. Yellow journalism has been around for centuries. However, what has not changed is readers continue to want news quickly, with credibility, and stories that fit with their paradigm. Journalists, readers, and publishers seek content.

"It uses eye-catching headlines to sell more papers, often through 24-hour news networks," he said.

Good journalism uses informed consent, governance, provides information, and is a democratic deliberation. On the other hand, "fake news" encompasses an echo chamber, stokes fear, conspiracy theory, and sadism.

However, he said some good can come out of "fake news," such as the Bill Clinton scandalous affair.

"The public beat us to that," Moody said. "That showed its usefulness. There was no publisher to look over their work."

Moody said traditional media production consists of: newspapers, television, radio and film while new media encompasses: blogs, social media, podcasts, and



Mat Plamondon photo

Dr. Kyle Moody had a rapt audience during his explanation of fake news at Beals Memorial Library last week.

Facebook live.

Moody said since many Americans are exposed to 4,000 visual messages per day, it has never been easier or cheaper to create, send, and view news.

He concluded the presentation by asking what can be done about "fake news." Media literacy, education, classes, libraries, consumer awareness are just a few suggestions. Moody said his goal is for his students to know the difference between real information and "fake news."

As for the public, he suggested for people to contribute to the local newspaper through subscriptions, writing letters to the editor, and reporting abusive content or "fake news."

He earned a doctorate in mass communications and journalism from

University of Iowa.

There was a time for question and answers at the end of the presentation. Christine Miranda, who works as a freelance journalist, asked if media will ever develop the same parental control guidelines as television and video games. Moody replied while advisory boards give a boost, it is mostly parental responsibility to regulate what children read.

"We have to be critical of power structures while being a watchdog citizen," he said.

Moody replied that journalists have a difficult job and have to admit when they are wrong.

"They must back up information with facts, and ask themselves, 'do I have something of value to say and why?'"

GFA pledges to Heywood retreat

GARDNER — GFA Federal Credit Union has pledged \$125,000 to the Quabbin Retreat project as part of Heywood Healthcare's 'Fulfilling Our Promise' Capital Campaign.

The Quabbin Retreat has been designed to be a premier regional destination for addiction treatment driven by the wide-spread needs of our regional communities. In partnership with local stakeholders and leading providers, this 82-acre property, featuring more than 75,000 square feet of space for services, will enable Heywood Healthcare to establish a full continuum of programs for adults and adolescents, elevating the quality and caliber of care available in the region.

Each program will address core substance abuse and mental health needs, be — financially accessible to patients and provide comprehensive coordinated care.

"Today there is a critical shortage of addiction treatment options, particularly for adolescents. Wait times, costs and an inadequate network of needed ongoing support services result in many people not receiving care. There are far too many losses, profoundly affecting our families and community at large," stated Dawn Casavant, Heywood Healthcare's vice president for external affairs and chief philanthropy officer. "The Quabbin Retreat represents hope and is a testament to our region coming together to provide care and support for so many struggling

with addiction."

"Providing local, financially accessible behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services are the most critical facets of transforming behavioral healthcare in our region," shared Tina Sbrega, president and CEO, GFA Federal Credit Union. "The Quabbin Retreat will fill an indisputable void in Central Massachusetts. The Board of Directors of GFA Federal Credit Union are proud to be able to support the Quabbin Retreat and applaud Heywood Healthcare for addressing the growing behavioral health needs in our region."

The 'Fulfilling Our Promise' Capital Campaign is a community-responsive, multi-pronged fundraising initiative, designed to ensure that our communities' healthcare needs will be met now and in the future. This campaign focuses on three major capital projects, the construction of a new emergency department and outpatient medical office building at Athol Hospital; the expansion and modernization of the Heywood Hospital surgical pavilion and the development of a new substance abuse and mental health treatment facility, the Quabbin Retreat.

For more information on the Fulfilling Our Promise Campaign, contact Casavant at (978) 630-6431 or dawn.casavant@heywood.org.

A member of the Heywood Healthcare system, Athol Hospital is a 25-bed non-profit, acute care and outpatient facility serving the communi-

ties of the North Quabbin region of Massachusetts. Athol Hospital's services include 24/7 emergency care, oncology, radiology and laboratory, diabetes center and center for skilled nursing and rehabilitation. It is designated as a critical access hospital and primary stroke center, licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and accredited by the Joint Commission.

A member of the Heywood Healthcare system, Heywood Hospital is a 134-bed acute care hospital in Gardner, which provides a broad range of high quality medical, surgical, obstetrical, pediatric and behavioral health services on an inpatient and outpatient basis. The hospital's Centers of Excellence include the Watkins Center for Emergency and Acute Care; the LaChance Maternity Center; the Diabetes Center; and the Heywood Heart and Vascular Center, an affiliate of the Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence at UMass Memorial Health Care.

Heywood Healthcare is an independent, community-owned healthcare system serving north central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. It is comprised of Heywood Hospital, Athol Hospital, Heywood Medical Group with primary care physicians and specialists located throughout the region. The organization includes six satellite facilities in Massachusetts; Heywood Rehabilitation Center and Heywood Urgent Care in Gardner; West River Health Center in



Courtesy Photo

Win Brown, President & CEO, Heywood Healthcare; Tina Sbrega, President & CEO, GFA Federal Credit Union; and Dawn Casavant, VP, External Affairs & Chief Philanthropy Officer, Heywood Healthcare.

Orange; Winchendon Health Center and Murdock School-based Health Center in Winchendon; Heywood Charitable Foundation; the North Quabbin Community Coalition, an affiliate organization; and upcoming in 2017, The Quabbin Retreat in Petersham.

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store in Winchendon's Central Plaza. He told the board he wants to hang onto the license because it would be more difficult to sell the business without it. According to Szelest, there are two parties currently interested in reestablishing a store in the Central Street location.

"The first question each of them asked when they talk to me was 'does the store have a beer and wine license?'" he said.

While the closure of the store took place suddenly, with little or no warning

for patrons or employees, Szelest told the board, "Unfortunately, I couldn't wait. I had to close the store."

The owner of another store in Ayer, Szelest said he had lost some \$200,000 over the past two years.

"You've left us with a good sized hole in this community," Selectman Mike Barbaro told Szelest. "You laid off people with no notice. I'm certainly not in favor of extending the license if we can find another use for it."

"I've been trying to sell the store for the last two years," said Szelest. "The store needs extensive renovations. The roof needs to be repaired. But I don't

think the owner (of the plaza) will do anything until I find a buyer."

Szelest claims Roy Serpa, who owns Central Plaza, has been unwilling to work with potential buyers of the supermarket. Serpa owns the Dunkin' Donuts in Winchendon and numerous other locations in Massachusetts.

Two other parties have expressed interest in obtaining the license currently held by Szelest, according to Town Manager Keith Hickey, who said he had been personally approached by someone who wanted to deal directly with the owner of the plaza.

Board Chairman

Barbara Anderson criticized Szelest, telling him, "It wasn't kept up the way it should have been. People haven't really received a very welcoming feeling when they went into that store. For a long time, people have gone in and there was nothing on the shelves. A lot of people depended on that store."

"I wanted to close the store two years ago," Szelest said. "I've been losing money for two years. I won't say I didn't make some mistakes, but it was costing me a lot."

While Szelest reiterated he had two potential buyers for the store, Barbaro said, "He can find a buyer, but the landlord doesn't

have to approve it. When does your lease expire?"

"In 2019," said Szelest.

"So," said Barbaro, "the landlord will be making money off you for another two years, unless you find a buyer or you file bankruptcy for the LLC."

Szelest told Barbaro he thought he could secure a buyer within the next month.

As Szelest continued to argue for his continued license, he also said he could, if nothing else, sell the license to someone who went into business at the site.

This engendered a reaction, especially from Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz.

"You understand that can't be done? The license isn't a separate entity? I don't think you understand how this works," said a startled Cyganiewicz.

While Barbaro first opposed extending the license, he moved to give Szelest a three-month extension. Barbaro and Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz voted in favor; Anderson and board member Amy Salter both vote "no."

Selectman Audrey LaBrie wasn't present for the meeting. The motion was tabled until the board's next meeting on Feb. 13.

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— in central Massachusetts makes the Toy Town location the perfect spot for contractors.

A public hearing on the proposed subdivision was convened at the meeting of the Winchendon Planning Board Jan. 17. However, inclement weather prevented the principals from attending the hearing and it was subsequently adjourned until the board's next meeting Feb. 7.

A review of the project drew comments of varying degrees of concern from several municipal department heads, though none expressed outright opposition to the plan.

Fire Chief Tom Smith said

he wanted assurances a fire lane wide enough to accommodate large fire trucks would be established around each and any building constructed on site. He also said the layout needed to include enough space for his department's tower truck to turn around. The wheelbase of the truck is a lengthy 248 inches, which exceeds 20 feet. A bucket extends over and beyond the front of the vehicle.

Space to turn around the large truck is necessitated by the fact firefighters would be unable to back the vehicle out of the site and onto Route 140.

In an e-mail to Planning Agent Chantell Fleck, Smith said he would also like to see a truck lane laid out on Route

140. The lane would give large vehicles leaving the subdivision the time and space needed to get up to speed before merging with the flow of traffic. Police Chief David Walsh agreed that an acceleration lane would be advisable.

Conservation Agent David Koonce told Fleck in an e-mail "the site is very sensitive from a wetlands and habitat perspective." The location, he said, should be used only for the storage and parking of clean vehicles.

Koonce added that the mixing of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers should be prohibited outside the buildings. The washing of vehicles, he said, should only be allowed to take place inside.

"Use of chemical deicing agents other than sand and salt on the road and parking/storage areas should require prior approval by the Planning Board with input from the Conservation Commission," he continued.

Finally, Koonce said, drainage systems inside the buildings should be "self-contained" and, therefore, not connected to the town's stormwater management system.

The state Department of Fisheries and Wildlife also reviewed Van Dyke's proposal and told Fleck the project would "not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species."

Koonce said about two-thirds

of the parcel in question is wetlands, meaning much of it is off limits to development. One of the most significant "protected rare wildlife species" on the site, said Koonce, is the Blanding's turtle. The reptile is classified as "threatened."

In his reply to Fleck's invitation for comment, Building Inspector Geoff Newton said he hoped the Planning Board will "place some strong conditions on the project." However, he did not provide details on what conditions he would like to see imposed.

The public hearing regarding the subdivision is scheduled to reconvene at 6:05 p.m., Feb. 7, in the 2nd floor auditorium at Town Hall.



OPTIONS

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diligently to make sure our store is well stocked with goods so customers and area residents have options available to them especially now that their only supermarket has closed.”

Available on the shelf at the 301 Central St. location are boxed cereals, bread, juices, various canned goods such as tuna and soups, breakfast and protein bars, coffees and tea, liquid detergents, hand soaps and wash, paper towels, toilet paper and other toiletries, dog & cat food, and their large complement of other various items ranging from vitamins to cold medicines.

In the dairy cooler located just past the photo development area are milk, eggs, orange juice, along with alternative milk products such as Lactaid, Soy Milk, and Almond Breeze.

In addition to the canned and dry goods, CVS has a small frozen food section adjacent to the dairy cooler. Items such as Hot Pockets, Digiorno pizzas, Lean Cuisine and Stouffer's low fat frozen dinners, and White Castle cheeseburgers in addition to ice creams are readily stocked.

Harrington added, “We try our best to take care of our customers and our community. I live in Winchendon and we realize losing a supermarket is tough for the community. We will do our very best to keep our shelves and coolers as stocked up as possible, so people can buy as locally as possible.”

Not Just Produced is a locally owned store by resident Beth Hunt, and is located at 290 Central St. Hunt says she wants everybody to know she is working as diligently as possible to keep her shelves and coolers stocked up, especially in the absence of the former supermarket.

Hunt also explained, “I am very happy to be able to tell my customers that many of the foods sold here at Not Just Produced are not only locally grown and produced,

but when not available locally come from many small New England businesses, with many products here being gluten free, GMO free, and with many also being organic which is fast becoming more important to many customers looking to eat healthy.”

While viewing the products, it was quickly discovered Not Just Produced is the only store in Winchendon this winter selling many “Fresh Fruits & Vegetables.” Available for local shopping are fresh carrots, beets, sweet potatoes, turnip, tomatoes, garlic, spinach, parsnips, regular potatoes, along with the recently just in additions of iceberg lettuce, cucumbers, summer squash, and zucchini. Fruit for sale are apples, bananas, and others depending on availability.

Also in stock are items such as packaged soups, seasonings, sauces, hummus, pickles, dip mixes, honey, jams, syrups, and more. Additionally, in the freezer are hamburger, beef shank, ham hocks, and roasts. Not Just Produced is one of only two area stores to sell hamburger or other meats.

Expanding on methods of payment Hunt said, “I am happy to say we are now in the final phases of obtaining and offering an EBT payment system. This will allow more people to buy and consume healthy foods. Shop smart, shop healthy, shop locally.”

Not Just Produced is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You can visit Not Just Produced on the internet at www.notjustproduced.com.

Located at 49 Central St. is Family Dollar. Jokingly referred to by some as a “Mini Walmart” Family Dollar carries a variety of items for both grocery and durable goods. A small selection of canned goods ranging from fruit to vegetables is readily available, in addition to condiments, coffee, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, juices, and more.

Other items are well stocked such as

dish soaps and liquid detergents, bleach, paper towels and plates, toilet paper, sandwich and rubbish bags, hair wash, and some cat and dog foods for pets.

Cumberland Farms is located at the intersection of Central and Front streets. Dedicated Store Manager Bill Stewart is currently training at the Cumberland Farms Super Store in Athol for the soon to be built larger store in Winchendon. In his absence is current Acting Store Manager Alan Couture.

Couture when asked how the closing of the IGA has affected his business said, “We have definitely seen an increase in business as I am sure others have. We actually ran out of milk at one point, and have doubled our orders of milk, bread, and eggs to be able to satisfy our increased customer demand.”

Couture estimated daily store revenue, due to increased foot traffic, is up roughly \$200 a day. This being just one of many businesses, again showing the impact of the loss of a supermarket to the local community.

Cumberland Farms like others, has a small frozen food section with pizza & ice cream and a few other items, along with a refrigerated section of pre-packaged and sliced cheese, ham, bologna, and other odds and ends. A small selection of canned goods is stocked, in addition to donuts, potato chips. The store also has a selection of pre-made wraps and sandwiches.

Smith's Country Cheese shares in being one of the only two options currently in town for purchasing hamburger. Hamburger from SCC is 90 percent lean, and can be purchased in either bulk or patties. There are no growth hormones, and the beef comes from their own Otter River Farm dairy herd directly behind the store.

In addition to its award winning line of artisan cheese, SCC also sells Aristocrat chicken pies, and their own version of beef hotdogs again made from their own dairy herd which have no nitrates or

nitrites.

Currently SCC is open Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Their website can be viewed at www.smithscountrycheese.com

Down at Waterville Plaza is One Stop Convenience, which carries more items than many would think until examining its shelves.

Along with the traditional milk, eggs, and bread, are Kayem hotdogs, pre-sliced cheese, bologna, ham, cream, half and half, butter, and margarine.

Dry goods on the selves include boxed cereals, baking soda, sugar, coffee, cooking oil, peanut butter and jelly, condiments, bottled water, detergents and soaps, cat food, dog food, and more. Soft drinks along with apple juice are also available, along with various kitchen products and some canned goods.

Others around town offering odds and ends with various items are Rite Aid which also has a small frozen food section along with a limited canned goods section, and Mr. Mikes with milk, eggs, and bread among a few other various standard items.

While the community adjusts to the current transition of the lack of a central supermarket, it is important to know what your options are, especially if you have transportation issues or requirements, or are a resident who is shut-in.

If you are elderly, disabled, or lack transportation when trying to obtain food or other consumables and are seeking assistance or alternatives, or have any questions about options due to the current lack of a supermarket you can contact the Council on Aging at (978) 297-3155, which is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Friday's 9 a.m.-1 p.m. You can also contact the Winchendon Community Action Committee at (978) 297-1667 which holds office hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and is open for food pantry hours of Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

LEGALS

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kenneth A. Smith, Jr. to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated March 15, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40844, Page 383 of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT1 is the present holder by assignment from Option One Mortgage Corporation to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT1 dated April 21, 2008 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42762, Page 400, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 34-36 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00PM on February 7, 2017, at the mortgaged

premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain tract of land situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, located on the northerly side of and numbered 34 & 36 Glenallen Street, being Lot #2 on a plan entitled “Plan #2, Subdivision of White Brothers, Inc. property, by J.E. Young, Surveyor, Winchendon, Massachusetts”, and recorded in Plan Book 208, Plan 6, Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Worcester, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the northerly line of Glenallen Street, said iron pin being the southeast corner of Lot #1; Thence North 55° East on the northerly line of said Glenallen Street, 69 feet to an iron pin; Thence North 35° West, 165 feet to an iron pin in the line of other land now or formerly owned by said White Brothers, Inc.; Thence Westerly and bounding on said other land of White Brothers, Inc., 69 feet to an iron pin that marks the northeast corner of Lot #1; Thence South 35° East bounding on said Lot #1, 165 feet to the place of

beginning. Subject to rights of the Winchendon Electric Light and Power Company granted by deeds dated August 20, 1940, and recorded in Book 2793, Page 221 and Page 222, if they affect locus. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38039, Page 256. 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. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT1 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Smith, Kenneth, 14-015766, January 13, 2017, January 20, 2017, January 27, 2017 January 13, 2017 January 20, 2017 January 27, 2017

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Brian K. Bartlett & Kimberly D. Casavant a/k/a Kimberly D. Bartlett** to Beneficial Massachusetts, Inc. dated April 25, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38850, Page 339; said mortgage was then assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated February 25, 2016, and recorded in Book 55048, Page 296; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 01:00 PM on **February 21, 2017**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 15 Royalston Road North, Winchendon, MA 01475. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, TO-WIT: A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF ROYALSTON ROAD NORTH IN WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 4 ON A PLAN ENTITLED, 'PLAN OF LOTS PREPARED FOR PHILIP W. CASAVANT AND PAUL W. RICE, WINCHENDON, MA, SCALE :

1 INCH -60 FEET - OCTOBER 20, 1986, BRIAN M. SZOC, 32 PLEASANT STREET, GARDNER. MA 01440. WHICH PLAN IS RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 565, PLAN 16, BOUND AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A STONE MONUMENT IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROYALSTON ROAD, NORTH AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 3 ON SA I D PLAN; THENCE NORTH 55 DEG. 39 MIN. 58 SEC. WEST BY THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROYALSTON ROAD, NORTH 118.60 FEET TO A STONE MARKER; THENCE NORTH 55 DEG. 02 MIN. 29 SEC. WEST, BY THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROYALSTON ROAD, NORTH 325.16 FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROYALSTON ROAD. NORTH AT A CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF LAWRENCE J. AND ELIZA OVAL; THENCE NORTH 61 DEG. 04 MIN. 48 MIN. EAST BY SAID DUVAL LAND 71.70 FEET A BLAZED BIRCH; THENCE BY VARYING COURSES BY HARD GROUND BY SAID DUVAL LAND 638.00 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW DR FORMERLY OF PHILIP W. CASAVANT, IN LINE OF LOT 1 SHOWN ON SAID PLAN; THENCE SOUTH 76 DEG. 39 MIN. 05 SEC. WEST BY LOT 1 ON SAID PLAN, 124.94 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE 23 DEG. 35 MIN. 55 SEC. WEST, BY LOT 1 AND LOT 3 ON SAID PLAN, 210.00 FEET TO A STONE MARKER IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ROYALSTON ROAD, NORTH AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 87,500 SQUARE FEET OR LESS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM KIMBERLY D. CASAVANT F/K/A KIMBERLY D. GIRARD, TENANCY NOT STATED TO KIMBERLY D. CASAVANT AND BRIAN K. BARTLETT, J/T BY DEED RECORDED 07/31/00, IN BOOK 22840, AT PAGE 351, IN THE REGISTER 'S OFFICE OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC, ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the

sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: January 13, 2017 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC 100 Cummings Center Suite 225D Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 53111 (BARTLETT) FEI # 1078.01947 01/27/2017, 02/03/2017, 02/10/2017 January 27, 2017 February 3, 2017 February 10, 2017

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 Christine Magee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated April 20, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38829, Page 51 subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-FM1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49088, Page 165; 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 1:00 PM on February 10, 2017 at 4 Mechanic Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated at the Northwestern intersection of the Westerly line of Mechanic Street and the Northerly line of Grove Street in Winchendon, Worcester County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land prepared for L. Lorraine A. Howe, Winchendon, MA., Scale: 1 inch = 20 ft. - July 17, 1981, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor", recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 489, Plan 60, being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly corner thereof, at the Northwestern intersection of the Westerly line of Mechanic Street and the Northerly line of Grove Street; thence Westerly by said line of Grove Street, 113 feet to land of Teresa B. Sibley; thence Northerly by said Sibley land and land of Richard E. and Patricia Carr, 98 feet to land of Duncan H. Elliott; thence Easterly by said Elliott land, 112 feet to a point in the Westerly line of Mechanic Street; thence Southerly by said line, 92 feet to the point of beginning. Containing about 10,600 square feet of land. Said premises are described subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions and agreements of record, if any there be, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. For title reference, see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 36124, Page 309.

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.

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-FM1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

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January 20, 2017

January 27, 2017

February 3, 2017

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 Troy D. Carbone and Pamela J. Morais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., dba American Mortgage Network of MA, a DE Corp., its successors and assigns, dated December 14, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42188, Page 322 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 55270, Page 112; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 10, 2017 at 4 Mellen Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Mellen Road, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof at a point on a stone wall in the easterly line of Mellen Road, at a corner of land of Robert E. & Charlotte M. Noponen; Thence N. 74' 14' 57" E., by said Noponen land 196.34 feet to an iron pin at a corner of other land of Lucy E. Brewer; Thence S. 43' 04' 15" E., 125.85 feet to an iron pin; Thence S. 83' 57' 05" E., 352.40 feet to a drill hole; Thence S. 21° 18' 56" E., 200.00 feet to an iron pin; Thence S. 31° 12' 12" E., 425.70 feet to an iron pin in line of land of David S. & Mary J. Galat, the preceding four courses being by said Brewer land; Thence N. 73' 03' 25" W., 347.80 feet to a drill hole at the end of a stone wall; Thence N. 21° 18' 56" W., 282.33 feet to an iron pin; Thence N. 83° 57' 05" W., 425.49 feet to an iron pin in a stone wall in the easterly line of Mellen Road, the preceding three courses being by said Galat land; Thence N. 30' 14' 44" W., 63.45 feet; Thence N. 17° 13' 21" W., 79.21 feet; Thence N. 08° 17' 35" W., 22.28 feet; Thence N. 01° 20' 45" W., 64.50 feet to a corner of land of the first mentioned Noponen and the point of beginning, the preceding four courses being by the said line of Mellen Road and a stone wall. Containing 5.0000 acres or 217,800 S.F., more or less. Being shown on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land Prepared for Brian & Marnie DuBois (applicant) (Owner: Lucy E. Brewer/Book 18737, Page 171) Winchendon, MA, November 6, 2003, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 805, Plan 119. No rights of way by necessity or otherwise, or the cart road depicted on Plan Book 805, Plan 119, are reserved over the premises conveyed for the benefit of

the remaining land of the Grantor.

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 (Fannie Mae)

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

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January 20, 2017

January 27, 2017

February 3, 2017

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Craig A. Larson and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. App. §3901 (*et. Seq.*): Nationstar Mortgage LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 80 Lakeshore Drive, given by Craig A. Larson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services L.P., dated July 22, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36867, Page 384, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before February 27, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on January 11, 2017.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

16-027648 / Larson, Craig

A./01/27/2017

January 27, 2017

LEGAL AUCTION PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

By virtue of the right granted by the statute, the Massachusetts Code Section 105A, the enforcement of satisfying the lien of Winchendon Central Storage, for storage and expenses will be sold at public auction on February 13 2017 9am. All and singular, the furnishings, household furniture and equipment of Eric Adams #66, and Laura Smith #53 and Illiall Diaz Carrion # outside storage All items sold will be cash or certified check only. Auction to be held at Winchendon Central Storage 234 Lincoln Ave Winchendon Ma 01475 January 27, 2017 February 3, 2017



BIG GAME

Window Sale!



In honor of the Big Game, you can save big on windows and patio doors. Through Saturday, February 4th, get one of our biggest discounts of the year!

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All windows & patio doors
BUY 1 GET 1

40% OFF¹

2

NO NO NO with money down payments interest for 1 year¹

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Plus, take an additional **\$50 OFF¹** every window

Interest accrues from the purchase date but is waived if paid in full for 12 months. Minimum purchase required.

No minimum required.

- With our special Winter Installation Method, our team works room by room, window by window, so your exposure to the cold weather will be minimal.
- Poor-quality vinyl windows can crack and cause drafts this time of year. Our windows' composite Fibrex[®] material is much more durable than vinyl.
- We are the full-service replacement window division of Andersen, a family-owned American company that builds affordable windows for those with a deep sense of pride in their home.

You could win FREE windows!²

Schedule your appointment before 2/4, and if a total of 35 or more points are scored during the Big Game, you will be entered to win FREE WINDOWS!²



Schedule your Free Window Diagnosis before Feb. 4th!

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The Better Way to a Better Window[™]

1-800-209-2746

¹DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 2/11/2017. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one window or patio door, get one 40% off and 12 months no payments, no interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 1/22/2017 & 2/11/2017 with approved credit. Additional \$50 off each window or patio door when you set your appointment by 2/11/2017; no minimum purchase required. APR of 16.68% as of 6/1/2015, subject to change. No interest and no payments for 12 months available. Interest accrues from date of purchase but waived if paid in full within 12 months. Savings comparison is based on the purchase of a single unit at regular list price. Available only at participating locations. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License MN: BC130983/WI:266951. Excludes MN insurance work per MSA 325E.66. MHIC #121441. VA Lic. #2705155684. DC Lic. #420215000125. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2017 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2017 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved. ²NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW. A purchase or payment of any kind will not increase your chances of winning. Open to residents of the USA who are at least 18 years of age, who are homeowners, and who reside in the eligible geographic area. See full official rules at www.renewalbyandersen.com/biggame for all zip codes in the geographic area (which are in DC, IL, MD, MA, MI, MN, OH, PA, VA and WI). The Renewal by Andersen Big Game Promotion (the "Promotion") starts at 9:00:01 AM EST on 1/22/2017 and ends at 9:00:00 PM EST on 2/4/2017 (the "Promotion Period"). Employees and immediate family members of Renewal by Andersen and Brandmovers, and each of their respective parents, affiliated companies, sponsors, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies and third party fulfillment or judging agencies are not eligible to enter or win the Promotion. To enter: (1) From 1/22/2017-2/4/2017, book an appointment for an in-home consultation with Renewal either online at www.renewalbyandersen.com/biggame or by calling 1-844-202-8909; OR (2) print your name, full home address, phone number, email address and birth date (month and year) on a 3x5 index card and mail completed entry to Renewal by Andersen LLC, Attn: Marketing, 9900 Jamaica Ave. S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. All mailed in entries must be postmarked by 2/4/2017 and received by 2/9/2017. Only one entry allowed per person and per household, regardless of method of entry. For full prize descriptions and for odds of winning, see the full Official Rules. If the two teams playing in the big football game being played in Houston, TX on 2/5/2017 reach a combined score of 35 points or more, then one (1) person in each Market (as defined in the Official Rules) will be randomly selected from all eligible entries received, to receive a \$10,000 voucher toward Renewal by Andersen® windows. If the score total from the game on 2/5/2017 is less than 35 points, then a First Prize will be awarded in each Market by random drawing. The First Prize is one (1) \$100 Visa gift card. For a copy of these Official Rules, visit www.renewalbyandersen.com/biggame or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "Big Game Rules" Renewal by Andersen LLC, Attn: Marketing, 9900 Jamaica Ave. S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. Sponsor is Renewal by Andersen LLC. Administrator is Brandmovers, LLC.