

Clyde gets a much needed facelift



Photos by Keith Kent

Creator Sherman LaBarge paints Clyde's eyes, ears, and nostrils over 10 feet up on a ladder.

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Clyde, the toy horse which proudly symbolizes everything Toy Town and its brilliant historic toy making past as a leading manufacturer and industry power of yesteryear, has received a week's long much needed exterior update by a group of volunteers mostly composed of energetic senior citizens, and a generous \$5,000 donation received from Texas by a past Murdock High School graduate, Sherman LaBarge at 80 years young,

designed, created, and assembled the current and third rendition of Clyde in 1988, nearly 3 decades ago. Now he and his wife Dorothy, along with Nancy and Wally Willcox, and additional assistance from Brian Spaulding, Dan Lambert, and Vicki Cartee, have taken what first started as just painting to a much needed new level.

Given a last fresh makeover in 2011 Clyde, which while posed under a roof, is still vulnerable to the elements including rain, wind, snow,

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High hopes for Central Street

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The engineering firm of Tighe and Bond is currently compiling results of a survey of Winchendon residents regarding their priorities for the pending Central Street Redesign Project. Results of the survey will be unveiled at a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board this Monday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m. Plans call for the redesign and reconstruction of Central Street from Blair Square to Maple Street.

"Tighe and Bond will present some ideas regarding the project," said Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy.

There will, she said, also be an opportunity for the public to comment.

"Absolutely," said Murphy. "That's what we need. We need input. We're all really interested in how the public feels about different aspects of the project."

Because the \$2.8 million project is included on the Transportation Improvement Project list for 2020, Murphy

explained, "There are certain things that we have to do."

"We have to make all the sidewalks ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant, we need to include a bike lane – things like that."

The project will be paid for with a combination of state and federal funding.

"The town is responsible for 10 percent," said Public Works Director Al Gallant. "We need to spend that on engineering. We've already paid \$80,000 to Tighe and Bond for some initial engineering, and the other \$200,000 will be paid later."

"If we choose to do water and sewer, which I hope we do," said Gallant, "that will be on us. But it'll be a wise investment. You don't want to put a brand new street on top of hundred-year-old pipes. I mean, look what happened Sunday."

A water main break on Central Street Sunday required crews to dig up a portion of the roadway to affect repairs.

Gallant estimated the cost of new water and sewer lines at around \$1 million, a cost the

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Zlotnik addresses Route 140 concerns



Photo by Keith Kent

Line striping work is being performed along Gardner Road during the week of October 16.

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — After resurfacing and other modifications along Route 140 in Winchendon temporarily ceased nearly three months ago, many area residents have been left asking on social media platforms, "When is the work going to be finally finished?"

Over the last several months many questions and comments have appeared on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook asking everything from, "Where are the dividers we were told we were going to get?" to, "Why aren't any traffic dividing or no passing lines on the road after so many deadly accidents?"

After several calls and emails attempting to work with District

II of North Hampton, under which jurisdiction Winchendon falls, press was instructed by District II to call MassDOT media relations and a specific person for questions. After one brief return phone call, communications ceased.

The offices of Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner) were contacted for assistance. Both offices immediately reached out to MassDOT communications seeking answers to project concerns.

In a meeting with Rep Zlotnik, an interesting discovery was made; despite countless social media questions and comments regarding questions posted, only the press had contacted his

office. Zlotnik said, "You and your newspaper are the only ones to actually reach out to me regarding questions about where the project stands at this time and why the long delays."

Zlotnik said, "I try to keep from commenting about anything on social media to a minimum, because there are many variables which often times mean the message or questions never get to me, such is if my name is not tagged or I am not listed as a friend. Everybody else but me may read it, and I could never know it was there. I really want those I serve to know if you want to get a message to me, a traditional phone call to my office or email is still the best way to go. Just because a question is on social media, in no way guarantees I will know of it or that it exists."

"I drive this stretch of road many times during the week, and even I have been wondering what is going on" said Zlotnik.

It was only after both the office of Senator Gobi and Rep Zlotnik were called for aid, that MassDOT Media Relations information requests were returned by the communications office to both Zlotnik and the press.

Zlotnik explained, "Both myself and Senator Gobi were part of the advocacy along with local chiefs of police and DPW directors to push for

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Next step in Winchendon School history includes second campus

In a press release from the Board of Trustees and administration of the Winchendon School, the following information announces the pending opening of a second campus in Brooklyn, NY

At the Winchendon School, we are committed to providing each of our students with a highly individualized and engaging education - one that will help propel each student to his or her own greatest potential.

Since the school's 1926 founding in Wassookeag, ME, then in its Newport, RI years, and for more than five decades in Winchendon, this has been our mission. Thousands of alumni and their families have expressed how The Winchendon School's distinctive approach improved their education and changed their lives. The school has gone through major transitions to adjust to societal and cultural shifts, but the focus, mission and commitment has remained the same - no matter where the campus has been. After all, a great education is principally about the relationships between students, their peers, and their teachers - not the buildings in which they learn.

This fall, we embark on what should be the most exciting transition and next step in The Winchendon School's history of evolution and innovation for nearly a century. Many schools and colleges

are facing the impact of fewer students and families being willing to commit to a boarding education, especially in more rural settings. Over the last five years as we have considered our long term strategy based on the demographic and cultural trends, it resulted in us asking and ultimately answering the following question:

"Wouldn't we be doing a much better job of delivering on our mission if we could bring our distinctive Winchendon School education to many more deserving students at a lower cost?"

After several years of consideration and planning, we have developed a strategy to open a series of satellite campuses of The Winchendon School in major urban areas - all of which will complement our flagship boarding campus in Massachusetts. These new campuses will:

Provide additional opportunities for both our students and staff on the Massachusetts campus.

Serve as "branding outposts" resulting in more students and their families learning about the boarding campus in Winchendon.

Create access for students in major urban markets to a Winchendon School education that they would otherwise be unable to afford.

Allow many more students

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Planning Board holds hearing on pot moratorium

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon's Planning Board Tuesday night held a sparsely-attended public hearing on a proposed zoning bylaw which would impose a moratorium on the establishment of recreational marijuana dealers in Toy Town. The moratorium, if approved by voters at the November 13 fall town meeting, would remain in place until June 30 of next year.

"Come April 1, 2018," said board Chairman Guy Corbosiero, "the state Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) will begin taking license applications. What we've been told is that the commission might approve them rather quickly, possibly by April 15. The commission could come to the town and tell us someone wants to put in a marijuana sales place here, and ask us if we have any rules and regulations govern-

ing where they can be placed. If we don't have any regulations governing the placement of marijuana sales places at that time, they could be put anywhere in town."

"This moratorium will give us time to have a conversation with the community," said Corbosiero, "to hold meetings, and set up rules and regulations for the time, place, and

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WEEKLY QUOTE

It is not death that a man should fear, but he should fear never beginning to live.

MARCUS AURELIUS



WPS far behind local districts in net school spending.

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Superintendent Steve Haddad informed the School Committee at the Oct. 19 meeting that versus other surrounding districts, the town of Winchendon spends far less on net school spending than almost all which surround it.

Discussing a recently attended budget training, Haddad informed the committee, “The average district in Massachusetts is 24 percent above Net School Spending, which is the minimum amount required for a town or district to educate their students. When we looked at Winchendon, we were only at 1.7 percent above Net School Spending.”

Haddad also acknowledged that once the town’s loan is paid back in full to the state, there will be up to \$300K which will be available.

“We look at other districts, and some others can afford to pay more, but at this point we can’t. We do have the support of town manager. When we look

at the special town warrant, he is making it possible for us to get things we don’t have the money for. I think we are in a good place, and I think we are moving in the right direction” said Haddad.

Committee Chair Lawrence Murphy added, “It’s so complicated. When I took my first budget training as a member of the school committee, the woman from the state stood up and said, ‘Look, there are really only 10 people in the entire state who understand how the full foundation budget and net school spending work.’ After the first hour, I followed it and I think I am a pretty smart guy and I get it. And after the second hour I thought to myself wow, this is way too complicated. I do have a much better understanding of it now that I did last year.”

Murphy also said, “Mr. Haddad also brought up the point that just shocked me about net school spending, and just how much people and other communities spend over it.”

Quoting other towns and

districts, Murphy went on to list Harvard at 46 percent over NSS; Athol at 6.3 percent, East Bridgewater is 6.0, Carver at 19.7, and Framingham at 53 percent.”

Committee member Felicia Nurmsen immediately interjected, “Framingham. I think we have to be realistic, I think those numbers are great, but part of understanding the budgeting process is that we need to do the most that we can do with the money we have because we are not going to get to 53 percent, we are not Framingham. We need to have a grip on what the process is, and what we need to do with the money that we have.”

Murphy replied, “Part of getting a grip is having an understanding as to where we stand with other communities. The schools around us with Athol-Royalston at 6.0 percent, Narragansett at 7.6 percent, Ash-West at 12.4 percent, and Gardner which is the only one lower than us is at 1.4 percent.”

Murphy went on to say, “I hear a lot about how much more we are spending and

actually we are not. We are not asking for the 53 percent more, or the 24 percent, but we are asking for a little bit more than the 1.7 percent. If people could have a better understanding of what other communities are doing, they would see we are not asking for outrageous amounts of money. We are asking for what will be in the best interest of what will move our district forward, to Level 2 and then Level 1”

Nurmsen replied, “I don’t disagree with that Mr. Murphy, but what I do think we need to do is if we are going to ask for that we need to have some concrete programs and processes we are going to put in place that we are going to use the money for to move the district forward. We have to be able to focus on ourselves.”

Replying Murphy said, “All the goals our Superintendent has listed for programs to move our district forward are going to come at a cost. The Wondrous Reading Program, Dibbles Testing, The Summit Learning Platform, developing a social media platform, con-

tinue technology initiatives, improving the school website, all these things he has in here to try to move us forward are going to come at a cost and come with a price tag. In our efforts to move forward, it can’t just be work harder. It has to come with the realization that it’s going to take some investment.”

Haddad added, “I had a meeting with State Rep Zlotnik, and again we talked about the foundation budget formula and it was developed in 1993. Things have changed, and in that formula, it doesn’t even consider technology.”

Currently on Net School Spending verseu Winchendon, the District of Narragansett spends nearly 4.5 times as much, Ash-West spends 7 times as much, and Athol-Royalston spends 3.5 times as much as the Winchendon public schools on NSS funding, leaving the WPS far behind all surrounding local school district spending except for the city of Gardner.

Open house planned at Village School

ROYALSTON — The Village School is hosting an Open House on Saturday November 4th from 10 a.m. to noon. Come see classrooms, meet teachers, talk to current parents and students, meet alumni and learn about the engaging and challenging curriculum. Find out about the admissions process, financial aid, and openings in preschool, kindergarten and 1st - 5th grade.

Bring children! From 10 to 11:45 a.m., children can join in arts and crafts and science activities in the classrooms. At 11:45 a.m. everyone will gather together to meet with school director Risa Richardson. Coffee, tea and light

refreshments are served throughout the morning.

The Village School is an affordable independent school for children from Preschool through the 6th grade. The Village School is located on the Common in Royalston, in the red brick Raymond School building, off Route 68, just across from the Post Office. For more information, call 978 249-3505, or go to www.villageschoolma.org

The Village School is building a new permanent home down the road from the current school, on Rt. 68 on the Camp Caravan property in Royalston. The framing is done, and doors and windows are going in. The school will move into the new building this upcoming August.

Director Risa Richardson was asked about where learning begins. She said, “Beyond initial curiosity, the foundation of learning is relationship. Each teacher has a personal relationship with each of his or her stu-

dents. Our teachers know their students well, and this relationship gives the student security to take risks and rise to a challenge. Relationships include acceptance of their peers. The school provides a safe warm social environment where children respect each other, accept each other and work together in large or small groups easily. Learning is a cooperative, group endeavor in a learning community, working towards understanding together.”

“Learning also begins with Growth Mindset, the belief that all children are mathematicians, all children are writers, that it is effort and practice that help us develop our abilities and talents.

You can find out more about the engaging Village School education at the Open House on Saturday November 4th.

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4th-6th graders listen to the beginning of an outdoor art lesson

The Village School new building progress, on Rt. 68 in Royalston

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MWCC hosting speaker on white privilege

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College's Tea Time Speaker Series will hold a discussion and presentation titled "White Privilege? Understanding Systems of Power," on Monday, Oct. 30 from noon to 2 p.m.

The facilitator for this event will be Shelley Errington Nicholson. She is currently a doctoral candidate in educational policy and leadership at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is also pursuing a graduate certificate in advanced feminist studies. Shelley is the co-editor of the text Empowering Women in Higher Education and Student Affairs: Theory, Research, Narratives and Practice from Feminist Perspectives.

Nicholson said this dialogue is designed to get participants to think about white privilege and exam their own privileges as well as systemic disadvantages based on their race.

"It is important now more than ever to have dialogues because we are seeing a breakdown in society regarding

our ability to engage in thoughtful and respectful conversations around challenging topics. Dialogues at the Mount allow people space to express their feelings and beliefs around controversial topics while at the same time learning about the perspectives of others," said Nicholson.

In her current role at Mount Wachusett Community College, Nicholson is the director of the Senator Stephen M. Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement where she coordinates service learning and community-based internships for MWCC students, in addition to supervising the Students Serving Our Students (SOS) program, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Student Leaders in Civic Engagement (SLiCE) program and working on center programs such as the Economic Inequality Initiative. Nicholson also serves as a Steering Committee member for the national Economic Inequality Initiative through the American Democracy Project and

The Democracy Commitment.

Nicholson's research interests include food insecurity, community college student success, gender identity development, and feminist pedagogy.

Following a luncheon, the presentation will begin at 12:15 p.m. The Tea Time Speaker Series is sponsored by: Gateway to College, Mount Wachusett Community College's Leading for Change Diversity Consortium, Student Services Department, the Senator Stephen M. Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement, and the ALANA (African-American, Latino, Asian, and Native American) student club at MWCC.

The Tea Time Speaker Series fosters conversation among the college community and greater community on social and cultural issues and awareness. The event will take place at MWCC's Gardner campus in the South Café. The event is open to the public and registration is available at mwcc.edu/teatime.



Shelley Errington Nicholson



CLYDE'S CORNER

Saturday, October 28

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: Winchendon Lions hold the annual coat drive at the Winchendon Courier office, 44 Central St., 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 28. All sizes coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves accepted. Please donate if possible. Items are then given to the CAC for distribution.

ZOMBIE RUN & KIDS' PARTY: fun run kicks off at 9 a.m. 2 mile at 10:45 a.m.; kids 1/3 mile Halloween costume run at 11:45 a.m.; kids party at noon. For information stop at the Clark or contact Whitemore@clarkymca.org.

Sunday, October 29

ORGAN CONCERT: Robert Johnson, organist and music director of the Pilgrim Congregationalist Church of Leominster, presents a program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Johnson is a graduate of Boston Conservatory of Music. Selections include Toccata in G by Dennis Eliot; 3 Choral Preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach; Prelude on Rhosymedre by Ralph Vaughn Williams, and two more Bach toccatas. Coffee and dessert to follow. Sponsored by a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council.

Friday, November 3

11th ANNUAL WINE TASTING: the Clark Memorial YMCA annual wine-beer tasting and auction is scheduled 6:30-11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Wine by Westminster Pharmacy, beer by Wachusett Brewery, cheese by Smith's Country Cheese and sweet snack by Sweet Treat Bakery. \$25 per person. Tickets available at the desk at the Clark

Saturday, November 4

TREATS FOR OUR TROOPS OWC: Holiday Treats for our Troops Operation Winchendon Cares drive. It will be from 9-11 a.m. at the Eugene M. Connor American Legion Post 193 on 295 School St. in Winchendon. We need holiday cards, holiday treats, and the usual array of necessities. Visit winchendon-cares.com or our Facebook page for a complete list of needs. Always appreciate cash donations toward postage! And come help! Volunteers appreciated!

POT ROAST DINNER: United Parish Church, 39 Front St. on Saturday, Nov. 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m. \$15 per-person Please call the office for tickets (978) 297-0616

COMEDY NIGHT! The Knights of the Inferno Firefighters Motorcycle

Club Ironsides Chapter hosts a comedy night Saturday, Nov. 4 beginning at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25. The Knights raise funds to help Wreaths Across America, scholarships and other worthy causes in Winchendon. Come be entertained and help the Knights.

Thursday, November 9

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

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Confused about the ever changing proposals on Health Care Reform?

Health Care Forum Monday, Nov. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. at Royalston Town Hall.

Guest Speakers Include: Tina M. Santos, vice president of patient care services, Heywood Hospital; Elaine Fluet, president and CEO of GVNA Health Care; and representation from our legislators (Senators Warren, Gobi, Rosenberg and Reps McGovern and Whipps). All are Welcome. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored

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FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Fitzwilliam Community Church will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A luncheon will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be freshly made wreaths, Christmas decorations, ornaments and baked goods. Also, there will be gift tables, a white elephant room and much more. Many wonderful items and gift baskets from local businesses, friends and church members will be raffled off. Come and do your Christmas shopping locally and early.

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Daylight savings...
end of an era

We ‘modern’ people have this strange little glitch in our systems. It isn’t all that old, though that illustrious inventor and wise man Ben Franklin suggested it back in 1764, it didn’t actually begin to happen until 1916. So we are celebrating its 101st birthday just this year.

It has its naysayers and its supporters, but how did we get here any way? Why?

It started for two major reasons, farming and the high cost of electricity.

In the early days of electricity that is, turn of the 20th century when it was all new and shiny and even a little scary, turning on the incandescent bulbs, using that mysterious unseeable force and having to pay for it besides was daunting. So if we could just extend daylight a little longer we wouldn’t need to use those newfangled gadgets quite so much....

And of course farmer could use that extra time too. (Well, not really, anyone who actually farmed and didn’t legislate farming from behind a desk knew very well that the animals didn’t use clocks, the people would just rise in darkness and go out earlier.)

But it looked good on paper anyway. There was some noise about factory workers too, and having some daylight time after a shift to be able to have some down time.

Some states, even when it was pro-

posed and the country divvied up on it, there were states that opted out. Indiana never used it. You can drive between Ohio and Indiana and arrive before you left depending on the direction you drive on a good day.

And yes, it is horribly confusing as we get closer to the day to make the big change back, or forward as the case may be. Our bodies don’t like it, our pets don’t like it, all our systems just go on autopilot for about four days while we adjust (and we don’t entirely, we just keep checking our timepieces to see if we have it right yet).

So why do we bother? It can’t be the cost of electricity any longer, and even if we were to blame it on some agrarian need, which it never was, we have fewer farmers today than ever. And they have access to good night lighting too, if they need it.

It’s time to ditch the whole thing and leave the clocks alone. Pick a time, and leave them there. All year. All the time. No back and forth. The daylight actually stays the same you know, you haven’t really added anything to the day at all. If you truly want more daylight for a longer period of time, get up earlier in the morning.

There is a saying attributed to some Native American tribe or another that says only the white man could cut the end off a blanket, sew it on the other end and swear he may the blanket longer...

Memories are made of this

Vincent and I first met at Murdock High School in 1955 and became high school sweethearts. On June 8, 1957, we got married.

On that day, my father filled the house with wild roses and June pinks. The aroma that filled the house was unforgettable.

The red rose was my wedding flower. At our 60th anniversary in June, 2017 a special cake was made for us with red roses on it.

Our 60 years of married life has been truly wonderful as we did everything together. We went to college togeth-

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er, learned another language, became missionaries, traveled to different countries, and did many other things together.

Now we are with a Spanish group of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Gardner and even though we are reaching 80 years of age, we are still teaching and helping others.

Indeed, it has been a wonderful 60 years of married life.

The party was at a friend’s apartment building and there were 40-45 people in attendance. There was dancing and friendship and a nice dinner. Your

LETTERS POLICY



Letters to the editor are always welcome, and may be sent to to ruth@stonebridgepress.news, or The Winchendon Courier, 91 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. Be sure to include a name and residence. Please refrain from sending letters via fax, and be sure to supply a home address and

phone number to allow for confirmation. Allow at least 48 hours for a response. Letters must be submitted by noon Friday to ensure publication in the following week’s issue. Every effort will be made to accommodate late submissions, but inclusion can not be guaranteed. The rules of good taste and libel will, of course, apply to all submissions. Personal attacks will not be published. The editor retains the right to edit all letters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Martino: crosswalks are for safety

To the Editor:

I guess Winchendon and Gardner drivers are thoughtless, inconsiderate and don’t believe the laws are also meant for them. They are too ignorant to realize the consequences of their actions.

You may seriously injure, or kill, a pedestrian. I suppose you don’t care if you are charged with vehicular homicide, lose your licenses and spend several years in jail.

Recently, a beautiful 11 year old girl was struck while cross the street in

Methuen with her dad. By a hit and run driver. Consequently, a family has lost their precious daughter.

I guess a \$205 fine and a six year increase on your insurance doesn’t bother you either.

Evidently, laws aren’t meant for you. You’re special.

Please, stop at crosswalks for pedestrians. It’s the law.

CAROL MARTINO
GARDNER

Martorella: New England ‘Patriots’?

To the Editor:

“Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, please rise and honor America for the playing of our National Anthem.”

A simple request to show your patriotism at the beginning of sporting events in America. It is not a request to express your political opinions.

Rise, put your hand over your heart, take off your hat, and confirm your allegiance to our flag and country.

Rise, and be grateful you live in a country where your freedoms allow you to attend the game at which you are.

Rise, and remember those who gave their lives for our country, and for your freedom and rights.

Rise, and think of your loved ones who are with you, and those who have passed.

Rise, and acknowledge the men and women who are serving in the armed forces and protecting your freedom and rights.

Rise, and thank God the Star Spangled Banner yet waves over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I sadly watched a dozen or so New England Patriots kneel and dishonor America during the playing of the National Anthem a while back.

I sadly listened to the NFL statement, an owner Robert Kraft saying, “the players were protesting and were within their rights under the freedom of speech.”

I am using my freedom of speech to say to the NFL, Mr. Kraft and any player who kneels that you are dishonoring

America and yourselves.

Your supposed use of your freedom of speech in the forum in which you choose to apply it is misguided.

To you I say, rise, and honor the flag and America and our National Anthem. Your right of freedom of speech is your right only because you are lucky enough to live in the United States of America.

I wonder what our forefathers and the patriotic minutemen that rose up at Lexington and Concord would think of these kneeling New England ‘patriots’?

I wonder what Vince Lombardi would think of the disgraceful conduct of kneeling NFL players?

I think he would sit them on the bench.

I hope Coach Belichick sits any kneeling players on the bench. Let them sit there in dishonor.

Sadly, I feel the actions of the kneeling players and Mr. Kraft’s statement have ended in dishonor what was a great era in football for New England Patriot fans.

The patriotic fans of New England should look elsewhere for their heroes, Gillette Stadium is disgraced with dishonor.

MIKE MARTORELLA
WINCHENDON

(Editor’s Note: this was received before the last game, at which Patriots’ players chose to link arms and stand during the anthem in solidarity.)

Rhyme...and reason

Confusion and delusion are the policies of Washington

The rise of lies and alibis is no surprise to anyone

The chilling fog of demagoguery envelops all

The fight against our civil rights, the building of “The Wall”

The vitriol that threatens all this country represents

The crude unvarnished hatred spewed by Messrs. Trump and Pence

Denying and defying simple scientific truths

Discriminate, intimidate, and threaten harmless youths

Aggression and repression, and refuse to compromise

Defending and commending evil Neo-Nazi lies

And all the while, the rank and file in Congress sit and wait

Election Day’s not far away, no time to alienate

The millionaires and billionaires, the PAC’s and such

The only way they get to stay is with that Midas touch

Frustration rules the nation, the world looks on in shock

While terror looms in hotel rooms, but no one wants to talk

About the fact that any maniac can buy a hundred guns

Dress in camo, extra ammo, time to have some fun

And proceed to slaughter sons and daughters, brothers, sisters, wives

The NRA will calmly say, “We mourn the loss of lives”

They’ll then disclaim and lay the blame on all who disagree

The bleeding hearts, the artsy-fartsy high society

Despite their tries to justify, no matter how they spin it

NO ONE needs to auto feed 600 rounds per minute

But soon the Feds will turn their heads, ignore the need for healing

And fight to end more deadly trends, like football players kneeling

VIA EMAIL
NAME WITHHELD

First quarter finds older students in class and learning

As we reach the end of the first quarter of this academic year, I am proud to be able to tell you about some of the good things going on in our middle and high schools. A future column will discuss positive trends in the elementary schools but today I want to focus on the older students.

We’ve all heard the line that half the battle is simply showing up. That goes for everything in life and I’m happy to report attendance is running in the mid-to-upper 90-percent level in both schools. Part of this can be attributed to the pro-active stances taken by the administrations.

In the middle school, attendance is charted and posted daily. At the high school, principal Ralph Olsen at times accompanied by school psychologist Jane Greenleaf and/or school resource officer Tracy Flagg, has personally

checked on the whereabouts of students whose absences could not be verified. Students obviously can’t learn if they’re not in the building. We like to think this practice has made a substantive difference in a positive way for some students and has resulted in significantly better academic performance on their part. The word has clearly gotten around that unexcused absences are not acceptable and will not be ignored.

This has had a positive ripple effect. Not only are more kids in the building, fewer are aimlessly wandering the halls, something which has been an issue in the past. You can often hear the proverbial pin drop during class time. This is as it should be. This provides for a better academic atmosphere and academics are, after all, the primary responsibility of



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STEVE HADDAD

our schools. Additionally, an emphasis on attendance reinforces the reality students will face in the working world. If you want to keep your job and be able to pay your bills, you need to show up.

I’ve written before about how proud we justifiably are of our technology program. This is vitally important because that’s the field where so many jobs are opening up, more of them every year in an increasingly technological society. Middle School teacher Mike Fontaine and High School teacher Andrew Collins are working together to coordinate

and continue to tweak the program to assure a smooth sequential building of skills which will help prepare them for each new level of challenges. This program, which we believe is unequalled in the region, offers students and families exciting reasons to come to or stay at Murdock.

I am happy to report that 17 high school students are among the recipients of the very prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarships, which means they can receive a tuition waiver for up to eight semesters of undergraduate work at a Massachusetts state college or university. The competition for these awards is intense and it’s to their enormous credit they were chosen. They represent what our students can accomplish and set standards younger students can emulate. As college

applications begin to go out, we anticipate we will exceed the record set a year ago when 83-percent of the senior class had filed their applications by December 1. Our students are applying, and realistically so, to a wide range of schools including some of the most respected in the country. That speaks volumes both to their talents and grades and to the kind of education they have received in our school system. All that is a testament to the hard work put in not only by the students but by an amazing group of selfless educators and staff as well. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

The bottom line is we are encouraged and enthused by what has transpired during the first quarter of this year. We have every expectation good things will continue to take place and I look forward to telling you about them.

DJT: give him a break (surprise!)

I'm going to start here by doing something I don't think I've ever done. I'm going to cut DJT a break. I am sure he did not mean to come across as malicious or insensitive when he had that now famous conversation with the family of a fallen soldier (La David Johnson), but I can tell you that families who lose children are exceptionally sensitive to what they hear. What he was trying to say and what they interpreted were likely very different things. That's the way it is.

Over the last 4 1/2 months, I've had people say things to me which I'm sure they certainly didn't mean to sound the way they did to me. To be sure, there have been instances of out-and-out lies or nonsense. One person told me they thought Courtney's memorial service here in town was a week later than it actually was. Another (from Maryland) told me they weren't able to come to the Baltimore unveiling and launched into a lengthy diatribe about finances. Seriously? Yes, that's garbage and it's insulting to her memory. Neither sounded the least bit sincere. They weren't even trying. That is called "empathetic failure", a term with which I wasn't familiar five months ago. It's inevitable to run into that.

I almost felt sorry for them. Those

people were clueless beyond words. There's no hope for them. But for the most part, overwhelmingly in fact, even awkward attempts at solace and sympathy, while some have come across to me as weird or whatever depending on my mood of the moment, obviously weren't meant to be malicious. The same holds true in this one case for DJT. As a society, we sometimes don't seem to do well in these situations and as an individual #notmypresident sure didn't but there you have it.

At the same time though, Rep. Wilson seemed way too gleeful about calling DJT out. And General Kelly? He went out there and did what the boss told him to do. That's what soldiers too. But of course, in doing so he kept the politicizing of the whole tawdry incident going.

In any event, from an individual perspective there's the one pass I give DJT. He certainly received none, and deserved none, from his two immediate predecessors who spoke within an hour of each other on Thursday. Neither George W. Bush nor Barack Obama mentioned 45's name (probably didn't

JOURNEY OF THE HEART

JERRY CARTON



want to anyway) and certainly didn't need to, either. Both talked about the breathtaking lack of and erosion of respect for basic (small "d") democratic values. Both lamented what Bush called a rise in bigotry.

"Bigotry seems emboldened," he said, quite bluntly. Both, in short, lambasted DJT in no uncertain terms and well they should have.

That was breathtaking. Unheard of since Teddy Roosevelt in 1912. Former Presidents simply don't do that.

Times are different. Remember when we'd see those opinion polls and the President, whomever it might be at the same, always ranked at the top of the list of most admired people? Can you imagine parents today telling their kids this one deserves admiration and respect? Is DJT anyone you'd want your children or grandchildren to be like? Of course not. So, it was important that Presidents 43 and 44 speak up. And so too John McCain. There need to be others.

Democratic (again small "d") institutions are under relentless attack and

those of us who obviously know there weren't "very fine people" among the neo-Nazis and white supremacists in Charlottesville have a responsibility to do anything and everything we can to protect those institutions. That said, we need elected representatives to do likewise and there hasn't been enough of that from too many Republicans who know they should. Profiles in Timidity indeed.

Finally this. Last Friday I was over at the Mount covering the Fall kickoff for the United Way Youth Venture program. I haven't been on campus in a while so I was surprised to see the changes - the new student center, the "all gender" bathrooms and most regrettably, the fact the YV offices are all the way on the third floor (I hate elevators) rather than the first. Most importantly I was encouraged to see the swarms of middle and high school students from throughout central Massachusetts - kids who are active and involved in their schools and communities, making the proverbial and yes, tangible difference. I'm forever preaching here about the importance of service. Kudos to these youngsters for taking that to heart.

Kelly Fumbles



...AND ONE MORE THING...

GREG VINE

"Empathy is about finding echoes of another person in yourself." – Mohsin Hamid, Pakistani author

White House Chief of Staff and Gold Star father John Kelly did his best last week to come to the defense of his boss, Donald Trump, after the president made a clumsily worded call of condolence to the widow of Army Sgt. LaDavid Johnson, one of four American soldiers killed in an Oct. 4 ambush in Niger.

Kelly lashed out at U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, who related the president told Johnson's widow that her husband "knew what he signed up for."

During an emotional appearance in the White House briefing room, Kelly said, "It stuns me that a member of Congress would have listened in on that conversation – absolutely stuns me,"

However, Myeshia Johnson put the call on speaker phone so it could also be heard by the parents of the slain Army sergeant. Wilson, a family friend of 25 years, just happened to be in the

car as the party drove to the airport to retrieve Sgt. Johnson's body. She did not insinuate herself into the conversation. She heard it at the invitation of the grieving widow.

Maybe Kelly didn't like the fact the call had put on speaker, but it's not his place to dictate – or criticize – how any family mourning the death of a fallen soldier receives a call from the Commander in Chief.

Kelly went on to explain he had told Trump that he might relate to Johnson's widow that the Sergeant and his fellow soldiers had died doing what they loved – what they had chosen to do – and had sacrificed their lives in service to an appreciative nation.

"That's what the president tried to say to four families," Kelly stressed.

But the fact Kelly had to explain that to our nation's leader is problematic. It only serves to underscore the fact that President Trump has no natural predisposition to empathy. His capacity to relate to another human being on a completely human level is frighteningly lacking. Almost no other person in Trump's position would have needed a primer in how to speak to a grieving family.

As his defense of the president continued, Kelly excoriated Wilson for "politicizing" the death of a young soldier and

his comrades. He said Wilson's complaints to the media about the president's call were and insult to Gold Star families.

His criticism might have been valid were in not for the fact that his boss had politicized their deaths first by claiming on October 17: "The traditional way, you look at President Obama and other presidents, most of them didn't make calls, a lot of them didn't make calls."

In fact, then-candidate Trump went out of his way last year to slam a Gold Star family who had questioned his knowledge of the Constitution during an appearance at the Democratic National Convention. This revealed the true Trump. The only emotion he ever sincerely feels is anger; anger at being criticized or caught in a lie.

Finally, Kelly took one last shot at Rep. Wilson by claiming she had taken credit for securing funding to build and FBI field office in south Florida named in honor of two agents who had died in the field. The chief of staff claimed she made the comment during the building's dedication.

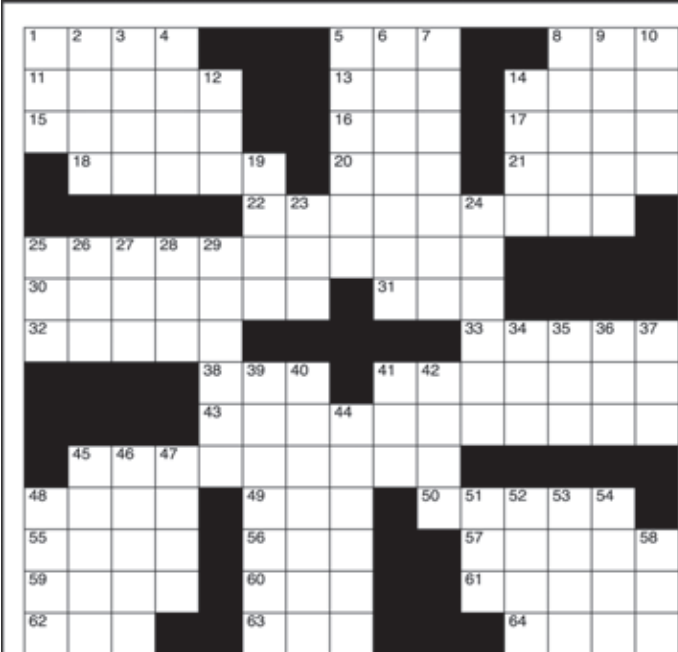
In fact, money for the facility was secured before Wilson was even in Congress. Further, a video of the ceremony released last week by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel shows she never took credit for it.

As Sean Spicer and Reince Preibus have learned, defend-

ing Donald Trump is a hazardous proposition. The reputation of more than one person who has come to the president's defense has been left in tatters during his first nine months in office.

If Kelly wants to hang onto

what's left of his good reputation he would do well to memorize the words of British Labour Party politician Diane Abbott: "You can't defend the indefensible - anything you say sounds self-serving and hypocritical."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Inventor of the apochromatic lens
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Cool!
11. NY football family
13. A way to consume
14. Competition
15. Monetary units
16. Plant in the daisy family
17. Ottoman military title
18. Small Polish village
20. Relatively insignificant lie
21. Argument
22. Comforts
25. Early
30. Went on and on
31. Type of IRA
32. Short musical composition
33. Images
38. Major component of wood glue (abbr.)
41. Observing expeditions
43. Used as a lightweight foam
45. Recall knowledge
48. Afrikaans word for "language"
49. Fried chicken guru Sanders' title (abbr.)
50. Caucasian language
55. A Spanish river
56. Used to pierce holes
57. Song of praise
59. In bed
60. Originally called
61. Iron Age Brittonic tribe
62. Young goat
63. Not even
64. Make from wool or yarn

CLUES DOWN

1. Current unit
2. Bleats
3. Soft creamy white cheese
4. Opposite of west
5. Young female cow
6. Deep, narrow gorges
7. Freestanding sculpture
8. Finger millet
9. Hurts
10. Unable to hear
12. Vast body of water
14. Volcanic island in Fiji
19. Not early
23. Wet dirt
24. Be characteristic of
25. Before
26. Tell on
27. Resembles the ostrich
28. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
29. War-torn city in Syria
34. Mode of transportation
35. Metals and minerals are extracted from this
36. Trent Reznor's band
37. Midway between south and southeast
39. Vesuvius is one
40. Permitted
41. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
42. Tip of Aleutian Islands
44. Shouted
45. Jewish spiritual leader
46. Punched in the side of the head
47. Lout
48. Used to make furniture and ships
51. Spectrum disorder (abbr.)
52. A way to talk
53. American shoe company
54. Chinese ethnic group
58. Egg of a louse



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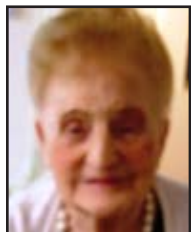
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OBITUARIES

Ruth E. (Edwards) Everhart, 94

TEMPLETON — Ruth E. (Edwards) Everhart, age 94, of 27 Baker Lane, died peacefully Sunday morning, October 22, 2017 in Quabbin Valley Healthcare, Athol, with her family at her side.



She was born in Berwick, PA on April 1, 1923, daughter of the late Ernest and Helena (Masters) Edwards and was a graduate of Berwick High School.

While living in Berwick, Ruth was a factory worker at Wise Potato Chips. She had been a resident of Templeton since 1951. Active in civic affairs, Ruth was a past president of the former Templeton Women's Club and was a member of the Templeton Historical Society. She had been a member of East Templeton United Methodist Church, where she sang in its choir and had been a member of its Women's Club and served on several church committees. Ruth was a long time member and former Worthy Matron of Jessamine Chapter #75 Order of Eastern Star and a member and con-

ductress of Massachusetts Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star,

Her husband, Harry A. Everhart, died in 1996. She leaves her children, Larry A. Everhart of Iowa, Bonnie Cochran of Winchendon and Sandra Everhart of Athol; a half sister, Elaine Barnhart; 13 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Hinton of Colorado and two brothers, Harold Edwards and Stanley Edwards.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 4 to 6 P.M. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. Members of Jessamine Chapter Order of Eastern Star will conduct an Eastern Star ceremony at 4 P.M.

Funeral services in the funeral home will be held at 6 P.M. with the Rev. William Ault officiating.

Burial will be in Roselawn Street Cemetery, Berwick, PA. on Monday, October 30, 2017

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimers Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452

Sean K. Hill, 33

LEOMINSTER — Sean K. Hill, 33 years old, of Leominster, died Monday, October 16, 2017. He was born December 29, 1983 in Derry, New Hampshire.



Sean is survived by his mother Christine (Gagne) Piermarini of Leominster, father Stanley Hill and his wife Denise of Gardner, maternal grandmother Joyce Warren and her husband Alfred of Winchendon, two sisters Raven Bergeron of Ashburnham

and Brittany Hill of Leominster, several aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves three nieces and two nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Tasha E. Hill in 2013, maternal grandfather Lionel Gagne in 1995, paternal grandmother Regina O'Connell in 2014 and stepfather Alphonse Piermarini Jr. in 2010.

Funeral service and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. The Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home, 106 West St., Leominster is assisting the family with arrangements. www.richardsonfuneralhome.net.

Edith E. (Schneider) Jacobson

ABINGTON — Edith E. (Schneider) Jacobson, of Abington, passed October 12, 2017. Edith was born in Quincy March 19, 1932.

Loving daughter of the late Rudolph and Esther Schneider; Beloved wife of Daniel Jacobson of Abington; loving mother of Daniel Jr. of Andover, Mark of Auburn NH, Karen Wyett of Murtaugh, ID, Diane of Murtaugh, ID, and Susan Sulmonte of Winchendon; also survived by 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She attended Saint Mary's parochial school and Quincy High School class of 1950. Edith enjoyed ballroom dancing, jitterbug and square dancing.

Visitation held at the Quealy and Son Funeral Home, 116 Adams Street, Abington. A funeral Mass was held Saturday, October 21, in St. Bridget Church, Abington. Interment Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Abington. For directions and guest book please visit: www.quealyandson.com.

Paul E. Wood, 90

CLINTON — Paul E. Wood, age 90, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, October 14, 2017. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 71 years, Eleanor (Hamilton) Wood, who passed away in April. He is survived by his children & their spouses, Kathleen Burgwinkle and Joseph of Bolton; Dorreen Quinn and Robert of Clinton; Colleen Warren and Ronald of Winchendon; and Paul V. Wood of Clinton; grandchildren, Jessica, Rebecca, Elisha, Carrie, Robert, Craig, Melanie, Stephanie, and Josh; great-grandchildren, Casey, Ryan, Mia, Molly, Patrick, Michael, Erik, Evelyn, Tasha, Lucy, Macy, Elyse, Daphne, and Gwen; nieces Donna Hamilton and daughter Amy; and numerous friends. He was pre-deceased by his mother, Sarah Rice, step-father Arthur Rice, and his sister



Pauline. Paul was born in Leominster, raised in Lancaster and attended local schools. He enlisted to proudly serve our nation in the United States Navy during World War II and returned home safely to begin his career.

Paul worked for the Lancaster Mills and later with New York Laminating, before joining Nypco, Inc., from where he ultimately retired after nearly twenty years. In addition, he and his wife opened, owned, and operated Paul & El's Natural Food Store on High Street in Clinton for many years. Paul was a member of St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton. He was the former president and active member of the Clinton Softball League. Paul was an avid sports fan, who also enjoyed gardening and time spent in the company of his family.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 20, 2017 in the Philbin-Comeau Funeral Home, 176 Water St., Clinton. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery in Lancaster.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Paul E. Wood to: Beacon Hospice, 36 Williams St., Leominster, MA 01453.

Robert 'Augie' Wakefield Jr., 50

WINCHENDON — Robert "Augie" Wakefield Jr., age 50, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017.



He was born in Gardner on Dec. 2, 1966, son of the late Robert E. and Beverly (Hurst) Wakefield. He attended Murdock High School and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon.

Robert was employed by New England Wooden Ware in Winchendon, where he spent 26 years making quality boxes, memories and friendships.

He will be greatly missed by his only child, Ciara Wakefield, who made and kept her father proud, giving him three amazing grandchildren, Kaliegh "the Killer", Cassidy "The Cheerleader", and Kasen "The Hot Dog" and then blessed him further by finding the love of her life "Rachael Ray Ray" Chapman, who he loved and thanks for all that shoveling.

He will be forever miss and be missed by his three brothers Terrence Monahan, who will miss the driveway "check-ins" and VIP plowing; Ronald Monahan, whose military voice made it possible to adhere to a "rigid time

schedule" and Joseph Wakefield, who never hesitated to answer any Ford question or vehicle concern; three sisters, Kathy Wakefield and her protective big sister way and her macaroni salad, Lori Robidoux, their long conversations and reviews of the weekly sale flyers and Kayla Wakefield, who he enjoyed seeing and catching up with.

He says Goodbye to his girlfriend and soulmate Michelle Guevin, who will miss the love of her life forever and her three children, Thomas, Claudette and William and the 6 pack of granddaughters, Lizzy, "Lala", Ryleigh, Abby, Autumn and Karman, who will miss their Beepa.

Augie will also be sadly missed by his good buddy and #1 fan, Louis Guevin, who will miss his laugh, smile and true friendship. He leaves his great friends whom he loved and family.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. A reception will follow at Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to National Kidney Foundation Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

It's 'all things tech' for this teacher

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Andrew Collins is the new technology teacher at Murdock High School and one major goal this year is to instill in his students the same passion for all things tech he's had since he was a kid.

"Definitely," he enthused.

Collins takes over at the high school from Mike Fontaine, who has moved to the middle school to jump-start the program there and the two are working together to continue to strengthen what local officials like to bill as the strongest tech and engineering curriculum in the region.

"That's what appealed to me," said Collins.

"This is a good program. I'm teaching five classes and I like the variety," he remarked, adding, "I'm also glad I can do it all in one room."

Collins went to school at Groton-Dunstable before attending Southern New Hampshire University, but was attracted to all sorts of technology gadgets and ideas long before that.

"I was hooked on this stuff when I was young, it helped that my teachers pushed me, and that interest just stayed with me so this is a natural fit for me," he reflected, adding, "we want to hook kids when they're young too. That's why it's important to work with the middle school. Mike's been great. He's been a mentor," noted Collins.

"We meet at least once a week for an hour or so to go over what we are each doing in the class," explained Fontaine. "We talk about how he can build on that in the next few years. I give him ideas I used at the high school over the past few years and he can build on that."

Building on that foundation is exactly what Collins is excited about doing.

"I was impressed by what I saw here. The latest and greatest. My goal is to continue to grow the program and update the curriculum in the high school, which we need to do because things change so fast."

Those five periods include Intro to Robotics, Power, Energy and Transportation, Web Design and Game



Greg Vine photo

Alex Collins during a recent tech class at Murdock High School.

Making, Graphics Communication and an Advanced Placement class in Computer Science Principles.

"We're still teaching the basics of some of these in high school, but that will change," noted Collins.

"As more kids get involved on the middle school level, Mike will be getting them ready for harder material up here. There will be a flow to it," said Collins who added he's pleased with class sizes. "It's a little fast-paced so the class sizes work."

Collins pointed out, "the opportunity for careers in engineering and technology are limitless. Students here have the opportunity to learn a lot and be ready."

That includes girls. Collins acknowledged there are far fewer girls in tech classes than boys, noting this is a nationwide issue.

"We're going to try and get more involved," he assured.

On balance, Collins is happy to be here. "It's an exciting time to be in the technology/engineering field. There are so many options," he reminded.

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OBITUARIES

Iva Lee Wester, 92

ABILENE TX — Iva Lee Wester, age 92, passed away Saturday, October 14, 2017, at her home in Abilene, TX.



Iva was born Aug. 18, 1925, in Henrietta, TX, to Sadie (born Engledow) and Dawson Stone. She was the second of 10 children and graduated from Nocona High School in Nocona, TX. After graduation, Iva was working at the bank in Nocona when a man named James Wester came in to cash his paycheck, and when Iva charged him 10¢ for the transaction, James raised a fuss. They later ran into each other at the local drug store and began dating. Iva and James were wed in 1945 and remained happily married for 52 years until James's passing in 1997.

When the oil boom in West Texas happened, James and Iva moved from Nocona, TX. They were transferred often, so Iva made their home in several locations, including San Angelo, TX; Snyder, TX; Colorado City, TX; Ballinger, TX; Odessa, TX; and Hobbs, NM; before moving to Abilene, TX, in 1953 where they raised their two children, Jimmy and LeAnn, and spent the rest of their lives.

It was also in Abilene in the 1970s where Iva fulfilled her dream of owning a boutique, opening and operating a children's dress shop called "The Doll House" in River Oaks Village.

Iva was a member of Wylie Baptist Church and enjoyed oil painting, crocheting, crossword puzzles, card games like solitaire, and bridge with ladies' groups, chats with family and friends over coffee, dining out, traveling, shopping, her weekly hair and nail appointments, spoiling her grandchildren, and spending time at their vacation home in Ruidoso, NM. Always a gracious host,

family often gathered for holidays at Iva's home. She was a wonderful cook and for many years organized and hosted a three-day Thanksgiving celebration for as many as 60 people. The main priority any given holiday or weekend, though, was making sure nothing got in the way of Iva and her sisters cheering on their beloved Dallas Cowboys!

Iva is preceded in death by her parents, Sadie and Dawson Stone; her husband, James Wester; her son, Jimmy Wester; her sisters: Jerldine Stone, Juvene Stone Cain, and Alma Faye Bolen; her brothers: Haven Stone, Billy Stone, and Larry Wayne Stone; brothers-in-law Robert Cain and Bill Enis; and great-grandson, Caleb Wester.

Iva is survived by her daughter, LeAnn (Dale) Doby of Abilene; daughter-in-law, Bessie Wester of Aspermont, TX; seven grandchildren: Cory (Mary) Wester of Odessa, TX, Traci (David) Simons of Newport News, VA, Casey (Tracy) Wester of Winchendon, MA, Brittney (Clay) Corley of Waco, TX, Adam (Courtney) Wester and Ashley (D) Lott of Abilene, and Jamie Doby of Waco, TX; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Wanda Enis; brothers, Virgil (Olga) Stone and R.V. (Faynell) Stone; sister-in-law, Vernell Polk; and 17 loving nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating Iva's life was held Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Wylie Baptist Church, 6097 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, TX. Burial will follow immediately after the service at Elmwood Memorial Park, 5750 Highway 277 South, Abilene, TX.

Elmwood Funeral Home, 5750 Highway 277 South, Abilene, TX was entrusted with arrangements.

Any memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Pastor Alan Bruce Nasman, 72

Pastor Alan Bruce Nasman, age 72 of Hudson, formerly of South Dakota, died peacefully October 21st at Red Cedar Canyon Assisted Living in Hudson.



Alan was born August 17, 1945 in Cambridge, MA to parents Harry and Hazel (Hokanson) Nasman. He graduated from Bethel College with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in 1967, and from Bethel Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1971. Alan worked as a pastor for Converge Worldwide and the Baptist General Conference from 1971-2017. During that time he served several churches in the states of Massachusetts, Maine, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. In January of 2017, Alan stepped down as Pastor of the Ramsey Baptist Church in Montrose, SD, a congregation he had served with for 18 years.

Alan was united in marriage to Linda (Cross) Tenney on September 24, 1972 in Winchendon, MA. Their union was blessed with a son, Jason, who joined three step-siblings, Deborah, Marie and Christopher, to form the Nasman family. Alan possessed a servant's heart and he cherished his lifelong opportunity to serve others and his Lord by preaching the gospel. He graciously served the communities he was called to, and also served for nine years as the Chairman

of the School Board in Stockholm, ME. Alan was fond of spending time with his family. He enjoyed any opportunity to go fishing, especially trout fishing, and liked following sports and delighting others with his recollection of sports statistics.

Alan is survived by his wife of 45 years, Linda; son, Jason (Robin) Nasman of Star Prairie WI; step-children, Marie (Donald) Sjostedt of Cordova AK, and Christopher (Lynne) Tenney of Mapleton ME; step-son-in-law, Dennis Bossie of Kasilof AK; grandchildren, Derek (Renee) Bossie, Sean Sjostedt, Brandon Tenney, Luca Tenney, Ian Nasman, and Aneliese Nasman; great-grandchildren, Noah and Isabella Bossie; his mother, Hazel Nasman of Belmont MA; brother, Glenn (Ruth) Nasman of Westwood MA; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father; and step-daughter, Deborah Bossie.

Funeral service for Pastor Alan Nasman will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Bible Baptist Church, 545 6th St. N, North Hudson, WI. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church. Burial at the Willow River Cemetery in Hudson. Memorials are preferred.

Funeral services entrusted to the O'Connell Family Funeral Home of Hudson, (715) 386-3725. www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com

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We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

There is always money for things we seem to want

Like it or not it's that time of year again when the leaves are falling, department stores and websites start offering deals both tangible and in the abyss of virtual cyberspace, and people start planning on how much money to spend for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Money. Nobody ever seems to have enough, unless you're part of the now 2,000 billionaires documented in the USA. Ironical isn't it, that so many of us say they never have enough money for our needs, but a good majority always seem to find it when we want it or the holidays roll in on the calendar. So let's talk about those all mighty dollars and what we do with them.

This year the National Retail Federation has released its projected figures, and I hope anybody who is tight with their stash of cash is sitting down when they read this. Projected spending for Halloween this year is \$9.1 billion. Even more amazing, that figure is up

a whopping \$700 million from just one year prior!

Let me get this straight. We have homeless people. We have people who are hungry. We have children who lack a proper education in many districts around our great nation, and we as a people can come up with \$9.1 billion, and \$700,000,000 more than just a year ago for wearing costumes and buying props. Are we serious? Sadly, it is so.

Now the next level. We have all heard the conversations. Holy wow, the stores have Christmas stuff up well before Halloween every year. Funny how many big-box brick and mortar stores "Claim" they need the set up time to get ahead of the religious holiday, but as an example one day you can walk in to a Walmart and find everything in a particular section of a store, and come back the next day and somehow 3,000 square



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feet of space magically changed overnight, and you don't have clue where the heck anything is. So to that store claim I am going to pull a Ebenezer Scrooge and say Bah Humbug!

Finally, in the deep caves and financially motivated snake pits of the retail & shopping world, a tiny ray of light has found its way through the darkness with a beam of commonsense. Store chain Target, has announced it will withhold the majority of its Christmas in store sales marketing until we have celebrated Thanksgiving. Additionally, it will be hiring nationwide some 100,000 seasonal workers, up

43 percent over last year.

At least for now at one store chain, we can actually blow a chunk of that \$9.1 billion we don't seem to have for the homeless and hungry, along with actually carving a turkey to sit down together with loved ones and friends celebrating our thanks, before many empty their checking accounts and maxing out their credit cards in the name of Christmas.

Please remember to donate something no matter how little to your local food pantries and Community Action Centers to help the needy this upcoming holiday season. If we can afford \$50 or \$100 for costumes, I am pretty sure we can afford to donate a few cans of food for those less fortunate.

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town would have to bear.

Once the project is complete, said Murphy, "I'm hoping we will have a strong foundation downtown to support economic development, with upgraded water, sewer, drainage, walkable ADA compliant sidewalks, crosswalks that are safe, and intersections that are safe. Part of Tighe and Bond's presentation will include the crash rating at the Grove Street intersection."

"It's the highest in the town," said Gallant. "A lot of this meeting will be talking about parking. A lot of the parking spaces downtown right now are really illegal, but they've been there so long nothing has changed. But it needs to, to improve safety."

Murphy said comments she's received from the public thus far deal mainly with improvements in sidewalks and crosswalks.

"But everybody has said, yes, we need

to do something," Murphy added.

Gallant said the project will likely go out to bid in late 2019, with construction slated to start in the spring of the following year.

Other amenities currently envisioned by Tighe and Bond include benches along Central Street, "bump outs" that make pedestrians crossing the street more visible, bike racks, decorative street lighting, improved signage, and more trees.

"The bump outs will cut some of the parking spaces on the street," said Murphy. "So, we really need to look at more off-street parking."

Both Murphy and Gallant said there are plans to turn a currently grassy town-owned lot across the street from Beals Memorial Library into a municipal parking lot.

"I really do hope people come out Monday night," said Murphy. "It will only be an informational meeting, but I think some public input is important. We'll eventually be holding a couple of public hearings for more comment, but Monday will be an important first step."

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POLICE LOG

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

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:03 a.m.: recovered mv (Elm Street), towed; 1:05-1:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:36 a.m.: request removal (Central Street), services rendered; 2:04-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:42 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), services rendered; 8:20 a.m.: extra patrols (Mason Street), secure; 9:08 a.m.: mv stop (Ash Street), verbal warning; 9:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), referred; 9:24 a.m.: lost/found (Mill Street), property returned to owner; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Krantz Road), referred to ACO; 9:41 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 10:11 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued; 10:45 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 10:54 a.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), unable to locate; 11:14 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), transported; 11:41 a.m.: ambulance (W. Monomonic Road), transported; 11:50 a.m.: suspicious mv (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 12:01 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 12:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Center Lane), no service necessary; 1:08 p.m.: threats (W. Monomonic Road), referred; 1:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 1:25 p.m.: accident (Grove Street), citation issued; 1:43 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Juniper Street), refused assistance; 2:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Hitchcock Road), referred to other agency; 4:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 4:07 p.m.: drug/narcotics violations (Mill Street), advised officer; 4:45 p.m.: accident (Old Gardner Road), report taken; 5:03 a.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 6:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 9:51 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secured bldg.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:36 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:59-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:28 a.m.: ambulance (Old Centre), transported; 6:26 a.m.: traffic hazard (Baldwinville State Road), info taken; 6:46 a.m.: assist citizen (Ready Drive), assisted; 7:18 a.m.: threats (Rice Road), report taken; 8:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street); 10:25 a.m.: info/general (West Street), assisted; 11:00 a.m.: assist citizen (Old Gardner Road); 11:54 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 12:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Rice Road), spoken to; 12:32 p.m.: DPW call (Water Street), referred; 1:43 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 1:44 p.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), assisted; 1:45 p.m.: info/general (Mill Street), info taken; 2:16 p.m.: harassment (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 3:41 p.m.: suspicious person (Ash Street), report taken; 4:21 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Spruce Street), spoken to; 4:54 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), property returned to owner; 5:29 p.m.: open door/window (Central Street), secured bldg.; 5:42 p.m.: gunshots heard (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 6:42 p.m.: threats (Central Street), Kristopher S. Ashmore, 32, 41 Juniper Street, Winchendon, assault and battery, transported; 7:39 p.m.: fire alarm (Ipswich Drive), false alarm; 7:50 p.m.:

Two car crash blocks Tannery Hill

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — A call was placed to Winchendon Dispatch at 7:54 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 for a two car motor vehicle accident at the top of Tannery Hill at the intersection of River and Front streets.

The accident, which involved both Massachusetts and New Hampshire operators, temporarily blocked the section of Route 202 for one hour to allow Winchendon Fire & EMS to treat the victims, and have the vehicles removed to clear the road for travel.

Information provided by the police department indicated a 2013 Hyundai Sonata operated by Elaine Belawske of Spofford, NH stopped at the sign on School Street (Route 12) and then proceeded to turn left on to Front crashing into a 2001 Lexus ES operated by Kevin Suchocki of Winchendon. There were no injuries reported, and Belawske exercised her right to refuse treatment. The WPD reported Belawske was cited for failure to yield. Both vehicles were towed from scene by Brooks Automotive of Winchendon.

After the accident, the New Hampshire operator said, "I never saw the other vehicle coming. I was on my way to pick up my daughter at Logan

mv violations (School Street), advised officer; 8:51 p.m.: noise complaint (Elm Street), unable to locate; 9:22 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 9:37 p.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), unable to locate; 11:51 p.m.: suspicious person (Maple Street), spoken to.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:36 a.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), unable to locate; 2:37 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), secure; 2:44-3:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:36 a.m.: warrant check (Lakeview Drive), unable to locate; 8:46 a.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 9:11 a.m.: assist other PD (Alger Street); 10:21 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 11:03 a.m.: larceny (Whitney Street), report taken; 11:15 a.m.: threats (Central Street), report taken; 11:52 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 12:02 p.m.: transport (Elmwood Road); 12:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Mason Street), info taken; 12:26 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Spring Street), false alarm; 1:28 p.m.: suspicious mv (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 1:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Rice Road), services rendered; 2:20 p.m.: burglary/b&e (River Street), report taken; 3:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 3:19 a.m.: custody dispute (Willoughby Avenue), report taken; 3:59 p.m.: ambulance (Eagle Road), transported; 4:28 p.m.: investigation (Spruce Street), spoken to; 4:49 p.m.: animal abuse (Grove Street), unable to locate; 5:09 p.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 5:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), services rendered; 5:25 p.m.: summons service (Goodrich Drive), served; 6:30 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), report taken; 6:37 p.m.: info/general (Spring Street), spoken to; 6:40 p.m.: investigation (Court Street), unable to locate; 6:44 p.m.: investigation (Academy Street), unable to locate; 6:52 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 7:03 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), written warning; 7:36 p.m.: info/general (Water Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street), served; 8:03 p.m.: investigation (Mill Glen Road), services rendered; 8:56 p.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), services rendered; 9:16 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), services rendered; 9:48 p.m.: suspicious mv



Photos by Keith Kent

Airport who now doesn't have a ride home, and now I have to find a way to get her home."

As the 2013 Hyundai Sonata was Belawske's only vehicle, she explained she lived alone and had no way to get home. Winchendon Fire Department member Kyle Bradly who was attending the scene on-call, committed a random act of human kindness, and both offered and provided a ride home for the accident victim to Spofford, NH, a village of Chesterfield, on his own time to assist Belawske at her time of need.

Leaving the accident scene Belawske said, "I really want to thank both the Winchendon Police and Fire Departments. You're all very kind, and I thank you so much for all your help."

(Glenallan Street), advised officer; 10:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Banner Place), spoken to; 11:12 p.m.: accident (Oak Street), Scott Alan Craig, 47, 45 School Street, Winchendon, OUI liquor, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, negligent operation, arrest.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:24 a.m.: trespassing (Glenallan Street), secure; 6:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Railroad Street), services rendered; 7:12 a.m.: burglar alarm (Mellen Road), canceled; 7:58 a.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive), false alarm; 8:12 a.m.: harassment order service (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 8:34 a.m.: suspicious mv (Harvard Street), gone on arrival; 9:52 a.m.: larceny (School Street), report taken; 10:30 a.m.: property found (Sibley Road), assisted; 11:49 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lincoln Avenue), false alarm; 12:18 p.m.: larceny (School Street), report taken; 1:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 3:12 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), Joe Mendez-Olivares, 49, 57 Hyde Park Drive, Apt. C, Winchendon, breaking & entering a mv/boat in the daytime to commit a felony, larceny over \$250, report taken; 3:47 p.m.: ambulance (Colonial Lane), transported; 4:08 p.m.: accident (River Street), transported to hospital; 4:24 p.m.: burglar alarm (Alger Street), spoken to; 5:34 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), assisted; 8:15 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive), assisted; 10:20 p.m.: vandalism (Baldwinville Road), unable to locate; 9:08 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 10:12 p.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:30 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 12:36-12:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:48 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Ash Street), services rendered; 1:19-3:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:26 a.m.: illegal dumping (Russell Farm Road), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), unable to locate; 2:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Pinewood Drive), spoken to; 2:36 p.m.: investigation (Maynard Street), spoken to; 2:59 p.m.: fire alarm (School Street), referred to FD; 3:06 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 3:09 p.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), report taken; 3:13 p.m.: ambulance (Goodnow Road), transported; 4:14 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), referred to ACO; 4:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Otter River Road), referred to ACO; 4:25 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), info taken; 4:37 p.m.: illegal burn (River Street), referred to FD; 4:39 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 5:50 p.m.: investigation (Brown Street), spoken to; 6:56 p.m.: fire alarm (Summer Drive), referred to FD; 7:07

p.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road), referred to ACO; 7:09 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:30 p.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street), spoken to; 7:54 p.m.: accident (River Street), report taken; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (E. Monomonic Road), transported; 8:17 p.m.: unwanted party (Ready Drive), unable to locate; 11:55-11:57 p.m.: building checked, secure.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:11 a.m.: vandalism (Juniper Street), report taken; 1:12-3:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:44 a.m.: ambulance (School Street), transported; 9:09 a.m.: burglar alarm (Fourth Street), canceled; 9:13 a.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), referred to ACO; 9:51 a.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 11:16 a.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:01 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), transported; 12:31 p.m.: illegal burn (Glenallan Street), extinguished; 12:43 p.m.: investigation (Academy Street), services rendered; 12:47 p.m.: investigation (Court Street), services rendered; 1:56 p.m.: fire alarm (Forristall Road), services rendered; 2:23 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 2:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:30 p.m.: DPW call (Central Street), referred; 3:16 p.m.: illegal burn (Glenallan Street), extinguished; 3:23 p.m.: fire alarm (Old Centre), assisted; 3:30 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), referred; 4:09 p.m.: info/general (Maple Street), info given; 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lake Dennison), spoken to; 6:51 p.m.: illegal burn (Hale Street), extinguished; 7:46 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Juniper Street), secure; 8:00 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:01 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), Noah J. Gauthier, 27, 69 School Street, #2, Winchendon, number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, summons; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (Elm Street), assisted; 9:08 p.m.: DPW call (Summer Street), referred; 9:18 p.m.: intoxicated person (Glenallan Street), transported; 9:45 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 10:18 p.m.: mv repossession (Pleasant Street), info taken.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

1:04-1:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:17 a.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue Extension), spoken to; 1:26-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:42 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), property returned to owner; 7:43 a.m.: info/general (Murdock Avenue), info given; 8:07 a.m.: keep the peace (Brown Street), spoken to; 8:23 a.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 8:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:28 a.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:21 a.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street), served; 9:38 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:48 a.m.: summons service (Elmwood Road), unable to serve; 11:25 a.m.: assist citizen (Grove Street); 12:30 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), advised officer; 1:01 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive), report taken; 1:56 p.m.: summons service (Royalston Road North), served; 3:00 p.m.: accident (Green Street, Gardner), info taken; 3:40 p.m.: fraud (Central Street), report taken; 3:44 p.m.: civil complaint (Hill Street), report taken; 3:45 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Webster Street), services rendered; 3:52 p.m.: ambulance (Webster Street), transported; 4:00 p.m.: property found (Bosworth Road), services rendered; 4:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Road), referred to ACO; 4:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road), referred to ACO; 4:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 4:55 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Ash Street), spoken to; 5:00 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Central Street), services rendered; 5:49 p.m.: trespassing (Webster Street), report taken; 6:08 p.m.: mental health issue (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 6:18 p.m.: investigation (Sunset Court), report taken; 6:23 p.m.: missing person (Glenallan Street), report taken; 7:22 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), verbal warning; 7:59 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 9:04 p.m.: assist other PD (W. Monomonic Road), message delivered; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning.

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Reflecting on The Series



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The Dodgers won 104 regular season games, the Astros 101. Not since 1970 (the Brooks Robinson Series) when the Orioles beat the Reds have both World Series participants won over 100 games in the regular season. Think about that. 1970. 47 years ago. That's a long time. Heck, in 1970, six current teams (Marlins, D-Backs, Rockies, Rays, Mariners, Blue Jays) didn't even exist and four more were in just their second year of existence (Royals, Brewers nee Pilots, Padres and Expos) and even the Mets and Astros had been around for just eight years.

But is it surprising it's been that long? Not really. As the playoffs have expanded and par-

ticularly with the addition of the second wild card, the path through baseball's post season has become increasingly treacherous. That second wild card was a great idea because it assured continued interest in September in cities which otherwise would have no reason to pay much attention but sometimes it helped bring us a Series between two teams who merely happened to get hot at the right time. This year as last, though, the two best teams survived the gauntlet and while I don't think that's necessary every year, it's nice if it happens sometimes. Savor it when it does.

Meanwhile, it's hard to believe it's been 29 years since the Dodgers last appeared on the sport's grandest stage. These are, after all, the Dodgers. But yes, it has been that long since Kirk Gibson's famous home run propelled Los Angeles to the upset win over Oakland.

By the time this hits the streets, the first two games will already have been played

at Dodger Stadium. The Series shifts to Houston tonight (Friday). Weather is not a factor. That's another positive. As for the runners-up, the Yankees and Cubs will obviously be major contenders again in 2018. Who among us thinks NY will not be the AL East favorite? The more intriguing team might be the Nats since Bryce Harper will be in the last year of his contract. That, however is for next year. For now, baseball's best teams of 2017 are meeting for the title and we all should be okay with that even if a smaller percentage of people are watching than was the case decades ago.

There was after all a time when the World Series was in a category shared by only the Rose Bowl, heavyweight title fights and the Kentucky Derby. The Rose Bowl is now part of a playoff system. Who can name any of a bunch of multiple heavyweight champions? I sure can't. Racing has become a largely niche sport. I still cherish the Derby because I quite

literally grew up on the backstretches of Maryland's thoroughbred tracks, but the race no longer garners the attention it once did. World Series moments resonate through the decades in a way unique only to baseball - Ruth's called shot in 1932, Mays' catch in 1954, Fisk's homer in 1975, Puckett's in 1991. There are so many others.

And yet the Series too has lost some of its mystique. That's in part because we're a very different society than we once were and in part because the Fall Classic no longer has two traits which made it stand out. It, a) used to be played entirely in sunlight, usually at Yankee Stadium, and, b) it featured teams who knew very little about each other. Interleague play has changed that. Additionally, it's a million miles beyond insane that baseball's championship is determined under different rules depending on which team is at home. You tell me how that makes sense.

Game times? In 1971, the O's and Pirates played Game 5 at

old Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh in what was alleged to be a one-time-only night-time Series contest. Ha. Part of the charm and appeal was that the games were all played in the afternoon. I will bet that some of you reading this came home from school 50 years ago this month to see the last few innings when the Impossible Dream Red Sox played the Cardinals. Even weekend games are under the lights now, yes, in cold-weather cities in early November. I can't tell you the last time I saw an entire Series game. I'm trying to think. It's been a while for sure. I did see the 8th, 9th, and 10th innings of last year's seventh game finale but that was after I slept through most of the earlier action. I think I saw Jack Morris' gem for the Twins in 1991. But a whole Series game? Can't recall. When did you?

The times they have a-changed for sure. See you next week.

Blue Knights defeat Blue Devils

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

After coming off a tough loss two weeks ago to a powerful Maynard team, the Blue Devils returned home Friday night to host the Lunenburg Blue Knights

Last week was also the Murdock homecoming game, and they would try to pick up a win to stay in the playoff hunt. But the Knights would spoil Murdock's homecoming and come away with a 16-7 victory.

Murdock would win the coin toss and elected to receive to start their first possession at their own 46 yard line. They had a seven play drive to open up the game, it would last four minutes and 34 seconds. Lunenburg would take over on

downs in their own territory with a little over six minutes in the first quarter. It would remain at zero through that quarter, as Murdock and Lunenburg would head into the second quarter all knotted up.

The Blue Knights would then march into Devil territory in the second quarter and were knocking on the door to get into the end zone, but Lunenburg would cough up the football at the 10 yard line.

With under eight minutes to go in the half, the Blue Knights returned to the favor, recovering a Murdock fumble to take over at the Devil 13 yard line. The Devil defense wouldn't let the Knights get in the endzone, but Lunenburg's kicker would nail a 25 yard field goal attempt to take a 3-0 lead.

Lunenburg would strike again toward the end of the quarter, this time with a TD, to go up 9-0 with 2:01 remaining in the half.

Late in the third quarter, the Devils put together a 75 yard drive with runs by Sam Drake, and Logan Hawkins; James Anderson threw a pass to Steven Lemieux to get to the Knights 35 yard line.

To cap off the drive, Anderson found Joey Martorella in the endzone and a good extra point would make it 9-7.

Moving into the fourth quarter, the Blue Knights scored late with an insurance touchdown and the good extra point to take a 16-7 lead, which was the final score.

With the loss, Murdock fee to 2-5 on the season.

After the game, Coach Billy Wright said, "I thought we left everything on the field. Our kids played hard and just a couple of mistakes, a couple of mental mistakes — a couple of physical mistakes, and that's where we're at. You know we played hard, and that's the most important thing."

On playing West Boylston this week Wright said, "to beat West Boylston we have to play a perfect game, tackle every aspect of the game and I think our kids are up to the task. And we'll come out and battle with them and see where it lies."

That battle is tonight, as the Devils host the West Boylston Lions who are currently 5-2.

Lady Devils win... twice!

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — That elusive first win was a long time in coming this fall, but not only did the Murdock Lady Devils varsity soccer team beat Sizer 4-2, the feeling was so good they came back and edged Nashoba Tech as well, eking out a 2-1 triumph last week.

The week hadn't started as well with losses to Narragansett, the Lady Warriors tallying 73 seconds into the game and never looking back and to Trivium where the highlights consisted of co-captains Michaela Benedict and Maria Polcari each scoring and assisting on the other's goal. But then things turned around.

Sizer got the opening score 12 minutes into the game and while MHS kept the pressure on and had what appeared to be the tying goal disallowed, the Lady Devils did get the equalizer in the 19th minute when Katrina Yang tallied. Polcari's goal shortly before halftime gave Murdock the lead at the break.

Assisted by Lexi Pare and Marissa Losurdo, Polcari converted twice in the first ten minutes of the second half, earning herself a rare hat trick. Sizer added a score in the 67th minute but it was garbage time by then and MHS had its first victory of 2017.

Nashoba got the early lead in that contest and managed to hold on to a 1-0 advantage at the half but it didn't take long for Murdock to even things

up. Polcari got credit for the score but it was the work of Kaileen Dibble that made it possible as she drew the goalkeeper away from the net a mere 20 seconds into the second frame.

Gabby Cote scored what proved to be the game winner at the 47 minute mark and netminder Cassidy Stadtfeld was sterling while Benedict "kept the goal line clear," enthused coach Jason Marshall.

"It was an exciting match," said Marshall who awarded Player of the Match to Riya Patel "for sacrificing her body for the team."

Stadtfeld has been POM against 'Gansett and Kaitlyn Losurdo received the honor for the Trivium contest. Polcari did so for the Sizer game.

Senior night for field hockey

BY JON KAMINSKY
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On Monday October 23, the Murdock varsity girls' field hockey team stepped onto the field for senior night.

Hosting North Brookfield under the lights at Murdock High School, the team was looking for a win for the seniors as they were playing in their final home game. The lone goal was scored by Lindsey Smith of Murdock and was assisted by her twin sister Emily Smith.

The six seniors playing in their final home game were Anna Dexter, Alia Leblanc, Tiana Taylor, Haley Desjean, Hanna Knowlton, and Molly Murphy.

Jinn makes New England swimming Top Ten



Courtesy photo

Timothy Jinn with 2016 USA Olympian and American Record Holder in the 1500 freestyle, Connor Jaeger.

NEWTON — Toy Town's, Timothy Jinn, who is a sophomore and highest honors student at Murdock High School, was recently honored by New England Swimming for achieving "Top Ten Swimmer" for the 2016-17 swim season. Jinn is ranked sixth in the men's 13-14 age group for the 1650 yard freestyle with an end season time of 16:58.91.

At the completion of the short course yard season, Jinn took off a total of 18.11 seconds. As a true competitive freestyler, Jinn also ranked 12th in the 1000 yard freestyle (10:15.76), 17th for the 500 yard freestyle (4:58.30), and 26th overall in the 200 yard freestyle (1:50.60).

Jinn received his award by this year's banquet speaker, USA Olympian Connor Jaeger. Jaeger, a distance swimmer, won a silver medal at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in the

the 1500 meter freestyle event. It was fitting that Jinn received his award as a top distance swimmer, by the American record holder and the world's second fastest male distance swimmer.

Adding to Jinn's resume of accomplishments, Jinn achieved his first New England Senior Championship qualifying time in the 1650 yard freestyle during the New England Short Course yard Age Group Championships at Boston University in March. Jinn's swim goals for the year were to acquire as many qualifying times for the upcoming 2017 Senior Championship to be held Dec. 14-17th at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

After a two week break in August, Jinn returned to the Spaulding pool at Keene State College where he trains six days a week, three hours per day with his Greenwood Swimming teammates. Jinn is focusing not only training in the

pool, but also on the dry side, where his coaches are building on strength and core training. With having competed in two meets thus far, Jinn has acquired additional senior qualifying times in

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Dorothy LaBarge and Nancy Wilcox are seen covering and taping off Clyde's front left leg for painting.



Brian Spaulding meticulously paints the tail.

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and even wind driven sand or debris. Clyde was also temporarily moved and proudly featured several years ago on a trailer in the Winchendon 250th Anniversary parade by popular request.

Both the elements and even children and teenagers seen inappropriately climbing on Clyde have taken their toll on the fiberglass body, which is supported by an inner frame, and paint was no longer the only issue. As Clyde and his combined assembly weighs 2,740 lbs., over 20 cracks in the body documented by photographs where shown by Dorothy LaBarge, wife of Sherman, with some surface cracks measuring between 2 and 3 feet in length down the outer rear legs.

Serious attention was now needed, or external failure would be imminent. This also prompted those working on the restoration project to discuss possibly proposals of how to better protect Clyde in the future from physical damage including signs and other options. Additionally, the plaque previously mounted facing the split between School and Front Streets has been relocated so not to be used as a foot step for those looking to climb on top of Toy Town's favorite horse.

The LaBarges may now live in Fryeburg, ME, but that didn't stop them for one minute from returning to Winchendon to work on the project from Monday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, Oct. 21 with their friends. Sherman, who was vested in the project from the very beginning of Clyde's creation nearly three decades past, and listening to LaBarge generates the feeling nothing would have stopped him from coming to Clyde's aid.

Starting with the base and supporting frame, Dan Lambert of Winchendon painted the foundation. Next, Sherman and company carefully filled every single crack in the fiberglass body with resin, which once dried needed to be sanded down.

Now with painting beginning, every aspect of the body could receive the attention needed by both LaBarge and



Wally Willcox helps remove and relocated the plaque to a safer place.

fellow volunteer Brian Spaulding.

Spaulding, at 59 years of age, is one of the youngest of the group, as Nancy, Dorothy, and Wally are all 78 years old each. Sherman who is now an octogenarian, could be regularly seen over 10 feet up in the air standing on two ladders at once.

If anybody thinks senior citizens have little to offer, they may want to think again as this dedicated group of five alone combined equaling 373 years in age worked together like a highly productive well oiled machine that would have given any group of young men and women a run for their money.

Wally Willcox could be seen bouncing back and forth to stores for supplies. Willcox joked, "I am the gopher. If they need it, I go get it. I go for this and I go for that. It's my job to go!" with a jovial smile.

In total, between the LaBarges, Willcoxes, Spaulding, Lambert, and Cartee, over 250 volunteer service project hours were donated to make Clyde look good as new.

Painting the horse's hooves and stirrups, to the saddle, and body, including plenty of time consuming covering and taping off by Dorothy and Nancy, it was discovered the project's story was only just unfolding as it took a distant twist.

Nancy Willcox's daughter Kelley Conaway, who lives in Texas, is a past



A finished Clyde! From left to right, volunteers Brian Spaulding, Dorothy LaBarge, Sherman LaBarge, Nancy Willcox, and Wally Willcox. Not seen in photo are Dan Lambert who worked on the base, and Vicki Cartee who assisted with pin striping.

Toy Town resident, and 1981 graduate of Murdock High School. Conaway, with her husband Jon, showed true love for both her mother and original home town, stepping up and paying it forward making a generous donation of \$5,000 to the project.

Recently, an additional \$5,000 in funds were approved after recommendation to the BOS to assist in providing for Clyde's long term care and maintenance, which was made via an approved donation from the Morton Converse Fund with its recent dispersal of funds after a century of accumulation.

Conaway was asked what the primary motivation was in donating thousands of dollars to the restoration cause.

Conaway said, "My mother and her husband Wally love Winchendon as we do, and I certainly love the horse my Uncle Sherman created, and we really wanted to help support its restoration. My mother was saying how the horse needed repair and it was on her mind. I said, 'Well we can hopefully help out with that and hopefully relieve her.'

We were proud to do it for both Clyde and the town. It means a lot to all of us."

"The inspiration for our donation came from my mother Nancy, and my Uncle Sherman who made the horse. It's part of the family. My stepfather Wally has been sending me a lot of pictures of how the project coming along, and I love seeing it and wish I was there actually helping out," said Conaway.

Conaway closed with, "Those people who are there with my mother doing all the work inspire others, and that is also where my inspiration comes from, knowing they are all stepping up and volunteering. I left Winchendon in 1983 two years after I graduated from high school, and Winchendon is still very much in my heart."

From a designer and uncle now a vibrant 80 years young, to a niece who lives nearly 2,000 miles away; over time some families gain new members no matter if a person or pet. In this case, there is clearly an additional family member. He is a large handsome fellow, and his name is Clyde.

POT

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manner of the sale of marijuana, whether it's in one area, another area, or we do an overlay district. So, those are the thoughts behind having a moratorium, so that we can get our ducks in a row and get our laws in place."

"I think you've covered it pretty well," said Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy. "We just don't have time to respond to any of their regulations. They (the CCC), met for the first time today. So, we have

not inkling of whether the regulations they'll adopt will be enough. Maybe they will be – but what if they're not? We're just buying a little time by a moratorium."

"Right now, the way the law is drawn," Corbosiero interjected, "it just stops (cannabis retailers) from being any closer than 500 feet from a school, playground, or recreation area. Otherwise, that's the only limitation the law itself imposes. Now, the Cannabis Control Commission might put other regulations on it, but we just don't know."

Corbosiero also noted that most communities that have

enacted moratoriums have put them in place until Dec. 31, 2018.

"The board here felt we could get our rules and regulations in place by the annual town meeting, which will take place in May."

John Coderre, owner of the Stateline Auction building on Spring Street/Route 12 North, asked if the board was currently looking at specific areas where the sale of pot would be restricted.

Corbosiero responded the moratorium would give the town time to weigh such restrictions.

"At our meeting on the first

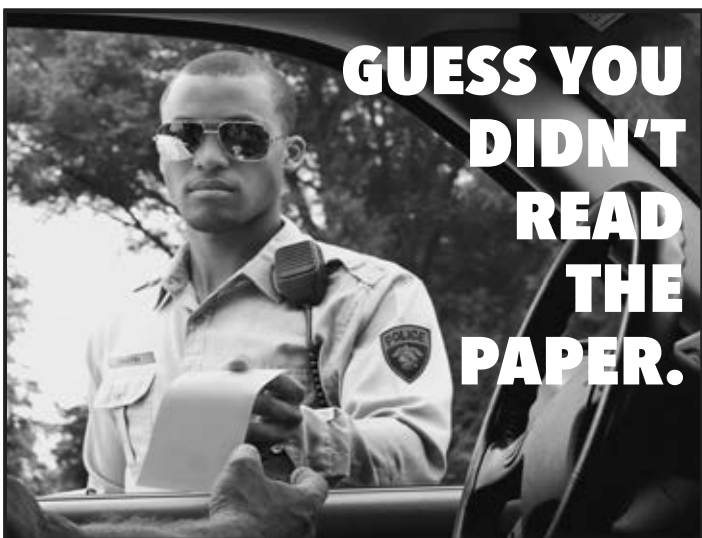
Tuesday in December, we'll probably have a hearing on that," he said. "Then, hopefully, we'll have three or four meetings and a charrette to take input on that. This is just a moratorium to allow us to go through that process."

"I just wonder if this will delay the opening of such businesses," said Coderre. "It just seems a little vague, where it's setting up restrictions on such businesses where it may not be fair to the businesses that are trying to set up, giving other towns a competitive edge."

Coderre also asked why the board chose the date of June 30 to end the moratorium.

"That was my motion to do that," said board member Bob O'Keefe. "Our next town meeting, after the upcoming fall town meeting, will be in May. So, why would need to wait until December 31? I proposed June 30 as being the shortest time to get us where we need to get to. April 1 is the soonest someone can apply to the state. I'm saying July 1 is when someone could apply to the town."

The question of the moratorium is Article 12 on the warrant of the upcoming town meeting. The meeting on Monday, Nov. 13 will begin at 7 p.m. in the Murdock High School auditorium.



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A vintage gospel band... and dinner!

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — On Oct. 15 the Kempters visited and performed a gospel concert at the United Parish.

This is a family band from Alabama who are on a New England concert tour. The family members are Chaz Kempter, guitar; Nathan Kempter, bass; Danielle Kempter, keyboard; Joanna Kempter, mandolin; Chris Kempter, violin, and Charli Kempter, drums.

To start the evening the Kempters began with "I Saw the Light." Other songs included "Ain't No Grave," "Watering Stranger," "Let it Shine," "Amazing Grace," "Hallelujah," "Devil Went Down..." "Purple Stain," "Will the Circle be Unbroken," "Grandpa," and "How Great Thou Art."

To wrap up the evening, they did the National Anthem.

Tonight, the Kempters continue their tour at Taunton at 7 p.m. and on Oct. 21 they will be in East Bridgewater.

The evening at United Parish included a meal, with free will donation.



Chris Martin photo

The Kempters perform at the United Parish

LeBlanc honored for student mentorship

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — Murdock High School health teacher Chris LeBlanc was among the honorees last Friday at the United Way Youth Venture Fall kick-off, receiving the “Ally of the Year” award for his work on Project Blue Hands. That’s the Youth Venture project created by Hannah Turner after seeing a documentary in LeBlanc’s class about teen mental health issues.

“I honestly wouldn’t have

been able to do anything without him. He definitely deserves the award,” said Turner.

LeBlanc however, saw it differently.

“All the credit goes to Hannah. She’s been relentless. Amazing. We saw the film and then she came up to me and told me she had friends who had suffered from mental health issues, and she wanted to do a mental health walk, and that’s how it got started.

That’s how Hannah saw it at first, but Kris Provost (MHS Youth Venture faculty cham-

pion) got wind of it and so it became a Youth Venture project.

“We gave Hannah the Youth Venture packet, told her there was funding available to spread the word so she would come into my room every day and we’d come up with ideas, she would come up with ideas and the blue hands and the posters went up. She put together the presentation with help from Marissa Losurdo and they got a \$600 check to finance the project,” recalled LeBlanc.

“The idea,” he contin-

ued, “was to make Murdock a place kids want to be. We, she, wanted to show we are united behind each other. We all wanted to improve the culture here. We are a family,” stressed LeBlanc.

He’s been teaching at MHS for a decade and was the varsity baseball coach until his family began growing. With young kids in the house, it’s hard to make time to coach, though LeBlanc did say he hopes to return to the dugout when his children are older.

But that’s down the road. For

now, he’s happy to be a part of Youth Venture.

“There’s still a stigma about mental illnesses. Kids need to understand it’s okay, it’s important, to seek help. It’s important this is a safe school environment. I’m honored to get this award because there are a lot of impressive allies out there. I haven’t done anything special,” he insisted.

“Hannah’s the one doing special things. I got this because of what she’s doing,” asserted LeBlanc.

Concert Series continues in Fitzwilliam

Our November concert on the 5th at 3 pm will feature “A Musically Colorful Fall Flurry” from Cedar Tree Flutes with guest flutist Angelica Monroe and piano accompaniment from Deborah Wells Nunes.

Cedar Tree Flutes will be entertaining you with some unique romantic-style, yet early 20th century composed flute trios written by Alexander Tcherepnin, Jean-Michael Damase and Laszlo Zemleni. They will also be playing some unusual arrangements of music by Faure, Saint-Saens, Delibes and Vivaldi for two flutes and piano. Cedar Tree Flutes consists of Beth Anne (Elizabeth) West and Carmen Buckley Reynolds. They are joined in this concert by Angelica Monroe, who is currently in her final year of studies at Keene State College, and by well-known regional pianist, Deborah Wells Nunes.

West has studied flute at Juilliard Prep in NYC and has a BMus in flute performance from Oberlin

Conservatory under flute professor Robert Willoughby. She currently plays in New England Flute Orchestra of Indian Hill Music and Keene Chamber Orchestra. She lives and teaches flute in the Monadnock Region.

Reynolds has a BA in flute performance from University of Maine at Orono. She has been a freelance musician throughout New England for over 25 years. She has played in Monadnock Flutes, Keene State College Flute Ensemble and Keene Chamber Orchestra. Her teachers and master-class teachers have included Paula Robison, Robert Dick and Julis Baker. She continues to study the low flute family and enjoys blending the classical styles of Eastern and Western music. She teaches in her home studio as well as at Elm City Music in Keene, NH.

Monroe is a guest flutist with Cedar Tree Flutes at this concert. She is currently in her final year of studies as flute performance as well as a chem-

istry major, studying at Keene State College. Her current flute studies are with Robin Matathias and she has also studied with Jennifer Grimm from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Molly Tobin from Ithaca College and Lisa Carlson from St. Johnsbury, VT. She is a requested piccolo player and flutist with The National Community Band which tours nationwide under the baton of Col. John Bourgeois, director emeritus of the U.S. Marine Band. We are happy to have her among our musicians for this concert.

We are also happy to have Nunes with us as our pianist for this concert. Nunes is a well-known regional pianist who began classical piano lessons at age 7 and started her accompanying and organist career several years later, continuing through high school and college. Since moving to Royalston 22 years ago she has accompanied a wide variety of musical organizations, including Keene Chorale,

Waldorf School, New Hampshire Dance Institute, and Grand Monadnock Youth Choruses. She served as music director at Keene Unitarian Universalist Church and organist at Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church. Nunes also enjoyed playing accordion with a local Oompah Band and contra dance band. She is an honorary Fitzwilliam resident, having played a number of years at their annual Christmas tree lighting! She currently continues playing for NHDI and is organist at Fitzwilliam Community Church. She is a graduate of Lasell College and Framingham State University.

We look forward to seeing you all at the concert. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program. There will also be a reception with lots of good food downstairs after the concert so you can fraternize with the performers.

Winchendon Auxiliary supports Soldier’s Wish



Courtesy photo

The presentation was made at the Eastern Division Caucus at the Reno-Tahoe Convention Center to Mark Ochsenbein of Soldiers Wish. Pictured with Coral Grout and Ochsenbein is Debra Barber, National Executive Committeewoman from the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts.

RENO, NV — Coral May Grout, on behalf of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #193 of Winchendon recently presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Soldier’s Wish at the 97th American Legion Auxiliary Convention. Members of the Unit raised \$1,000 through the “Run for the Roses” held at the American Legion in May. The members of American Legion Post #193 matched the profits with an additional \$1,000.

The mission of Soldier’s Wish is to identify unmet needs of veterans of military service regardless of branch or rank and to identify and provide resources to meet those needs by providing needed support directly to the

veteran service members and/or their families in order that the service members may lead normal and productive lives. Soldier’s Wish also educates the public about the needs of the veterans and active duty communities and encourages the public to participate in meeting the needs of veterans and active duty by volunteering and other means. Recent wishes granted to veterans include purchasing an automobile for a disabled veteran, assisting a Gold Star Mother in locating her grandchildren, providing a wheelchair for a paralyzed veteran, and purchasing computers for a veteran and his son.

American Legion Auxiliary

members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation’s veterans, military, and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization, ALA volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. To learn more about the ALA’s mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

A self...ish idea

We have had a thought, you need to tell us whether it is a good one or a bad one.

Selfies.

They are ubiquitous. It seems the age of duck lips and narrowed eyes has been here for a while now, but that’s not quite what we mean.

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It’s just for fun of course, but that old 15 minutes of fame thing? That’s what this is...sort of.

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across the country to benefit from our distinctive approaches and methodology. Such an approach will benefit all students and faculty, and also help us create a stronger Winchendon School for many decades. Just imagine if there was not only our flagship campus in Massachusetts but also a series of campuses across the country, educating not just the current, small student body, but hundreds or even thousands of students each year. The opportunities for every member of this extended Winchendon School community should be very compelling. Accordingly, we plan to open

our first satellite campus in Brooklyn, NY in September of 2018. That new campus will incorporate all of our core beliefs, methods and programs - with some minor modifications for the day school setting. Our goal is to open at +/-40 students, and then build to a total enrollment of ~200 students under Sean Duncan's leadership. We want to be clear that a vibrant boarding school community in Winchendon is absolutely essential to the success of this satellite strategy. The team in Winchendon will provide everything from curriculum and professional development, to administrative and financial services, to admissions and development operations, to college counseling and HR

support for the satellite operations. We expect little change at the core of the Winchendon campus for students other than a stronger applicant pool in the coming years. There should be nothing but upside for both the students and adults here at our flagship campus. In the near term, there will be changes in three leadership roles, all of which more accurately reflect the way that the School has operated over the last year or so. This past weekend at their annual meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the extension of John Kerney's contract through 2023. As of October 1, John will assume the newly created position of CEO. In this role, he will continue to lead the overall Winchendon School organization. John will

be splitting his time between the Winchendon campus and the satellite initiative. This shift allows for the naming of Laurie Lambert as the Head of School for Winchendon's Massachusetts campus. Laurie has effectively been training for this position for the last three decades. The culture, morale and environment that she has created on our campus over the last two years is clear evidence that she is the best person to lead our flagship operations. And, as referenced earlier, long-time faculty member Sean Duncan will be the Founding Head of School of the Winchendon School's Brooklyn campus. Sean has played a key role in a number of our most important new initiatives over

the last decade, and it is only fitting that he take "point" on this new strategy. We are sure that you will have lots of questions. The best place to start is at brooklyn.winchendon.org. We will also be holding a special session late Saturday morning of Family Weekend so that we can share more details on plans and the next steps forward for The Winchendon School. If you would like to learn more but are unable to attend that meeting, please send John an email at jkerney@winchendon.org. We look forward to your feedback and thoughts. Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum (No steps backwards), Glenn Hunt, *President - Board of Trustees* John Kerney, *Head of School*

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improvements and get the state to do this work under a Transportation Improvement Plan. The parallel part to this which was discovered is that there are two sections on each the Winchendon and Gardner sides of Route 140 nearly the same length which are actually still owned by each municipality and not the state." The Winchendon section is 1.18 miles, and stretches from the beginning of Gardner Road at the traffic lights and Salvador Jeep dealership, ending at Teel Road if traveling southerly. "For whatever historical reasons this agreement with both towns still stands and my office has been working with both Gardner and Winchendon to get the state to take ownership of all of Route 140. Gardner has already voted for this, and we are working with Winchendon to do the same, and my office has been leading this in coordina-

tion with the DPW directors of the two towns. The process of getting the state to take ownership of those sections of road will take several years to happen" said Zlotnik. Zlotnik explained he and his office has been in contact with Mass DOT to begin increasing communications with the public as to the status of the project, where it stands, and what is going on. "I totally understand the people's frustration, and a big part of it is that Route 140 is the main drag between Gardner and Winchendon, and Route 2. It gets a lot of traffic. The second component of this is had this just been a resurfacing, the lines would have been painted right away, but because the safety improvements is another different crew, you have to coordinate two schedules which is the answer that my office has been getting about the delays." Both Zlotnik and the press received the same email update from Mass DOT communications. Center line work, line painting for both travel and break

downs lanes, along with removing old pavement markings is being addressed by work crews. New pavement markings, the installation of rumble strips, and sections of reflective center-line stanchions will continue throughout the fall season. Mass Dot also stated revisions to catch basins and adding slotted pavement markers will be part of the work. Also addressing communications Zlotnik said, "I certainly think DOT should have been more upfront. If they had informed the public that the resurfacing is being done in July, but the safety improvements are not being done until October, and we are not going to spend money on painting lines that are just going to get torn up, if DOT had just said that in the beginning it could have prevented a lot of misunderstanding and frustration for the public. I certainly think DOT needs to be more communicative with the towns its working in, as these things are major disruptions." Zlotnik again spoke of communication with the public saying, "People

should really feel free to contact both me and my office. Even if it's something that we don't really deal with, we will work to get them pointed in the right direction. We are always happy to help, but it helps if you go through official channels such as email or a phone call. We don't have the resources to sift through all the social media sites." "Again, I understand the people's frustrations. My office is there for you if needed. Please call, fax, or email me. If you reach out to me on social media, and I am not tagged or you're not listed as a friend, I will most likely not even know if something has happened" said Zlotnik. Zlotnik closed with, "Mass Congresswoman Niki Tsongas to me said it best with we are only as good as the stories people tell us." If you need to contact State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik, you can call him at State House Room 26 by phone at (617) 722-2080, fax him at (617) 722-2339, or email him at Jon.Zlotnik@Mahouse.gov.

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the 200 yard freestyle and the 1000 yard freestyle. Jinn will certainly add the 50, 100, 500 yard freestyle, and the 100 yard backstroke at his last meet prior to December. Jinn's goals for this season is to improve his techniques off his turns, improve his race pace for his distance and sprint events, and to next qualify for the Speedo Sectionals championships in Buffalo, NY in his distance events. Jinn, has been a USA competitive swimmer since the age of eight, and has learned

how to manage his sports and academics. Like his brother, Brandon, who is now a junior at Tuft's University and is a collegiate swimmer on the men's swim and dive team, Jinn is also successful both in the pool and in the classroom, and is looking forward to competitively swimming in college. Jinn and his brother, both have the talent as strong competitive, distance swimmers, but Jinn also possesses the talent for the sprinting events, like the 50, 100, and 200 yard freestyle. It should be quite exciting for Jinn when he becomes a junior next fall, and the college recruiting process begins.

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To:
Scott M. Berube, Michelle M. Berube; and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, 14-16 School Square, given by Scott M. Berube and Michelle M. Berube to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, dated December 8, 2000, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23301, Page 311, 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 November 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 October 13, 2017. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201706-0064-TEA October 27, 2017

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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**17 SM 005295
ORDER OF NOTICE**
To:
Randy E. Hartwell and Paulette A. Hartwell and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §3901 et seq.: Citibank, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 296 Teel Road, given by Randy E. Hartwell and Paulette A. Hartwell to Citibank N.A. , dated December 18, 2006, and recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40578, Page 339, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determina-

tion of 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 NOV 27 2017 or you may 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 OCT 12 2017. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder October 27, 2017



LEGALS

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 John P. Murphy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 19, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 46634, Page 302, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc. to Matrix Financial Services Corporation dated April 19, 2016 and recorded with said registry on April 26, 2016 at Book 55239 Page 126 and by assignment from Matrix Financial Services Corporation to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC dated October 20, 2016 and recorded with said registry on October 26, 2016 at Book 56193 Page 75, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 108 ROYALSTON ROAD NORTH, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the southerly side of Royalston Road North in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner at a drill hold in a stone wall in the southerly line of Royalston Road North at a corner of Lot “A-3” 1,918.33 feet to an iron pin at land of William E. & Lorette J. Gaydos;

Thence N 45 degrees 07’ 16” W. by Gaydos land 201.20 feet to an iron pin at Lot “A-5” on aforementioned plan; Thence N 09 degrees 14’ 54” E. by Lot “A-5” 1,723.59 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall in the southerly line of Royalston Road North; Thence N 76 degrees 14’ 54” E. partially by a stone wall and the southerly line of Royalston Road North 187.24 feet to a drill hole in the end of another stone wall;

Thence N 79 degrees 44’ 34” E. by a stone wall and the southerly line of Royalston Road North 12.76 feet to a still hole at Lot “A-3” and the place of beginning.

Being shown as Lot “A-4” on a plan entitled “Plan of Lots Prepared for Nathan J. Olson, Winchendon, MA, Scale 1 inch = 100 feet, September 25, 2000, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, Jolly Road, South Royalston, MA” recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 762, Plan 100.

For mortgagor’s title reference see deed from John P. Murphy and Crystal Murphy recorded at said registry of deeds on October 12, 2007 in book 41923 Page 336.

For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41923, Page 336.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC
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By its Attorneys,
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October 20, 2017
October 27, 2017
November 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 Stephen P. Lafrennie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corp, its successors and assigns, dated July 12, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41474, Page 326 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50167, Page 385, subsequently assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51882, Page 121 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Bayview Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56675, Page 106; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on November 3, 2017 at 22 Woodlawn Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Northerly part of the village in Winchendon, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING at a stake and stones at the Northeast corner of the lot at the junction of the streets laid out by W. H. Tucker, now known as Woodlawn and Cedar Streets; thence Southerly on the West line of Woodlawn Street five (5) rods to a stake and stones; thence Westerly eight and 44/100 (8.44) rods to a stake and stones; thence Northerly five (5) rods to a stake and stones on the South line of Cedar Street; thence Easterly on line of Cedar Street eight and 44/100 (8.44) rods to the place of beginning. This instrument creates no new boundaries. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises convey to me by deed of Virginia Sibley, Executor u/w of Heidi Lafrennie, dated July 12, 2007, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 41474, Page 324.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
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16-013877
October 13, 2017
October 20, 2017
October 27, 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 Kristopher A. Wyson to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated November 15, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35067, Page 138 ; 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 12:00 PM on November 17, 2017 at 260 Alger Street aka 694 Alger Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the Northerly side of Hitchcock Road and the Easterly line of Alger Street, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot “6” on a plan entitled: “Plan of Land Surveyed for James L. Girard, Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1” =50’, January 4, 1984, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440” recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 571, Plan 86, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeasterly corner thereof, at a point on a stone wall in the Northerly line of Hitchcock Road at a corner of other land now or formerly of James L. Girard, and being shown as Lot “7” on said plan; THENCE North 69° 07’ 10” West, by a stone wall and said road line, 138.57 feet to a drill hole at the northeasterly intersection of said Hitchcock Road with the easterly line of Alger Street; THENCE North 5° 38’ 02” East, by the easterly line of said Alger Street; 186.99 feet to a corner of other land of the first mentioned Girard and being shown as Lot “1 0” on said plan; THENCE South 84° 21’ 58” East, by said Lot “10” 200.00 feet to a corner of the first mentioned Lot “7”; THENCE South 22° 09’ 46” West, by said Lot “7” 233.06 feet to the northerly line of Hitchcock Road and the point of beginning. Lot 6 contains 34,842 square feet according to said plan. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, covenants, agreements and notations set forth or referred on the aforesaid plan, and of record, if any there by, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed recorded herewith, Book 35067 Page 136.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
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October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Gary M. Tusia and Angelic M. Tusia to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., dated May 9, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 30063, Page 352 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Chase Bank USA, National Association f/k/a Chase Bank Manhattan USA, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55423, Page 362 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, in Trust for Registered Holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55423, Page 366; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on November 17, 2017 at 76 Krantz Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWN OF WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 26297, PAGE 369, ID# 32-17, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 63, SANDY HEIGHTS, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 667, PAGE 97 RECORDED 01/05/1993. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM RIDGEMONT PROPERTIES INC. AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 26297 PAGE 369 DATED 04/01/2002 AND RECORDED 04/02/2002, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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

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U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4
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