

## Town accepting Templeton customers at transfer station

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The town of Templeton has sent letters to its residents to spread the word the town of Winchendon is accepting Templeton residents with the option to become customers at the Winchendon Transfer Station.

In the two sided letter, which doubled as a meals tax flyer and transfer station availability notice, residents received information which in part read as, "The town of Winchendon

now allows residents and taxpayers from Templeton to use its transfer station located at 653 River Street in Winchendon."

Explaining Templeton residents will be charged identical prices as Winchendon residents the letter adds, "Users must obtain and affix a transfer station permit (\$50/year) to their windshield and dispose of refuse in a Town of Winchendon Bag. A 33-gallon bag is \$4.00 per bag and a 16-gallon bag is \$2.00 per bag. These are sold singly or in packages

of ten."

While the letter does not say if Templeton residents can purchase a second sticker for an additional vehicle at their residence, a call to the Winchendon DPW office confirmed the answer of "yes, it's all the same."

The letter closes stating, "The Templeton Board of Selectmen thanks the Winchendon Board of Selectmen for this generous regional sharing opportunity and encourages all Templeton residents and taxpayers to consider using the Winchendon

facility where it proves beneficial to them in comparison to other more costly alternatives to prepare disposal."

While the towns of Winchendon and Templeton are currently not regionalized under one town manager, the Templeton letter confirms regional sharing with the transfer station.

When asked if this regional sharing of the Winchendon Transfer Station will help increase revenue to the town of Winchendon, Town Manager Keith Hickey replied,

"Offering Templeton residents to the transfer station will increase revenues to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund allowing Winchendon to minimize or eliminate the need to increase the cost of trash bags in the future."

And based on Templeton's populations of roughly 8,300 residents, would that increased revenue mean already projected plans, but Hickey replied, "There are no projections at this point. Any additional

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Greg Vine photo

Winchendon's Dept. of Public Works took possession of its new truck on Tuesday of this week. The lease-to-purchase of the \$225,000 vehicle was approved at the annual town meeting in May 2017. The truck arrived just in time to be put into service for the mid-week snowfall.

## Planning Board pushes ahead with pot rules

BY GREG VINE  
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Winchendon's Planning Board continues to wrestle with a proposed zoning bylaw to govern the cultivation and sale of marijuana in town. At its meeting Tuesday night, the board took a look at a revised draft bylaw, which included changes made in an initial proposal considered by its members.

One change in the original draft would allow the granting authority to set hours of operation for any business seeking a special permit to open a cannabis sales establishment. The first draft had set hours of operation at 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A paragraph was also added that would

require any marijuana operation established in an area zoned R80 to sit on a lot of at least five acres.

Planning Agent Chantell Fleck said the space restriction was added "to make sure, if it's like a farming operation, to have it correlate with what's required for farms. They're usually five acres or more. So that was the thinking behind that, for open cultivation."

Maple Street resident Rick Lucier, who lives in an R80 district, asked if cultivation operations would include greenhouses.

"Maple Street is allegedly residential and commercial," he said, "because N&R Trophy

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## Ever changing weather keeps DPW busy

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Wild swings in New England's winter weather can lurch public works crews from one task to another pretty quickly. Such has been the case over the past week.

Last Friday, rising temperatures and heavy rains caused minor flooding on some local roadways and taxed the capacity of Winchendon's wastewater treatment plant on River Street. Public Works Director Al Gallant said the plant, which has a daily design capacity of 1.1 million gallons, was inundated with five million gallons of water last Friday and Saturday.

"The system is not designed to handle that kind of vol-

ume," said Gallant. "We had to fill all of our tanks. They were all full. I had to have two men on site. The chief operator was there all weekend."

The plant has two primary and two secondary tanks which hold nearly 230,000 gallons each.

"We have to capture it, treat it, and let it go out," said Gallant. "We can easily handle a million gallons a day, but when you get as high as five million it creates a problem."

Adding to the problem, said Gallant, may be sump pumps that empty directly into the municipal sewer system.

"They're not supposed to discharge directly into the

sewers," he said. "They can empty onto the property-owner's property, but not into the system."

Gallant said his department has rented six cameras which will be snaked through the sewer system sometime in the spring to determine which areas of the town's drainage system are responsible for the most problems. The work will take about 10 weeks at a cost of \$60,000.

"We could end up putting smoke into the system," he said. "That smoke will end up in houses with sump pumps improperly tied into our sewers. They create an unnecessary strain on the system. We'll then be able to ask the owners to disconnect

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## Route 140 issues continue; but Zlotnik involved

BY KEITH KENT  
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After a nearly 6 month long project during the summer and fall of 2017 to update and install safety improvements to address both speeding and high accident rates, many dividers known as stanchions have been torn up by plowing operations. And the number continues to increase with every storm. Replacement costs of each is at least \$140 plus installation.

The questions were endless as to when the project would be completed, many are now again taking to electronic social media sites asking why the stanchions are being torn up and laying alongside Route 140 citing new safety concerns. Damage has occurred all the way to the very end of the safety improvement update project, which ends at Betty Spring Road intersection at the Gardner-Westminster town line.

The public relations offices of MassDOT were made aware in late December Gardner Road end was missing 12 of the nearly 150 stanchions for an 8 percent loss, Green Street in Gardner extending to the MWCC exit was missing six, with the city of Gardner sections Green Street missing six, the next section extending from Green Street to the Pearl Street and Route 101 intersection missing 10, and the final section from Route 101 intersection to Betty Spring Road also then missing an additional 10.

The press office was asked where the companies that installed the stanchions contracted were held accountable, whether plow trucks contracted were in any way accountable, whether there were reimbursements for losses and whether MassDOT would be replacing the missing stanchions by either their own crews or hiring contractors.

Patrick Marvin of the MassDOT public relations office asked for time to investigate and answer the questions.

Both the Boston office of Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and state Representative, Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) were also notified and asked the same questions.

Zlotnik who was highly involved and worked diligently on the project, replied via email, "Unfortunately it seems like there are real issues with the work that has been done. I think the Chiefs made a case that safety improvements were desperately needed on the road, so we have to keep that as a priority but obviously we also need to stay vigilant with MADOT to make sure that they don't shrug off the continuing issues we're having. I think it's clear that not only are there still other issues with the road in general that need to be addressed long term, more work needs to be done to sure up what's already there."

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## Baker is running... but no official statement made

BY JERRY CARTON  
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Governor Charlie Baker has made it clear he's running for a second term this year though there's no scheduled date for an official candidacy announcement.

Baker revealed on Twitter just before Christmas he will keep Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito as his running mate.

"We've accomplished a lot

together but there's more work to do," the governor tweeted.

Jim Conroy, one of Baker's senior aides, said, "the governor and lieutenant governor remain focused on the bipartisan work they were elected to do," but declined to set a specific date for the ticket to enter the race.

Though Democrats hold a statewide registration edge and hold both US Senate seats as well as all House of

Representative seats, the Republican governor has remained popular across all demographics since his narrow (48%-46%) 2014 victory over Attorney General Martha Coakely. Baker has often distanced himself from President Donald Trump on a number of issues including health care, where he opposed the failed effort to

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Getting an inch of snow is like winning 10 cents in the lottery.

- Bill Watterson

# COURIER CAPSULES

## GOBI OFFICE HOURS

Tyler Wolanin, district aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of January. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov, or call at (508) 641-3502. Appointments are strongly encouraged in this winter season so that information on cancellations can be shared. Town groupings are not restricted to residents of those towns. He will be at Winchendon Town Hall Monday, Jan. 22, 2-3 p.m.

## SUPER BOWL MEAT RAFFLE

On Friday, Feb. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. Winchendon Lions Club hosts its annual Super Bowl meat raffle at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. 20 rounds at four chances per round, gifts for your Super Bowl party; 50/50, lobster raffle, door prize. Free food while it lasts. Come support the Lions!

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that Kaitlyn Morris of

Templeton, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

BANGOR, ME — Templeton resident, Timothy J. Thebeau, has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester. Thebeau is a graduate student who is currently enrolled in Husson's Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration program. Students who make the Dean's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.60 to 3.79 during the period.

## NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

Town Clerk Judi LaJoie has announced nomination papers are now available for town election May 7. Papers must be turned in on or before March 19 by 5 p.m. There are presently two 3 year seats for the Board of Selectmen; two 3 year seats for the School Committee; one 2 year seat for the School Committee; two 3 year seats for the Board of Health and one 5 year

seat for the Housing Authority.

**OWC IN FEBRUARY**  
"Offer a Little Love to Our Troops" will be the next drive for Operation Winchendon Cares.

9:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the American Legion Post 193 on School St. Saturday, February 10. Visit our Facebook page or www.winchendoncares.com for an updated list of items that are needed or we will gladly accept monetary donations to help cover the cost of postage and/or items to be shipped. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, contact us to add him/her.

Please make sure that your loved one's address is updated prior to the 3rd, so that we can get him/her a package. We are always looking for volunteers to help separate and pack donations, the day of the drive. Let us know if you can help out. Contact us via Facebook or the webpage.

## CHURCH CONCERT SERIES

Warm up on January 21 at 3 p.m. when Fitzwilliam Community Church will host the Kingsnakes, who play music primarily from the '20s and '30s, jazz and blues composers such as Fats Waller, Hoagy Carmichael, Jelly Roll Morton, as well as island/

Caribbean music. The group has five members: Andrew Chapman, Tom Reynolds, Richard Doherty, Lulu Fichter and Brer Cottonmouth and include singer/trombone, clarinet, bass/lap slide guitar, rhythm guitar and percussion. They have played at the Hillsboro Open Door Coffeehouse several times, Hillsboro and Antrim Summer concert series for the past three years, Henniker and Troy (Granite Roots) breweries, among other venues. \$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.

## MEATBALL MADNESS

Do you like meatballs? We will be serving up all kinds of meatballs (such as Italian, Swedish, and sweet and sour) and accompanying side dishes, salad, desserts and beverages from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Fitzwilliam Community Church. There is no charge, however donations are always welcome if you appreciate the church and its role in the community.

# How can you improve your financial fitness this year?

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to get healthier, you may already be taking the necessary steps, such as improving your diet and increasing your exercise. Of course, physical fitness is important to your well-being – but, at the same time, don't forget about your financial fitness. Specifically, what can you do to ensure your investment situation is in good shape?

Here are a few "healthy living" suggestions that may also apply to your investment portfolio:

**Build endurance** – Just as exercise can help build your endurance for the demands of a long life, a vigorous investment strategy can help you work toward your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. In practical terms, this means you will

need to own some investments with the potential to provide long-term growth. These are the investments that, ideally, you can hold on to for decades and eventually reap the benefits of capital appreciation. Of course, growth-oriented investments, such as most types of stocks, will rise and fall in value over the short term, and there's no guarantee of profits, or even preserving principal. But if you choose wisely, and you've got the patience and discipline to hold on to your investments through the market's ups and downs, you may well be rewarded.

**Maintain an ideal "weight"** – You can help yourself stay healthy by maintaining your ideal weight. This can be challenging – as you know from the recently finished holiday sea-



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son, it's easy to put on a few extra pounds. And, just as inadvertently, your portfolio can tack on some unneeded weight, too, in the form of redundant investments. Over time, you may have picked up too many similar investment vehicles, resulting in an over-concentration, or "flabbiness," that can work against you, especially when a market downturn affects the asset class in which you're overloaded. So, you might be better off liquidating some of your duplicate, or near-duplicate, investments, and using

the proceeds to help broaden your investment mix.

**Get proper rest** – Many studies have shown that we need adequate rest to stay alert and healthy. In your life, you've probably already found that if you over-tax your body, you pay a price in your overall well-being. If you look at your investment portfolio as a living entity – which, in a way, it is, as it certainly provides life to your goals and aspirations – then you can see that it, too, can be weakened by stress. And one of the main stress factors is excessive trading. If you're constantly buying and selling investments in an attempt to boost your returns, you may rack up hefty fees, commissions and taxes – and still not really get the results you wanted. Plus, if you're frequently moving in and out of

different investments, you'll find it hard to follow a unified, long-term strategy. So, confine your trading to those moves that are really essential – and give your portfolio a rest.

To enjoy your life fully, you'll want to take care of your physical and financial health – and, as it turns out, you can make similar types of moves to help yourself in both areas.

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Jan. 10, after being contacted a second time, Marvin made a statement, answering none of questions saying, "Thank you for your inquiry regarding stanchions on Route 140 and area roadways. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is committed to maintaining a safe and reliable transportation system and these stanchions were installed with the intent to increase safety and motorists' awareness as to the limits of their respective lanes. After looking into this matter, MassDOT does not believe these stanchions were intentionally removed by its snow and ice contractors or other motorists. MassDOT will be monitoring these locations and confirming with snow and ice personnel the proper protocols for clearing these sections of roadways."

During the 16 inch blizzard, following snowplows in the Rte. 140 area, plow vehicles were seen at two different times at two different locations tearing up stanchions as they crossed center lines.

Contacted again, Marvin replied simply, "Received and I will be in touch."

As of late Tuesday, Marvin replied with the following update: "MassDOT has evaluated this situation and believes missing units accidentally have been compromised, that no stanchions were intentionally struck or removed by mistake by snow and ice

contractors or removed due to vandalism by members of the public."

"MassDOT will not immediately replace the stanchions since the stanchions do not seem to perform well under road conditions."

"MassDOT will be analyzing the stanchion design, installation, and effectiveness, to determine whether they should be deployed differently or other options such be considered. It's also important to note that the center-line stanchions are only one component of safety improvements recently made throughout this area. Work also included widening lanes, and installing double yellow center-lines, recessed pavement markers, and center-line rumble strips."

Zlotnik was forwarded the statement, felt there was a strong issue with a lack of transparency from MassDOT and said, "Senator Anne Gobi and I are requesting a meeting to meet with MassDOT regarding this issue."

It was confirmed with a MassDOT employee, who wished to remain anonymous, stanchion replacement costs including installation are more than \$140 each, and it was estimated there are now up to 60 stanchions missing between the town of Winchendon and city of Gardner, with the majority being in Gardner and the winter plowing season barely, if even, half way over.

Zlotnik confirmed on Tuesday, that an upcoming group call with with MassDOT is scheduled to address the issues.

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# Egg regs could keep them out of baskets

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In 2016 Massachusetts voters approved banning the sale of eggs from farm animals who were restricted to cages and consumer groups hailed the result. That proposal, which was supported by an overwhelming 77-percent of voters, requires that only cage-free eggs be sold in the state by 2022, irrespective of where they were produced.

13 states though (none in New England) didn't think much of that and filed suit with the Supreme Court, arguing such a ban is unconstitutional. Indiana is the chief plaintiff but Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas,

Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin are co-plaintiffs.

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's office acknowledged it has received notice but declined to comment.

The suit claims Massachusetts is trying to establish its own regulatory standards on farmers in other states, thus violating the Constitution's commerce clause and insists farmers "will have to increase their production costs by decreasing flock of herd size, investing in new infrastructure and undertaking contentious zoning approval processes. If they do not", the suit adds, "they must forgo completely any sales in Massachusetts or to national distributors that may resell products in Massachusetts".

Paul Shapiro is vice-president for policy of the Humane Society of the United States and said those 13 states are "grasping at straws."

"Massachusetts has an interest in protecting its consumers from inhumane and substandard production of eggs."

He added the state is "applying an even standard by requiring the same condition for housing animals at its own farms."

State law defines an overly restrictive cage "as one which would prevent an egg-laying hen, breeding pig, or calf raised for veal from standing up, turning around or fully extending its limbs." Many animal protection groups backed the measure.

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# WFD receives two grants to start new year

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The Winchendon Fire Department which was selected as one of only 300 fire departments throughout the nation to receive the SAFER grant in the second half of 2017. It has started out the new year with continued success, receiving recent notification it has been approved for two additional SAFE grants by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the Department of Fire Safety.

While much smaller in dollar figures than the coveted SAFER grant, the SAFE grants help serve key local programs for children, students, and community seniors alike.

The grants, which were submitted in late September and just recently approved by DFS, were applied for by Chief Tom Smith with assistance by Captain Bryan Vaine. The WFD received confirmation of a Student Awareness of Fire Education grant in the sum of \$3,708 and a Senior SAFE grant in the amount of \$2,415 for a combined total of \$6,123.

Discussing the significance Smith said, "Since the SAFE programs were created 23 years ago, annual child fire

deaths have seen a dramatic decrease by 72 percent. The SAFE programs were expanded three years ago to offer programs to help seniors, who are the most vulnerable population at risk of fire related deaths."

The Senior SAFE program, according to the DFS, "Is aimed at educating seniors on fire prevention training, general home safety, and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire," while the Student SAFE program provides much of the same for children and more.

Smith explained, "The public schools, senior, seniors at the housing authority, and basically any seniors in the community will benefit from these grants. The grants come with no required town match. We will be looking to continue the programs we have been doing at the schools such as the SAFE trailer at the Memorial School. We are also looking to do some prevention education training for the school around prom time."

Smith added, "We are looking to do fire for life and home safety programs for the seniors. The department will also continue to host fire prevention booths at various fairs along with the senior wellness day at the senior center where we have a home cooking safety demonstration, and distribute home

safety cooking kits with things such as oven mitts and more."

"Targeting these two groups of children and seniors is key as they are at the greatest risk of injury or death due to fire. Our goal is to increase awareness, educate, and bring awareness to home hazards, and help them become better prepared" added Smith.

Multiple studies have documented children who are familiarized with local firefighters or even firefighters in general, are more likely during an emergency or panic driven situation to run toward a firefighter for aid when

call out to, versus having no association with firefighters at all.

In closing Smith said, "These grants aid in allowing our fire department to get out in the community and become familiar with our residents. I believe it's important to become familiar with the children, and for the children to become familiar with us, as well as also the elderly. By receiving these grants, it helps us to assist two key target populations which otherwise could be missed or without the grants possibly missed the fire prevention assistance which they need."

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users would boost revenues."

But with increased use might need another employee, as the combined populations of Templeton and Winchendon would nearly equal Gardner. Is there a plan in place for adding help Hickey was asked. Hickey replied, "A second person is working at the transfer station on Saturdays only. That person is training so he can run the facility if Mark Breau is out for some reason. A second person is also there to check for required decals on vehicles and keeping a better eye on who is dumping

demolition material."

Lastly Hickey was asked if Monadnock Disposal Service had been notified or confirmed if they could keep up with any potentially needed increases of services at the transfer station. Hickey said, "MDS is able to meet the demand."

In closing regarding any benefits of the new potential addition of Templeton customers Hickey said, "Allowing residents from Templeton to use the transfer station will benefit Winchendon by increasing transfer station revenues with the only cost being purchasing additional bags which will be more than offset by the revenues the additional bag sales will generate."

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'repeal' the Affordable Care Act and the Administration's efforts on immigration policy. The governor has gotten high marks as well from Democratic legislators on Beacon Hill.

Baker's strength is dramatized by the lack of big-name Democrats such as Attorney General Maura Healey to show any interest in challenging him. The same goes for the state's entire congressional delegation. Former Newton Mayor Setti Warren has entered the race and even made one trip to this region last fall, as have Jay Gonzalez,

a member of former Governor Deval Patrick's cabinet and entrepreneur Bob Massie. Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll and former MBTA general manager Richard Davey have indicted they're considering the race.

The primary election is set for Sept. 4, the day after Labor Day. Traditionally held later in the month, Secretary of State Bill Galvin said the date was moved as to not coincide with the Jewish High Holidays. He's also asking the legislature to approve five days of early primary voting as is the case in the general election.

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## VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

## EDITORIAL

## How do you find out?

There is a big taboo in America, actually it is alive and well in most countries, about talking about salaries and money.

Now, as we see the huge discrepancy in the Wahlberg-Williams movie star fiasco (he got \$1 million, she got \$1,000); we have to wonder, is the big secret so some can keep others from knowing just how big those discrepancies really are?

(And as a second caveat, Mr. Wahlberg oh so generously gave a big donation to some foundation or other as compensation for that big discrepancy; and his agent kicked in another bit as well to show good faith. Nice guys. How about paying Miss WILLIAMS that money for her hard work instead guys?)

We know, oh yes we do know, that the men Vee women thing is real. Very, very real.

And we have heard some very interesting reasons for it over the years.

Here are a few.

"He has a family to support."

This when this editor was working four part time jobs because the other half of the marriage was in school full time.

"He needs it more."

How do you know? Ever. No one can ever know the personal circumstances of home life.

"He just bought a house."

Because he could. We never had the funding on short wages.

"The job isn't the same."

Actually, the job differences meant the job this person did was more difficult, not less.

"The job is more important."

To who?

And the biggest kick yet was when a younger man was hired for the same job, at higher salary than the current one being earned. Then this person had to train said new employee.

The only reason this was discovered was because this person did the payroll.

Wow.

We all have the tales. We know. But without knowing that yes, we do the same job as Bob in the next cubicle; we actually accomplish more than Joe who has the other territory; we have the

same title as Dick; or maybe we even have what sounds like a more important title than Jack; the paycheck just doesn't reflect equality in numbers in the checking account.

Unless and until that piece of the picture is resolved, some of the other feelings of inequality won't be resolved either.

See, there is an unequal lord over serf thing that happens when you know your work is valued or not. And the lord does indeed lord it over the serf, the peon, the go-fer. It puts a different spin on interactions in other areas, it's easier to get pushy about other things... maybe even harassment and bullying... and all because you feel you are entitled or worth more.

It might seem trivial to those who don't have to think about it, and forcing them to think about this inequality, just as many have been forced to think about race relations, religious freedoms, political ideals and other matters are just part of where we are at this moment in time.

One final note: we are not being apologists, we are hanging out a help wanted sign. In the past, the Winchendon Courier has attempted to have columnists who espouse both right and left leaning points of view. We don't pay for political columns, people who write their points of view do so because they want to share those points of view.

At present, and no reflection on either of the gentlemen who have written this week's columns, both have only one point of view. Whether the Courier agrees or disagrees with those independent points of view is not the issue here, it is that there is not an opposition; or even someone saying something else, anything else; a different topic even.

So we would encourage others to write. Columns should be 300-400 words in length or less; we are limited in space. And we do edit occasionally, mostly for grammar. We will discuss content. Keep it on content, no personal attacks particularly of local people and keep it clean. That's it.

Contact the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news and let's talk.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Legion: plan for the bonfire

To the Editor:

Time once more for the annual bonfire and fireworks event at the Eugene M. Connor Post 193!

What began with the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Winchendon has now become an annual tradition, as the aftermath of winter holidays seems like the perfect time to create a bonfire with the wreathes and trees used throughout our community.

That includes more than 2,000 wreathes placed on the graves of veterans at the Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery in December as part of Wreathes Across America.

This year, rather than a limited number of meal tickets available for a larger dinner, it has been decided to have a winter barbecue, with hot dogs and hamburgers available for a modest price so families can come and go and enjoy their evening. Sons of the American Legion are planning this part of the evening.

As always, there will be hot chocolate and coffee available to warm the hands

and the heart.

The event begins with food available starting at 5:30 p.m. and a huge fireworks show by Atlas is planned to start at 7 p.m.

Once the fireworks have gone off and the area cleaned (for safety reasons) the bonfire will be lit.

It's an amazing evening, and a lot of fun.

It can't happen without the help of the community, so we are again asking for donations toward the costs of the fireworks. It is a wonderful addition to our tradition, but it comes at a price. Any donation, however small, is gratefully accepted.

Please make checks to American Legion Post 193 Fireworks Fund and mail to the above address.

And be certain to bring your trees and wreathes to the parking lot now! We need to add to the growing pile and it's a great way to get rid of the tree.

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## Gould: he will be missed

To the Editor:

A man left us this week. He was over 6 feet tall, slim, strong as an ox. He would do everything for anybody at any time; most of the time for free.

He drove truck, mower, plows, horses, cows, pigs, dogs and what have you. He worked holidays, nights, and days. He was a husband, brother, father, friend.

He fought fires, floods, cut hay, plowed snow, and he shook your hand when he met you. His name was Raymond Harris, and he will be missed.

BURT GOULD  
WINCHENDON  
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## LETTERS POLICY



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## One year later...

DJT is a racist. We knew that. We didn't need his obscenity-filled tirade last week to discover that reality. He's repeatedly demonstrated his bigotry. What was really scary, no, terrifying is a better word, was the ferocity of his defenders. Whether attempting to make the ridiculous argument that he was talking economics not race or boasting the base would cheer (likely true), the acolytes exposed themselves for the racists they are as well. There is no sugarcoating it.

And yet, think back one year. The day after the inauguration, tens of thousands of women (joined by plenty of men) took to the streets to make clear, very clear, their disapproval of Barack Obama's successor. Remember? The Women's March triggered the launch of the Resistance which in turn triggered activism not seen in decades, culminating in significant electoral victories last fall, all of it a reaction to the dangerous man who sits in the White House, a racist who's sympathetic-to-the-alt-Right and the Klan, a-not-so-under-the-radar friend to Neo-Nazis and white supremacists both.

Tomorrow the streets of Washington will be teeming once more because if the last 365 days have taught us anything, it's that visibility and activism are essential components in the fight to preserve small-d democratic institutions from the

overreach of a would-be autocrat and his equally dangerous henchmen and women.

A week before DJT insulted majority-color countries and a continent, though he evidently thought Africa is a country, he threatened to sue the author and publisher of a book which depicted him as uniquely unqualified to hold the office once graced by Washington, Lincoln, FDR and so many others. Can you imagine had it been a DJT rather than a JFK during the Cuban Missile Crisis?

As scary as #notmypresident is though, equally and perhaps even more frightening are his apologists and enablers, who either make excuses for him, weakly and weirdly try to insist, 'that's not what he meant', or simply look the other way and say nothing. I'm not talking about social media trolls who disdain education and steadfastly deny facts while clinging to the juvenile belief that calling people names somehow constitutes "winning." Nor am I talking about the military men who, although there are far too many of them holding key posts in this Administration, might be trying to maintain some sort of rationality. No, I'm talking about the



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positions of power brave enough, patriotic enough, to stand up to DJT and do what's necessary to remove him from office? As an aside, there are of course Republicans quite willing to speak the truth - Steve Schmidt, Nicolle Wallace, Jen Rubin and others but those are either no longer holding the reins of power or are television hosts. Why, we must ask, have so many others sacrificed their integrity and character for, as Schmidt so scathingly noted, "the White House restaurant and rides on the plane?"

I'm talking about a majority Republican Congress whose interest revolves around tax cuts for really, really, did I mention really, rich people, and well, not much else. 44 years ago, Republicans Barry Goldwater and Hugh Scott had the guts to go down Pennsylvania Avenue to tell Nixon it was over. Can you imagine Paul Ryan or Mitch McConnell doing that?

Sure.

I really didn't want to write column after column about DJT. You probably didn't want to read them either. But we appear to be barreling towards a full-fledged constitutional crisis so staying silent is not an option. I've said it before and I'll reiterate it here — make sure you're registered to vote. Make sure you know the rules in your state. You can bet the Trumpians will be voting come November's mid-terms so it's imperative, yes even in January, to get ready. Democracy is a participatory sport.

Tomorrow marks one year of this despicable presidency. One year of a 'President' who strives every day to divide rather than unite. One year of a 'President' whose vulgar language is less important than the racist ideology and policies in which he so strongly believes. One year of a 'President' hell-bent on not just undermining but destroying the fundamental underpinnings of American democracy.

So yes, there will be hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people back in the cold streets of Washington tomorrow. They are true patriots. We should all follow their activist lead. No less than the future of the Republic will be at stake as this year unfolds. What part will you play?

## He's hurting us all



...AND  
ONE MORE  
THING....  
GREG  
VINE

"Indulgence in frivolous speech not only reveals one's lack of moral character, but it deprives him of good qualities also." — Thiruvalluvar, Tamil poet and philosopher

I can't state for certain that our president is a racist. I don't know his heart. But the mere fact that we must ask ourselves

whether he is or isn't is, in and of itself, a problem. It's a matter, in my lifetime anyway, that I don't ever recall our nation having to wrestle with.

Frankly, I think he is. He has called Mexicans rapists and drug dealers, espoused banning members of an entire religion — most of whom hail from African, Middle Eastern, and Asian countries — from the United States, claimed a judge overseeing a case involving Mr. Trump could not possibly be objective because he was Mexican — even though he was born in Indiana, and employed the epithet "Pocahontas" during a ceremony meant to

honor Navajo Code Talkers.

The fact that Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and white nationalist leader Richard Spencer have praised the president's remarks should tell you something.

I won't go so far as to say all of our president's supporters are racist. I will say, however, that those who make excuses for his language and his attitudes not only encourage him in his mindset, they are complicit in perpetuating racism. By dismissing it in our national leader they are dismissing it in everyone else. They are accessories to blatant bigotry.

But aside from the impact

the president's words and opinions may have on those of us living in this country, we must also weigh how they affect us abroad.

Let's look at Africa; you know, home to many of those s\*\*\*hole countries the president referred to.

Shortly after four Special Forces soldiers were killed in a terrorist ambush in Niger on October 4 of last year, a spokesman for U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) told Newsweek magazine that we currently have between 5,000 and 6,000 troops on the African continent. One can only guess how the people and leaders of those

nations where our troops are stationed must now view their presence in the wake of these insults from their commander-in-chief. And it would be naive to think that every member of terrorist groups like al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Al-Shabaab, and Boko Haram isn't using Trump's words as a recruiting tool.

"See what the Americans REALLY think of you!"

Our president has made the lives of our men and women in uniform in Africa less safe than they already were.

Following the reported insult, U.S. diplomats were

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# Keeping the feathered friends from freezing

BY AMY PAUL  
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Surviving in these cold and snowy weather conditions is easy if you have a roof over your head, warm foods to eat, and a thick blanket. But how do we best help the wild birds struggling to keep warm while living exposed to winter's chills? A mix of bird-friendly yard plantings and feeders are the best way to maintain bird biodiversity and add to inexpensive winter entertainment.

Ellen Sousa, whose Spencer farm has been a certified wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation since 2006 says, "the best way to help birds in your backyard is to provide bird-friendly plantings for food and shelter. Lots of shrubs with fruits that persist into winter such as winterberry and American holly, crabapple, chokeberry, and evergreen trees such as pine and juniper, that provide safe cover from predators and a sheltered place to weather the storms. Also, leave areas of your property wild instead of mowing/cutting down perennials and grasses in the fall — the seed stems standing above the snow are a very important winter seed source right now. Though this year much of that is buried in deep snow."

Sousa adds, "Mostly what feeds wild birds in the winter are the seeds, fruits, nuts, buds and insect eggs found on native perennials, shrubs and trees. Spend time looking at plant and seed catalogs; plan to incorporate some bird and pollinator plantings into your landscape in the spring. Native perennials such as coneflower, aster and milkweed, and flowering shrubs such as dogwood,

viburnum, chokeberry and native roses will provide food, shelter and housing at various times of the year for birds and the insect life that birds will feed their nestlings come springtime."

If birdfeeders, rather than plantings, are your choice for feeding wild birds, Nancy Cormier of The Bird Store and More in Sturbridge says certain seeds are better than others in supplying the energy needed for birds to thrive and survive in the cold temperatures.

Cormier says, "Look for seeds high in oil and fat content. Black oil sunflower seeds are the best all-around food for all bird species. Though, partially or completely hulled sunflower seeds and split peanuts are also good choices."

Cormier also recommends suet as an excellent source of food, "Pre-packaged suet is good for any weather conditions. Yet, many people enjoy making their own suet by picking up beef fat from the butcher. This is fine, and very good for the birds, but it is important to note that if temperatures rise above 40°, butcher suet will rot and make the birds sick enough to die."

Safflower seeds, according to Cormier, are a good choice if squirrels are a problem, "they are more bitter, making them unappealing to squirrels, but still high in oil content, an excellent option to maintain a bird's energy."

Finally, Cormier recommends a heated bird bath if attracting many varieties of birds is a goal and to provide the best conditions for all birds you attract, "Having an open water source is important in attracting and feeding birds. The heated bird bath is an excellent choice, maintaining a temperature



Greg Vine photo

A jay huddles next to a feeder during a recent storm.

of 35°. When birds eat snow, their body temperature is reduced, using more energy."

Sousa recognizes the entertainment and gratification feeding wild birds can bring, "When it's too cold and stormy to be outdoors, bird feeders and planting a bird habitat outside the window is one way for a nature lover to get their daily dosage of our favorite feathered friends: the chickadees and Carolina wrens! It's

a nature gardener's payback time — the work of planting is done, and you can enjoy watching your efforts be used and appreciated by wildlife at a very difficult time of year."

For more information on Turkey Hill Brook Farm, visit them on the web at TBHFarm.com or on Facebook. For more information on The Birds and More Store visit them at thebirdstoreandmore.com or on Facebook.

## MWCC recognized for exemplary work with veterans

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

If you're a veteran looking to return to school, you could do a lot worse than checking out Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner. That, at least, is what The Military Times, which focuses on veteran's issues, says, ranking the Mount first in New England among two-year schools and seventh nationally.

The Mount has more than 180 veterans enrolled, according to Robert Mayer, the school's director of Veteran's Services.

"The greatest satisfaction is actually doing it and how the students themselves tell you thanks for your help," he said.

That help frequently begins with assisting veterans in navigating the admission process, including making sure they get the full benefit of the Post 9/11

GI Bill. The original GI Bill provided benefits for World War II veterans and was updated following the September 11 attacks.

GI benefits can cover tuition and might provide housing stipends.

Mayer said one of the keys to success at the Mount is the effective communication between his department and Academic Affairs, coordinating scheduling. Another asset, he noted, is the so-called 'veteran lounge', a part of the Veteran Student Success Center.

"For a lot of our veteran students, the only adult culture they know is a military one. This can be almost like an oasis for them where they can gather with like-minded students and be comfortable," he remarked.

He said the Mount works with area agencies like the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran

Homestead, which manages the Northeast Veterans Training Center and which lies on 10 acres adjacent to campus and was profiled in the Courier several years ago. Generally, about 60-70 percent of residents there are enrolled at the Mount.

This is the eighth year the widely-read Military Times has ranked community colleges based on responses from schools regarding services they offer veterans as well as data received from the federal Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Education.

More than 600 two-year schools participated and 218 were ranked in various categories. The Mount was cited primarily for the depth of attention it pays to veterans.

No other New England school came particularly close to the Mount's national ranking. Bay State in Wellesley ranked 26th.

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summoned by the governments of South Africa, Botswana, Senegal, and Ghana to explain the president's comments.

"The government of Botswana is wondering why President Trump must use this descriptor and derogatory word when talking about countries with whom the U.S. has had cordial relations for so many years," said a statement from Gaborone, the nation's capital.

The African Union, which

represents African countries, also condemned the president's words.

The situation is made even worse by the fact that our president has failed to appoint ambassadors to at least 10 important African nations — South Africa, Senegal, Mauritius, and Morocco among them. He is not only harming our national interest, in many instances he is ignoring it.

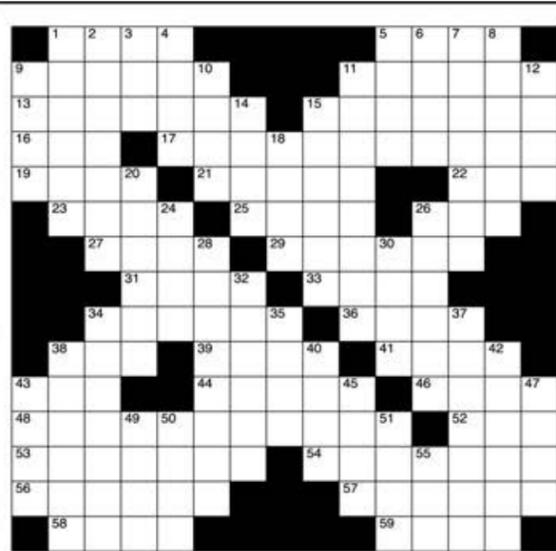
Is President Trump a racist? I think so, but I can't honestly say so with 100-percent certainty. Maybe he just doesn't think before he speaks...or tweets.

Or maybe he just doesn't think, period.

But of this I am certain: the president, through his words and actions, continues to damage the national interest both at home and abroad.

The time to stop making excuses for this president's recklessness has come and gone. Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie once said, "Today we must make a pact with each other to end this reckless conduct with the people's government."

In this instance, I couldn't agree with him more.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
- 5. Religious service
- 9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
- 11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
- 13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
- 15. Inflection of the voice
- 16. "Great Expectations" character
- 17. Becomes a butterfly
- 19. Spoke
- 21. Tennis player Sharapova
- 22. Midway between northeast and east
- 23. Afrikaans
- 25. No instruction set computing
- 26. Pacific Standard Time
- 27. Relaxing places
- 29. Confiscates
- 31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Taking place in a series
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Freshwater fish of N. America
- 39. Laments
- 41. "Girls" creator Dunham
- 43. Indian title of respect
- 44. Cocoa plum
- 46. Network of nerve cells
- 48. Link together in a chain
- 52. Cool 70s crew "The \_\_\_ Squad"
- 53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
- 54. Accumulation of glacial debris
- 56. Fastened
- 57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 58. Whiskey and bread are two
- 59. Scottish tax

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rope used to lasso
- 2. Idyllic places
- 3. Field force unit
- 4. Guitar great Clapton
- 5. Slang for type of skirt
- 6. Figure skating jump
- 7. Innocent
- 8. Mathematical ratio
- 9. Slowly drinks
- 10. Line where edges meet
- 11. Offices of the pope
- 12. Dry or withered
- 14. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical
- 15. Difficult situations
- 18. Greek goddess of discord
- 20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
- 24. Habitat
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Full of life
- 30. Great energy
- 32. BBQ and soy are two
- 34. Virtuous
- 35. Not fatty
- 37. Foes
- 38. Merchandiser
- 40. Dishonest scheme
- 42. Repents
- 43. Protective crust
- 45. Native American people
- 47. Any place of bliss or delight
- 49. Bring up
- 50. Birds
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Consumed



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*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, JANUARY 9

12:39-2:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:53 a.m.: FD call (Beech Street), services rendered; 6:06 a.m.: accident (Teel Road), report taken; 6:36 a.m.: fire alarm (Spruce Street), false alarm; 7:03 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), transported; 8:11 a.m.: accident (Hale Street), report taken; 9:11 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 10:26 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Glenallan Street), transported; 11:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), referred to ACO; 12:43 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), report taken; 1:34 p.m.: larceny (East Monomonac Road), report taken; 3:35 p.m.: assist other agency (Juniper Street); 3:40 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 3:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Old Centre), assisted; 4:00 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), transported; 5:10 p.m.: larceny (Munroe Street), report taken; 6:57 p.m.: FD call (Eli Drive), services rendered; 8:09 p.m.: summons service (Beech Street), advised officer; 8:10 p.m.: summons service (Royalston Road North), advised officer; 8:12 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:14 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 8:15 p.m.: summons service (Woodlawn Street), served; 8:19 p.m.: harassment order violation (Beech Street), report taken; 8:21 p.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive), served; 8:23 p.m.: summons service (West Street), served; 8:25 p.m.: summons service (Royalston Road South), served; 8:48 p.m.: transport (Royalston Road North), assisted.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

12:28 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 12:39 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 3:33-4:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:24 a.m.: traffic hazard (Front Street), spoken to; 8:41 a.m.: summons service (Joslin Road), served; 11:45 a.m.: summons service (Central Street), served; 11:46 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street); 12:00 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), unable to serve; 12:18 p.m.: summons service (Woodlawn Street), unable to serve; 12:24 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Front Street), report taken; 12:34 p.m.: info/general (Beech Street), spoken to; 12:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive), secure; 1:00 p.m.: info/general (Beech Street), advised officer; 1:07 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure; 1:30 p.m.: suicide threats (Juniper Street), transported to hospital; 1:36 p.m.: private property tow (Goodrich Drive), info taken; 1:47 p.m.: larceny (Joslin Road), report taken; 1:49 p.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), served; 2:18 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street), spoken to; 2:19 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street), services rendered; 4:09 p.m.: larceny (Teel Road), report taken; 5:37 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 7:14 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 7:22 p.m.: ambulance (Krantz Road), transported; 10:51 p.m.: summons service (Royalston Road North), served.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

12:59-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Shaun M. Carlson, 30, 8 Hilltop Road, Billerica, op w/suspended license, arrest; 8:56 a.m.: assist citizen

# Arrest for break at condemned house

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Residents of 41 Juniper St. were ordered to vacate the premises last week after the building was officially condemned by Winchendon's Board of Health due to safety concerns. The order to leave the building within 24 hours apparently proved inconvenient for one former resident who allegedly broke into the home Thursday afternoon to retrieve property.

Winchendon Police Sergeant Raymond Anair responded to the scene just past 3:30 p.m., shortly after police received a report of a break-in at the home. According to court records, Anair went to the rear of the building, where he found the kitchen window had been broken. The officer reported hearing sounds of someone moving around inside the condemned structure.

Upon further investigation, Anair came upon Brian Boudreau, age 55, whom the officer's report lists as homeless.

"I was aware that Mr. Boudreau had been a tenant," wrote Anair, "and was evicted the day before."

In his report, Anair said he asked Boudreau what he was doing. Boudreau reportedly replied that he had no choice but to break in in order to retrieve his property. Asked how he got in, Boudreau told Anair he had thrown himself through the kitchen window.

When told to exit the building, Boudreau reportedly said, "I'll come out when I'm ready."

Anair's report states he felt it would be unsafe for him to enter the building through the broken window, so he called the fire department to help him gain entry. Firefighters removed plywood that had been placed over one of the doors and Anair and Officer Caleb Similia then escorted Boudreau to the sergeant's cruiser.

Held overnight on \$250 bail, Boudreau was arraigned Friday morning in Winchendon District Court in Gardner on one charge each of breaking and entering in the daytime to commit a felony and vandalism. He was released on personal recognizance and ordered back to court March 2 for a pretrial hearing.

All residents of the home were ordered to vacate the premises last week after the Board of Health declared the property a "danger to the life and health of the occupants...as a result of the violations at the property."

Numerous health and safety violations were found during an inspection of the home conducted last month by Winchendon's health agent, building inspector, and Ronald Rheault, of R.C. Rheault Construction of Oxford, who has been named receiver of the property by a Worcester Housing Court judge.

The property was owned by AKW Circle Trust, which currently has a business address in Lexington. Health Agent James Abare said the trust owns no other property in Winchendon, but does own several other properties in the area.

(Central Street); 9:56 a.m.: disabled mv (River Street), assisted; 10:05 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street), unable to locate; 10:20 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), spoken to; 11:56 a.m.: assault (Teel Road), report taken; 12:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), assisted; 12:53 p.m.: structure fire (Lincoln Avenue), services rendered; 2:20 p.m.: fight (Harvard Street), spoken to; 2:50 p.m.: fire alarm (Memorial Drive), services rendered; 3:18 p.m.: accident (Lincoln Street), report taken; 3:31 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Juniper Street), Brian Boudreau, 55, homeless, Winchendon, b&e in the daytime to commit a felony, vandalizing property, report taken; 4:27 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 5:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Maple Street), gone on arrival; 5:44 p.m.: power outage (Alger Street), services rendered; 5:59 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 6:15 p.m.: 911 hang up (West Monomonac Road), services rendered; 7:38 p.m.: summons service (Central Street), served; 7:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Alger Street), services rendered; 8:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), services rendered; 8:57 p.m.: disturbance (Maynard Street), report taken; 9:19 p.m.: suspicious person (Ready Drive), report taken; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), citation issued; 10:11 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Spruce Street), services rendered; 10:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (Brown Street), services rendered.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

12:47 a.m.: disabled mv (River Street), assisted; 3:04 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 7:09 a.m.: road rage (Spring Street), report taken; 8:36 a.m.: parking violation (Juniper Street), assisted; 8:53 a.m.: accident

(Front Street), report taken; 11:22 a.m.: fire/box alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: summons service (Hale Street), served; 12:23 p.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), served; 12:24 p.m.: summons service (West Street), served; 12:26 p.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 12:27 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 12:57 p.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), assisted; 1:50 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Baldwinville Road), report taken; 3:29-3:34 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 3:37 p.m.: DPW call (East Street), referred; 3:38-4:02 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 4:57 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Pine Street, Gardner), services rendered; 6:08 p.m.: traffic hazard (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 6:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Juniper Street), spoken to; 6:10 p.m.: FD call (Alger Street), no fire service necessary; 6:15 p.m.: threats (Joslin Road), report taken; 6:43 p.m.: DP call (Lincoln Avenue), referred; 6:46 p.m.: DPW call (North Street), referred; 7:42 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), transported; 8:10 p.m.: welfare check/child (Teel Road), services rendered; 9:51 p.m.: burglar alarm (Royalston Road North), secured bldg.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

12:40 a.m.: info/general (Grove Street), advised officer; 1:27-2:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:21 a.m.: 911/traffic hazard (Neal Road, Royalston), referred; 2:27 a.m.: mv stop (Murdock Avenue), verbal warning; 4:28 a.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), assisted; 5:47 a.m.: traffic hazard (Royalston Road North), referred; 6:14 a.m.: traffic hazard (Ash Street), referred; 7:44 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street), referred to ACO; 8:27 a.m.: traffic hazard (Franklin

Street), assisted; 8:50 a.m.: DPW call (North Fitzwilliam Road, Royalston), referred; 8:59 a.m.: FD call (Athol Road, Royalston), services rendered; 9:09 a.m.: unattended death (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 9:25 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (Athol fire station), referred; 9:48 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), referred; 9:59 a.m.: 911/FD call (Norcross Road, Royalston), services rendered; 10:20 a.m.: domestic (Teel Road), report taken; 10:40 a.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 10:45 a.m.: welfare check/general (Baldwinville Road, Royalston), canceled; 11:12 a.m.: harassment (Pearl Street), report taken; 11:17 a.m.: fire/auto (River Street), report taken; 1:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 1:18 p.m.: FD call (Webster Street), services rendered; 2:09 p.m.: DPW call (Glenallan Street), referred; 2:54 p.m.: DPW call (Franklin Street), referred to state DPW; 2:55 p.m.: fire/CO incident (Spruce Street), referred; 3:37 p.m.: mv stop (Athol Road, Royalston), verbal warning; 3:38 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 3:59 p.m.: accident (Franklin Street), report taken; 4:17 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 4:47 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 5:05 p.m.: threats (Joslin Road), info taken; 5:48 p.m.: structure fire (Teel Road), referred; 5:59 p.m.: DPW call (Court Street), referred; 6:19 p.m.: domestic (Elmwood Road), 209A issued; 7:52 p.m.: ATV complaint (Harris Road), unable to locate; 9:17 p.m.: domestic (Central Street), spoken to; 9:34 p.m.: ambulance (Summer Street), referred to FD; 11:04 p.m.: assist motorist (Falls Road, Royalston), referred.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:55 a.m.: info/general (Murdock Avenue), services rendered; 9:22 a.m.: DPW call (Willoughby Avenue), referred; 9:26 a.m.: DPW call (Mill Glen Road), referred; 9:27 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive), referred to ACO; 10:27 a.m.: fire alarm (Gardner Road), services rendered; 11:32 a.m.: FD call (Monadnock Avenue), referred to DPW; 1:24 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), advised officer; 1:27 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street), referred to ACO; 2:12 p.m.: trespassing (Juniper Street), spoken to; 2:57 p.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Drive), assisted; 3:25 p.m.: welfare check/child (Grove Street), unable to locate; 3:32 p.m.: disabled mv (Front Street), hazard removed; 3:46 p.m.: info/general (Juniper Street), assisted; 4:25 p.m.: parking violation (Franklin Street), services rendered; 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), written warning; 4:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 5:49 p.m.: FD call (East Monomonac Road), assisted; 7:24 p.m.: vandalism (Spring Street), spoken to; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 15

12:18-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:06 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 8:49 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road), report taken; 11:51 a.m.: repossession of mv (Juniper Street), info taken; 1:47 p.m.: welfare check/child (Brown Street), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: parking violation (Central Street), citation issued; 4:38 p.m.: warrant check (Ash Street), Ian L. Abare, 48, 27 Ash Street, Winchendon, arrest based on warrant; 5:54 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 6:56 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), no fire service necessary; 7:23 p.m.: burglar alarm (School Street), services rendered; 7:47 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 8:12 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 9:31 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), verbal warning; 10:01 p.m.: panic alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 10:33 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported.

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and other businesses are on Maple Street. Where your language talks about enclosed buildings, would that include an enclosed greenhouse?"

"Yes, I think that distinction should be made," said Fleck. "Greenhouses

are generally transparent, so would have to have screening facing the road. I know in the state wording, they don't want it to be seen from a public place."

Discussion quickly turned from specifics of the bylaw to the general concept of legalized cannabis sales in Winchendon.

Board member Cailte Kelly, who

led the meeting in the absence of Chairman Guy Corbosiero, asked if the town would be leaving itself open to a plethora of medical marijuana facilities if it failed to address those businesses along with recreational cannabis retailers. Kelly noted the town will be limiting itself to two retail establishments, as required by state law.

"I'm not sure if we can limit the medical," replied Fleck. "I just read some guidance from the state. I think the best way to address it is to limit the medical to the overlay we're establishing."

"The true difference between a retail store and dispensary is pretty thin," said Kelly, "I just need to get a card from my doctor that says I need to take this. I want to make sure we're addressing that so we're protecting the town against someone trying to get around the two retail licenses."

"The state is looking at allowing this to be done in bars, allowing it to be delivered to your home, being able to use it in theatres," said Lucier, "so what restrictions you may try to put on may be trumped by the state. They may even allow smoking cafes, and Toy Town Pub and Chick's Tavern both land in your (proposed) overlay. So, if they're allowed to do within their premises, how are you going to stop that?"

"That may be down the road," said Fleck. "For now, we're not planning

for it because the state's dealing with in on that end, with on-site consumption."

"I commend Rick for coming," said board member Burton Gould Jr. "This hall ought to be full. This stuff is rat poison and everybody knows it. This thing is a boondoggle just to raise some money so that the Legislature can waste it."

"There's no such thing as medical marijuana," Gould continued. "Marijuana is a drug and it's rat poison."

"Mr. Gould and I disagree widely on this issue," said Kelly, "and that's okay because it's important to the conversation."

When asked what would happen if the town failed to pass a bylaw restriction the location of retail cannabis businesses, Fleck noted that without one, the town would be required by the state to allow them wherever any other businesses are currently allowed.

A second public forum to discuss the issue will be held on Feb. 20 in anticipation of having a public hearing on a finalized bylaw proposal on March 20. That bylaw will be presented for voter consideration at the annual town meeting in May.

"I implore the public to continue to reach out, to be involved," said Kelly. "This town is all of ours, not just the board's, and this is an important decision to make."



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# OBITUARIES

## Diane L. (Barrows) Charland, 51

WINCHENDON—Diane L. (Barrows) Charland, age 51, of 39 Baldwinville State Road, died unexpectedly Saturday morning, Jan. 13, 2018, after being stricken ill at home.



She was born in Fitchburg on Oct. 16, 1966, daughter of Sandra A. (Kittredge) Barrows of Winchendon and the late Everett E. Barrows. Diane graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1984 and attended Mount Wachusett Community College. She had been a resident of Winchendon for over 30 years.

Diane had worked as a paraprofessional in the Winchendon public school system, where she was well loved by her students and fellow teachers. Diane also worked as a waitress for many years at the Carriage House Restaurant and most recently at Flipside Grill. At one time, Diane sold automobiles at the former Putnam Chevrolet.

Diane was an avid fan of the New England Patriots. Her greatest enjoyment was hosting family events and spending time with her sons and family.

She also enjoyed the ocean and going to Maine. She was an incredible mother, sister and aunt.

Her husband, Steven G. Charland, died in 2003. In addition to her mother, she leaves two sons, Mitchell G. Charland and Jackson E. Charland; five brothers, Keith R. Barrows and his wife Tracey, Leo R. Barrows and his wife Joan, Jeremy J. Barrows and his wife Tracy, all of Winchendon; Daniel Barrows of Gardner and Edward Hoover of Gardner; her mother and father-in-law, Gerard and Cheryl Charland of Westminster; a sister-in-law Sherry Gallant and her husband Tim of Ashburnham; a sister-in-law Melissa Arvanigian and her husband Mark of Paxton, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 18, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Charland Children Education Fund, care of Colonial Cooperative Bank, 1 School Square, Winchendon, MA 01475.

## Lorraine M. (Hermanson) Fuller, 88

BOLTON—Lorraine M. (Hermanson) Fuller, age 88, of 220 Vaughn Hill Road and of Winchendon, died peacefully Sunday evening, January 14, 2018 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, with her family at her side.



She was born in Gloucester, on August 3, 1929, daughter of the late J. Alban and Margaret (Johnson) Hermanson. Lorraine lived in Bolton for many years and moved to Winchendon to live with her daughter two years ago. For many years, she and her husband enjoyed being snow birds on Big Pine Key, Florida where they spent many hours on the water, near the water, watching the birds and fish in the canals and hosting many family and friends. She graduated from Holden High School and Becker Junior College.

Lorraine owned and operated Summer Street Garden Center in Lunenburg with her daughter for many years and was the financial manager of the J.M. Fuller Co. of Bolton. Lorraine was a long-time member of Bolton Federated Church and has been a faithful friend of the United Parish of Winchendon. She appreciated deeply the love and fellowship she received from the pastor and parish especially during these past several years. She was the organizer of the first Girl Scout troop in Bolton and loved bird watching, music and gardening. She and her family traveled many places over the years but fondly remembered a trip to

Germany to visit some of the spots that her husband was stationed at while in the army. Lorraine was also an avid fan of the New England Patriots and her birthday buddy Tom Brady. She spent many hours traveling around the northeast watching her grandchildren participate in various athletic events.

She leaves her husband of 64 years, James M. "Mickey" Fuller; a daughter, Cynthia L. Carvill, with whom she lived; four grandchildren, Raymond E. Carvill Jr, his wife Mara Jimenez of Gloucester, James Carvill, his wife Valerie and their daughter Alaina Allison Carvill of Winchendon, Adam Carvill, his wife Margot of Milwaukee and their son Leo James Carvill, Amanda Lawler and her husband Peter of New Ipswich, NH; a sister, Phyllis Lorraine of Holden; a brother, Roy Hermanson of Oxford; and as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Judith Ann Fuller who died in 1977 and a great granddaughter Harper Grace Lawler.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11 a.m. in United Parish, 39 Front Street, Winchendon.

There are no calling hours.

Burial will be in West Cemetery, Bolton in the spring.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a foundation of your choice or to the Harper Grace Scholarship Fund, c/o Athol Savings Bank Winchendon MA.

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

## Alice M. (Russell) McQueston, 94

GARDNER — Alice M. (Russell) McQueston, age 94, beloved wife and mother, of Barre, died peacefully Saturday morning, January 13, 2018 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, with her family at her side.



She was born in Winchendon on January 30, 1923, daughter of the late Robert and Freda (Tatro) Russell and graduated from Murdock High School. Alice lived in Barre for most of her life and lived, for a time, in North Ft. Myers, FL.

Alice worked as a cafeteria worker for 26 years in the Quabbin Regional School district. She was a member of Barre Congregational Church, where she sang in its choir and was a member of its Women's Fellowship. Her favorite activities were quilting and doing ceramics. Alice loved her pets and enjoyed watching birds every season of

the year.

Her husband of 69 years, Richard McQueston, died in 2011. She leaves three children, Martha McQueston Femino and her husband Stephen of Barre, Richard George McQueston Jr. and his wife Gail of West Barnstable and Russell Paul McQueston and his wife Shirley of Rutland, many grandchildren, many great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Rachel Raymond and Roberta Million and a brother, Robert Russell, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held in the spring in Glen Valley Cemetery, Barre.

There are no calling hours. The family extends its heartfelt thanks to the staff of Wachusett Manor Nursing Home and Beacon Hospice.

Memorial donations may be made to MSPCA, 350 S Huntington Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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

## Carol Amy (Mays) Nelson, 67

LEOMINSTER — Carol Amy (Mays) Nelson, 67 years old, of Leominster, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, in her home after an illness.



She is survived by her husband of 45 years David R. Nelson Sr., 2 sons David R. Nelson Jr., of Ayer and John E. Nelson and his wife Jennifer of Winchendon; her brother Richard A. Nelson; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Judith A. DiNardo and her brother Russell E. Mays.

Carol was born July 15, 1950, in Leominster, daughter of Russell B. and

Lauretta E. (Johnson) Mays and was a life long resident. She had been a home health aide for several years, before retiring in 2013. Carol loved to ride on the back of her husband's motorcycle, going to Foxwoods and enjoying her afternoon Dunkin Donuts coffee.

A service was held on Wednesday, January 17, at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home (richardsonfuneralhome.net), 106 West St., Leominster was entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Philip R. Prentiss, 81

ASHBURNHAM — Philip R. Prentiss, age 81, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, January 12, 2018. He is survived



by his beloved wife of 37 years, Coreen (LeBlanc) Prentiss; his four sons and their spouses Dana Prentiss and Rob Denoncourt of Marlborough; Dale Prentiss and Robyn of Lancaster; Dean Prentiss and Tammy of Fitchburg and Dann Prentiss of Lancaster; two step-children and their spouses Christine Kerravala and Zeus of Westminster and Chad Richard and Shawna of Mill

Valley, CA; 15 grandchildren, half-sister Sandra Veneziano of Meriden, CT, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. He is pre-deceased by his sister Sylvia Thompson and half-sister Linda Wilson.

Phil was born in Waltham to the late Harold & Katherine (Algee) Prentiss. He was raised in Lancaster and grad-

uated from the Lancaster High School, Class of 1955. Phil served in the U.S. Army Reserves and began his career as a police officer for the town of Lancaster. He later worked as a truck driver for several companies including PJ Keating, Wildcat Petroleum, Tucker Trans and Star Container. Phil was a man of great faith, a former deacon and usher at Leominster Assembly of God Church and devout member of Cornerstone Church in Winchendon. He and his wife Coreen enjoyed traveling in their motor home and winter vacations to St. Augustine, Florida. He was happiest in the company of his wife, children and grandchildren and will be remembered lovingly by family and friends.

A funeral service was celebrated on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Cornerstone Church, 122 Gardner Road, Winchendon.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Philip Prentiss to: Immune Deficiency Foundation, 110 West Road, Suite 300, Towson, MD 21204.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Philbin-Comeau Funeral Home, 176 Water St., Clinton. Online condolences may be placed at www.philbincomeaufh.com.

## Reverend Richard G. Roger, 80

LEOMINSTER — Reverend Richard G. Roger, age 80, of Leominster, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018, in his home.



Father Roger was born May 20, 1937, in Leominster, son of the late Oliva J. and Exina M. (Fontaine) Roger. He was a 1955 graduate of St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School in Fitchburg.

He graduated from Assumption College in 1959, the Seminary of Philosophy in Montreal in 1960, the Grand Seminary of Montreal in 1964.

Father Richard Roger was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Worcester at the Cathedral of St. Paul on May 7, 1964.

Father Roger was assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Worcester from 1964-67, Sacred Heart Parish in Southbridge from 1967-72, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Winchendon from 1972-76, Anna Maria College in Paxton from 1976-79, Notre Dame Parish in Southbridge from 1979-82, Sacred Heart Parish in Webster from 1982-91, Holy Cross Parish in East Templeton from 1991-94, and Notre Dame/St. Joseph Parish in Worcester from 1994-2013. During many of these years he was very involved in Worldwide Marriage Encounter as chaplain and advisor. Father Roger retired in 2013.

St. Cecilia's Church in Leominster was his home parish. He loved St. Cecilia's and its parish family and continued to assist there after his retirement, including being their parochial administrator for a while after his retirement.

He had a great love for and pride in his family, always looking forward to enjoying holidays with them, pre-

siding and celebrating many of their sacraments and liturgies, and he was known as the family historian. He was a remarkably dedicated son, brother, and uncle. He enjoyed his annual trips with his mother and other family to visit relatives in Canada, and in younger years took his Mom on trips to visit Rome and Vatican City and other parts of Europe, memories which he cherished. In recent years, his great joys were helping out at St. Cecilia's and other nearby churches, holidays and visits with family, pastoral ministry toward those in need, and his Thursday lunches with his cousins Ron and Jeanette and Connie and other relatives and dear friends.

Fr. Roger was a dedicated, obedient, faithful priest. He was selflessly present to those in need, and inconspicuously generous to many, giving with no expectation of a return. No one remembers him ever asking for anything for himself.

He leaves one brother, Paul F. Roger and his wife, Pauline (Caron) of Ashburnham; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins; his former sister-in-law, Renee B. Roger and sister-in-law, Ruth A. Roger.

He was predeceased by his brother, Raymond E. Roger and his sister, Madeleine E. Siciliano, wife of the late Joseph F. Siciliano.

The Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Jan. 13 at St. Cecilia Church, 180 Mechanic St., Leominster. Burial followed in St. Cecilia Cemetery.

Simard Funeral Home, 14 Walker St., Leominster was entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the St. Cecilia's Building Fund, 170 Mechanic St., Leominster, MA 01453, or to the church or charity of one's choice.

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

## Kenneth A. Tuttle, 96

WINCHENDON — Kenneth A. Tuttle, age 96, formerly of 106 Ipswich Drive, died peacefully Wednesday morning, January 10, 2018 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



He was born in Winchendon on July 30, 1922, son of the late Sidney and Irene G. (Smith) Tuttle and was a 1942 graduate of Murdock High School.

Ken entered the service after graduation and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II. Ken retired from L.S. Starrett Tool Co. in Athol, where he worked as an inspector. He had formerly worked at Aubuchon, Pratt and Whitney and Morlock Auto Sales.

Ken was a former member and past master of Artisan Lodge of Masons. He enjoyed golf and square dancing.

Ken was predeceased by two wives. His first wife, Fern (Morlock) Tuttle,

died in 1991 and his second wife, Lorraine A. (Pelletier) Tuttle, died in 2011. He leaves two children, David D. Tuttle and his wife Evelyn of East Swanzey, NH and Elaine M. Greenwood and her husband Scott of Sarasota, FL; a stepdaughter Cheryl M. Shaw of Lunenburg; grandchildren, Jessica Greenwood and her husband Kevin Clarke, Jocelyn Reilly and her husband Raymond, Benjamin Greenwood and his wife Ana, Laura Tuttle, Carol Brown and her husband Robert, Ashley Shaw and her partner Charles Greene and Nya Shaw; great grandchildren, Emilia Clarke, Elisa Clarke, Jack Reilly, Ryan Byrnes, Katie Reilly, Silas Greenwood and Samuel Greenwood, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cynthia Clark and Esther Hines.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 15, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon.

Burial will be in the spring in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Fire Department, 405 Central St., Winchendon.



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# SPORTS

## Diggs it...

I don't know if the way the Vikings - Saints game ended Sunday was the most incredible finish in NFL history. After all, thabs subjective. Niners fans will point to 'The Catch', Titans fans to the 'Music City Miracle', Cowboys fans to the Drew Pearson 'Hail Mary', Packers fans to the Ice Bowl and of course, Steelers fans to the Immaculate Reception. But whomever you root for, that was one hell of a finale and now the Vikings are a single win away from being the first team to play a Super Bowl at home. Too bad the game will be indoors. It was always fun to watch games from old Metropolitan Stadium. Anyway, it was a fun game for those with no particular rooting interest and I was happy to see the catch made by Stefon Diggs, who was a great receiver in college but when you play football at Maryland, you're not likely to have great talent with you. Good for him. We Terp fans tend to look at football as something which fills time before basketball. Folks in Kentucky and Kansas understand.

Ironically, three of the most historic play-off games do revolve around Maryland grads - Frank Reich in that Buffalo-Houston contest where the Bills circled the wagons and rallied from a 35-3 deficit, and in addition to Sunday, the aforementioned Music City Miracle featuring ex Terp Frank Wysocki. Go figure. Diggs it...

I was glad to see Jacksonville beat Pittsburgh. Truth be told, my primary interest in the NFL is rooting against the Steelers and against the Colts, the latter less because they left Baltimore 34 years ago, business being business, but because of the sleazy way then owner Bob Irsay handled the situation including the (regionally) famous airport news conference where he promised the mayor the team was staying when in fact the moving vans were enroute. Bottom line - I have no pro or con root-



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ing interest in Sunday's conference championship games. You hope for competitive contests. And not for nothing but the best thing about this season was the debut of Tony Romo as a first-class analyst.

And the best thing about the not-so-far-off Super Bowl? That just means spring training hovers over a near horizon.

We all have our favorites. I'll take baseball over football every day of the week. I have friends who are truly fanatical about college football and literally never watch the NFL. I get that. I watch plenty of college hoops and hardly any NBA. I have friends who are the opposite, who love pro football and hoops and disdain the college versions. Whatever works, right?

But here in New England, fans are all revved up for Sunday. My issue with the Patriots dates back to Spygate, not because they did it, hell, Al Davis was

doing that more than a half century ago, but because they were sloppy enough to get caught. Every team looks for an edge - it's been pretty much confirmed that Bobby Thompson had a good idea what Ralph Branca was going to throw, the Giants reportedly stealing signs from deep center in the vast Polo Grounds - and it's hard for me to imagine 31 other NFL teams didn't and don't, have their own versions of Spygate. But geez, don't get caught.

Deflategate amused me when DJT's alleged friend Tom Brady ran right to the, gasp, union for support. The irony, you know? I was amused as well by the wringing of hands over stories there was friction between New England's three principal characters. A- there's friction in every workplace in America. B- After 18 years, who'd expect otherwise? And what's wrong with it anyway?

So here we are nearing the end of another NFL season. That means spring is near, right?

## Basketball taking precedence at the towers

The JV girls' basketball team played a very exciting game against West Boylston on Friday, Jan. 12. The two teams battled back and forth, with Murdock holding a slight lead

throughout most of the game, but in the end, it was the Lions who edged out the Blue Devils 23-22.

But what a game! The varsity girls did not fare quite so well, struggling with their defense against a much taller Lions team,

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resulting in a loss of 41-19.

The JV and varsity boys' teams also played the Lions at West Boylston, with the JV team earning their second win of the season and the varsity team losing by one point

in a reportedly frustrating game, with the score 66-65.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, both boys teams played the visiting Tahanto Stags, with the JV team eking out a 57-51 win in the final 15 seconds. The

varsity team demonstrated some excellent defense, resulting in a 75-38 win!

The JV team is now 3-1. The varsity team is 5-5.

The middle school and varsity cheerleaders are currently preparing for several competitions in February, in addition to cheering for home basketball games.

The indoor track team continues to participate in multiple meets - more information next week. Good Luck tracksters!

Congratulations to the girls' varsity soccer team, the boys' varsity soccer team, the field hockey team and the girls cross country team! Each of these teams earned the MIAA Academic Excellence Team Award for achieving a GPA of 2.5-2.99.

Ongoing events:  
Fundraiser for boys' basketball: raffle for two tickets to the Celtics vs. Thunder basketball game. For tickets, please contact Coach Matt O'Malley at mc\_omalley@yahoo.com.

Thirsty 30 Fundraiser to raise money for communities without access to clean water - sponsored by the Key Club. To donate or for more information, contact advisor Peter Birney at pbirney@winchendonk12.org.

Upcoming events:  
Jan. 20: Bottle and Can Drive at Rite Aid Parking Lot, 8 a.m.-noon. Please bring your returnable bottles and cans to help the 7th grade trip to Camp Takodah

Jan. 23: Girls and Boys JV and Varsity basketball at Narragansett. Games scheduled for 2:30

(Girls JV), 4:00 (Boys JV), 5:30 (Girls varsity), and 7:00 (Boys varsity).

Jan. 25: Middle school Girls/Boys Basketball at 3:30/4:30

Jan. 26: Girls JV/Varsity Basketball at 5:30/7:00

Please visit [www.mwlma.org](http://www.mwlma.org) for a full schedule of home and away athletic events.

Feb 2: Middle School Academic awards - 1:00-2:00

Have a great week! Go Big Blue!

## Devils fall to 4-4

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Two weeks ago, Murdock's boys' varsity basketball team participated in the Zero Gravity Tournament at Keene State College, where the played teams from New Hampshire.

In their first contest, the Blue Devils took on the Hinsdale Pacers. Murdock came away with a convincing 78-53 victory.

The following night, the Devils faced Fall Mountain and pulled out a 59-50 win to improve to 2-0 in the tourney.

In the championship game, Murdock faced the ConVal Cougars. In a hard-fought contest, the Devil's came out on the losing end, dropping a 60-59 heart-breaker. Murdock earned the runner-up trophy for the tournament.

At the conclusion of the tourney, the Blue Devils' season record stood at 3-3.

Last Wednesday they opened league play with a convincing 83-47 win over Ayer-Shirley, to improve to 4-3 on the

season and 1-0 in the league.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the Blue Devils played host to the Maynard Tigers. The dominant Tigers clawed their way to a convincing 79-42 victory. The Tigers were on fire from the field, while the Devils were unable to mount much of an offense. Maynard led from start to finish.

Following the game, Coach Matt O'Malley said, "You know, it's a tough one. There's a reason why they're defending state champions; returning most of their team. They're the real deal. We let the intensity- their defensive intensity - kind of affect how we played and, unfortunately, it wasn't for the better."

Before last Friday's game at West Boylston, O'Malley said, "We've just got to do what we do. We've got to play defense, execute offensively, and get back on the good side of things."

However, Friday's game was a nail-biter, with Murdock dropping a



Chris Martin photo

66-65 decision.

The Devils would pounce back Tuesday night, however, with a 75-38 drubbing of Tahanto.

Tonight, the Devils play host to Ayer-

Shirley. Murdock is currently in fourth place in Mid-Wach E standings, with an overall record of 4-5 and a league record of 1-2. Ayer-Shirley is 1-6 overall and 0-3 in league play.

North, and West Street.

As of Tuesday morning, prior to the arrival of snow Tuesday night, Gallants crews had put in nearly 1,250 hours of overtime since Nov. 1, accounting for overtime costs of close to \$40,000. In addition, the DPW has spent just shy of \$150,000 on materials since the start of winter. That amount includes the cost of sand and salt, fuel, and equipment repairs - including \$17,000 to replace a 15-year-old sander on one of the department's trucks.

The age and condition of some of the equipment has at time created difficulty for the department, according to Gallant.

"I have 12 trucks on the road when everything is running," he said. "But

there have been times when we've been down to two sanders, and I've also been down four plows at times. We get them fixed and back on the road as fast as we can, but it's a never-ending process."

On Tuesday of this week, the DPW took ownership of a new truck - complete with plow and sander - as part of a three-year lease-to-own agreement. The truck, costing \$225,000, was approved at the annual town meeting in May 2017. That amount is broken up into three equal payments over the course of the lease.

The new Mac truck arrived just in time to put into service for the snow which fell overnight Tuesday into Wednesday morning.

### 2018 Winchendon Area Little League Registration

Winchendon Little League will be holding registration for the 2018 season at the American Legion Post 193 on the following dates/times

Saturday, February 3: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 3: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

WLL is open to all youth, ages 4 to 16, from the area communities of Winchendon, Ashburnham, Gardner, and Templeton. We offer various levels of play for both baseball and softball

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information - [www.facebook.com/winchendonll](http://www.facebook.com/winchendonll)

Questions? Email: [winchendonll@gmail.com](mailto:winchendonll@gmail.com) or leave a message with Kevin Southwell at (603) 209-1603.

### DPW

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their pumps from our sewers."

Town bylaws prohibit the discharge of sump pumps into the drainage system, or onto any sidewalk or public way. Fines range from \$25 for a first offense to \$50 for a second violation, and \$100 for every subsequent offense.

After Friday's rains came a quick freeze, requiring DPW crews to treat nearly two dozen trouble spots twice a day all weekend due to icing. Gallant identified some of the worst problem areas as portions of Tannery Hill, Mill Glen Road, East Monomonac Road, Old Baldwinville Road, Royalston Road

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# Tips to drive safely in snow

Hot on the heels of a major Nor'easter, it's time again to review some winter driving tips to keep safe while navigating icy, snowy roadways. When the wintry weather finds you slip sliding away this season, keep in mind these common sense strategies to up your odds of a safe trip.

And remember readers, send in your best wintertime hints — you could win dinner for two at the Publick House!

**Accelerate slowly to reduce wheel spin.** If starting from a standstill on slick snow or ice, start in second gear so the vehicle is less likely to spin the tires. The automatic transmissions on some vehicles have a winter mode that automatically starts in a higher gear.

**Reduce your speed and drive smoothly.** In slippery conditions, tires lose their grip more easily, affecting all aspects of your driving: braking, turning, and accelerating. The key is to drive as smoothly as possible, avoiding sudden actions or rapid movements of any kind. Drive as if you have a bowl of water in your lap and don't want to spill any.

**Don't lock your wheels when braking.** Locked wheels can make the vehicle slide or skid. If you have a vehicle without an antilock braking system (ABS), you may need to gently apply the brakes repeatedly to avoid having them lock up the wheels.

**Perform one action at a time when accelerating, braking, and turning.** Asking a vehicle to do two things at once — such as braking and turning, or accelerating and turning — can reduce your control. When taking a turn, for instance, slowly apply the brakes while the vehicle is going straight. When it's at the right speed to take the turn, let up on the brakes and smoothly turn the steering wheel. After you're through the turn, slowly depress the accelerator to regain your speed.

**From the Archives:** Thanks to reader Robert P. Beauregard of North Oxford for pointing us in the right direction when it comes to steering clear of skids. His tip from 2009 is worth remembering:

"What's the best advice when a front wheel drive automobile (and that includes almost all cars on the road) goes into a skid? Most people would say to cut the front wheels in the direction of the skid and gently apply brakes. That's fine if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. But with a front wheel drive, you steer away from the direction of the skid by accelerating the vehicle, since the drive wheels are up front. And there's no reason to tap on the brakes. This way, you'll come out of the skid."



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

Did you know tires are your most important weapon against slipping and sliding? Take into account these top tire tips:

Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which adds to the rolling resistance caused by snow and slush. So be sure to check tire pressure regularly, especially after there has been a sharp drop in temperature.

When buying allweather or snow tires have them installed on all four wheels. This provides even traction all the way around and gives you top notch steering and stopping.

Can't replace all four? If you can only afford two snow tires, some tire experts suggest you get them mounted in the rear. Here's why: If your front tires skid, you can still maintain some control over the car by steering those wheels. But if your rear tires lose contact with the road, it's much harder to control where the car goes. For that reason, the tires with the greatest amount of traction are supposed to go on the back

Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Experts say you should have at

least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively.

Note: The driving advice above was culled from various sources including State Farm Insurance Agency, Consumer Reports, and Michelin Tires.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of The Southbridge Evening News? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

# Antique musical instruments

You may not have a Stradivarius violin in your home, but there are many other musical instruments that may be valuable.

Many people collect musical instruments. Other buyers purchase quality instruments that they can play. Musical instruments are also housed in museum collections including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

As with other fields of collecting, there are organizations for aficionados. The American Musical Society's mission is "to promote better understanding of all aspects of the history, design, construction, restoration, and usage of musical instruments in all cultures and from all periods." Their website states members include "collectors, historians, curators, performers, instrument makers, restorers, dealers, conservators, teachers, students, and many institutional members." The organization has meetings, a newsletter, a journal and online publications. Their website has links to collections of musical instruments throughout the world, educational programs, instrument manufacturers and dealers.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
WAYNE TUISKULA

Many factors can help you determine whether your instrument will only make a nice wall decoration or if you can pay off your mortgage. Age and condition are important with musical instruments, as they are with all antiques and collectibles. The materials used and the quality of the workmanship are also important to collectors. Having an instrument that was owned and played by a famous person will certainly increase value. A guitar played by John Lennon sold for \$2.4 million in 2015.

If you have a violin, viola, cello or bass, you may be able to identify it by checking for the maker by looking through the f-holes. They are the slots on each side of the bridge. The labels on violins by better makers should be hand written. There should also be a date and the label might also show the city where the piece was made.

There are many types of musical instruments that can sell for five figure sums. Here are some instruments and makers to look for. Some of the most valuable pianos are made by Steinway. Shigeru Kawai pianos are also sought after by musicians and may bring similar figures. The right Verne Q. Powell flute can bring five figures, as can a Selmer saxophone.

Guitars by several notable makers can also sell for five figures. Martin, Fender and Gibson are three of the top guitar makers.

We have auctioned some instruments that have brought strong auction prices. We have sold several violins that fetched prices in the high hundreds. A Hawaiian steel guitar from the mid-20th century went for \$2,800. A cello by a 19th century maker in fair condition sold for over \$1,300. A Rive sterling silver flute brought over \$3,000. An RCA theremin brought over \$6,000 and an Estonia piano reached over \$8,000.

If this column motivates you to look through your musical instruments, take a second look if you see Stradivarius on the label. Odds are that you will see "copy of" before the Stradivarius name.

Our live auction takes place in Worcester on January 25th. On March 5, I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School. We have an estate sale scheduled for January 27 and 28 in Webster. Other sales are being planned. Keep checking [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612- 6111), [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com)



# More Matters: Plant Breeding Innovation Key To Increased Vegetable Consumption



When it comes to fruit and vegetable consumption—more matters. The USDA indicates Americans should fill half their plate with these healthy choices. Plant breeding innovation is making this recommendation tastier and more convenient.

(NAPS) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans of all ages consume too few fruits and vegetables<sup>1</sup>, while the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends that Americans fill half their plate with fruit and vegetables.

A focus on healthier lifestyles is having an impact, though. In 2016, for example, U.S. farmers sold \$390 million worth of cauliflower, a significant increase from 2012<sup>2</sup> and a trend that can be attributed to the growing frequency with which cauliflower is showing up on menus and being used as a replacement for rice and potatoes.

Seed companies are doing their part to help increase vegetable consumption through plant breeding practices designed to help make vegetables tastier and more convenient to consume. Through breeding innovation, consumers enjoy flavorful tomatoes year-

round, helping round out a healthy diet in any season. The consumption of just one medium tomato per day can help provide 40 percent of daily recommended vitamin C and 20 percent of recommended vitamin A3.

A combination of consumer research and a deep understanding of needs from field to fork, including those of growers, packers, shippers and retailers, helps seed companies to guide their plant breeding programs. Taste, for example, is a complex interaction between taste, smell, color and texture. Shelf life is another area where plant breeding can make a significant difference, developing varieties that stay fresher, longer.

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Syngenta vegetable seeds research and development is conducted at several sites in key production regions of the U.S. Trialing occurs throughout the year, allowing Syngenta to continually

introduce innovative new varieties that fulfill grower needs and meet consumer demand for high-quality, tasty, nutritious vegetables every day of the year.

1 Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2013

2 Time, July 24, 2017  
3 Produce for Better Health Foundation

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# Online RMV may be best

BY JERRY CARTON  
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Not crazy about driving to Leominster or even farther to Greenfield to do business with the Registry of Motor Vehicles? If that's the case, you'll like this — the agency is moving to expand online access for some transactions.

For example, customers will now be able to renew licenses or ID cards online for two consecutive renewal periods. Additionally, customers will be able to use the same license picture for 14 years

rather than nine, which means some 30,000 more renewals can be transacted online every month.

"The Registry is pleased to offer these helpful enhancements to service options available to our customers," said RMV's Erin Deveney, adding, we encourage customers to conveniently renew their driver's license or Mass ID card online if they are eligible to do so, saving a trip to a service center."

Deveney speculated the changes will make in-person visits to service centers less of a hassle and assure the centers

will run more efficiently.

Under the new rules, licenses and ID cards will need to be renewed in-person at an RMV center or AAA offices (for members) every third renewal period, or once every 15 years.

The new rules stipulate that eligibility for online renewal must meet the criteria of having a license or ID card less than 14 years old and taken after following the customer's 21st birthday.

"This is positive for everyone," said Deveney.

Starting March 28, the RMV will also

be changing the way driver's licenses and ID cards can be acquired and renewed. That's the day the Registry will start issuing licenses and ID cards which will meet federal standards to be REAL ID compliant.

Massachusetts residents won't need those REAL ID cards until October 2020 and even then only to board planes or enter a US government building under pending new federal rules.

The Registry's online site can be found at [www.mass.gov/how-to/renew your driver's license](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/renew-your-driver's-license).



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# The health benefits of avocados



Food trends come and go. But one such trend that has seemingly enjoyed more staying power than other flavors of the month is avocado toast, a popular dish that might trace some of that admiration to how easy it is to prepare.

The popularity of avocado toast has

exploded in recent years, but it has actually been around for decades. Many trace the origins of avocado toast to Australia, though it's hard for food historians to say with utmost certainty where the dish was first served.

Avocado toast might be as healthy as

it is popular. Avocados boast a host of health benefits, some of which might surprise even the most ardent devotee of avocado toast.

- Avocados are loaded with vitamins. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Nutrient Database, avocados are a great source of numerous vitamins, including C, E, K, and B-6. Avocados also contain beta-carotene, which the human body converts into vitamin A that promotes healthy skin and a strong immune system.

- Avocados can benefit vision. Avocados contain lutein and zeaxanthin, a pair of phytochemicals concentrated in the tissues in the eyes. Lutein and zeaxanthin are believed to block blue light from reaching structures in the retina, thereby reducing a person's risk of developing macular degeneration. In fact, studies published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, the American Journal of Ophthalmology and The Archives of Ophthalmology found that diets high in lutein and zeaxanthin are associated with a lower risk of macular degeneration, which the American Macular Degeneration

Foundation notes is the leading cause of vision loss in the United States.

- Avocados can promote healthier bones. Because they're high in vitamin K, a nutrient that is crucial for bone health, avocados may help reduce a person's risk of developing osteoporosis, a condition characterized by bones becoming fragile and brittle due to loss of tissue. Vitamin K may help improve the intestinal absorption of calcium. That's a significant benefit, as calcium deficiency has long been associated with a greater risk for osteoporosis.

- Avocados may help fight depression. Avocados are loaded with omega-3 fatty acids, which benefit the body in myriad ways. One of those ways is by helping to reduce the symptoms of depression. Polyunsaturated fats such as omega-3 fatty acids are thought to antagonize inflammatory cytokines that can contribute to feelings of depression.

Trendy foods come and go, oftentimes falling off the radar when their health benefits are overstated or proven dubious. However, the documented benefits of avocados may ensure the staying power of avocado toast.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

### Saturday, January 20

**CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE:** Murdock Middle School holds a can & bottle drive in the parking lot of Rite Aid, Central Street 8 a.m. to noon. Funds raise help pay for the annual camp week for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Sunday, January 21

**SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST:** at Snowbound Club, 130 Old Baldwinville Road 8a.m. to noon. Open to the public. To go orders available, large groups encouraged to make a reservation via Facebook message or call ahead (978) 297-0124.

### Saturday, January 27

**ANNUAL BONFIRE & FIREWORKS:** as you take down your decorations, bring trees and wreaths to the American Legion and pile them as the annual bonfire is already stacking up for Saturday, Jan. 27. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with hot dogs and burgers available; the fireworks go off at 7 p.m. and then the bonfire is lit! No admission charge for this family friendly event, and we need your tree!

### Friday, February 2

**SUPER BOWL MEAT RAFFLE:** On Friday, Feb. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. Winchendon Lions Club hosts its annual Super Bowl meat raffle at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. 20 rounds at four chances per round, gifts for your Super Bowl party; 50/50, lobster raffle,

door prize. Free food while it lasts. Come support the Lions!

### Friday, February 9

**2018 CAKE AUCTION:** at noon at Old Murdock Senior Center! Always a sell out! The best bakers make the best cakes, what a variety! Come bid on something sweet for your sweetheart, just in time for Valentine's Day.

### Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3

**FOOTLOOSE!** Murdock High School presents its annual musical, this year the coming of age and bittersweet Footloose. When a California teen moves to small town USA and finds it too strict for his taste, he finds ways to give a bit of freedom to his fellow students. 7 p.m. both nights, tickets available at the door or in advance by calling Murdock High School.

### Saturday, March 10

**MYCHAEL DAVID PROJECT:** here it is! If you enjoyed the music at the annual Massachusetts chili cook off, then this evening is for you. Kiwanis of Winchendon have brought the Mychael David Project indoors for an evening at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Only \$10 per person. Tickets available at the door beginning at 8 p.m.

### Saturday, March 24

**DAZED TILL DAWN!** At the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club beginning at 9 p.m.

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**SUNDAYS INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON:** The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

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

**TUESDAY WINCHENDON NA MEETING:** Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We're working hard to get the word

out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LEGALS

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by James A. Robuccio to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., dated February 6, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 32813, Page 363 subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N. A., as Trustee for Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2 by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51136, Page 319; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 9, 2018 at 339 Maple Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, located in the Town of Winchendon, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and further described as being on the southerly side of Maple Street, RTE. # 202, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof at railroad spike in the southerly line of Maple Street at land of Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee, said spike being located N. 82 degrees 15' 00" W., 22.93 feet from a Massachusetts highway bound location at an angle in said street line opposite layout station 47+28.31; THENCE S. 2 degrees 51' 00" W., 177.65 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 82 degrees

15" 00" W., 185.17 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 7 degrees 45' 00" E., 177.00 feet to a P. I. Nail in paving in the southerly line of Maple Street, the preceding three (3) courses being by land of said Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee; THENCE S. 82 degrees 45' 00" E., by the southerly line of Maple Street, 170.00 feet to the point of beginning Containing 31,433 square feet, more or less. Being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Lot #3, to be conveyed by Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee of E. T. Jeffers Real Estate Trust, Winchendon, Mass., Scale 1 inch = 30 feet -February 13,1980, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass." Which plan is to be recorded herewith. Being the same premises as conveyed to these mortgagors recorded in Book 27402, Page 371.

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 fore-

closure 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 National Association, as trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N. A., as trustee for Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-008859 January 19, 2018 January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

### Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

89 Mill Glen Road; (portion of) Assessor's Map 11, Lot 210 Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:10 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owners Samantha and Sean Harding for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 89 Mill Glen Road; a portion of Assessor's Map 11, Lot 210. The project entails construction of a driveway and installation of a well to serve a proposed single-family house. The hearing will be held in the

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537. January 19, 2018

### Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

138 Glenallen Street; Assessor's Map 6A-1, Lots 39 and 40 Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owners Edward and Linda Bond for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 138 Glenallen Street; Assessor's Map 6A-1, Lots 39 and 40. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving four-bedroom and one-bedroom dwellings. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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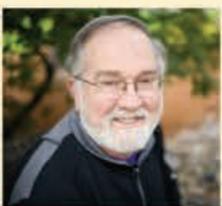
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