

TM vote on two-town pact may be delayed

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It appears Winchendon selectmen may be backpedaling on their earlier decision to place a proposed intermunicipal agreement with the town of Templeton before voters at this year's fall town meeting. At their meeting Monday night, the board instructed its representatives on the subcommittee negotiating the proposed pact to explore Templeton's interest in adopting a one-year trial agreement, rather than the three-year contract previously presented to selectmen.

The proposal was put before

the board Monday night by Town Manager Keith Hickey, who would serve as chief administrative officer of both communities if the compact is ultimately agreed to. Hickey argued an interim agreement, which could be enacted within the next couple of months, would give townspeople a chance to weigh whether the arrangement is worth pursuing long term. Voters could then decide at the annual town meeting in May whether to endorse a three-year deal or withdraw from the arrangement at the end of the one-year trial period.

Neither community would be penalized for deciding to once again go it alone.

Minutes of an executive session held by selectmen on May 4 indicate that town and state officials did discuss the possibility of a six-month test period for a potential administrator-sharing agreement. That option, however, was not discussed by the negotiating subcommittee.

As was the case at their meeting July 24, Hickey and the board got a lot of pushback from members of the community regarding the new proposition. The town manager

did say he took the earlier feedback from the public and selectmen into consideration while putting together this latest proposal.

"If you skirt this without going to the town and doing this for one year without any approval," said resident Rick Ward, "then you're failing your job that...at least four of you promised us."

Kevin Miller also spoke to selectmen, saying, "When I came in you were discussing what goals the town manager should have for the coming year. Ten minutes later we're talking about benefits of coop-

eration between our town and Templeton. Those benefits can be achieved without having to share a town manager. You have the ability to set goals that say collaborate, cooperate, seek opportunities to work with Templeton. It happens in the school department via collaboratives. I believe it can happen here. If there's equipment that can be shared, it can be shared right now."

"The town manager of Winchendon is a full-time position," he continued. "That's what we really need. And even if Mr. Hickey can (serve both

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Greg Vine photo

Evelyn Spaulding recently received the Boston Post Cane certificate for being Winchendon's oldest resident. Spaulding turned 100 years old on April 11. Surrounding Evelyn Spaulding (l-r): Winchendon Selectman Audrey LaBrie; Spaulding's great granddaughter, Jaelyn Cloutier, who is holding Anthony Joseph Brill, Spaulding's great-great grandson; Karla Cloutier, Spaulding's granddaughter; Dick and Nancy Gordon, Spaulding's son-in-law and daughter; Selectman Mike Barbaro; and Barbara Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Spaulding gets Winchendon's Boston Post Cane

BY GREG VINE
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One-hundred-year-old Evelyn Spaulding was recently awarded the Boston Post Cane Certificate honoring her as Winchendon's oldest resident. She reached the century mark on April 11. She was born just five days after Pres. Woodrow Wilson declared war on Imperial Germany, plunging the U.S. into World War I.

She has lived through the Roaring '20s, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, and the War on Terror. She has outlived

the Soviet Union, which was also born in 1917. Born just 14 years after Orville and Wilbur Wright flew at Kitty Hawk, she has seen Americans set foot on the moon, and the Hubble space telescope stare back to the very beginnings of the universe.

Not bad for someone who came into this world in the small town of Athol.

According to her daughter, Nancy Gordon, Evelyn Spaulding was "pretty much" a stay-at-home mom. But she sometimes did work outside the home.

While her husband,

Maurice, was away during World War II, Evelyn ran the John Hancock Insurance agency he had opened in Winchendon. She also once worked at Rose's Clothing Store.

"And I think her last job was driving for Head Start," said Nancy Gordon.

While Spaulding is currently living at the Baldwinville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, she maintains her legal residence in Winchendon.

The tradition of the Boston

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State agencies to review logging operation

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — The first step in determining what sanctions, if any, to levy against a Westminster tree harvesting company is deciding what state agency has jurisdiction over which violations.

A fact-finding meeting was held at the Worcester offices of the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the activities of Central Mass. Tree on Winchendon property owned by Powell Stone and Gravel off Teel and Bemis roads. The tree cutting permit obtained by the company was issued by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. A complaint filed with DEP alleged work had taken place on the site since that permit expired in November of last year and that culverts had been improperly installed.

A map provided by DCR

pointed out three non-approved culverts, a non-approved landing, one non-approved stream crossing, and a non-approved haul road on the property. The haul road runs for about 2,500 feet, from the approximate center of the parcel to Teel Road.

Several officials from both DEP and DCR were on hand for the meeting, as was property owner Steve Powell, Central Mass. Tree owner Randy Rameau, Winchendon Conservation Agent David Koonce, and a representative of the Massachusetts Forest Alliance.

The Powell property occupies approximately 230 acres, a small portion of which, according to the locus map provided by DCR, lies in the town of Ashburnham. However, it appears from aerial photographs that no cutting has taken place on that section of property. Michael Downey,

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Keith Kent photo

Winchendon Police vehicles have already been checked for potential problems.

WPD proactive on Ford police SUV recall

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — With multiple police officers both locally and nationwide having recently suffered motor vehicle accidents and or medical illnesses which has been linked to carbon monoxide poisoning, the police department wants residents to know it is taking a proactive approach in dealing with a recent Ford Motor Company recall.

Ford Explorer Police Pursuit Sport Utility Vehicles with the Interceptor package which have become desirable to law enforcement offices around the nation and even more so in the northern states due to not only their increased versatility but 4WD capability, were officially recalled for defective sealing in holes which allow proper wiring access on Aug. 1.

FoMoCo has officially stated it will cover all repair costs to properly seal the vehicles inte-

rior cabins to protect occupants from potential carbon monoxide poisoning and exposure. It will also provide software updates which will re-calibrate the air conditioning to allow a higher flow under heavy accelerating conditions.

In a meeting held with WPD Chief David Walsh Aug. 4 regarding the medical safety of both not only his officers but the public at large Walsh said, "I have spoken to Tighe Mathieu at Mathieu Ford and his daughter, who is the manager, and we are going to take a proactive approach on this. He has indicated dealers will be provided a service bulletin by the middle of August and he is expecting it in a week or two. What Tighe and I have discussed and what he is willing to do is go through all the cars."

Currently the WPD has two 2014 and two 2015 Ford Police Package Explorers in its fleet.

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Clark plans for new center move ahead

BY GREG VINE
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The Winchendon Planning Board last week approved a formal site plan for the construction of a 13,600-square-foot community center by the Clark Memorial YMCA. The structure will be built just off Summer Drive, adjacent to the Y's existing field house and tennis and basketball courts. Following a public hearing, a special permit to allow for construction of a conventional storm drainage system, rather than a low impact development drainage system as required by the town's zoning bylaws, was also approved.

Clark officials had hoped the board would approve an informal site plan at its previous meeting, but a plan for dealing with storm water runoff had been left off the original proposal. That plan was neces-

sary because the project would result in the creation of more impervious surface due to the construction of the building and additional parking on the north side of the center.

Thus, a formal site plan review was necessary.

Impervious surface results in an increased amount of runoff resulting from rainfall and snow melt.

The engineer for the project, Paul Grazewicz, explained the plans called for the creation of 19 additional parking spaces on the north side of the proposed center, along with an entry/exit way off Summer Drive.

"People will be able to enter the parking lot and loop around the building," said Grazewicz, "as opposed to being a dead end parking area. The building will be serviced by public water and public sewer. And we do have to do an extensive amount of

drainage work because there are several drainage lines that all come together right in the middle of the proposed building footprint. So, we're having to pick these drainage pipes up and re-route them around both sides of the building to make that all work."

Original plans called for the center to be constructed on the site of the existing basketball and tennis courts. This would not have led to an increase in impervious area. But the town urged the Clark to keep the courts and the location of the proposed structure was moved to the north side of those amenities, to an area currently covered by grass and containing a portion of the facility's walking track.

Clark Executive Director Mike Quinn has said the track will be reduced from a third of

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It is better to use fair means and fail, than foul and conquer.

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School Committee examines SISEP for upcoming academic year

BY: KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The School Committee spent a large majority of its meeting on Thursday, August 3 with eight members of the District Implementation Team extensively examining the state implementation and scaling-up evidence-based practices; an alphabet soup demand yet again.

The DIT of the Winchendon public schools is composed of Superintendent Steve Haddad, Director of Pupil Services Kristina Mecelicaite, Assistant Director of Pupil Services Suzanne Michel, Memorial School Principal Michelle Atter, Toy Town Principal Mary Aker, Murdock Middle School Principal Jessica Vezina, Murdock High School lead teacher Sherri Fairbanks, and SISEP implementation specialist Brenda Melcher.

In a demanding, and pedagogic overview of the system, the state is once again doing an evaluation system, onsite and external with onsite coaching and providing a specialist. It once again requires implantation of evidence based practices for teaching and support.

The program called positive behavior intervention supports, rewarding positive behavior, and the supports for that were discussed for Memorial and

Toy Town elementary schools and the middle school. A different program is planned at the high school level.

The implementation (PBIS is already in process, but will be more intense), will involve monthly membership meetings, addressing student behavior expectations, an updated handbook and developing home-school connections.

Memorial School implementation will include lesson plans and a ticket system to recognize positive behavior. Data systems will also be used for documentation of behavior referrals and referral forms along with other subject matter.

Also at Memorial a district wide bully prevention plan will be shared with staff. Action plans will be shared with staff and a Tier 2 team, to discuss and identify students who additional behavioral needs and services. A handbook will be provided for staff and families.

At Toy Town, there will be school wide expectations for (STAR) Behavior which stands for Safe Together, Accountable, and Respectful. A PBIS Team will be in place for Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions for students. There will be a monthly analysis of behavioral data, and monthly analysis. A "Kids against Bullying" campaign will be shared with staff and students, as well as a "Random Acts of Kindness" picture board.

Stages of Implementation at the MMS and MHS level will also take place. Middle School students will be notified

of what is expected of them to do their part with a handbook and lesson plans. Data systems will be in place, and even staff morale will be addressed.

At the high school a common set of behavioral expectations for all classrooms and students will be established, including a committee to create more positive behavior including rewards. Other items and policies such as building teams, structured time planning and implementation, and even external coaching supports will be in place.

As part of implementation, there will be self-assessment surveys, a team implementation check list, benchmarks of quality, and more.

School Lunch Costs: Near the end of the meeting it was announced the price of school lunch would be increased from \$2.85 to \$3 at the start of this upcoming school year. The reasons given was the cost to maintain Federal standards along with maintaining and meeting required regulations, which neither the town or school district has any say or power over.

On a separate and sad note, a moment of silence was held by the School Committee for Bob LaPointe, who reportedly passed away in the State of Florida on Thursday, August 3.

Murphy said, "LaPointe was a teacher, and later on went on to become the Middle School Principal and served in the district for over 30 years. I worked with Bob, and knew Bob very well." B

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KITTY KORNER

As many of you have probably heard, A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats will be closing its doors by the end of this year. They will be working hard over the next few months to find homes for the eight cats still available for adoption. This includes Shamus, a gorgeous 2 year old boy. He was brought to us by a family that had to give him up because he didn't get along with their children. He is sweet and warms up nicely with a gentle approach. He would do best in a home without other animals or children.

Shamus has been examined by a veterinarian, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

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



CLYDE'S CORNER

Saturday, August 12

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

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

OWC PLANNED: On Saturday, Aug. 12 from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street, Operation Winchendon Cares will be collecting donations to send to our troops. These are all local Winchendon men and women.

This will be our End of Summer Drive. We are looking for things like freeze pops, baked goods, snacks, quick meals like tuna packets, ramen noodles - anything that they could heat up as a meal if they were unable to get to the mess hall, art work from children especially since school is on vacation, cards & notes from the townspeople. Please nothing chocolate that could melt. We can always use money towards the postage to mail these packages and volunteers to help sort and pack up the donations. Spread the word, come on down to see what we are all about and bring a friend.

Our Holiday Drive will be held on November 4th.

Sunday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 15

WINCHENDON NA MEETING: This is a new meeting being launched with the support of the Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Led by

Winchendon residents, Winchendon NA is an open meeting, welcoming newcomers and old-timers alike, featuring discussion, sharing and learning. If you're in recovery or want to be, and would like support, please join us. At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 19

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

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 14

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon,

126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.

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

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

Thursday, September 28

OPEN MIC: at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

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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/bealmemoriallibrary.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Winchendon resident receives national award from American Legion Auxiliary

Alicyn Gormley, a resident of Winchendon and member of our local American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193, recently received a Good Deed award for her works in Wreaths Across America.

The award was presented at a unit meeting. This award recognizes and honors ALA Junior members for outstanding volunteer service and dedication to the organization's mission of serving veterans, military, and their families.

Gormley's ALA unit nominated her for the award because of her commitment to bettering the lives of veterans and her community.

Gormley took it upon herself to help out deceased Veterans. At Christmas time three years ago she noticed that her grandfather's grave did not have a wreath at the Winchendon Veteran's Cemetery.

"That's all it took," she knew she had to do something. She decided to start "Penny Wars" within her high school, and every year now for the last three years she has consistently given over a \$1,000 every year. This year being

the most she has raised at \$1,840 for Wreaths Across America. Her service of good deeds doesn't stop there. She is always present at the ceremony to place the wreaths on the graves and makes sure that every single headstone has a wreath.

Alicyn also participates in the local program "Operations Winchendon Cares" which makes sure Winchendon veterans receive care packages several times a year. Unit 193 is very proud of our new Junior for she shows all of us how to uphold the American Legion Auxiliary Mission of Service not Self.

Learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary member by visiting www.alaforveterans.org.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, ALA volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through



Courtesy photo

Alicyn Gormley is presented her certificate of achievement by First Vice President of American Legion Unit 193 Monique Connor.

annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. To learn more about the ALA's mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Peace and music at Heywood

Come join the Heywood Hospital Aid Association as they present a Sunday of peace and music at Heywoodstock!

All are welcome to attend and spend a fun-filled day with the family listening to five local bands - Honkytonk Hangover, Bird Mancini, Gale County, The Mark Fisher Trio (plus special guests), and Hoodoo Highway.

Held on Sunday, August 13 from noon to 6 pm (gates open at 11:30) at the Gardner Polish American Citizens Club (171 Kendall Pond Road in Gardner), tickets are \$15 presale and \$20 on the

day of the show. Tickets are available at the Heywood Hospital Gift Shop, City Music in Gardner, and Keller Williams RE in Westminster. All proceeds go to the Heywood Hospital Aid Association to assist in the purchasing and maintenance of hospital equipment.

Dedicated to supporting the Greater Gardner community and Heywood Hospital since 1927, the Heywood Hospital Aid Association is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers who work to fulfill the Association's

mission of fundraising capital funds for Hospital equipment purchases. In addition to member dues, the Hospital Aid Association fundraises throughout the year in a number of ways including vendor sales, special events and the annual Evergreen Fair. The Association also oversees the Heywood Hospital Gift Shop, another source of income.

CANE

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Post Cane began in 1909, when the Boston Post newspaper's publisher, Edwin Grozier, sent a gold-headed ebony cane to the selectmen in 700 New England towns (no cities) with the request that it be presented to the oldest male resident of the town. Upon his death, the cane was to be handed down to the next oldest resident. After 1930, after a fair amount of controversy, it was decided women would also be eligible for the honor. Competition from other newspapers, radio, and television led to the Boston Post printing its last edition in 1957.



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EDITORIAL

What's in it for us? *the legacy you desire?*

We've held off voicing an opinion on the proposed sharing of town manager with Templeton concept, until now. We've looked at the idea and the language, and we've been following, very closely, the problems our neighboring town is having with its own various departments...and its financials.

Financials.

You do remember those.

We had our share of those over the years. We found ourselves mired in some pretty deep problems not so very long ago ourselves. Most of it was based on one major problem, an experiment in self-insurance.

Templeton's problems are different.

And if you think Winchendon politics are deep and steep, pay attention there.

Do we want to become entangled?

Because we will.

We can, at present, right now, do collaborative agreements for supplies, services and yes even shared offices like IT work. But to share our major administrative person is not, repeat not, a good idea.

It smacks of all sorts of possible tug-of-war scenarios.

How do you divide the time? It's easy to say three days-two days; but life doesn't work that way and not even a workday works that way. He'll be accepting phone calls and emails and messages all day every day from both places. He'll be handling day to day activities for both all the time; not compartmentalized into Thursday here and Monday there. It just doesn't work that way because life doesn't work that way.

And, just like attempting to consider how much water from Ashburnham actually flows into Winchendon sinks, there are measurement factors. We've been dealing with that one for years, and we sure haven't plugged those leaks have we? Try translating that into human terms and times.

There will definitely not be any cost savings to this.

The concept of having the town of Templeton pick up a portion of a contracted salary and perquisites is annoying at best; ridiculous at worst. The bookkeeping would be a nightmare. Vis a vis the bookkeeping now done between the schools and the towns for shared services. The schools now give back to the town a couple million dollars a year for shared services/indirect costs.

Huh?

Isn't it all our own tax money? Shouldn't that be used to educate our kids, not pay someone's salary at town hall?

And the schools pay for water and sewer too, just to keep it on the up and up and square. And trash service to an outside contractor when the town has its own transfer station.

SO tell us how partnering with another separate TOWN is going to save us money when we do this to ourselves?

Now there's this slippery little "let's try it for a few months and see how it goes" experiment being proposed.

Eh, no.

Once something is in place, it's hard to pull it apart again. Ask someone who tried to stop a "free" subscription once it was time to pay; or get out of a cable contract once the reduced price for HBO ran out. Do not make this mistake, BOS. Please.

Because if for no other reason than we can't spare our town manager, we have plenty right here to keep him busy. And, while this present person can most likely handle the extra work, he seems pretty capable, we need to plan ahead (we as a town aren't very good at that) and realize as little as five years from now it might be entirely different. A different person might NOT be able to do it, and then where are we? Just don't.

You may not see it in the greeting card section of your local drugstore, but August is "What Will Be Your Legacy Month." So it's a good time to think about the type of legacy you'd like to leave.

Of course, "legacy" can mean many things. In the broadest sense, your legacy is how you will be remembered by your loved ones, friends and the communities to which you belong. On a practical level, establishing your legacy means providing your family and the charitable organizations you support with the resources you'd like them to have.

And that means you may need to take the following actions: create your plans, communicate your wishes and review and update your documents.

Let's take a quick look at all these steps:

Create your plans. You will want to work with your legal professional, and possibly your tax and financial professionals, too, to draft the plans needed to fulfill your legacy wishes. These plans may include drafting a will, living trust, health care directive, power of attorney and other documents. Ideally, you want these plans to do more than just convey where you want your money to go – you want to impart, to the next generation, a sense of the effort that went into building the wealth they receive. Without such an appreciation, your heirs may be less than rigorous in retaining the tangible legacies you've left them.

Communicate your wishes. It's important to communicate your legacy-related wishes to your family members as early as possible. By doing so, you can hopefully avoid unpleasant surprises and hurt feelings when it's time for your estate to be settled – and you'll also let people know what tasks, if any, they need to perform. For example, if you're choosing a family member to be the executor of your estate,

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or if you're giving someone power of attorney over your financial or health-related matters, they should be prepared.

Update your documents. During your life, you may well experience any number of changes –

new marriage, new children, opening a family business, and so on. You need to make sure your legal documents and financial accounts reflect these changes. For example, if you've remarried, you may want to change the beneficiary designations on your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts – if left untouched, these designations may even supersede the instructions left in your will. And the directions in life chosen by your grown children may also dictate changes in your will or living trust. In any case, it's a good idea to review all your legacy-related documents periodically, and update them as needed.

In addition to taking the above steps, you also need to protect the financial resources that go into your legacy. So, when you retire and begin taking funds from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts, make sure your withdrawal rate is sufficient for your living expenses, but not so high that it eventually jeopardizes the amounts you planned to leave to your family or to your preferred charities. A financial professional can help you determine the withdrawal rate appropriate for your situation.

With careful planning, and by making the right moves, you can create the type of legacy you desire – one that can benefit your loved ones far into the future.

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Who's Cryin' Now?

"The tendency to whining and complaining may be taken as the surest symptom of little souls and inferior intellects." – Lord Francis Jeffrey, Scottish judge and literary critic (1773-1850)

Last week, my column consisted of a list of grievances. Some may call it whining. But, while writing it, tongue was planted firmly in cheek.

After writing it, however, I began to wonder if we had become a nation of complainers, of whiners...of crybabies.

As a died-in-the-wool liberal, I'll be among the first to say, when it comes to whining, my fellow left-wingers can be among the worst.

Take college campuses. Many colleges and universities have been bending over backward to create what have become known as "safe spaces." To which I exuberantly say, "Phooey!"

These "safe spaces" supposedly are areas where students and faculty and anyone else without a backbone can be free of hearing anything that offends them, from intolerant

epithets to divergent political views. Space where students can be physically safe is one thing; it's important, indeed essential. Space to be free from what may be deemed "offensive" language is quite another.

Van Jones, one-time adviser to former Pres. Barack Obama, addressed the problem recently when he spoke at the University of Chicago: "It's a horrible view, which is that 'I need to be safe ideologically, I need to be safe emotionally, I just need to feel good all the time. And if someone else says something that I don't like, that is a problem for everyone else, including the administration.'" But the PC madness goes beyond "safe spaces." It extends to infringing on the rights of those who espouse – and may want to hear – controversial, sometimes unpopular opinions. It drives me crazy when students and faculty all-too-often succeed in keeping speakers they don't like from appearing on campus. I may find former Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos and right-

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wing nut-job Ann Coulter loathsome individuals, but they have every right to speak and be heard. Hell, a few years ago former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice backed out of a campus address when students at Rutgers put up a stink. Condoleezza Rice!

Craziness!

It must be said, however, that the left has no monopoly on whiners. The right has its share.

Which brings me to the Crybaby-in-Chief.

We have a president who finds anything that is not praiseful of his every word and action offensive. He rails against "fake news" whenever what is actually the real news paints him in a bad light. Whether it is the Russia probe,

his sinking poll numbers, his abysmal legislative failures, or the obvious chaos in his White House, Mr. Trump resorts to whining.

Of course, his manner of whining is good old-fashioned immature name calling. "Loser," "failing," "fools," "disaster," "liar," "fake," and on and on.

And remember how offended conservatives were when Pres. Obama bowed to Japanese Emperor Akahito. Holy Cow! You'd think he'd given the guy a big, sloppy, open-mouthed kiss! Never mind that Dwight Eisenhower bowed to Charles DeGaulle and the Italian prime minister. Or how about George W. Bush bowing to, holding hands with, and planting a little kiss on the king of Saudi Arabia?

And – while liberals can be guilty of this, too – conservatives are more likely to support banning books they declare offensive, mainly from public schools. Targets include classics like Slaughterhouse Five, The Catcher in the Rye, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,

Fahrenheit 451, Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, and Lord of the Flies, as well as newer works like And Tango Makes Three, Forever, The Kite Runner, and the Harry Potter series.

Come on, America! We're supposed to be the home of the brave – not the home of the annoyingly sensitive. Stop being offended by every little thing, especially things that are not truly offensive. Like people saying or doing things you may simply disagree with. I mean, if you can't handle that, my advice is that you find a good, deep hole and crawl in.

If you're offended by something, deal with it. There are plenty of offensive, disrespectful, ignorant people out there. Most people, I believe are good, kind, and empathetic. If you can't deal with those who aren't, well, there's that deep hole thing.

I guess this is all my long-winded way of saying, "Stop whining!" It truly is offensive!

A birthday...

It's August 11. The top of this newspaper says so. That means today would have been Courtney's 24th birthday. It is not a happy day.

I've written thousands of words over the last 65 days – in this column and others, on Facebook, in emails and letters and texts. Doing so has been cathartic for me. If people are tired of reading about this, so be it. Everyone can choose what they do and don't read and how they respond when they do. I've received some touching feedback. Those are good, comforting even, for which I am, believe me, grateful, but of course they can't change the nightmarish reality. That's the harsh truth.

So here we are, Courtney's birthday. Every parent remembers the birth of

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their children and I remember Andy and Michael's births every bit as vividly as I remember Courtney's. I'm sure every parent reading this understands completely.

She was our youngest, eight years younger than Andy, arriving six years after Michael. Raising daughters is different. Very different. There were moments when I'd wonder if I'd done something wrong merely by breathing the same air she was. Truth be told, driving with her was a thrill ride and not in a good way. I'd grip the door handle and sometimes shut my eyes. She never got a ticket. Ever. Amazing.

But before all that, there was her birth, 24 years ago today. Because Andy had been delivered by necessity

through a C-section, so were his siblings and therefore we picked the date for Courtney's birth. It's a weird thing – looking at your calendars to see which day fits best to have a baby. August 11 worked. The advantage of course was that her nursery was done a month before her birth. Granted, it didn't come out the exact shade of yellow we thought it would but then again, it was her mom and her soon to be godmother who were the amateur painters. Things tend to look differently in the store.

So we made our way to Sinai Hospital that Wednesday morning and a few hours later at 10:31, Courtney arrived. I was beyond thrilled. I really was. But once she was born and safely in the nursery there were other things to attend to.

Sinai, where she and her brothers were born, sits just a parking lot across from Pimlico race course. As I have often written in Talking Sports, I basi-

cally grew up on backstretches of race-tracks. Courtney's godmother worked at the track. She had taken the day off to be with us but, you see, Saratoga was open and the races were being simulcast at Pimlico. Sure enough, there was a filly named "Pleasant Courtney" running that day. Hunch bets aren't generally profitable but every once in a while, you take a shot. But no. No one thought we should take a whole ten minutes to go over and throw a few bucks on her. The human Courtney, all of three hours old, was sound asleep. So I was convinced, nay, shamed perhaps into not running over. Pleasant Courtney finished second. The kicker? Exactly one year later, on our Courtney's first birthday, back at Saratoga, Pleasant Courtney ran again. And won. Yes, I saw it that time. Little, and sometimes not so little wins.



It was a magical day

Magician Eddy Raymond brought his intriguing tricks to the Beals Memorial Library, where a small group of kids found no, they couldn't figure out how he did it even when they were called to the front to be part of the act.

Greg Vine photoa



Fourteen-year-old Ariana helping magician Eddy Raymond with a card trick at Beals Memorial Library.



Ava Malcolm, age 5, listens intently to instructions from magician Eddy Raymond.



Lucas Plante, age 5, tries to separate a couple of interlocking rings for the magician.



Cody Irons, age 9, assists magician Eddy Raymond during a performance at Beals Memorial Library.

Tsongas set to retire

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

REGION - Rep. Nikki Tsongas (D), whose congressional district includes most of Winchendon, announced this week she won't be seeking re-election next year.

"It's a good time to go," said Tsongas, who added she is especially proud of her work on the Armed Services committee, where she focused on veterans affairs and sexual abuse in the military.

Her decision opens the door for a hotly contested Democratic primary in 2018. The seat has been uncontested since Tsongas won a special election in 2007, becoming the first female member of Congress from Massachusetts in 25 years.

"Since that door cracked open, the Commonwealth has elected another female member of Congress (Kathleen Clark), a female US Senator (Elizabeth Warren) and in my district,

50-percent of the state legislators are now women, paving the way for even more women from our state to serve in political office bringing their voices to what we all value as a country," said Tsongas.

Among the women she referenced is state Sen. Ann Gobi (D), who is in her first term representing Winchendon and other towns in the region.

Tsongas added her decade in the House has been "a heartfelt honor guided all along by an extraordinary role model in my late husband Paul."

Paul Tsongas served two terms in the House between 1975 and 1979 before becoming a US Senator. He lost the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination to then Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. Paul Tsongas died from cancer in 1997.

Nikki Tsongas' Third Congressional district runs along the northern border of the Commonwealth, from towns like Winchendon along the New Hampshire border, then stretches south to Marlborough.

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That first birthday? We were deluged with a torrential thunderstorm but our house in Baltimore had a porch and so we grilled burgers and even included healthy salads (Carole's idea, not mine) while she slept through it all, undeterred by claps of thunder. I remember other August 11th's. Bowling parties. Pool parties. When she turned 15, she had a party in Syracuse, NY because we were there for the East softball regional tournament. Last summer she was with her friends in Northampton as they were finishing their second of three summers at Smith.

Who could have possibly imagined, in their worst nightmare, that it would be her last birth-

day? Today some of her friends are visiting her grave. The mere thought of that gives me chills beyond chills. It's a loving gesture on their part of course but yet it's still almost impossible to comprehend. Because I'm writing this a few days out due to deadlines, I therefore have no idea how I'm actually going to feel today nor how I'll get through it. I know it will be a tough day. Every first, first birthday, first Thanksgiving, you name it, every first without her will be excruciating. That much I'm smart enough to know. But facing and coping them is all part of this bizarre new life we are leading. So be it. This is where the support system means so much. I want those of you who constitute that system to know how important you are.

And so today, we cannot celebrate but we can and will reflect on birthdays past and remember her with love. See you next week.

SHORN? SNOW QUEEN!



Courtesy photos

Recently our very own Winchendon Snow Queen was spotted at Dugan's Salon at 62 Central St. When asked what she needed, she expressed her desire to

donate her famous braid to the charity Hair Loss for Kids. Jamie Dugan, initially alarmed at the request, was reassured by the Snow Queen that upon her return to her castle, her magic would restore her beautiful braid.

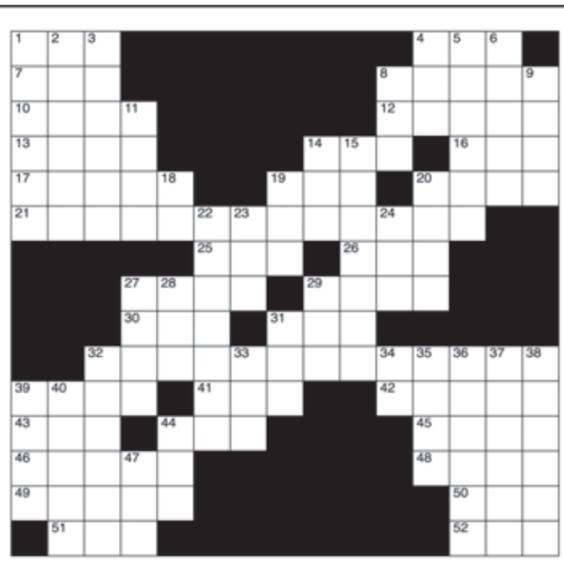
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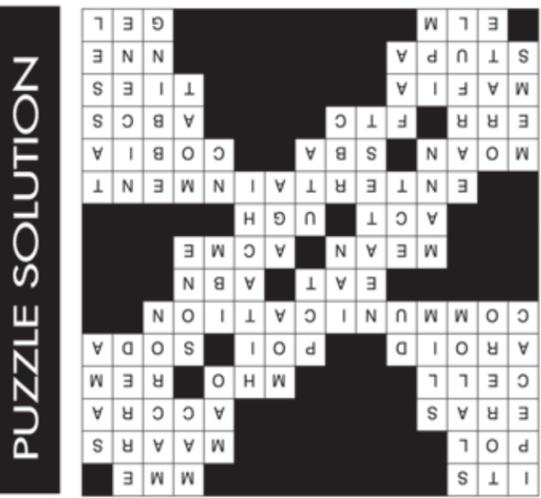


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Belonging to a thing
- 4. Woman (French)
- 7. "Incredible" TV veterinarian
- 8. Volcanic craters
- 10. Geological times
- 12. Ghana's capital
- 13. Any small compartment
- 14. Conductance unit
- 16. Athens, Georgia, rockers
- 17. Plant of the arum family
- 19. Hawaiian dish
- 20. Pop
- 21. Imparting of information
- 25. Take in solid food
- 26. Dutch banking group (abbr.)
- 27. Contemptible
- 29. Peak
- 30. Play a role
- 31. Yuck!
- 32. Diversion
- 39. ___ and groan
- 41. Helps little firms
- 42. Large, edible game fish
- 43. To do so is human
- 44. Supervises interstate commerce
- 45. Basics
- 46. La Cosa Nostra
- 48. Mens' neckwear
- 49. Buddhist shrine
- 50. Midway between north and northeast
- 51. Wood
- 52. Hair product

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Induces vomiting
- 2. Matador
- 3. A way to travel on skis
- 4. ___ and cheese
- 5. Indicates long vowel
- 6. Made a mistake
- 8. Chinese chairman
- 9. Indigenous people of the Philippines
- 11. Slender
- 14. Extinct, flightless bird
- 15. Japanese conglomerate
- 18. Of (French)
- 19. Rate in each hundred (abbr.)
- 20. Unit of loudness
- 22. Most organized
- 23. 007's creator Fleming
- 24. Computing giant
- 27. American singer Aimee
- 28. Shock treatment
- 29. Ottoman military commander
- 31. Urban Transit Authority
- 32. Too much noise
- 33. Type of blood cell
- 34. Home of football's Panthers (abbr.)
- 35. Fortifying ditch
- 36. Receding
- 37. Christian creed
- 38. Tuft of hanging threads
- 39. Microelectromechanical systems
- 40. Speak
- 44. Supervises flying
- 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)



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OBITUARIES

Robert "Bob" Lapointe

Robert "Bob" Lapointe of Burnt Store Marina, FL passed away on August 2, 2017. He also lived in Rindge, N.H. and Saco, ME.



Immediately after graduating from high school, Bob entered the U.S. Air Force, spending seven years on various bases in different countries, including Osan AFB in Korea, Hahn AFB in Germany, and Wheelus AFB in Africa. After his Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant from Active Duty, he served six years in the AF Reserves. He then attended Fitchburg State College on the GI Bill, earning a Bachelor of Science in Secondary English Education.

Bob taught Middle School English in Winchendon, MA for many years. During that time he returned to Fitchburg State and earned two Masters of Education, one in Secondary English and the other in Educational Leadership.

He was Class Advisor to the Class of 1975 and traveled with them to England for their Senior Trip. They dedicated the song "To Sir With Love" to him during their high school years and at graduation.

He started his administrative career as an Assistant Principal at Athol Junior High School and then went back to Winchendon as the Middle School and then the Elementary Principal. He was a member of the NEA Principal Group and presented at many conferences in New England. He also served on NEAS&C committees evaluating schools around New England.

In 1972, Bob joined the Rindge Fire Department and worked his way up the ranks to become Fire Chief, retiring

in 1998. During that time, he became one of the first nationally certified EMT's in the country. He was also an SCBA Instructor for many years at Meadowood Fire School and he was a Fire Warden for the State of New Hampshire.

He believed in giving back to the community he lived in. He served as Bail Commissioner for the Town of Rindge and was a Justice of the Peace. He belonged to the American Legion, the Elks, and the VFW. He was also a Mason.

Bob loved his vacation home in Camp Ellis Beach, ME and his boat "Knot Behavin". While living in Maine, he took the coursework and was awarded his Coast Guard Captain License, stating that the CG Course was harder than his two Master's Degrees.

Bob struggled with health issues when his kidneys failed. He received a double kidney transplant at Maine Med in Portland, ME in 2003. He suffered many illnesses and physical complications over the years and moved to Florida to get away from the New England winters.

Bob is survived by his wife Margaret, and their family, Jesamyn Angelica and her husband, Gus Beucke of Hayward, CA, and Heather Kerwin and her husband Jason Kerwin and three grandchildren, Aurora, Finnian and Everett of Cape Coral, FL. He also is survived by six sisters and 2 brothers, and many nieces and nephews.

He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Donations may be made in Bob's name to the Rindge NH Fire Department, 150 Main St., Rindge, NH 03461, or the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY, 10016.

Elsie A. (Johnson) Carlson, 95

QUINCY — Elsie A. (Johnson) Carlson, age 95, formerly of Quincy, died peacefully, Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at the Harbor House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



Elsie was born in Aland, Finland, to the late Carl E.A. and Gertrude (Winter) Johnson. She was raised and educated there and immigrated to the United States as a young woman. She had lived in Hingham for several years and in Quincy for most of her life. She also enjoyed her residences in Florida and New Hampshire.

She was a well-known self-employed hairdresser for many years. Elsie had a talent for knitting, sewing, gardening, painting, baking and she also enjoyed traveling. She was a longtime active member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Quincy where she served in many capacities. She assisted with the altar guild, working in the kitchen and was a member of the various church women's groups. She especially took pride in making prayer shawls.

Elsie was devoted to her family and

especially to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Beloved wife for fifty-nine years of the late Clarence H. Carlson, she was the devoted mother of Carol E. Smith and her husband David of Winchendon, Bruce H. Carlson and his wife Cheryl of Quincy, Linda M. Burns and her husband Jeff of Scituate; loving grandmother of Jennifer Smith, Stephanie Smith Roszko, James Smith, Kerri Hawkes and Kaitlin Burns; cherished great-grandmother of seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Faith Lutheran Church, 201 Granite Street, Quincy, on Wednesday, August 9, at 10 o'clock. Pastor Heidi Johnston will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree. At the request of the family, visiting hours have been omitted. For those who wish, donations in Elsie's memory may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 201 Granite Street, Quincy, MA 02169. Arrangements are under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Avenue, Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

John A. Bartlett, 78

WEST BROOKFIELD — John A. Bartlett, age 78, of West Brookfield died on July 31, 2017, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after a period of declining health.

He leaves his loving wife of 57 years, Judith A. (Brown) Bartlett; two sons, Daniel E. Bartlett and his wife Susan Lessard of Belfast, Maine, and Dennis E. Bartlett and his partner Jean Enright of Charlton. He also leaves two granddaughters, Danielle Bartlett and her fiancé Charles Hammond of Windham, Maine, and Courtney Bartlett and her partner Matthew George of Portland, Maine. Also, a former daughter-in-law Clarice Evans and her husband Frank Evans of Southwest Harbor, Maine. One brother, Orley D. Bartlett of South Berwick, Maine as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends. He was predeceased by two siblings, Lois Chamberlain and Chester Bartlett. He was born and raised in Winchendon, son of the late Orley B. and Beatrice (Packard) Bartlett, and had been a resident of West Brookfield for over 50 years.

Mr. Bartlett was a life-long truck driver, working for several local transportation companies. After retiring he

spent many days traveling around New England attending antique tractor and engine shows.

He was an active member of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church in West Brookfield, serving as financial secretary, and on the Board of Trustees for many years. He was also a West Brookfield Cemetery Commissioner for more than 15 years.

The family gratefully acknowledges the excellent care provided by the wonderful staff where John was cared for including Palmer Dialysis, The Overlook, and both UMass and Baystate Health Care Centers.

A Funeral Service for John will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main Street in West Brookfield. There are no calling hours, and burial will be held at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the George Whitefield United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 576, West Brookfield, MA 01585. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements. varnumfuneralhome.com

Blanche A. (Chauvin) Davis, 82

HUBBARDSTON — Blanche A. (Chauvin) Davis, age 82, of Hubbardston, died peacefully at her residence Sunday morning, August 6, 2017.

She was born in Webster, MA on December 7, 1934, daughter of the late Euzebi and Antoinette (Fountaine) Chauvin and had lived in Hubbardston since 2012. Blanche previously lived in Florida

and Spencer.

Blanche was very devoted to her family, which was the center of her life. She cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. While living in Spencer she had volunteered as a school crossing guard. She enjoyed playing bingo, knitting, walking and cooking. In recent years, she volunteered at the

Winchendon Senior Center.

Her husband, Frederick G. Davis, died in 2012. She leaves four children, Sheila Bettro and her husband Joseph of Hubbardston, Fred Davis and his wife Terry of Charlton, Tim Davis and his wife Renee of Lucas, OH and Kevin Davis and his fiancé Tina Stacy of Gardner; 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

A celebration of Blanche's life will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Senior Center, 52 Murdock Avenue, Winchendon, MA 01475.

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

www.stone-ladeau.com

Elvin A. Dugan Sr., 95

WINCHENDON — Elvin A. Dugan Sr., age 95, of 233 Main Street, died peacefully Tuesday morning, August 8, 2017 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner after a short period of declining health.

He was born in Minersville, PA on March 19, 1922, son of the late Joseph and Secouges Dugan and lived in Winchendon for many years.

Elvin worked many years ago as a young man in the coal mines and then entered the United States Army. He was a decorated veteran, who received the Purple Heart. He worked as a machinist for 16 year at Crompton and Knowles Co until

his retirement in 1975. His most recent employment was working with his family at the former Birch Hill Farm Stand in Winchendon. Elvin was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion. His hobbies were playing bingo every Thursday night and gardening.

His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family.

His wife, Doris M. (Langley) Dugan, died in 1992. He leaves four children, Maureen Quелlette of Southbridge, Katherine Keer and her husband Gary of Hampton, NH, Joanne Smith and her husband Dennis of N.C and Elvin A. Dugan Jr and his wife Debra of Winchendon, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A daughter Patricia Cutroni and his two brothers, Albert "Dixie" Dugan and Richard Dugan preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 11, 2017 at 10 AM in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 5 to 7 P.M. Members of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion will conduct a Legion Service at 6:30 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Stallings Campus, 21 Murdock Avenue, Winchendon, MA 01475.

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OBITUARIES

John N. Harvey, 75

JAFFREY — John N. Harvey, age 75, of Jaffrey, NH died peacefully on August 3, 2017 at the Good Shepherd Healthcare Center with his daughters by his side after losing his battle with Alzheimer's.



He was born on September 24, 1941 in Scarsdale, NY, a son of the late John 'Jack' and Helen (Neal) Harvey.



John graduated in 1959 from East Chester (NY) High School, and in 1963 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT where he was a Delta Tau Delta and excelled at cross country, diving, and singing in the University Glee Club. After marrying, he honorably served

his country as an officer in the United States Navy aboard the Cruiser Class USS Newport from 1963 to 1965. John returned to the States after serving his country to continue his education. In 1971, he earned his Master's in marketing from Clark University in Worcester, MA as valedictorian and went to work focusing on sales and marketing within state-of-the-art industries. After living throughout New England, he settled his family in Chatham, NJ. In the 1980s, he moved to such places as Vermont, New York City, Seattle, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. He made his final home in New Hampshire next to his eldest daughter.

John was a military war buff who also loved reading classic novels and thrillers. He enjoyed classical and folk music, singing in choirs, PBS, preparing international and gourmet meals for family and friends, and travelling the world. He enjoyed exploring new places and following his dreams. He visited over 50 countries. He collected tribal artifacts from Africa, Nepal,

India, Australia, Moscow, China and Burma. He was a big game hunter who decorated his homes with his trophies, the biggest of those being his water buffalo, Bruce. He loved hiking and camping, and had walked 80% of the Appalachian Trail with the Over-the-Hill Gang, white-water rafting, collecting guns, dark room photography, karate, gardening, carpentry, owning classic cars and motorcycles, and being part of the Land Rover Owners Club. Family was very important to John and he loved connecting with his children and grandchildren by performing magic tricks for them. Carpe Diem was his motto.

Survivors include his daughters, Anne Wentworth and her husband Peter of Jaffrey, Kimberly Newport of Meriden, CT and Kyra Basuel and her husband Don of Manalapan, NJ; his brother, Russell Harvey of Arkansas; his grandchildren; Alexandre, Jasmine, Arianna, Christian and Katerina, his nieces Jill and Michelle, and nephew Jonny.

Following cremation, memorial visiting hours will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Cournoyer Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 33 River Street, (Rte. 202) Jaffrey, NH 03452.

A chapel service with military honors will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 11:00am at the Massachusetts Memorial Veterans' Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, MA. All are invited to meet at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02108, or via www.outdoors.org/tribute, or to the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts & New Hampshire, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452, or via www.alz.org/MANH.

To share memories, photographs or condolences with John's family, please visit his permanent online memorial at www.cournoyerfh.com.

Richard Leon Palmer, 82

PEPPERELL — Richard Leon Palmer, age 82, of Pepperell, died peacefully on Wednesday, August 3, 2017, at the Highlands Skilled Rehabilitation



Center, surrounded by family. Richard (Dick) was born on July 24, 1935, at the Old Groton Hospital. He was the son of Theodore and Lillian (Callum) Palmer of Pepperell. Richard is survived by his wife, Jeanne E. Richardson Palmer, his sister, Phyllis Symonds of Rindge, his daughter, Susan Palmer-West of Pepperell and her husband Paul, his step-daughter, Donna Shaughnessy and



her husband Mark of Tiverton, RI, and Denise Richardson-Foresman of Winchendon. He has 8 grandchildren, Jessi Straitiff, Rachel Straitiff, Sarah Shaughnessy Bird, Amy Shaughnessy, Abby Shaughnessy Capalbo, Joseph Shaughnessy, Derek Foresman, and Delaney Foresman. He also has 2 great-grandchildren, Ryder and Hudson Bird. Richard is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was a graduate of Fitchburg High School, Fitchburg, and a veter-

an of the U.S. Army where he served in Korea, in the Peace Keeping Force and during the Quarantine of Cuba after which he received an honorable discharge. He had his own business, DJ Enterprises, worked at Fort Devens as the "Materiel and Logistics Maintenance Manager" for 15 years, and various other businesses prior including owning his own snowmobile business. In addition, Richard was an active community member, an honorary Golden Sheaf Grange member, and a member of the Pepperell 4th of July Committee (1991-2000), where he served as President for several years.

One of Richard's greatest enjoyments was traveling all over the United States, snowmobiling, and being with his family and friends. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need with a smile on his face as he was a humble and kind man who will be dearly missed.

Richard Leon Palmer, 82, of Pepperell, MA, died peacefully on Wednesday, August 3, 2017, relatives and friends will be received by the family on Tuesday, 5-8 PM, at the McGaffigan Funeral Home, 37 Main St., (Rte. 113). A funeral service will be held 10 AM, Wednesday, at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations to the Friends of the Lawrence Library, PO Box 30, Pepperell, MA, 01463. Please see www.mcgaffiganfuneral.com.

Thelma E. Parker, 94

BELLOWS FALLS VT - Thelma E. Parker, age 94, formerly of Hinsdale, NH, passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2017. She has been lovingly cared for at her granddaughter, Karlene Desmond's home in Bellows Falls, VT for the past year by her daughter Mary and granddaughter Karlene.

Thelma was born in Winchendon, MA on November 29, 1922 the daughter of Earle and Lizzie (Thompson) Stratton. She earned a nursing degree, she worked various factory jobs, and after retiring to Florida she also worked in a restaurant. She was a member of the Baptist Church and a regular blood donor.

Thelma enjoyed doing crafts such as woodworking and plastic canvas. She was a very determined person, obtaining her driver's license at the age of 68 and having a double knee replacement

at the age of 80.

Thelma is survived by three sons & their wives, Harold Jr. & Laura Parker of Manchester, NH, John E. & Janet Parker of Hurley, NY, Robert & Ellen Parker of Meriden, CT; her daughter & husband Mary & Stephen Desmond of Winchester NH. She, also, has 21 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Her only surviving sibling is John Stratton from California. She is also survived by her longtime special friend Geoffrey Holt of Hinsdale, NH.

She is predeceased by her parents, her husband Harold Parker Sr., her sons Arthur and Francis Parker, her brothers Earl and Horace Stratton, and her sisters Edith Butterworth and Abbie Greenleaf.

There will be a celebration of Thelma's life at a later date.

Rita L. (Danahay) Masciarelli, 91

FITCHBURG — Rita L. (Danahay) Masciarelli, age 91, died Thursday morning, in her residence at the Gables in Fitchburg, after a long illness. Her husband of 49 years, Henry J. Masciarelli, died in January of 1998.



She leaves two sons, John F. Masciarelli and his wife Deborah of Fitchburg and Richard D. Masciarelli and his wife Irene of Leominster; four grandchildren, Melissa Masciarelli Stephens and her husband Grant of Tarpon Springs, FL, Patricia Masciarelli Galley and her husband Noah of Ludlow, VT, David M. Masciarelli and his wife Jessica of Clayton, NC and Angela McKenzie and her husband Derek of Brooklyn, NY; two great-grandchildren, Vincent and Julia Masciarelli of Clayton, NC; one aunt, Alice Morris of Gardner; in-laws, William and Barbara Masciarelli of Hudson, MA and Gloria Upham of Framingham, MA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rita was a registered nurse, for many years and worked for the late Dr. John Cummings for 21 years, retiring in 1985.

She was a longtime member of St. Bernard Parish in Fitchburg and the Embroiders' Guild of America and the American Needlepoint Guild. She

was a 1944 graduate of Murdock High School, in Winchendon and a 1948 graduate of Boston City Hospital School of Nursing. She was a former member of the Friends of the Eagle House, of Lunenburg, Friends of Cogshall Park, Friends of the Ritter Library, Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library and the Irish American Association.

She was born in Winchendon, MA, on April 21, 1926, an only child of the late Frederick and Louise E. (Bourgault) Danahey and moved to Fitchburg with her husband in 1948. In 1993, she moved to Lunenburg, returning to Fitchburg to live at the Gables 4 years ago.

Her funeral will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017, from the Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli and Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 243 Water St., Fitchburg, with a mass at 10 am., at St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg, MA.

Burial will follow in St. Bernard Cemetery, Fitchburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church Restoration Fund, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg, MA 01420 or to the Sisters of the Presentation Retirement Fund, 99 Church St., Leominster, MA 01453 or may be left at the funeral home. Please visit www.masciarellifamilyfuneralhomes.net for further information.

David A. Picard, 60

LUNENBURG -- David A. Picard, age 60, a lifelong resident of Lunenburg, died Friday, July 28, in Leominster Hospital, after an illness.

He leaves his brother, Thomas R. Picard of Lunenburg; two sisters, Marianne Fornataro and her husband Michael of Ocean Township, NJ and Cheryl Gadoury and her husband, Thomas of Clifton Park, NY; along with six nieces and nephews; five great-nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was born in Fitchburg, on January 26, 1957, a son of the late Arthur R. and Verna P. (St. Pierre) Picard. He graduated from Montachusett Regional

Vocational School in 1975 and worked as a machinist at Sanborn Machine in Leominster, Ranor Inc. in Westminister and Ran Engineering in Winchendon until overcome by illness.

Funeral services and burial will be private in North Cemetery, Lunenburg.

There are no calling hours.

The Lunenburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, 763 Mass Ave., Lunenburg, has been entrusted with David's funeral arrangements.

Please visit www.masciarellifamilyfuneralhomes.net for further information.

John A. 'Jack' Smith, 89

WAITSFIELD VT — John A. "Jack" Smith, age 89, passed away in the comfort of his Waitsfield home on Monday afternoon, July 31, 2017.



Born in Montpelier on Feb. 2, 1928, he was the son of the late Herbert H. and Irene (Flanagan) Smith.

On July 15, 1952, he married the former Judith Tucker in Moretown. Judy passed away on July 19, 2008.

Jack graduated from Waitsfield High School and continued his education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, where he received a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering.

Following graduation, Jack worked his entire career as an aeronautical engineer. Beginning with the Convair Co. in Dallas, Fort Worth, TX, for two years, Jack moved to Bedford, MA where he was employed by Draper Laboratory, an engineering organization that designed and developed the world's most accurate and reliable guidance systems and instruments for intercontinental ballistic missiles, as well as other highly precise, ultra-reliable guidance and control systems. He later worked for Sanders Associates, first in Bedford, and later in Nashua, NH, who was a defense contractor specializing in developing and manufacturing electronic systems, notably aircraft self-protection systems, tactical surveillance and intelligence systems.

While living in Bedford, Jack served on the board of assessors and chaired the campaign in Bedford for the re-election of Sen. Edward Brooke III. Jack was also a night school educator for the aeronautical program at Boston University. In 1991, Jack and Judy

returned to the Mad River Valley and settled into the Smith family homestead on Bridge Street. Active and convivial, Jack enjoyed being a justice of the peace, a member of the Waitsfield Historical Society and Cemetery Commission, the Couples Club and was a faithful parishioner at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. In his leisure time, he enjoyed skiing, vegetable gardening, as well as airplane and glider rides from the Warren Airport.

Jack is survived by his children, Kathleen Barlow and her companion, Ralph Bavuso, of Winchendon, Norman J. Smith and his wife, Aleta, of Watauga, TX, Kendall T. Smith, of Merrimack, NH, and Michael S. Smith and his wife, Donna, of Waitsfield; four grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Ben Smith, Michael Barlow and Will Barlow; a sister, Susan Saboski, of Burlington; as well as nieces, nephews and extended family. Jack was predeceased by two brothers, Roger F. Smith and Norman C. Smith, and a grandson, Mathew Barlow.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated from Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 6305 Main St., Waitsfield, VT, on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, at 11 a.m. Inurnment will follow in the Waitsfield Common Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Mad River Barn in Waitsfield. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts would be appreciated to the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 305, Waitsfield, VT 05673; or to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, 600 Granger Road, Barre, VT 05641 (www.cvhhh.org).

Assisting the family is the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Waterbury. To send online condolences, please visit www.perkinsparker.com or the funeral home Facebook page.

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Camp Clark a great summer success

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

If you thought the Clark Memorial YMCA has seemed busier than usually when either driving by or attending you would be correct, as some 90 children a week for nine weeks are taking full advantage of Camp Clark and all the great programs it has to offer both inside and under the summer sun.

From onsite activities to field trips near and far, children ages five through 15 are creating lasting memories and making friends while parents never have to worry about who they are with or where they are.

Divided into three age groups, Senior Program Director Kyle Scrivines explained there are three age blocks for those attending summer programs. Ages 5-12 attend Camp Clark, ages 7-13 take part in Sports Camp, and those 13-15 take part in Counselor in Training. Regular camp runs during the hours of 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. with extended options available allowing camp to be extended from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

With programs starting this past June 26 and ending this upcoming Aug. 25, Camp Clark will run a total of nine one week sessions, with weeks 8 & 9 still available for August 14 through 18, and 21 through 25.

Sports Camp for ages seven through 13 will run a total of eight one week sessions in which the first seven sessions covered basketball, Fit Kids, flag football, karate, baseball, Outdoor Adventure, and gymnastics. The final week of week eight slated for August 14 through 18 and will cover soccer which is very popular among children.

Teens ages 13 through 15 will have participated in four "2 Week" sessions running June 26 through August 18. The "CIT" or Counselor in Training program as described by Clark Memorial literature develops strong leaders through workshops, discussions, observation, and hands on experience.

Scrivines explained, "We have 90 children of varying ages on site any day during our summer programs, with each individual group utilizing either a staff member or a camp counselor. We go in to this every year with the hope that all the children who participate in the summer programs over the years will go on to eventually become staff members and we try to prepare them for that."

Overall there are 14 camp counselors and three camp directors who watch over the participating children in varying age groups.

"For families who use the summer camp for childcare, we plan it so there is no delay or interruption to the families in care. We even have before and after school programs and those children come all year round because of it," added Scrivines.

One of the big draws of the summer camp is children have the advantage of swimming every day. Activities are based on the planning of what the camp counselor determines the particular interest or group dynamics of the children in each group to be. From sports, to playing games, from group science projects to even Camp Olympics, there is no shortage of energy burning or mental activity for those attending.

Each group also experiences one field trip per week. Trips to local state parks such as Lake Denison, Pearl Hill State Park in Townsend, and Erving State Forest, are just a few. Additional trips have included but are not limited to Roll on America, the Worcester Bravehearts baseball team, and even Old Sturbridge Village.

"Every week ends with an 'All Camp Activity.' Friday, Aug. 4 ended with an 'Egg Drop' where I will take containers the children designed and made to protect an egg and I drop them off the roof of the building to see which groups egg survives the impact the longest. The kids really love it and all their creations had to be made out of recyclable materials," said Scrivines.

Not only do those attending the summer programs have lots of fun, but learn a respect for the outdoors as well.

Scrivines said, "We have even had an outdoor adventure week where children learn both some outdoor skills, and to take care of the environment. The children cleaned up the bike path behind the YMCA, built a fire pit, went fishing, worked on the garden, and even learned how to build a small snare."

Those attending not only have fun, but learn valued lessons to take along with them in life.

Displaying the bond formed in just one week between camp counselors and children Scrivines said, "What we see on the last day of camp is a strange dynamic because



And the winners are! Seen in this photo are egg drop contest winners from left to right Keyeanna Lingo, Phylcia Shippy, Brendon Dellmuth, and Charles Bassett.



Camp Clark members watch as staff members drop their eggs high from the YMCA roof in their very own team creations designed to keep the eggs from shattering.

the children are getting ready to go back to school, and many counselors are getting ready to go back to college. It's bitter sweet. They don't want to leave their kids, but are starting that other point in their life. Inevitably we always hear the stories from camp staff members who run in to some of the kids in a grocery store or out shopping months down the road or even years. Staff will tell us they heard a child yelling their name down the end of an aisle, and it's clear what their time together meant to them," settling any doubt that a lasting impression is clearly made at Camp Clark, or other YMCA summer programs.

In an additional display of the lasting affects the camp provides Scrivines said, "We have a very high ratio of counselors who return to the camp year after year. Some of them started in high school, and they are now nearing the end of college and still coming back and we are very proud of that."

In closing Scrivines said,



Keith Kent photos

Children play the game "Cat & Mouse" where the person on top of the tarp, must try to find the person underneath it



Children enjoy a dip in the indoor pool with their camp instructors after switching activities



Members of Camp Clark play Ultimate Frisbee as they reach for the catch

"One of the great things about camp is the traditions which we have here. We see a lot of families where the oldest child has gone through and maybe even works here now, and the youngest sibling is now attending. We are also while getting new families; they are not just from Winchendon but starting to come from outside the area. We really have a great staff here and we take pride in that. We go through a lot of training with them and make sure they

will have strong understanding of the impact they will have on these children and campers lives."

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He's back...Olsen returns

BY:KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Superintendent Steve Haddad was pleased to announce at the Aug. 3 meeting of the School Committee that former Murdock 2013 and 2014 Interim Principal Ralph Olsen, has been chosen and will step in and fill the current vacancy to become the new principal of Murdock High School.

Olsen, who has served in a vast col-

lection of public educational school districts, will take over the position vacated by immediate past Principal Josh Romano, who took a position with the school system in Douglas moving him from the New Hampshire border to the Connecticut border of the commonwealth.

Haddad said, "It is my pleasure to introduce to the school community and community a superstar principal who is back with us in Mr. Ralph Olsen. I told him about the Blue Devil Cool Award which we give away at the first meeting of every month, and this is the principal who worked with us as an interim principal, and he 'Couldn't wait to come back' so to me that is Blue Devil Cool."

With that, Haddad presented Olsen with the first with the first Blue Devil Cool award recognition of the 2017-18 academic year, along with at Blue Devil Cool T-shirt to an appreciative Olsen who smiled in surprise.

Olsen joking responded, "I will do my best, thank you for getting me out of the house," prompting a few laughs from the committee.

Further complimenting Olsen Haddad added, "He is all about community, he is all about spirit, and he exudes that in everything he does."

Earlier in his career years Olsen taught math in Franklin, and coached ice hockey. Along the way, Olsen had the pleasure of teaching algebra to former students such as Bob Ward who works as a current Boston 25 news reporter. Olsen worked locally for a

dozen years at North Middlesex High School in Townsend, spent seven years working in education in Framingham, and six years in Ashland. Overall, Olsen has worked at one time or another in 15 school districts throughout his career while repeating at some schools.

Haddad described Olsen as, "A great role model for both our teachers and families and I am thankful and so glad to have him back. You won't find him in the office much, as he is usually the first one to not only get to school, but is usually seen walking the hallways and around the school interacting with students and teachers."

Olsen said, "I am very happy to be back, and I truly enjoyed my time when I was here. I have a lot of good memories from when I was here, and the school is nice and small and really personalized."

Olsen joked, "You can tell I have had experience at a lot of schools as my resume is kind of sketchy being in 15 districts. Winchendon and Murdock have a fond place in my heart, and I will do my best when I am here. Thank you for having me back."

Committee Chair Lawrence Murphy humorously replied, "Fifteen schools. Is that because you can't hold a job?"

Murphy went on to say, "We are just thrilled to have you, and your knowledge and experience will be very valuable in helping us hold the fort together until we can get a new principal, and I know we are very fortunate to have a person with your experience in this position."

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

3:01 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 4:14 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Ash St.), secured bldg.; 7:21 a.m.: animal complaint (French Rd.), info taken; 7:45 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 7:52 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 7:56 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 8:00 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 8:01 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 8:10 a.m.: summons service (Webster St.), served; 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 8:23 a.m.: license plate missing/stolen (Mill St.), returned to owner; 8:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Goodrich Dr.), assisted; 9:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Franklin St.), spoken to; 9:23 a.m.: mv theft (Water St.), report taken; 9:30 a.m.: suspicious auto (Central St.), spoken to; 10:04 a.m.: lift assist (W. Monomac Rd.); 10:34 a.m.: ambulance (East St.), transported; 10:55 a.m.: property found (Front St.), returned to owner; 10:59 a.m.: investigation (Banner Pl.), spoken to; 12:07 p.m.: larceny (Lake Dennison), report taken; 12:43 p.m.: lift assist (W. Monomac Rd.); 12:55 p.m.: property found (Spring St.), assisted; 1:08 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Summer Dr.), spoken to; 1:36 p.m.: property found (Pond St.), property seized; 2:20 p.m.: welfare check/general (Juniper St.), spoken to; 2:21 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 2:23 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 3:19 p.m.: suspicious auto (Eagle Rd.), services rendered; 3:36 p.m.: suicide threats (Lake Dennison), report taken; 3:39 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant St.), transported; 4:08 p.m.: burglar alarm (Brooks Rd.), secured bldg.; 4:19 p.m.: property found (Lake Dennison), returned to owner; 4:27 p.m.: property found (Central St.), unable to locate; 4:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan St.), services rendered; 4:38 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.); 5:05 p.m.: property damage (Glenallan St.), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Royalston Rd. No.), report taken; 6:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Rd.), spoken to; 6:46 p.m.: request removal (Central St.), report taken; 6:52 p.m.: custody dispute (Baldwinville Rd.), spoken to; 7:46 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Rd.), citation issued; 8:08 p.m.: erratic operation (River St.), Philip C. Casavant III, 38, 315 Ash St., Winchendon, negligent operation, failure to stop for police, passing violation, speeding, report taken; 8:10 p.m.: extra patrols (Ingleside Dr.), secure; 8:33 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), Jamie A. Saulnier, 38, 1109 Petersham Rd., Athol, child endangerment while OUI, report taken; 9:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), spoken to; 9:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Juniper St.), spoken to; 10:00 p.m.: info/general (Prospect St.), services rendered; 11:03 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 11:04 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

12:07 a.m.: transport (River St.); 12:31 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 12:48-12:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:56 a.m.: registration check (Oak St.), info given; 2:02-2:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:20 a.m.: suspicious (other) (Beachview Dr.), secure; 6:40 a.m.: suicide threats (Glenallan St.), referred to other PD; 7:55 a.m.: fire alarm (Old Centre), service rendered; 8:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), search negative; 9:45 a.m.: building check, secure; 11:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Central St.); 12:17 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 12:30 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 1:09 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 1:19 p.m.: officer wanted (River St.), report taken; 2:06 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central St.), false alarm; 2:24 p.m.: investigation (Petersham Rd., Athol), services rendered; 2:33 p.m.: ambulance (Royalston Rd. No.), transported; 4:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to ACO; 4:15 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Dr.), transported; 4:35 p.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan St.), services rendered; 4:40 p.m.: accident (Monadnock Ave.), report taken; 5:03 p.m.: ambulance (Island Rd.), transported; 5:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.); 5:34 p.m.: mv recovered (Maple St.) services rendered; 5:42 p.m.: missing person (Spruce St.), report taken; 6:39 p.m.: investigation (Whitney St.), services rendered; 6:46 p.m.: investigation (Jackson Ave.), services rendered; 7:21 p.m.: assist citizen (Juniper St.); 7:29 p.m.: assist citizen (Highland Ave.); 8:43 p.m.: burglary/b&e (West St.), report taken; 8:48 p.m.: road rage (Gardner Rd.), advised officer; 9:22 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.); 9:56 p.m.: intoxicate person (Mill St.), Heather Hembree, 31, 23 Temple St., Nashua, NH, arrest based on warrant; 11:32 p.m.: investigation (Island Rd.), spoken to.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

12:40 a.m.: registration check (Central St.), info given; 12:45-1:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:16 a.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville State Rd.); 3:24 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Front St.), secure; 6:35 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), referred to other PD; 9:36 a.m.: DPW call (Gardner Rd.), referred;

WRONG SIDE UP



On Friday, Aug. 4 at about 6 p.m., the Winchendon Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident as a vehicle driven by Wendy Lee Gaunt, age 48, of 101 Harrisville Circle, Winchendon, crossed the median of the road while traveling southerly on West Street. The car, which veered across the road crossing the north bound lane, went off the road into the grass striking an object causing it flip over upon its re-entry onto the street and coming to rest upside down on the wrong side of the road.

At the same time, Winchendon Rescue was simultaneously responding to a second motor vehicle accident transporting one individual via

ambulance, who while operating her car collided with a parked Dodge pickup at the intersection of Ash and Water streets.

Due to the second WFD ambulance being out of service for repairs at the time of the accidents, Ashburnham Rescue responded to the West Street accident in Winchendon under mutual aid, transporting Gaunt to Heywood Hospital.

The Winchendon Police Department reported a charge of negligent motor vehicle operation will be sought against Gaunt in the Winchendon District Court.

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10:35 a.m.: ambulance (West St.), transported; 11:14 a.m.: investigation (Spring St.), services rendered; 11:35 a.m.: 911 hang up (Front St.), false alarm; 12:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Main St.), report taken; 1:06 p.m.: mental health issue (Ready Dr.), transported; 1:15 p.m.: FD call (Alger St.), services rendered; 1:34 p.m.: investigation (Main St.), info taken; 2:24 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 3:16 p.m.: disabled auto (Winchendon Rd.), arrest; 4:45 p.m.: lift assist (Pleasant St.); 5:28 p.m.: investigation (Summer Dr.), spoken to; 5:42 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 5:43 p.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich Dr.), secure; 5:52 p.m.: public drinking (Front St.), spoken to; 6:53 p.m.: lift assist (Elmwood Rd.); 6:55 p.m.: 911 hang up (Front Pl.), spoken to; 7:06-7:09 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:14 p.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Ave.), transported; 7:23 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Alger St.), spoken to; 7:52 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 8:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown St.), services rendered; 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), verbal warning; 9:20 p.m.: investigation (Chestnut St.), spoken to; 10:17 p.m.: erratic operation (Spruce St.), report taken; 10:45 p.m.: suspicious auto (W. Monomac Rd.), removed traffic hazard; 11:25 p.m.: burglar alarm (Brown St.), secure.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

1:44 a.m.: suspicious (other) (Lake Dennison), unable to locate; 4:11-4:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:32 a.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 8:47 a.m.: ambulance (Murdock Ave.), transported; 10:56 a.m.: FD call (Beaman Ct.), services rendered; 11:31 a.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), citation issued; 11:51 a.m.: officer wanted (Linden St.), assisted; 12:19 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 12:25 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), verbal warning; 1:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Madison Ave.), spoken to; 1:28 p.m.: harassment (Walnut St.), report taken; 1:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Banner Pl.), report taken; 2:18 p.m.: summons service (Independence Dr.), unable to serve; 2:32 p.m.: erratic operation (Grove St.), advised officer; 3:11 p.m.: accident (Central St.), report taken; 3:17 p.m.: DPW call (Maple St.), referred; 5:25 p.m.: VIN inspection (Brown St.), assisted; 5:56 p.m.: accident (Ash St.), report taken; 6:03 p.m.: accident (West St.), Wendy Lee Gaunt, 48, 101 Harrisville Cir., Winchendon, negligent operation, removed to hospital; 6:44 p.m.: suicide threats (School St.), transported; 8:02 p.m.: burglar alarm (Summer Dr.), secure bldg.; 8:32 p.m.: larceny (Krantz Rd.), report taken; 8:37 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Ave.), citation issued; 8:50 p.m.: road rage (Spring St.), no cause; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 9:34 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 9:47 p.m.: property found (Lincoln Ave.), assisted; 10:04 p.m.: suspicious auto (Glenallan St.), assisted; 10:17 p.m.: animal complaint (School St.), assisted; 10:28 p.m.: threats (School St.), report taken; 11:57-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

1:04 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:23 a.m.: assault (Juniper St.), report taken; 2:45 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Dr.), transported; 3:44 a.m.: ambulance (Brown St.), transported; 8:10 a.m.: ambulance (Spruce St.), transported; 8:23 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 9:10 a.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Rd.), no service necessary; 9:27 a.m.: investigation (Harrisville Cir.), citation issued; 11:44 a.m.: suspicious person (E. Grove St.), report taken; 12:17 p.m.: DPW call (Baldwinville State Rd.), referred; 12:24 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Rd.), unable to locate; 12:27 p.m.: b&e/mv (Belmont

Ave), report taken; 1:43 p.m.: threats (Beech St.), report taken; 2:28 p.m.: larceny (Central St.), report taken; 5:02 p.m.: extra patrols (High St.), secure; 5:14 p.m.: accident (Lakeview Dr.), report taken; 5:36 p.m.: noise complaint (W. Monomac Rd.), report taken; 6:19 p.m.: investigation (Juniper St.), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: suspicious person (Hyde Park Dr.), unable to locate; 7:14 p.m.: fraud (Prospect St.), no cause; 7:43 p.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Ave.), report taken; 9:18 p.m.: mv stop (Summer St.), verbal warning; 9:43 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 10:08 p.m.: FD call (Woodlawn St.), fire extinguished; 10:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Spruce St.), services rendered; 11:44 p.m.: FD call (Woodlawn St.), services rendered.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

1:11-1:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:30 a.m.: vandalism (School St.), report taken; 1:35-2:57 a.m.: build-

ings checked, secure; 3:11 a.m.: 911 hang up (Linden St.), services rendered; 6:50 a.m.: erratic operation (Rte. 140), referred to other PD; 7:01 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 8:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Juniper St.), returned to owner; 10:15 a.m.: sex offender registration (Linden St.), report taken; 10:44 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple St.), unable to locate; 11:13 a.m.: erratic operation (Rte. 140), referred to other PD; 11:54 a.m.: property found (Central St.), spoken to; 2:02 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 2:05 p.m.: erratic operation (Central St.), unable to locate; 4:26 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Ave.), citation issued; 4:52 p.m.: extra patrols (Murdock Ave.), secure; 5:17 p.m.: mv stop (School St.), citation issued; 5:23 p.m.: FD call (Hyde Park St.), no service necessary; 5:27 p.m.: 911 hang up (Lake Dennison), child w/phone; 6:01 p.m.: larceny (Spring St.), report taken; 6:35 p.m.: accident (Lincoln Ave.), report taken; 6:50 p.m.: DPW call (Glenallan St.), referred; 7:37 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Academy St.), spoken to; 7:49 p.m.: drug/narcotics violations (Main St.), unfounded; 8:55 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), written warning; 9:05 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), citation issued; 9:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 9:22 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 9:28 p.m.: harassment (Banner Pl.), report taken; 10:18 p.m.: investigation (Banner Pl.), spoken to; 10:30 p.m.: harassment (Banner Pl.), report taken; 10:31 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 11:02 p.m.: harassment (Banner Pl.), services rendered; 11:14 p.m.: loitering (Central St.), spoken to; 11:49 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

12:01 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 12:13-1:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:22 a.m.: registration check (Gardner Rd.), services rendered; 1:24-1:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:11 a.m.: investigation (Main St.), spoken to; 3:18 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash St.), spoken to; 3:56 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Maple St.), false alarm; 4:39 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 5:03 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 5:43 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 6:03 a.m.: DPW call (Central St.), services rendered; 6:29 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), Joshua J. Benda, 31, 86 Front St., #6A, Winchendon, operating w/suspended license for OUI, citation issued; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Woodlawn Ave.), referred; 8:12 a.m.:

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North Central Talent Search program enriches students' summer

GARDNER – The North Central Massachusetts Talent Search summer program brought middle school students to Mount Wachusett Community College's Gardner campus to learn and have fun. The summer program that ran from July 10 to July 28 was designed to keep the "summer brain drain" from impacting the group of 25 students.

"We are making sure they stay sharp on their skills," said North Central Massachusetts Talent Search site coordinator Kyle LaTulippe, who explained that the program also provided free breakfast and lunch to students and taught them about a balanced diet.

The summer program for sixth and seventh graders was designed with an integrated approach to learning that used fun summer projects on campus and field trips to keep students engaged during the summer break. The program grew this year to serve 25 students.

"It's a fun program. It's a nice mix between education and fun and we get to do interesting field trips," said Moe Molai, who will be going into 8th grade in Winchendon this fall. "We do all sorts of college tours."

But it wasn't all fun and games. The program is also intellectually challenging and designed to tie into the curriculum students get year-round through the North Central Massachusetts Talent Search program, said LaTulippe. North Central Talent Search, which is federally funded and facilitated by Mount Wachusett Community College, is designed for low income or first generation college students. It provides additional opportunities for those students in the form of field trips, additional educational opportunities and mentoring in order to enhance the student's ability to go to college.

"Ever since I was little I've

wanted to be a vet and they've really opened my eyes to how many colleges offer that now," said Jess Higbee, who will be going into 8th grade in Winchendon this fall.

By keeping the educational momentum going, as well as incorporating visits to colleges and instructors from the school year, continuity is maintained for students in the North Central Talent Search program, according to LaTulippe, and the program continues to carry home the message that college is attainable.

"It's letting them know college is a place for them to go. A lot of first generation students don't grow up with that perspective," said LaTulippe.

The North Central Talent Search serves students from Athol Royalston Regional School District, Clinton Public Schools, Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, and Winchendon Public Schools.



Courtesy photo

Jess Higbee works on an art project at the North Central Massachusetts Talent Search Summer Program designed to teach students about geology ahead of a field trip to the Beneski Museum of Natural History at Amherst College.

Converse funds distributed at BOS meeting

BY GREG VINE

Nearly \$156,000 in monies from the Converse Fund were distributed to local churches, Beals Memorial Library, the town's Dept. of Public Works, and the Winchendon School department at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The funds come from an account established in 1917 by Winchendon resident Morton Converse, the founder and owner of what was once one of the world's largest toy manufacturing facilities in the world. His company led to the community being nicknamed "Toy Town." Converse left instructions that the accrued interest from the fund should be used – after 100 years – for the town's churches, cemeteries, and parks. His initial deposit of \$5,000 had grown to the sum of \$373,865.30 over the intervening century.

The amounts to be distributed were discussed by Town Manager Keith Hickey, Burton Gould, Jr., who helps to oversee the fund, and the two living

great grandsons of Morton Converse; Ronald Rogstag of Jaffrey, NH, and Dr. Barry Rogstag of Potomac, MD.

The amount of \$5,000 each was given to Cornerstone Church, St. Mary's Catholic Society, Winchendon Church of God, Church of the Unity Society, North Congregational Church, First Congregational Church, and Bethany Bible Chapel. St. Mary's was also given an additional \$20,000 for the care of Calvary Cemetery.

Beals Memorial Library was given \$20,000 for the purchase of new books.

Also receiving \$20,000 was the Murdock Fund. That money is to be used "to assist a needy and worthy graduate to obtain further education."

Winchendon Public Works Director Al Gallant accepted checks in the amount of \$20,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 which are to be used "to improve and beautify" Riverside, Old Centre, and New Boston cemeteries, respectively.

At the request of Hickey, selectmen also approved using \$2,424 in Converse Fund monies for the school department.

"This is to help finish up the Toy Town Elementary School playground," said Hickey. "I met with the superintendent and business administrator last week, and what I was told that to finish off the playground what was needed was an addition \$2,424 for a swing set to complete their work on the playground renovations."

Also approved by the board was the expenditure of \$47,512 for the purchase of a large mower for the town.

"One of the things the town is really challenged with is maintaining the parks and playgrounds," said Hickey. "Right now, we have a couple of mowers that we use. The first being the sidewalk tractor that, from what I understand, had a left-over mower deck from the previous sidewalk tractor that fits on the current sidewalk tractor. That mowing deck is about six feet wide. That tractor is used to plow the sidewalks, primarily. Because we don't have enough equipment to maintain the parks, we've had to use that on a daily basis to mow. It's much heavier

than the average mower and, certainly in the spring, there are some areas that can't be mowed."

"In addition, we have a couple of John Deere tractors with a five-foot wide deck," Hickey continued. "They work well in the cemeteries, but it really takes a lot of time with the parks that we have. With the addition of the Ingleside property we now have additional lawns to mow and fields to maintain."

Hickey told the board, prior to the board's vote on the previous two items, that the expenditures had been vetted and approved by the Rogstags, in consultation with Gould.

There is still nearly \$168,000 left in the Converse Fund, with plans to reinvest at least \$50,000 of that amount in an account which would provide funds to the town another 100 years from now. Hickey is looking at other proposals for the possible distribution of the remaining balance.

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Zlotnik backs revised pot bill

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Massachusetts voters legalized marijuana in a referendum last fall and the state legislature has followed suit, codifying voters' wishes while hiking taxes and tightening regulations for recreational use of the drug. Governor Baker signed the bill into law late last month.

The referendum called for a maximum 12-percent tax on consumers who purchase marijuana when the first retail stores open next July, but legislators pushed that to a maximum of 20-percent, including sales, excise, and optional local fees.

Additionally, the new measure expands the proposed regulatory struc-

ture and details how marijuana will be tested for safety as well as detailing packaging, labeling, and marketing rules.

Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner), whose district includes Winchendon, supported the bill.

"I felt that it certainly kept to the spirit of the ballot question that was passed. I was only going to support something that I felt did check that box," he said.

Because pot remains illegal on a federal level, states like Massachusetts which have approved its use are responsible for regulation and "there's a cost to that," Zlotnik pointed out, while acknowledging he personally would have raised taxes less than the final bill does.

"We appreciate the careful consideration the Legislature took to balance input from lawmakers, educators, public safety officials and public health professionals while honoring the will of the voters," said Baker in a statement released by his office.

Communities which voted against the measure in November can entirely ban or restrict marijuana shops but those who voted in favor of the referendum, including Winchendon, bans or restrictions would require a town-wide vote.

The new five-member Cannabis Control Commission will shoulder the responsibility of regulating recreational and medical marijuana, the latter remaining untaxed. There will also be

a 35-member Cannabis Advisory Board. The revised bill creates a special commission to study the effects of driving under the influence of marijuana as well as other drugs.

Bringing control of both recreational and medical marijuana, the latter having been okayed by state voters in 2012, makes the commission, "more like other bodies," noted Zlotnik. Medical marijuana had been regulated by the Department of Public Health.

Zlotnik said he felt last year's referendum "had a lot of holes in it," but believes the legislation gives the marijuana industry "a better foundation under it."

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towns), and I have little doubt that he can, it doesn't mean it's the right thing to do."

Jane LaPointe said she was concerned about the vagueness of the agreement presented at the board's last meeting.

"The contract was simply the legalese of how it would work," she said. "But there

was nothing there regarding the shared interests and commitment of both towns to the benefits I read about in the executive session, when it talked about what the state could do, what could happen about joint efforts around economic development, even the discussion of shared services."

"I have seen the promises of joint ventures and partnerships and collaborations fall apart," said LaPointe, "because

there wasn't clear agreement or understanding at the beginning from the parties involved as to the benefits they were seeking. Is Templeton looking for the same thing from this that we are? And if we did want to pursue something like this proactively, would Templeton be the town we would choose to do it with?"

"Looking at it is one thing," said Janet Corbosiero, "but moving forward and saying

we'll try it for a year is not just looking at it, it's doing it. I do believe it's a slippery slope, whether it's working or not, and that it's a way to get around town meeting."

"In my mind," said Hickey, "the short-term agreement allows both communities and me, candidly, to prove whether or not I can do it. So, at May town meeting I think people will have a better idea, and it won't be just examples or what-

ifs or how-about or maybes, there'll be facts that people can weigh their decisions on when they vote, if they vote."

The next meeting of the negotiating subcommittee is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 24 at Winchendon Town Hall. Winchendon selectmen will then take up the matter again at their meeting on Monday, May 28.

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DCR forester, did say some approved cutting was taking place on property abutting Powell's parcel to the northeast in Ashburnham. Central Mass. is not involved in that operation.

Rameau was quite up front in taking responsibility for any problems that have arisen regarding the operation.

"This was a problem I created myself by letting the permit expire," said

Rameau. "It's nobody's fault but my own. I sometimes have five or six jobs going at once and I didn't even get on site until late 2015. I thought we had two years to do the cut. I didn't realize the permit expired in November. I didn't file for an extension. It was something I should have done, but I didn't do it."

"There was no intention to pull a fast one," he continued.

"How much work has been done since the permit expired?" asked Denise Child, Wetland

Section Chief for the DEP, and the person who called the meeting.

"I'd have to go back and look at my records to see what work was done," Rameau responded.

Relative to the non-approved haul road, Rameau said, "It was important to get a good haul road. It was a tough winter and the ground was soft. There was a cart road in existence. Did we improve it? Absolutely. Was it done before or after the permit expired? I can't say."

As for the non-ap-

proved culverts noted on the locus map, Rameau said, "The culverts at the top of the hill are nowhere near any wetlands."

"I went above and beyond to ensure water quality at the bottom of the hill," he continued. "A pole road was approved on the cutting plan. But the ground was so soft because of the winter and heavy rains, so I decided to put in a culvert. A pole road would have just sunk into the ground. It would have caused more erosion."

A pole road, basically, consists of utility poles laid across the roadway, similar to what is commonly known as a corduroy road.

"We put in culverts to keep the road dry; to prevent erosion and runoff," Rameau concluded.

He also told the meeting he had finished cutting operations on the site.

"I'm done up there. I just have one load to pull out of there. There are a couple of crossings to pull and a couple of culverts to pull. I'd like to fix

whatever I have to fix."

"I'd hoped to come away with a better understanding of what happened," said Child, regarding Thursday's meeting. "I want to know when the culvert was installed and any other work that was done since the permit expired."

Rameau said he would get back to her with that information.

Both DEP and DCR officials seemed to agree that a new permit would need to be granted before any more work could be done on the site.

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It is currently scheduled to replace both of the '14s with new models in the future.

Walsh explained, "Tighe has extended the offer to help our department defray the costs of CO detectors for the current vehicles."

One topic of discussion among various departments around the commonwealth by both fire and police is that regular household CO detectors do not register and audible alert until around 200 PPM. Due to this, more sensitive instruments would be desirable for vehicle operators, and the WPD will utilize equipment such as or comparable to a "Scott Protégé 2M Single Gas zero maintenance CO Meter" which can be specially set to a "Low Alarm" alert of 35 PPM CO per manufacture specifications.

Walsh also said, "I spoke with WFD Deputy Fire Chief Ruschioni and he contacted their representative from Scott. We now have five of the meters coming. In the interim we are going to

borrow one of their detectors which are similar, and I will have it placed in each one of our SUVs for a shift to see if we have anything. These are used by fire departments, and are recommended by the Chief of Police Association."

The National Highway Transit Safety Administration previously announced it would expand the investigation to as many as 1.33 million Ford SUVs which include civilian versions of the vehicles as early as this past July 28.

Municipalities both small and large have been pulling the vehicles where ever possible either completely out of service, or installing carbon monoxide detectors in the vehicle cabins as the odorless gas has rendered multiple police officers unconscious causing both accidents and injury at no fault of their own.

Austin, TX removed some 400 Ford Explorers from city use, as Texas authorities discovered 20 officers tested positive for high levels of CO. Burlington, VT and the Manchester, NH police departments have also directly addressed the issue. The NHSTA has since expanded its search to 2011-17 Ford Explorer SUVs both law enforce-

ment and civilian.

Nearby, the Auburn PD, after testing its officers, found that four of its officers tested positive for CO, after one officer lost consciousness while out on regular patrol behind the wheel striking another vehicle in the rear. This prompted FoMoCo to immediately dispatch a team of its own specialized engineers to the department to personally examine and test the vehicles.

The incident prompted the Auburn chief, as well as chiefs from several other municipalities around the Commonwealth to install CO detectors in comparable departmental vehicle.

The following are generally accepted guidelines for CO parts-per-million exposure conditions at sea level, but can quickly vary do to multiple factors such as elevation and others.

35 PPM – No obvious symptoms after 8 hours of exposure.

200 PPM – Mild headache after 2 to 3 hours.

400 PPM – Headache and nausea after 1 to 2 hours.

800 PPM – Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 45 minutes; collapse after 2 hours.

1,000 PPM – Unconsciousness after 1 hour.

1,600 PPM – Unconsciousness after 30 minutes.

In closing Walsh said, "We are taking a proactive and cautious approach. When the information came out from the Auburn PD, I met with Mathieu Ford and we discussed how we could be proactive regarding this issue. As soon as they receive the guidelines, we will schedule an inspection on all the vehicles. In the meantime, we have ordered the detectors and Tighe is going to help us defray the costs. To this date, we have had no issues with our vehicles, but we will take the appropriate steps to insure safety."

LEGALS

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Justin A. Oakley and Jamie L. Oakley

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Attest:
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Recorder
August 11, 2017

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a mile in length to about a quarter-mile.

Under the new plan, said Sean Pepper, of Poulin Construction, "We actually intercept a couple of drains that were put into the field area and had to re-route our drainage there to accommodate the new total impervious area, and I feel that we've done so quite nicely."

Paul: "Generally, the runoff from the building and the parking area will be going into the existing drain line,

versus going onto the road. The very beginning of the new entrance will have a little runoff into the street drainage. The DPW has requested that we add catch basins there to pick that little bit of water and minimize what's running into the road, so we did that, tying that into the existing drainage on Summer Drive."

A peer review of the Y's proposal by the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond did raise several concerns regarding whether the plan presented would indeed adequately handle runoff.

The firm also recommended that the Clark explore the possibility of install-

ing "a proprietary water treatment unit" to reduce particulates in runoff flows. However, the response from the Y indicated the inclusion of such a unit would make the project cost-prohibitive. Grazewicz said a less expensive solution for improving the quality of storm water discharges from the site is included in the plan.

Overall, board members appeared satisfied with the project managers' answers to the concerns raised by Tighe and Bond and unanimously approved both the site plan and the special permit.

A release from the Winchendon Police Dept. says officers responded to the area of Juniper and Maple streets at around 1:23 a.m. after receiving "a report of a person bleeding and people running from the area." The statement goes on to say responding officers found Phillip Casavant III, 38, with a laceration to one of his arms.

The release goes on to say, "evidence at the scene and witness statements suggest" Casavant had been involved in an altercation with another person brandishing a knife. Police say, however, the apparent victim was uncooperative and refused to identify anyone who may have been involved in the incident.

Casavant was transported to Heywood Hospital for treatment of his injuries and, according to the police statement, is expected to recover from his wounds.

The incident remains under investigation. Winchendon police are urging anyone who may have information regarding the incident to contact them at (978) 297-1212.

other agency (Laurel St.), services rendered; 4:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Winter St.), no service necessary; 4:45 p.m.: ambulance (Main St.), transported; 5:32 p.m.: juvenile/general (Brown St.), unable to locate; 5:51 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), services rendered; 7:11 p.m.: mv stop (Ash St.), verbal warning; 7:12 p.m.: animal complaint (High St.), referred to ACO; 7:16 p.m.: mv stop (Ash St.), verbal warning; 7:39 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Rd.), citation issued; 7:45 p.m.: registration check (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 7:58 p.m.: suspicious person (Murdock Ave.), spoken to; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Railroad St.), verbal warning; 8:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Ash St.); 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 9:28 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring St.), services rendered; 11:16 p.m.: suspicious person (Mellen Rd.), search negative.

Assault Victim Uncooperative

Winchendon police are investigating an apparent assault which took place early last Saturday morning, but the alleged victim isn't being much help.



Rain doesn't dampen their spirits

BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The enticing smell of fresh hot chili tantalized the taste buds over the impending rain last Saturday as various local chefs cooked up a storm in hopes of having their special chili recipe crowned as number one. Though skies were gray, chili fanatics from across New England convened at the American Legion Post 193 to cook, taste, and enjoy homemade chili at the 33rd annual Massachusetts State Chili Cook-off, which was proudly sponsored again by the International Chili Society and the Kiwanis Club of Winchendon.

Enthusiastic chili chefs from far and wide set up their tents and began making batch after batch of hot chili despite the gloomy skies and bursts of rain, showing their true passion for the craft. Live music added to the high spirits, as did the smiling eager faces that accompanied each sample of delicious chili. The Winchendon Fire Department once again brought out their renowned chili and Winchendon's own Cruisin' 12 Diner by Franco offered a new local favorite as well.

While attendees enjoyed samples of fresh chili, children enjoyed petting adorable baby animals brought by Animal Craze, and playing games for prizes and even getting their faces painted. Two clowns walked through the Festival to give candy and smiles to some of the younger chili aficionados as they enjoyed their day at the Cook-off as well.

The rain was not able to quench the heat of the passion people have for chili, or the heat of the chili itself for that matter, at the 33rd annual Massachusetts State Chili Cook-off, made possible by the continued support of the International Chili Society and the Kiwanis Club of Winchendon. Chili-lovers everywhere are already counting down the days to next year's Cook-off and are excited to see what amazing recipes will be added to the seasoned mix of contenders.

Mat Plamondon photos



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Summertime on the Denison



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Kayaking & Canoeing enthusiasts enjoy the lake together on the campground side of the lake.



Amy Robbins of Athol and her young riding partner enjoy a Sunday ride on horseback along the roads and trails of Lake Dennison with their horses Taxi and Diva



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A dad and his children get some relaxation using Inflatables drifting in the reeds along the shore.



Many pairs of people could be seen Kyaking all around the lake on Sunday, July 30.



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