

Carla remembered: carillon and a beloved walk

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Dozens of people from near and far gathered at the Clark Memorial YMCA Saturday afternoon to dedicate the Y's walking track in memory of Carla Fletcher, who passed away on Oct. 17 of last year. Friends, family, and town officials met at the north end of the track, where a granite bench bearing Fletcher's name was unveiled.

The bench was adorned with an arrangement of red roses, a picture of the honoree, and two red golf tees. Clark Executive Director Mike Quinn said Fletcher, an avid golfer, always

referred to the latter as her "Christian golf tees."

The bench, fashioned at Family Memorials in Gardner, was installed about a week before the dedication, according to Quinn.

Quinn said the idea to dedicate the track to Fletcher began to germinate sometime last December.

"The staff had received donations in her memory," he said, "and we began to look for a fitting way to remember her. She logged so many hours here, volunteering and walking the track, that this seemed like a good idea. So, we decided to place a bench here and dedi-

cate the track to her."

Following the dedication ceremony, attendees were invited to walk once around the track in Fletcher's memory.

After the event at the Clark, many in the crowd proceeded to the United Parish Church where the church's carillon bells were also dedicated in Carla Fletcher's name.

Pastor Calvin Miller provided a short welcome, which followed by the singing of some of Fletcher's favorite hymns.

Guest musicians included pianist Kelly McGarry and organist Debby Page. The church choir was led by direc-

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Greg Vine photo

A stone bench commemorating Carla Fletcher is installed near her beloved walking track.

Winchendon School launches 67 into real world

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Bright blue skies held the promise of clear sailing as members of the Winchendon School's Class of 2016 head off to college or careers. Sixty-seven now-former seniors received their diplomas at Saturday morning's graduation ceremony.

Associate Head of School Lauren Lambert offered the invocation and blessing. Sionduch Burnett of the Class of 2011 was the featured speaker.

Graduates were given their diplomas by school President Glenn Hunt, Head of School John Kerney, Assistant Head of School Pamela Blair, and Lauren Lambert.

Graduates included: Paige Anderson; Meghan Ballentine; Emily Beauvais; Jake Borden, cum laude; Ariana Browne-Ayala, cum laude; Olivier Caron; Jacob



Greg Vine photos

Incoming board President Glenn Hunt and outgoing President Joe Dockery lead the procession for the graduating class.

Casavant; Matthew Chisholm; April Cohen; Maxime Cote; Corey Desgroseilliers; Colin Dibble; David Dickey; Garrett Dintaman; Matthew Edwards; Jiali Fang, cum laude; Fenglu Fei; Emma Frushell, cum laude; Marissa Galat, cum laude; Olivia Caron; Jacob

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Morgan St. Pierre photos

It's official! The class of '16 has graduated.

Murdock class of '16 honors its own

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The weather forecast was foul but the mood was festive as the class of 2016 departed Murdock High School at Sunday's graduation ceremonies, the 128th in the school's storied history. The threat of rain forced the event into the gym from the field but that didn't dampen the spirits of the grads and their families.

Tradition dictates a 2 p.m. start time and the gym was largely filled by 1:30 after a steady stream of guests began filing through

the lobby as early as 12:45. Anticipating a stuffy gym, the Boosters club, represented by school committee member Dawn Harris, had 20 cases of water on hand as people began to arrive. Graduates had water bottles under their chairs and fans whirred through the gym.

Salutatorian Deanna Polcari struggled to contain her emotions as she said goodbye.

"After today, we will all be going off on our own paths, facing whatever the future has in store for us. I can't begin to explain

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Courtesy photo

Barbara Reynolds at right, chair of Monty Tech's School Committee, presents a diploma to Sarah N. Boudreau, a business technology major from Templeton. Sarah was hired this year to work during her trade week for Workers' Credit Union, which opened a branch in the school. She will continue to work for the bank after graduation.

Robinson Broadhurst expends 2016 funds

BY RUTH DEAMICIS
COURIER EDITOR

WINCHENDON — The stock market fluctuations have a distant but very real impact on the town of Winchendon because of the structure of the single most generous benefactor in town: the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation.

Left as a bequest by brothers and sisters with ties to this town, and to towns in New York state, the foundation has been in existence since the mid-1980s, and has funded a variety of elements in the regions.

"We try to make certain we touch as many lives as possible, get the most bang for the buck," explained Foundation Director and President Charles "Lad" McKenzie.

Which is why a place like the Clark Memorial YMCA, which services some 2,000 area citizens, or Heywood Hospital or Mount Wachusett Community College or even the fire department or the school system might get a better look at the proposals than a smaller entity.

"But it is so very, very hard

to make decisions, because everyone's ideas are good ones," he continued.

He cited as an example the proposal by the Winchendon Little League to rebuild dugouts at one of the fields.

"It's a big project, a good project. But it's so big that it would take a huge amount of funding all at once that we just don't have. But we did say to them to submit it again, because we know that kind of project needs to happen all at once in one

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Monty Tech holds 45th annual graduation

FITCHBURG — The weather may have been a bit threatening at times, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 343 members of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's Class of 2016, as they were all smiles marching onto the athletic field on Wednesday, May 25, to receive their diplomas and certificates of voca-

tional-technical proficiency at the school's 45th annual Commencement Exercises.

Junior class marshals led the graduates to their seats, while Principal Thomas R. Browne got the ceremony underway.

Members of Monty Tech's Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard presented the flags.

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WEEKLY QUOTE
"Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement."
C.S. Lewis

Mount Wachusett adding five new programs

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College is adding both certificate and associate degree programs to its offerings beginning this academic year.

The new programs include credit certificate programs in substance abuse counseling,

community health worker and public relations, and associate degrees in liberal arts & sciences law track and liberal arts & sciences earth systems track.

“These new certificate programs will serve needs expressed by local employers. People who have a degree in a

related major, or those who are currently working in the field, are encouraged to enroll in these programs to update their skills,” said Dr. Melissa Fama, vice president of academic affairs. “The new tracks in our liberal arts & sciences degree were developed in response to students who expressed interest in transferring to four-year colleges and universities in these fields.”

Through discussions with area providers, the college developed the new substance abuse counseling certificate, which prepares students to obtain Massachusetts state recognition as a certified alcohol and drug counselor and to seek employment within the industry. Area facilities are poised to open to serve the needs of clients in various stages of recovery. This certification would allow

for individuals to seek employment within the industry.

The community health worker certificate program will prepare students for careers in the healthcare field, providing education and guidance to clients and patients about managing their medical procedures and diseases, such as asthma or diabetes. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of community health workers in Massachusetts is projected to grow by 22 percent by 2022.

The public relations certificate program is designed to meet current job market opportunities for students who have a background in communications or public relations. The certificate program combines training in graphic design, writing, business, marketing and media arts

technology.

The liberal arts & sciences law track degree program is designed for students seeking a pre-law program with the goal of transferring to a four-year college or institution, and the liberal arts & sciences earth systems track will provide students with a focused transfer program to pursue a bachelor’s degree in geology, meteorology or astronomy.

For more information, contact the MWCC admissions office at (978) 630-9110 or email admissions@mwcc.mass.edu. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed certificate programs and other important information, please visit our website at <http://mwcc.edu/catalog/gainful-employment>.



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Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 pm

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John Harrington, MD, has been a leader of the Heywood Hospital Medical staff since joining the Winchendon Health Center in 1982. In addition to the patients he cared for at the Winchendon Health Center, Dr. Harrington is well known for his work with Forward In Health, the Gardner Visiting Nurses Association, Winchendon School District Heywood Hospital’s Transitional Care Center and Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



Refreshments to be served. Please RSVP to Heywood Hospital’s Community Relations Department at (978) 630-6248.



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It’s for the stagestruck

BY SETH SIGNA
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Registration is open for children interested in theatre camp this summer at Mount Wachusett Community College. There will be three different programs for three different age groups running for 8 days throughout July.

For those in grades 1-2 there will be the 21st annual Theatre Bug program. The program will run from July 5-8 and 11-14 from 9am-1pm and will cost \$179.

Through a combination of theatre games, pantomime, music, dance and creative play students will be introduced to the world of theatre and discover the joy of being bitten by the “theatre bug.” There will be a performance for family and friends on the last night scheduled for 6:30pm.

There will be a 30 student limit so sign up quickly.

Students in grades 3-8 have the 31st Lights! Stage! Action! Program. Two different sessions of the program will run with session A running from July 5-8 and 11-14, and session B running from July 18-21 and 25-28. Both will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and

the cost for this program will be \$229.

In the morning classes will include things such as dancing, music, and acting. Then, in the afternoon, classes will rehearse and learn what it’s like putting on a play. A final performance for family and friends will be held on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. for session A and on July 28 at 6:30 p.m. for session B.

Classes will be limited to 60 students for this program.

Anyone interested in grades 9-12 can sign up for the 18th annual Spotlight on Musical Theatre program. The program is running July 18-21 and 25-28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and will cost \$229.

Students will learn the basic of song and dance while experiencing what it is like to perform musical numbers, as well as scenes from famous Broadway shows. A final performance for family and friends will be held on July 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be limited to 40 students. Each program will provide a lunch for the students and comes with a complimentary t-shirt.

If you would like to register for one of the programs, or have any questions visit mwcc.edu/noncredit or call 978-630-9525.

History in the making....

I was going to stay away from politics this week but events have pretty much forced my hand.

The fact is, and I say this as an unabashed supporter of Bernie Sanders, that one of America’s two major political parties has for the first time nominated a woman to be our president. From here on out the news media will not be covering news, it will be covering history.

Of course, Victoria Woodhull was the very first woman to run for president as the nominee of the Equal Rights Party in 1872, nearly 50 years before women were even allowed to vote in this country. No one knows how many votes she received because they were not recorded. Besides, she was only 34 at the time and, therefore, not eligible to become president, having not reached the Constitutionally required age of 35.

Many of us alive today can recall the 1972 presidential bid of Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman ever elected to Congress (in 1968). To this day, I can see her campaign button which read “Follow the Chisholm Trail to the White House.” Unfortunately, the picture on the button was that of the Capitol Building, not the presidential residence. Be that as it may, Chisholm received 152 delegate votes at the Democratic National Convention, placing her fourth behind ultimate victor George McGovern, Henry “Scoop” Jackson, and George Wallace.

Some of us can also recall Colorado U.S. Representative Pat Schroeder’s teary announcement, about a year after forming an exploratory committee, that she would not seek the Democratic nomination for president in 1988.

Third parties have run women at the top of the ticket – Linda Jennings, Socialist Workers Party in 1972 and Dr. Jill Stein, Green Party in 2012 and – it appears – again this year.

But, love her or hate her, Hillary Clinton has finally broken the same glass ceiling her supporters had put “18 million cracks” in eight years ago. I wholeheartedly wish her well and will certainly – likely short a great deal of tingly enthusiasm – cast my vote for her in November. Chances are I would have voted for her regardless of who the Republicans nominated but, given the alternative, well...there really is no alternative.

In the past year Donald Trump has revealed himself to be little more than a xenophobic, juvenile, egomaniacal, blowhard.

In the past week he has revealed himself to be – and there’s no other way to say it – a racist. Maybe deep down in his cold, black heart he doesn’t believe himself to be a racist, but he sure talks like one. To say the judge in his Trump University fraud case should recuse himself because he’s “Mexican,” even though the guy was born in Indiana, was bad enough. To say, on top of that, that a Muslim judge would also have to recuse himself or herself from the case just added insult to injury.

Luckily, we do not impose racial or religious tests upon our judicial nominees before considering them for the bench. It appears, however, that a – dare I say it – President Trump would take such factors into consideration before making judicial appointments. Such an individual does not deserve to be president.

Finally, a word about Bernie Sanders. The senator from Vermont deserves all the credit in the world for mounting what truly can be called a “political revolution.” Sanders has fired up millions of Americans who are sick of the influence of money in politics and equally as sick of the high costs of college and of health care – the Affordable Care Act notwithstanding. He has inspired throngs of young people, many of whom disdained politics in general and both major parties specifically.

The flight home to Vermont from California Wednesday morning had to be the most difficult trip of his life. How do you let go of the revolution? How do you put the adoring throngs of supporters behind you?

The answer is, you don’t. It is my hope that Sanders will use the influence he’s gained over the past year to form an organized movement with himself as its leader. It is further my hope that, initially, he will use that organization to help propel Hillary Clinton into the White House.

Beyond that, however, I hope a Sanders-led political force will be organized to push, once the elections are over, for those issues that propelled his campaign to begin with. Maybe I’m a cockeyed optimist, but I can see such an organization hammering away for a Constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s “Citizens United” decision, which increased the influx of cash into politics from a mighty river to uncontrollable deluge. I can envision a thrust for free, or nearly free, public college and university tuition. And I definitely can see an organized and unapologetic push for universal health care.

But, yes, that’s all speculation. It’s five months until the general election. The primary season is over (save for next Tuesday’s vote in the District of Columbia) and Americans need time to collectively catch their breath and reflect for a moment on the history that has indeed been made.

Still, what a hell of a primary season it’s been.



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Summer Solstice gearing up for next Saturday



WINCHENDON — The Morin 5K kicks off at 8 a.m., followed by the McDonald's kids fun runs, and then the excitement really begins as the Clark Memorial YMCA annual fundraiser for its scholarship program begins.

The grounds of the Y will be covered by vendors, games, food courts and more; something for the entire family to enjoy. And there is no entrance fee, just come on down to Central Street (which is blocked off for the day) and enjoy the good times.

At noon, there is even a parade; with local service clubs, bands, scouts and more giving their support to the Y and the community.

The Big RanDom will be entertaining throughout the afternoon.

The ever popular Kiwanis food booth will be among the vendors.

And while the main focus is on the Y and its fundraising activities, other organizations in town are also busy with events too, like Immaculate Heart of Mary and its annual strawberry festival, and the Winchendon Unitarian Universalist Church and its vendor fest.

So come to downtown Winchendon Saturday, June 18 for an entire day of fun and frolic.

Courtesy photo

Athol Savings Bank is again the major sponsor of the Clark Memorial YMCA summer solstice program. SVP Chief Lending Officer Michael Toomey, Executive Director of the YMCA Michael Quinn, Assistant Branch Manager Jennifer McLaughlin, VP Commercial Lending Larry Estelle, Jr., and Collections Officer Roy Graves at the presentation ceremony.

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CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY JUNE 10

KIDS PROGRAMS: Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

FIRE FIGHTER'S MEMORIAL: at 8:30 a.m. at the memorial stone on Glenallan Street, a rededication of that memorial to include recently deceased.

POSTPONED!!! CANDY LAND: The Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center hosts Willie Wonka himself and an afternoon tea for children 2-4 p.m. at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come play games, win some luscious prizes and enjoy some time with the master of chocolate himself. \$5 per person (but Willie could be persuaded to be generous if LOTS of children want to come...) **NEW DATE AUGUST 7**

GOLDEN AGERS: the annual birthday party is planned! Reservations are required and particulars will be provided when you call Gloria LaBrack at (978) 297-4525.

OPEN POETRY: Poetry Open Mic on Sunday, June 12, 2-4 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery.

LOBSTER SHOOT: hosted by the Sons of the American Legion Squad 193 at the American Legion, 295 School St. beginning at 2 p.m. 25 games for \$16; side raffles.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

STORY HOUR: On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

ADULT CRAFTS: during the children's story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you'd like to attend but don't have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whom-ever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration, but for information call (978) 297-0300.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

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The fourth Thursday of each month is a full dinner with salad and dessert.

This meal is sustained by gifts from the people who attend, the religious communities of Winchendon, the Winchendon Community Action Committee, the Winchendon School, and many volunteers.

TRIVIA NIGHT: the next one at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. kicks off at 8 p.m. with host Ryan Murphy. Gather a group of friends and head on down to compete. Open to the public, held downstairs. Come find out what all the buzz is about.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

FREE CONCERT: Beatles for Sale will play beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening with New England's best Beatles tribute band. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

IHM STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: the annual affair begins 5-7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
IHM STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: the festival continues 9 a.m.-9 p.m. with ticket auctions, raffles, basket booths, amazing food and more. At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St.

MORIN 5K: the annual race kicks off at 8 a.m. From the Clark Memorial YMCA as the beginning of the Summer Solstice. Followed by the mile McDonald's Fun Run and a race for smaller children as well. Register early at the Clark!

SUMMER SOLSTICE: all day on the grounds of the Clark Memorial YMCA. Live music, games, vendors and food! A parade winds through town at noon.

UU CHURCH SUMMER SALE: the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Central Street will be the site of a plethora of vendors, the Beals Memorial Library book sale, the Winchendon Garden Club plant sale and more. Stop by and browse.

YARD SALE: Winchendon American Legion Post 193 annual summer yard sale is scheduled Saturday, June 18 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (rain date June 25) in the pavilion at the Legion, 295 School St. Great time to clean out YOUR garage, attic or cellar, as we are accepting donations! Call Esther at (978) 297-1459 to arrange for pick up. All proceeds go toward children & youth funds of Winchendon American Legion.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: and the end of the strawberry festival when winners of the raffles are announced. Breakfast is 9-11 a.m. Treat Dad to breakfast for his day!

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

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EDITORIAL

New beginnings

We swore at one point we wouldn't talk about the national politics in the editorial; too many other people already take it on as a talking point.

But when someone we think could be our national leader makes such blatantly racist remarks as Mr. Trump has done in the past week, unapologetically and apparently without understanding why it is even wrong we have to question his opinion in other matters.

How is this coloring his other decisions?

How would it color future decisions? And ultimately how would it affect decisions for the entire country he would be charged with the oversight?

It doesn't bode well. He can have any racist opinions he wants, that is what free speech is all about; but to use them in a very public forum as a very public and political figure is disturbing. He is attempting to sway a judicial opinion his way, to get a judge either removed from his case, or the decision deemed invalid because it didn't go his way.

We read the book he wrote (ghost written) about wanting us all to be rich. Co-authored by the Rich Dad - Poor Dad guy.

It was uninformed, uninformative and childishly written. We know it was intended for an audience of believers who also wanted the secret formula to getting rich the Trump way.

It was an advertisement for the "university" the two men wanted their supporters to pay to be part of. To PAY for. Who was getting rich here?

Who was going to continue to get rich here?

There have been some posts in various media driven outlets that claim Trump got into this race on a lark. That he claimed he could "dupe" us all into voting for him no matter what he said or did, and eventually he would reveal

that it was never intended to be taken seriously.

Only, now he has won the nomination.

It's too late to back out now.

If he revealed it as a big ha-ha, even if it is, someone would probably assassinate him.

His loyal followers believe. And believe hard.

He is not a stupid man. He knows what he is doing. It may not have started out with the same agenda as it is now, and now he may have to change gears a bit, because now he is caught. And now he may have to play with the "real" politicians too. The guys who make or break deals, the brokers in the back rooms he has been thumbing his nose at all along.

Because now that it is real-world, he needs to look further than the next primary or kowtowing to an electorate who likes his inflammatory rhetoric. Now he needs to look at the possibility of real election.

Could he be presidential material?

Here's the kicker.

Yes, he could.

The real Donald Trump, the one we haven't actually seen yet beyond the "good old boy" who likes to inflame the crowds, is smart, savvy and very, very aware of the actuality of the world and of politics. He has been closely tied to friends from politics all along, including the Clintons and the Bushes. He is smart enough to surround himself with advisors for subjects he is not as familiar with and to take the advice to heart.

We haven't seen him knuckle down and become the man he could be. But when he does, and it will most likely be at the Republican convention, we will see a new beginning for that Trump, and we will most likely be caught by surprise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Post Office: generous Winchendon

To the Editor:

On May 14 the generous Winchendon community donated more than 2,400 pounds of food to the Stamp Out Hunger campaign, both by leaving bags at their mailboxes and bringing items to the main Post Office. I am proud of the entire staff of the Winchendon Post Office for their genuine excitement and participation in gathering and trans-

porting the many pounds of generous donations.

I would like to thank the community for participating in this much needed event. It is a testament to the nature of this giving community that we were able to be so successful.

GABRIELE MCCARTHY, POSTMASTER
WINCHENDON

Police Department: reminder about fireworks

To the Editor:

The residents of Winchendon need to remember the laws pertaining to fireworks and the police department's intention to ensure that its citizens enjoy the safety and tranquility in a state where personal possession and use of fireworks is prohibited.

According to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148 section 39:

No person shall sell or keep for sale or, have in his possession, or under his control or, use or explode, or cause to explode any combustible or explosive composition or substance or any combination of such compositions or substances or any other article which was prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation.

Possession of fireworks is a misdemeanor offense that will result in the seizure of the fireworks and a criminal

complaint may be issued to the offender. Selling of fireworks may also result in arrest or summons of the offending party for the crime of disturbing the peace.

Every summer, especially around the 4th of July, the Winchendon Police experience increased complaints about fireworks. As we have in the past, we will respond to these calls and take appropriate action against the offender. Past experience has shown that many good citizens, who only intend to celebrate the season with friends and family, end up losing hundreds if not thousands of dollars in fireworks seized by police.

The Winchendon Police will continue to strive to ensure the safety and tranquility of the community as we have in the past; and we encourage anyone with concerns to call us at (978) 297-1212.

LT. KEVIN WOLSKI
WINCHENDON POLICE

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Revolutionary thinking

Watching all the riots, incivility, generally obnoxious behavior that surround our election for president, and wondering how the lies told by each side never bother that side's supporters and how no one appears to care about truth and experience and ability brings me around to what preceded revolutions in large, stable countries seemingly positioned to last forever.

I can hardly bring myself to raise the issue, but might what we are seeing be a warning of what is coming? We should at least see our current situation as a possible concern. One that in light of history needs to be addressed.

Look what happened in Germany to bring Hitler to

power and to launch a movement that came very close to conquering the world.

Also in our lifetime, the great Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was brought to her knees by angry citizens and ended up a shadow of its former self on the world stage.

I wasn't around when Britannia Ruled the Waves, but today she worries only about the Thames. No one ever thought that could happen.

And Rome. Do you think those folks had a crystal ball about the fall?

I could go on with examples, but what I want to emphasize is that a mood exists in this country we have not seen before. There is huge dissatisfaction with the government, all three

branches, and the candidates who are capturing the attention of potential voters are both encouraging massive change. The third candidate is a good example of the methodology that drives her opponents.

We are no longer seen in the world as reliable, and that worries our friends and encourages our allies.

The great threat to the US from extremists comes not from nations we can identify but from hundreds of thousands of people planted all around the world who wish our downfall.

Scare tactics in my thinking? I hope so. And I hope I am wrong, but I have reached a place in my thinking that allows this worry to become

more of a possible reality.

Are we watching something greater than any of us anticipated?

And are we not exactly like those Britons and Russians prior to their cataclysmic changes?

And weren't they as big and as seemingly untouchable as we?

The way revolution happens is the majority get fed up being treated like the minority, and charismatic leaders come along and help them focus on the real strength they have.

Assuming one of the current front runners wins the election, and the worst fears of the people are realized, can you not anticipate an uprising of the people? If not that, and



NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

the leader is so out of control, can you not imagine a coup d'etat by the military? There has been talk, albeit small and not getting much attention in the press, of states that would like to be on their own. What would that bring down on us as a people?

I like to write upbeat columns, but this little concern keeps coming up in my thinking, so I thought I should ask my readers to think about it and to think about it in the context of similar situations in history.

Could history be about to repeat itself?

The 'Greatest' indeed

He truly was "The Greatest." Arguably the best of all-time in the ring, a man of peace and an icon of courage and conviction outside of it, it's hard to imagine Muhammad Ali gone. But gone the Champ is, at the too-young age of 74. It was a shock early last Saturday morning when the news came. He'd been sick before, ravaged by the Parkinson's and the respiratory problems, but still, this was Ali. Ali was immortal, wasn't he?

It's hard, no, impossible for younger readers to understand the context of the times during which Ali came to prominence. When he proclaimed his loyalty to the Nation of Islam the morning after his stunning upset of Sonny Liston in 1964, upon him descended the furious wrath of much of white America and never mind that Ali was more generous in spirit and had a keener sense of societal morality than so many of his critics. His refusal to register for the draft and possibly go to Vietnam was an act not merely of defiance against the government but one of enormous inner strength. Ali pointed out he "ain't got no quarrels with them VietCong," adding he didn't want to go to Southeast Asia to kill whom he called "the brown man" when blacks were being treated

like second-class (at best) citizens in the United States.

When the Supreme Court eventually overturned his conviction and he was allowed to return to the ring to try to regain the title which had been taken from him by cowardly racist boxing authorities, the 1971 bout with Joe Frazier was cast as a morality play. There had never, ever, been a buildup to a sporting event like there was for Ali-Frazier I. Smokin' Joe was seen in many quarters as the good guy who represented a stable America where everyone knew their place, a champ who would restore order and silence the alleged draft-dodger once and for all. That Frazier had never been political was irrelevant. For all anyone knew, his views on public policy might have mirrored Ali's. Didn't matter and that wasn't an acceptable storyline anyway. Someone had to be the proverbial white knight. Like the role or not, Frazier was it. Much of white America, and a significant segment of older black America saw Ali as a threat to the way things were supposed to be. The prelude to a heavyweight championship fight had turned into a raging debate about patriots and race. Granted Ali contributed to

the firestorm, and decades would pass before he and Joe would reconcile, but in the heat of the moment, well, you had to be there.

When Frazier won a 15-round decision, those who loathed Ali felt vindicated. But that was just the first round. They would meet twice more, Ali winning both, including the fabled "Thrilla in Manila." Through all this, Ali was becoming possibly the most recognized face on the planet as he delved more and more into humanitarian causes. Some, though to be sure, not all, of the old animosities were melting away. Society, the world was changing, and the champ was now seen as a symbol of those changes. Ali traveled the world, preaching love, kindness, and caring, rendering to the trashcan of history the absurd views of those who had once seen him as a symbol of evil and danger.

Boxing still mattered of course. The "Rumble in the Jungle" with George Foreman remains as fresh in the memory today as it was the day it happened. If Frazier 3 had drained both fighters ("the closest I've come to death," Ali reflected), the Foreman fight was a lesson in tactics and strategy as Ali introduced the "rope-a-dope," letting

Foreman expend all his energy and eventually pouncing. That victory made Ali the only three-time champion ever and, as if it were possible, added yet another chapter to the legend.

Many of us recall vividly that younger Ali — the great fighter, the even greater humanitarian. While it was heartwarming to see that attitudes towards him had come virtually full circle when he stood alone lighting the Olympic torch at the Atlanta Summer Games 20 years ago, it was sad to see how frail he had become physically, yet it was an iconic moment in history. "The Greatest" was at last being acknowledged for the transcendent figure he truly was. Indeed, it wasn't boxing to which President Bush dwelt on in 2005 when he awarded Ali the nation's highest civilian honor (pretty ironic for someone who had once been accused of, well, essentially treason) but to Ali's gospel of peace.

Muhammad Ali. Truly "The Greatest." RIP, champ.



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POLICE LOG

Winchendon Police Department
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MONDAY, MAY 30
 12:23-5:21 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1 a.m.: disturbance (Lincoln Avenue) report taken; 1:20 a.m.: general info (Teel Road) info taken; 3:04 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street) transport; 7:30 a.m.: ambulance (Benjamin Street) transport; 8:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road South) services rendered; 9:17 a.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue) unable to locate; 11:30 a.m.: animal abuse (Willoughby Avenue) refer to ACO; 11:33 a.m.: general info (Elmwood Road) removed hazardous matter; 11:42 a.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) message delivered; 12:09 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) services rendered; 1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive) transport; 1:42 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) spoken to; 1:45 p.m.: assault (Spring Street) summons: Stephanie A. Breau, age 29 of 36 Spring St., Winchendon: assault on family or household member; 4:22 p.m.: property found (Central Street) returned to owner; 5 p.m.: extra patrols (Town Farm Road) services rendered; 5:14 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 5:32 p.m.: disabled MV (Baldwinville State Road) no PD service required; 6:53 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street) transport; 7:36 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) info taken; 8:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Crosby Road) refer to ACO; 8:32 p.m.: ambulance (Juniper Street) transport; 9:08 p.m.: suspicious other (Alger Street) report taken; 9:14 p.m.: illegal dumping (Glenallan Street) fire extinguished; 11:12 p.m.: suspicious person (Whitney Street) spoken to.

TUESDAY, MAY 31
 12:20 a.m.: suspicious other (Mill Street) secure; 12:37-2:38 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:38 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street) spoken to; 12:56 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) spoken to; 1:18 a.m.: assist other PD (Royalston Road South, Royalston) assisted; 1:39 a.m.: general info (Front Street) info taken; 8:39 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) assisted; 9:13 a.m.: fire unknown type (Lakeshore Drive) services rendered; 9:30 a.m.: property found (Ash Street) returned to owner; 9:50 a.m.: assist other agency (Crosby Road) assisted; 10:27 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 10:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 10:52 a.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street) spoken to; 11:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Washington Avenue) refer to ACO; 11:48 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 12 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street) info taken; 12:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) assisted; 12:54 p.m.: warrant of apprehension (High Street) unable to locate; 1 p.m.: suspicious other (Brown Court) info taken; 1:34 p.m.: investigation (Front Street) spoken to; 1:47 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road) unable to locate; 3:11 p.m.: harassment (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 3:14 p.m.: larceny (Juniper Street) report taken; 3:33 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) transport; 3:44 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) message delivered; 3:58 p.m.: fraud (Front Street) no PD service required; 4:06 p.m.: fraud (Front Street) report taken; 4:28 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 4:29 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive) transport; 4:59 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 6:33 p.m.: trespass notice (Ash Street) services rendered; 7:11 p.m.: investigation (Front Street) info taken; 7:26 p.m.: general info (Sibley Road) spoken to; 7:54 p.m.: ambulance (Happy Hollow Road) transport; 7:59 p.m.: MV stop (Elm Street) summons: Joshua Slade Lemere, age 25 of 63 Elm St. #2, Winchendon: operating MV with license suspended; 8:36 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Conifer Road) call canceled; 10:02 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 10:10 p.m.: harassment (Mill Glen Road) report taken; 10:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Washington Avenue) refer to ACO; 11:48-11:59 p.m.: building checks, secure.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
 12:08-3:11 a.m.: building checks, extra patrols, secure; 12:15 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 12:22 a.m.: harassment (Mill Glen Road) advised officer; 12:34 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Island Road) assisted; 12:53 a.m.: assist other PD (Spring Street) assisted; 2:41 a.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) spoken to; 3:15 a.m.: stolen MV (Glenallan Street) summons: Cassie Amber Higgins, age 23 of 184 Woodland St., Fitchburg: use MV without authority; 6:54 a.m.: road rage (Gardner Road) report taken; 7:45 a.m.: assist other PD (town wide) assisted; 8:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) refer to ACO; 8:36 a.m.: keep the

peace (Spring Street) assisted; 9:17 a.m.: warrant check (Spring Street) unable to locate; 9:30 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 9:39 a.m.: burglary B&E (Brown Street) report taken; 10:01 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 10:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street) refer to court; 10:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road) refer to ACO; 12:09 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Spruce Street) assisted; 1:11 p.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street) assisted; 2:01 p.m.: road rage (Gardner Road) info taken; 2:02 p.m.: larceny (Memorial Drive) report taken; 2:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Jackson Avenue) refer to ACO; 2:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street) assisted; 2:53 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) report taken; 4:17 p.m.: general info (Central Street) spoken to; 4:25 p.m.: animal complaint (French Road) refer to ACO; 5:24 p.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan Street) gone on arrival; 6:02 p.m.: disturbance (Brown Street) spoken to; 6:21 p.m.: general info (Spring Street) advised officer; 6:32 p.m.: noise complaint (Monomonac Road East) no cause for complaint; 6:38 p.m.: brush fire (Maple Street) extinguished; 6:48 p.m.: assist other PD (Spring Circle) assisted; 7:45 p.m.: investigation (Alger Street) info taken; 8 p.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Road) gone on arrival; 8:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Willoughby Avenue) info taken; 8:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Mill Glen Road) spoken to; 9 p.m.: accident (Teel Road) assisted; 9:05 p.m.: assist citizen (Mount Watatic) refer to other agency; 11 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 11:26-11:44 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:47 p.m.: threats (Walnut Street) spoken to.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
 12:04-12:34 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:47 a.m.: burglary, B&E (Front Street) checked, secure; 4:03 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road) services rendered; 8:32 a.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 9:03 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street) transport; 9:59 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 10:10 a.m.: extra patrols (bike path) secure; 10:16 a.m.: general info (East Street) info taken; 11:18 a.m.: assist other PD (Laurel Street) unable to serve; 11:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Bemis Road) refer to ACO; 11:55 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 12:41 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) services rendered; 1:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Avenue) refer to ACO; 1:42 p.m.: keep the peace (Cedar Street) services rendered; 2:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Forristal Road) returned to home; 3:08 p.m.: illegal dumping (Russell Farm Road) spoken to; 3:10 p.m.: accident (Front Street) assisted; 3:43 p.m.: traffic hazard (Franklin Street) advised officer; 4:24 p.m.: property found (Central Street) unable to locate; 5 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street) unable to serve; 5:09 p.m.: summons service (Pond Street) served; 5:11 p.m.: summons service (Pond Street) served; 5:15 p.m.: summons service (Webster Street) unable to serve; 5:35 p.m.: summons service (Prospect Street) served; 5:40 p.m.: investigation (Water Street) info taken; 5:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Old County Road) refer to ACO; 5:49 p.m.: investigation (School Square) info taken; 6:04 p.m.: summons service (Webster Street) unable to serve; 6:10 p.m.: FD call (Jameson Way) services rendered; 6:16 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 6:17 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) info taken; 6:23 p.m.: fire alarm (West Street) assisted; 6:34 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 6:45 p.m.: burglar alarm (West Street) call canceled; 6:59 p.m.: road rage (Rte. 2) info taken; 7:53 p.m.: general info (Little League Park) spoken to; 8:11

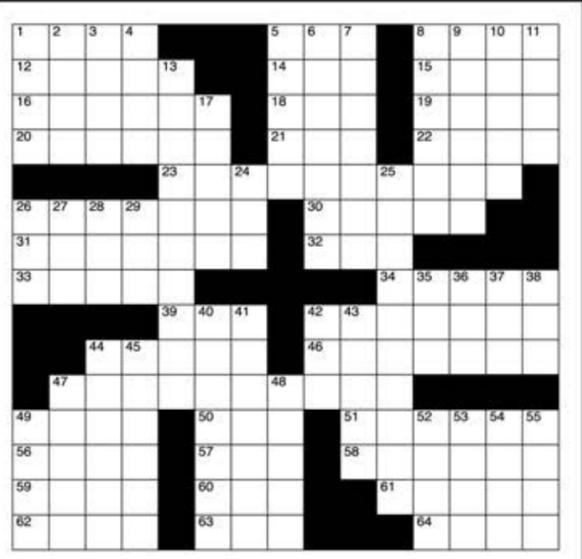
p.m.: assault (Maple Street) services rendered; 9:30 p.m.: property found (Spruce Street) info taken; 9:36 p.m.: disturbance, group (Glenallan Street) dispersed gathering; 10:21 p.m.: road rage (Baldwinville State Road) unable to locate; 10:32 p.m.: summons service (walk in) served; 11:08-11:57 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:39 p.m.: transport (Front Street).

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
 12:06-1:28 a.m.: building checks, extra patrols, secure; 12:30 a.m.: investigation (Grove Street) spoken to; 8:07 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 9:23 a.m.: general juvenile (Memorial Drive) spoken to; 10:03 a.m.: ambulance (West Street) transport; 10:06 a.m.: assist other agency (River Street) summons: Justin C. Harris, age 26 of 5 Paul X. Tivnan Drive, West Boylston: operating MV with license suspended; 10:17 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11 a.m.: animal complaint (Beech Street) refer to ACO; 11:09 a.m.: property found (Highland Street) returned to owner; 12:13 p.m.: investigation (Mill Glen Road) spoken to; 12:54 p.m.: accident (Maple Street) report taken; 2:30 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street) refer to ACO; 2:38 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 2:44 p.m.: general info (Spring Street) info taken; 3:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) assisted; 3:38 p.m.: lift assist (Pine Street) services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: intoxicated person (Front Street) services rendered; 4:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street) spoken to; 5:41 p.m.: ambulance (West Street) transport; 6:04 p.m.: traffic hazard (Franklin Street) advised officer; 6:13 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) arrest: Curt Morgan, age 34 of 233 Sherman St., Gardner: OUI-liquor second offense, OUI-drugs, negligent operation of MV and possession class B drug; 7:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) advised officer; 11:20 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) spoken to; 11:31 p.m.: accident (Central Street) summons: Matthew Thomas Phillips, age 26 of 208 Lincoln Ave., Winchendon: unlicensed operation of MV; 11:48 p.m.: burglary, B&E (Juniper Street) report taken.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
 1:38 a.m.: building check, secure; 2:03 a.m.: suicide threats (Goodrich Drive) removed to hospital; 2:21 a.m.: MV fire (Maple Street) extinguished; 2:47 a.m.: unwanted party (Laurel Street) dispersed gathering; 3:12 a.m.: investigation (Front Street) spoken to; 6:46 a.m.: suicide threats (Central Street) spoken to; 7:04 a.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) assisted; 7:17 a.m.: keep the peace (Metcalf Street) assisted; 7:26 a.m.: burglar alarm (School Street) false alarm; 10:57 a.m.:

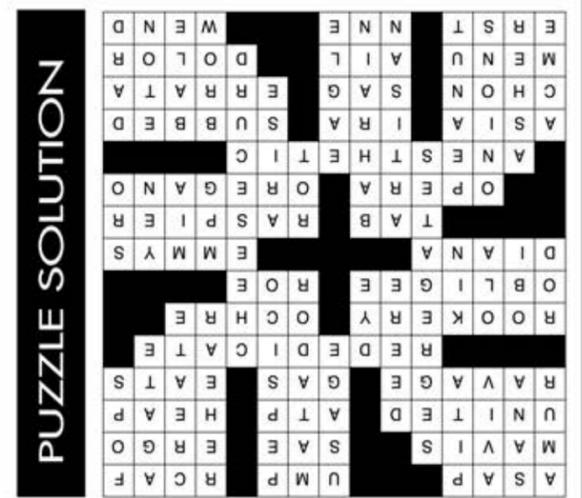
stolen MV (Hale Street) report taken; 1:41 p.m.: larceny (Lincoln Avenue Extension) report taken; 1:52 p.m.: noise complaint (Pond Street) spoken to; 2:08 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive) removed to hospital; 3:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road South) refer to ACO; 4 p.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street) info taken; 4:55 p.m.: alarm type unknown (Ipswich Drive) refer to other agency; 5:33 p.m.: harassment (Central Street) no PD service required; 6:18 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street) refer to ACO; 6:58 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:34 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street) spoken to; 7:45 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 8:36 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) verbal warning; 8:46 p.m.: warrant check (Summer Drive) info given; 10:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Juniper Street) spoken to; 11:20 p.m.: MV operating erratically (High Street) services rendered; 11:35 p.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) spoken to; 11:38 p.m.: noise complaint (Baldwinville State Road) spoken to.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
 12:10-2:39 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:47 a.m.: suspicious person (Pearl Street) transport; 8:09 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 10:07 a.m.: property found (Central Street) returned to owner; 10:44 a.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 10:54 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 10:55 a.m.: investigation (Front Street) report taken; 11:53 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street) refer to ACO; 2:09 p.m.: harassment (Washington Avenue) spoken to; 3:32 p.m.: suspicious MV (Front Street) dispersed gathering; 6:24 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street) secured building; 8:35 p.m.: tree down (Alger Street) refer to DPW; 11:48 p.m.: building check, secure.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Quickly
 - 5. Strike caller
 - 8. Canadian flyers
 - 12. Mrs. Leno
 - 14. Car mechanics group
 - 15. Therefore
 - 16. Concerted
 - 18. Carries energy (abbr.)
 - 19. Bestow praise
 - 20. Damage
 - 21. Most cars need this
 - 22. Ingests
 - 23. Set apart again
 - 26. Breeding ground
 - 30. English electronic musician
 - 31. One who is bound
 - 32. Return on equity
 - 33. Beloved princess
 - 34. TV stars get these
 - 39. Diet soft drink
 - 42. More gravelly
 - 44. Placido Domingo sings this
 - 46. Herbaceous plant
 - 47. Medication
 - 49. Continent
 - 50. Armed movement in Ireland
 - 51. Took the place of
 - 56. "Eric" from "Twilight"
 - 57. Sink
 - 58. Print errors
 - 59. A restaurant's offerings
 - 60. Afflict
 - 61. Sorrow
 - 62. Long ago
 - 63. Midway between north and northeast
 - 64. Go in a specified direction

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Type of maple tree
 - 2. Capital of Yemen
 - 3. Tel __, Israel city
 - 4. Goes great with hummus
 - 5. Activity
 - 6. Bullfighter
 - 7. Soft drink maker
 - 8. Listen again
 - 9. Make
 - 10. Ornamental stone
 - 11. Dandies
 - 13. Sets apart
 - 17. Makes tractors
 - 24. A way to change color
 - 25. Snacks made of sour milk
 - 26. Tennis great Laver
 - 27. __-Wan Kenobi
 - 28. Russian river
 - 29. Family
 - 36. __ Farrow, actress
 - 37. Japanese money
 - 38. No seats available
 - 40. Craftsman
 - 41. An island country in the Persian Gulf
 - 43. Take part in a rebellion
 - 44. They lead to bad breath
 - 45. Eat this at a ballgame
 - 47. A son of Jacob
 - 48. A Philly footballer
 - 49. Point of perfection
 - 52. This sometimes wrinkle
 - 53. Batman
 - 54. British School
 - 55. Indic



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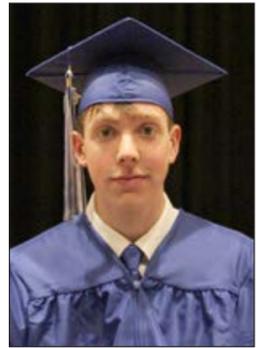
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Mat Plamondon photo
There were bargains to be had at the MOPS yard sale last weekend

Mothers group at Bethany helps each other

BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER
CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Motherhood support community Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) held its third annual yard sale at the Bethany Bible Chapel last Saturday. Used clothes, toys, books, and home goods filled tables. A small information table was set up at the doorway with a small donation jar for those who couldn't find anything that struck their fancy to buy but still wanted to donate money to the group. Though the sun was hot, people browsed tables of secondhand treasures to help raise money for MOPS.

For about 40 years and in over 32 countries, MOPS has been a community of mothers that aims to encourage members, help them learn new parenting skills, and develop new friendships. Mothers of Preschoolers is a group built on community support, personal growth, spiritual hope, and becoming the best mom possible.

The Bethany Bible Chapel Mothers of Preschoolers group coordinator, Felicia Lee, and co-coordinator, Morgan Ruschioni, work to bring the encouraging values of MOPS to mothers in our own local community. Members do fun crafts, watch informative videos on mothering, and get to support one another with constructive faith.

"We're basically a support system for each other," Felicia said with a smile. The Mothers of Preschoolers group at the Bethany Bible Chapel meets every first and third Tuesday from September through June, 9-11 a.m., at the chapel, with child care provided for all ages.



CHEERS TO YOU!



Your hard work has paid off, so give yourselves a pat on the back, kickup your heels and celebrate!

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James Martin



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Joselin McClellan



Tristen Menard



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Deanna Polcari



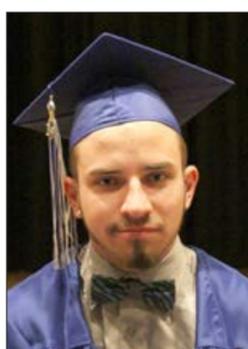
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Chandler Torres Pagan



Cody Uguccioni



Jay Valliere



Jayde Valliere



Jacob VanHillo



Taile Vieira



Christian Whitaker

Murdock High School scholarships announced

WINCHENDON — The following students were recipients of scholarships by various organizations and memorials. The list is organized alphabetically by the students' name.

Cole Bilodeau: Fred & Cora Gendron.

Kelsey Brooks: Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; Murdock Alumni; Sons of American Legion Squad 193;

Nicholas Coddington: E. Belle Robinson Memorial; Fred & Cora Gendron.

Kyle Connors: Fred & Cora Gendron.

Kalieg Driscoll: Fred & Cora Gendron; Winchendon Secretaries Association.

Garrett Fletcher: Fred & Cora Gendron.

Nathaniel Gagnon: Abbot Memorial; Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; Ernest Trombly Memorial; Ralph E. Mathieu Memorial.

Haley Jandris: Anthony A. Lapointe Memorial Lions Club; Edward Gandy

Memorial; Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; Gardner Rotary Club; John S. Lafortune; Maliska Family; Murdock Alumni; Murdock Sports Boosters; Taylor Barrows Achievement; Winchendon Firefighters Relief Association; Winchendon Teachers' Association.

Maria Javien: F. Leo Murray & Irene D. Murray; Fred & Cora Gendron; Murdock Alumni.

Charles King: Fred & Cora Gendron; Joseph Kent Davini Memorial; Maliska Family.

Haley Knowlton: Fred & Cora Gendron.

Mark Lawrence: Murdock Student Council; Sound of Murdock.

Catherine Lowe: Fred & Cora Gendron.

Isaac Lupien: Fred & Cora Gendron; Kiwanis Club.

Tatum Mahoney: Arthur Bastille; Barbara Ladeau Memorial; Fred & Cora Gendron; John S. Lafortune; Kathleen

L. Murphy Memorial; Murdock Alumni Life; Taylor Barrows Achievement; Winchendon Police Association.

Lindsey Paul: Anthony A. Lapointe Memorial Lions Club; Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; Fire & Iron Station 857; Kiwanis Club; Murdock Alumni; Sons of American Legion Squad 193; Winchendon Teachers' Association.

Deanna Polcari: Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; Frank Rhuland Science scholarship; Helen E. Skorko Fund; John S. Lafortune; Kiwanis Club; Murdock Sports Boosters; Sons of American Legion Squad 193; Winchendon Teachers' Association.

Mackenzie Rushia: John S. Lafortune; Lawrence 'Pepe' Chagnon Memorial; Murdock Alumni; Rachel Grout; Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center; Winchendon Police Association.

Phylcia Shippy: Arthur Bastille; Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; F. Leo Murray & Irene D. Murray; Winchendon

Historic & Cultural Center; Winchendon Women's Club.

Tyler Strong: Fred & Cora Gendron; Winchendon Secretaries Association; Winchendon Support Personnel Association.

Chandler Torres-Pagan: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193; Anthony A. Lapointe Memorial Lions Club; Edward Gandy Memorial; Eliot S. & Hattie M. Tucker; Murdock Alumni; Peter Azar Memorial; Winchendon Firefighters Relief Association; Winchendon Garden Club; Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center.

Jacob VanHillo: Class of 1966; Murdock Alumni Life; Murdock Alumni; Murdock Sports Boosters; Winchendon Support Personnel Association.



Traditional promenade at MHS



Morgan St. Pierre photos

Miss Mackenzie Rushia, who has been a star athlete and overcome some difficulties in her final year of high school, is a vision.

WINCHENDON — Dating back to the 1880s, a traditional “prom” is actually a promenade, when young men and women paraded themselves before the other people of a town to announce their step into adulthood. In some societies, it became a debutante ball; much more elaborate and expensive.

Fast forward to 2016, and you will find Winchendon has continued the tradition, requesting the presence of its young adults dressed for the final big blow out of their school careers at the high school gym to parade before all who wish to attend and admire them.

Under the guidance of Peter Kraniak, who has led the students in the nuances of the parade for several years, the nervous young adults wait in a cafeteria for the signal. As “Pomp & Circumstance” carols out, they present themselves two by two.

As they march out to applause, they then double up to four; then six, eight and columns of gorgeously dressed young people parade by.

Flashes go off in their faces, anxious parents and friends try to position for a good shot, there are nervous giggles and laughter but there is pride as well.

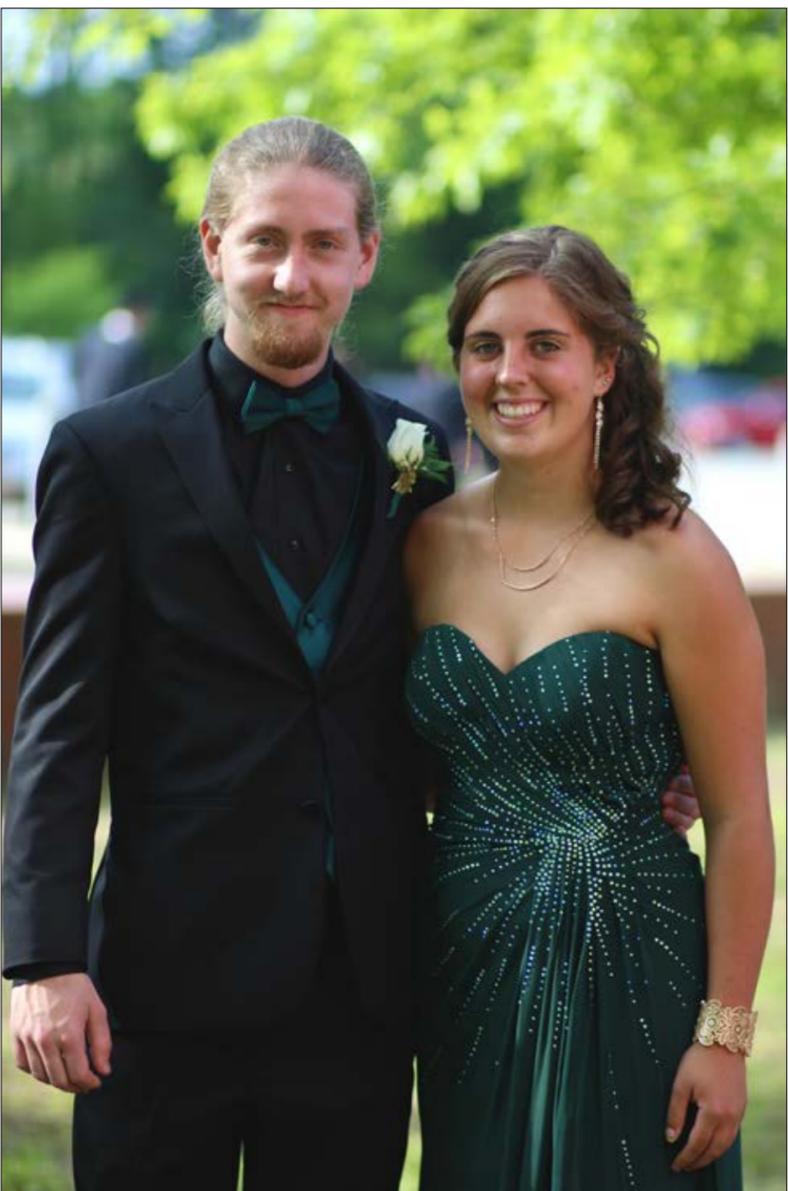
The giggly athlete, the shy techie, the gamer, the skateboarder, they are all here in a different realm; and as they look at one another in this world, they see grown ups perhaps for the first time. The heads go up in a prouder stance, the step is a bit firmer, and the gowns and tuxes settle a bit more firmly on strong young bodies.

Friends and family applaud wildly, recognizing the growth, the new adults before them, and the gorgeous young men and women they have become.

Promenade, again works its magic.



Principal Josh Romano was tagged to be in a myriad of photos with the well dressed this evening.



Athletes in high dress are a different sight indeed.



A vision in black and white is this grouping; the promenade is arranged to vary the number as they march around the hall, so the fact these six ended up together is happenstance.



One lucky guy finds himself surrounded by a bevy of beauties.



Looking much, much different than a normal day in the halls of Murdock High School, the young adults are ready to up the ante and step into the real world.

OBITUARIES

Gerald 'Gerry' Michael Caci, 68



FITCHBURG — Gerald "Gerry" Michael Caci, age 68, a life-long resident of Fitchburg, died Thursday, June 2, at his residence, after a long illness, with his family by his side.

Gerry is survived by the love of his life for 46 years, his wife, Kathryn Mary (Lee) Caci; one son, Jeremy Louis Caci of Lunenburg; one daughter, Amy Beth (Caci) Randall and her husband Richard of Chesterfield, NH; and his three beloved grandchildren, Richard D., Thomas G. and Emma K. Randall; also one brother, Paul E. Caci and his wife Lynda of Bellingham; and two sisters, Carol Kennedy and her husband Kevin of Fitchburg and Janet Bailey and her husband Jack of Spring Lake, NJ; his mother-in-law, Joan C. Lee of Fitchburg; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Gerry was a kindergarten school teacher in the Winchendon school system for 20 years, retiring in 2006. Previously, he had taught at the Brandon School for Boys in Petersham for 10 years and at St. Anthony's Elementary School. He was a masterful teacher at many grade levels. The gift of his craft was the fervent mission of advocating for children in and out of the classroom.

He was a 1966 graduate of St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School, and a 1975 graduate of Fitchburg State College receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in education. In addition, he also was a 1968 graduate of the New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, receiving a

degree in funeral service. After receiving his degree, he worked at several funeral homes in the Boston area.

Gerry was a member of the National Education Association, Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Retired Teachers of Massachusetts. He was a member of St. Bernard's Parish in Fitchburg. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at Wakeda Campground in Hampton Falls, NH, climbing the rocks at the ocean and touring lighthouses up the New England coast. His greatest passion was spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a loving husband, a dedicated father, a devoted son, a proud and affectionate "Bumpa" to his grandkids, a selfless brother, a supportive uncle and a loyal friend.

Gerry was born on Jan. 28, 1948, the son of the late Louis S., and Dorothy R. (Ethier) Caci. He was also predeceased by a brother, Kenneth Caci of Saugus, and a sister, Sandra Maxim of Largo, FL.

His funeral was celebrated on Tuesday, June 7, from the Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli and Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 243 Water St., Fitchburg, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Bernard's Parish @ St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg, MA.

Burial followed in St. Bernard Cemetery, Fitchburg.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests that memorial contributions be made to The Relay for Life of Greater Gardner, C/O Mt. Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Gardner, MA 01440 or may be left at the funeral home, in support of Gerry's niece, Kelly Sidorick.

Joseph A. Cote, 83



WINCHENDON — Joseph A. Cote, age 83, of 44 Happy Hollow Road, died unexpectedly Tuesday evening, May 31st in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Winchendon on Sept. 26, 1932, son of the late Ludger and Elizabeth (Desmarais) Cote and attended Murdock High School. He and his wife lived in Winchendon for many years and returned to Winchendon two weeks ago after traveling in their motor home and living in Palm Bay, FL for 15 years.

Joe had owned several businesses in the Winchendon area. Among them were a pig farm, tree service and refuse service. Active in town affairs, Joe was instrumental in the development of the landfill. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War. He had received the Combat Infantry badge, Korean Service medal, United Nations Service medal, Presidential Unit Emblem, Good Conduct medal and Purple Heart for his

war service. He was a former member of Ovila Case #905 VFW in Gardner. He was known for his infectious smile.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Irene (Chicoine) Cote; three daughters, Laura M.

Cote of Gardner, Melissa L. Cote of Winchendon and Chellane N. Cote of Winchendon; a sister, Marie Couture of Worcester; eight grandchildren, many great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by two sons, Joseph A. Cote II and Michael J. Cote; a grandson, Joseph Cote; a brother Romeo Cote and a sister, Florence Thompson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 7 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery, Gardner at a later date.

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



SEND OBITUARIES at no charge to Editor Ruth DeAmicis, by faxing (978) 297-2177, or by e-mailing the editor at ruth@stone-bridgepress.com.

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

National study picks central Massachusetts as target site

REGION — The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, the most comprehensive survey of the health and nutritional status of the U.S. population is coming to Worcester County beginning June 18. Why Worcester County?

All counties in the United States have a chance to be selected for the NHANES and this year, Worcester County is one of 15 counties selected to be part of this initiative. NHANES provides important data on public health problems from a national perspective.

Each year, 5,000 lucky residents across the nation have the chance to participate in the latest National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"NHANES serves as the nation's 'health check-up,' going into communities to collect health information throughout the country," said CDC Director Thomas Frieden. "The survey is a unique resource for health information, and without it we

would lack important knowledge about major health conditions."

For the past 55 years, NHANES has had a prominent role in improving the health of all people living in the U.S. Public health officials, legislators, and physicians use the information gathered in NHANES to develop sound health policies, direct and design health programs and services, and expand the health knowledge for the nation. NHANES findings provide critical health-related information on a number of issues such as obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. In addition, NHANES data are used to produce national references and are used to create standardized growth charts for pediatricians across the country.

Everyone in the U.S., from babies yet to be born to the elderly, has benefited from the information gathered by NHANES. The comprehensive data collected has a far-reaching and significant impact on everything from the quality of the air we breathe, to the vaccinations you get from your doctor, to the emergence of

low-fat and "light" foods on the shelves of your grocery store. Now, a NHANES team of health professionals, nutritionists and health technicians is heading toward Worcester County and wants everyone who is lucky enough to be selected for the survey to agree to participate.

Residents will have an invitation-only opportunity to participate in NHANES. Individuals have been selected at random (in a process similar to taking names out of a hat) for NHANES, and include all ages, races, and ethnicities in order to represent the U.S. population as a whole. Respondents first participate in a health interview conducted in the respondent's home followed by a health examination that takes place in one of three mobile examination centers.

While no medical care is provided directly in the mobile examination center, a report on physical findings is given to each participant along with an explanation from survey medical staff. All information collected in the survey is kept strictly confidential and privacy is protected by law.

Why should every eligible resident participate in NHANES?

Your participation can help develop and evolve national health programs and policies.

If you are selected, you will help make a difference in our nation's health!

If you agree to participate you will receive compensation for your time and travel expenses of up to \$125.

You will also receive a free and confidential health and nutrition evaluation.

Juniper Street homeowner headed to court

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — At the urging of the Board of Health, the town of Winchendon is taking the owner of a home at 41 Juniper St. to court. According to board Chairman Lionel Cloutier, the BOH has tried numerous times over the past three years to contact the owner, AKW Realty Trust of Baldwinville, but to no avail.

The town wants to shut down the residence because, says Cloutier, "It's unfit for human habitation."

"He's refused to do repairs. He's refused to clean up the yard," he continued. "The building inspector issued a violation in respect to the garage back in 2013, ordering the owner to tear it down within 30 days. It's still standing."

"He's a hoarder. Just take a look at the porch. If you think that looks bad just imagine what the inside looks like."

Cloutier says the owner has been sent a number of registered letters but the trust has refused to accept them.

The house has been a bane to neighbors for some time. Last year neighbors presented selectmen with a petition urging the home to be shut down and the current tenants forced to move.

Cloutier added that the

arrest of one of the residents on drug charges was not the impetus for moving ahead with legal proceedings.

"We've been looking at doing something along those lines for quite a while," he said.

In November of last year, Brian Emerald, age 24, and a resident of 41 Juniper St., was arrested drug charges. During a search of the home police found narcotics and amphetamines in Emerald's bedroom. Police reports indicate officers also found \$1,000 worth of \$20 bills.

The raid was carried out after neighbors complained of drug dealing taking place out of the residence. Their reports indicate officers also witnessed drug deals going down at the home.

Last month, Emerald admitted in Winchendon District Court in Gardner to sufficient facts for a finding of guilty on one count of possession of a Class B drug. He was ordered to serve a year behind bars and to forfeit the \$1,000 police found during their raid.

Neighbors also complained about bizarre behavior by some residents of the home. At least one neighbor reported seeing a woman in the yard covering herself with paint. The woman, who was eventually taken away by ambulance, reportedly said she was getting a bath.



The Phillipston K9 does a search around the motor vehicle on Maple Street on Wednesday.

Two fires under investigation

WINCHENDON — In response to two recent fire events, the fire and police departments would like to be sure the community is aware of the following information.

On Saturday night, June 4 there was a report of a motor vehicle on fire at 236 Maple St. This is being investigated jointly by the Winchendon Fire Department, with the assistance of the Massachusetts State Police fire investigation unit and a K9 from the Phillipston Police Department.

This call showed obvious signs of arson leading to the posting of arson reward posters in the area near the scene. Anyone with any information should contact authorities, including local police at (978) 297-1212.

This investigation is ongoing.

The house fire also on Maple Street on May 1, at 230 Maple St. was investigated using a K9 from the Massachusetts State Police fire investigation unit as well as local investigators. There are no indications to suggest an intentionally set fire. Investigators did not rule out either electrical failure or careless disposal of smoking materials.

It does not appear these two incidents are related in any way.

The Winchendon police and fire departments will continue to investigate all incidents in the same diligent manner.



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SPORTS

Middle school wraps its season

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It was on May 19 the Murdock Middle School hosted the Gardner Wildcats and it would be Guerin Louett's three run homeer in the bottom of the sixth that would give his home team the win, mercying those 'cats in the six innings.

Primo Dellasanta picked up the win, going five innings with 13 strikeouts, no hits and no earned runs. Jack Polcari pitched one inning in the victory, striking out one batter, giving up two hits and just surrendering the one with only one Wildcat run.

The Mini-Devils picked up the victory with a final score of 12-1.

Dellasanta and the Murdock defense had three straight 1-2-3 innings.

Murdock jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Dellasanta drove in Keagan Murphy; and it would remain 1-0 until the bottom of the third, when the Mini-Devils would explode, driving in six runs to take a 7-0 lead.

They would bring across their eighth on a sacrifice fly from Polcari, then in the top of the sixth inning the Wildcats finally got on the board with their only run of the game.

In the bottom of the inning,

the Devils brought across four more runs; three of them from Louett's crack homer.

Offensively for the Devils: Greg Downing went one for four with a walk and a single; Alec Barrows went two for four with a double and a single; Dellasanta went two for four with two singles; Louett went two for four with two walks, a single and a home run; Fasulo went one for one with a single; Nick Lamb went one for three with a single; Polcari went one for three with a walk, a double and two RBI; Shack went one for two with an RBI single; and Chris Lamb went one for two with an RBI single.

On May 26 the Mini-Devils

hosted Oakmont in what would be an heroic seventh inning game when Barrows drove in Murphy for the win, defeating the visiting Spartans 3-2.

Downing got the start going five and a third innings with eight strikeouts, three hits and two earned runs. Louett came on in relief to pitch the final one and two-thirds with one strikeout, no hits and no earned runs.

It would be in the third inning when the Spartans jumped out to a 2-0 lead; but the Mini-Devils answered back in the bottom of the inning with two of their own to tie the game.

It would stay 2-2 until the

bottom of the seventh, with Murdock at last ups. Murphy would reach base safely with an era; and Downing would move him to second with a sacrifice bunt; then Barrows brought him home for the 3-2 victory.

On the offensive: Murphy went three for four with two singles and an FC; Barrows went three for four with two FCs and an RBI single; Dellasanta went one for three with single and Louett went one for three with an RBI single.

The Mini-Devils wrapped up their season May 31 with a win over Narragansett 8-3 and end the season with an 11-2 record.

Batters up!

A new graduation tradition in the past few years for the athletes of Murdock has been an alumni softball game held on Saturday morning for those who want to participate. It draws a variety of people, some who were stars in their days at Murdock, others who just love to play; because it is a for fun game and usually ends in peals of laughter...and a good hot dog.



This year's participants included all ages.



The field of endeavor included tall and small.



And sometimes it was FUTURE alumni who were best at the game.

Mat Plamondon photos

Lady Devils ousted in playoff opener

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It was better than last year. In 2015, the Murdock Lady Devils struggled to a mere five wins in 20 games but rebounded to double that triumph total in 2016 and qualified for post-season play, the program's eighth appearance in nine years.

But it was a one-and-done in the playoffs as 14th seed Murdock was swamped 22-5 by third seed Tahanto, finishing with a final overall record of 10-11 after having been 9-3 at one point.

Senior Deanna Polcari, who's been the Lady Devils leading hitter

throughout her career, collected three hits in her final game.

"We started out strong, but they caught up to Emily (Smith, the freshman pitcher) pretty quickly," lamented MHS coach Mike Fontaine. "They hit the ball to the gaps. One batter hit the left field outfield line three times. I moved Molly (left fielder Murphy) over and she hit the gaps where Molly normally could have gotten it.

"We had a few chances but didn't capitalize on them where the other team did," he said, adding, "It was a well-coached team we played. He made all the right calls at the right time and

they followed through. It was good to play a good team like that" (the lady Stags are 15-4, including a sweep of MHS. "I just wish it had been closer."

The playoff defeat and 1-8 slide aside, "we had five freshmen who played exceptionally well, better than we ever expected," Fontaine mused.

"Lindsey Smith played right field, center field, first base, second, even catcher — wherever we needed her," he pointed out.

Fontaine sang the praises of rising senior Sydnie St. Pierre, too. "Sydnie really stepped up for us to keep the players focused and organized the 'strike out cancer' event.

"We will have a great team in a few years. I'm really excited to see how they all improve and how much great ball we will be playing," he predicted.

MHS is 123-63 in the regular season since 2008. That was Murdock's first trip to the playoffs in years, though the Lady Devils fell to Blackstone Valley, 1-0 that spring. A year later, it was again Tahanto who thwarted Murdock, ousting the fifth seed, 6-2 after MHS had blanked Hudson Catholic, 16-1 in that school's final game.

2010 was Murdock's golden softball season. The Lady Devils fashioned a 16-2 regular season mark and reeled off

a dozen straight wins, including playoff triumphs over Quaboag (3-0), Uxbridge (19-2 in a driving rain) and Valley Tech (3-2), the last clinching Murdock's first District title in 15 years. The Lady Devils then blanked Turner's Falls 5-0 in the state semis before the ride ended in a championship game loss to defending title holder St. Mary's from Sandwich.

In 2011, Murdock was again a two seed and opened the post-season with an 8-0 shutout of West Boylston before losing to Quaboag and a year later, the Lady Devils earned a bye as the second seed again, but on a miserable rainy chilly day af-

ter-graduation afternoon, were clearly outplayed and unceremoniously dumped from the tournament in a 15-1 mercy rule loss to Uxbridge.

Murdock reached the post-season in 2013 and cruised past West Boylston 10-0 in a quarter-final but couldn't get anything going against Assabet and were bounced by Blackstone in 2014.

Through this year, MHS has been 7-7 in the post-season, with an overall 130-70 mark since 2008.

"We'd like get back to winning playoff games," said Fontaine.

The local angle

Last week, the Murdock Lady Devils made a predictably (14th seed) brief return to the post-season, the program's eighth appearance in the last nine years. Short though the return may have been, this run far surpasses anything other MHS teams have accomplished. The boys basketball team made Districts three straight seasons from '09 to '11 and the baseball team made it once but (track being a hybrid individual and team sport) that's it. For all the hype about football, fueled largely by gate receipts, it's softball which has put MHS on the team sports map. And at first glance, with a pitching rotation anchored by a very talented rising sophomore, you'd figure there's no reason the run can't continue.

We'll see. The exodus via school choice shows no sign of slowing down. Sizer alone took about 50 local kids, more than two dozen of whom played sports. Winch kids went to Monty Tech in no small number either, and some taking college prep, not merely trade. Add to those the ones who get into the Winchendon School or who are scattered at 'Gansett or Oakmont and it's reasonable to take a wait-and-see attitude regarding who even shows up when school reopens in the fall.

The response to this drain has been to reflexively seek waivers for middle school kids who largely fill out JV rosters and in some cases find themselves on varsity teams.

This is not okay. Even the very rare superlative middle school athlete never, ever belongs on a varsity team. 12 year olds have no business whatsoever on long bus rides to away games with 18 year-olds. I don't care how talented they are - that's a bad mix and it shouldn't be allowed by responsible adults. But next year, when the middle and high schools, already in the same building, return to being under a single administration, there will be no need for waivers and the justification for middle school kids swarming onto JV teams will be, 'well, without them we couldn't have a team'. Guess what? Maybe it's time to rethink the sports which are being offered. To be blunt, the field hockey and girls soccer programs, in a high school with some 300 kids, are killing each other. I realize some girls don't like one sport or the other but as long as you need 12 or 13 year-olds to be able to field a team, maybe you shouldn't have one or the other. Who says life is fair?

That said, I'm well aware nothing will change. It just won't. Things don't.

I've heard the proposal advanced for a one-time season ticket for all games and school events. Charging parents between three and six bucks every time they want to see their kid play, this on top of user fees (a whole 'nother story right there), is no way to entice them to come. I've been at boys and girls soccer games, at field hockey games, at girls' basketball games where there haven't been more than a dozen people there. It makes sense to have a one-time fee.

You know what else makes sense but will also never happen? Consolidating sports with other schools, as hockey did with Athol then Gardner. You want to keep soccer and field hockey without bringing up seventh graders? Look around and see if another school which also suffers the effects of school choice, and almost everyone does, might be interested. Can't hurt to ask. Besides, that might give sports a head start on the inevitable eventual overall school consolidation with another school. Math is, after all, math.

On Sunday, when I arrived at Murdock for graduation, moved indoors because of the weather, I walked past the glass case outside the gym and saw stories posted which I had written - in January still there. I've seen them many times

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since the winter. I've always assumed those articles would be kept up-to-date, or reasonably so in order for athletic accomplishments to be noted and acknowledged. This is obviously not about me - kids who put in the time and effort to show up, well, it's nice for the school to give them some recognition. Spring teams are wrapping up their seasons and not a single piece I wrote about a District-qualifying softball team, or that Chris Martin wrote about baseball managed to make it to that glass case. If nothing else, leaving up six-month old articles looks ridiculous. Maybe things can go better in September? We shall see.

The AL East has been a back-and-forth between the Orioles and Red Sox with the Blue Jays lurking right behind and even the Jurassic Park All-Stars, as I saw one wit call the Yanks, not all that far back. The O's and Sox hit a ton. Problem is, pitching's another story. Toronto's still most likely to win it. See you next week.



Retiring assistant head of school is well loved Pam Blair, who was recognized for her years of service.

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laude; Matthew Galat, summa cum laude; Joshua George, cum laude; Samuel Grose; Ziyi Hu, summa cum laude; Kayley Irvine, cum laude; Rachel Levine, cum laude; Chao Li; TianQuan Lin, cum laude; Zachary Logounov; Xinyi Long, summa cum laude; Jinglan Lou, summa cum laude; Maxwell MacKenzie; Elise Mason; Man Kit Mau, summa cum laude; Isabella Mayo, summa cum laude; John McCollough, cum laude; Victorie McGuire, cum laude; Justine Michaud, summa cum laude; Jessica Moran, cum laude; Catherine Niles, cum laude; Jennifer Ostroff; Miller Ouellette; Selahattin Ozahtaci; Lola Robinson, cum laude; Sakura Sato; Anthony Scarcella; Jiayang Shao, cum laude; Hannah Stephen,

cum laude; Philip Teibel; Julie Theriault, summa cum laude; Baris Ulker; Vasilisa Urvanova, cum laude; Joseph Vingi III; Sophia Vingi, cum laude; Sheng Wang, cum laude; Zilin Wang; Margery Wilson, summa cum laude; Allyson Wolski, cum laude; Jinhui Xian, cum laude; Lanyu Xie; Rongchuan Xu; Yuqi Yuan; Yijun Zhai, cum laude; Jiayi Zhang, summa cum laude; Xinyi Zhang, summa cum laude; Bichen Zhou; Zijie Zhu, and; Ivan Zhuravlev.

“Trumpet Voluntary,” “Pomp and Circumstance,” and “Trumpet Tune” were performed by a musical ensemble featuring John Perko, Susan Sawtell, Adam Betts (Class of 2017), and Emma Barry (Class of 2019).

“America the Beautiful” was performed by the Winch Singers, made up of Emily Beauvais, Jake Borden, Abigail Lambert, Sophie



Greg Vine photos

The graduating class numbers 67 this year.

Lambert, Catherine Niles, Jekaterina Podgorbunskiha, Kailyn Richardson, Vasilisa Urvanova, Abigail Wirtz, Isabella Whitney – soloist. “Winch Singers” soloists Jake Borden, Catherine Niles, and Vasilisa Urtvanova performed

“Together We Are One.” Graduates were sent on to their respective futures with words of congratulations and good luck from Trustee and Past President Joseph Dockery, Class of 1961.

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tor Jayne Thompson, who also played piano in an organ/piano duet.

Clark YMCA Board Member Cindy Landanno read from Proverbs prior to the opening hymn, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

This was followed by the call to worship, led by John Walker, who had been a member of the Fletcher’s wedding party.

Others who read from the Gospel included Mark Landanno of Winchendon, and long-time friends Lindsay Melia of Portland, CT, and Cheryl Proudfoot of Coatesville, PA. Also reading at the service were Charles McKenzie of Stamford, NY, president of the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, and Robinson Broadhurst Vice President Ralph. Beisler of Hobart, NY.

The dedication of the carillon was accompanied by the “Hallelujah Chorus,” from Handel’s “Messiah,” and the song “Let Their Be Peace on Earth.”

The service was followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

The Sanctuary Choir consisted of: sopranos – Cheri Cormier, Martha Dienst, Colette Kotoch, Amanda Lawler, Wendy McKean, and Denise Price; altos – Brandy Wood, Cindy Carvill, Valorie Miller, and Chelsea Bussier; tenors – Dakota Wood, Ian Bussier, and Jeff Dickens; basses – Rev. Cal Miller and Mark Price.

The carillon now rings out over Winchendon for vespers and on special occasions.

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how much I’m going to miss you all, because you guys are not just my classmates, you are my family. I can honestly say I’ve never met a group of people who meant more to me,” she reflected in a quivering voice.

Student Council President Mark Lawrence quoted Shakespeare to link the Bard to his class. “Hell is empty and all the devils are here,” Shakespeare wrote, centuries before the Blue Devil became the school mascot.

But in a more serious vein, he reflected, “we stand by our friends,” adding, “you,” he told his classmates, “are the strongest family.” Lawrence also thanked his own family, parents and siblings alike. “I am beyond thankful to both my parents and frankly my entire family for building a dynamic within which I could thrive.”

Justyce Gomez said she wanted to thank, “the wonderful guidance counselors as well as the amazing staff who have never given up on me. When I first came to this school in 2013, I never thought I would be where I am today, passing all my classes, playing two sports. I truly am grateful beyond words for all the amazing support and patience I have gotten. And thank you to my mother for moving me out here to such a small town to get my life together. Thank you. I love you.”

Mackenzie Rushia, too, had a mes-

sage for her mother. “I want to thank my mom Traci for being my biggest supporter and pushing me to be successful. She never doubted me and always encouraged me to do my best and that’s why I’m here today, with the love, care, and support she’s given me through the years. My biggest goal in life now is to make her proud.”

James Martin thanked a family member too. “I am grateful for my sister Danielle. She knows why,” he said.

Danielle was touched. “I didn’t know he was speaking. When he told me, I didn’t believe him. It was wonderful to be thanked,” she remarked.

James also offered a nod of appreciation to now-retired teacher Steve Forte. “I am thankful to Mr. Forte for always giving me a chance even when I didn’t deserve it.”

Administrators and elected officials had a chance to speak as well. “Success,” noted Superintendent Steve Haddad at his first commencement since being hired, “isn’t walking onto this stage. It’s walking off it prepared for the life you are about to lead.”

MHS Principal Josh Romano remarked, “I was trying to come up with some advice, some profound words of wisdom. But the reality is we’ve already taught you what we have to teach you. You’re on to new experiences and new adventures and new phases in your lives.”

Romano later said he felt it was more important to have students do most of the speaking to their peers.

School Committee Chair Danielle LaPointe opened with an acknowledgement.

“You’re not going to remember,” her speech, but she nonetheless urged students to “make your community one to be proud of, not just your Murdock community, but your Winchendon community. Immerse yourselves in activities, research, volunteer and leadership. Embrace that getting better at what you do is a direct result of having the courage to try new things. Prepare yourselves for lives as citizens of a community.”

Class officers included president Chandler Torres-Pagan, vice-president Phylia Shippy, secretary Haley Jandris, treasurer Lawrence and historian Polcari.

Five students, Lily Christensen, Nate Gagnon, Jacob Maxfield, Rebecca Pace, and Lindsey Paul were honored as dual enrollees at MHS and Mount Wachusett Community College. Junior class ushers included Tom Aho, Ryan Kaminsky, Alyssa LaBrack, Jared Nelson, Hanna Seghir, and Victoria Swanson.

“Practice for next year,” laughed Seghir.

And so after the speeches and awarding of 78 diplomas, the Class of 2016 joined together for a final act tossing their caps into the air and ventured into the afternoon rain, their high school journeys at last complete.

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Natalie E. Arsenault of Ashburnham, class vice president, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jared A. Moore of Hubbardston, a member of the Drama Club, sang the National Anthem.

Class officers, Brianna F. Aldrich of Fitchburg, president; Natalie E. Arsenault, vice president; Taylor E. Sadowski of Fitchburg, secretary; Audrey S. Boyce of Templeton, treasurer, and Christina M. Rodriguez of Fitchburg, historian, presented the class gift to Gladynel Rodriguez-Villafane of Fitchburg, junior class vice president. The monetary gift will be used to renovate the Student Support Services conference room.

Superintendent-Director Dr. Sheila M. Harrity congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments during their four years, and stressed how their education has prepared them for success in the real world. "Our students are truly graduating career and college ready, and I am confident they are prepared to be successful in their future."

She highlighted the class's outstanding record of community service work. "Community service is a longstanding tradition at Monty Tech, and this year was no exception," she said. "Our students donated

hundreds of hours of service to numerous agencies and organization, such as Toys For Tots, the American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, the SHINE Initiative, the NEADS organization and local food pantries."

The National Honor Society alone, she noted, donated over 900 hours of community service to needy families and individuals in the school district.

"Our SkillsUSA students raised more than \$6,000 for the state organization's annual holiday party of under-served children. They also hosted a holiday party for 25 local children from the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, and raised \$4,000 for the Be Like Brit Foundation and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism," she stated.

Over the past four years, cadets in Monty Tech's Marine Corps JROTC program raised nearly \$100,000 to provide service dogs for disabled veterans. They also collected over 60,000 toys in partnership with the Marine Corps' Toys For Tots campaign, and over \$75,000 for the Salvation Army. They also completed over 800 volunteer hours assisting local senior citizens, veterans and civic organizations.

"I congratulate all of you on your outstanding and tireless efforts to make life better for residents in our local communities. The work you have done will have a positive and lasting impact for years to

come," Harrity said.

Aldrich told her classmates that although it can be intimidating to leave the security of high school and suddenly become responsible adults, it can also be exciting.

"We are ready and prepared to go it alone. Now, it's our call. It's our turn to make the decisions and to call the shots. To be entirely honest, it's pretty terrifying to realize we are now responsible for ourselves. But, at the same time, it is also exciting and gratifying. As we prepare for the next step in our journey, whether it is continuing our education, going into the workforce or the military, we are ready!"

Valedictorian Taylor E. Sadowski, urged her classmates to enrich their lives by finding things they love to do and do them.

"You may have discovered in high school something that sets your soul on fire. Whether it be your trade, a sport, a hobby, you should pursue it eagerly. Make time for the things that you love, and if you're sitting in the audience unable to identify something that really makes you want to get up and live, I hope you look for it after today. It is never too late to reinvent yourself."

Salutatorian Marina R. Good of Princeton gave her classmates some words of inspiration as they move forward in life.

"Try to take the time to find

the hidden beauty in as many aspects of life as you possibly can, no matter how ridiculous or fruitless a task it may seem. If you're stuck in traffic, try not to focus on the aggravating inconvenience that it poses. Instead, realize that you are lucky enough to hear and see the other vehicles and people around you. As Bert Jacobs, co-creator of Life Is Good said, 'We don't HAVE to do anything in this life; we GET to do things'."

Local graduates include:

ASHBURNHAM: Analeah Alicea, Natalie Arsenault, Aryana Barrett, Haley Bastarache, Joshua Beatrice, Tyler Belliveau, Justin Bertrand, Nathan Bickford, Dalton Brisbois, Ashley Christian, Brielle Cote, Brandon Fahey, Ancel Gilot, Alexander Giuffrida, Kelsey March, Alexis McComber, Jocelyn Poudrette, Summer Rezk, and Johnna Roy.

BALDWINVILLE: Darren Belliveau, Brodie Earle, Brian Glover, Kylie Iorio, Jacob McDonald, Brandon Paul.

GARDNER: Isaiah Aponte, Aaliyha Baldwin-Pierce, Vincent Carpenter, Samuel Colcord, Brandon Contois, Divine Cormier, Christian Cormier, Brett Corrigan, Abigail Delle Femine, Jakob Dietz, Summer Fagerstrom, Jacob Gagnon, Celina Guitare, Jamie Halinan, Paul Hartin Jr., Bethany Hoyt, Cody Leger, Kaitlyn MacAlister,

Christopher Newell, Nathan Oliva, Christopher Ouellet, Luis Pena, Jacob Saari, Kathryn Surett, Madyson Taft, Leah Wallace, Carley Walsh, and Ashley Warren.

OTTER RIVER: Jillian Brouillet.

PHILLIPSTON: Paul Garny, Olivia Gwynn, Troy Leslie.

ROYALSTON: Derek Bates, Rhiannon Fletcher, Loryn Killay, John Knight, Allisyn Mowrey, Melissa Persson, Taryne Swan, and Dahlia Wright.

TEMPLETON: Sarah Bailey, Keith Beland, Tyler Belliveau, Sarah Boudreau, Audrey Boyce, Alexandra Fini, Rebecca Gilbert, Paige Girouard, Casie Harkins, Zachary Hastings, Mitchell Koren, Wesley LeBlanc, Evan Mattson, Kyle Morris, Kaitlyn Norcross.

WINCHENDON: Amanda Barbaro, Trevor Bibeau, Andrew Brewer, Adam Brooks, Gabrielle Calder, Amanda Carrescia, William Clukay, Dakota Contois, Cameron Couch, Christopher Croteau, Matthew Dellechiaie, Matthew Durling, Taylor Eyles, Sierra Herr, Brian Labier, Michael LeBlanc, Courtney Lively, Rebecca Mackie, Johnathon Maine, Zackery Martioski, Shannon Nutt, Julia Pfeifle, Scott Ploskonka, Cynthia Roy, Macy Saulnier, Cheryl Thomas, Ashley Tousignant.

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year, you can't do it in steps, so we will consider it again," McKenzie said.

He said some projects had been done in steps, and therefore had already committed some of the available money even before new requests could be considered.

"We had agreed to pay for the ambulance in two payments, and a couple of other items were on such a schedule; we had already committed to about \$400,000 out of our available funding," he explained.

So, when the requests were received in February, and the directors were sent their own copies to consider, they knew it would be a difficult task to narrow the field.

When the announcement was made of funding available, the three communities of Stamford NY, Worcester NY and Winchendon would be splitting a

pot of \$2,370,531.02.

Because Winchendon is a larger population center, it gets a single larger portion of the funding, with Stamford and Worcester splitting the other half; Winchendon was to receive \$1.1 million.

"That's sizable. That's a good amount to work with, and we were happy to be able to have it as a starting point," said McKenzie.

After at least three intense meetings, and a final annual meeting, the decisions were made for the recipients. Letters were mailed at the beginning of this month to announce the awards.

"We know some people were hoping for more; but again, we try to use the money as wisely as we can, always trying to impact as many people as we can where we can."

The recipients this year include, in alphabetic order: Artisan Lodge (Angel Fund); Beals Memorial Library; Bethany Bible Chapel; A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats; Boy Scout Troop 193; Cornerstone Church;

First Congregational Parish; Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts; Heywood Hospital; House of Peace & Education; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church; Mount Wachusett Community College (Murdock seniors); Mount Wachusett Community College (skills program); Mount Wachusett Community College (math instruction); Unitarian Universalist Church (utilities); Unitarian Universalist Church (minister); United Parish; town of Winchendon (boiler at town hall); town of Winchendon (software upgrades); town of Winchendon (GAR Park); town of Winchendon (computer upgrades); town of Winchendon (DPW sign posts & F350 truck); town of Winchendon (ambulance); town of Winchendon (police department); town of Winchendon (public schools); Winchendon Community Action Committee; Winchendon Council on Aging; Winchendon Cub Scout Pack 193; Winchendon Historical Society.

LEGALS

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard S. Baum and Debra E. Baum to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., dated January 27, 2004 and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32866, Page 298 of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated March 6, 2012 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48661, Page 388; assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54641, Page 320; and assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 17, 2015 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54834, Page 70, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 296 Ash Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00AM on June 29, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon situated on the northeasterly side of Ash Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 6 containing 43,605 square feet on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots, prepared for D. M. Industries, Winchendon, MA., Scale 1 in = 60 ft., May 18, 1987" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 578, Page 40 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner thereof at point in the easterly sideline of Ash Street and at the southwesterly corner of Lot 7 as shown on said plan hereinabove referred to; Thence N. 74 Degrees 05' 33" E. by Lot 7 as shown on said plan 291.30 feet to a point at land now or formerly of D. M. Industries, Inc.; Thence S. 15 Degrees 54' 27" E.

by last named land 150 feet to a point; Thence S. 74 Degrees 05' 33" W. continuing by last named land, 291.30 feet to a point in the easterly sideline of Ash Street; Thence N. 15 Degrees 54' 27" W. by the easterly sideline of Ash Street 150 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18178, Page 164.

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

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
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Premises: 591 River Street, Winchendon, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank Veracka and Nancy Veracka to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, said mortgage dated December 15,

2009, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45595, Page 9, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. to Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated April 25, 2012 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48916 at Page 183, said mortgage was further assigned from Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC by assignment dated March 28, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52202 at Page 190; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on June 28, 2016** at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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June 17, 2016

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CASE NO: 16 SM 003329 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:

Thomas O'Malley and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. Section 501 et seq.: CIT Bank, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 76 Baldwinville Road, given by Thomas O'Malley to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, dated July 17, 2008, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43100, Page 353, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before JULY 4, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on MAY 20, 2016 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder A-4578438 06/10/2016

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