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Chestnut Street project set to begin

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A notice to proceed has been issued and work on the reconstruction of Chestnut Street is now set to get under way June 18. The notice was issued to Carracas Construction of Ludlow, the company that will do the work.

The \$396,000 project is considered part of the town's downtown revitalization effort and

comes on the heels of last year's reconstruction of Walnut Street. The work is being paid for by a Community Development Block Grant.

According to Public Works Director Al Gallant, improvements include new water, sewer, and drainage, new curbing and sidewalks, and a narrowing of the roadway.

"We'll be improving the flow of water in that area," said

Gallant. "They'll be installing an 8-inch water main to replace the existing 6-inch main."

The sidewalk on Chestnut Street will be widened from three feet to five feet and will be made ADA compliant, allowing those in wheelchairs to cross directly from one side of the street to the other without having to move out onto Central Street. The travel lane will

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Greg Vine photo

Work on the Chestnut Street reconstruction project is set to get under way June 18. In addition to resurfacing of the roadway, work includes new water and sewer infrastructure and drainage pipes, new sidewalks and a designated parking lane. When the project is complete, Chestnut Street will become one way from Beech Street to Central Street.



Superintendent Haddad congratulates Class of 2018 Valedictorian Michaela Benedict on her receipt of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award.

Class of 2018 has graduation on field

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Sunday dawned bright and sunny, a perfect weather day as it turned out, for the Murdock High School class of 2018 to take their bows and graduate in ceremonies held on Alumni Field.

Multiple and traditional speakers urged the 60 graduates to both remember their time at MHS with fondness and to be ambitious as they enter the next chapter of

their lives. Retiring Principal Ralph Olsen was recognized for his 50 years in education.

Class valedictorian Michaela Benedict reflected, "It is the wisdom and confidence you have gained from these experiences - not a diploma - that will carry you far in life. As you leave, leverage those strengths in order to make a difference in the world. Every one of you can do great things. I know this,

Class of 2018 because I am

inspired every day by your bravery and kindness."

Alex Marshall was the class salutatorian. Prior to heading outside, Marshall acknowledged a combination of mixed emotions.

"Definitely," he said. Standing in the brilliant sunshine, Marshall told his classmates, "This is a time to reflect on all of the things that have brought us to this very moment: the hours of

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Gravel to face Zlotnik

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Gardner Republican city councilor Ed Gravel has announced his candidacy for the Second Worcester region district state legislative seat, setting up a November general election showdown with Democratic incumbent Jon Zlotnik.

Gravel, a Winchendon native, says he has "come to understand the demographics" of the district.

"The groups that I sit on, I see a lot of people at the worst point in their lives when they're looking for help and it's heart wrenching to see that," said Gravel about his service with the Gardner CAC, of which he is the president and

the city's Youth Commission.

He said he wants to focus on the elderly and veterans and wants to see more affordable housing options.

"There are, believe it or not, people living in cars in this city, trying to get by," said Gravel.

At the same time, Gravel expressed skepticism about the 6.25 percent sales tax imposed by the state, urging a cut to 5-percent, a view shared by retailers who want to see the issue put on the November ballot as a referendum question and said he wants to see the annual summer sales tax-free weekend become permanent.

Gravel also said he wants to see more jobs created in the

region. "There are a lot of talented people here. It is a matter of identifying the needs of the workforce," he remarked.

Gravel said he wants more state aid for public schools but reiterated he was "sure there are taxes we can look at that are unnecessary."

He served on the city council from 2009-13. After losing in '13 and '15, he won an at-large seat last year.

The district, which Zlotnik has represented since 2013, includes Ashburnham, Gardner, Winchendon and precinct 1 in Westminster. Gravel collected 234 signatures to ensure his place on the ballot.

"I have a lot of common sense," he said.

Robinson Broadhurst awards grants

The Robinson Broadhurst Foundation has released the list of local organizations and agencies that will be receiving grants in 2018. The foundation has awarded total of nearly \$624,000 in grant monies.

The largest grant, \$215,000, will go to the town to pay for final engineering costs related

to the reconstruction of Central Street, scheduled to take place in 2021.

The Winchendon school district will receive \$190,000 to pay for several items. The funds will be used to: improve student academic excellence, cover the cost

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AHIMSA RESCUED TREASURES HOLDS OPENING



Greg Vine photo

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Saturday to celebrate the opening of Rescued Treasures and Ahimsa Haven's cat rescue shelter at 200-202 Central St. From left Winchendon Community and Economic Development Committee member Art Amenta, Brad Heglin, representing state Rep. Jon Zlotnik and state Sen. Ann Gobi, Winchendon Board of Selectmen Chairman Barbara

Anderson, Ahimsa President Nicole Roberts, shelter manager Carol Gove, Selectman Audrey LaBrie, Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy, and CEDC Chairman Les Goodrich. Roberts and Gove were presented resolutions from the Board of Selectmen and state House and Senate congratulating them on the opening of the downtown storefronts.



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WEEKLY QUOTE

The American idea that everyone graduates high school at 18 is a good one.

David Miliband



CLYDE'S CORNER

SATURDAY JUNE 9

PIRATES & PRINCESSES TEA! Yo Ho! Come be inspired and have a bit of tea with a both a pirate captain and a princess at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center, 151 Front St. 2-4 p.m. Fun and games, refreshments. Come in your best pirate or princess clothes for a prize! \$5 per person, \$15 limit per family.

MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday's 4-7 p.m. and Saturday's 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

FRIDAY JUNE 15

SUMMER CONCERTS ANNOUNCED: The Winchendon Recreation Committee hosts its annual concert series at GAR Park every Friday from June 15 to July 29. All shows run from 6:30-8:00 p.m. In case of rain, shows go on at Winchendon Town Hall Auditorium, same date and time.

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FRIDAY JUNE 22

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FRIDAY JUNE 22, SATURDAY JUNE 23 & SUNDAY JUNE 24

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the second weekend of the annual music festival includes three concerts, one each evening, all held at the Old Centre Church, 10 Old Centre beginning at 7 p.m. All concerts are free and open to the public. Friday features Musicari, a New England based band performing

music from the eastern Mediterranean; Saturday is Floyds Row, a folk and world collective from the UK and Saturday is jazz with the John Arcaro & Band, a different program from the one earlier in the month.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

OWC: Operation Winchendon Cares will be held on Saturday, August 18 from 9:00-10:30 am for drop off of donations!

ONGOING PROGRAMS

THURSDAYS & SATURDAY MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday's 4-7 p.m. and Saturday's 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

WINCHENDON RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: For all who are in

recovery or want to be. Not a 12-step group or a "program", this is an open, peer-led group for discussion, support, sharing practical information and resources, and helping each other with the day-to-day challenges of life in recovery. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St., downstairs in the parish hall.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

KIWANIS: the Kiwanis of Winchendon meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Come be part of the service club that concentrates on helping local children with the Backpack Program at the public elementary schools, Breakfast with Santa and yes, the Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state level chili cook off every summer. We need your help. Stop in any Wednesday, we'd love to meet you!

THURSDAY

GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from May through December. Please note the meeting place has been changed to the Hyde Park Drive Community Building.

COURIER CAPSULES

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BARN & YARD SALE

Saturday, June 9 at 100 Mill Circle, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. No early birds. Antiques, dish sets, patio furniture, new grill, large pots & pans, etc.

A SHBURNHAM PROGRAM

The Ashburnham Historical Society proudly announces the start of our World War I exhibit in the main hall of the Meeting House Museum, 79 Main St. on the evening of June 9. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. The International Veterans Chorus performing with our very own Historical Society Director Joe Daigle fulfilling his part as a long-time member of the chorus. The chorus boasts 46 veterans from all around the world and the United States.

The Museum will be open this summer on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12.

The World War I exhibit is made up of items from Ashburnham and beyond that tell the story of Ashburnham's part in our first World War. The War to end all Wars. 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of World War I.

S T U D E N T ACHIEVEMENT

CAZENOVIA, NY — Lily Germano of Rindge was honored at Cazenovia College's 15th annual Student Leaders Celebration. Germano received the Learning Community Recognition.

The event recognized the remarkable contributions students, staff, and faculty made to enrich the Cazenovia College experience. Those honored play various roles and contribute in different ways to creating a positive campus-life environment.

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that Kaitlyn Morris of Templeton, has been named to the Dean's List every year during their enrollment at the College. The Dean's list reception took place at Curry College on May 2, 2018, and recognized 83 members of the Class of 2018 for their exceptional academic achievement. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

NEW LONDON, NH — Colby-Sawyer College recognizes 236 students for outstanding academic

achievement during the 2018 spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses. Erin Mulready of Winchendon, a member of the class of 2018 majoring in nursing and Hannah Clark of Rindge, a member of the class of 2018 majoring in graphic design.

MANCHESTER, NH — A Saint Anselm College student from New Hampshire has been accepted into the Sigma Omega Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honor society, for the 2017-2018 academic year. William Bearce of Jaffrey, history major, Class of 2019. Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is by invitation. Students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours in History, achieve a minimum GPA of 3.1 in History and a GPA of 3.0 or better overall.

LEWISTON, ME — Julia Nash was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2018. This is a distinction earned by students whose cumulative grade point average is 3.71 or higher. Nash, the daughter of Drs. David R. and Alisa A. Nash of Jaffrey, is a 2017 graduate of Sewickley Academy.

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, ME. TANGIER MOROCO — The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better.

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Lots going on at Beals this summer

BY GREG VINE
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While many folks will be heading off to their favorite vacation spots once school is out, there will still be plenty to do and see at Beals Memorial Library this summer. A full schedule of events has been planned for kids and parents alike.

Things will kick off at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 28 with Mad Scientist Experiments. Attendees are advised to wear clothes they don't mind getting messy. Sign up is required. The following afternoon, June 29 at 2 p.m., Beals presents The Stupendous Mr. Magichead, a high-energy comedy-magic act which will be followed by 10 to 15 minutes of bunny petting and photo ops.

For those interested in modern/abstract art, or who would simply like some fun throwing a little paint around, at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 6 it will be Paint Like Pollack. Again, you'll need to wear clothes you don't mind getting splattered, and sign up is required.

A jewelry making workshop will

be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 12. Things then take off the next day, Friday, July 13 with a rocket-building workshop. That event also begins at 2 p.m.

An afternoon of songs, dance, and homemade instruments will occupy your time during Rock 'n' Roll Storytime, which gets under way at 4 p.m.

The Mad Scientist returns on Thursday, July 19 at 2 p.m. for more crazy experiments. Sign up required

The enchanting movie *A Wrinkle in Time* will be shown on the library lawn at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. This film features Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling, and Chris Pine. Tag along with Meg as she travels across the universe with three magical beings in search of her father. The whole family is sure to enjoy this feature.

The Toe Jam Puppet Band will entertain at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27. This presentation of original songs, dance, storytelling, and old-time fun will also take place on the library lawn.

Wanna look cool, man. I mean, really

groovy? Sign up for Neon Tie-Dying, which starts at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 2.

A very special event will take place on Saturday, July 21 as Beals presents its Daddy Daughter Dance, beginning at 6 p.m. The dance is billed as "an exciting, glow-in-the dark evening of music, dancing and everlasting memories. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Proceeds benefit Friends of Beals Memorial Library.

Continuing programs include: Lego Club, every Monday at 3:30 p.m.; All Ages Storytime and Craft, Wednesdays at 4 p.m., and; Toddler Time, each Friday at 10 a.m.

Meanwhile, library Director Manuel King says more programs are in the works, including more movie-viewing opportunities.

"Honestly, there hasn't been a great turnout for our movie nights," said King, "but we're going to keep on keepin' on. Of course, the recent opening of the cinemas in Athol hasn't helped, but you can't beat free."

The library has recently featured such recent hit films as *The Post*, *The*

Shape of Water, and *Lady Bird*.

King also said he hopes to kick off a classic film series this fall.

"We'll probably start screening them in the fall," said King. "I think this will probably attract more older patrons, so we're waiting until the building project is done and the elevator is available to get people up to the second floor. We haven't yet picked a day for the showings."

The director also hopes to institute a documentary series.

"On June 28, in cooperation with North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy, we're going to be showing the film *Valuing Lives*," said King.

The film documents the work of Wolf Wolfensberger, a researcher and college professor who revolutionized the way we view and interact with those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The film, released in 2016, received the Platinum Award in the Documentary Film category of the 2018 Hermes Creative Awards and the Platinum Award in the documentary film category at the World Anti-Discrimination Awards.

Students to attend Massachusetts Girls State

WINCHENDON —The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its 71st annual Massachusetts Girls State at Stonehill College, Easton from Saturday June 16 through Friday, June 22. The week-long program is recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The members of the Eugene M. Connor Unit #193 have selected four students as representatives to the program. The students are: Alicyn Gormley and Rhannon Morin, students at Oakmont Regional High School, and Chloe Lawrence and Lindsey Smith, students at Murdock High School. More than 26,200 Massachusetts girls have participated in this citizenship program since its inauguration in 1945. In order to be selected, students must be in their junior year of high school and represent the top 10% of their class. The program is held in conjunction with Massachusetts Boys State. The two groups join together for multiple events

and presentations.

350 girls from throughout Massachusetts will participate in the week's study of Local and State Government. They will establish and operate their own city, town and county, form two political parties, nominate candidates for office, conduct campaigns and hold elections.

Speakers will include state officials, leaders in government and other professions, and members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Presentations will include the responsibilities of the various branches of government and the qualifications and benefits of many of the leading professions.

Girls State will be held in every US state. At the Girls State sessions, two girls from each state will be selected to represent their respective state at Girls National to be held in Chevy Chase, Maryland between July 21 and July 28.

economics Magna Cum Laude; Andrew Pierce of Rindge BS in business administration accounting; and Autumn Bennett of Rindge, BS in wildlife & conservation biology.

WORCESTER — Several local students were named to Becker College's Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades. Winchendon students include Amber Angelos pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, with a forensics crime scene processing concentration; Renee Rogers pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary science, with a pre-veterinary concentration; and Stephanie Wazal pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

KINGSTON, RI — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2018 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average. McKenzie Lee Mattheson of Jaffrey was named to the Dean's List.

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OLDEST ALUM



Coral Grout photo
Rachel Grout, class of 1937, is honored with violets, handed to her by Murdock Alumni Association treasurer Maureen Provost, as the oldest alum attending the banquet Saturday night.

SENIOR SCENE

OLD MURDOCK SENIOR CENTER

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Please find below the activities listed for the month of June 2018 for the Old Murdock Senior Center. Please call the Center at 978-297-3155 for information on any program or to join us for lunch!

June 11 : Market Basket 12:15; Pizza Day \$2.00 until we run out! Wii bowling 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

June 12: Wii bowling 9:30; Line Dancing 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 13 : Market Basket 9:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

June 14: Flag Day Craft –Patriotic Wreath \$5.00; Wii bowling 9:30; 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 15: Painting Class 9-11; Mac & Cheese Tasting

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June 18: Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 19: Wii bowling 9:30; 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 20: Market Basket 9:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 21: Wii bowling 9:30; 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 22: Family History 9:00

June 25: Market Basket 12:15 Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00

June 26: Lickety Splitz Ice Cream after lunch; Wii bowling 9:30; Pool/ Card Games/Shuffleboard

June 27: Market Basket 9:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 28: Fallon Rep 10-12; Wii bowling 9:30; 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

June 29: Painting Class 9-11; Mac & Cheese Tasting

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EDITORIAL

Civility in our age

Call us old fashioned, or just old. But we have to ask anyway.

Whatever happened to manners?

What happened to Thumper's father and his good, very good advice? (If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.)

What happened to caring about other people and their feelings?

About whether something said or done just might impact someone other than yourself?

The definition of narcissism and even of sociopathic behavior is not caring how what you do impacts someone else as long as you are satisfied and gratified.

Wow.

Now, we could drag up several examples, but most glaring is the recent star studded quality of Roseanne Barr.

First of all, being able to play a part doesn't make you any more knowledgeable about politics, economics, world affairs or education than anyone else. Not that you might not be intelligent, but using your position as an entertainer does not give you carte blanche to share your insight on any of those other topics.

And why should we give weight then to the opinions of actors? Yet many do.

So when those with stars in their eyes have their idols opine on a topic, it could be either a really good thing or horribly bad.

In this case, beyond bad. Barr has always made her views known.

She has never pulled her punches about her own racism, feminism, or worldviews. Her early comedy was based on her hard life as an abused single mom who got herself out of a bad situation, then turned it into fodder for rather rude comedy.

Her first try at the TV was innovative, and refreshing. It did indeed portray a slice of American life not often shown; and in an era when it was needed. There are many more families in the throes of the life of the Connors than in the towers of Trump.

She had some bumps, some strange sideways trips, but she managed to keep it even enough to keep the show on for eight seasons.

Not so much now. Either her ego is bigger or less in control. She couldn't help herself.

What hurts other than the nastiness of her behavior with the people she maligned, and they were many, only the last one was the one that broke the dam and ended her reign; but she has now cost her co-workers their jobs too.

She has done deep damage to people she supposedly cared about.

All for the sake of a few words of vitriol on social media. Because she could.

It is very easy to hide behind a screen and a keyboard. Because we don't have to face people to share these words, these opinions. We don't have to see the shock and hurt on anyone's face. See the results of the words that bite.

The corrosive acid of them.

And there is never taking them back. They are there, hanging in the atmosphere, part of the world. Part of a person's background, their history whether they said them or they were said about them.

So we ask again, who must teach this to the generation coming up? The generation that no longer talks face to face but only in abbreviations on screens?

Where do they learn that words hurt?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moon: agree with Blair

To the Editor:

Jack Blair's use of hyperbole to get reader attention (*Impeach Trump!*) almost caused me to skip his piece on reasoned discourse. But I was confused by his examples. He equated impeachment, a legal proceeding, with authoritarian edicts and the actions of mobs. Nevertheless, I got the gist of his meaning.

Like him, I have grown tired of the extreme rhetoric from both supporters and challengers of the President. Mr. Blair asked us to reduce the volume of our disagreements and the bitterness revealed in hyperbole. He enumerated the legal means available to citizens to redress any grievance, and "... rational ways for the people to remove a ruler."

I must admit that I choked on the word "ruler." The President is an elected citizen sworn to uphold the Constitution, and while the framers recognized some special powers for the Executive branch, the President was not a king, and still subject to the law. Mr. Blair outlined the procedures for Impeachment and cautioned a "wait and see" stance on current investigations. Voters could exercise their voice at the ballot box. It seemed good advice.

Then a particular sentence caught my attention and caused me to re-read the piece several times. There is a "... national upheaval that is being perpetrated." Yes, there is Mr. Blair. And it is the President who is the prime perpetrator. He does not use the bully pulpit to inform and persuade, but to bully. He divides the country with callous indifference to the truth, swamping the news with fact checked lies, and demeaning those who would stand up to his bullying. He attacks the Justice Department, the FBI, judges, veterans...and most egregiously demands that American citizens stand at attention rather than kneel for justice as public protest. He undermines the legal and institutional fabric that holds the country together.

The list of what is unacceptable to this "ruler" is quite long. But he could not do this without the enabling of the Republican leadership. The GOP is no longer the vaunted leader of fis-

cal responsibility, but the group that sold America to the rich and made us a trillion dollar debtor. The GOP has changed its name; it is the Trump Party now.

Last but not least, I want to address your answer that we "wait and see" and voice our displeasure of any perceived grievance at the ballot box. In an ideal world, this might make sense. But the Trump Party, formerly the GOP, has executed a long sustained effort to rig elections and tip political scales in their favor. They have done this with the extreme gerrymandering of political boundaries, voter ID laws directed at various groups after manufacturing the issue of fake voters, and the use of what has come to be called "dark money," dollars designed to sway elections but hide the donors. I would direct *Courier* readers to Ari Berman's excellent *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America* to see a well-researched look at how the swipe is executed.

So I am not going to hyperventilate and climb up on my roof to howl about the state of the country. I will not try to convince Trump supporters to change their mind.

Neither will I lie down, sit down, turn away, or in any way subjugate myself to the Trump Party's assault on American values. I want to concentrate on electing Democrats like Seth Moulton who has a remarkable history of service to this country...and a willingness to work with anyone in the Trump Party who will put service to country before service to party. I want to concentrate on electing one of the more than 470 women who have entered the race for a House seat in November. We need the voices of this under represented group. I want to elect those who will counter the rush to benefit the rich at the expense of the less fortunate. And most importantly, I want to counter the racism at the heart of so many Trump comments and actions. No hyperbole. Just resistance.

PATRICK MOON
WINCHENDON

Inexplicable, and the struggle goes on



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incomprehensible and inexplicable, yes that was DJT early this week declaring himself above the law, proclaiming he has the constitutional right to pardon himself, although he also said there's no need for that since he's done nothing wrong.

That's scary enough. Even more frightening though is that while we're all paying attention to the Russia probe, this Administration is systematically and ruthlessly tearing down so much of Barack Obama's legacy whether it be pulling out of the Paris climate treaty or relaxing regulations regarding clean air and water or perhaps above all, doing everything it can think of to decimate the Affordable Care Act.

It's fine, it's understandable even, to reverse some of your predecessor's policies if you come from a different ideological place. That's democracy, of sorts. But it's a whole different thing when your ideology can

be summed up as being nothing more than a racist cruelty which not only fails to understand the parameters of how government should function but deliberately sets about promoting divisiveness so extreme that it threatens to undermine both the rule of law and the legitimacy of dissent. That's not really an ideology - that's taken right from the playbook of 1930s Germany. Irrespective of what you may read in certain places, including from those who seem to believe not two, but three Presidents have been impeached, this Administration poses a very direct challenge to the Republic's founding principles.

I have often written here the best way to respond is through civic activism. Being part of the Resistance is admittedly exhausting. It takes relentless tenacity to keep up the fight, to register voters, to remind everyone you know to show up on Election Day, and help them do so if need be, to get involved

in your community and so on.

And there are larger things. My hometown of Baltimore has vastly expanded pre-K. Chicago is making it mandatory starting next fall. Last week, Virginia jumped into the ACA battle by becoming the 33rd state to expand Medicaid in the wake of the Administration's horrific assault on "Obamacare." No state which has expanded has ever retracted. There is decency and compassion out there but in every case all these efforts are responses to the sheer evil of this Administration and fighting that fight is in itself exhausting and can only go so far. That's why it's so beyond important to vote in state legislative elections this year because the legislatures and governors elected in November will be the one who will be drawing new congressional and state districts lines in 2021 after the next census. I can't stress enough the importance of getting out there November 6.

It's almost impossible, maybe it IS impossible, to be optimistic about our federal government right now. How can we be? But I keep saying it - we've all got a responsibility, and now it's become a sacred responsibility, to do our part to make things better however we can. That's what Courtney was doing. That's what her cohort continues to do. That's what I've been trying to do. I know a lot of you are doing so too. Good for you. Keep it up. On local levels, we can make our communities better. On a larger scale, it's not hyperbole to say the future of the Republic is at stake. Personally, I feel like I owe it to her memory and legacy. All of us owe that much to our parents' generation, the truly "Greatest Generation", who won WW II. And we owe it to our children and grandchildren. The struggle, the fight for justice and equality and opportunity never ends. Let's never ever let up. Okay? See you next week.

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(graphic communications); Tessa Delisle (graphic communications); Connor Duplacy (automotive technology); Samuel Graves (CAD drafting & design); Colby Greenwood (cabinetmaking); Samantha Grice (engineering technology); Nicholas Hollenbeck (automotive technology); Charles Kelley (masonry); Thomas Kingsley (HVAC & property maintenance); Brigit LaRoche (automotive technology); Ethan Lauricella (information technology); Antonio LeBlanc (cabinetmaking); Joshua Mears (culinary arts); Wyatt Newcomb (masonry); Joseph Noonan (auto body: collision repair technology); Damian Oakes (information technology); Alexander Oliveira (cabinetmaking); Alexander Perry-Meurer (plumbing); Emily

Schafron (culinary arts); Alyson Scola (health occupations); Ariana Stacey (business technology); Joshua Streeter (auto body: collision repair technology); Bradley Thompson (culinary arts); Benjamin Tolman (HVAC & property maintenance); Amber Walker (automotive technology); and Emma Wilson (graphic communications).

PHILLIPSTON: Dominic Luciani (automotive technology); Bryan Shaw Jr. (automotive technology); and Kade Vautour (HVAC & property maintenance).

ROYALSTON: Bradley Ayers (machine technology) and Cody Bassett (machine technology).

TEMPLETON: Grady Burke (electrical); Andrew Cormier (cabinetmaking); Noelle Johnson (electrical); Cameron Kolvula (information technology); Meghan Laperriere (health occupations); Evan Perez (welding,

metal fabrication); Anthony Richard Jr. (masonry); Jeffrey Schrecke (electrical); Thomas Swenson (house carpentry); and Matthew Taylor (information technology).

WINCHENDON: Alexis Arsenault (cosmetology); Connor Benoit (automotive technology); Andre Brady (auto body: collision repair technology); Alissa Brow (health occupations); Savannah Burdick (cosmetology); Allison Cardelli (cosmetology); Andrew Colcord (cabinetmaking); Cassundra Cooper (electrical); Rebecca Cormier (auto body: collision repair technology); Lynne Dufault (cosmetology); Jadyn Fletcher (engineering technology); Ryan Forges (masonry); Hannah Gaunt (cosmetology); Lauren Gaunt (cosmetology); Austin Hackett (cabinetmaking); Samantha Haley (dental assisting); Jacob Hull (machine technology); Hannah Krantz (culinary arts); Zachary LaFleur (auto body:

collision repair technology); Alex Lafrennie (HVAC & property maintenance); Maggie Lashua (cosmetology); Jetta LaVenture (graphic communications); Joshua Lemmer (culinary arts); Antonio Lore (plumbing); Kevin Mackie (information technology); Carissa Manca (health occupations); Kyle Murdoch (HVAC & property maintenance); Julie Niejadlik (cosmetology); Logan O'Dea (welding, metal fabrication); Joshua Ramsay (engineering technology); Mena Salame (cosmetology); Emily Semenza (masonry); Clarissa Simmers-Swanson (culinary arts); Chelsea Simmers-Swanson (electrical); Cameron Sparks (graphic communications); Rachel Spivey (president, graphic communications); Travis Tenney (welding, metal fabrication); Joshua Whitney (automotive technology); Brandon Woodbury (cabinetmaking); and Kyle Woodward (information technology).

Continued growth reported at Athol Savings Bank annual meeting



Bruce Coffin Jr.



Cynthia Jack



John McBride



Paul Huhtala



Tracy Hutchins

ATHOL — The corporators of Athol Savings Bank gathered for their annual meeting to report on continued advancement and achievement. Asset growth of 3.8 percent was reported, totaling \$415.6 million as of December 31, 2017. Earnings for the year further supplemented the bank's capital position of \$54.8 million, one of the strongest in Massachusetts.

Over the course of 2017, the Bank celebrated its 150th anniversary, a milestone very few companies achieve. The annual meeting was a time to reflect on continued growth and increasing opportunities to invest in what matters: customers and the community. Along with usual community giving, the bank provided additional support to its communities to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Athol Savings Bank President and CEO Daniel J. Zona expressed his continued

gratitude for the dedication of employees and board members to furthering the bank's vision and values. He also addressed the plans the bank has to embrace even greater opportunities to support customers and the community through the sustained advancement of products and services. Later this year, completed renovations at the bank's main office service center, located at 388 Main St., will bring a new, innovative full-service banking experience to the center of downtown Athol.

In other business, three individuals were elected to the Board of Corporators for 10-year terms. They will act as ambassadors for the bank in the community and support the bank's vision. Elected individuals were Tracy L. Hutchinson, CEO of GAAMHA, Inc.; Paul G. Huhtala, co-owner, VP & clerk of Huhtala Oil & Propane; and Cynthia A. Jack, a former

Athol Savings Bank employee who worked for the bank for almost 19 years before retiring last August.

"We are proud to welcome these valued additions to the Board of Corporators," said Zona. "Their commitment to the community is evident and we look forward to witnessing the positive influence that they will make as they contribute to our mission, vision and values."

After nearly 40 years of service in a dedicated governance capacity of the bank, John F. McBride has resigned from the Board of Trustees. He was elected as a corporator in 1979 and was the longest tenured Board of Investment member being elected in 1987. Zona commended his long-term oversight, support and dedication to the Bank.

As McBride steps down, Bruce E. Coffin Jr. will assume a place on the Board

of Trustees. Coffin, who was originally elected as corporator in March 2013, is currently president and owner of Bruce Coffin CPA, specializing in tax services. Zona noted, "The bank is pleased to add Coffin to the Board of Trustees as he will provide valuable oversight as we continue to look toward the future."

Zona is also pleased to announce the following promotions of ASB personnel. Kellie A. Ballard and Jennifer L. McLaughlin have been promoted to community banking officers. They will each continue leading operations at their respective branches: Ballard at the uptown branch and McLaughlin at the Ashburnham branch. Additional promotions included Brenda L. Russell to assistant vice president of accounting, Lindsey M. Stasiowski to human resource officer, Lisa M. Osborn to AVP security offi-

cer, Janice E. Hamel to BSA officer, and David J. McHugh to vice president.

Athol Savings Bank has been honored by VERIBANC, Inc. of Woonsocket, RI for the 36th consecutive quarter for demonstrating exceptional attention to safety, soundness and financial strength. All deposits are insured in full by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 and the Depositors Insurance Fund over that amount.

Athol Savings Bank is the largest mutual savings bank based in Massachusetts' North Quabbin region, where it has fostered a friendly, small-town banking environment for 150 years. The full-service bank has eight offices located in the communities of Ashburnham, Athol, Baldwinville, Barre, Gardner and Winchendon. Athol Savings Bank can also be accessed via its mobile app and at www.atholsb.com.

Free financial seminars for veterans and their families

LEOMINSTER — Mount Wachusett Community College has announced the dates of three free financial literacy workshops for veterans and their families that will be held at the college's Leominster campus.

"Being an informed consumer is being a smart consumer. This is why we encourage area veterans and their families to attend these free seminars," said MWCC's director of veteran services Bob Mayer.

The dates of the sessions have been set for June 12, Aug. 21, and Oct. 25. Each workshop will be held at MWCC's Leominster

Campus at 100 Erdman Way in room 119, begin at 5 p.m. and include two 40 minute sessions. A light dinner will be provided free along with the free workshops.

The session on Tuesday, June 12 will cover being a savvy consumer (taught by Nancy Cahalen from the Better Business Bureau at 5 p.m.) and what to know when buying a car (taught by Steve Salvadore from the Salvadore Auto Group at 6:10 p.m.).

There is another session on Tuesday, Aug. 21 that will be facilitated by representatives of Rollstone Financial Services and Rollstone Bank and Trust. It will

cover the topics of Budgeting and First-time Home Buyer. The specific subject and presenters of the October session have not yet been set.

The programs are funded through a State Treasurer's Operation Money Wise: Financial Education Opportunity Grant. Operation Money Wise is funded entirely through a Division of Banks settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices. The Division of Banks has committed \$50,000 to the Operation Money Wise program for 2018.

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of the Wonders reading program, pay for a Chromebooks lease for grades 5 through 9, upgrade the lockers at Murdock Middle High School, underwrite the Success Edgenuity software program for the Murdock Academy for Success, and provide support services for the special education department.

The fire department will receive just over \$52,000 to replace the department's current command vehicle.

Close to \$49,000 was awarded to the Ingleside Utilization Committee to cover costs related to improving access to the property off Maple Street, which was obtained by the town in a land swap with the Winchendon School. Funds will also be used to encourage public use of the property and promote community participation in prioritizing feasible uses for the property.

Nearly \$48,000 will go to the Department of Public Works to pay for the repaving of Summer Street from Central Street to the North Central Bike Path.

The police department will receive close to \$9,600 for the purchase of a finger print scanner used to process firearms permits.

Other grantees include: Council on Aging: \$16,600 for the purchase of a handicap accessible van; Building

and Land Use Dept.: nearly \$29,000 to purchase a new vehicle for the Building Commissioner; Town Clerk: approximately \$11,000 for general code certification services, and Public Works Dept.: \$3,850 for the installation of granite posts and chain fencing at Riverside Cemetery.

The Robins Broadhurst Foundation was established in 1984 to provide funding to —

according to the foundation's website — "improve the lives of the residents of Stamford and Worcester, New York and Winchendon, Massachusetts." The six-member board of directors includes Winchendon residents Ernest "Bud" Fletcher Jr. and Glenn Hunt. Cindy Landano and Ken LaBrack sit on the foundation's Winchendon Advisory Committee.

SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Grads may attend one
- 15. Less difficult
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. '69 World Series hero
- 24. Scandinavian mythology source
- 28. Pop
- 29. Rapper ___ Hammer
- 30. Senses of self-esteem
- 32. Hormone that stimulates the thyroid
- 33. ___ Farrow, actress
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Baby talk (abbr.)
- 39. Slender, snake-like fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Computers
- 44. Ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. In the course of
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Corrections
- 62. Periods in one's life
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Large primates
- 3. Retch (archaic)
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct geographic variety
- 6. Category of spoken Chinese
- 7. Barium
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Tall plants with slender leaves
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Potato state
- 25. Delaware
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. One who leads prayers
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Citizen (senior)
- 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. S-shaped line
- 51. Small, thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. "The ___ Degree"
- 59. Type of residue
- 61. Keeps you cool

PUZZLE SOLUTION





LEARNING

MWCC honors hard work of outstanding students

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College celebrated the achievements of 65 students during its annual Evening of Excellence awards event at Theatre at the Mount.

"Tonight is all about our students," said Jason Zelesky, interim vice president of student affairs. "I am constantly reminded that Mount Wachusett is the college that changes lives."

The ceremony recognized student accomplishments both inside and outside of the classroom, as well as in the local community. As faculty members presented the stories of their high-performing students throughout the eve-

ning, it became clear that many honorees managed a family, full-time job, and even chronic illness even as they maintained a high or perfect GPA in college.

Speaking of the challenges borne by students at Mount Wachusett Community College, President James Vander Hooven called to mind the image of an ant capable of carrying 5,000 times its own body weight.

"That's how it can feel sometimes for our students. They're all working toward the same goal. But you never see an ant stop. You never see an ant take a break," said Vander Hooven. "I would encourage you to stop and take in this

moment. Know that you're not alone. We're here to support you forever."

State Representative Susannah Whipps echoed Vander Hooven's message.

"As a proud alumna of MWCC, I encourage you to keep in touch as you move forward in life and share your successes with your MWCC friends and faculty through the Alumni Network," she said.

In addition to college curriculum and outstanding achievement awards, the MWCC Foundation also presented a number of memorial awards and scholarships during the ceremony. The

Foundation will award over \$300,000 in student scholarships this year.

The following students were honored with awards:

Ashburnham: Michele Walsky; **Gardner:** Cassparina Carlson, Ramsey Clayter, Kimberly Cook, Briana Cormier, Megan DiVito, Erin Jones, Alphoncina Lyamuya, Jonathan Marshall, Kevin Oxford, Mitchell Smith; **Phillipston:** Sarah Christenson;

Templeton: Ashley Boudreau; **Winchendon:** Allyson Bois, Rachel Haley, Thomas Sutherland, Teresa Tambling, Holly Tata, Jacob VanHillo.

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized at the April 11th School Committee Meeting as "Students of the Month":

Pre-K: Logan Hanks – for being a good friend, coming to school with a smile and being respectful and a good listener at school.

Memorial School: Jaclyn Khan (Kindergarten) – for being kind, respectful and an active participant in her school day.

Toy Town Elementary School: Cohen Veilleux (Grade 5) – for taking the initiative and continuing efforts in updating and improving safety measures at his school.

Murdock Middle School: Abigail Bradley (Grade 6) – for her quiet leadership by example, participation in multiple activities, and academic achievements.

Murdock High School: Lexi Pare (Grade 9) – for quietly taking the lead in multiple activities, academics and for exemplifying the qualities of a positive role model.

Murdock Academy for Success: Crystal Fasulo (Grade 11) – for taking the initiative to get back "on track" and continue her education at the Academy.

Congratulations to all! Keep up the good work!



Sue Polcari photos

Logan Hanks (Pre-K) with his mom and brother

Sharing the future...

together

Second-graders at Toy Town Elementary School serenade the Murdock High School Class of 2018 during Class Day events held last Thursday. Young students lined the walkway and cheered as 2018 soon-to-be graduates walked from the high school to TTES for the performance.

Greg Vine photos



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Beals screens family film *Early Man*



Courtesy photo

The Beals Memorial Library will be screening the animated family film, *Early Man*, on Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 pm on their big screen. Library director Manuel King stretches his arms out wide to show just how large the new screen is.

On Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 pm, the Beals Memorial Library will be screening the animated family film, *Early Man*, on their BIG screen.

This zany, stop-motion movie was directed by Nick Park of *Wallace and Gromit* fame and features a plucky cave man named Dug, his sidekick Hognob and the rest of their tribe as they face a grave threat to their sim-

ple existence. Not ready to go down without a fight, Dug and Hognob must unite their people in an epic quest to defeat a mighty enemy -- the Bronze Age.

The movie is free and rated PG. For more information, please call the library at 978-297-0300. The Beals is located on 50 Pleasant Street in Winchendon.

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Madeline Bishop



Nicholas Blair



Jason Burgoin



Ethan Brodeur



Jacob Carter



Mary Desire



Anna Dexter



Haley Desjean



Samuel Drake



Andrew Dunham



Christopher Foley



Austin Fontaine



Paul Goguen



Cera Harris



Alexandra Hartwell



Faith Huff



Katelyn Hutton



Steven Ingman



Emily Kiberd-Pervier



Ethan King



Hannah Knowlton



Joseph LaFord



Scott Laverdure



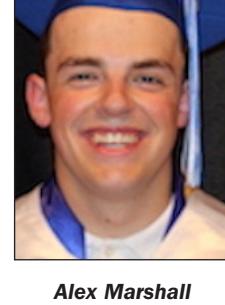
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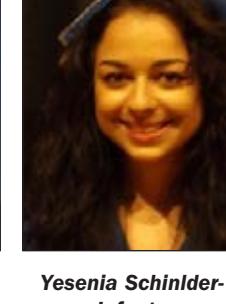
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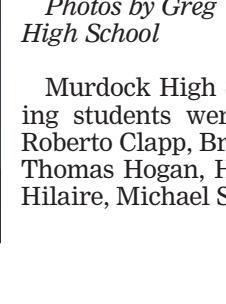
Sean Wilson



Jacob Woodard



Jared Woodard



Photos by Greg Vine, David Larson and courtesy of Murdock High School

Murdock High School graduates, class of 2018. The following students were unavailable for photos: Elijah Beltzer, Roberto Clapp, Bryan Clayton Jr., Abigail Gagne, Ian Gagne, Thomas Hogan, Haleigh Kirwan, Dustin Ready, Victoria St. Hilaire, Michael Stevenson, and Katelynn Thorne.

CHESTNUT

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be reduced from 11 feet to eight feet to accommodate a dedicated parking lane. Once the work has been completed, the street will become a one-way thoroughfare, with traffic running from Beech Street to Central Street. Walnut Street will become one-way in the opposite direction last year.

Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said the Chestnut Street fits into the town's overall downtown redevelopment plan.

"Definitely," she said. "It's important that we have good roads downtown, that traffic moves well, and that it's easy for people to access and use downtown businesses. This is just another step in that direction."

To that end, there are plans in the works for the reconstruction of both Beech and Central streets.

Gallant said he's working to have the

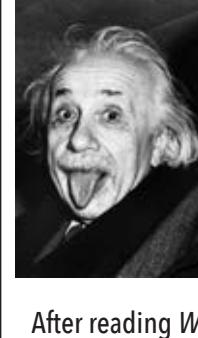
town's engineering firm develop plans for the Beech Street project by January of next year. The DPW director estimated the cost of that project at between \$1 million and \$1.2 million, adding the town would seek CDBG funding for the work, which has been projected for 2020.

However, Murphy said the maximum CDBG grant for which the town is eligible is \$800,000.

"We would likely set aside some of that amount for housing rehab," said Murphy. "There's a real need for that in this town. The rest could be applied to Beech Street, but the town would have to find a way to fund the balance for that project."

The Central Street reconstruction from Blair Square to Central Street, originally planned for 2020, has been put off until 2021. That project is on the regional transportation planning agency's Transportation Improvement Plan and will be paid for through state and federal funding. The estimated cost of the project is pegged at around \$2.2 million.

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Challenge your Memory

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Mount Wachusett

Zachary Collins:
Narragansett

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1973 and while most of that was because Secretariat was, well, Secretariat, part was also because 25 years had elapsed between Citation's 1948 sweep and that of the great red horse a quarter century later. The longer the gap, the greater the buildup.

Triple Crowns have tended to come in bunches. There were six between 1935 and 1948 and three more in the 1970s. Now there will likely be a second in four years. There's no rhyme nor reason. It's just the way things have played out.

On paper, Justify towers, swaggers, over his opponents. But no one seemed to tower over their Belmont field more than Spectacular Bid in 1979 and whether you ascribe his third-place finish to his inexperienced and overmatched jockey getting caught up in the drama and chasing a too-fast pace or buy the story he allegedly stepped on a safety pin, the bottom line is he lost. Favorites win about 33-percent of the time. Justify looks invincible on paper but he's only run five times, all this year and his Preakness was visually less

impressive than his Derby so there can be a question of what he's got left in the tank. There's no way of knowing until tomorrow. Who knows? Maybe Gronkowski, the horse that is, will defy all rational handicapping and shock the world. Hell, Justify has already upended a slew of unwritten rules himself so perhaps another is looming?

I have no particular rooting interest in the race. A Justify victory would gain the sport national headlines Sunday morning but as I opined a couple weeks ago, that's not going to do anything to boost racing's profile for more than those few hours. We sports fans need athletes to root for or against and Justify, win or lose, will vanish into the breeding shed after, at most, a handful more races. There's no multi-decade drought at stake this spring. He wins, he wins. Yes, it will without question be an awesome athletic achievement, one which will deserve to be etched in the history books but there's no way it will generate the emotional response as did AP's in '15.

Forty Junes ago, Affirmed

came to the Belmont Stakes looking to become the second consecutive Triple Crown winner and the third in just six years. But there were no ho-hum shrugs as the race neared. Affirmed, you see, had a real challenger. Alydar, flying the famed colors of the legendary Calumet Farm, had been dogging Affirmed for a full year. The duo had engaged in some titanic battles at two and were back at it again at three. Affirmed had won the Derby and Preakness by rapidly diminishing margins.

I remember Pimlico being almost like a fantasyland three weeks earlier as a then-record crowd of 81,000 had jammed the joint to see racing's version of Ali-Frazier. Affirmed had just barely held off Alydar and the Belmont was even better.

The two colts were head and head early in the mile-and-a-half marathon and that's how they stayed right to the finish.

"Alydar's got a lead," howled announcer Chic Anderson in mid-stretch as the underdog poked his nose in front for an instant.

Alas, for those of us who

were Alydar fans, that moment didn't last. Affirmed was just too tenacious, just too determined, too unwilling to get beat. He won by a nose.

Eleven years later, racing had another rivalry but Sunday Silence and Easy Goer faced off just four times. It was ferocious but it wasn't anything like Affirmed-Alydar. There's never been anything like that and what made it all so great is how often they found themselves in the same starting gate in so many big races. These days big time horses don't stay around long enough to build the kind of rivalry casual sports fan would notice.

Justify's just a horse. It's obviously not his fault his exceedingly wealthy owners don't have enough loyalty to the game to keep him around as they cite insurance costs as if those are legitimate reasons to preclude filthy rich people from doing the right thing.

When the sport's poobahs wonder why general sports fans don't embrace their amazing game, selfish greed might be a good place to start. See you next week.

Track team breaks multiple records

The spring track team continues to break records left and right.

Congratulations to Lilly Digman who broke the middle school state meet record in 400 meter and achieved the title of Massachusetts Middle School Division 2 State Champion for the second year in a row!

In the District E weight throwers pentathlon, Adam Digman placed second (broke school record) and Richard Swanson placed 10th.

Lexi Allard was named as a Telegram and Gazette All Star. Great job everyone!

Due to the rain on Monday, June 4 which

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resulted in the softball game vs. Parker Charter being cancelled, the varsity softball team ended their regular season with a 14-1, six inning mercy rule victory over David Prouty on May 30. Emily

Smith, once again, pitched a complete game, striking out 10, walking three, and allowing only two hits.

The Murdock offense went to work, recording 17 hits across six innings, highlighted by Meagan Knight's home run in the top of the sixth. The Lady Devils were scheduled to play their first district game yesterday at Bay Path.

The boys' varsity baseball team ended their season with three wins, which is one more than last year and a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, they were unable to play their last scheduled game on June 4 due to rain.

Congratulations to Lindsey Smith, Chloe Lawrence, Ryan Thira and Timmy Quinn who were selected to attend the Girls State and Boys State Conferences. These four juniors were selected for their academic achievements, community service, and leadership qualities.

A big THANK YOU to those who participated in the Alumni Softball game on Friday, June 1. The numbers weren't huge,

but all who participated agreed it was a good time. Participants included previous and future Murdock graduates: Sydney St. Pierre (2017), Justin Smith (2014), Emma Paige (2015), Andrew Polcari (2013), CJ Husslebee (2013), Trevor Allen (2013), Jessa Perreira (2013), Andras Sevigny (2013), Jenna Whitaker (2006), Jocelyn Garner (2019), Kassandra Santos (2025), Madelyn Santos (2025). Additional participants were Bob Polcari (S. Charleston, WV 1980), Guy Santos (Greater Lowell Regional 1988), Dave Laraba (Monadnock Regional, NH), Bill Wolski (Monty Tech 1987), Jason Garner (Narragansett 1991). Pencil in the date for next



Courtesy photo
Richard Swanson III (10th) and Adam Digman (2nd) - District E Weight throwers pentathlon

year's game: May 31, 2019. TO MURDOCK CLASS CONGRATULATIONS OF 2018!

Lady Devils 11th seeded

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

By the time this newspaper is published, the Murdock Lady Devils varsity softball season will either be over or the team will have moved on to a local matchup with Monty Tech on Saturday.

Gaining a post-season berth for the ninth time in 11 years, Murdock was seeded 11th and took a 12-7 record into yesterday afternoon's playoff open-

er at 14-4 and six seed Bay Path.

"Destiny," said Coach John Reilly, wrapping up his first year at the helm.

"We'll be very competitive going forward," he added.

The Lady Devils, who missed the playoffs a year ago, are led on the mound by Emily Smith

who turned in a 2.59 ERA to go along with her 131 strikeouts in 125 innings. The offense includes

Mid Wach leading hitter Jocelyn Garner who batted .593 and Maria Polcari at .492.

"If Emily is on point and our girls come to play, then we can play with anyone. I just want to see execution and I want to see them make the plays and see them hit the ball," he said.

Ironically, all the qualifying area teams, Murdock, Monty Tech, and Narragansett wound

up in the same draw.

It was a decade ago when MHS first reached the playoffs but was bounced in the first round by Blackstone Valley but that was

the start of a run that lasted until 2014 and included the program's first-ever trip to the state championship game in 2010 where the Lady Devils lost to

defending champion St. Mary's from Cape Cod. In 2013, MHS reeled off 13 straight wins to open the season which remains a school record.

That was back then. This is now and this year's edition can start to write its own post season story. More coverage next week.



Courtesy photo
2018 Varsity Softball Team - Mid Wach E League Champions. Back row: Jocelyn Garner, Lindsey Smith, Ashley Sevigny, Emily Smith, Emily Kibber-Pervier, Victoria St. Hilaire, Cassidy Stadtfeld. Seated in front: Meagan Knight, Maria Polcari, Molly Murphy, Kelly Murphy

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OBITUARIES

Priscilla Rogers Burdsall, 84

EGREMONT — Priscilla Rogers Burdsall, age 84, of Egremont, MA passed away peacefully with family by her side on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Hillcrest Commons in Pittsfield.

Priscilla was born in Philadelphia, PA to Alban and Priscilla Rogers; and raised in Swarthmore, PA. She attended and graduated from George School, a private Quaker preparatory school, in Newtown Pennsylvania. At the age of 16 she met the love of her life, Richard Burdsall, at George School. After graduation from George School, Prilla attended Colby Junior College and graduated from Penn Hall (Wilson College) and Keystone Secretarial School.

On December 17, 1955, Priscilla and Richard married at the Swarthmore Friends Meeting and moved to Baldwin Hill in Egremont to raise their family. In 1959, Priscilla and Richard settled the family in Cambridge, NY. They lived in Cambridge, New York for 30 years.

She was a fixture in the neighborhood, riding a tandem bicycle with two child seats through the town streets and taking the neighborhood children trick or treating every Halloween. Her sense of humor and love for all whom she met was amazing and will be greatly missed.

In 1989, they returned to Egremont and Baldwin Hill to turn Richard's childhood home in to the Baldwin Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast. Priscilla and Richard ran this very successful business for twenty-two years. They retired from the business when Prilla's diagnosis with dementia began affecting her life and those around her.

Priscilla is survived by her husband of 63 years, Richard H. Burdsall of Egremont, her son Richard E. Burdsall and his wife Deborah of Palatine, IL, her son Thomas A. Burdsall and his wife Susan of Winchendon, her daughter Sarah P. Burdsall and her wife Kathryn of Egremont, and her son Stuart R.

David S. Creamer, 61

WORCESTER — David S. Creamer, AGE 61, passed away on Friday, June 1, at home. David was born in Worcester MA on June 29, 1956, the son of Beverly & Richard Creamer of Leicester.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kelly J. Creamer and Madison K. Creamer; a brother, Richard D. Creamer, his wife Sandra and their children Kimberly and Nicholas; and a sister, Jennifer L. Grammel.

After receiving a BS in business management in 1981, David returned to school and obtained his Doctor of Chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport IA in 1989.

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

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

Burdsall and wife Julie of Grafton. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Scott and his wife Maria, Steven and his wife Lindsay, James, Lindsay, Timothy, Sam, Will, and her great granddaughter Sofia. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Walter and his wife Jane of Friendswood, TX, her sister-in-law Susan (Benjamin) of Saco, ME, and many nieces and nephews.

Priscilla dedicated her life to others; and as an only child, she reveled in the wonders of her children's relationship with each other, always bringing love and a playful spirit to games with her children and grandchildren. She earned the nickname, "the X factor," from the grandchildren because no matter how much she may have forgotten about the rules of a game, she always came through in the most unlikely of times. She was passionate about travel and enjoyed being part of the family experiences to Alaska, the western United States, the Canadian provinces, including Newfoundland and Labrador, Norway, England, and the beloved Barbados.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank all the wonderful caregivers at Wingate on Melbourne, Hillcrest Commons, Hospice Care of the Berkshires, and Berkshire Medical Center. Their care and support was extraordinary.

The family received friends on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Finnerty and Stevens Funeral Home in Great Barrington.

A Quaker memorial service and celebration of Priscilla's life took place at Crissey Farms in Great Barrington on Tuesday, June 5 followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation in Priscilla Burdsall's name to the Egremont Land Trust or Hospice Care of the Berkshires c/o FINNERTY & STEVENS FUNERAL HOME, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. To send remembrances to her family please visit <http://www.finnertyandstevens.com>.

He was self-employed as a doctor of chiropractic in the Worcester area for almost 30 years.

In addition to his professional life, he was a devoted father, son, and brother and had countless lifelong friends. David was a voracious reader and had passions for politics, golf, British cars, Samuel Adams beer, history, movies and motorcycles, with an amazing ability to recall significant pieces of dialogue for his favorite films. He touched many lives and will be forever remembered and greatly missed by his family, friends and patients.

At the present time, there are no funeral or burial arrangements planned, but a celebration of David's life will be held at a later date.

FITCHBURG — Elwin L. Cartwright, age 94, died Saturday morning, May 26, 2018, at his home.

He was born in Winnebago, MN, on March 6, 1924, one of ten children of the late Arthur and Edith (Cline) Cartwright.

In 1942, Elwin joined the U.S. Army and served in the European African

Theater where he was a tank commander at the Battle of the Bulge, as a member of the 522nd anti-aircraft artillery battalion. After WWII Elwin would re-enlist and serve his country as a tank commander in the 2nd armored battalion, better known as "Hell on Wheels" during the Korean War.

After his honorable discharge in 1946, he settled in Fitchburg and went to work at Matthews Chevrolet, where he worked for several years prior to his

retirement.

Elwin was an avid sports fan who loved his Minnesota sports teams.

His wife, Claire F. (Morin) Cartwright, died in 2011. He leaves his son and caretaker, with whom he resided for the past 8 years, Alan "Butch" Cartwright of Fitchburg; his daughter, Bernice Cartwright

of Escondido, CA; a granddaughter, Jessica Hranek and a great-grandchild, Korali Geddes. He also leaves several nieces and nephews including Sandy Newton and her husband David, and Chris Scott and his wife, Naomi, all of Winchendon.

A graveside service with full military honors was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

Kenneth Allen Raymond, 60

RINDGE — Kenneth Allen Raymond, age 60, of Rindge, died Friday, June 1, 2018. He was born on August 5th, 1957 in Winchendon to William J. and Amy M. Raymond.

He grew up in Rindge and attended Rindge Memorial School and later graduated from Conant High School in Jaffrey.

Ken was in the Boy Scouts of America. He was a great cook and did so professionally

for years at The Top of The Mountain, Parkers Maple Barn, the Old Forge and Sargent Camp. He drove the school bus

for a time for the Jaffrey-Rindge school district. He went on to work for Test Site Services and Phillips in Massachusetts, working in the electronics field. He had a love for history and was dedicated to the Rindge Historical Society, he frequently wrote interesting articles for the newsletter. Ken was a licensed ham radio operator, (KA1UBH) and had maps to show all the places he had spoken with people around the world. Ken loved shooting fireworks and he had a passion for vintage aircraft (especially WWII era) and travelled to Nevada for

plane races.

He was predeceased by his father, William, and his brother Earl S. Raymond. He is survived by his mother, Amy, of Rindge, his sister, Leslie Searles (Hugh) of Dublin, a niece, Stacy (Kurt), a nephew, Brian (Jackie) of Jaffrey, a nephew, Ross, (Becky) of Winchendon, Massachusetts and several great-nieces and nephews, loving cousins and their families, and many friends.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, June 17th from 2 to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Webster Street in Jaffrey. There will be a cash bar, food, music and pictures and memories, which is what he would have wanted.

Ken fought a long battle with cancer valiantly, right to the end, he passed peacefully at the Jack Byrne Palliative + Hospice Care Unit in Lebanon, New Hampshire with a nice breeze blowing in and Janis Joplin on the CD player.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rindge Historical Society, School St. Rindge, NH 03461. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial or leave a message of condolence, please go to www.csnh.com.

Lillian G. (Everson) Ulrich, 7

LANCASTER — Lillian G. (Everson) Ulrich, age 79, passed away on Monday, May 28, 2018 at The Highlands, Fitchburg, surrounded by family.

She leaves a nephew, Paul Everson of Clinton; nieces: Jacqueline Wehmeyer of Gardner, Linda Solywoda of Leominster, Gayle Anderholm of Athol, Tammy Fitzgerald of Athol, and Karen

Bushey of Winchendon; along with many great-nieces and great-nephews. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Patricia Everson, and her brother-in-law, Fred Donaldson Jr.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald H. Ulrich, her daughter, Jodi Ulrich, her brother, Herbert Everson,

and her sister, Ella Louise Donaldson.

Lillian was born in Plymouth, daughter of the late Orrin and Hazel (Willard) Everson. She was a graduate of Lancaster High School.

For many years, Lillian worked as an office manager at the former ITT Suprenant, Clinton, retiring in 1996.

She was a longtime member of the Evangelical Congregational Church, Lancaster. Lillian enjoyed singing in the church choir, playing bingo, knitting, and all types of crafts.

The family would like to thank The Highlands staff, who cared so lovingly for Lillian.

Lillian's funeral services and burial was held Friday, June 1, 2018 in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, open to all friends and family. McNally & Watson Funeral Home, 304 Church St., Clinton directed arrangements.

Guide to end-of-summer sales

The end of summer is marked by mixed feelings. Come the end of summer, vacations may be coming to an end as children ready themselves for a new school year. But shoppers know the end of summer is an ideal time to find great deals on an array of items.

Although back-to-school sales flood the marketplace this time of year, plenty of other sales take place in the final weeks of summer — and consumers can save substantial amounts of money if they know where to look.

Outdoor furniture

As stores clear out their seasonal items, shoppers can score big deals on patio sets and other outdoor furniture. Retailers need to make room for snowblowers, rakes, shovels, and holiday merchandise, so shoppers are bound to find discounted tables, chairs, fire pits, umbrellas, and chaise lounges. Individuals can use this opportunity to update worn-out patio furniture and other seasonal items they can store over the winter.

Camping/hiking equipment

Only the most devoted campers camp out when the temperatures begin to dip, so consumers can use this opportunity to grab camping equipment before it's gone for another season. Tents,

flashlights, cooking gear, backpacks, outdoor recreational items, such as kayaks or fishing tackle, water bladders, and heaters may be available at steep discounts.

Grills

Backyard barbecues are a staple of summer. If your barbecue or outdoor cooking equipment experienced heavy use throughout the summer, now is a great time to shop sales on grills and outdoor cooking gear.

Travel

Consumer Reports says that prices tend to drop on airfare, hotels and theme parks after Labor Day. Deals on luggage also can be had once summer travel season ends. Tuesdays are a great day to book airline tickets because they tend to be cheaper on Tuesday than other days of the week. Travelers can use this information to their advantage, booking trips to destinations that have super weather throughout the fall, such as Hawaii or the Mediterranean. Caribbean destinations also are good

choices, though travelers should consider travel insurance to protect against hurricane-related cancellations.

Vehicles

Many dealerships tend to begin discounting cars when new models begin to debut in August and September. The longer a dealership holds on to a vehicle, the more money it tends to lose. Prospective car buyers may be able to negotiate a good deal this time of year, ultimately walking away with a brand new vehicle with a solid warranty. It's not unheard of to receive a discount of 15 percent or more on previous

year models.

Spa treatments

Many spas have begun discounting massages and facials at the end of summer, according to the International Spa Association. Shoppers can use this opportunity to try out new spas and save some money in the process.

In addition to these discounts, bathing suits, summer clothing, lawn and garden equipment, and pool/spa items may be discounted come the fall. TF168327

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Mount Wachusett Community College Confers 810 Degrees to 765 Students During Commencement

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College celebrated the academic achievements of its graduates during the college's 53rd commencement on May 16. A total of 765 students graduated, with 581 Associate's degrees and 229 certificates being conferred for a total of 810 degrees. The 2018 graduates include:

Ashburnham: Associates: Rebecca D'Amico, Genevieve Mia David, Samuel Davidson, Karin Gould, Katherine Herndon, Victoria Knight, Joshua Mandaglio, Lacy Phongsaly, Rebecca Racine, Sybil Sinclair, Brianna Marie Stone, Stephen Streeks, Haley Visconti Certificates: Kevin Chambers, Jennifer Graves, Benjamin Jacobucci, Bianca Faye Law, Ashley Nicole Perez, Kaitlin Danielle Shelton, Brianna Marie Stone;

Baldwinville: Associates: Kelly Callahan, Julie Ehnstrom, Collin Scott Fournier, Leanne Gauthier, Michael Manisy, Kelley Moore, Kimberly Rose Morris, Jacqueline Morse, Kelsey Lynn Rayner;

East Templeton: Associates: Mary Elizabeth White

Gardner: Associates: David Acevedo, David Boakye Adom, David Belitsky, Stephanie Borkowski, Christina Rose Bruce, Danielle Chaves, Sadiya Clark, Ramsey Clayter, Jason Colecchi, Brendan Conlin, Kimberly Cook, Briana Cormier, Rachel Cormier, Josefina

Coursen, Tiffany Cunningham, Bertha Dancause, Megan DiVito, Heather Michelle Dobbs, Kalli Duguay, Abigail Elbourn, Krystal Flagg, Moses Gomez, Rachael Grammont, Jennifer Grogan, Ifra Hassan, Cesar Herrera, Brianna Rosella Heughins, Leshay Hicks, Amanda Alice Johnson, Nicholas Kapp, Lilac Keenan, Tyler Klash, Elizabeth LaPan, Molly Lafalam, Brandon Lamore, Timothy Martin Landry, Jordan Robert Learmonth, Patricia Lillie, Alphoncina Alex Lyamuya, Nicholas Mackowiak, Ruth Major, Noah Manongi, Jonathan Marshall, Katrina Jean McGarry, James Meagher, Carlee Susan Mills, Marilyn Aurora Morrison, Jamika Nance-Garcia, Joshua Needham, Michelle Nolette, Timothy Nowlan, Nathan Oliva, Olivia Ouellet, Melissa Paulhus, Gia Pavone, Karen Pietila, Samantha JoAnn Provost, Amanda Robichaud, Russell Robichaud, Shayna Rolon, Nicholas Russo, Kiaya Shea, Mitchell Smith, LaKeya Springfield, Jessica St. John, Samantha Stuart, Emilia Maria Torres, Jeremiah Veino, Timothy Whalen, Tracy Wirtanen, Sadie Rae deBettencourt Certificates: Annastasia Anderson, Carly Anderson, Cynthia Cajigas, Elizabeth Avanell Casson, Patrick Thomas Conlin, Katrina Cote, Bryan Alexis Cruz, Renaldo Giovanni Cruz, Nicholas DeVeau, Zechariah Dietz,

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Phillipston: Associates: Mallory Barbara Bartell, Tyler Gearin, Jacob William Hammond, Olivia Rose Howes, Jillian Renae Manty, Summer Moulton, Brooke Pacheco Certificates: Bethany Valois

Royalston: Associates: Colleen Rita Demboske, Heidi Warren Certificates: Wendy Kallel, Michael Young

Templeton: Associates: Shelby Arseneau, Michael Bergeron, Javin Blanchard, Adam Brown, Joseph Capps, Jaclyn Cartee, Chad Charbonneau, Tara Dugan, Daniel Eaton, Kristen Gaudet, Nicholas Charles Goss, Lindsey Marie Hastings, Franklin Moschetti, Paula Rosario, Kelsey Vaillancourt Certificates: Bailey Culver, Tristen Thomas LaClair, Miranda Adrienne Leger, Franklin Moschetti, Paula Rosario, Heidi Whittle

Winchendon: Associates: Ashley Agnelli, Larry Agnelli, Ashley Kate Arsenault, Torianna Belko, Amanda

Bettencourt, Allyson Bois, Chelsea Bussiere, Connor Clinkscale, Nicholas Coddington, Andrew Conroy, Betty Ann Coolidge, Amber Dignan, Timothy Enwright, Marissa Galat, Ashley Garceau, Josiah M Hagan, Rachel Grace Haley, Elise Hamblett, Bridget Harrington, Catherine Jankowski, Stephen Larson, Michael LeBlanc, Amber Martinez, Alexis Ann O'Neill, Timothy Pare, Mary Catherine Pietrzak, Scott Ploskonka, Nancy Regan, Macy Saulnier, Dawn Marie Storer, Thomas Sutherland, Teresa Tambling, Holly Lynn Tata, Emily Tenney, Ashley Marie Tousignant, Jacob VanHillo, Rachel Woodman Certificates: Madeline Allard, Michael Anderson, Amanda Bettencourt, Nicholas Coddington, Betty Ann Coolidge, Trishia Ducharme, Maria Mae Javien, Krysta Susan Kay, Jana Christin Murphy, Megan Skinner, Nicholas Stinehart

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Gobi takes lead on food initiatives

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A pair of budget initiatives designed to increase access to fresh local food have cleared legislative hurdles, revealed Sen. Anne Gobi.

Gobi is the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and has long advocated for more funding for local food pro-

grams.

"We are so fortunate to have farmers and farms that supply a variety of products. These programs ensure quality produce is available for those who may not normally have access and I will continue to do all I can to assist them because we all benefit from locally grown food and locally available produce," she said.

The state's Healthy Initiatives Program, which began last

year, provides monthly incentives to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households when they buy local vegetables and fruits from Bay State farmers at farmers' markets and farm stands as well as community supported agriculture and mobile markets. Winchendon has a twice-weekly market at the intersection of Glenallan and Route 12 on Thursday afternoons between 4 and 7 p.m. and

on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gobi's amendment increased funding for this program by some \$4 million, a figure expected to be included in a final budget package. Local farms, including those in the Winchendon region have sold almost \$4 million in fruits and vegetables to more than 37,000 SNAP families since the program was launched in April, 2017. SNAP sales at farm retail-

ers have jumped almost 600 percent.

She also secured \$500,000 for Buy Local initiatives in central Massachusetts along with western and southern areas of the state.

The Buy Local program, said Gobi, works "to connect farms to consumers, boosting the industry while increasing access to locally grown healthy foods."

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bus rides back and forth from sports games, full of excitement over a close victory or silence after a tough loss, the nights staying up until three in the morning...no matter the score or how late we finished, we kept moving, striving to succeed each and every day knowing today is where it all pays off."

With his half-century in education coming to a close, Olsen credited the students for helping keep him motivated.

"Thanks for making me wake up every morning and giving me a sense of purpose, making me climb three flights of stairs 30 times a day," he said, eliciting laughter.

But Olsen finished by quoting an ancient Irish blessing - "May the wind always be at your back. May the sun always shine on your face, Realize your dreams, 2018."

Senator Anne Gobi and Rep. Jon Zlotnik honored Olsen. Superintendent Steve Haddad said, "Parents, our goals as educators was to prepare your students for their successful futures. We taught them to communicate, solve problems, work together and make things happen. They know if they set goals and work really hard they will be successful. Today they can look back on their hard work and know they have just achieved a great milestone."

"Each of you," he told the graduates, "has your own story to tell but collectively you left your mark. So many of you have ventured beyond the classroom doors to make a difference in the schools and in our greater community."

You've taken stands on issues like bullying and mental health. You've taken a peaceful stand against violence."

Said Zlotnik, "It's important to recognize individuals like Ralph who have dedicated their life to public education. Our system only works when people step up to give of themselves for the education of others."

School Committee Chair Larry Murphy waxed optimistic. "I'm hoping your generation will create a world where people understand that no one wins unless we all win...that's why we're here - to love, care and serve each other."

For graduate Hannah Turner, "I can't believe this day is already here. There were so many 'I can't wait to graduate' moments, so many days I was so excited to leave. Then I had days that teachers and friends made it impossible for me to want to leave. There were so many tears leading up to today, both of joy and some of sorrow. The days flew by so quickly. However, I'm so excited to see where the future will bring me," she said.

"I really want this day to be perfect," mused Molly Murphy.

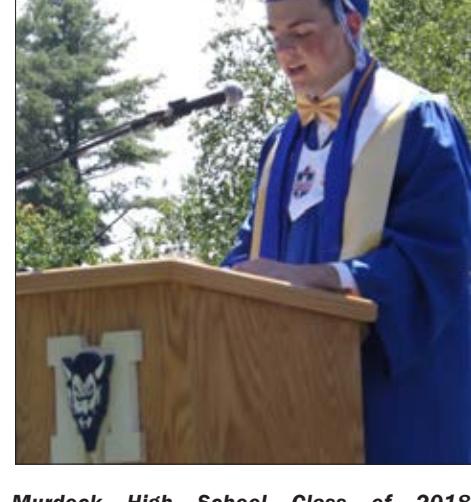
"It's really important," she stressed.

From all indications, Murphy got her wish. The weather cooperated, which isn't always the case. The temperature was mild and not overbearing and there was even a light breeze as caps were tossed and yet another class, and there have been more than 125 of them, said farewell to old Murdock.

Those graduating from the Murdock Academy for Success were: Austin Fontaine, Abigail Gagne, Tom Hogan, Yesinia Schindler-Infante, Josh Smith and Jacob Wheeler.



Retiring Murdock High School Principal Ralph Olsen addresses students, parents, and friends at Sunday's graduation.



Murdock High School Class of 2018 Salutatorian Alex Marshall addresses his classmates.



Out-going Murdock High School Principal Ralph Olsen was presented resolutions from both the state House and Senate, congratulating him on five decades of service to public education. (l-r) State Rep. Jon Zlotnik, state Sen. Ann Gobi, Olsen.



Members of Murdock High School's Class of 2018 marching to their seats for Sunday's graduation ceremonies.



Music in Winchendon

The first weekend of the annual Winchendon Music Festival brought three nights of classical and baroque ensembles to the Old Centre Church. The next weekend, June 22 through June 24 will include world music, blues and jazz.

Mat Plumondon photos



Simplify vacations and savor the fun

Vacations are a great opportunity for families or individuals to recharge. But especially active vacationers often return from their trips in need of rest, as planning may have taken its toll or schedules loaded with too many activities might have left little time for R&R. Those willing to simplify their vacations may find their excursions provide the rest they need and the energizing boost they can make use of upon returning from their destinations.

Leave work behind

The United States is one of the few countries that does not guarantee paid days off. The Center for Economic and Policy Research says one in four working Americans do not get paid time off. The employment site Glassdoor notes that among those who do get paid vacations, 75 percent of employees chose not to use all of their time in 2013. By comparison, Canadians get an average of 19 days of vacation time per year. Stress about making up work or falling behind makes some professionals worry about using their vacation time, and those who do travel may stay connected to the office in some shape or form. Splitting time between leisure and work responsibilities on a vacation can be taxing and take away from the time you need to relax and recharge. Cut work ties and immerse yourself in the vacation experience.

Use a travel agent

Using a travel agent to plan your vacation can remove any stress and anxiety you may feel when planning a trip and juggling the responsibilities of everyday life. Many people choose to book their own trips as a cost-cutting measure. What



they don't realize is that travel agents may be privy to special deals and perks they can pass on to customers. These agents also know the ins and outs of certain resorts and locales. Leaving the legwork in their accomplished hands means all you have to do is show up with your reservations instead of pouring over the minutiae of planning.

Consider an all-inclusive trip. All-inclusive resorts and

cruise lines take the work out of having a good time. These types of vacations remove a lot of the problems associated with personal travel. Meals are provided, activities are coordinated, and you don't have to carry extra cash, as most costs generally are covered.

Keep your itinerary flexible. Scheduling right down to the minute can remove the fun of the trip. Leave opportunities to just sit and enjoy

your surroundings. Perhaps other members of the family or traveling party have their own ideas for entertainment. A rigid timeline can make the vacation seem more like a commitment rather than an opportunity to let loose and stop watching the clock.

Rent a car

Find out if a rental car can be included in the price of your vacation. Having a car at the ready means vacationers can

come and go as they please without worrying about hailing taxis or waiting for public transportation. Rental cars also provide access to areas outside of resort confines. Research possible destinations in advance and map out where you want to go to remain safe and prepared.

Vacations don't have to be taxing. Cut down on some of the stressful aspects of traveling by simplifying and delegating tasks.

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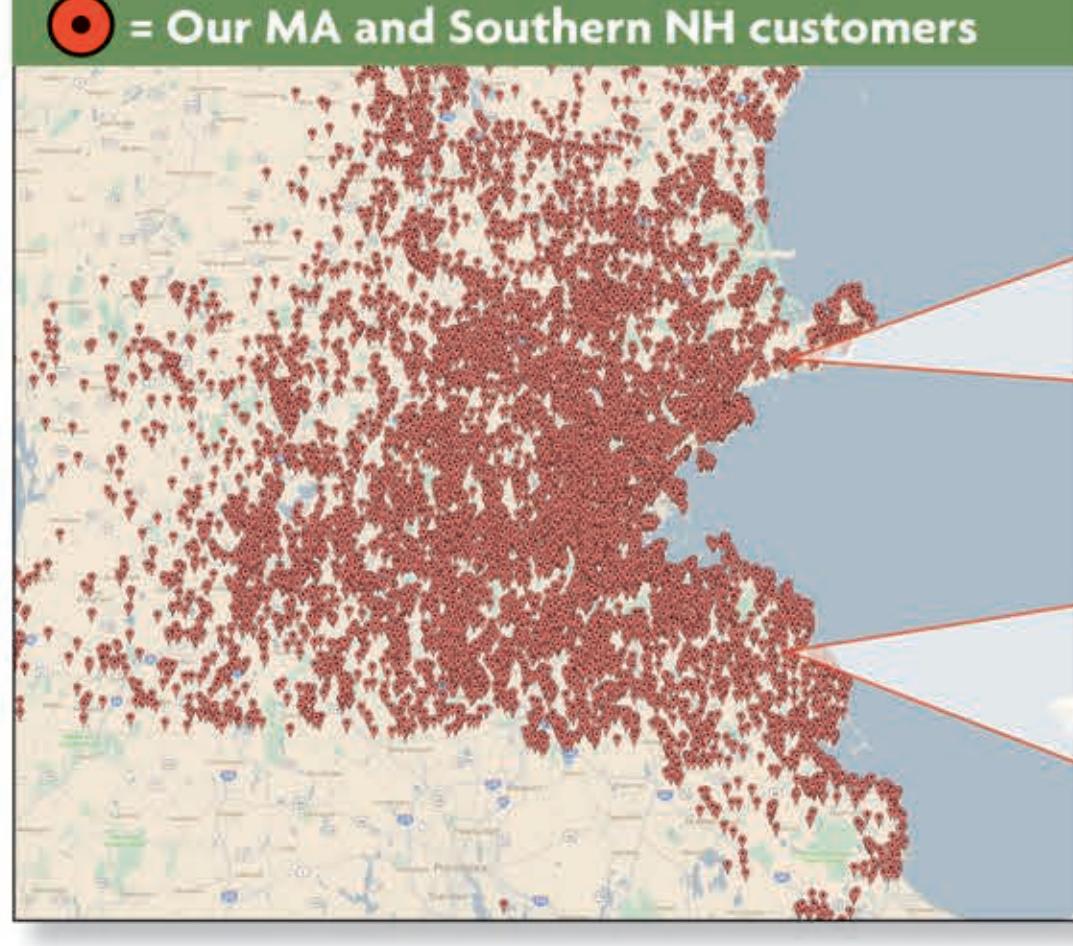
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