

Sibley now at helm of CAC

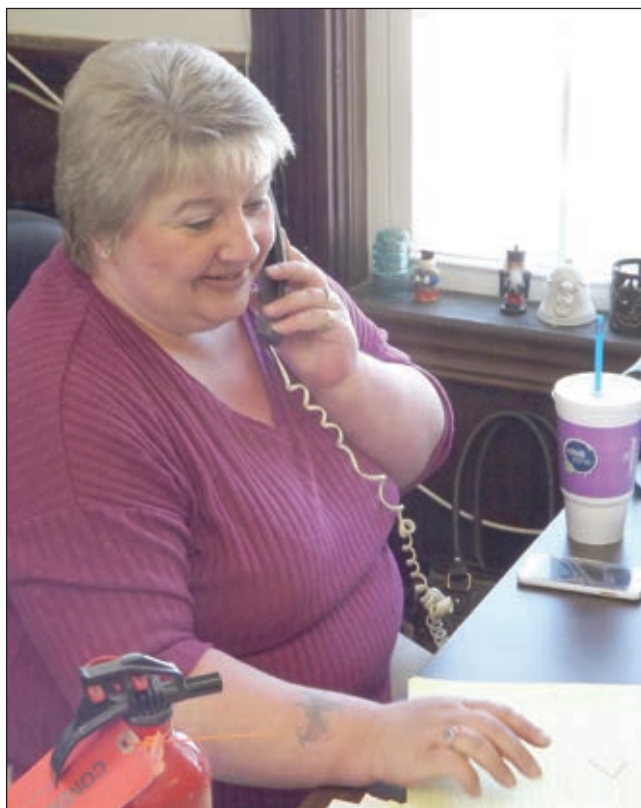
BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

About six years ago, Jennifer Sibley was a finalist for the position of director at the Winchendon Community Action Center, an organization that operates a food bank and provides other services for low- to moderate-income residents of Toy Town. At that time, the post went to someone else, but now, following an administrative shake-up at the social service agency, Sibley is – at least for now – on the job.

Sibley is a co-founder of a local group called Working Wonders in Winchendon. The organization does what it can to help people in need throughout the community.

“A couple of years ago, when police officers around the country were getting shot and were absolutely getting no respect,” said Sibley, “I went online on social media and said I planned to grab some pizzas and get some platter at Subway and bring them to the police station and the fire station, and I asked if there was anyone who wanted to pitch in. I ended up getting more than I ever imagined and, after thinking about it for a couple of days, I decided I could probably help out a lot of people. Working Wonders in Winchendon grew out of that one event. Barbara Higgins has

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Greg Vine photo

Jennifer Sibley has assumed the position of Office Manager at the Winchendon Community Action Center on an interim basis. Sibley, a co-founder of the local service organization Working Wonders in Winchendon, has been on the job for about three weeks.

Boards make final warrant recommendations

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the Winchendon Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, respectively, each voted to recommend passage of all articles on the warrants for the May 21 special and annual town meetings. The FinCom did abstain from making a recommendation on the first article on each warrant, which asks if voters will agree to “hear and act on reports of the Finance Committee.”

Votes by each panel on individual articles, four of which are on the special town meeting warrant and 24 of which are on the warrant for the annual town meeting, were generally unanimous, with one or two dissenting votes on a handful of recommendations.

One annual town meeting article generating discussion at Tuesday’s FinCom meeting calls for just over \$94,000 in stabilization fund monies to be transferred into a supplemental reserve account man-

dated by legislation allowing the town to erase a large operating budget deficit – discovered during a 2014 audit – by borrowing some \$3.6 million from the state.

Town Manager Keith Hickey told the committee he remains confident Winchendon will be able to pay off the balance of the deficit legislation during fiscal year 2019, which begins July, once the town’s free cash is certified this November. Once the loan is paid off, he explained, it will no longer be necessary to fund the supplemental reserve.

“What this means,” said committee member Jim Robichaud, “is that we’re really going to town meeting with an unbalanced budget, banking on a two-thirds vote to get the \$94,000. But there’s no plan to pay it back. The intentions are good it’ll be paid back but there’s no mechanism in place that pays (the stabilization fund) back. If we’re going to borrow it, I feel we should pay it back, plus something. I just don’t think it’s right to

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MHS students reflect on trip to Puerto Rico



Greg Vine photo

Some of the students who recently spent their April vacation helping with the recovery of storm-ravaged Puerto Rico, hit hard by Category 5 Hurricane Maria last fall. MHS seniors discussing the trip were: (l-r) Maria Polcari, Molly Murphy, Michaela Benedict, and Emily Pervier.

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Back home after what one of them spoke for the group in calling it an “amazing” adventure, four Murdock High School students reflected this week on the five days they spent in Puerto Rico, seven months after the island was largely destroyed by

Hurricane Maria.

Michaela Benedict, Emily Kiberd-Pervier, Molly Murphy and Maria Polcari were by turns somber and enthusiastic, awed by the devastation they encountered but proud of the work they did over spring vacation to pitch in and help.

“It was such a cool experi-

ence,” recounted Polcari. “It was different from anything I’d ever seen. But the people were so nice. I loved the people and what we were doing,” even though there were times when what they were doing was cleaning debris and helping one resident clear away

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Rite Way owner pleads not guilty to money laundering

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A Rindge man already accused of bilking MassHealth, the state’s Medicaid program, out of \$19 million for allegedly fraudulent transportation services appeared in Worcester Superior Court Tuesday to plead not guilty to charges of money laundering. Michael Davini, age 57, owner of now-defunct transportation company Rite Way LLC, was indicted on the new charges last month

by a Worcester County Grand Jury.

Davini is accused by the state Attorney General’s Office of transferring properties he managed to purchase or finance with money obtained via the alleged fraud scheme into the name of his wife. Attorney General Maura Healey also claims Davini transferred more than \$5.5 million from Rite Way’s operating account into accounts he opened with an investment brokerage firm.

He also moved \$3 million from accounts managed by that firm to accounts opened in his wife’s name, Healey alleges.

Said the Attorney General in a statement released last month, Davini “made clear attempts to disguise millions of dollars in illicit funds obtained through a massive Medicaid false billing scheme.”

Rite Way LLC had a contract with MassHealth to provide

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Greg Vine photos

Brownies clean up at Toy Town Elementary School

Sun shines on Earth Day cleanup

BY GREG VINE
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During one of the first truly glorious days of spring (which began more than a month ago!), the sun shone brightly Saturday on the more than 60 volunteers who helped spruce up the town of Winchendon. This was the fifth consecutive year a town-wide cleanup was organized to commemorate Earth Day, celebrated by more than 190 countries around the globe on Sunday. A series of events were held throughout the United States – only – to mark the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

The 66 people who took part in Saturday’s cleanup included members of Brownie Troop 64744, Cub Scout Pack 193, and the Winchendon School, as well as dozens of other Winchendon residents. The youngest helper, by far, was 9-month-old Siona Walsh, granddaughter of Board of Selectmen Chairman Barbara Anderson, who proudly transported the young environmentalist around town in a stroller.

The event took place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lionel Cloutier, chairman of the Board of Health, was unsure (as of deadline) of the amount of trash collect-

ed Saturday but added it was easily more than double the 3,000 pounds amassed in the dumpster last year. A total of eight tires, a bowling ball, and a couch were picked up in various locations and taken to the town’s transfer station on River Street.

The dumpster was donated by Monadnock Disposal Services of Jaffrey, which has contributed the equipment in years past. Winchendon residents Ed Bond, Rick Lucier, Rick McAllister, and Corey Wilson each donated the use of their pickup truck to haul trash from far-flung sites to the dumpster, which was located on Pleasant Street, across from the old police station.

Other businesses contributing to the cleanup effort: Gourmet Donuts, three dozen donuts; Belletete’s, gloves and 150 trash bags; Gabby’s, four extra large pizzas; Athol Savings Bank, funds for miscellaneous items; McDonald’s, gift cards, and; Cumberland Farms, free drinks.

“I really appreciate everything everybody did to help out with the cleanup,” said Cloutier. “It really was a great day. Of course, we did have

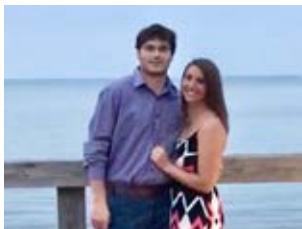
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WEEKLY QUOTE

War is peace.
Freedom is slavery.
Ignorance is strength.

George Orwell



CLYDE'S CORNER

Saturday May 6 & Sunday May 7

ELF, JR.: the middle school musical, will be performed on Saturday, May 5 at 7:00 and Sunday, May 6th at 1:00 at Murdock auditorium. Get your tickets by contacting Laura Marshall at 978-297-2461. Tickets are also available at the door. Come support these 50+ students who are participating in this production under the direction of Kristi Iannacone, Aly Galipeau and Maureen Provost.

Sunday May 6

SPRING CONCERT: The Greater Gardner Community Choir 's annual Spring Concert is Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. The program features Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living, with chamber orchestra. We will be singing new pieces, familiar favorites and a unique musical surprise will be included! The Greater Gardner Youth Choir will be our special guests. The Greater Gardner Community Choir is directed by Diane Cushing. Tickets are available at the door. For more information about GGCC email info@ggcchoir.org

Friday May 18

DINNER & CONCERT: Spaghetti and meatball dinner served with tossed salad and bread with assorted handheld desserts will be served from 5-6:30p.m. at the United Parish, 39 Front St. There is no set price, but donations are appreciated! The Needhams will be performing at 7pm. Free admittance, but good will offering is accepted!

Saturday, May 19

OWC: Operation Winchendon Cares - Remembering Our Current Military - to be held on Saturday, May 19, at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street, Winchendon from 9-11 a.m. For updates please visit our Facebook page or our website www.winchendoncares.com.

Sunday, May 20

CHEESE CHASE: Smith's Country Cheese is sponsoring a 5K charity run-walk to benefit the Winchendon police and fire departments. \$20 entry fee now, price increases after April 1. Route will begin and end at picturesque Otter River Road location; visit runsignup.com.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

library.

TUESDAY

WINCHENDON NA MEETING: Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We're working hard to get the word out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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, the Recycle-A-Bike program, 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!

COURIER CAPSULES

BAKE SALE

The Old Murdock Senior Center will be holding a BAKE SALE in the lobby of the Center on Monday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until the goodies run out! Stop by our tables after voting and pick up a snack for the ride home!

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CRAFT & VENDORS SALE

Rosary Sodality is hosting a vendors and craft sale at Holy Cross Church, Lake Avenue, East Templeton Saturday, April 28 9a.m.-2 p.m. Bake sale, ticket auction, crafters and home business vendors.

CHARGES

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non-emergency transportation to members needing rides to and from methadone clinics in central and northern Worcester County. The AG's office charged at Davini's October 2016 arraignment on fraud charges that between April 2011 and September 2015 Rite Way "fraudulently and repeatedly billed MassHealth for transportation services that were never provide, including claims for individuals who were hospitalized in inpatient settings, no longer used the company's services, or were deceased on the claimed dates of service."

Healey also claimed that Rite Way offered cash and other incentives to MassHealth members to sign up others as patrons of the company's services. Davini and Gary Carbonello are

accused of paying existing clients up to \$50 in cash for every referral. They are also alleged to have offered clients Dunkin Donuts and VISA gift cards for referrals.

Rite Way LLC folded in September of 2015.

On top of the new money laundering charges, Davini is charged with four counts of filing false Medicaid claims, two counts of larceny over \$250, and one count of receiving/paying kickbacks. Carbonello, age 47, of Leominster, Lynn Maguire, age 51, of Abington, and Dwayne Pelkey, age 50, of Winchendon - managers for the company - each face charges of larceny and filing false Medicaid claims. Carbonello is also accused of kickbacks, while Maguire is additionally charged with perjury.

Davini will be back in court next month for a pretrial hearing on the money laundering charges.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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May 1: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

May 2: Market Basket 12:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games;

Shuffleboard
May 3: Wii bowling 9:30; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 7: VOTING DAY
BAKE SALE 8:30 – until the goodies are gone! Market Basket 12:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 8: SHINE REP (by appointment); Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

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

May 10: Wii bowling 9:30; Line Dancing 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard
May 11: Peanut Auction

May 14: Market Basket 12:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Yoga 10; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

May 15: Wii bowling 9:30; 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 16: Market Basket 12:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 17: Wii bowling 9:30; 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 18: Mimi's Science Class

May 21: Market Basket 12:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 22: Wii bowling 9:30;

10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

May 23: Market Basket 9:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

May 24: Wii bowling; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard; Fallon Rep 10-12

May 25: Music is Love – 10:30

May 28: CENTER CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY

May 29: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

May 30: Market Basket 12:15; Wii bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool; Card Games; Shuffleboard

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GALA plans art weekend

The Gardner Area League of Artists spring art show is going to include even more this year, as musicians add to the ambience and artwork sales soar.

The Friday night opening reception at the American Legion, 295 School St., Winchendon May 4 6-9 p.m. will include refreshments with a cash bar available, the Off the Wall art sale offering framed 5x7 original artwork at \$45 and framed fine art photography at \$25; an artwork raffle, and the original art at exhibit is also on sale.

Judges will announce awards at 7 p.m. The music schedule includes on Friday Steve Rapson (jazz, blues and

classical guitar) at 6 p.m.; Brian Dickens (singer songwriter) at 7:30 p.m.; and Eddy Troxler, Beth Babineau & Friends (organic jazz standards, swing, Latin, ballads & blues) at 8:15 p.m.

On Saturday, Garold Armadon (baldadeer) begins the day at 11 a.m.; Sound Alchemy with Nina (meditation and acoustic mix) at noon; Cara Keane & Valerie Newman (acoustic & electric guitar and mandolin, folk, rock and alternative) at 1 p.m.; Route 2 Revolution (alternative, folk and rock) at 2 p.m.; Surround Sound (a cappella group) at 3 p.m.; Winchendon School Spring Aca-Pitis at 3:30 p.m.; Dan Arsenaault at 4

p.m.
On Sunday beginning at noon, James Clune; Sweet Euphoria (acoustic rock duo) at 1 p.m.; Abbey Fluett at 2 p.m.; Jack Newbrough at 2:30 p.m. and Dave Baldini at 3 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. all raffle winners and Popular Choice award announcements will be made.

Approximately 70 artists are represented this year in the show. Judging this year will be Tamar Russell Brown, owner of Gallery Sitka, of Fitchburg; Ann Capodagli, owner of Boulder Gallery, of Fitchburg; and Peter Laytin, photography professor at Fitchburg State University.

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Tim Niles and Melissa Paulitzky announce engagement

William and Lisa Paulitzky of Winchendon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa to Tim Niles, son of Gary and Kathy Niles of Winchendon.

Melissa is a graduate of Oakmont High School and Fitchburg State University and is currently a scientist at Brammer Bio in Cambridge.

Tim graduated from Murdock High School and is employed with Bristol Meyers.

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Our one true thing

Democracy is crazy system of government. It depends entirely on the honesty of its people to direct themselves. It expects those people to trust. To put their trust into other people to invest their time into the complexities of day to day government on their behalf.

It expects the lowly ‘us’ to put certain expectations on those we entrust with this duty. We want them to be honest, that’s a given.

We want them to be fair.
We want them to NOT be biased or racist or sexist or any of a zillion other isms or ists that exist to render them incapable of clear thought.

We want them to work always on our behalf, without thought of their own possible gain.

We want them to listen to our tales of woe, even if they can’t fix the problems; but we certainly would like to have the problems fixed too.

Hardest of all, no matter where we fall on the left-right spectrum, every single one of us wants our person to be on our “side.” To represent our views, whatever they may be. And if someone is elected that does not suit our own view of the world, we find ourselves working harder than ever to oust that person and get one of our own stripe in.

Whether the person seated is actually doing a good job...or not.

How we decide what that ‘good job’ should look is so subjective. If we like welfare and do-gooder programs than we sure do want those front and center.

But if we think there is way too much given away already and not enough accountability for the way that money is spent, then that’s a different expectation.

Should there be a single way to pay for health care? Should we abolish private insurance? Is that even feasible with the size of the health insurance giant that exists in our country? That alone could give elected officials headaches forever.

Biggest problem with that dismantling is several fold, and really had not much to do with quality of health care issues at all. It has to do with unem-

ployment (where will all those private insurance companies, now defunct, find work for their myriad staff? A government run program can certainly absorb some, but not all.) We would be creating our own depressed economy with that many people out of work all at once.

Then, there would just be the logistics nightmare of reinventing the wheels of industry on this one. You think wading through paperwork for private insurance is a nightmare? Imagine what it will be if the government runs it. They did, after all, create the IRS. How was doing your taxes this year?

And finally, there’s the biggest hurdle of all, the money, money, money. When you pay insurance premiums to a private insurance company; and beyond their costs of doing business and paying the doctors etc., there is actually of course a profit margin. Guess where it is? The stock exchange. Of course it is. So if we dismantle the private industry, what happens to their invested money? Think about it. Think depression. Think millions subtracted from stock and bond availability. The dirty little secret that keeps the insurance companies in business isn’t even related to doctors and hospitals, it’s related to Wall Street.

So when we take about our power to elect and who we want to put into place, we have a lot to think about in the next few years. We have those who appreciate hardily the status quo and the profit sharing and the ways things have always been.

Business people doing government and government doing business are two different things.

When they meet, it becomes muddy. And it can only get worse as we struggle with insurance, banking and now international trade and tariffs that can only impact how we run our world, from Wall Street to Main Street, in ways we cannot even fathom.

Even on the local level, think about your vote with caution, and strap in tight. It truly is going to be that proverbial bumpy ride.

Moods... swings and so on

Color me melancholy. The closer we inch towards June 7 the more melancholy I’ve found myself becoming. I suppose that’s no surprise. I stumbled through Father’s Day, then my birthday, then Courtney’s birthday, her unveiling, and the holidays. I robotically endured another New England winter and truth be told most of the time I did okay. I really did. It’s true that I’ve been energized by stories I’ve been covering and as well by the dialogue that’s been opened between Smith and Janel Catalano, the mom of one of Courtney’s cohort, about getting a health center open on campus during the summer term. I functioned and focused fairly well. I have no idea what I expected from myself but it felt like I was coping okay.

Recently though, not so much. Who knows exactly why? I don’t recall any specific trigger. No one wrote me anything or said anything to me that was upsetting but for the last couple weeks, aside from the joy Dessa has brought, I’ve been getting up every morning still tired, sad, and angry, and yes, angry at certain people and angry at the vagaries of the universe. I am told by experts all this is perfectly normal for folks in my situation. That doesn’t ease the emotional toll any, but I guess it’s reassuring in a way to know my reactions and feelings aren’t off the charts.

I knew that for everyone else the world was going to go on. It had to. I understood that. But there have been moments I have felt abandoned, not by my close friends, God knows, but by the world in general. I did get a message from someone a couple weeks ago who launched into a tirade about something and never once asked how I was doing, so, you know, maybe in retrospect that was at that moment something of a trigger. At the time,



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I thought it was just rude. “Empathetic failure” is the phrase used by a psychologist friend and that pretty much accurately summarized this person.

Maybe I’ve expected too much from people? I certainly, positively, absolutely do not, not, not want to be asked on

a daily basis how I am feeling but at the same time I have moments when it annoys me when people sometimes don’t ask. As you can tell, my emotions remain all over the place and there’s very little continuity or stability in how I feel one day to the next, sometimes one hour to the next.

Yes, I’m rambling. I know that, but my life feels like it’s rambling too, some days making sense and others not at all. It has frankly shocked me because, as noted, I thought I was doing decently.

Believe me when I tell you I am more than grateful for and appreciative of my support system. I really am, no question. I could never find enough words or the right ones to say thank you. I’m not sure I ever will, but thank you.

That said, I like, no, I love, hearing her cohort telling me what they’re doing professionally. Hearing that makes me feel there’s a part of Courtney with them and that too means more than I can ever adequately express. You guys know who you are so please don’t ever stop telling me what you’re doing and how you’re all making a difference. I’m really proud of you and it’s not hyperbole to say she would be too. It’s just the truth.

Anyway, this is me. This is where I am as April (“the cruellest month,” TS Eliot once wrote) draws to a close. In less than six weeks, it will be a year. No wonder I’m so sad. No wonder I’m so tired, so very, very tired. Thanks for letting me vent. See you next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OWC: plan now for next event

To the Editor:
Hello and Happy Spring!
Just wanted to remind you of Operation Winchendon Cares’ upcoming drive “Remembering Our Current Military Members”.

It will be held on Saturday, May 19th at the American Legion on School Street from 9:00-11:00 A.M.

We are in need of monetary dona-

tions, donations of items listed on our Facebook page and website <http://www.winchendoncares.com>, letters, cards and drawings as well as help packaging up the items for mailing.

Please no chocolate or other items that will melt.

LINDA SORDONI
OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES

LETTERS POLICY



Letters to the editor are always welcome, and may be sent to to ruth@stonebridgepress.news, or The Winchendon Courier, 91 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. Be sure to include a name and residence. Please refrain from sending letters via fax, and be sure to supply a home address and phone number to allow for confirmation. Allow at least 48 hours for a response. Letters must be submitted by noon Friday to ensure publication in the following week’s issue. Every effort will be made to accommodate late submissions, but inclusion can not be guaranteed. The rules of good taste and libel will, of course, apply to all submissions. Personal attacks will not be published. The editor retains the right to edit all letters.

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go to town meeting with an unbalanced budget.”

“I don’t believe we’re bringing an unbalanced budget to town meeting,” Hickey retorted. “If we needed, I would cut \$94,000 from the operating budget in fiscal ‘19; and I think I’ve shared with this board what those cuts would be if the stabilization request isn’t approved. So, I think stating we have an unbalanced budget is a little misleading.”

At the committee’s request, Hickey checked with town counsel to see if language could be added to the article requiring the stabilization fund to be reimbursed for the \$94,000 “loan,” once the deficit legislation is paid off. To do so, he explained, would require a separate article and vote.

“I’m not picking on anybody,” Robichaud replied, “but there’s nothing that says the loan from stabilization will be paid back. Everybody’s doing this in good faith, and they want to do it, but who knows what creeps up. And

if this doesn’t fly, then we have to cut from the budget, so the budget really isn’t balanced, in my opinion.”

Some other committee members also expressed reservations regarding the proposed transfer, but the FinCom ended up recommending passage of the article by a margin of 5-1. Robichaud cast the only “no” vote.

Nearly every member of the committee expressed personal reservations regarding an article allowing the establishment of three recreational marijuana retailers in Winchendon. Member Christian Orobello moved that the committee recommend defeat of the measure.

The 2016 statewide ballot question legalizing the sale of marijuana for personal use was supported 60 percent to 40 percent by Toy Town voters, placing Winchendon among those Massachusetts communities with the most significant margin of approval. The new law requires communities to allow for a minimum of cannabis retailer equivalent to 20 percent of the number of retail liquor licenses – package stores – available in any given munic-

ipality. In Winchendon that number would be two.

“I think we live in a fragile community,” said Orbelllo in explaining his motion, “and I worry about this in fragile communities. And I’m not rejecting the limitation, I reject the premise. I think it’s not good for our community.”

Hickey said he didn’t disagree with Orbelllo. He went on to explain, however, that failure to pass zoning regulations such as those under consideration by the town would translate into Winchendon having to allow cannabis retailers to set up shop in any area of town where retail activity is currently allowed.

Orbelllo said he didn’t question the wisdom of limiting the number of locations where recreational marijuana retailers could do business, adding he questioned the logic of allowing for three licenses instead of the sticking with the state-mandated minimum of two.

“We all have our misgivings,” said Board of Selectmen Chairman Barbara Anderson, “because it’s something that’s new; it’s something that hasn’t

been tried before. But if this particular article isn’t passed there will be no cap.”

In response to further questioning from Orbelllo, Anderson said selectmen thought increasing the number of available licenses could open up the market to local entrepreneurs interested in opening up a retail pot store. She said some of her fellow board members felt limiting the town to two licenses would give larger, established marijuana businesses already familiar with the permitting process an unfair advantage over smaller local start-ups navigating the process for the first time.

The committee shot down Orbelllo’s motion, then voted 4-2 to recommend passage of the article. Orbelllo and Robichaud opposed the recommendation.

An article establishing a local 3 percent sales tax on marijuana purchases was also recommend by the FinCom, 4-2, with Orbelllo and Robichaud again the sole hold-outs.

The May 21 town meetings get underway at 7 p.m. at the Murdock High School auditorium.



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Gifford leads in Globe poll

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The first major poll gauging voter preferences in the Third Congressional District is out and the Boston Globe-UMass Lowell survey shows former US Ambassador to Denmark Rufus Gifford in the lead, albeit with 11-percent in the jam-packed 13 candidate field. Gifford was the only candidate to reach double figures.

The poll of 490 likely voters showed state Sen. Barbara L'Italien with seven percent, Lori Trahan five percent, Dan Koh and state representative Juana Matias with four percent, Alexandra Chandler with three percent, Bopha Malone at

two percent and Don Bradley, Patrick Littlefield, and Keith St. John at one-percent. Candidates Jeff Balinger, Beej Das and Leonard Golder all received less than one percent in the survey.

More than half (59-percent) of those surveyed said they haven't yet made up their mind and only 12-percent reported they're following the race closely.

That didn't prevent Gifford from boasting about the results. "These are exciting and encouraging results. As someone who never thought I'd put my own name on a ballot, to see the groundswell of enthusiasm and support from all corners of the district, it's amazing and

a testament to the campaign we're running."

"I am so thrilled for all the volunteers, my campaign staff and supporters who have had conversations with tens of thousands of voters across the district. That's the true hard work of any campaign and I owe them a debt of gratitude," he said.

Gifford is the only candidate to have visited Winchendon, stopping by the Route 12 Crusin' Diner in February.

He's not the only one who saw the poll as being good news for his campaign. Prof. Joshua Dyck, co-director of the UMass-Lowell Center for Public Opinion, which conducted the poll with the Globe, agreed.

"The big winner in this poll is certainly Rufus Gifford," concluded Dyck. "He's shown an early aptitude for out-campaigning his opponents and bridging an early name-recognition gap. Still, with nearly 60-percent of the electorate undecided, the race is very much wide-open. It now shifts to candidates who have been successful in securing campaign cash can convert those donations into getting their message out to voters."

The state of the economy, unemployment and poverty were the issues most mentioned by voters. All three received 16 percent while education/schools and the opioid crisis were at the top of the list

for 11-percent.

The poll also revealed 88 percent of those surveyed are unhappy with the job President Trump is doing with 81 percent saying they strongly disapprove. A 55-percent majority favors impeachment hearings. Republican Governor Charlie Baker has widespread bipartisan support in the district, with 80-percent of Democratic voters saying they're fine with how Baker is doing. Senator Elizabeth Warren, who is seeking a second term, has the backing of 81 percent of Democrats.

Massachusetts' primary is set for September 4. Incumbent Rep. Nikki Tsongas, who has held the seat since 2007, chose to retire this year.

Republicans geared up for convention

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

With the Massachusetts Republican state convention set for the DCU Center in Worcester tomorrow, candidates seeking the nomination for the US Senate are ramping up their campaigns even though the right to face Sen. Elizabeth Warren will be decided in the September primary.

State party rules dictate any candidate receives who can muster 15-percent of the delegates tomorrow will be assured a spot on the primary ballot.

State Rep. Geoff Diehl has

proposed eliminating the sales tax from over the counter drugs. Said Diehl, "The Commonwealth exempts necessities from the sales tax. With so many people relying on over the counter drugs for basic health care, they are a necessity. It is time to exempt them from this regressive tax and make these drugs more affordable for families and seniors."

"Massachusetts doesn't collect taxes on the sale of food, clothing and college books, It just seems to make sense to exempt these drugs that provide pain relief and other valu-

able help," he noted.

Diehl's proposal came when he filed an amendment to the state budget. He said 12 other states don't collect sales tax on OTC medications.

"All too often households have to make tough decisions on what they can and cannot afford," he added.

Meanwhile, John Kingston, who is also seeking the GOP nod, said he's been endorsed by five central Massachusetts elected officials, including Worcester County sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

"From public safety to secur-

ing our borders, John is on the right side of the issues," asserted Evangelidis.

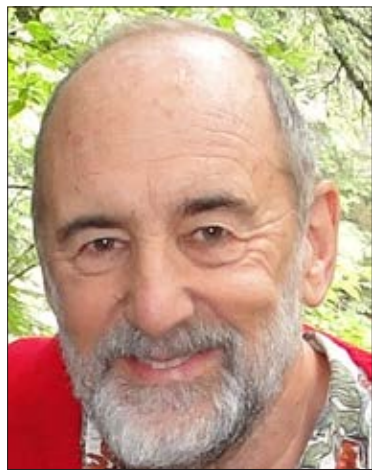
"I cannot express how thankful I am for the support of so many tremendous central Massachusetts elected officials. They all bring success, hard work, and incredible public service to their communities. That is exactly what I will strive to do for the Commonwealth," said Kingston, who added his campaign has raised over \$3 million headed into the convention.

The bus saga of Senate candidate Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai continued this week when the candidate filed suit in feder-

al court accusing the city of Cambridge of violating his First Amendment rights when officials told him he could not use the slogan, "A Real Indian beats A Fake Indian," an apparent reference to Warren.

Ayyadurai posted a placard on his campaign bus with that wording but Cambridge said it violated a building code, adding if the sign was not removed, a \$300 per day would be imposed. Ayyadurai accused the city of political bias and asked for a permanent injunction preventing Cambridge from fining his campaign.

Local writer's autobiography released



Allen Young

An autobiography written and self-published by local author Allen Young of Royalston, has just been released, and a book signing has been scheduled.

The book, *Left, Gay & Green: A Writer's Life*, is 500 pages long and includes many photographs. Young, who writes

the Inside/Outside column for the Athol Daily News, will read passages and sign books at Royalston Public Library, Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Thirty percent of proceeds from the sale of books (list price, \$25) will go to the Friends of the Library organization.

At 76, more than half of Young's life has been spent in the North Quabbin Region, and his narrative includes his experience building a house in a communal setting, working for the Athol Daily News and the Athol Hospital, and involvement in various community organizations.

It also covers his earlier life, growing up on a chicken farm in New York's Catskill Mountains, his education in public schools as well as Columbia and Stanford, three years in South America (including a Fulbright scholarship), writing for a variety of newspapers, involvement

in the anti-war and gay liberation movements, and ultimately deciding to leave city life behind.

Unique chapters delve into his identity as a non-religious Jew and his experiences with marijuana.

The back cover of the book includes this endorsement from Eric Foner, a Pulitzer prize-winning history professor at Columbia:

Allen Young's memoir chronicles a remarkable personal and political journey, from growing up as a red diaper baby through the radicalism of the 1960s and the emergence and development of the modern gay movement. What makes it so compelling is not only Young's superb writing but his revealing candor and intellectual curiosity. The personal and the political, as the saying goes, really do overlap here, and the result is a fascinat-

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Level: Intermediate

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!

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ANSWER:

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!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Genus of beetles
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Fiddler crabs
11. Remove weapons from
13. Express delight
14. Energy
15. Roman general
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Mortgage group (abbr.)
18. Parts
20. Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven
21. Type of cloth
22. Frankness
25. Causes disgust or hatred
30. A member of the British order of honor
31. Folk singer Di Franco
32. One's looks
33. Provokes
38. Partner of flow
41. Japanese warrior
43. Easy to perceive
45. Meet with one's agreement
47. Bird's jaw
49. Ballplayer accessory
50. Sword
55. Swiss river
56. Comedienne Gasteyer
57. Beat icon Ginsberg
59. Clinches a victory
60. Split lentils
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Book of the Bible (abbr.)
63. Electronic warfare-support measures
64. Fibrous plant material

CLUES DOWN

1. Annoy
2. Two-toed sloth
3. Precipitation
4. Barbary sheep
5. Large stinging paper wasp
6. Balkan country
7. ___ Doherty, actress
8. Arm bones
9. Women's undergarment
10. Genus of dabbling ducks
12. Time zone
14. Newts
19. Sound unit
23. Dab
24. Puzzlement
25. Defensive nuclear weapon
26. Actress Ling
27. Natural solid material
28. Burmese ethnic group
29. Puts within
34. Belonging to us
35. They ___
36. One of twelve sons of Jacob
37. Grab a seat
39. Rich fabric
40. Fruits
41. Very fast airplane
42. Large primates
44. Flammable jelly
45. Less common
46. Supplements with difficulty
47. Chinese automotive company
48. Every one of two or more things
51. Swiss river
52. Speak incessantly
53. Italian Island
54. Fighters against authority
58. Egg of a louse

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POLICE LOG

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

1:31-2:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:26 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), secure; 6:24 a.m.: ambulance (Tolman Road), transported; 7:25 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lakeview Drive), false alarm; 8:00 a.m.: tree down (River Street), referred; 8:04 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street); 9:09 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 11:27 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (High Street), spoken to; 11:51 a.m.: burglar alarm (Pleasant Street), secure; 12:18 p.m.: illegal burn (Highland Street), spoken to; 1:34 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 1:57 p.m.: ambulance (Old Centre), transported; 2:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Avenue) referred to ACO; 2:20 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 2:28 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville Road), advised officer; 4:05 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), unable to locate; 4:50 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), referred; 5:33 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street), transported; 5:46 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), referred; 6:17 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Lashua Road), cancelled; 6:45 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 6:48 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 7:00 p.m.: larceny (Ipswich Drive), report taken; 7:55 p.m.: attempt to locate (Mill Glen Road), unable to locate; 9:09 a.m.: harassment (Front Street), report taken; 9:15 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Linden Street), services rendered; 9:26 p.m.: suicide threats (Webster Street), transported to hospital; 9:28 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Spruce Street), secure; 9:52 p.m.: mv repossession (Washington Avenue), info taken; 10:26 p.m.: erratic operation (School Street), unable to locate; 11:40 p.m.: investigation (Webster Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:16-1:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:38 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), spoken to; 3:58 a.m.: tree down on wires (Lakeview Drive), referred; 7:16 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 7:49 a.m.: custody dispute (Pond Street), spoken to; 9:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Drive), referred to ACO; 9:23 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Cross Street), report taken; 9:32 a.m.: disabled mv (Lakeview Drive), towed; 10:15 a.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), verbal warning; 10:25 a.m.: investigation (Lincoln Street), report taken; 10:29 a.m.: ambulance (Krantz Road), transported; 10:47 a.m.: ambulance (School Street), refused assistance; 11:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 11:44 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Eagle Road), secure; 11:50 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 11:51 a.m.: tree down on wires (Lakeview Drive), referred; 12:44 p.m.: FD call (West Street), referred; 1:43 p.m.: suicide threats (Spring Street), transported; 1:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Robbins Road), referred to ACO; 3:10 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner;

Winchendon woman ID'd in hit and run

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A Winchendon woman has been identified as the driver of the car struck and injured a retired Templeton police officer earlier this month. Authorities say Dawn Smith was behind the wheel when she struck retired Templeton Police Sgt. Paul Schwartz while he was working a detail on State Road/Route 68 near Crotty Avenue on Thursday, April 5. Police say Smith then fled the scene after mishap, which occurred just before 9 a.m.

Witnesses stayed on the scene to assist Schwartz, who had been knocked to the ground. Templeton EMS workers checked out the retired

officer and determined he had not been seriously injured. In fact, Schwartz completed working the detail.

After the accident, Templeton police notified officers in surrounding communities to be on the lookout for a black sedan with a missing right-side mirror and being operated by a young female.

Smith's car was later found by police in Winchendon.

Smith, whose age hasn't been released, faces charges that include negligent operation, marked lanes violations, and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

She will be summoned to appear for arraignment in Winchendon District Court in Gardner on May 5.

3:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Krantz Road), referred to ACO; 5:20 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 5:34 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), transported; 6:35 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 7:09 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 8:36 p.m.: ambulance (Peggy Lane), transported; 11:14-11:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:44 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 11:59 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

12:37-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:17 a.m.: 911 hang up (Central Street), spoken to; 1:26-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:46 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), secure; 8:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 9:54 a.m.: info/general (School Street), message delivered; 10:05 a.m.: house check (High Street), services rendered; 10:36 a.m.: registration check (Ash Street), info given; 10:58 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 11:37 a.m.: mv stop (West Street), verbal warning; 1:12 p.m.: harassment (Phyllis Road), report taken; 2:17 p.m.: info/general (Goodrich Drive), property returned to owner; 2:23 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 2:42 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to; 3:55 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Spring Street), spoken to; 5:02 p.m.: investigation (Cross Street), spoken to; 5:31 p.m.: fire alarm (Front Street), services rendered; 5:36 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 7:17 p.m.: investigation (Webster Street), spoken to; 7:31 p.m.: shoplifting (Railroad Street), report taken; 10:37 p.m.: ambulance (High Street), transported; 11:49 p.m.: noise complaint (Spring Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

12:02 a.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street), transported; 1:20-1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 2:03 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Glenallan Street), no service necessary; 2:08 a.m.: 911 hang up (Hale Street), spoken to; 2:12 a.m.: smoke (Glenallan Street), assisted; 2:16 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure; 2:18 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 4:48 a.m.: assist other

PD (Gardner Road), no service necessary; 5:16 a.m.: disabled mv (Spring Street), info taken; 9:03 a.m.: mv stop (West Street), verbal warning; 9:13 a.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 9:32 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Spring Street), services rendered; 10:20 a.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 10:33 a.m.: investigation (Phyllis Road), services rendered; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 11:26 a.m.: larceny (Webster Street), report taken; 12:16 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hatch Lane), services rendered; 1:46 p.m.: property damage (Christmas Tree Lane), no service necessary; 3:09 p.m.: custody dispute (Alger Street), spoken to; 4:29 p.m.: larceny (East Street), report taken; 6:23 p.m.: property found (Teel Road), advised officer; 6:36 p.m.: unwanted party (Mill Glen Road), canceled; 7:25 p.m.: burglar alarm (Hospital Drive), secure; 8:03 p.m.: attempt to locate (Mill Glen Road), unable to locate; 8:15 p.m.: attempt to locate (Goodrich Drive), unable to locate; 8:23 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), info taken; 8:25 p.m.: investigation (Ipswich Drive), info taken; 8:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), spoken to; 8:37 p.m.: disturbance (Elmwood Road), report taken; 8:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Drive), unable to locate; 9:18 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 10:13 p.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), Crystal Wells, 34, 13 Mill Glen Road, Winchendon, larceny over \$250, arrest.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

12:03 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), report taken; 1:03 a.m.: transport (Spring Street); 1:07-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:48 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 2:23 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Hyde Park Drive), assisted; 6:56 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 7:57 a.m.: FD call (Pond Street), referred; 8:40 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street); 10:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Road), referred to ACO; 11:39 a.m.: threats (Hill Street), report taken; 11:40 a.m.: disabled mv (Spring Street), no service necessary; 12:05 p.m.: suspicious person (Spring Street), spoken to; 12:37 p.m.: larceny (Royalston Road South),

report taken; 12:44 p.m.: sex offender registration (Spruce Street), info taken; 1:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), false alarm; 2:07 p.m.: vandalism (Ash Street), report taken; 2:33 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 3:13 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), transported; 6:23 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive), assisted; 7:19 p.m.: burglar alarm (Eli Drive), accidental; 7:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Forristall Road), spoken to; 11:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), Shawn C. Augustine, 31, 117 Emerald Street, #2, Gardner, arrest based on a warrant/4 counts; Jessica Augustine, 29, 117 Emerald Street, #2, Gardner, arrest based on a warrant/2 counts.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

2:20-2:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:25 a.m.: disturbance/group (Elmwood Road), area search negative; 6:04 a.m.: bolo (town-wide), advised officer; 8:51 a.m.: assist other PD (Alger Street), unable to serve; 9:46 a.m.: keep the peace (Central Street), assisted; 10:14 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street), unable to locate; 11:53 a.m.: threats (Pearl Drive), report taken; 12:23 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Alger Street), unable to serve; 1:26 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 1:46 p.m.: noise complaint (West Street), no cause; 3:01 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Woodlawn Street), report taken; 4:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Woodlawn Street), referred to ACO; 4:16 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Alger Street), unable to serve; 4:26 p.m.: investigation; Goodrich Drive), report taken; 5:47 p.m.: investigation (West Street), report taken; 6:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (Hitchcock Road), unable to locate; 8:00 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:26 p.m.: missing person (Colonial Lane), returned home; 10:35 p.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), assisted; 10:43 p.m.: noise complaint (Beech Street), spoken to; 11:22 p.m.: transport (Central Street).

MONDAY, APRIL 23

2:21-3:19 a.m.: building check, secure; 6:47 a.m.: burglar alarm (Eli Drive), secure; 9:00 a.m.: juvenile/general (Memorial Drive), report taken; 9:07 a.m.: ambulance (Hill Street), transported; 9:45 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street); 10:18 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Pleasant Street), false alarm; 10:25 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 10:29 a.m.: ambulance (Whitney Street), transported; 10:51 a.m.: harassment (Maple Street), report taken; 11:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Beech Street); 12:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 1:36 p.m.: harassment order service (Pearl Drive), served; 2:20 p.m.: mv theft (Main Street), spoken to; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Oak Street), written warning; 5:09 p.m.: suspicious/other (Front Street), brought to station; 5:41 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Maple Street), unfounded; 5:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 7:49 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 7:54 p.m.: smoke (Ipswich Drive), referred; 8:50 p.m.: ambulance (Commercial Drive), transported; 9:09 p.m.: threats (Memorial Drive), report taken; 9:21 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Spring Street), advised officer; 9:27 p.m.: investigation (Murdock Avenue), report taken; 11:17 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Spring Street), Kathleen Benda, 27, 409 Spring Street, #4, Winchendon, arrest based on warrant; Natasha Blouin, 29, 9 Pine Terrace, Rindge, arrest based on warrant.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond A. Bussiere, 69

GARDNER — Raymond A. Bussiere, age 69, of Gardner, formerly of Winchendon and Athol, died peacefully Thursday afternoon, April 19, 2018 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Gardner, with his family at his side.



He was born in Peterborough, NH on June 3, 1948, son of the late Wilfred and Mariette (Berger) Bussiere, attended Murdock High School and lived in Winchendon and Athol for most of his life. Ray had worked as an assembler at Simplex Time Recorder at one time. He enjoyed hunting with his friend Bob, fishing and following the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox and NASCAR. He leaves his children, Raymond Whipple and his wife Kim of Manchester, NH, Nichole Martin of Athol, Stacy Hartwell and her husband Scott of

Ware, Amanda Bussiere and her boyfriend David of Gardner, Adam Bussiere and his girlfriend Elizabeth of Athol; a stepdaughter Jackie Young of Chicago; three brothers, Michael Bussiere and his wife Barbara of Winchendon, John Bussiere and his wife Marilyn of Winchendon and Keith Bussiere and his wife Darlene of Winchendon; five sisters, Jeannine Whitaker and her husband Bruce of Winchendon, Doreen Herr of Winchendon, Suzanne Schaefer and her husband Duane of Indiana, Denise Thibault and her husband Alan of Nevada and Brenda Klinger and her husband Fred of Texas; 10 grandchildren, one great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. A sister, Nancy Duffy, preceded him in death. A Celebration of Life will be held in July at a day and time to be announced. Memorial donations may be made to GVNA Hospice, 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

William C. Radovich, 78

PHILLIPSTON — William C. Radovich, age 78 of 15 Williamsville Road, formerly of Baldwinville, died peacefully Wednesday afternoon, April 18, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, with his family at his side.



He was born in Somerville on November 7, 1939, son of the late George and Angelina (Fazo) Radovich and lived for many years in Waltham and later Waverly. Bill was a resident of Templeton Developmental Center until five years ago, when he moved to Phillipston. Bill was loved by everyone. He was quick to smile, loved life and cherished his family and fellow residents and his counselors. While living in Baldwinville, Bill was a member of the hand bell choir. He loved singing and

listening to music. Bill knew the words to every Broadway musical. He enjoyed working with his colleagues at TDC and managing his own money. He also loved bright colors and going on trips. He leaves a brother, Edward Radovich of Braintree; his sister in law Susan Radovich; his niece Susanne Liebich and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; his best friend Tony Russo, his family in Phillipston, including director Molly Paine, all of the staff and his roommates Bobby, Rodney, John and Tony. A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, April 21, 2018 in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest Street, Baldwinville. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

June L. (Gauthier) Wood, 72

WINCHENDON — June L. (Gauthier) Wood, age 72, of 123 Spruce St., died peacefully Saturday afternoon, April 21, 2018 in River Terrace Nursing Home, Lancaster.



She was born in Winchendon on June 22, 1945, daughter of the late Alfred J. and Grace E. (Patch) Gauthier and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon. June was a 1963 graduate of Murdock High School. She was a very devoted housewife and mother. June was a long time member of the United Parish Church, where she had served as Sunday School superintendent, deacon and member of its Women's Fellowship. June was a Girl Scout leader for many years and had received an award from the former Winchendon Grange for her community volunteer work. She has also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and loved to read and enjoyed scrapbooking. She leaves her husband of 56 years, Ivan G. "Skip" Wood; their children, Lee

F. Wood and his wife Kim of Fitchburg, Gardner I. Wood and his wife Brandy of Winchendon, Ryan B. Wood and his wife Becca of Winchendon, Crystal McCarthy and her husband Nick of Winchendon and Christina Moomaw and her husband Brandon of Athol; his brothers and sisters, Claudette A. Vaillancourt of Winchendon, Nancy J. Wheeler of Florida, Patricia L. Lemmer of Winchendon, Alan J. Gauthier of Winchendon, Alfred J. Gauthier of Orange; twelve grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. June was preceded in death by two sons, Darren C. Wood in 1999 and Casey Michael Wood, who died at birth, and two brothers, Earl Gauthier and George Gauthier. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 27, 2018 at 1 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon. A calling hour will precede the funeral Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to United Parish, 39 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

Thomas Martin, 72

TEMPLETON — Thomas Martin, AGE 72, of 332 Otter River Road, died Friday, April 13, 2018 at home.



He was born in Ft. Valley, GA on July 8, 1945, son of the late Chaser Sr. and Ida Lee (Clemmons) Martin and lived in Templeton for many years. A graduate of Rutgers University, Tom had worked as an English teacher and guidance counselor at Narragansett Middle High School until his retirement. Tom was a former selectman for the Town of Templeton, served on many town

committees and worked at the former Templeton Developmental Center at one time. Tom proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. He was a member of the American Legion in Baldwinville, PACC of Gardner, Templeton Lions Club and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Tom also operated his own wine business from his home, Martin Farm Winery. Tom was well loved by his students and community. He was the husband of the late Carolyn Martin. Tom leaves a brother, Nathan Martin (Betty) of Warner Robins, GA; three sisters, Rosa M. Harris of Columbus, Ohio, Betty M. Porter (Cecil) of Forsyth, GA and Ceola M. Bowers of Harrisburg, PA, several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Memorial donations may be made to Narragansett Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon was entrusted with arrangements.

June A. 'June Bug' Sawyer, 87

WINCHENDON — June A. "June Bug" Sawyer, age 87, of 86 Woodlawn Street, died peacefully Wednesday afternoon, April 18, 2018 at her residence, with her family at her side.



She was born in Mt. Tabor, VT on August 13, 1930, daughter of the late Arthur and Mabel (Hall) Ackert and came to Winchendon in 1944. June worked many years ago at the former Old Dress Factory and then worked as a bartender at the former Twin Hill Cafe. Her most recent job was working as a sander at the former Boudreau Refinishing Co. She was very devoted to her family and generously took care of other people. Her husband, Maurice J. "Whitey" Sawyer, died in 1997. She leaves her

children, Wayne A. Sawyer and his wife Pattie of Winchendon, Chris A. Sawyer and his wife Linda of Winchendon, Darlene F. Carter of Winchendon and Wendy J. Gould of Athol; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her long time companion Alonzo Robichaud. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Ronald J. Sawyer and her sisters, Maycie Lemieux, Lillian Towers, Marion Dery, Maude Huntoon, Beverly Ackert, May Belle Robichaud and Sally Ann Dumont. Funeral services were held Monday, April 23, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Fire Department, 405 Central Street, Winchendon, MA. 01475.

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been amazing; she's really helped me get things going."

It was that community spirit and involvement which led Sibley to decide to serve as interim office manager at the CAC, although she did say she plans on applying for the permanent position – the title of which hasn't yet been determined – once the job is advertised. Sibley said she didn't hesitate to accept the position, even though the departure of former executive director Colleen LaPerriere and a number of volunteers had occurred under somewhat acrimonious circumstances. "I don't really know what has taken place in the past," she said, "and I don't want to know about it. I say it's a new day. They said, 'we need people to help out at the CAC' and I was there to

volunteer. Things have been great. People have been great. The public who come in here is very satisfied with the services they're receiving. It's going to be a process, what with the change of hours and other things." Sibley said anyone interested in volunteering can call the CAC at (978) 297-1667, or stop in at the center at 273 Central St. "When the food pantry is open, we are very busy," she said, "so we need people to greet people coming in, to assist them with their paper work, people to fill their grocery bags. We also need volunteers in the clothing room to show clients around in there." Sibley said the CAC will soon be "starting a resume, cover letter, application, and interview class for people looking for class. And we're going to have a separate room for attire suitable for a job interview, for both men and

women, which I think will be very beneficial. Those sorts of things really help with confidence and self esteem when it comes to landing that job you want." The food pantry, said Sibley, is open on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sibley is very familiar with the community. A native of Winchendon, she graduated from Murdock High School in 1992. She also has family in town. Sibley said she's looking forward to working at the CAC and helping people in the town where she had grown up. "The CAC has a lot to offer and my biggest priority right now is making sure my neighbors who need help are going to get it," Sibley concluded. "The CAC is here for the community, and I know the community will always be her for the CAC."

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ing narrative that reveals a great deal about an important strand of modern American life." Senator Stan Rosenberg of Amherst, who represents Royalston and other area towns, wrote: "With his journalist's eye for detail, Mr. Young guides his readers through the exotic landscapes, the tumultuous politics, the intimacies, the triumphs and inner turmoil that continue to shape his character. Left, Gay and Green is truly an American story and a poignant reminder that the journey toward self-discovery, and ultimately self-acceptance, is often arduous, but always worthwhile." Young served for many years on the board of the Athol-based Mount Grace

Land Conservation Trust, whose executive director, Leigh Youngblood, wrote this book jacket blurb: "With the insight of a journalist and charm of a story teller, Allen Young takes us behind the scenery from Glen Wild, N.Y. to Butterworth Farm. Traveling from his father's chicken farm to the Big Apple, other continents, and then 'back to the land' in the 70's, Allen eloquently champions both the great outdoors as well as the complex community members who comprise the colorful mosaic of his personal, professional, and civic lives." The book is also on sale at Haley's in Athol, Trail Head in Orange and the Country Store in Petersham. It was published through CreateSpace, a subsidiary of Amazon.com, where it can also be purchased on line.

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SPORTS

Debating the fantastic of basketball and the fate of a horse

Once upon a time, the NBA marketed its post season as being “FAN-tastic”. I remember it well for I was once a huge NBA fan. I certainly still follow the Association but not with the fervor I did when the Bullets and Knicks were engaged in playoff battles seemingly every year in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s not with the energy I did when I was a Bullets ballboy and, a) got Hondo a Snickers bar and b) was fallen on top of by the Pistons’ Otto Moore who was 6-10 but probably weighed about the same as my 15 year-old self.

The FAN-tastic marketing scheme came about the same time, I think, as Magic and Bird and then Jordan. The league had endured a rough patch publicity wise but was reawakening with these bright new stars. I don’t recall the ‘70s being a bad time — after all, the Bullets made the Finals four times in nine years and had it not been for Clyde Frazier, Willis and the rest of the pesky Knicks might

well have made it to the title round several more times. I also remember CBS having a catchy opening theme and Pat Summerall welcoming viewers to “the beautiful new Capital Centre in Landover, MD”, the Bullets’ new playpen after leaving downtown Baltimore before they eventually camped in downtown DC and changed their name to the Wizards because owner Abe Pollin didn’t like the connotation of “Bullets”.

So for the NBA perhaps it wasn’t the best era what with rumors of drug use and some not-so-nice hangers on surrounding some big names. For me, it was a golden era. The Bullets were really good and the Capital Centre was indeed new, though hardly beautiful and the parking lots were a nightmare whether you were there for hoops, hockey or concerts. I was there for more of the latter than either sport. We saw Springsteen several times, Billy Joel, Richard Pryor, the Stones



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and the Beach Boys/Chicago together. I even had a ticket connection.

I digress. Anyway, I loved the NBA back then. These days, I find the TV promos silly and trying to be too cute by half. But the games have been good. I pay little to no attention to the interminable regular season but I have watched some of the post season. It’s been remarkable to see LeBron play one on five against the Pacers. The young Sixers are arguably the most entertaining team in pro sports, period. I couldn’t name you a single player on the Utah Jazz, though I certainly know their coach Quinn Snyder since he’s

a Dookie. That said, the Jazz, whose nickname fit much better when the franchise was in New Orleans, are seemingly having their way with the individual as opposed to team superstar-laden OKC Thunder and even though we know how the story is likely to end come June with yet another Warriors championship, it’s actually been fun to watch.

I’m really a college hoops fan but the one-and-dones, and prematurely leaving sophs and juniors are turning me off as are the nefarious agents and shoe company boosters and the NCAA’s refusal to let more mid-majors into their March party. So I’ve watched some NBA and while it wouldn’t use the word “FAN-tastic”, I haven’t been bored, either.

Apparently a lot of folks were bored by the 21-pitch at bat the Giants’ Brandon Belt had last week against a rookie Oakland pitcher. While I agree the games in general need to be faster, I

thought this 12-minute AB, which I saw condensed into 30-seconds, was the second coolest thing I’ve seen this young season. Only the Ohtani saga surpasses it.

Finally this. You may have heard about the horse Gronkowski who, yes, is named after the Patriots tight end, who even bought a share of the colt. Gronk the horse was scheduled to run in next Saturday’s 144th Kentucky Derby even though he would have zero chance seeing that all his races in Europe have been no more than a mile, substantially less than 1 1/4 mile Derby, and some a straightaway mile at that. The notion to bring him here where he’d have to run two turns counter clockwise with almost 200,000 people screaming at him was an insane idea. It turns out he’s not coming because he spiked a fever. His connection’s new game-plan? Prep him for the 1 1/2 mile Belmont Stakes. Unbelievable. See you next week.

Second meet has Murdock dominating

Second meet of the season is into the book and the Murdock boys and girls dominated the visiting West Boylston teams on a beautiful afternoon Monday.

The girls team won 90 to 40. The Murdock girls team won every event with the exception of the relays. Alexia Allard earned 20 points winning 4 events long jump, triple jump, 100m and 200m. Lilly Digman tallied 18 points winning 400m, 800m, javelin and placed second in high jump. Briahna Bouchard earned 16 points with wins in the 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles and placing second in both the long and triple jumps. Nobaleigh Laraba earned 15 points with first place finishes in the 2 mile, shotput and discus, while the Demanche sisters, Paige and Hannah, both tallied points of their own. Paige won the high jump and placed second in the 400 hurdles.

Hannah won the 1 mile and placed second in the 800m. Third place finishes for the blue devils were by Kaitlyn Tamulen in the 2 mile and Rachael Legault in the 400m.

State qualifiers for the girls team as of 4/23/18 are Alexia Allard in the 100m, 100 hurdles, 200m, triple jump and long jump, Paige Demanche in the high jump and Briahna Bouchard in the triple jump.

On the boys’ side, the blue devils ran over the visit West Boylston team. The Murdock boys swept the 110 hurdles, 1 mile, 400m, 800m, long jump and triple jump. Leading the way was Adam Digman who tallied 20 points winning long jump, discus, 110 hurdles and 400 hurdles. Richard Swanson earned 15 points winning the shot put, 400m and 800m. Dylan Lupien won the 2 mile, placed second in the javelin and third in the 800m, Steven Ingman

placed first in the 1 mile, second in the 800m and third in the javelin. The boys’ 4x100 consisting of the Thira brothers (Ryan and Justin), Logan Huff and Kevin Pesce won in easy fashion while the 4x400m of Cameron LaPlaca, Jason Ingman, Andrew Race and Justin Manuel also eased to victory. Senior Sean Wilson had a stand out day placing second in the 200m as well as the 400m. Ryan Thira placed first in the 200m and second in the high jump and triple jump, while younger brother Justin got the best of him winning the triple jump, placing second in the long jump and earning a third in the 100m.

Other notable top finishers were Moequetsi Molai finishing third in the 110 hurdles, Andrew Race third in the 1 mile, Cameron Laplaca third in the 400m, Kevin Pesce second in the discus and third in the 400 hurdles,



Photo courtesy Sally Huff

Dylan Lupien running the 2 mile

Logan Huff second in the 110 hurdles and third in the long jump and high jump, and Jameson

Rushia third in the triple jump. State qualifiers for the boys so far are Adam

Digman in the 110 hurdles and Richard Swanson in the 400m.

Spring sports (finally) underway

The Spring track team is off to a great start! Despite a loss to Narragansett by both the girls and boys teams on April 12, the Blue Devils still produced multiple event winners: Adam Digman in the 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, and discus; Richard Swanson in the 400m and shot put; Steven Ingman in the 1 mile; Ryan Thira in the long jump and triple jump; Alexia Allard in the 100 hurdles, long jump and triple jump; Lilly Digman in the javelin, 400m and 800m; Briahna Bouchard in the 400 hurdles.

Specific information regarding the Blue Devils win over West Boylston on Monday, April 22 can be found in a separate column in this issue.

The varsity baseball team (0-2) was finally able to get back on the field on Monday after several games were rescheduled due to poor field conditions. Despite strong defense over the first 3 innings, the Blue Devils struggled at the plate, ultimately losing to Ayer-Shirley in a 5 inning mercy rule game.

The varsity softball team (1-2) also played against Ayer-Shirley on Monday afternoon. Emily Smith pitched a complete game, striking out 6, walking 3 and allowing 7 hits. The Lady Blue Devils also struggled at the plate, going hitless for the first 5 innings. Things got interesting in the bottom of the 6th inning when, trailing by a score of 5-0, the home team was able to produce 3 hits (Maria Polcari, Jocelyn Garner, Victoria St. Hilaire) and score 2 runs. The Blue Devils threatened again in the bottom of the 7th inning with runners in scoring position but were unable to produce additional runs.

Upcoming Events at Murdock:
4/27/18 (Today) - JV Softball - 3:30
4/30/18 - Varsity Baseball/Softball - 3:30
5/1/18 - Middle School Baseball/Softball - 3:30

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5/2/18 - Varsity Baseball/Softball - 3:30
Middle School Track Meet - 4:00
5/3/18 - Middle School Baseball/Softball - 3:30
Varsity Softball at the American Legion - 6:00
5/4/18 - JV Softball - 3:30
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Have a great week! Go Blue Devils!



Sue Polcari photo

Mitchell Charland squares off for a bunt in a recent game

SPRING WELCOMED WITH 5K

The Clark Memorial YMCA held a Spring Fling 5K last weekend, and despite chilly weather, plucky runners took to the streets to get break in the racing season.



Greg Vine photos

Participants in Saturday's Spring Fling 5-K at the Clark Memorial YMCA await the starting horn.



No looking back. Runners leave the starting gate at the Clark Memorial YMCA's Spring Fling 5-K Saturday morning.

Devils pitching have rough outing

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On Monday afternoon the Murdock Blue Devils hosted the Ayer-Shirley Panthers at home. The Devils would look to get their first win of the season but the pitching for the Devils had a rough outing as the Panthers cruised to a 14-2 victory in five innings of play. After getting the first two outs of the first inning the Panthers a couple runners on base and into scoring position, and later in the top of the first picked up their first run of the game to take a 1-0 lead. On to the bottom half of the first Jack Polcari lead off the inning

with an infield single. Mitch Charland would come up to bat next and work a walk to get on base with no outs. Alec Barrows would be the first out of the inning as he would pop out. His brother Austin Barrows would bat clean up and took a pitch to center to drive in Polcari for an RBI single and to tie the game 1-1. On a wild pitch by the Panthers, Charland would come across to score his team's second run. As the first inning came to an end the Devils would have a 2-1 lead. To lead off the second inning Ayer got a runner on base taking a single into left. After the base runner reaching for the

Panthers Polcari got the next batter to ground out into a double play. With two outs in the inning the Panthers would tie the game 2-2. Donovan Rudy would make a routine fly catch in right field to end the top of the second. Tony Wolski lead off the bottom half with a lead off single and stole two bases in the inning. Alex Marshal and Polcari both reached base in the inning with a walk. It would load up the bases for Charland but would pop out for the first out. Then Alec Barrows would have a chance to try to bring in runs but would ground out to end the inning as the Devils would leave the bases loaded,

heading into the third inning. In the top half of the third the Panthers would strike for another run to reclaim the lead 3-2, they would look for more runs but would fail to do so. The score would remain 3-2 until the fourth inning, which is when the Panthers exploded for eight runs and knocking Polcari out of the game to take an 11-2 lead. All afternoon the Devils would struggle to bring in runs, this time leaving Polcari stranded. The Panthers grabbed three more runs in the top of the fifth to take a 14-2 lead and would put down the Devils in the bottom of the fifth for a victory.

Polcari pitched 3 and 1/3 innings-striking out one, six hits, and six runs. Zach Richards pitched a 1/3 of an inning-one hit and five earned runs. And Austin Barrows pitched 1 and 1/4 innings-two strikeouts, two hits, and three runs. For the Devils offensively: Polcari (1 for 1-single, two walks), Austin Barrows (1 for 3-single), Sam Drake(1 for 2-single), and Tony Wolski (2 for 2-2 singles). Weather permitting Murdock was back in action on Wednesday. Today they travel to West Boylston for a 3:30 game and looking to pick up their first win.

Open house for new school this weekend

Come celebrate this special moment. The Village School began in S. Athol in 1989 as a preschool, started by local parents looking for hands-on, nature based education. Moving to Royalston Common in 1998, the school grew due to parent demand, and developed its own curriculum serving preschool through the 6th grade as an independent elementary school. Now after almost 20 years in Royalston, the school is building its own permanent home, on the wooded rural Camp Caravan campus, to serve area children. The new building opens this fall. Village School graduates attend a variety of colleges, including Harvard, Yale, Berklee College of Music, many colleges in the Northeast and beyond, art schools, farming schools and more, depending on their focus and passion. For more of the Village School story, go to www.villageschoolma.org Come see the progress of the new Village School building in Royalston

on Saturday April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stand in the five classrooms and imagine children learning in all the light. Children and families are very welcome. Take informal teacher-led tours through the large, light filled rooms Meet the architects, the builder and the building supervisor Children can explore the Camp Caravan pond with science teacher and biologist Cathy Szal Listen to brief remarks at noon, followed by pizza Meet Village School alumni The Village School challenges children to develop their talents, celebrates their uniqueness, and champions cooperative learning. The Village School is an affordable independent school with strong financial aid for families as needed. For more information, email rise@villageschoolma.org or call 978 249 3505 newspapers:



Courtesy photo
Students of Village School celebrating spring.

Adventure in the auditorium

Last week during school vacation, Beals Memorial Library held a program at the Winchendon Town Hall auditorium welcoming Animal Adventures Family Zoo and Rescue Center of Bolton. A boisterous crowd of families enjoyed the program, sponsored by the Friends of Beals and the Winchendon Cultural Council.

Greg Vine photos



Becky the chinchilla was a hit with the kids at April vacation's presentation by Animal Adventures at Winchendon's town hall auditorium.

Some youngster managed to summon up the courage to give Eclipse the pine snake a pat or two at Animal Adventures' event

The bunny Butterscotch was among the critters who captivated a large, boisterous crowd of youngsters at the Winchendon Town Hall auditorium on Wednesday of April vacation. Dozens of children and their parents showed up for the presentation by Animal Adventures Family Zoo and Rescue Center of Bolton



A terrapin turtle makes the rounds during the Animal Adventures presentation at town hall.

ART IN THE OPEN AND IN A SHOW



Bruce Dean photo

An example of plein air art done in the past.

To increase appreciation of the Millers River's scenic beauty and stimulate artistic growth, the Millers River Watershed Council and the Athol Public Library are pleased to co-sponsor the second annual Millers River Plein-Air Paint-In and Show. A free outdoor painting/drawing workshop will be held Saturday, May 5 in South Royalston from 9 am to noon with instructor Tom Kellner, near the Birch Hill Dam Picnic Area off Route 68. Check with Tom for

details, and if you need materials, at Tomkellner12@gmail.com. Members of the public are invited to submit plein-air (outdoor) works for a show that will run at the Athol Public Library during June. Submissions must be landscape-related drawings or paintings of some aspect of the Millers River. For submission details, contact the instructor or view the MRWC website's homepage at millerswatershed.org.





A group of Brownies take part in Earth Day.



The Winchendon School students were hard at work at several areas around Winchendon picking up debris.



From left health agent Jim Abare, Monomac Lake Association President Paul Barnicle and Board of Health Chairman Lionel Cloutier were available to hand out gloves and trashbags.

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some complaints from people who said the street in front of their home or business didn't get cleaned up but, let's face

it, 66 people aren't going to clean up the whole town in six hours. You can't please everybody, I guess. I think all our people did a fantastic job."

Cloutier, who has organized all five cleanups thus far, said he may well be handing off that responsibility to some-

one else next year.

"I don't know who that'll be," he said, "but my doctor said I need to start slowing down a little. I want to remain active with the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission, for now at least. But I hate to say someone else

may have to take over next year. I sure hope we find someone because not only does this help to clean up the town, it also brings people together – people who may not even know each other – to do something good for the town where they all live."

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enough space for his house to be rebuilt. "Winchendon sometimes seems secluded," mused Murphy. "You can forget the big picture but this trip was both heartbreaking and heartwarming. Seeing how terrible things were for some people there, especially in the country away from San Juan was heart-breaking, it was really sad, but it was heartwarming to see how excited the man we helped was."

"I'd been looking forward to... (the trip) since last summer," noted Benedict. "I was really surprised to see how many people we talked to weren't happy with FEMA. They told us some of the FEMA people acted more like tourists rather than being there to help. I think they were surprised by our work ethic."

"A lot of the people were really positive. That was amazing," said Kiberd-

Pervier, "so it was really rewarding to be able to help them."

The quartet joined students from Leominster High School and MHS Spanish teacher Ofelia Maskowich on the journey. The entourage flew from Boston to Baltimore then to San Juan, and for Kiber-Pervier, it was her first plane ride.

"I'd never been out of New England," she acknowledged.

While a good part of Puerto Rico beyond the capital city remains in chaos, that wasn't the case in San Juan proper.

"We had one 24-hour blackout but the hotel had generators," said Benedict.

Maybe there were doubts about some FEMA workers, but island natives found these students quite willing to work hard. Cleaning the debris from a hurricane takes serious physical exertion.

"It was hard work," shrugged Murphy, "but we were helping and

that's what mattered."

"I think they might have been surprised to see women doing that," speculated Kiberd-Pervier.

And was there a language barrier? "We had prepped in Spanish," laughed Benedict, "and once when we ordered food, the waiter said we did a good job. It was kind of a teaching lesson."

The group had a local tour guide whom Maskowich labeled "excellent" and he was able to improvise when needed.

"Meeting new people was really fun," said Polcari.

There was time for some fun, too. The girls were able to kayak and snorkel, too.

"We drove the boat," stressed Murphy.

To be eligible for the trip, students were required to maintain good grades and show up at school every day.

"They were mature and responsi-

ble about doing those and they were mature and responsible when we were there," said Maskowich.

"My grandparents suggested it for me," Murphy reflected. "I'm glad they did."

It all left an impression. "You can't imagine what it's really like until you're there," said Benedict.

"A lot of San Juan is back to 'normal', but we saw a lot of places that aren't even close," recalled Polcari.

The trip also made them want to return at some point.

"Definitely," enthused Kiberd-Pervier as the other three nodded in agreement.

"I think they were sorry to leave," said Maskowich. "They've changed. I'm sure you're going to see them giving back to their communities, wherever they wind up living. They have always been active in school and around their local community, but they're going to leave their mark."



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Murdock schools announce honor roll

WINCHENDON — The following students have earned a place on the third term honor roll at Murdock High School and Murdock Academy for Success.	GRADE 9 Honors: Joseph Bonaccolto.	GRADE 10 High Honors: Andrew Cormier and Jacob Sargent. Honors: Kalib Montgomery.	GRADE 11 Isaiah Walsh MHS GRADE 9 Highest Honors: John Maloney, Jonathan Polcari, and Julio Rodriguez. High Honors: Allison Cobiski and Abigail Leahy. Honors: Briahna Bouchard, Tyler Goodwin, Paige Lafrennie, Joseph Marobella, Lexi Pare, Philip Quinn,	Lauren Serratore, Justin Thira and Logan Wilson. GRADE 10 Highest Honors: Hannah Demanche, Timothy Jinn, Mikayla Rueda, and Cassandra Wightman. High Honors: Juliana Nolan. Honors: Owen Benedict, Maclean Brimhall, Rylee Brooks, Patrick Cortis, Paige Demanche, Kayla Dyer, Jose Gamez Lucero, Erica Lashua,	Lauralle Michaud, Morgan Pace, Riya Patel, Cassidy Stadfeld, Grace Sutherland, Kara Vongchairueng, and Joseph Williams. GRADE 11 Highest Honors: Sirena Caputi. High Honors: Yang Yi Chen, Lindsey O'Toole, Timmy Quinn, and Lindsey Smith. Honors: Kaileen Dibble, Lindsey Gemme, Britney	Jackson, Maria Polcari, Kipper Prouty, Ashley Signa, Emily Smith, Ryan Thira, Anthony Wolski and Matthew Casavant. GRADE 12 Highest Honors: Alexander Marshall, Michaela Benedict. High Honors: Jacob Carter. Honors: Alexandra Hartwell, Katelynn Hutton, Shyla Palmer, Tiana Taylor, Ariana Berman, Jacob Woodard, Jared Woodard.
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MWCC STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO ALPHA BETA GAMMA HONOR SOCIETY

GARDNER — Fifteen students from Mount Wachusett Community College were inducted into the Chi Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Beta Gamma international business honor society recently.

The honor society recognized the hard work and effort of the students at an induction ceremony in mid-April.

Alpha Beta Gamma was established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among students at two-year colleges, provide leadership training opportunities and career assistance to members. To be eligible for membership into the honor society, students must be enrolled in a business curriculum, have completed 15 academic credit hours in a specific degree program and demonstrate academic excellence by attaining a grade point average of 3.0 or above. At MWCC, the programs include business administration, paralegal studies, computer information systems, graphic & interactive design and medical assisting.

Courtesy photos

The newest members of the Chi Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Beta Gamma international business honor society pose following their induction into the organization. Pictured from left to right in the back row are Veronica Guay (Honorary Gift recipient), Linda Bolduc (advisor), new members Nathalie Castro, Megan Skinner, Lisa Ferrara Caron, Kaitlyn Fales, Jacquelyn Vokey. In the middle row are new members Wendy Newcomb, Ismael Berroa Jr., Gina Vilayphone, Meredith Brown, Jim Bellina (Keynote Speaker, President and CEO Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce), and ABG President Tammy Goodgion. In the front row are new members Jennifer Smith, Charles Bell, Suzanne Eglington. Not Pictured are new members Emmanuel Adu, Suzanne Eglington, Tyler O'Brien, and Donna Songer.



The Alpha Beta Gamma inductees for 2018 are:

Athol: Donna Songer; Fitchburg: Ismael Berroa Jr.,

Nathalie Castro, and Jennifer Smith; Gardner: Charles Bell and Meredith Brown. Leominster: Emmanuel Adu and Jacquelyn Vokey. Lunenburg: Tyler O'Brien and Wendy

Newcomb. Templeton: Suzanne Eglington; Townsend: Kaitlyn Fales; Westminster: Lisa Ferrara-Caron and Gina Vilayphone; Winchendon: Megan Skinner.

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Dolores T. Donovan to Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, dated July 21, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39566, Page 132 subsequently assigned to Sparta GP Holding REO CORP by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wachovia Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51763, Page 333 and subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Sparta GP Holding REO CORP. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58465, Page 298; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on May 11, 2018 at 6 Crosby Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain Parcel of Land situated on the Northerly side of Crosby Road, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts as being shown as Lot "1" on a Plan Entitled: Plan of Lots surveyed for Steven J. Bibeau, (Applicant and Record Owner), Winchendon, MA, March 22, 2002, SZOC Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St, Gardner, MA" Recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 795 Plan 41 to which plan reference may be made for a More Particular Description. Lot 1 contains 2.145 Acres more or less according to said Plan. Subject to Declaration of Fill easement dated December 2, 2003 Recorded with said Deeds at Book 32427 Page 48. Subject to an easement to New England Telephone Company dated October 22, 1999, Recorded with said Deeds in Book 22063 Page 124. Subject to an easement to Verizon and Massachusetts Electric dated September 19, 2002, Recorded with said Deeds in Book 27790, Page 17.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the

bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.** Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 17-002861 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018 May 4, 2018

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 Craig A. Larson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services L.P., dated July 22, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36867, Page 384 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services, L.P., its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its successors or assigns dated May 10, 2012 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49067, Page 378, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 80 Lakeshore Drive, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on May 18, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings and other improvements thereon, located on the southerly side of Lake

Shore Drive in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as "other land of Robert Van Dyke" on a plan of land entitled, "Revised Plan of Lots and Lake Shore Drive, Prepared for Robert Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA, February 23, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA" recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 704, Plan 26, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the southerly line of Lake Shore Drive at the northeasterly corner of the lot herein conveyed, at the northwesterly corner of land formerly of Robert Van Dyke shown as Lot "J" on said plan; thence S. 87° 04' 00" E., by said Lot "J", 385 feet, more or less, to a point at the shoreline of Millers River (North Branch); thence In a westerly direction, by the shoreline of Millers River, crossing a 20-foot wide easement shown on said plan, 315 feet, more or less, to a point at the southeasterly corner of Revised Lot "18" shown on said plan; thence N. 17° 20' 00" W., by said Revised Lot "18" and partly by the westerly line of said easement, 54 feet, more or less, to a point; thence N. 52° 48' 10" W., still by said Revised Lot "18", 250.06 feet to a point in the southeasterly line of Lake Shore Drive; thence By the southerly line of Lake Shore Drive, by a curve to the left whose radius is 199.78, a distance of 54.882 feet, more or less, to a point on said line of Lake Shore Drive at the place of beginning.

The above described premises are conveyed subject to a 20-foot wide easement as shown on said plan. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying a portion of the premises conveyed to grantor by deed of Emmett T. Jeffers Family Trust-1991, dated January 30, 1995, recorded in said Deeds, Book 16861, Page 111.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36867, Page 382.

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.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price

payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Larson, Craig A., 16-027648 April 20, 2018 April 27, 2018 May 4, 2018

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 009003 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Donald A. Devarney Jr.
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §3901 *et seq.*
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 28 Juniper Street, given by Donald A. Devarney Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., dated February 9, 2016, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54917, Page 237, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's 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 **MAY 21 2018** 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 APR 4 2018

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