



## New recruits get valuable training

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

New recruits and veterans of the Winchendon Fire Department, with members of the Templeton Fire Department, donated their weekend to gain lifesaving experience in a joint training exercise.

Practicing at a training facility provided by the Gardner Fire Department, eight new WFD recruits lead by WFD Lt. Bryan Vaine, FF/Paramedic Andrew Harding and others, were able to utilize two 40 foot steel containers joined to simulate being inside dwelling, filled with bales of straw and wooden pallets providing both a fire and a heavy smoke.

WFD Chief Tom Smith said, "The new recruits are learning house fire tactics, ventilation tactics, extinguishment tactics, search and rescue, along with more hands on experience. We put a lot of the aspects of the training they received over the last three to four months in the classroom to use hands on. Now that the good weather is here, we are going to try to get them outside to do more of the practical stuff. We want them all to gain knowledge, and further continue to gain it."

Crawling into the smoke filled "build-

ing," recruits navigated their way on their hands and knees with axes and picks while finding their way through and around live fire obstacles, all the while searching for a missing or trapped person in the fire represented by a human sized dummy.

Instructors and higher officers took full advantage of every opportunity to advise, instruct, critique, and point out any mistakes made during the practice runs.

New TFD Chief David Dickie, who has been a fireman 26 years took over the Chief's position for Templeton on April 1. Dickie, who said he was more than happy to help neighboring town's fellow fire fighters said, "We are here to gladly provide whatever they need from us."

Dickie said, "We can never train together jointly enough. Anything that we really do is together on a fire scene. To be able to actually train together, is some of the best training we can actually do especially for the new recruits. To get experience dealing with the heat and smoke, you actually can't get better live fire training teaching them skills they are going to use the rest of their careers."

Recruit Troy Ashmore is a third gen-



Photo by Keith Kent

New recruits entering through a door held by Chief Tom Smith into a simulated house fire.

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## Walsh, Hickey push for sally port

BY GREG VINE  
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*Sally Port (n.) - The space between two automatic doors into a jail pod. The place where prisoners wait to be escorted to various parts of the jail. (UrbanDictionary.com)*

Article 7 of Monday's annual town meeting warrant asks voters to "appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$691,000" for the addition of a sally port to the rear of the town's new police station. When plans for the facility were part of the original proposal to renovate the former Winchendon District Court into the police station, the estimated cost was set at around \$400,000.

Town Manager Keith Hickey explained that the cost of materials and labor have increased since the original plans were drawn up, while Police Chief David Walsh says the proposed addition will consist of more than a simple garage with an automatic door at each end.

In a discussion of financing for the proposal, Hickey said much of the cost will be covered by a grant from the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation. In a meeting with representatives of the foundation, Hickey said the town had originally asked for in excess of \$560,000 for the construction. The board of directors, however, balked at that amount, but added they would likely be willing to provide a half-million dollars for the project "with some buy-in from the town."

"They wanted to see that the town was willing to support this," he said.

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## Big week for Smith's Country Cheese

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT



Greg Vine photo

Samantha Catline, age 2, is a walking advertisement for her family's business, Smith's Country Cheese. More photos page 11

It was a big week for Jake and Allie Catlin, the new owners of Smith's Country Cheese, the Winchendon business which has been operation since 1985.

On Sunday, the Catlins celebrated the grand opening of the business under their ownership. They were joined by members of the Winchendon Community and Economic Development Steering Committee for a ribbon cutting. Also on hand was former owner Dave Smith, Winchendon Town Manager Keith Hickey, and selectmen Barbara Anderson, Austin Cyganiewicz, and Mike Barbaro.

Despite predictions the area could see a little rain Sunday, big crowds were on hand for the event, which included a number of local vendors, including the Wachusett Brewery, the Gardner Ale House, the Farm at Baptist Common, and the Hardwick Vineyard Winery. Mike Melendez provided music, with additional entertainment by Eddie Raymond. And good luck was on the Catlins' side as the weather stayed pleasant for the entire day.

Wednesday saw a visit from U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas (D-Lowell), Gerry Palano, of the state Department of Agriculture's Energy Program, and Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Pres. Jim Bellina. Town Manager Hickey was also on hand for the visit.

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## Haddad Discusses Override Proposals

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon School District officials, teachers, staff, and many local parents are hoping voters at Monday's annual town meeting will approve one of two proposed Proposition 2 ½ overrides in order to avoid the loss of any teachers and a subsequent increase in class sizes, particularly at the middle and high schools. A majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, however, have recommended the defeat of both articles.

One override proposal would provide the district with just over \$240,000. Information provided by Haddad says this amount would allow the retention of five teaching positions, although some support personnel would still be subject to layoffs.

The second plan, costing over \$417,000, would, according to Haddad, prevent the layoff of any school department employees, while providing the funds needed to "meet the needs of all students."

This week, The Courier sat down with Haddad to discuss the override proposals and the potential impact on the district if both should go down to defeat.

Q: Many residents of Winchendon are wondering why, with a steady decline in student population, there hasn't been a corresponding decline in the amount of staff, including teachers.

A: Before I was in this chair, what we heard was we were heavily administratively. We had superintendent, assistant superintendent, director of instructional support, special ed director, curriculum coordinator, and then we had a principal and assistant principal at every school. We no longer have assistant principal, there's no longer director of instructional support or curriculum director, and now the elementary schools don't even have assistant principals. At the middle school, we do have an assistant principal, but her responsibilities are greater.

Q: When it comes to convincing voters to support either one of the overrides, how do you convince them that class size is a real issue?

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## Opioid crisis topic of forum

BY GREG VINE  
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WINCHENDON — Nearly 50 people attended a forum on opioid abuse held at the Murdock High School auditorium last week. The Winchendon Community Safety Forum, entitled "Opioid Use and Abuse: Addressing the Crisis," was sponsored by Worcester County District Attorney Joe Early's Central Massachusetts Opioid Task Force.

In his opening remarks, Early said there were 215 overdose deaths in

**"We're trying to get the message out that we won't prosecute you if you report an overdose."**

Worcester County last year. Statistics provided by Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh indicate that six of those deaths occurred in Winchendon, where there was a total of 38 drug overdoses in 2016.

According to the state Department of

Public Health, the number of opioid-related death statewide exploded from 918 just four years ago, to nearly 2,000 in 2016.

While decrying the devastation wrought by the crisis throughout central Massachusetts, the county's top prosecutor did not call for stricter law enforcement or a crackdown on drug users. Instead, Early said dealing with the issue "calls for compassion."

"Drug addiction is a disease," he said. "It is not a moral failing, even though

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WEEKLY QUOTE

*Inject a few raisins of conversation into the tasteless dough of existence.*

— O. Henry

# Firefighters anxious to holler fore

BY: KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Members of the Winchendon Fire Department are happy to announce the 3rd annual Winchendon Fire Relief Association Golf Tournament fundraiser will be held on May 20, at the Templewood Golf Course in Templeton.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$100 per person, or \$400 for a team of four. Included for each participant is a BBQ steak dinner courtesy of the Kamaloh of East Templeton, a polo shirt by East Coast Emergency Outfitters, and a one year subscription to Golf Digest magazine.

This year's biggest possible grand prize is once again provided courtesy of Tighe Mathieu and Mathieu Ford. As part of the events "Hole in One Tournament" a hole in one at hole 16 will grant one very lucky person a free three year lease on a 2017 Ford Escape SE AWD SUV which includes the monthly vehicle payment, sales tax, and excise tax.

Along with the possible grand prize, Mathieu Ford has also sponsored three addi-

tional hole in one prizes to be posted at random par-3 holes including a 50 inch flat screen HD television, Apple Play TV 64 GB streaming device, and a Sonos Wi-Fi enabled speaker system which lets you pick and play a song from any device in the room.

Stepping up as this year's tournament Platinum sponsors making donations of \$500 or more are Mathieu Ford, Athol Savings Bank, Dunkin' Donuts of Templeton, East Coast Emergency Outfitters, and Wachusett Brewery of Westminster who will also be providing free tastings during the length of the event.

In addition, over 50 great raffle prizes are up for grabs. Prizes worth \$100 or more are donated by Eastern Propane, Colonial Co-operative Bank, Chair City Oil, Belletetes, P.J. Albert, Inc Paving & Excavating, EFS Fire/Rescue Repair, and Advance Auto with many others donating gift cards of \$25. Also to be raffled are barbecue grills by both Lowe's Home Improvement and Aubuchon Hardware, Home Depot wet/dry vac, an electric chipper and saw by Dupuis, a leaf blower backpack by Padula Brothers,

a 3 month membership to the MWCC gym, and much more.

Proceeds generated by the tournament for the Fire Fighters Relief Association will go towards two \$500 scholarships for Murdock High School seniors, the donation of educational materials for Fire Prevention Week, and the purchasing of wearable Halloween lights to keep children safe and visible during trick or treat. Additionally, sponsoring of Clark Memorial sports programs, as well as assistance in the Christmas toy drive for needy children will be supported.

WFD Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Harding wanted to say, "Please come and support your local fire department, and its endeavors to be able to better help support our town and community. We deeply appreciate all the support by sponsors, those making donations, and everybody who will play in our fundraising tournament. We really look forward to seeing you all there."

If you are interested in supporting the event and making a donation, funds can be mailed directly to:

Winchendon Firefighters



Keith Kent photo

A hole in one could get you a Ford Escape SE AWD, as Sean Higgins and Tighe Mathieu of Mathieu Ford at left were willing to back up that hedge for the upcoming golf tournament benefitting the WFD. At right are Andrew Harding and James Lachance of the WFD. There are several raffle items on the line, but the Ford is the pinnacle.

Relief Association, PO Box 453 Winchendon, MA 01475

If interested in donating via PayPal on the internet you can go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and enter the email address of [wfdrelief@gmail.com](mailto:wfdrelief@gmail.com) and

specify "Golf Tournament" in the memo section.

Merchandise, gift cards, and more are gladly also accepted. For any questions please call Andrew Harding at (978)230-6911.

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## Office of Senator Anne Gobi May office hours

Tyler Wolanin, District aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of May. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at [tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov](mailto:tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov), or call (508) 641-3502. Appointments are encouraged so that information on cancellations can be shared.

**Monday, May 15**  
New Braintree Town Hall, noon-1 p.m.  
Barre Municipal Building, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Hubbardston Town Hall, 3-4 p.m.  
Templeton Town Hall, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Phillipston Town Hall, 6-7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 16**  
Brimfield Senior

Center, 11 a.m.-noon  
Wales Senior Center, 12:10-1 p.m.  
Holland Town Hall, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 17**  
Warren Municipal Building, 11 a.m.-noon  
West Brookfield Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Brookfield Town Hall, 2-3 p.m.  
Ashby Town Hall, 6-7 p.m.  
**Monday, May 22**  
Paxton Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon  
Spencer Howe

Village, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
East Brookfield, 2-3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 24**  
Charlton Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon  
Sturbridge Town Hall, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Monson Town Hall, 2-3 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 30**  
Oakham Senior Center, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
North Brookfield Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon  
Rutland Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

## Foundation searches for applicants for youth program

WORCESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for its Youth for Community Improvement program. Entering its 18th year, YCI has engaged over 180 teens from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds since 1999 and has awarded over \$285,000 to over 70 nonprofit organizations in Worcester County. The only non-school, youth grant making committee in Worcester County, YCI empowers area teens to make important funding decisions in the community and develop grant making and leadership skills.

"Each year, the young people in YCI work together to create opportunities and positive impact in our community through grant making," said Sarah Shugrue, GWCF program officer. "Throughout their journey together, they develop a deeper understanding of the assets and challenges in their community, the workings of nonprofit organizations, and are able to reflect on their values and views. The YCI Class is an impeccable example of the powerful difference empowered young people can make in our community."

Fall 2017 high school sophomores and juniors in Worcester County who are motivated to make a difference in the

community and are interested in teamwork are encouraged to apply. Please note: YCI members must be available Wednesdays 4-7 p.m. Sept. 13 to Dec. 13 and Saturday Sept. 9.

Applications must be received online by June 2. For more information, please contact Sarah Shugrue at [sshugrue@greaterworcester.org](mailto:sshugrue@greaterworcester.org) or (508) 755-0980.

Just finishing its 16th year, YCI has engaged nearly 200 teens from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds since 1999 and awarded approximately \$310,000 to 75 nonprofit organizations in Worcester County.

Greater Worcester Community Foundation unites people from diverse sectors to create positive change within our region. Created and built by local individuals, this permanent endowment is used to create personal and lasting legacies that improve lives and conditions within the community. Established in 1975, the Foundation has awarded more than \$100 million to cultural educational, human service and civic organizations. Today, the Foundation stewards a charitable endowment exceeding \$140 million in over 600 named funds, all created by local citizens. For more information, visit [www.greaterworcester.org](http://www.greaterworcester.org).

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### KITTY KORNER

Fluffy a beautiful 7 year old girl that was given up by a family because they could no longer care for her. She is very sweet, loves affection, and enjoys being brushed. We think she would do best in a quiet home.

Fluffy has been examined by a veterinarian, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

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

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# COURIER CAPSULES

**MYSTERY MONTH:** May is "Mystery Month" at the Beals Memorial Library in Winchendon and the staff will be celebrating all month long with displays, raffles for newly released mystery novels, and an author's visit from acclaimed mystery writer, Archer Mayor. To participate, all patrons have to do is check out a mystery novel during the month. All mystery lovers should drop by or call the library at (978) 297-0300 for more information.

## Saturday, May 13

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

## Sunday, May 14

**INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON:** The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

## Tuesday, May 16

**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.

## Wednesday, May 17

**BINGO!** Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's

inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

## Thursday, May 18

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

## Friday, May 19

**OPENING NIGHT: GALA 2017** annual spring Art Show with live music opening reception and art awards 6-9 p.m. Show and reception at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Show runs May 19-21. More info and to enroll, [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org).

## Saturday, May 20

**OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES:** Please join us at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street on Saturday, May 20 from 9-11 a.m. as we collect and package donations to send to our military members who have ties to the town of Winchendon. Please look on our Facebook page - Operation Winchendon Cares for more information or on our website - [www.winchendoncares.com](http://www.winchendoncares.com). We are always in need of monetary donations to help offset the costs of the cookies and postage.

Please remember that as the temperatures start to rise, do not drop off items that could melt, like chocolate.

## Thursday, May 25

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

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN:** On Thursday, May 25 at Unitarian

Universalist Church of Winchendon for a hearty dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. We can always use more volunteers! If you'd like to help with set-up, come to the church around 4 p.m. If you want to help with serving, come at around 5:15 p.m. so we can go over any special protocols for the night's menu. Clean-up starts around 6:15 p.m. and is usually done shortly after 7 p.m. Volunteers have a chance to sit down to socialize and enjoy the meal.

## Saturday, June 3

**PLANT SALE:** The Winchendon Garden Club is having a Plant and Bake Sale at the Winchendon History Culture Center Toy Museum, 135 Front St., on June 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most plants \$5 or less. Local Vendors selling outdoor decorative items. Proceeds fund our scholarship program and town plantings. Garden Club members will be on-site for free advice, tips and ideas.

## Thursday, June 8

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday May 11 Books are available at the library.

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

## Sunday, June 11

**COLLAGE WORKSHOP:** Instructor: Jill Pottle will teach a class on collage 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery, 135 Front St. For more information and to register visit [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** the Golden Agers celebrate all birthdays with a party at the Carriage House restaurant at 12:15 p.m. Reservations are required, please call Gloria at (978) 297-4525 to register or for more information.

## Saturday, August 19

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

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

## Flute concert planned at Fitzwilliam church

On May 21 at 2 p.m., Cedar Tree flutes will be playing flute trios from the Baroque, classical, and late Romantic, early 20th century periods of music at the Fitzwilliam Community Church, Rte. 119 W, Fitzwilliam.

Composers will include Quantz, Boismortier, Mozart, Tcherepin, Zempleni, Damase and Gary Schocker.

You will feel as if you're in the courts of France from its late Baroque period (Boismortier) all the way through time to Oriental gardens of the early 1920s (Tcherepinin).

Flutists Carmen Buckley Reynolds, Beth Anne West and Angel Monroe will make up the trio of Cedar Tree

Flutes, a group founded under the cedar tree in the backyard of Buckley Reynolds' home. They are a group of two, three, four and more flutes that include other instruments also, depending on the needs of the music they are playing.

Buckley Reynolds has a degree in flute performance from the University of Maine at Orono and has been playing and teaching flute and recorder throughout the New England for over 20 years.

West has a degree in flute performance from Oberlin Conservatory. She has been playing and teaching for over 40 years, the last dozen in the

Monadnock region.

Monroe is pursuing her flute performance degree, along with her chemistry degree, at Keene State College. She is a sought-after flutist and piccolo player who tours during the summer with The National Community Band under Director Emeritus Col. John Bourgeois, director emeritus of the US Marine Band. We are pleased to have her as our guest flutist for this concert.

There will also be a reception with food downstairs after the concert so you can fraternize with the performers. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program.

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## Vezina resolute as vote nears

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Murdock Middle School assistant principal Jess Vezina has heard it all — all the negative perceptions, all the criticisms about what's supposedly going on in her school and she's frustrated.

"We want parents, we want members of the community, to come see us. We're trying to reach out with letters, our One Call system, emails, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. So talk to us. Take a tour on a normal school day. Call me. We'd love to have anyone who wants to visit come in and see what's actually happening here. We know students do much better when parents are involved," she emphasized in an interview leading up to Monday's town meeting vote on the proposed school override.

"One thing I've heard is we have a discipline problem. Let me set the record straight on that. Last year, 2015-16, we had 201 referrals, major and minor combined. This year, it's almost mid-May, and we have had 86. You know, for a lot of young people, middle school can be an incredibly difficult time. Students are at a point where they aren't little a little kid anymore, but not yet an adult, either. Many students get frustrated and long for what they think is the independence of adulthood but unfortunately, they are far from being ready for it. Additionally, everything is changing for them. Schools, body, interests, friends, you name it. Change is a normal part of middle school but the sheer amount of change that's happening during these few years is a lot to work

through. Middle school's a roller-coaster," stressed Vezina, adding, "remember, we all went through this. Research and common sense leave little doubt that youth, especially middle school kids, we're dealing with 11-14 year olds, need caring and consistent relationships with adults in order to navigate their way through adolescence and beyond. Our whole middle school staff are dedicated to building connections and relationships with our students. Teachers get to know students' likes and talents. That creates a connection that allows them to push a student to greater heights than would otherwise be possible. Given all that, to say we have a discipline issue is simply not the case."

Continuing about the perception problem, "All of us, teachers and staff, have been focused on turning around the perception of the quality of education students receive at the middle school. For example, there's the process we have been using to write our next school improvement plan. Our School Improvement Team has been working with our District and School Assistant

Center along with the American Institute for Research to review data, identify areas of strengths and areas of improvement. It's vital we redefine ourselves as a middle school in order to close achievement gaps and improve instruction and we're in the process of doing just that, redefining ourselves."

"That's another misconception. A lot of people don't understand we are a school independent from the high school. We're Murdock Middle School, not Murdock Middle-High School. We have a responsibility to prepare them for high school and beyond for that matter. We're trying to provide settings for real-life learning. Learning to make wise decisions in our roles as 'good citizens' is a process and

we're trying to provide that for our students, but again, we're our own school. We share a building, period," she said.

Vezina, like most in the school system, is anxious about the vote Monday but irrespective of the outcome, "we have a job to do. I'm going to keep doing mine. It's like a calling. The job finds you, not the other way around," she observed.

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## EDITORIAL

## In to the spring swing

This past weekend it began. We think perhaps the Nichols College in Dudley graduation might be one of the earliest, but all the others are right here with them. As are the high school and the graduate schools and, though not nearly as significant as they once were, eighth grade celebrations and yes, even kindergarten.

We commend all of them.

It isn't easy being a student at any grade level these days. The expectations of grown ups you know is bad enough. You know, the mothers, the teachers, the grandmothers, the dotting aunts, the fathers, the uncles, the older brothers...they all mean well but they do tend to put the pressure on.

If that isn't enough, now we have an awful lot of people who don't know a student at all poking and prodding into their capabilities. Data driven tests, graduation requirements, grade level testing, MCAS, PARCC, PAC-10... you get the idea. There are weeks we think the kids spend more time preparing for some upcoming test, taking practice tests, then taking some unrelated to the actual school work test then they do on learning anything.

Then there are the enrichments.

We're not talking about art and music, because we value those like gold. We're talking about pulling kids out of class time for a trip to the beach (no, it wasn't a science class to explore tidal pools) or another to visit a ball park because the school was gifted with tickets (and that benefited how?)

This wasn't a local school mind, but similar events do take place. The kids need to be in classrooms to absorb material. Taking them out every few days for events and trips isn't helping the teachers teach or the kids learn. Even an assembly congratulating one another on a job well done is time out of a classroom. Do it during lunch, they're all in the cafeteria, do it there.

Expectations for kids is changing all the time; we are lost in a mire of what education should be. The old days of three Rs is gone, there is just too much more in the world now. But we can't give up on the basics, nor should we, and we need to continue things like civics and social studies; how to balance a checkbook as well as trigonometry, and remember not every Johnny or Meghan is headed for college. Give them all an even shake.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Haddad: Teacher appreciation

To the Editor:

Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day, as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and the gratitude of the entire Winchendon Public School system for the work, often unseen and frequently unsung, which they do every day on behalf of our students.

It goes without saying no one goes into teaching for the money. Almost all of us do it because we want to make a contribution to whatever extent we can in order to help shape the minds of young people, to help guide them to become active and productive citizens whether they continue on to college, enter the workforce or choose a military career.

We often hear how easy teachers have it — how they only work from September until June and they only have a six or seven hour day. That's not the case at all. Students may turn in one assignment but teachers may have as many as 70 or 80 to look at some nights, and that's before they write their lesson plans or in many cases, complete homework of their own as they pursue advanced degrees which will help them to do even better jobs as instructors.

Our school system is data-driven. We are constantly looking at information

and determining its value for our curriculum and how it might benefit our students. Our teachers are pro-active, utilizing this data and its subsequent interpretation to make their classrooms energetic and engaged places, rooms where the interaction between students and teachers can be of mutual benefit. Our teachers, whose academic credentials already surpass any other district across the Commonwealth, are forever looking for ways to do their jobs better and for strategies which will help prepare our students for life after high school.

They do an amazing job under sometimes difficult circumstances and we are fortunate to have them share their enthusiasm and commitment with the students in our school system. Words will at times fail us or not quite convey the full measure of our appreciation and thanks. I want our teachers to know how much they are valued and appreciated not just this day, but every day throughout the year.

Thank you, sincerely.

STEVEN E. HADDAD  
SUPERINTENDENT

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS LETTER WAS GIVEN TO THE TEACHERS IN THE WINCHENDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT THIS WEEK.)

## Consensus building... but not everywhere

I don't know what they were thinking. I don't know what Hillary was thinking when she had that now infamous email server installed. I don't know what Jim Comey was thinking last summer when he bucked FBI tradition and protocol with that July news conference. I don't know what he was thinking when he released that letter in October. And I don't know, not for sure, what Donald Trump was thinking when he abruptly fired Comey on Tuesday. I don't know but I certainly have my suspicions and so I'm sure, do you.

My initial reaction the other night was that perhaps Comey found his conscience after tilting the election and had found something, who knows what, damning about Trump and Russia. Ostensibly, Comey was fired for mis-



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handling the Clinton email investigation but why would the person who benefited from that jettison him? That makes no sense.

No, it has to be, one would assume, about Russia. We have utterly no idea what Trump's business dealings in Russia consist of. A full release of his tax returns would help but that's not going to happen unless congressional Republicans who are after all the majority show some backbone and grow some patriotism and legally demand them. There's a lot we don't know. There's so much going on in the shadows.

Here's what we do know. It's time for an independent special prosecutor. Democracy should operate in sunlight. Otherwise our already cynical view towards government will intensify and eventually you risk seeing the under-

pinnings collapse. No one wants that.

As for that health care bill...

Let me start with a personal story. On Nov. 17, 1996, it was, and you remember these things, a Wednesday, we learned three year-old Courtney had been diagnosed as an insulin dependent type 1 juvenile diabetic. It was devastating to say the least and we've had the inevitable ups and downs in the two decades since. There have been several hospitalizations, and other crises. A lot of folks can relate. Nonetheless she persevered, to somewhat coin a phrase. Fortunately, she's spent all but seven years of her life in Massachusetts, so here's a shout out of gratitude to one-time rivals Mitt Romney and Ted Kennedy for setting aside their differences and building the model which led to the Affordable Care Act.

Later this summer, Courtney will receive her MSW from Smith College and enter the working world with, yes, a pre-existing condition. Needless to

say, there are people in Washington who apparently think she should have figured out a way to not be diabetic. Those are the same people who obviously also think people shouldn't get cancer or develop Alzheimer's or heart issues or a range of other maladies. I know they feel this way because of what happened last Thursday. They happen to be Republican members of the United States Congress. 217 of them to be exact. And yet...

After the House of Representatives last week passed, with neither hearings or a non-partisan Congressional Budget Office analysis, the single most destructive and draconian piece of legislation in my lifetime, a congressional catastrophe surpassed in my 63 years by perhaps only the Gulf of Tonkin resolution in 1964, I was struck by several things.

First, I was and am, relieved to see the Republican majority in the US Senate

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## Glue gun creates sticky situation



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On Monday, May 1, Colgate University which is a private liberal arts school in central New York went in to full lockdown as an active shooter warning was initiated at 8 p.m., just before dark, when witnesses claimed to have viewed a person openly carrying a weapon on campus.

Students and campus employees were warned to go to their safe places even though no such thing truly exists as they are only more of a "make you feel better" location, with

law enforcement not long after sweeping the campus grounds, including a SWAT team accompanied by multiple local law enforcement divisions.

As the sweeps went on all through the night, something began to not just seem quite right. Buildings and grounds were searched, people were questioned, and nothing had been found to substantiate the original claims by student witnesses. It was then a discovery was made. Law enforcement had found their weapon, a "Glue Gun."

That's right my fellow citizens, a glue gun, which was being transported by an "Art student on way to Art Class" to complete a school assigned and curriculum project, was pointed out by uninformed young adults making a completely incorrect diagnosis of what they viewed, being car-

ried to the O'Connor Campus Center creating a very "Sticky Situation."

People were sheltering in fear under lockdown, SWAT, along with other law enforcement, were going building to building with their high powered rifles, with one student reporting they even showed up with an armored vehicle that appeared to look like a type of tank, all because yet again, misinformed individuals "thought" they viewed a firearm on campus. Thankfully this time, it was not.

Let's break this down. First of all, congratulations and many thanks are in order to all members of law enforcement for not only their quick reactions and dedication to saving lives, but for actually finding what caused the incorrect report. Secondly, had the students, who clearly do not

know what firearms actually look like been, at the very least "somewhat familiarized" with the appearance of a handgun, the entire event could have been prevented. Some students even commented they were very upset about needless happenings after finding out.

Here is the bottom line. Our society has been creating a generation of people where firearms are demonized. More and more often, people think they see one everywhere they look. Our government has documented there are 350 million firearms owned by 94 million people in our nation. They are not going away, and never will. Due to this, a strong argument could be made students should, even if only in books, become somewhat educated on what various handguns or rifles looks like.

Not to try to promote fire-

arms, but to at the very least make people aware of what to look for if they ever see something they feel is in question.

Like most topics, education is the key to preventing fear of the unknown, and I think our students deserve a better education than what they see promoted by Hollywood.

We have an obligation to teach young adults what to look out for, and how to do it in a responsible fashion. I suspect any teaching about familiarity of firearms to attempt prevention of false-positives will find as much or more controversy than teaching Sex-Ed in schools.

Life is precious and I find it sad that no matter in education when often discussing the creation of life, or things which could take it, they are so political when they should be so common sense.

## Summer

Having lived most of my life in the North and now finding myself in the South, I am realizing that I have gained more summertime. It is April, and the taxman has come and gone, but I already have the central air on in our home.

Yesterday was really uncomfortably hot for me. But I could not make myself turn on the air conditioning. Who uses air conditioning in April? What a conundrum.

I ran the white flag up today and



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turned on the AC. Our home is now comfy, and the summer views of the golf course and mountains are outstanding from the coolness of the house. We see lots of people in shorts driving little carts and having a good time. The flowering trees are in bloom.

People are out walking their pets. They actually had cold gazpacho soup at the clubhouse today, in April! Six other items on the menus were salads.

As I headed to the car after lunch,

they were busy opening the swimming pool and getting the outdoor restaurant, playground, and tennis courts ready. Obviously, they start swimming earlier in the South, too.

After yesterday's awful heat, I actually said to someone this morning that I would sure like to see some snow.

At the moment, an army of white haired neighbors are chasing me across the course. Although they are not armed with rakes or hoes, those iron and wooden clubs they are waving look like they could do some serious damage.

It is a pretty time of the year, and most of us spend our lives missing out

on just enjoying it because we are working, raising families, paying bills, and dealing with myriad issues that take on great importance in our lives.

I don't have an answer as if you try to enjoy all this when you are young, at the expense of planning for a future in which you can enjoy it, then you are likely not to be prepared for your "golden years."

So I will close with something said by someone other than I that sums it all up: stop every once in a while to smell the flowers.



# COURIER CAPSULES

## PLANT SALE

The Winchendon Garden Club is having a Plant and Bake Sale at the Winchendon History Culture Center Toy Museum, 135 Front St., on June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most plants \$5 or less. Local vendors selling outdoor decorative items. Proceeds fund our scholarship program and town plantings. Garden Club members will be on-site for free advice, tips and ideas.

## NESO CONCERT

Tickets are now on sale for the New England Symphony Orchestra's second annual "Salute to Veterans" concert scheduled Saturday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stratos Dukakis Performing Arts Center at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster St.,

Fitchburg. Tickets can be purchased through the NESO's Web site at [newenglandsymphony.org](http://newenglandsymphony.org) or (978)466-1800.

The program will feature familiar patriotic compositions including the march "Hands Across the Sea" by John Philip Sousa and "American Salute" by Morton Gould. Other selections include music by John Williams from the movies "Band of Brothers" and "1941." More information, including a short video trailer for the concert created by Music Director Roderick MacDonald, is available on the orchestra's web-site.

Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$35, discounted to \$25 to \$32 for seniors and \$12 for students. Veterans receive 10% off regular prices. Bring

your family, friends, or significant other to a memorable concert you won't want to miss.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WORCESTER — The Assumption College Student Government Association (SGA) has announced that Jillian Geyster, of Phillipston, has been elected Senator and will serve during the 2017-18 academic year.

The Student Government Association is the governing student body on campus, representing all undergraduate students. The purpose of SGA is to advocate for students and give voice to their opinions to enhance students' experience and encourage their participation in extra-curricular activities. Their work is guided by a constitution and

by-laws. Students elected to a leadership position in SGA contribute to the student life climate of the campus community and demonstrate honor, excellence and Greyhound pride.

WORCESTER — Kelsey Regan is a member of the WPI Men's Rowing Varsity Eight that captured its first New England Rowing Championship in 38 years, and first as a varsity program, Saturday on Lake Quinsigamond.

The crew consisting of Nathan Pietrowicz, Jackson Krupnick, Michael Beiner, Jeremy Hemingway, Michael Eaton, Frank Campanelli, Danny Singer, Dean Schifilliti and coxswain Kelsey Regan were ahead most of the race and crossed the finish line in a time

of 6:23.784. They were followed by defending champion Bates (6:27.578) and URI (6:29.392). Wesleyan checked in fourth (6:33.772) while Williams, who bested WPI in the morning 6:38.395 to 6:41.320, was fifth (6:34.834) and Tufts (6:45.802). The Crimson and Gray also knocked off the Bobcats nearly a month ago, 5:57.84 to 5:58.30. WPI is back on the water Friday, competing in the National Invitational Rowing Championships on Lake Quinsigamond.

ROME, GA — Berry College is proud to announce that Cassandra Betourney of Winchendon, earned a BA in Spanish, secondary education.

Berry College welcomed 536 graduates at the 2017 Spring

## COMMENCEMENT

### CONSTITUTIONAL DISCUSSION

Please join us for a community discussion about our constitution with speakers Professor Mark C. Miller J.D. Ph.D from Clark University, state Senator Anne Gobi, and immigration lawyer Jerry Friedman. This free event takes place on Monday, May 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Westminster Community/Senior Center located at 69 West Main St., Westminster. Please bring your questions! Light refreshments will be available. Sponsored by SPINE (Supporting Political Involvement and Neighborhood Engagement). For more information or questions please email us at [spinegroup978@gmail.com](mailto:spinegroup978@gmail.com).

# Two pastors to leave Cornerstone



Tara Vocino photos

Lead Pastor Barry and Debra Risto are prayed over, as they prepare to leave Cornerstone to pastor Peel Pent Tabernacle, an Assemblies of God church, in Canada. Youth and Young Adult Pastor Brad Hackett, who grew up at Cornerstone, will also leave at the end of May to serve in the same capacity at Christian Life in Connecticut.

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON -- Lead Pastor Barry Risto will no longer be the pastor of Cornerstone, effective on May 29, after 16 years of serving in ministry. Youth and Young Adult Pastor Brad Hackett, who grew up at Cornerstone, will also leave around the same time to assume the same role at Christian Life in Willimantic, CT.

Southern New England Ministry Superintendent Pastor Bob Wise spoke about pastoral transition during a Sunday service on April 23. Risto along with his wife, Debra, will pastor Peel Pent Tabernacle in Brampton

Ontario, Canada, where he is from. The church, which is also part of the Assemblies of God sect, has been in need of a permanent pastor for many years.

"People come and go unfortunately," Wise addressed the congregation in a recent service. "Christ is the head of the church, but He has spiritual leaders. We're people under limited spiritual authority."

Hackett along with his wife, Cassie and their children, said there are not any hard feelings; it was simply the call of God. He added he will miss the teenagers and young adults whom he has mentored over the years.

Risto said likewise, and it was simply the voice of God that he and his wife could not ignore. Both Risto and Hackett spent time in prayer before they made a public declaration.

Wise identified himself as "the biggest church hopper"

since he preaches in a different church every week.

Wise said the pastoral transition is a critical time.

"It's an opportunity for Satan, too, especially if he doesn't like what the board is doing," Wise said. "But we know that God is already calling someone. Our covenant is with God, not with Cornerstone."

Wise explained that when the congregation votes after a Question and Answer session, they should see the evidence that God has called that person. The first test is the applicant has to pass through a search committee. Wise said he has gone through the process 55 times, and there has always been a 100 percent vote in the congregation.

He believes pastors feel the burden of entering and exiting roles.

"They hug a little lighter, because they know they might not stay," Wise said. "And they'll have to learn a whole new group of people."

Wise went onto say that as he was preparing to leave a church in Brockton, he let the congregation know that he wouldn't be able to marry, dedicate babies, or bury people there since he no longer had the anointing that God gave him on that group of people.

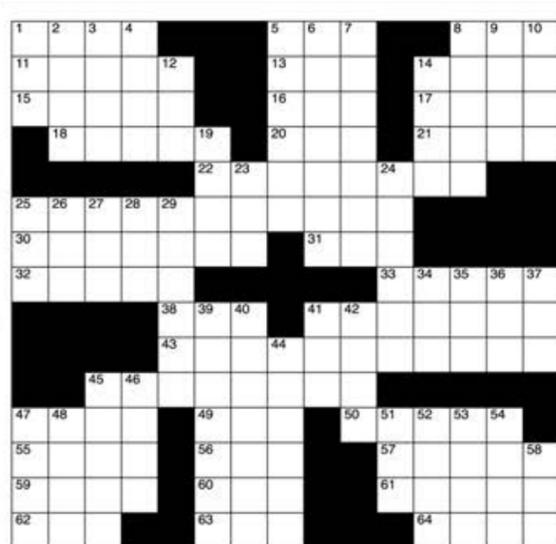
He promised the congregation that God will provide a pastor with a shepherd's own

heart who will lead with knowledge and understanding. Wise said the board can be trusted since they do not have an agenda. However, he asked the congregation to give the board time, and not to ask how the process is going.

"You can trust God even though you don't understand what he's doing," Wise con-

cluded. "You have trusted the Ristos for 16 years, and you can trust them to hear the voice of God."

With tears in their eyes, church members hugged them following the service and wished them well as they embark on their new adventure. Others prayed over them at the front of the church.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Protective crust
- 5. Federal poverty level
- 8. "NCIS" network
- 11. This many makes a trio
- 13. Geological time
- 14. Populous Colombian city
- 15. Interviewer Morgan
- 16. More (Spanish)
- 17. Not close
- 18. Confined
- 20. \_\_\_ Farrow, actress
- 21. One point east of southeast
- 22. Kinetic and elastic are two
- 25. Taking possession of a property
- 30. Associate of same rank
- 31. Uganda
- 32. Heads the department
- 33. Assistants
- 38. I (German)
- 41. Small vessel
- 43. Home to Deadwood
- 45. Vetoced
- 47. Wings
- 49. Vestment
- 50. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Deer native to Japan
- 56. Spy agency
- 57. Was hurting
- 59. Famous New Yorker film critic
- 60. Liquefied natural gas
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Male offspring
- 63. Sense of self-esteem
- 64. Check

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engine additive
- 2. Fashionable
- 3. Region
- 4. "Friday Night Lights" director Peter
- 5. \_\_\_ fatale, French seductresses
- 6. A treeless grassy plain
- 7. Large flat rectangular strips of pasta
- 8. Eating houses
- 9. Divulge a secret
- 10. Beget
- 12. Midway between east and southeast
- 14. Container for shipping
- 19. Deceased basketballer Bison \_\_\_
- 23. Neither
- 24. Large lizard
- 25. Licenses TV stations
- 26. Express delight
- 27. Refusal of medical assistance
- 28. Upon
- 29. Bright or deep red
- 34. A way to sign
- 35. Zhou Dynasty state
- 36. Shock therapy
- 37. Ocean
- 39. Basketlike boat
- 40. Irish sport
- 41. Doctor
- 42. Middle day
- 44. Autonomous island
- 45. Made of wood
- 46. Meat from a calf
- 47. Inquires
- 48. Chinese dynasty
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. "The Wire" actor Idris
- 54. Resistance fighters
- 58. Criticize

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wanting nothing to do with this particular piece of demonic garbage. Mitch McConnell rarely deserves my praise but in this case, he's smart enough to run as fast as he can. Second, I wondered how those 217 patriots who voted "aye" will explain that decision back home where this whole debate is a lot less partisan and a lot more personal than it is in Washington.

There is, you see, a pretty strong consensus out here — a lot of families, and I mean a lot, are like mine — living with the reality of these pre-existing conditions. We think more broadly than those dopes in the House. We're worried about our kids with pre-existing conditions. Or our parents or spouses or siblings. Few issues are as personal as those regarding health.

Additionally, there's this. Most of us want the government to be able to negotiate Medicare drug prices. Most of us want the drug companies to tell us exactly how it is they set prices. An overwhelming majority of us, though evidently not in the supposed People's House, want appropriate and affordable coverage for pre-existing conditions and hardly anyone opposes kids being able to stay on their parents' insurance until they're 26. As an aside, as for Donald Trump, who knows what he wants? A day after taking an ill-advised victory lap for this filth of a bill, he told the prime minister of Australia the Aussies have the best plan on the planet — you know — the one with the dastardly single payer system? Just saying.

It's no secret what's wrong in Washington. The dark money from unidentifiable and hence unregulated sources fills campaign coffers and led to the

Tea Party revolution of 2009-10 which in turn gave too many extremists a seat at the table. Too many Republicans have bought into the southern strategy for too many decades. Democrats? Democrats too often have utterly no clue how to message. Ask Hillary, who spent a lifetime championing children's issues. Or Barack Obama on a slew of issues. We're on the side of the angels most of the time, but we can't seem to figure out how to say so in a way people understand.

Here, though, is what people do understand. They understand when they're directly impacted. We'll see if that translates into votes. One would assume it should but November 2018 is a ways off and who knows what might crop up in the interval, especially if as expected, the bill never becomes law. For now, though, the surge of activism which had exploded on the left since last fall has now expanded and that's good. Democracy is a participatory sport. Maybe some voters are now beginning to realize they cast ballots for people who mean them harm?

I have no idea why in 2017

we're still debating this at all. You'd think that in the alleged greatest nation on earth it would be pretty much a given that folks have a right to universal health care they can afford. You'd think that we'd be a generous enough society to agree that if you're diabetic or you have cancer or a million other things you shouldn't be relegated to a "high-risk" pool. The 'social contract' may be unwritten but it's real. We have a moral obligation to one another and it was that lack of moral compass among those 217 House members which angered and, yes, saddened me the most. Not that I was surprised, of course.

So here we are. Perhaps the lesson to be taken from all this is a reminder we need to be vigilant and pay attention, not just once in a while but all the time. Maybe a little more of that might prevent a few of these kind of people from gaining public office in the first place. Public policy, you see, is, in the end, not abstract at all. I'm hoping a lot of folks are now catching on to that truth. See you next week.

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# POLICE LOG

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## TUESDAY, MAY 2

1:05-1:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:19 a.m.: info/general (Maple St.), spoken to; 1:24-1:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:29 a.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich Dr.), secure; 2:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main St.), spoken to; 6:16 a.m.: traffic hazard (West St.), referred to DPW; 9:03 a.m.: lift assist (Ipswich Dr.), services rendered; 10:00 a.m.: investigation (Railroad St.), spoken to; 10:16 a.m.: mv violations (Maple St.), info taken; 10:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Royalston Rd. So.); 11:12 a.m.: summons service (Oak St.), unable to serve; 11:15 a.m.: assist other agency (Mechanic St.), services rendered; 11:18 a.m.: harassment (Juniper St.), spoken to; 11:54 a.m.: mv stop (Water St.), citation issued; 1:00 p.m.: welfare check (West St.), info taken; 1:34 p.m.: property found (Mill Glen Rd.), info taken; 1:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Juniper St.), spoken to; 2:00 p.m.: extra patrols (Town Farm Rd.), services rendered; 2:23 p.m.: assist citizen (Lakeshore Dr.); 2:44 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Dr.), assisted; 3:57 p.m.: assist other agency (Walnut St.), Shawn Delano, 34, 25 Walnut St., Winchendon, warrant arrest; 4:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Irwin Ct.), referred to ACO; 4:48 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Goodrich Dr.), report taken; 5:08 p.m.: investigation (Railroad St.), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), unable to locate; 6:47 p.m.: mv stop (Franklin St.), verbal warning; 7:12 p.m.: suspicious (other) (School St.), spoken to; 7:30 p.m.: accident (Spring St.), report taken; 9:26 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 11:23 p.m.: suspicious person (Beech St.), info taken.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

12:10-1:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:38 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 6:03 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 6:10 a.m.: suspicious person (Central St.), services rendered; 6:12 a.m.: info/general (West St.), spoken to; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Lake St.), referred; 7:47 a.m.: assist other agency (Central St.); 8:01 a.m.: house checks (Windsor Rd.), secure; 9:02 a.m.: burglar alarm (Maple St.), false alarm; 9:50 a.m.: extra patrols (Town Farm Rd.), secure; 10:26 a.m.: accident (Russell Farm Rd.), report taken; 10:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Ave.), referred to ACO; 10:53 a.m.: animal complaint (Irwin Ct.), unable to locate; 11:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Otter River Rd.), referred to ACO; 1:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Baldwinville Rd.); 1:45 p.m.: info/general (Pearl Dr.), spoken to; 1:48 p.m.: investigation (Front St.), spoken to; 2:05 a.m.: unwanted party (Hale St.), spoken to; 2:13 p.m.: investigation (Railroad St.), spoken to; 2:20 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 2:29 p.m.: info/general (Elmwood Rd.), info taken; 2:57 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Dr.), transported; 3:25 p.m.: extra patrols (Eagle Rd.), info taken; 4:55 p.m.: assault (Grove St.), report taken; 5:13 p.m.: threats (Spring St.), report taken; 5:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Cardinal Ln.), services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: wires down (Summer St.), services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Sunset Ct.), services rendered; 5:49 p.m.: investigation (Railroad St.), services rendered; 6:12 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Jameson Way), services rendered; 6:58 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.); 7:33 p.m.: property found (Spring St.), services rendered; 7:47 p.m.: assist other agency (Gardner Rd.), no service necessary; 7:56 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), written warning; 8:18 p.m.: assault (Grove St.), report taken; 8:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Krantz Rd.), spoken to; 8:53 a.m.: suspicious person (Spring St.), report taken; 10:03 p.m.: ambulance (West Shore Dr.),

## Warning from police department



WINCHENDON — The following information has been released from the Winchendon Police Department concerning individuals living and or working in the area. Neither of these individuals are currently wanted for crimes by the police, but as they have been identified as either a Level 2 or Level 3 sex offender they do pose a moderate or high risk to reoffend and the risk posed requires continual notification.

Kevin Michael Martin is 5 feet-9 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes. He is 58 years old. He has recently moved back to

Winchendon and is living at 308 Central St. Apt. 7 and is working at 280 Lincoln Ave.

Martin was convicted in 2002 of 2 counts of dissemination of matter harmful to minors and eight counts of indecent assault and battery on child under 14 years of age.

Jason William Matick is 5 feet 9 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes. He is 40 years old. He has moved into Winchendon and is living at 25 Walnut St. Apt. 2D.

Matick was convicted in 2009 of one count of aggravated rape.

transported; 10:44 p.m.: disturbance/fight (Grove St.), John Lyons, 33, 191 Mill St., #2, Winchendon, assault w/dangerous weapon; 11:57 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.).

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

12:00 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 12:15 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 12:31-12:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: investigation (Benjamin St.), service rendered; 1:06 a.m.: suspicious auto (River St.), secure; 1:20 a.m.: extra patrols (Lakeshore Dr.), secure; 1:22-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:30 a.m.: ambulance (School Sq.), transported; 5:58 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Rd.), verbal warning; 6:07 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 6:44 a.m.: fire alarm (River St.), services rendered; 8:00 a.m.: b&e mv (West St.), info taken; 8:31 a.m.: house checks (Windsor Rd.), secure; 8:42 a.m.: extra patrols (Maple St.), assisted; 8:46 a.m.: assist citizen (Mechanic St.); 8:48 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), referred; 9:03 a.m.: fire alarm (River St.), info taken; 9:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic St.), returned to family; 9:23 a.m.: investigation (Spruce St.), spoken to; 10:12 a.m.: assist citizen (Oak St.); 10:20 a.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 10:25 a.m.: welfare check (W. Monomac Rd.), spoken to; 11:47 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Dr.), call canceled; 12:59 p.m.: ambulance (Warwick Rd.), transported; 1:41 p.m.: fight (River St.), report taken; 1:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: summons service (Oak St.), unable to serve; 3:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan St.), services rendered; 3:33 p.m.: suspicious person (Mechanic St.), spoken to; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), verbal warning; 5:06 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), info given; 5:23 p.m.: investigation (Spring St.), services rendered; 6:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Oak St.), services rendered; 6:14 p.m.: assist other agency (Cedar Ter.), services rendered; 6:33 p.m.: assist citizen (Lakeshore Dr.); 6:55 p.m.: disabled auto (Railroad St.), info taken; 7:33 p.m.: ATV complaint (Mellen Rd.), report taken; 8:06 p.m.: mv stop (Summer St.), spoken to; 9:33 p.m.: extra patrols (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), secure.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

12:05 a.m.: investigation (North St.), spoken to; 12:15-12:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:36-12:43 a.m.: extra patrols (Neighborhood Watch areas & Goodrich St.), secure; 12:57-12:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:15 a.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Rd.), removed; 1:22 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 1:39-2:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:30 a.m.: investigation (Central

St.), spoken to; 3:51 a.m. fire/mutual aid (Baldwinville Rd.), assisted; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 6:14 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 7:11 a.m.: welfare check/general (Monadnock Ave.), assisted; 9:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Cir.), referred to ACO; 10:06 a.m.: property found (Mason St.), returned to owner; 11:04 a.m.: info/general (Lakeshore Dr.), assisted; 11:11 a.m.: suspicious auto (Oak St.), unable to locate; 11:20 a.m.: fire alarm (Linden St.), services rendered; 12:47 p.m.: fraud (Teel Rd.), report taken; 2:10 p.m.: FD call (Mill St.), no cause; 3:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash St.), spoken to; 4:07 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash St.), no service necessary; 5:42 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Dr.), transported; 5:47 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce St.), transported; 6:48 p.m.: extra patrols (Webster/Juniper), secure; 6:59 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash St.), no services necessary; 7:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Teel Rd.), spoken to; 11:15 p.m.: noise complaint (Spruce St.), info given; 11:42 p.m.: extra patrols (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), secure; 11:51-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

12:17-12:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: assault (Central St.), report taken; 1:51 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 4:01 a.m.: extra patrols (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), secure; 4:53 a.m.: DPW call (Whitney St.), referred; 5:18 a.m.: 911 hang up (Washington Ave.), accidental/defective alarm; 6:08 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), written warning; 8:28 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), false alarm; 10:36 a.m.: missing person (River St.), no cause; 11:23 a.m.: extra patrols (Highland St.), info taken; 11:58 a.m.: accident (Alger St.), report taken; 1:09 p.m.: custody dispute (Highland St.), report taken; 3:44 p.m.: suspicious auto (Mellen Rd.), spoken to; 3:46 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), no service necessary; 3:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Ave.), unable to locate; 3:58 p.m.: tree down on wires (Front St.), referred; 4:16 p.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich St.), secure; 4:38 p.m.: extra patrols (Lake Dennison), secure; 4:51 p.m.: disturbance (Central St.), gone on arrival; 5:42 p.m.: info/general (Fourth St.), no service necessary; 5:43 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 5:47 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Central St.), spoken to; 5:53 p.m.: info/general (Kemp St.), advised officer; 5:55 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Gardner Rd.), canceled; 7:50 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 8:16 p.m.: extra patrols (Lakeshore Dr.), secure; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan St.), verbal warning; 8:36-8:42 p.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich Dr. & GAR Park), secure; 10:10 p.m.: disabled auto

(Baldwinville State Rd.), spoken to.

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

12:31-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:35 a.m.: registration check (Glenallan St.), secure; 12:43-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:51 a.m.: registration check (Spring St.), secure; 1:01-1:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:15 a.m.: mv stop (Water & Ash), spoken to; 1:16-2:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:02 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 8:06 a.m.: ambulance (Congress Rd.), transported; 10:00 a.m.: welfare check (Lakeshore Dr.), spoken to; 10:30 a.m.: info/general (West Shore Dr.), canceled; 1:18 p.m.: suspicious person (Central St.), unable to locate; 1:53 p.m.: unwanted party (Royalston Rd. No.), advised civil action; 1:56 p.m.: mv violations (Ash St.), advised officer; 2:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Candy Ln.), assisted; 2:17 p.m.: disable auto (Pearl St.), info taken; 2:29 p.m.: parking violation (Spring St.), assisted; 3:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), info taken; 4:10 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 4:31 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner & Spring), advised officer; 4:37 p.m.: accident (Ash St.), report taken; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (River St.), referred to ACO; 5:39 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), no service necessary; 5:42 p.m.: investigation (Spruce St.), no service necessary; 6:20 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 9:28 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), info taken; 10:30 p.m.: extra patrols (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), secure; 10:47 p.m.: alarm (Central St.), services rendered; 11:04 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 11:25 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Spring St.), spoken to.

## MONDAY, MAY 8

1:01 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: info/general (Maple St.), spoken to; 1:31 a.m.: extra patrols (Pearl Dr.), secure; 2:11 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:30 a.m.: info general (Central St.), info given; 2:43-4:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:43 a.m.: ambulance (Beech St.), transported; 6:09 a.m. mv stop (Spring St.), written warning; 7:00 p.m.: DPW call (High St.), referred; 7:59 ambulance (#4 Rd., Fitzwilliam, NH), transported; 8:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Grove St.), referred to ACO; 10:25 a.m.: FD call (School St.), services rendered; 10:34 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), false alarm; 10:59 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring), accidental; 12:15 p.m.: mv stop (Spring & Glenallan), citation issued; 12:24 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan St.), citation issued; 12:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), advised civil action; 12:33 p.m.: registration check (Maple St.), spoken to; 1:06 p.m.: sex offender registration (Central St.), assisted; 1:36 p.m.: assist citizen (Mason St.), 1:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Maynard St.), assisted; 2:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic St.), spoken to; 3:36 p.m.: investigation (Spruce St.), summons served; 3:53 p.m.: summons service (Goodrich Dr.), served; 4:00 p.m.: summons service (Goodrich St.), served; 4:02 p.m.: summons service (Hale St.), unable to serve; 4:03 p.m.: summons service (Oak St.), served; 4:04 p.m.: summons service (Spruce St.), unable to serve; 4:05 p.m.: summons service (Elm St.), unable to serve; 4:06 p.m.: summons service (Cedar Ter.), unable to serve; 4:08 p.m.: summons service (Cummings Rd.), served; 4:10 p.m.: summons service (Cedar Ter.), unable to serve; 4:11 p.m.: summons service (Robbins Rd.), unable to serve; 4:12 p.m. summons service (Teel Rd.), served; 6:06 p.m.: FD call (Willoughby Ave.), referred; 10:18 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), written warning; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Jackson Ave.), citation issued; 9:45 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported; 10:14 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), report taken; 10: 39 p.m.: fire/CO incident (Beachview Dr.), services rendered.

## Sheriff's Office accepting applications for basic recruit training academy

WEST BOYLSTON — The Worcester County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for individuals interested in a career as a correctional officer for the start of their Basic Recruit Training Academy #48, which will begin in September. All qualified applicants must have an associate's degree or higher education, or documentation of 60 credits towards completion of a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or institution of higher learning or two years of military service. United States military applicants are given priority status in the hiring process.

Correctional officers at the sheriff's office are responsible for the care, custody and control of inmates through supervision, observation and monitoring of inmate activities as well as the enforcement of security policies and procedures. Applicants who meet the hiring standards will be invited to attend an informational session during the month of June.

Those selected for the training academy will participate in a 12-week basic training and must take and pass a written exam, physical fitness test, background check and psychological screening test.

"The Worcester County Sheriff's Office has a proud tradition in corrections and public safety. With our Basic Recruit Training Academies, we look for highly qualified individuals who are interested in a career in corrections, willing to work hard as well as join us in the mission of public safety," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

For more information or to apply visit: worcestercounty-sheriff.com. Employment applications can be printed and submitted to: Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Human Resources Department, 5 Paul X. Tivnan Drive, West Boylston, MA 01583.

Applications must be completed and received by June 7.



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# OBITUARIES

## Kelly M Harmon, 50

LEOMINSTER — Kelly M. Harmon, age 50, of Leominster died Friday, April 28, 2017 at Keystone Center. Kelly was born July 1, 1966 in Gardner and is the daughter of Monwell S. Harmon and Leda S. Dorais.



She grew up in Winchendon and graduated from Murdock High School in 1984. She was previously employed as a nurse's aide and had worked in the furniture industry.

Kelly was a quiet person and was always willing to help anyone in need. She enjoyed watching TV and doing puzzles.

She is survived by her father: Monwell S. Harmon of Alabama and her

mother: Leda S. Dorais of Winchendon; one brother: Jody Harmon of Winchendon; and two aunts, Connie Elders of Washington and Sharon Roy of Fitzwilliam; she also has one niece: Christy Atwood of Winchendon and Noreen Roy of RI; one nephew, Jody Harmon Jr. of Winchendon and two great nephews, Abel and Jacoby and many cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Calvary Cemetery, Glenallen Street, Winchendon. Fr. Francis Roberge will officiate.

Arrangements are in the care of Lamoureux-Fletcher & Smith Funeral Home (mackfamilyfh.com), A Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central Street, Gardner.

TEMPLETON — Graveside services will be held Friday, May 19, 2017 at 1 p.m. in Calvary Cemetery, Winchendon for Gerald Paul "Gerry" Muse, who died Feb. 5, 2017.

At the time of his funeral, there was inclement weather so those people, who

may not have attended, will have the opportunity to be present for his final ceremony.

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

## Muse services

## Irene B. Moore, 94

WINCHENDON — Irene B. Moore, age 94, of Winchendon, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on May 8, 2017.



She was born on Jan. 21, 1923 in Winchendon, the daughter of the late John and Madeline (Ryan) Brow. She attended Winchendon schools, graduating from Murdock High School, Class of 1941.

During World War II, she worked as a secretary at Winchendon Furniture Company.

In November 1945, she married Seaman First Class John R. Moore of Leominster. She lived in Leominster for 42 years, raising five children and working for many years at West Side Pharmacy. In 1987 she returned to Winchendon, where she remained for the rest of her life.

She enjoyed dancing, especially to the music of the Big Band Era. She cherished the memory of a 1973 trip to Hawaii where she danced with singer Don Ho. She spent many enjoyable summers at the family camp at Laurel Lake in Fitzwilliam. Her favorite colors were pink and purple and her favorite dinner out was lazy lobster. In later years, she enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, trips to Foxwoods and most recent-

ly, playing the "balloon bop" game at Broadview Assisted Living.

She was preceded in death by her husband John R. Moore and son musician John S. "Johnny" Moore, both of Leominster, son-in-law Paul Cormier of Royalston, and siblings, Raymond Brow, Dorothy Sibley and Lorraine Gendron, all of Winchendon.

She leaves four children, Nancy Williams of Fitzwilliam, Maureen Moore of Charlestown, Michael Moore of Fitchburg and Patricia Cormier of Royalston; seven grandchildren, Melissa Moore of Fitchburg, Nathan Moore of Charlestown, Jonathan "Fin" Moore of Brooklyn, NY, Ryan Williams of Turners Falls, Kyle Williams of Fitzwilliam, Jennifer Fowler and her husband Ulysses and Crystal Shotwell and her husband Matthew of Gardner. She has ten great grandchildren, Jared Bourque, Sylvie Moore, Tyson Trimel, Paul and Ayla Fowler; Madisyn, Hannah, Owen and Emma Shotwell; and Rhys Williams, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 11, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Patients Activities Fund of Broadview Assisted Living, 547 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

## David G. Waite, 90



GRAND RAPIDS MI —David G. Waite, age 90, died May 5, at Breton Manor in Grand Rapids. David, the son of Myrtle and John H, was born July 1, 1926 in Winchendon. He graduated from Williams College and earned a Master's degree from MSU and a Doctorate in education from WMU.

David spent many years as a family

counselor.

David was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Jeannette and brother Richard. Surviving are his wife Eileen, three children John (Josie) Waite, Steven (MariAnn) Waite, Sally (Frank) Peterson. 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Visitation at Calvary Church was Thursday May 11, with a funeral service. Burial was at Fairplains Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to Faith Hospice.

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## TRAINING

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eration firefighter. His grandfather Clayton Ashmore was a WFD chief. His father Stephen Ashmore was also a firefighter. Ashmore was pleased to be part of the exercise saying, "It feels pretty great as my family is very proud I am following its footsteps. This is pretty important, and I learned a lot, especially doing a live fire burn inside a building. You get a little dirty with it, and an actual feel for what it is you're supposed to be doing."

Recruit Noah Shields summed up his experience as, "This is

a really good way to actually operate on the fire grounds. It's a really simplified way of how everything works. We are learning rescue methods and we are learning fire methods. This was great to help us get a grasp on just the core elements of what we will need to do."

Recruit Ashley Magane Girouard pointed out, "This was great at actually helping us to be prepared in a house fire situation and environment. They taught us how to vent and get rid of smoke, and how a fire behaves. This was an awesome learning experience, and I really liked it."

A very pleased Chief Smith said, "I think this went fantas-

tic. It's starting to expose them to things they have previously not been exposed to. They made some mistakes and that is good. We were able to teach them in a controlled environment about what they are supposed to do and need to do, to keep them safe while they are protecting the community."

Smith closed with, "The main emphasis was safety and for everything to be done safe today and they definitely accomplished that. They are now able to leave here with more knowledge than they came here with, and we will continue to train them so our community has a good group to protect them as they deserve."

## SALLY

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"It's likely, if the voters approve it, that we would initially borrow a portion of the money needed for construction, then use the foundation funds toward paying off that loan. We also anticipate applying \$69,000 from a state 911 Support and Incentive Grant toward the overall cost. So, that means taxpayers would only be on the hook for around \$122,000. That amount would be spread out over a three-year period. If the town doesn't support this, we don't get the Robinson Broadhurst money."

"This is something that really is needed from a public safety standpoint," he added.

Chief Walsh concurred, but went even further.

"Yes, this is would be for the public's safety," he said, "but it goes further than that. It's also for the safety of the prisoners and of our officers. For example, without the sally port, safety

during the winter months can be problematic. We need to make sure prisoners, who are handcuffed, and officers aren't at risk of falling on the snow or ice and getting injured."

"And, while the information is public to some degree," he continued, "it also helps to protect the privacy of the prisoners being walked into the police station. As it is now, anyone walking past the back of the station or parking in the (Athol Savings) bank parking lot can see who we're bringing into the station. Now, it may be proven they're innocent of any crime, or accused of a minor infraction, but people who see them won't know that."

Walsh also explained the sally port would house several rooms or storage areas needed by the police. A sketch of the facility includes a forensics lab, armory, a fourth holding cell, and prisoner processing and booking rooms. The chief pointed out that prisoners would be placed into a secure booking room and

speak to officers in the processing room through a plexiglass divider, similar to what is seen in many banks.

"It's safer for the prisoners and for the officers," said Walsh. "It's a lot better than having to handcuff them to a bench or a chair, where they could potentially injure themselves or an officer who is speaking with them."

The sally port would also contain small rooms for bike storage, bulk evidence or found property storage, road supply storage, and storage for the animal control officer.

"Some people may wonder about the cost," said Hickey, "but costs have gone up since the original estimates. I know there are some who, frankly, will never be happy with the fact that the station relocated to the former court house - but it's there. That's history now. The fact remains this is needed for the safety of the public and, as the chief says, for the safety of prisoners and officers alike."

## CHEESE

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Tsongas explained that she has over 900 farms in her congressional district and wants to visit as many as she can. The Lowell Democrat said farmers are important not only for the goods they produce and the people they employ, but also because they tend to be good stewards of the land and help to preserve important open space.

Allie Catlin said the farm currently has about 200 cows producing some 35,000 pounds of

milk per day. She told Tsongas that 12,000 to 14,000 pounds are used each day in the cheese-making process, while the balance is sold to a milk distributor. She said Smith's, which distributes its cheeses via small local markets, as well as through larger chains such as Market Basket and Whole Foods, keeps a 90-day inventory of cheese on site.

She added that their cows are given no hormones.

"We're able to control what they eat and when they eat it," she said.

Allie Catlin also said their foray into the cheese business

was something they had talked about, but decided to move into only after seeing that Smith's was for sale.

"My major was political science," she said, "and Jake's was criminal justice. So this isn't something we had planned for right from the start. When the opportunity came up, though, we just couldn't let it pass."

The Catlin's have two children; Samantha, who will be two in July, and little Sadie, who was only 17-days-old and with her mother when Allie Catlin conducted Wednesday's tour.

## MONTY TECH GREENHOUSE OPENS TO PUBLIC MAY 12



Courtesy photo

The greenhouse is filled and ready for spring

FITCHBURG — Monty Tech's on-site greenhouse will be open to the public from Friday, May 12, through Friday, June 9. Normal hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.

Opening day, the greenhouse will be open for business from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Inventory includes a wide variety of hanging baskets, annuals, perenni-

als and vegetable and herb plants. Birdbaths, garden statues and concrete benches, all made in Monty Tech's masonry program, will also be on sale.

The greenhouse is located behind the school building located at 1050 Westminster St., Rte. 2A, at the Fitchburg-Westminster line.

For more information, visit the school's website at [www.montytech.net](http://www.montytech.net).



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## Pro wrestling returning to Toy Town

JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It's been a while since there's been pro wrestling in town, maybe at least close to 30 years but that's about to change.

Next Saturday night (May 20) Clinton-based Lucky Pro Wrestling will bring the show to Winchendon to highlight the Clark Memorial YMCA's annual fund-raising drive.

"I've lived here since 1990 and I don't remember anything like this," said Clark facilities director Dave Bilodeau, who was instrumental in bringing the event here.

"I'm from Clinton and I knew of these guys. I'm a big wrestling fan and when we thinking what we wanted to do, I thought about them."

"You know, everyone does car washes for fund-raisers. Everyone does boot drives. Everyone does bake sales. I felt like we needed to do something out of the box, or in this case, in the ring," he laughed.

"This is going to be great. They have some of the best wrestlers around and they put on great shows," Bilodeau said. "Everyone will have a great time."

One of the performers for the 'Spring Village Stampede' is known as Nunzio, a WWE veteran.

"We even have a 'TV star,'" chortled Bilodeau.

In a more serious vein, Bilodeau stressed the importance of the Clark to the community.

"We provide a lot of activities for kids, for families. And while we're affordable, we know there are those who can't afford to join. It's important we be accessible to everyone," he said.

"Building Brighter Futures' is the theme of the support campaign and that's exactly what we do," said Bilodeau, pointing out the Clark's varied program options include summer camps, gymnastics, and swimming.

Tickets are \$15 ("when we used to go to the old Boston Garden it would cost as much as \$100," recalled Bilodeau) and are available at the Clark and at Not Just Produced (290 Central St.), Dugan's Wild Cuts (62 Central) and Playaway Lanes (5 Summer St.) and at the door.

Speaking of the door, they'll open at the Fieldhouse at 6:30 with bell time at 7:30 p.m.

"We're going to put the ring on the left side near the yellow markers on the soccer field. There's going to be seating around that and in the balcony, which will have a great view," enthused Bilodeau.

"These guys have a fan club so we're definitely looking for people to show up from out of town, which will also be great."

More information is available at [luckyprowrestling.com](http://luckyprowrestling.com)

## Plate struggles continue

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Last Thursday, May 4, the David Prouty Panthers came to town to take on the Murdock Blue Devils.

In the fourth and fifth innings, the Panthers plated a total of five runs. One run came in the fourth, with four runs scored in the fifth frame. Prouty would go on to hold the Devils scoreless and secure the 5-0 shutout. It was Murdock's ninth loss of the season.

Right-hander Zach Richards started on the mound for Murdock, and the first three innings would go down in the books as a pitcher's duel. But the Panthers broke through in the fourth inning for their first run of the game and a 1-0 lead. Richards then surrendered four more runs in the fifth stanza as Prouty took the 5-0 lead. John Murphy came on in relief of Richards to record the final out of the inning.

Richards finished his outings with five strikeouts, while allowing five runs on three walks and four hits.

Murphy, who finished the game, recorded two Ks, while giving up two hits and no runs.

Offensively, the Blue Devils' Dakota Girard went 2-for-3 with two singles, John Murphy was 1-for-2 with a single, Jack Polcari chalked up a hit while going

1-for-3, Joe Curtain went 1-for-3 with a single, and Jared Nelson had a single on a 1-for-3 day.

Following the game, Coach Bob Polcari said, "Sure thing, fifth inning we lost a little focus, but (Prouty) got three runs on a long hit. The bottom line is we lost focus. It's tough when we lose focus. We can't recover. We were frustrated. We're hitting the ball but just not getting breaks hitting. We left a lot of guys out there, but we're just not getting the clutch hits to bring them around."

"I tried to get Jared in there that one time, and it was a gamble," said Polcari. "It just didn't work out. Sometimes you've just got to manufacture whatever you can. We're just not getting good enough hits in a row. It was our third game this week."

"For the most part," he continued, "our pitching has been what we need. We just have a couple of miscues here and there and it hurts. When it's a one-run game, any little mistake will hurt you and we've got to get beyond that. We have to remain focused through seven innings and we can't let the little things affect us. We haven't gotten to that point quite yet."

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Maria Polcari slides safely into second base, beating the tag against a West Boylston player. The Lady Devils had an early lead, then fell behind, only to rally in the bottom seventh inning to dig out a 9-8 win.

# SPORTS

## A winning Dream...



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

So it went last Saturday. Always Dreaming became the fifth consecutive favorite to win the Kentucky Derby, the first of America's Triple Crown race series and the most famous and cherished if not the most lucrative race in the country. It was, perhaps not so incidentally, five years ago when the Derby's qualifying structure was changed to a points system and here we are.

Nonetheless, a race with 20 horses is ridiculous. And dangerous. You almost feel like it's only a

matter of time before there's a catastrophe. 30 years ago Alysheba nearly went down twice in the stretch as he surged to the lead and only his brilliant athleticism avoided disaster. Young horses, running farther than they ever have, buffeted by sound from left and right alike, jockeys riding harder than they ever do in search of our greatest racing prize, all that leads to bumper-car collisions and makes the outcome primarily dependent on who is able to stay out of trouble best. That's what Always Dreaming was able to do, unlike pre-race chalk Classic Empire who emerged from the muck with bruises and a black eye. Others, too, came back exhausted, wet, and bruised.

The answer? Easy. Restrict the Derby field to a single gate. 14 horses. The Preakness, Belmont Stakes and Breeders Cup limit their fields to 14. In our year, 1976, there were just nine in the race. But two years earlier, Cannonade won the centennial Derby by besting, ready, 22 rivals.

That was insane. Sure, anything can go wrong anytime, even in a 5 horse field but logically, it's time for the Derby to reduce the odds of bad things happening.

Always Dreaming was no fluke. One of the keys to getting that great trip is having tractable speed and the ability to sit right behind the inevitable quick pace. This year's pace wasn't out of control by any means as often happens but it was honest and AD stalked it

effectively and efficiently. His win last month in the Florida Derby was the fastest of the major preps. Clearly that was no fluke.

Triple Crown? Let's leave it at he's the only one eligible to sweep but keep in mind his dad, Bodemeister, was run down in the Derby and Preakness stretches so it's fair to ask if Always Dreaming might have a stamina issue, at least on his sire's side. It didn't look that way Saturday but next Saturday's Preakness at old Pimlico is a whole new race with some new shooters. That said, AD was clearly the best last week and fully earned and deserved his roses.

He showed lots of heart too, which you need at the big moments. For years, no one said the

Washington Capitals had any but down 3-1 in their Eastern Conference semis against their old nemesis, the defending champion Penguins, the Caps managed to even the series and forced a seventh game Wednesday. Other talented Caps teams never managed to pull themselves off the ledge like that and to heighten the thrills in DC, the Wizards nee Bullets came from down 2-0 to even things with the Celtics as of this writing, and the Nationals are in first place sporting the most prolific offense in baseball. These are not usual times in Washington. Fans are savoring if not quite believing it's happening.

The O's and Sox aren't meeting for a while so maybe all the tempers will

cool. Boston took exception to Manny Machado's slide into Dustin Pedroia a few weeks ago (though Pedroia was the proverbial grown up in the room) and commenced throwing at Machado, and being obnoxious about it, so Manny responded with a profane post-game speech and, oh yes, a bunch of home runs, the latter being the best way to silence chippy opponents. While all this was going on, the new Bombers were climbing into the AL East lead where, as of this writing, they sit tied with the Birds. Aaron Judge looks like the real deal, yes, but it's New York's pitching which is opening a lot of eyes. It looks like another fun race in the AL East. Isn't that what we all want anyway? See you next week.

## Reid named Coach of the Year

FITCHBURG —The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has selected David Reid, veteran teacher, coach and athletic director at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, as the 2017 Northeast Sectional "Coach of the Year" Award for Girls' Softball.

Currently in his 44-year at the school, Reid will be honored at the first annual Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's (MIAA) awards recognition banquet Thursday, May 25, at the Doubletree Hotel in Milford.

The Northeast section includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. The NFHS recognizes coaches at the state, sectional and national levels.

Some of the awards and recognitions Reid has received during his career include: District E Athletic Director

of the Year for 1999-2000 and again for 2008-09. In 1996, he was inducted into the State Softball Coaches' Association Hall of Fame, and in 1999, he was inducted into the Oakmont Regional High School Hall of Fame.

During his tenure, Monty Tech has won the Colonial League Sportsmanship Award on numerous occasions. In 2002, he was selected as Monty Tech's Teacher of the Year and in 2005 was presented with the Central Massachusetts Presidents' Award.

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association (NIAAA) selected him as the Distinguished Service Award winner in 2014.

Reid started his career at Monty Tech in September 1973, two years after the school opened. He taught math and physical education until 2007. His coaching career started in 1973 as assistant football coach. He went on to serve as head football

coach, and assistant and varsity coach for both girls and boys basketball. He has coached varsity softball continuously since 1975. He took over as A.D. in 1978.

He started coaching softball in 1974, and to date, he has won 21 Colonial Athletic League Championships. Since 1995, he has made it to the district-level tournaments 34 times with 22 in row. His overall coaching record is 609-306-1.

Reid likes to say that when people ask him "what is your most memorable game," he always answers "the next one."

"You cannot change the past, but you can work hard to improve the future," he said.

He and his wife, Betty, reside in Fitchburg. They have a daughter, Jennifer, and two grandchildren.



Courtesy photo

Monty Tech's David Reid, veteran teacher, coach and athletic director, adds 2017 Northeast Sectional "Coach of the Year" award for girls softball-fast pitch to his long and impressive resume that spans his 44-year career.

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a lot of people still think it is. It is our priority to get people into treatment. It is a chronic disease of the brain."

Early said while the increased use of Narcan has saved lives, the emphasis should be on finding help for those who find themselves addicted to opioids.

"Suboxone and methadone do work," he added, "although we still see some train wrecks. A well-rounded treatment program is what's needed. Support from the family and from the community for those in treatment is what's needed."

"Doctors need to prescribe with greater care," Early said. "In the '90s, doctors were getting their instructions from pharmaceutical drug reps. The line was that oxycontin was not addictive. Well, it turned out to be very addictive, something the pharmaceutical companies were well-aware of. Oxycontin definitely is a gateway drug to heroin. Vicodin or Percocet not so much, because they're cut with Tylenol; although they, too, can be quite addictive."

Early noted that heroin available on the street is now often being cut with fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. That, he said, has contributed to the spike in overdose deaths nationwide.

While stressing the need for treatment and compassion for users, Early did say he continues to support the use of minimum mandatory sentences for those dealing drugs on the street.

Jacqueline Rosario, who grew up in East Templeton, dis-

cussed her battle with addiction, a problem which developed after she was treated for an injury while serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

"The first time I was given painkillers, I fell in love with it," she said. "It made me feel good. It took care of everything...until it stopped working. Then I couldn't get enough of it. It got to the point where I didn't want to live, but I was too afraid to die."

"This was not the life I wanted when I was younger," said Rosario.

She said her decision to finally beat her addiction came on June 12, 2015; the day her brother died from an overdose. She credited the support of her father and the rest of her family for finally finding sobriety.

"I had tried to stop before my brother's death," said Rosario, "but it didn't happen. It was a real wake-up call. My father said he learned to love me from afar. He had to watch me stumble and fall more than once, but I always knew he loved me."

Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh said people who may find themselves in the presence of someone who has overdosed should not hesitate to call police.

"The perception of police has changed," he said. "We're trying to get the message out that we won't prosecute you if you report an overdose. I know people have concerns about calling the police, but all we want to do is save someone's life. That is the priority."

Statistics provided to The Courier by Walsh indi-

cate that - in addition to the 38 overdoses and six deaths recorded in Winchendon last year - there were 34 ODs and one death in 2015 and, thus far this year, there have been four overdoses, two of which proved fatal. In both 2015 and 2016, an average of nearly one-third of Winchendon's overdoses came from heroin, a little over 10

percent came from prescription opioids, and around 40 percent came from unspecified drugs. In 2015, eight percent of overdoses in Winchendon actually came from over-the-counter medications while, in 2016, three percent came from the use of PCP and 12 percent came from a variety of prescriptions.

Other panelists who participated in last Wednesday's forum included Winchendon Fire Chief Tom Smith, Dr. Cheryl Divito of the Gardner Community Health Center, Michelle Dunn of Learn to Cope, state Sen. Ann Gobi, and state Rep. Jon Zlotnik.



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# Antique discoveries and auction prices

There have been some great antique finds recently and rare pieces are being auctioned in both the United States and Europe.

A guitar that had been owned by Jerry Garcia, who had been the lead singer for the band the Grateful Dead, is going to auction for a second time. Garcia died in 1995. The Seattle Times reports the guitar is owned by philanthropist, musician and film director Daniel Pritzker. He purchased it for \$790,000 in 2002. It is believed it could sell for over \$1 million this time. The proceeds will be donated to the Southern Poverty Center based in Alabama.

Another celebrity auction will be taking place after the items are displayed on the Queen Mary II, according to the Los Angeles Business News (labiz.com). Clothing and other memorabilia related to Judy Garland will be showcased on the ship when it leaves New York and crosses the Atlantic in August. Some of the highlights include a red velvet ball gown Garland wore in "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas" with an estimate of \$4,000-\$6,000. A dress from a "Star is Born" also has a \$4,000-\$6,000 estimate.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
WAYNE TUISKULA

A British collector discovered a flag that had flown during the Battle of Waterloo in a shoebox according to the United Kingdom's Mirror newspaper. The collector paid under £500 (\$646 U.S.) for the flag, which was in pieces, in an online auction. The fragments were painstakingly put together and it measured 7' X 7' when completed. The flag could now sell for over £300,000 (\$387,750 U.S.) at auction.

A World War II Enigma machine discovered by a German collector recently set an auction record according to a report on the Arizona Daily Star's tuscon.com website. The Enigma machine was developed by a German engineer in World War I. During World War II the British employed them to break German codes. The machine that sold at auction was made for German U-boat use. A collector discovered it at a German electronics flea market. It brought \$463,500 at auction.

A painting that had been kept in a Milwaukee high school's storage room sold for over \$500,000 according to a recent USA Today article. "Creek at Twilight" by Birger Sandzén sold at auction and its sister painting was

sold privately resulting in a \$771,000 windfall for Washington High. The two 4' X 5' paintings were a gift to the school from the class of 1927. Sandzén's works were on display at the Milwaukee Art Institute around that time. "Creek at Twilight" was said to have been purchased from the trunk of Sandzén's car. The money will be used to fund scholarships for graduates of the school.

We have three upcoming online estate auctions scheduled. The preview for a Westford estate with power equipment and home furnishings will be on May 13. Other previews take place on May 20 in Northampton and May 27 in Charlton. An estate sale will also be taking place in Milford later this month. In addition, I'll be appraising items at events on June 10 in Townsend on June 17 in Worcester and June 21 in Ashland. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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## HADDAD

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A: At the middle school, for instance, because we're removing a whole team, we're going from 16 or 20 per class to 20 or 25-plus per class, if the overrides fail. One (member of that team) will fill-in for someone on the high school side who's on a leave of absence. A team is four teachers - science, history, math, and English - so when you remove that team all the kids plug into other classes and class size goes up. Now, when you look at the student-to-teacher ratio in the recent DESE (state Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education) report, it says it's 13-to-1. But that's not exactly accurate because they count all the students, but they also count all the support staff, the librarian, the nurse, the speech pathologist, for example. They all get pulled into the report, so it's a bit misleading.

(Haddad then provided documents which, using data provided by DESE, indicate that,

of the 8 school districts statewide that have budgets one percent above required net school spending, six - including Winchendon - are Level 3, 4, or 5 districts. Winchendon is currently a Level 3 district, trying to reach Level 2 in the next three years. By comparison, of the 262 districts with budgets five percent or more above the state-set minimum, only 34 - or 13 percent - are Level 3, 4 or 5 districts.)

That's important data, especially when you consider of the \$300,000 override (passed by Winchendon voters in 2014), we're paying \$236,000 of it back to that deficit legislation the town is paying for. So, that's where we are. Money does have an impact. So, when you're above net school spending, you have the resources to give extra help to the students that need it most.

Q: Nearly all of the districts at Level 3, 4 or 5 are single-community districts, with the exception of the Spencer-East Brookfield district. That begs the question; should Winchendon consider looking

at a regional system?

A: If we continue dropping in enrollment, we won't have a choice. That's one of the reasons I'm forming a committee to start looking at all the different things that make a school system run - and run successfully. DESE recommended it in the district accountability report. I think we're doing a lot of things right, but it's going to take a while to actually see the change. There are some people asking, 'why don't we talk to districts?' Well, we have talked to districts. Nobody really wants to go that direction because once you do you lose that autonomy, the freedom to make your own decisions. You lose control.

Q: If neither of the overrides passes, what programs are most at risk?

A: Obviously, music. And we're cutting the Consumer Science program. Music is going to be drastically effected just as we're trying to build up the music program. Having to cut a music teacher just at the time we're trying to build up the program would really be

bad. And we'll be cutting staff at the middle school. Middle school is such a difficult age because of the changes going on in the middle school student's life. So, you need more support there. When you go from 16 students to 25 students in a class it's difficult to meet the needs of all the students in the room.

Q: What kind of impact, if any, would the failure of either override have on the Murdock Academy for Success?

A: It shouldn't have any effect, because we're still staying with the same support staff. So, at this point, the academy shouldn't be affected. We're still going to run 30-plus students.

Q: Would the live lab or robotics be impacted?

A: We're making some changes in technology training at this point. We're removing the librarian position from the elementary level. We're still keeping the technology piece, but it'll only be a half-time position. One person will be responsible for teaching at both Memorial and Toy Town. It'll

be a little more challenging, but we need technology there because MCAS is all online.

Q: Any impact on the athletic program?

A: No. We're using athletics to try to keep students in Winchendon. We need programs that are going to make parents say, 'I want my student to graduate from Winchendon Public Schools.' So, we're trying to keep athletics intact.

Q: Are athletic user fees going to stay level?

A: At this point, yes. We have no plans at this point to raise any fees, but also no plans to cut any fees.

Haddad said he has been informed that, should one or the other of the overrides be approved at town meeting, the question would move to a townwide election on June 20.

"School ends just a few days after that," said Haddad, "and we want to make sure the balloting takes place before school ends and everyone heads off for vacation."

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# Smith's Country Cheese: a festive day and a solemn one



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The ribbon cutting on Sunday marked the beginning of new era for Smith's.



All ages, including the Catlins nephew, get into the act of caring for the cows.



Congresswoman Niki Tsongas samples some of the product available at Smith's Country Cheese in Winchendon. Tsongas toured the business Wednesday morning.



A family discovers cows up close and personal.

LEFT: Hardwick Vineyard had samples for tasting.



(l-r) New Smith's Country Cheese owner Allie Catlin (carrying 17-day-old daughter Sadie) explains the cheese-making process to Gerry Palano, head of the state Department of Agriculture's Energy Program, and U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas. Tsongas and Palano were among several people who toured the Winchendon business Wednesday morning.



(l-r) U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas (D-Lowell) speaks with Winchendon Town Manager Keith Hickey and new Smith's Country Cheese owner Jake Catlin as she begins a tour of the store, cheese-making facility, and farm Wednesday morning.

These two little guys found a milk can makes a great drum.

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# Berg honored as outstanding alumnus

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College Alumnus Kevin Berg was honored recently as one of the 2017 Alumni of the Year by the American Association of Community Colleges at an awards ceremony highlighting the ability of community colleges to transform lives.

Berg was one of five community college alumni recognized for their outstanding achievements at the AACC's 97th annual convention April 25.

Berg is executive vice president of production at CBS Network

Entertainment Group. He's been responsible for the launch and success of the CSI and NCIS franchises, Blue Bloods, Elementary, and more. But as a young man growing up in central Massachusetts, Berg was aimless. He took a year off after high school to work at one of the region's many chair factories. He didn't want to do it forever, so he enrolled at Mount Wachusett Community College and studied communications. After college, he did a brief stint at a Boston radio station and then headed to Los Angeles. After knocking

on doors, he ended up with a job with an award-winning director.

At the ceremony, Berg reflected on his time at MWCC where he said students are given an opportunity to grow as well as learn.

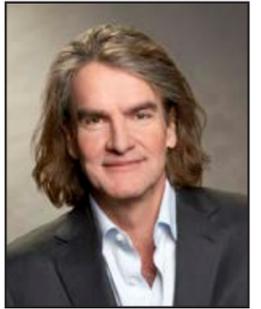
"It's always nice to be recognized for your achievements — however I feel that all I really did here was to get lucky and pick an excellent institution that gave me the basis to become who I am professionally," Berg said. "The Mount was, and is, the place that takes high school kids and turns them into working

world adults."

Now a success in his field, Berg also has become a philanthropist. He served five years as a member of the Board for the Entertainment Industry Foundation, a leading charitable organization. And he's involved with Save the Children and several community impact projects. He's also helped countless people start careers in the industry. He's known for answering cold calls and taking chances on people. Berg embodies MWCC's mission to prepare individuals for lives of fulfillment, leadership, and

service in a diverse and global society.

As the voice of the nation's community colleges, the American Association of Community Colleges, delivers educational and economic opportunity for 12 million diverse students in search of the American Dream. Uniquely dedicated to access and success for all students, AACC's nearly 1,200 member colleges provide an on-ramp to degree attainment, skilled careers and family-supporting wages. Located in Washington, DC, AACC advocates for these not-for-profit, public-serving



Kevin Berg

institutions to ensure they have the resources and support they need to deliver on the mission of increasing economic mobility for all.

## Murphy doing best to boost Alumni Dinner

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON Murdock Alumni Association Pres. Fran Murphy is hoping to see many members of the Class of 2017 and former graduates at this year's Alumni Banquet at American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193.

"It honors the kids for 12 years of hard work," said Murphy, "and they get to go out as a unit and have a meal at the Legion and receive some awards. It used to be the 'in' thing to do. Now, there are a lot of different things to do, but I really want to bring back its importance."

Murphy said while the attendance of recent graduating classes has declined in recent years, significant numbers of alumni still make it to Winchendon for the event.

"You see a lot of different classes," he continued. "You might see a sophomore you played a sport with, or were in the band with, or in the class plays. So far, 30 some odd people coming back for their 50th (reunion) have responded. My job as president is try to get more of them to come back."

Murphy added that the event serves as a fundraiser for the Alumni Association's scholarship fund.

"At one time the fund was very large," he said, "probably \$170,000. Ten or 15 years ago, when the classes would come back, each class would take a collection and donate to the scholarship fund. With the interest from the account and the donations, we could give \$20,000 in scholarships. Now, where there is very little interest, the fund has dwindled. I'd like to say it's now around \$80,000, I think."

Last year, according to Murphy, the association was able to award "seven or eight" \$2,000 scholarships.

"And that money was taken from the principle," he said. "That's what's killing us. We don't want to gain \$1,000 in interest and only give out four \$250 scholarships. We want to give the most that we can."

Murphy stressed that only members of the current graduating class get their Alumni Banquet meals for free. He also said it's important that students who sign up to attend actually make it to the event.

"Last year we had some parents of some kids show up thinking they could eat for free because their son or daughter was graduating," he explained, "but that's not the way it works. And if a student signs up and doesn't come, we still have to pay for that meal. Last year,

between parents and kids, we lost eight meals. That's \$240 we really can't afford to lose."

"I really want to encourage the kids to show up this year," said Murphy. "It really does give them a chance to understand they're part of a long line, a great heritage of people who have graduated from Murdock before them."

As has been the case in recent years, the 2017 Alumni Banquet is being catered by Hidden Hills. Music will be provided by DJ Danielle Antonellis

This year's Alumni Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Tickets are \$30. Payment may be made at the door. Checks made out to the Murdock Alumni Banquet may also be mailed to Fran Murphy, 19 Hyde Park St., Winchendon, 01475.

## LEGALS

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Leonora T. Santilli to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated December 28, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35398, Page 315, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated July 2, 2013 and recorded with said registry on July 11, 2013 at Book 51181 Page 177 and by assignment from Ditech Financial LLC, successor by merger to Green Tree Servicing LLC to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. dated August 17, 2016 and recorded with said registry on August 30, 2016 at Book 55887 Page 240, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 115 Bayberry Circle, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A parcel of land on Bayberry Circle in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 7 on a Plan entitled "Millers Run Subdivision, Plan of Land in Winchendon, Massachusetts, surveyed for Robert Van Dyke, Sage Engineering LLC, dated February 27, 2004: which Plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 813, Plan 3, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of said lot.

Reserving to the grantor the fee in all of the ways shown on said plan.

Subject to the conditions set forth in the Notice of Decision, Special Permit — Flexible Residential Development dated May 17, 2004 recorded with said Deeds, Book 34282, Page 266 as modified by Notice of Modification of Approval dated July 14, 2004 recorded with said Deeds, Book 34282, Page 270.

Subject to the conditions set forth in the Notice, Definitive Subdivision Plan Approval with Conditions dated May 17, 2004 recorded with said Deeds, Book 34282, Page 271 as modified by Notice of Modification of Approval dated July 14, 2004 recorded with said Deeds, Book 3428, Page 275.

Subject to Order of Condition by the Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission issued May 3, 2004 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 34282, Page 276.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35398, Page 313.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit

of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617) 558-0500  
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April 28, 2017

May 5, 2017

May 12, 2017

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
17 SM 001571  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

**Dean R. Gray; Linda M. Gray** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

**Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **38 Whitney Street a/k/a 28 Whitney Street**, given by **Dean R. Gray and Linda M. Gray to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial, Inc., its successors and assigns**, dated **February 23, 2005**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **35781**, Page **139**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been,

in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **June 12, 2017** 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 April 25, 2017 Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
(16-014065 Orlans)  
May 12, 2017

**Legal Notice**  
**Winchendon Board of Selectmen**  
**Winchendon Conservation Commission**

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22F; M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53, and Sections 29.16 and 29.4(d) of the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Board of Selectmen and Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 6:45 pm to consider the adoption of regulations consisting of a schedule of filing fees to be collected under the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw. A copy of the proposed fee schedule will be available for public review at the Winchendon Town Clerk's office at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing. The hearing will be held in the Second Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA. May 12, 2017 May 19, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR COURT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION**  
**No. 17-692D**

To Cynthia L. Draleau of Gardner, Worcester County; and Candice M. Draleau, Estate of Candice M. Draleau and heirs claiming under Estate of Candice M. Draleau, late of Gardner, Worcester County, both of said Commonwealth;

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED:

Colonial Co-Operative Bank, a banking institution with an usual place of business in Gardner, Worcester County, Massachusetts; claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated on Brown Street, being numbered 110 on said Street, in said Winchendon; given by Cynthia L. Draleau and Candice M. Draleau to Colonial Co-operative Bank dated July 29,

2005 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 36981, Page 240, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the ninth day of June, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act. Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of April 2017.

Dennis P. McManus, Clerk  
May 12, 2017

(SEAL)  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
16SM008113  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:  
Lance L. Mason  
Sonya A. Mason  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.:  
J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 254 Ash Street, given by Lance L. Mason and Sonya A. Mason to Chittenden Trust Co. d/b/a Mortgage Service Center, dated November 24, 2004, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35156, Page 362, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 5, 2017 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 said Court on April 25, 2017. Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson**

Recorder  
16-025950  
May 12, 2017



# Two car accident results in injuries

On Tuesday, May 2 at about 7:30 p.m. the police and fire responded to a head on MV crash in the area of Zoe's on Spring Street. Both operators had to be extricated by the fire department. Life Flight was requested however they were unable to fly due to weather; both operators were then transported by ambulance to UMass Memorial in Worcester with serious injuries; but are expected to recover.

indicates 45 year old Julie Witt of Winchendon was operating a blue Honda Fit northbound on Spring when a silver Buick Regal operated by 40 year old Aaron Piquette traveling southbound crossed the solid double yellow line. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage. There were no passengers in either vehicle. There is an ongoing investigation. This report was provided by Lt. Kevin Wolski of the WPD.



Morgan St. Pierre photos

Both cars were heavily damaged



The initial investigation

## Winchendon Water Department Public Water System #2343000 2016 Water Quality Report

### Dear Water Customer,

We are pleased to present you with the 2016 Winchendon Water Quality Report. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that utilities issue an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to customers in addition to other notices that may be required by law. Contained in this report is information about where your water is drawn from, how it is treated/filtered, how to protect it, levels of any contaminant detected, compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) regulations, residential cross connections, and helpful definitions. The Winchendon Water Department is committed to providing you with the safest drinking water and enough capacity to meet your demands.

### Where? How?



Winchendon's drinking water comes from Upper Naukeag Lake in Ashburnham. Upper Naukeag Lake is a shared water source that provides water to both the Town of Ashburnham and the Town of Winchendon. Water is pumped from the lake to the Ashburnham-Winchendon Joint Water Filtration Plant, which is located on Lake Road in Ashburnham. Here the water is treated and filtered. Chemicals are added to aid in the clarification/filtration process and to disinfect the water. The pH of the water is controlled to prevent corrosion to the plumbing systems of homes and businesses, which can cause lead, copper, and other metals to enter your water through the deterioration of plumbing pipes. Phosphates (corrosion inhibitors) are added to aid in plumbing and water main corrosion prevention as well. Water from the filtration plant is then pumped into the 70 miles of water transmission/distribution mains and two, one-million gallon water storage tanks. The total combined storage of the two tanks of 2 million gallons provides almost 3 days reserve based on average water usage. One storage tank is located on the High Street area and the other is on Elmwood Road. In addition, the system has two water booster pump stations that increase water pressure in the system. A third water booster station on Route 140 provides emergency fire supply protection in that area of town. There are more than 2,100 connections to the water system which supply homes and businesses with clean, safe drinking water. The water filtration plant produced an average of 648,998 gallons per day (GPD) for Winchendon, for a total of 236.88 million gallons for 2016. The statistics for 2015 were 692,662 GPD and 252.82million gallons total – so the average usage in 2016 was approximately 5% less than 2015.

### Protection and Conservation

Protecting our drinking water is crucial, whether it's from pollution (rain run-off, improper disposal of hazardous materials or cross connection) or waste due to leaks from plumbing fixtures or corroded pipes. Massachusetts DEP has written a Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Report for Winchendon's water system. This includes potential contamination sources near Upper Naukeag Lake. This report assesses the susceptibility of the water system. Winchendon was given a rating of "high" susceptibility due to land use in the area. It is important to understand that a release may never occur from a potential source of contamination provided facilities are using best management practices (BMPs). If BMPs are in place, the actual risk may be lower than the threat ranking. Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal, state and/or local levels to further reduce the risk. This SWAP report can be obtained at the Winchendon DPW Office. For more information, call the Winchendon Water Dept. at (978) 297-0170 or go to <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/f2343000pd> and download it to your computer.

Water conservation is another way to protect our drinking water by ensuring that we don't diminish our resource. As much as 97% of the world's water is saltwater, leaving 3% freshwater, two-thirds of which is stored as icecaps or glaciers. This leaves us 1% of the world's water for drinking. Needless to say, water conservation will help us sustain our precious 1%. Here are a few ways to help out:



- Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. **This can save 750-1,500 gallons per month.**
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. **This can save three gallons each day.**
- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation. **This can save 500 to 1,500 gallons each month.**
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. **This can save 750 to 1,500 gallons per month.**

### Backflow and Cross-Connections

Massachusetts drinking water regulations state that an approved public water supply may not be connected to an unapproved supply, such as a private well. Such a connection is considered an illegal cross connection. A cross connection is any connection between piping that carries drinking water (also known as potable) and the piping or fixtures that carry other types of water or substances that are not safe to drink (also known as non-potable). Ideally, it is best to not have any cross-connections, but in certain situations they are unavoidable. Examples include residential and commercial fire sprinkler systems, wells or auxiliary water systems, lawn irrigation systems, boilers, swimming pools and hot tubs that are hard piped for filling purposes, and even garden hoses. When an installation requires a cross-connection, it must be properly protected with an acceptable backflow prevention assembly or device to eliminate any potential for a reverse flow back into the potable water supply. The vacuum breaker shown is a device that attaches to any garden hose connection and allows water to flow in only one direction. A garden hose placed into a bucket to fill without a device like this could pose a backflow risk if a fire hydrant was operated in the water system. The drop in water pressure could cause the contents of the bucket to be drawn into the water system and possibly contaminate the drinking water. An unprotected cross-connection threatens the health and safety of individuals and may contaminate food or beverage products utilizing water from that system.



Vacuum Breaker for hose bib.

For more information, please review the Cross-connection Control Manual from the U.S. EPA's website at <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/drinkingwater/pws/crossconnectioncontrol/index.cfm>. You can also call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

### 2016 Drinking Water Quality Test Results

In 2016 your water was tested for total coliform bacteria, chlorine residual, alkalinity, inorganics, nitrate, perchlorate, turbidity (clarity), trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, volatile organic compounds (VOC's) and pH (Treatment Plant Sampling Plan). The results provided in this report are from 2016 or the most recent monitoring period for each contaminant group. Even though contaminants were detected, the presence of contaminants in drinking water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least low levels of some contaminants. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are also available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### Sources of Drinking Water and Drinking Water Contaminants

Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present include:



**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic contaminants that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production, and mining activities.

### Regulated Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measure)	Date(s) or Frequency Collected	Highest Amount Detected or Highest RAA*	Range Detected	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Sources
Arsenic (ppm)	5/12/2016	ND	--	0.01	0	N	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from fruit orchards.
Chlorine (ppm)	Monthly	0.46*	0.02-1.38	4	4	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Coliform Bacteria (# of positive samples)	Monthly	0	0 - 1	>1 positive sample per month	0	N	Naturally present in the environment
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ppb)	Quarterly	49.40*	21.3-49.40	80	--	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s) (ppb)	Quarterly	31.5*	6.00 - 49.10	60	--	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Perchlorate (ug/l)	10/06/2016	ND	--	2	--	N	Rocket Propellants, blasting agents, fireworks
Barium (ppm)	5/12/2016	0.005	--	2	--	N	Erosion of natural deposits

\*The running annual average (RAA) is the highest average of four consecutive quarters.

### Turbidity

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. We begin by monitoring raw water turbidity, then we monitor turbidity after the filtration process and, finally, we take a finished water sample. This tells us how much turbidity we are removing. At the treatment plant, these turbidity levels are monitored continuously in addition to manual sampling each day to confirm that the in-line analyzers are accurate and functioning correctly. The average turbidity in the water leaving the plant for the year (2016) was 0.07 NTU (see Important Definitions below).

AWJWA Water Treatment Facility	TT	Lowest Monthly % of Samples	Highest Detected Daily Value	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source of Contamination
Daily Turbidity Compliance (NTU)	1	----	0.14 May 2, 2016	N	Main Line Break
Monthly Compliance*	At least 95% <0.3 NTU	100	----	N	

\*Monthly turbidity compliance is related to a specific treatment technique (TT). This treatment facility filters the water so that at least 95% of our samples each month must be below the turbidity limits specified in the regulations.

### Lead and Copper



If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with the individual service lines to your home/business and also building plumbing systems. The Winchendon Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

### Lead and Copper Testing

Your drinking water was tested for lead and copper in 2016. Winchendon has a waiver for lead and copper testing due to historically favorable test results and is only required by MA DEP to complete this testing every third year. Sampling was conducted in September 2016. Below are the results from the 2016 sampling:

Lead and Copper	Date Collected	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile*	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	# of sites sampled	Exceeds AL (Y/N)	# of sites above AL	Possible Sources
Lead (ppb)	September 2016	0.007	15	0	20	N	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper (ppm)	September 2016.	0.18	1.3	1.3	20	N	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

\*Lead and copper compliance is based on the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value, which is the highest level found in 9 out of 10 homes sampled. This number is compared to the action level for each contaminant.

### Unregulated and Secondary Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining their occurrence in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. The Winchendon Water Department tested for unregulated/secondary contaminants in 2016 - these results are shown in the following table. Winchendon was last required to test for these contaminants in 2015. Please note that only those substances that were detected in samples have been shown. All detected substances did not exceed any MCL, SMCL, or Action level. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Unregulated Contaminants	Date Collected	Highest Amount Detected	Possible Sources
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	5/12/2016	1.0ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)	5/12/2016	10ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Sodium (ppm)	5/12/2016	11.2	Natural sources; runoff from road salt

Secondary Substances	Date Collected	Amount Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Sources
Manganese (ppm)	6/30/2016	0.05	0.05	--	Leaching from natural deposits
Iron	6/30/2016	0.005	0.3	--	Leaching from natural deposits

### Revised Total Coliform (RTCR)

**During 2016 Total coliform and E coli were tested in the drinking water monthly. We are proud to say we had no presence of either of the two that require correctable action.**

### Important Definitions

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Unregulated Contaminants:** Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

**90th Percentile:** Out of every 10 homes, 9 were at or below this level.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic quality of drinking water and are not health based.

**ORSG:** Office of Research and Standards Guideline.

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

**PPM:** One part per million parts, 1 milligram per liter, equivalent to one drop in 10 gallons.

**PPB:** One part per billion parts, 1 microgram per liter, equivalent to one penny in \$10 million dollars.



### Health Information

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and MA DEP prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

\*\*\*For any additional information about your water system and information about public participation opportunities please contact the Winchendon Water Department, at 978-297-0170. The DPW's administrative office is located on the first floor of the Winchendon Town Hall at 109 Front Street. Copies of the "Winchendon Water Department - 2016 Water Quality Report" are available at the DPW office upon request.

### Current Town Hall hours of operation

**Monday:** 8:00am -6:00pm  
**Tuesday through Thursday:** 8:00am -5:00pm  
**Friday:** CLOSED

### Summary of Violation(s) that occurred in 2016

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