

Winchendon thanks its first responders

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — When the news just kept putting the tough job of police and firefighters in front of her, and realizing the local people put themselves in just as much harm's way daily, local realtor Penny Maliska decided it was time to do something positive.

She organized a recognition for first responders last weekend, a Thank You, 911. Held at Veterans Memorial Park on the corner of Pleasant and Front streets, people were asked to bring snacks to share and themselves; to give a moment of appreciation for the local police, firefighters and emergency responders.

Seventy-five community members and 15 to 18 first responders were at the hour-long picnic. That included lifelong residents, new residents, EMTs, firefighters, police, and paramedics along with their spouses.

Residents brought sandwiches, desserts, fresh fruit, bottled water, soft drinks, popsicles, and chips for the potluck. Children could be seen color-

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Tara Vocino photo

K9 Officer Jim Wironen gave a demonstration of his police dog, Clyde.

BOS gives go-ahead to Ingleside swap

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Board of Selectmen Monday night gave Town Manager Keith Hickey permission to sign a deal that would hand over ownership of the former Marvin School on Ash Street to the Winchendon School in exchange for what's known as the Ingleside property off Maple Street.

Hickey told the board the the Marvin School property had been appraised at \$400,000, while the more-than 40 acre Ingleside parcel is valued at \$500,000. He also said environmental tests at both sites must be completed before a deal can be inked.

The land swap was pursued by the Winchendon Enhancement Committee, which hopes Ingleside can be developed into a variety of recreational uses for the town and, eventually, attract visitors from around the region. Voters at the annual town meeting in May voted overwhelmingly in favor of the town's attempts to acquire Ingleside.

Hickey told selectmen the Winchendon School had

agreed to allow the town to continue to use the baseball field adjacent to the Marvin School.

The town took ownership of the Marvin School from the town's school department last year, after the Murdock Academy for Success moved out of the building and into Murdock High School as a cost-saving measure. The building has been vacant since the end of the school year in June 2015.

The town has also agreed that Winchendon School faculty members currently living in the home on the Ingleside property will be allowed to stay until June of next year. Faculty will also be allowed to use the garage on site. The school will continue to carry liability insurance on home until it is vacated.

Hickey said once the garage is vacant, the town would be able to use it for storage.

"That barn would satisfy the need for the storage of items currently stored in the town hall garage," he said.

The garage behind Winchendon's town hall is slated to be torn down to make

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Ironsides ride for Special Olympics

BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The rumbling roar of motorcycles leaving American Legion Post 193

last Saturday was a shout of success in another fundraising event from the Knights of the Inferno Firefighters. Their first annual Ride for Special

Olympics raised money to help local Special Olympic programs with funds for uniforms and transportation.

"We're pretty happy with the decent turnout we got today," Mark Desmarais, ride coordinator, said with satisfaction. "We're going to try and surpass it next year though!"

36 bikes of riders and passengers rode up to Jaffrey and then back down to the Winchendon Legion. Following the ride was a BBQ with food, raffles, and music. Everyone had fun and was very excited about the good cause being supported.

"We wanted to do something different," explained President Frank McKinnon Jr. "So we picked something different to help raise money for."

Lots of people were very pleased they chose to raise money for the local Special Olympics. In the future, the Knights of the Inferno hope to help with the statewide Special Olympics as well.

Riders, passengers, and attendees alike unanimously agreed the event was fun for a great cause.

"It was a good ride. The big thing is helping out the Special Olympics — it's a great organi-

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Mat Plamondon photo

A perspective on ride for the benefit of Special Olympics.



Morgan St. Pierre photo

An eclectic mix of art, photography, crafts and fresh produce are included in the mix.

A little something for everyone

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It's called Not Just Produced, that last 'd' slightly dropped and there's a reason. To be sure, local produce is available at Beth Hunt's new venture at 290 Central St. across from CVS, but there's more than just food to peruse and for that matter, buy.

Not Just Produced is home as well to local artists and craftsmen and Hunt hopes the eclectic diversity will help be a draw. An 'antique junction' will be coming soon too. So at some point will be a garden outside the front door.

"I've always wanted to do something like this," she enthused one afternoon recently, on in fact just the second day in business. "I want people to come in and say hi and visit. Everyone's

welcome to come in and chat," she said.

And of course purchase. Green and purple peppers go for 50¢ as does yellow summer squash, garlic and individual corn stalks. Zucchini goes for 75¢ and fresh local eggs run \$3 per dozen.

"They really are all fresh," Hunt assured. "Everything here is always going to be fresh," noting, "people are looking for fresh. They're looking for local. We do both. Besides that, sometimes people will just want that one corn and don't want to have to drive to New Hampshire or Gardner to get it. They can just walk in and get it here," she pointed out.

Hunt said she opened the business because she's "com-

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Town counsel reviewing changes proposed to charter and bylaws

BY TARA VOCINO

Courier Correspondent
WINCHENDON — Proposed changes to the charter and various bylaws are close to being firm as town counsel Lauren Goldberg of Kopelman and Paige met with the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee on Tuesday, July 19, to discuss

wording.

According to Town Clerk Judy Lajoie, the current rough draft has two versions — one

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Tara Vocino photo

Members of the review committee work on the changes with the input of town counsel Lauren Goldberg.



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WEEKLY QUOTE

"Don't spend time beating on a wall, hoping to transform it into a door."

Dr. Laura Schlessinger



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Organic farming conference scheduled

AMHERST — The largest such gathering in the Northeast, the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) summer conference features three days of organic immersion, with 200 workshops to provide inspiration and ideas for organic food, farming, health, activism, and beyond. The conference will take place Aug.12-14.

Together 1,000 participants will build on the 42-year tradition, exploring solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing us, from climate change to racial inequity and beyond. Helping to frame the conversation and provide pow-

erful models and inspiration are our two keynote speakers, Leah Penniman of Soul Fire Farm and André Leu of the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM).

Penniman and her family operate Soul Fire Farm, situated on 72 acres in the rural hills northeast of Albany, NY. She is an educator and social justice activist, working locally, regionally and internationally to end racial and other injustices in the food system. Her Friday night keynote speech is titled “Ending Racism in Farming and Food: 10 Not-So-Easy Steps.”

Leu is an advocate for the use of organic farming techniques to mitigate against and adapt food systems to the effects of climate change. His family operates a 150-acre fruit farm in Australia. He works internationally, educating farmers about how to work with rather than against ecological systems and is the president of the board of directors of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM - Organics International). His Saturday evening keynote speech is titled “Regenerative Organic Agriculture: How We Can Reverse Climate Change.”

Knowledgeable presenters will offer workshops on a variety of topics in eight 90-minute sessions. Before the conference begins, five half and full day intensive seminars will take place on grazing, homesteading, season extension, digestive wellness and regenerative agriculture.

Modest registration fees, inexpensive dorm rooms and camping, plus delicious, wholesome organic meals, farm tours, a country fair and live entertainment are all features of the gathering. This family-friendly event also offers age-appropriate and fun activities for children and teens.

With chapters in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, NOFA is a non-profit organization with over 5,000 members working to advocate for and educate about healthy food, organic growing practices, agricultural justice and a cleaner environment.

Registration & full list of events: www.nofasummerconference.org.

Contact: Nicole Belanger, 508-450-2441, nicole@nofamass.org

100TH JAFFREY FAIR NEXT WEEK

Courtesy photo

The 100th consecutive annual First Church in Jaffrey Fair, is scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 3, and will bring hundreds of people hunting for bargains – and hundreds of kids looking for fun, games and rides in Brian Barden’s 1914 Model T Ford – to the 1775 Jaffrey Meetinghouse at Route 124 and Laban Ainsworth Way. A modestly-priced lunch, from Café 532, will be served in the air-conditioned First Church Parish Hall from noon to 2 p.m.; hot dogs and cold drinks will be sold near the Meetinghouse steeple from 12:30 to 3 p.m. At 1 p.m., the Fair will open its doors for lovers of art, antiques and collectibles, books, china, garden plants and accessories, jewelry, kitchen treasures, a silent auction of distinguished items, small electrical appliances, and much more. The Fair ends at 4 p.m. Funds raised help support local and regional social service organizations and scholarships for Conant High School grads. See firstchurchinjaffrey.org,



Plastic City ComiCon this weekend

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — As a kid, I wasn’t much into Superman, Batman, or Spider-Man. My comic book of choice was Sgt. Rock. An American he-man if ever there was one. Nobody could stop Sgt. Rock.

I was also a fan of the Classics Illustrated series. That’s where I had my first exposure to Moby Dick, Last of the Mohicans, Ivanhoe, The Scarlet Letter and other, well, classics. They were a great introduction to great literature, but definitely not recommended for book reports. I know – I tried.

Anyway, comic book fans of any age will want to head to

the Plastic City ComiCon this tomorrow at the Leominster Veterans Center, 100 West St., from 10 a.m. to 6 pm.

The event is being organized by Keith Gleason, a long-time comics fan.

“I’ve followed the convention scene for about 10 years,” he said. “A lot of them are great, but you end up paying \$40 to \$50 just to get in. I wanted to see if I could put on an event that everyone could get into, so admission is free.”

Forty-five vendors have signed up for the convention, and a number of special guests are scheduled to appear.

They include: Paul Kupperber, former editor for DC Comics and the Weekly

World News. He’s also been a writer of Supergirl, Green Lantern, and Archie comics; Joe Caramagna, writer of the Ultimate Spider-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy, and Avengers Assemble. He’s also the creator of the Further Adventures of Wyatt Earp; Veronica Fish, who does artwork for the New Archie Series, Pirates of Mars, and The Wendy Project.

“We’ll have vendors on both floors of the Veterans Center,” said Gleason. “We sold out of tables and ended up with a waiting list of about 30 more.”

In addition to comics, the event features the output of science fiction and horror writers, including Fitchburg’s own

Sean Sweeney.

“I’ve always loved comics,” said Gleason. “I loved everything. Spider-Man was always my guy. But my real favorite was Peanuts. I loved Peanuts.”

Gleason also writes and self-publishes his own comic books. His titles include Hero Envy (“geek humor” he calls it) and Swamp Tales. While he writes for publication, he says he hires out most of the artwork.

“I’ve been serious about my writing since around 2005.”

“Kids today aren’t into comics today the way they used to be,” says Gleason. “They’ve got their iPhones, video games, and the internet. Still, I believe comics have had their best

sales in 15 years.”

Gleason chalks up the hike in comic book sales to the movies.

“When you look at the success of Captain America, Iron Man, and the Fantastic Four at the box office, for example, it’s no real surprise that has translated in comic book sales.”

While many of us may recall paying 10 or 15¢ for a comic book, today’s publications are a bit more pricey.

“Prices today tend to run around \$3 or \$4,” says Gleason. “That’s seems like a lot for a comic book but it tends to be affordable for most people. I think comics will be around for a long time to come.”

MWCC students named to 2016 Who’s Who list

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College students enrolled in a range of academic programs and involved in numerous activities have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be included in the 2016 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The 44 students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and the potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 higher education institutions in the United State and several other countries. The tradition of recognizing noteworthy college students in a Who’s Who biographical volume began in 1934.

This year’s honorees are:

Ashburnham: Sara Khan; Athol: Aleisha Berthiaume, Elizabeth Cross, Tatjana James, and Ashlie Visco; Ayer:

Jana Murphy; Baldwinville: Karen Chapalonis, Emanuel Corbell, and Thomas Hill Jr.; Barre: Benjamin Spurr; Fitchburg: Joseph Almeida, Marcus Altman, Bethany Jones, Kimberly Mertell, Marymar Perez Cruz, Rebecca Pincott, and Michael Racine; Gardner: Andrea Bartlett; Harvard: Jari Squire; Hubbardston: Levi Bushnell, and Stevie LaBelle; Leominster: Thayna Aguiar, Aurea Carrion, Nelida Figueroa Lopez, Alana Jones, Hillary Nna, Camila Pereira, and Ellen Smith; North Brookfield: Arturo Aponte-Cruz, and Kevin Figueroa; Orange: Jasson Alvarado Gomez; Phillipston: Jennifer Gariepy; Shirley: Trevor Hansen; Sterling: Alyssa Adoretti; Ware: Leah Trudeau; Winchendon: Thomas Berger, Michel Cocuzza,



Courtesy photo

Nathan Morris, Christian Rossi, Cathy Teague, and Kelly Williams; Worcester: Bella Ballin; Fitzwilliam: Julia McHugh; and Jaffrey: Shannen Pimental.

Mount Wachusett Community College students named to the 2016 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities were recognized during a student leadership celebration, in April at the Gardner Museum.

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KITTY KORNER

Dusty is 10 years old and came to the shelter after his owner moved across country. He was well loved and is very affectionate. He gives head butts and has a sweet disposition. He has a step brother named Beau and they would make a terrific pair to adopt together.

Dusty has been examined by a veterinarian, neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

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





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MATEYS!

Photo Christopher Miller

The trio behind Three Brothers Hook (pictured l-r Timothy, Matthew and Samuel Miller) at a recent Toy Town Outdoor Market. Three Brothers Hook offers hand carved and painted play sets featuring soldiers, pirates, ships and scenery.

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Refugee crisis topic of next Jaffrey speaker

JAFFREY — Susanne Wentzler, who has been on the front lines of the refugee crisis in Germany, will be the fourth speaker for the 70th season of the Amos Fortune Forum. Her talk is entitled: “The German refugee crisis, a threat or an opportunity? Reflections from an engaged volunteer” and will be presented on Friday, July 29 at 8 p.m. at the historic Meetinghouse in Jaffrey..

Wentzler speaks about her personal experiences when 180 refugees arrived in her small Bavarian village just before

Christmas in 2015. She discusses the refugees’ daily struggles to cope with everyday life and the many prejudices they face. She also looks at the larger picture as Germany welcomes the influx of people from different cultures under Chancellor Angela Merkel’s policy of “We will manage.”

For Merkel, Germany has a moral, legal, and humanitarian duty to help provide shelter and security to those seeking asylum. They took in over a million refugees in 2015 alone. The small towns of

Bavaria have each received an influx, causing a strain on local resources and a tremendous backlash from conservative politicians and many citizens, including people within her own party. For their part, the refugees are trying to fit in: the children are in school and the parents are trying to learn German and to find work. It is volunteer organizations such as the one Wentzler works for, that are shouldering the burden of helping these refugees find their feet.

The Amos Fortune Forum is

presented at the Meetinghouse, built in 1755 in historic Jaffrey Center, 2.5 miles west of downtown Jaffrey and 75 miles from downtown Boston. Speakers are presented at 8 p.m. sharp each Friday during the summer. As is the custom of the Forum, no admission is charged, however, donations are accepted. After each forum, a brief reception is held with each speaker at The First Church in Jaffrey Parish Hall, directly across from the Meetinghouse. Information for the Forum can be found at [\[tune.com\]\(http://tune.com\), Facebook \(\[facebook.com/amosfortuneforum\]\(https://www.facebook.com/amosfortuneforum\)\) or at Twitter \(@amosforum\). The telephone number is \(641\) 715-3900 Extension 742251.

The next Amos Fortune Forum speaker is sustainable energy expert and University of New Hampshire faculty member, Clay Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell will discuss renewable energy in his talk entitled: “Renewing Energy: a Clear and New Vision.” He will speak on Friday, Aug. 5 at 8 p.m.](http://www.amosfor-</p></div><div data-bbox=)



CLYDE’S CORNER

FRIDAY, JULY 29

STORY HOURS: Toddler Time takes place every Friday morning at 9:15 a.m. throughout the year, with Rhymes, Playtime, and Story time. Immediately following is story hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m. In addition, the library currently hosts “Mad Scientists Thursdays” with experiments for children during the month of July for children ages 5-12

FREE CONCERT: Noel Veilleux at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:15 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

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.

GAME NIGHT: game night in July at Beals Memorial Library is taking place on Wednesday, July 27, from 6-8 p.m. Participants determine which game they would like to play.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

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

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

FAMILY FUN DAY: the annual Massachusetts State Chili Cook off and family fun day are moving this year to the grounds of the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St., Winchendon. A great venue for a great event, with live music, games for the kids, the petting zoo, Touch a Truck, Elsa from the movie Frozen, vendors and more. \$8 for adults and as always children aged 12 and younger are free. Always looking for chili judges, but there will be plenty of other good food too!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

GOLDEN AGERS: Tina Schryver from Gardner VNA will give a program on healthy choices at the meeting at the American Legion Post 193, downstairs meeting room beginning at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

OUR NEIGHBOR’S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor’s Kitchen Community supper is held at its popular time of twice per month, Thursday night at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. The second Thursday of each month is “Soup and Sandwich night.” Each month we’re trying out a new soup recipe with a sandwich to go with it.

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

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

BOOK CLUB: Beals Memorial Library hosts a book discussion group the second Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The book is available to borrow at the library, call for details, (978) 297-0300. Always welcoming new members.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from April to December at the Ipswich Drive community building. New members are always welcome. For more info please call Lorraine 978-297-1760

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

FIREMEN’S MUSTER: the annual Firemen’s Muster takes place at noon at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. A parade of the vintage machines will precede the event. A barbecue will be available for lunch. The event is free and open to the public. Come see how fires USED to be fought, learn how to pump a vintage machine and see who can win the battle this year.

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EDITORIAL

Summertime... exciting stuff

It's almost here. Our little slice of heaven is home to a really remarkable event and has been for more than 30 years. It might not at first seem like a big deal, because you just take it for granted; it happens every year after all. And while it draws a crowd, unless you attend you don't understand how big a crowd it is. Or from how far away people come. Or just what a big deal, there it is again, this really is.

Or how much work it is.
Or how very, very few people it actually is who pull it off.
On behalf of this town and its people.
Massachusetts State Chili Cook off;
Kiwanis Family Fun Day.

Two events rolled into one; with about six other smaller venues too: like a live band, a craft vendors fair, the touch-a-truck where anyone can get to see the equipment and sit in a fire truck...

Games for kids, facepainting, clowns...Elsa from Frozen....
And food. Not just chili, in case you don't happen to like chili. That has scared a few people off from attending we know; but it isn't just chili that's available. The FAMOUS Kiwanis food tent is there with everything from Moxie to hot dogs, and great fried dough too. A few other food vendors too, usually shaved ice; it depends on just who contacts us in time.

See, the Kiwanis, who have been doing this for so long, is a tiny group of dedicated individuals who do this as their major fundraising event. We could definitely use more help, as we are an aging population. And this is just so much fun, we'd hate to see it dwindle. See, the cook off is sanctioned by the International Chili Society and the winners here go on to compete in the World Championships in the three categories. Chili aficionados come here in the hope of winning so they can compete at the highest possible level. It's important for them to win here.

And they love Winchendon. They come from everywhere. Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York...

These aren't your neighbors who make good chili; this is a big deal. Planning begins as soon as this year's event ends. We have to plan it all, hire the band, do a little begging for sponsors, plan our own food booth, plan the site, plan the workers, ask for help....

But it is all worth it.
The funds raise in turn stay in Winchendon. We run the backpack food program at the schools, sending food home with kids who might need a little boost for the weekends. We run the recycle-a-bike program giving away bicycles free to anyone who needs one after refurbishment by a group of helpful senior citizens. We give away more than \$3,000 in scholarships every year to Winchendon students. We give grants to kid related organizations like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other venues. The money stays here. Our focus is kids.

The chili cook-off/family fun day is Aug. 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and this year it is being held at the American Legion on School Street. The cost is reasonable and hasn't changed in years: \$8 for adults, \$1 for kids under age 12. Plan to come on down for a day of fun; and if you can spare a bit of time to make a difference, ask how you can become a member of Kiwanis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OWC: next event

To the Editor:
We are gearing up for our Sizzling Summer Drive for Our Troops! It will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion on School Street.
We hope that you will come with your donations and help us package things up. We hope that you will spread the word and tell your neighbors and friends so that we have a good turn out

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Facts prove Healey's gun ban poorly thought out

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey on Wednesday, July 20 issued a notice banning sales of guns which are similar to or appear like the AR-15 and AK-47, but don't have adjustable stocks, high-capacity magazines and other features our state uses to legally define assault weapons.

How did our legally registered firearms owners and dealers react right after Healey's announcement? How about a new Massachusetts one day record for gun sales of monolithic proportions according to the Firearms Record Bureau which included 2,549 one day sales of rifles from our 350 state licensed dealers, of which nearly 2,251 were similar to an assault style weapon and sending a clear message of defiance to the AG. Many commenting on line in social media, "I wasn't going to buy one, but it was my last chance!"

Thank you AG Healey for causing panic, and doing exactly what you said you were trying to stop, "allowing more on the streets." May I ask, "How did that work out for you?"

Despite untruths in the national televised media, People who own AR-15's and AK-47's "do not OWN assault rifles." Federal Government defines an assault rifle as needing to have two selective settings which include either a three round burst, or fully automatic. The rifles now being banned for purchase only fire one shot per one trigger pull, and have more in common with an assault rifle cosmetically rather than mechanically. Under her new rules,



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possession of one purchased after July 20, 2016 in your home is punishable by a 10-year felony conviction.

In 2015 some 10,000 AR or AK style rifles were sold in Massachusetts. Now due to our AG making them illegal for even having similar features or components, Healey provoked "We the

People" in to purchasing nearly one quarter of all of last year's sales in just one day! Not only that, but Healey has inadvertently created an illegal black market for these style rifles.

Both Vermont and New Hampshire as northern border states have much easier requirements for purchasing these firearms. Now illegal to purchase in Massachusetts, multiple chat rooms and social media sites on line were loaded all weekend long with nearly countless Massachusetts residents saying, "I will just have my friends or relatives purchase it for me over the border, and I will buy it off them and the state will not even know I have it!"

Thank you Maura for your great foresight, which obviously took no lessons from our nation's time during the prohibition of alcohol. You have inadvertently created a new potential black market. By the way, guns bought in those states often come with easier trigger pulls, and larger magazines. Now, many will purchase them illegally with law enforcement not having any way of know if a person is in possession of one. If it was your intent to help law enforcement, you have failed EPICALLY.

In addition to this, Healey enacted

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Killing fields

Almost every day I awake to learn of new carnage somewhere in the world. Sixty four dead here, five dead there, beheading a priest, attacking a Mass, hundreds wounded, people being more cautious in their travels, our government telling our citizens abroad to shelter in place because going outside could make them targets.

These stories get huge play on social media, in the printed news and on television.

I try to remind myself that in the overall course of events these tragedies are small, they do not compare to the dead counts when we are actually at war with another country.

Somehow it is a matter of the expected and the unexpected.

Every life counts and when I read of the loss of even one my heart breaks.

But I do not believe we have a credible solution to ending these kinds of killings. We don't know where these enemies are. We don't know which of the various radical groups has gotten to them, invaded their brains, and sent them out as mercenary killers. More importantly, we don't know which of the mentally ill Americans are being radicalized simply by reading and watching.

Until we do find a way to track terrorists and put them



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down this is going to continue unabated. I suggest that some of our own Judeo Christian heritage prevents us from making the hard decision to meet them with the same kind of indifference to life that they demonstrate. And readers, our enemies count on our thinking

that way. Our morals, beliefs and traditions are their most effective weapons.

Bottom line: their religion celebrates murder. Our religion condemns it.

When they kill they are going to paradise.

When we kill we are going to hell.

If we are to survive these wounds, these multiple knife wounds and bullet deaths it will require some revisiting of our own thinking. Do we have a duty to keep killers from killing and, if so, does that mean our killing is noble. Or is the killing, no matter the reason, simply unacceptable.

To those who find killing

unacceptable under any circumstances, it is incumbent on you to put forth a different path for ending this horrible course of action taken by sworn enemies of ours.

For those of you who would consider the killing of the killers of innocents to be appropriate, it is incumbent on you to select people to run our government who have the strength and commitment to carry out policies of identify, discover and eliminate.

Not easy decisions morally or religiously or politically.

But the head in the sand approach isn't going to work.

And now the race: joined

In the end, vice-presidential nominees generally tend not to have as much an impact on the outcome of elections as you might think during the media build-up to their selection and introduction, 1960 and 2008 aside, but know this — as a governor the Republican VP nominee did everything he could to deny equal rights to the LGBT community while as a governor, the Democratic VP nominee stood up for equal rights for everyone which meant confronting lingering racial hatreds in the Old Confederacy.

Having worked for one in a big city, I'm thrilled to see a one-time mayor on the Democratic ticket. When I saw the angst from some of my more liberal friends who live in fantasyland, I liked the choice of Tim Kaine even better. Mayor of Richmond, governor of the semi-swing state of Virginia, Senator from Virginia, former chair of

the DNC, calm, steady and even-keeled, and the perfect choice for a responsible grown-up presidential nominee, Kaine checks all the right boxes. I know some would have preferred the rhetorical bomb-throwing of Elizabeth Warren or the youthful celebrity of Cory Booker, but policy progress comes incrementally. Mayors and governors understand how to build legislative coalitions. Secretaries of State know how to build coalitions too. I'm guessing my side will retake the Senate and make serious inroads in the House, which will give President Clinton a foundation on which to build. Kaine, incidentally, was the runner-up to Joe Biden in 2008. It says something to me if he is so highly regarded by President Obama and the Clintons. What can I tell you? Sure, I'd love to see some, note some, of the policies Bernie Sanders espoused some-

how magically become law, but that's not how it works. In this country, it takes compromise. Also, if the ticket wins, that will trigger some fascinating maneuverings in Virginia and for a political junkie like me who finds state politics a thousand times more interesting than national politics, that will be a sight to see and savor. Meanwhile, this is the first time someone who was a mayor has been on a Democratic ticket since Hubert Humphrey, once the mayor of Minneapolis, who was the VP nominee in 1964 and the presidential nominee four years later. About time.

Now to Donald Trump's acceptance speech. I don't have anything to say about that which hasn't been said already, frequently quite eloquently and passionately. Bottom line? Trump did sound like a fascist. He clearly hates this country and has nothing but dis-



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dain for it's (small "d") democratic principles. Candidates who paint that bleak a picture usually don't win. The whole convention was an ode to bleakness and the impending apocalypse. I especially liked how muted the Trump campaign's response was to the truly lunatic New Hampshire state senator who said Hillary should be executed. As for the "lock her up" chant, well, we used to yell that at Nixon. The plagiarism flap? Bad staff work and indicative of how inept Trump's team seemed to be when the bright lights went on. However, to give Donald some credit, he did, after all, promise to end all crime on his first

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VIEW FROM THIS CORNER

GREG VINE

I could almost hear the snarky remarks of some conservatives and probably more than a few Trump supporters as the group of African American women walked on stage at the Democratic National Convention Tuesday night. I could practically discern the cynical dismissal of both the motto and the movement, Black Lives Matter. You could just about pick up the mutterings of some white people, threatened by the fact the makeup of our nation is changing, opining that the children of these women got what they deserved.

But these women, known as the Mothers of the Movement, proudly took center stage in Philadelphia stage not spout hatred at white people, not denigrate the police, not to wallow in self-pity; they were there to implore the nation to work toward a greater understanding of one another, to promote respect between police and the communities they serve, and to put an end to the epidemic of gun violence in this country.

These women were the mothers of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Eric

Garner, Sandra Bland, Jordan Davis, Dontre Hamilton, Hadiya Pendleton.

Let me remind you who these people, these sons and daughters, were: Trayvon Martin was the Florida teen gunned down by trigger-happy neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman because the youngster looked out of place in Zimmerman's community; Michael Brown was the unarmed teen whose death at the hands of a white police officer ignited Ferguson, MO; Eric Garner was the black man who died while in the choke hold of a white New York police officer. Garner said repeatedly, "I can't breathe," but to no avail. He died for the crime of selling loose cigarettes on the street; Sandra Bland died from hanging in a Texas jail cell after being pulled over by a white police officer for a minor traffic violation; Jordan Davis was killed by a white man in the parking lot of a Florida convenience store because the man objected to the volume of the music being played by Davis and his friends; Dontre Hamilton, a paranoid schizophrenic was sleeping on a Milwaukee park bench when he was rousted by a white police officer. A pat down went horribly wrong and Hamilton was shot 14 times, and; Hadiya Pendleton, was a 15-year-old who had performed with her marching band at the White House

in January 2013. A few weeks later she was the innocent victim of gun violence on the streets of Chicago.

Yes, all lives matter, but the fact remains – if you're not black you can't possibly understand what one must deal with if you are indeed African American.

When I was young, it never crossed my mind that I would automatically be suspected of shoplifting if I entered a convenience store or department store. I never, ever thought that, by running down a public street, people would automatically think I had committed a crime. I never sensed the fear that people approaching me on a street felt as they approached me, just because I was, well, me. I was never afraid of being fatally shot just for walking out my front door.

And as a grandfather I don't feel compelled to tell my grandsons to keep their hands out of their pockets if they're in a store, or not to run down the street alone, or to say "yes sir" or "no sir" if they're stopped on the street by the police – mainly because they're unlikely to be stopped on the street for no good reason. Young African Americans can't say the same.

Like it or not, white folk, the demographics of America are changing. The United States will be a majority minori-

ty country by 2044. That means that whites will no longer be an absolute majority. In fact, no race will constitute a majority.

Citing U.S. Census Bureau figures, the Brookings Institute reports that by 2044 "whites will make up 49.7 percent of the population compared with 25 percent for Hispanics, 12.7 percent for blacks, 7.9 percent for Asians and 3.7 percent multiracial persons."

It should have happened long before now, but those of us currently in the majority better smarten up. It's unlikely I'll be here 28 years from now, but my children, grandchildren and – should I be so lucky – great grandchildren will be. Unless we go out of the way to teach them that black lives matter, and Hispanic lives matter – that the lives of everyone who isn't white – matter just as much as our lives matter, our descendants are going to have a hell of a tough time adjusting to a nation in which they're going to have to share power far beyond any extent seen today.

I only hope America gets the message of those Mothers of the Movement. We must get along. There must be mutual respect. We're all here in this country by a simple accident of birth and the sooner we realize that happy accident forces us to work, live and play together in peace, the better of we all will be.

Local resident takes lead role in Navy exercises



Courtesy photo

Commander Jason Rogers is leading the USS Shoup in exercises in the Pacific

BY NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

PEARL HARBOR — A 1991 Gardner High School graduate and Gardner native is serving in the U.S. Navy and is participating in the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC).

Cmdr. Jason Rogers is commanding officer aboard USS Shoup, currently operating out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

"As a Navy commanding officer my job is awesome and my responsibilities are two-fold," said Rogers. "I have a responsibility to the 319 sailors under my command and to my Navy and our country to ensure Shoup is always mission ready."

"I'm looking forward to exercising the ship's capabilities during RIMPAC," said Rogers. "This is also an exceptional opportunity for training and developing the expertise of my sailors. I'm also looking forward to the partnerships and enhancing our international

relations."

According to Navy officials, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2016 is the 25th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

The theme of RIMPAC 2016 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners." Navy officials explained. The participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting. The relevant, realistic training program includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

The Department of the Navy's Great Green Fleet year-long initiative will also play a major role in RIMPAC. The initiative highlights global operations using energy conservation measures and alternative fuel blends to demonstrate how optimizing energy use increases resiliency and operational readiness. During RIMPAC, almost all participating units will operate using an approved alternate-fuel blend.

26 nations, 45 surface ships, five submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel

will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific Exercise. This year's exercise includes forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"Shoup sailors are taking part in RIMPAC 2016 and the missions they will be planning and executing are nothing short of awesome," said Rogers. "As captain, USS Shoup and the warfighting functions it is responsible for represent my domain. Fortunately, I am blessed with the talent and warrior spirit of 300 plus sailors who strive to exercise professional mastery and control over each and every one of those domains. Our sailors constantly challenge themselves and each other to know and do more."

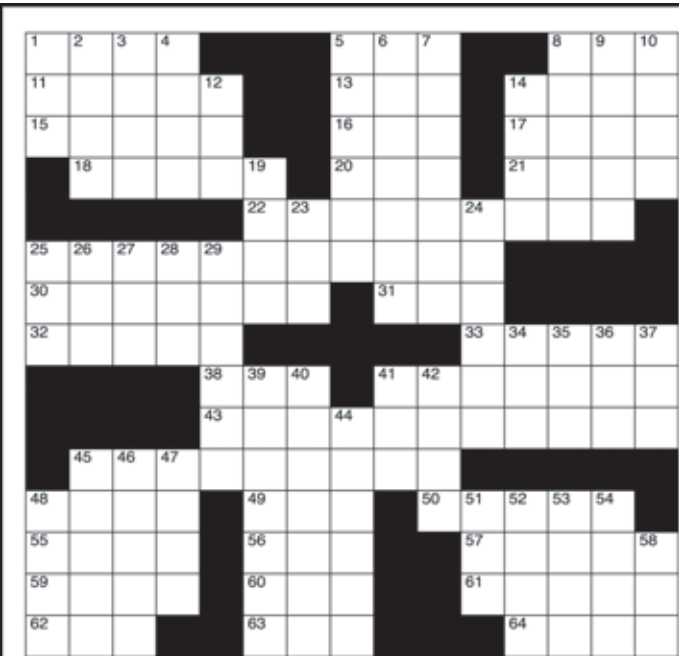
"I like every minute of every day," said Rogers. "The thing I like most would have to be the teamwork that I see every day from trash detail to underway replenishments to a complex detect-to-engage firing sequence with our air system."

Challenging living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew, Rogers explained. The crew is highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

"The Navy has taught me that no one gets where they are without the help of someone else," said Rogers.

Additional information

about Rim of the Pacific Exercise is available at www.cpf.navy.mil/rimpac.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Blackbird (Scot.)
- 5. Part of (abbr.)
- 8. Large fish
- 11. Of urea
- 13. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 14. Organized crime head
- 15. Bird genus
- 16. Curve
- 17. Greek sophist
- 18. Thick river fish
- 20. Negative
- 21. Young woman (French)
- 22. Extra features
- 25. Luckily
- 30. Pounced
- 31. Congressman
- 32. 92543
- 33. Flemish names of Ypres
- 38. Spherical body
- 41. Imply
- 43. Popular zombie TV show
- 45. Drink
- 48. Used to have (Scottish)
- 49. Former hoopster Heard
- 50. California graffiti artist
- 55. Managed
- 56. Irish military organization
- 57. Felt ill
- 59. Larkin, Rose, Bench
- 60. Used to catch fish
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Andahuaylas Airport
- 63. Google development expert
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Central European river
- 2. Actor Bana
- 3. 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 4. Southeast Asian ethnic group
- 5. Celestial body
- 6. Investigator
- 7. Tangible
- 8. Type of television
- 9. Opaque gems
- 10. Portion
- 12. Carriage
- 14. Women's undergarment
- 19. Of sound mind
- 23. Mentally ill
- 24. Office skill
- 25. Follicle-stimulating hormone
- 26. An obligation to repay
- 27. Read-only memory
- 28. The lower end
- 29. Billy knew a girl from here
- 34. Not the beginning
- 35. He wrote "The Raven"
- 36. When you'll get there
- 37. Celtics legend Auerbach
- 39. Making fun of
- 40. Made dim
- 41. Heston character El __
- 42. Small integers
- 44. Unarmed combat
- 45. Made of wood
- 46. Rex and Sorenson to name two
- 47. Affixes
- 48. Wife of Zeus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Runnin' __: UNLV nickname
- 58. Criticize



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Police Log

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MONDAY, JULY 18
12:04 a.m.: mental health issue (Pleasant Street) services rendered; 12:14 a.m.: suspicious person (bike path) advised officer; 2:16 a.m.: DPW call (School Square) referred; 3:04-3:15 a.m.: building checks, secure; 6:59 a.m.: general info (Front Street) removed hazardous material; 10:15 a.m.: burglary B&E (Lincoln Avenue Extension) report taken; 10:36 a.m.: B&E MV (Lake Denison) info taken; 10:55 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) spoken to; 11:08 a.m.: warrant check (Mechanic Street) unable to locate; 11:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO; 3:05 p.m.: tree down on wires (Central Street) refer to other agency; 3:14 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 3:21 p.m.: wires down (Baldwinville Road) refer to other agency; 3:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Circle) refer to ACO; 5:11 p.m.: larceny (Whitney Street) report taken; 5:38 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street) transport; 6:45 p.m.: threats (Central Street) report taken; 7:07 p.m.: automatic fire alarm (Hatch Lane) false alarm; 7:32 p.m.: investigation (Whitney Street) spoken to; 8:02 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Cedar Street) refer to ACO; 8:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) refer to ACO; 8:41 p.m.: animal complaint (Island Road) no PD service required; 11:02 p.m.: burglar alarm (Gateway Convenience) call canceled; 11:31 p.m.: burglar alarm (Gateway Convenience) accidental; 11:41-11:44 p.m.: building checks, secure.
TUESDAY, JULY 19
12:01-2:07 a.m.: building checks, secure; 6:54 a.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street) refer to other agency; 6:56 a.m.:

fire alarm (Central Street) services rendered; 9:07 a.m.: fire alarm (Ready Drive) services rendered; 10:04 a.m.: summons service (Murdock Avenue) served; 10:46 a.m.: traffic hazard (Town Farm Road) refer to DPW; 11:46 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street) unable to serve; 12:32 p.m.: B&E MV (Lincoln Avenue Extension) report taken; 1:45 p.m.: property found (Lake Denison) info taken; 1:55 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 2 p.m.: suspicious MV (Clark Memorial YMCA) spoken to; 2:10 p.m.: larceny (Walnut Street) report taken; 3:01 p.m.: open door (Gardner Road) secure; 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Academy Street) report taken; 3:08 p.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Avenue) referred; 3:24 p.m.: intoxicated person (Lake Denison) assisted; 4:03 p.m.: sex offender registration (Spring Street) info taken; 4:20 p.m.: illegal burn (Baldwinville State Road) info taken; 4:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Jackson Avenue) assisted; 5:37 p.m.: fraud (Robbins Road) spoken to; 5:51 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Maple Street) no PD service required; 7:15 p.m.: fire alarm (Ready Drive) assisted; 8:08 p.m.: keep the peace (Rite Aid) spoken to; 8:35 p.m.: suspicious MV (Clark Memorial YMCA) gone on arrival; 10:44 p.m.: harassment order violation (Ash Street) unfounded; 10:56 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Pond Street) spoken to; 11:37 p.m.: noise complaint (Town Farm Road) spoken to.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
12:26 a.m.: ambulance (School Street) transport; 2:14-7:45 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:28 a.m.: structure fire (Front Street) extinguished; 7:47 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street) unable to serve; 7:48 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street) served; 8:51 a.m.: extra patrols (River Street) services rendered; 9:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street) unable to locate; 10:27 a.m.: general info (School Street) info taken; 11:27 a.m.: extra patrols (Calvary Cemetery) info taken; 12:11

p.m.: suspicious other (Central Street) advised officer; 12:33 p.m.: extra patrols (River Street) services rendered; 12:50 p.m.: general juvenile (King Philip Way) assisted; 12:52 p.m.: investigation (Robbins Road) report taken; 1:11 p.m.: assist citizen (walk in) property returned to owner; 1:42 p.m.: accident (School Street) arrest: Anthony Spinelli Jr., age 44 of 24 Doyle Ave., Leominster: OUI-drugs, reckless operation of MV, unregistered MV, marked lanes violation, furnishing false name or SSN, operating MV with license suspended subsequent offense and MV operator refuse to identify self; 1:50 p.m.: panic alarm (Lincoln Avenue Extension) false alarm; 2:02 p.m.: suspicious person (Lincoln Avenue Extension) area search negative; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Town Farm Road) refer to ACO; 3:28 p.m.: lift assist (Beech Street) services rendered; 4:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: larceny (bike path) report taken; 5:41 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street) services rendered; 6:24 p.m.: harassment (Hitchcock Road) advised officer; 6:40 p.m.: investigation (Academy Street) services rendered; 6:43 p.m.: larceny (Spruce Street) report taken; 8:16 p.m.: automatic fire alarm (Linden Street) services rendered; 8:27 p.m.: FD call (Central Street) services rendered; 9:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Cummings Road) no PD service required; 9:29 p.m.: ambulance (School Street) mental health issue; 9:39 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 11:13-11:57 p.m.: building checks, secure.
THURSDAY, JULY 21
12:02-2:23 a.m.: building checks, secure; 10 a.m.: harassment (Front Street) no cause for complaint; 10:05 a.m.: assist other PD (Lincoln Avenue) no PD service required; 10:24 a.m.: assist other PD (Beech Street) arrest, no further info provided; 11:04 a.m.: fire unknown type (Hapgood Road) services rendered; 12:18 p.m.: suspicious MV (Cardinal Lane) advised officer; 12:57 p.m.: extra patrols (River Street) services rendered; 1:01 p.m.: open door (Central Street) false alarm; 1:04 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 3:57 p.m.: illegal burn (Hale Street) fire extinguished; 4:20 p.m.: FD call (Linden Street) services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: building check, secure; 4:33 p.m.: fire alarm (School Street) services rendered; 6:27 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Pool Pond) call canceled; 7:07 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 7:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Russell Farm Road) refer to ACO; 9:05 p.m.: ambulance (Jackson Avenue) transport; 10:26 p.m.: tree down (Alger Street) unfounded.
FRIDAY, JULY 22
12:13-1:19 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:13 a.m.: suspicious other (River Street) advised officer; 12:24 a.m.: suspicious MV (School Street) spoken to; 12:41 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) spoken to; 1:06 a.m.: suspicious MV (bike path lot) spoken to; 1:17 a.m.: suspicious MV (Veterans' Cemetery) secure; 7:53 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:34 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street) false alarm; 9:01 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road) transport; 10:48 a.m.: recovered property (Glenallan Street) info taken; 11:30 a.m.: summons service (Laurel Street) unable to serve; 12:08 p.m.: suspicious MV (Riverside Cemetery) dispersed gathering; 12:52 p.m.: officer wanted (walk in) advised civil action; 2:04 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (River Street) false alarm; 2:09 p.m.: harassment (Hitchcock Road) spoken to; 2:14 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 2:41 p.m.: tree down (Fourth Street) spoken to; 3:29 p.m.: noise complaint (Spruce Street) spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: general info (walk in) info taken; 4:05 p.m.: extra patrols (River Street) secure; 4:58 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) refused assistance; 5:20 p.m.: general info (walk in) info taken; 5:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road) refer to ACO; 5:49 p.m.: brush fire (Gateway Convenience) services rendered; 5:59 p.m.: mental health issue (Whitney Street) removed to hospital; 6:11 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 6:50 p.m.: missing person (walk in) gone on arrival; 8:10 p.m.: extra patrols (Russell Farm Road) info taken; 9:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Denison) spoken to; 9:38 p.m.: suspicious MV (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 11:02 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 11:38 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:41 p.m.: 911 hang up (Alger Street) spoken to; 11:50 p.m.: disabled MV (Old Gardner Road) secure.
SATURDAY, JULY 23
12:15-3:34 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:48 a.m.: disturbance (North Street) unfounded; 2:36 a.m.: ambulance (Otter River State Forest) transport; 2:55 a.m.: ambulance (Whitney Street) transport; 4:56 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 7:11 a.m.: suspicious person (River Street) advised officer; 7:17 a.m.: noise complaint (Hyde Park Drive) spoken to; 8:01 a.m.: suspicious person (Lake Denison) advised officer; 10:02 a.m.: sex offender registration (Cottage Street) assisted; 10:26 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) removed to hospital; 10:39 a.m.: accident (School Street) transport; 11:25 a.m.: intoxicated person (Lake Denison) removed to hospital; 1:09 p.m.: general info (Ready Drive) info taken; 1:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive) info taken; 1:32 p.m.: general info (Gardner Road) assisted; 1:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Cummings Road) refer to ACO; 2:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Denison) refer to other agency; 3:17 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transport; 4:30 p.m.: assist other PD (Otter River State Forest) services rendered; 4:51 p.m.: burglar alarm (Walnut Street) call canceled; 6:26 p.m.: tree down (Mill Glen Road) refer to DPW; 6:27 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) no PD service required; 6:43 p.m.: power outage (Hyde Street) refer to other agency; 6:49 p.m.: tree down on wires (Baldwinville Road) refer to other agency; 6:57 p.m.: tree down (Monomonac Road East) refer to DPW; 7:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street) no cause for complaint; 8:02 p.m.: tree down on wires (Alger Street) refer to other agency; 8:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road) refer to ACO; 9:11 p.m.: vandalism (Irving Station) arrest: Mitchell David Doody, age 21 of 361 Hitchcock Road, Winchendon: vandalize property and larceny under \$250; and summons: Hunter C. Casperson, age 20 of Mill Glen Road, Winchendon: vandalize property; 10:04 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street) transport; 10:51 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street) report taken.
SUNDAY, JULY 24
12:57-1:52 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:36 a.m.: noise complaint (Central Street) unable to locate; 5:17 a.m.: noise complaint (North Street) unfounded; 5:51 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street) secure; 7:21 a.m.: fire alarm (Spring Street) services rendered; 9:10 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street) transport; 10:15 a.m.: property damage (Russell Farm Road) info taken; 10:55 a.m.: suspicious other (Glenallan Street) removed hazardous material; 1:11 p.m.: general juvenile (Central Street) spoken to; 1:29 p.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street) property returned to owner; 1:47 p.m.: general info (walk in) info taken; 3:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville State Road) false alarm; 4 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) refer to other agency; 4:02 p.m.: harassment (Central Street) report taken; 4:07 p.m.: alarm, type unknown (Old County Road) secured building; 4:11 p.m.: traffic hazard (School Street) refer to state DPW; 4:48 p.m.: gunshots heard (Town Farm Road) spoken to; 5:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Sibley Road) refer to ACO; 7:33 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 10:11 p.m.: suspicious MV (Madison Avenue) unable to locate; 11:35 p.m.: transport (Athol address).



HONORING THE FIREFIGHTERS

Courtesy photo

Bethany Laney wanted to thank the firefighters and EMTs who had helped save her life in the past. She is a prolific quilter, and when she found fabric with just the right theme, it didn't take her long to find a way to say that thank you in a unique way. Presenting the quilt recently at the picnic honoring first responders, it now hangs in a place of honor at the firehouse.

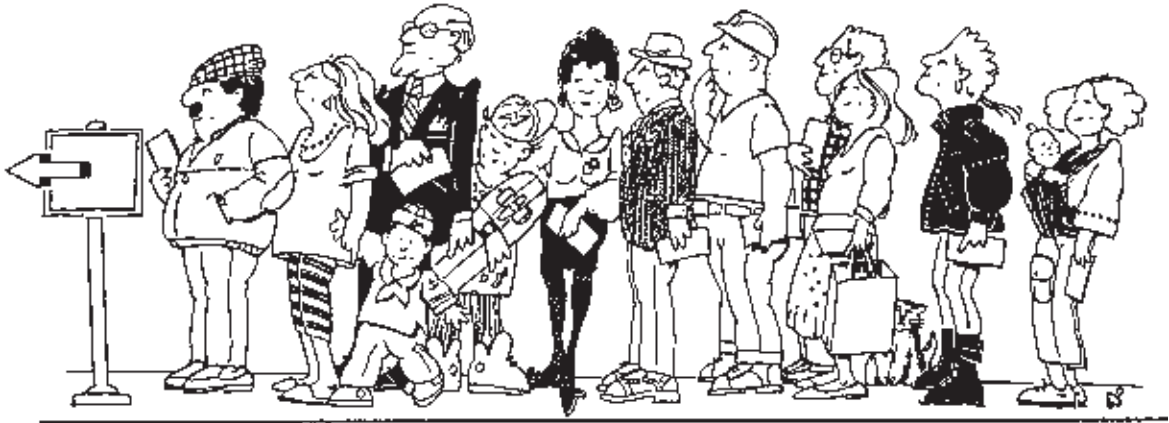
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George E. Levesque, 86



WINCHENDON — George E. Levesque, age 86, formerly of 117 Ipswich Drive, died peacefully Wednesday morning, July 20th in Broadview Assisted Living, with his family at his side.

He was born in Lynn on June 9, 1930, son of the late Alfred and Delia (Dandurand) Levesque and had lived in Winchendon since 2004.

George had worked for the town of

Danvers for 22 years in building maintenance until his retirement. He enjoyed computer games, walking and playing cribbage. George proudly served in the United States Army and enlisted twice during the Korean War. He was a life member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion.

He was the husband of the late Clara A. (Barthelemy) Levesque; five children Raymond Levesque and his wife Sandra of Greenfield, NH, Michael Levesque and his wife Lisa of Arvada, CO, Jeanine Gooch and her husband

Michael of Clinton, Patricia LaBossiere and her husband James of New York and Karen Florczak and her husband Ken of Derry, NH.; 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Military funeral services were held Monday, July 25 in Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon. The Rev. Francis A. Roberge officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to Montachusett Veteran's Outreach

Center, Stallings Campus, 21 Murdock Ave., Winchendon, MA 01475 <http://www.veterans-outreach.org/>.

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



Historic house getting makeover

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Curtis Rich can remember going to the old home on River Street to get his hair cut. In the front of the house, facing the road, was the barber shop where Webster Flagg would ply his trade. Flagg would cut hair, shave faces, trim beards and mustaches until passing away in the late 1960s.

"I believe he died shortly after I got my last haircut from him," said Rich, who now owns the home at 25 River St.

Rich and his wife, Margie, purchased the home about two years ago.

"We didn't do much to it for a while because we were working on our home," said Rich, who grew up in Winchendon. The couple own a home on Alger Street.

Now however, the Riches are spending most of their spare time refurbishing the home, which many local residents assumed had been left to its fate in the New England elements. A new green, metal roof adorns the structure. Layers of wallpaper have been

stripped off the walls down to the original plaster, and what promise to be beautiful wood floors have been laid bare.

"It needs a lot of work," admits Rich, "but it's in really good shape, considering how old it is."

A sign found in the home reads "Richard Stuart House 1845." According to the 1868 "History of the Town of Winchendon" by Rev. A.P. Marvin, Stuart once owned a mill in Waterville but few other details are provided.

"We started with the roof because the rest of the building was in pretty good shape. The beams are still quite strong and the foundation for the front part of the building is granite. It really has held up well considering the lack of upkeep," said Rich.

Rich noted that all of the electrical, heating, and plumbing systems will need to be replaced.

Home renovation isn't an obvious avocation for Curtis or Margie Rich. Rich does research at the Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, while Margie is a direct care provider for residents at the Templeton Developmental Center.

Curtis figures it will take about two years and somewhere between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to make the home liveable again.

"Window World will be coming next month to start installing new windows and we plan on having the exterior scraped and painted by this fall," he says.

"You almost wouldn't have known there was a house here at one time," says Rich. "The trees were grown right up to the side of the building. We had a lot of clearing to do."

Not all of the trees were removed, however. A majestic sugar maple occupies the lot to the east of the home, accompanied by what appears to be a large willow.

The building consists of six bedrooms, two kitchens, and a couple of sitting or living rooms. Rich says a structure which appears to have been added on to the original building will be torn down.

"Yeah, it's a lot of work," says Rich, "but by this fall you won't be able to recognize the place."

When asked if he and Margie will stay in their Alger Street home and



Greg Vine photos

The Richard Stuart house was originally built in 1845.

rent out the former Flagg home once it's finished, Rich says, "That was our original thought, but if it turns out really nice, you never know..."

The room formerly occupied by the barber shop of Webster Flagg. The new owner of the home, Curtis Rich, recalls getting his cut by Flagg when he was a youngster growing up in the neighborhood.



TAKE
THE
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KAREN
TRAINOR

July is National Ice Cream Month, so it's practically our patriotic duty to indulge in the sweet, frozen treat as we come to the end of the month. What better way to end a month of sweet celebrations than by reviewing some old and sharing some new ice cream tips and trivia!

And remember readers, send in your best tips and you could win dinner for two at the Publick House Inn in Sturbridge!

Fun Fact: In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month. Recognizing ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by a full 90 percent of the nation's population, Mr. Reagan called for all people in the U.S. to celebrate the event each July - and who are we to argue!

Did you know? When you eat ice cream, the intense cold can sometimes causes blood vessel spasms, otherwise known as "brain freeze." If you start to feel an ice cream headache coming on, you may be able to slow it down by holding your tongue against your palate to warm it up until you finish your chilly dessert.

Want to lick your ice cream headaches altogether? Some doctors say that simply eating cold foods more slowly can help prevent brain freeze.

Freezer Facts: Ice cream should be stored at 0 to -10 degrees F. to maintain its texture. However, the best temperature for scooping ice cream is 8 to 12 degrees F, so leave it out of the refrigerator for several minutes before scooping. And ice cream should never be stored on the door of the freezer. Fluctuating temperatures from all the opening and closing can melt and refreeze it, creating ice crystals.

And when serving up ice cream never use the old ice cream parlor tip of dipping the ice cream scoop in warm water before scooping. This only gets water into the ice cream and forms ice unwanted crystals.

Here's one of my favorite recipes that deserves an encore in this column:

An authentic Ben & Jerry's recipe for Cherry Garcia ice cream as printed in "Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert Book."

Ingredients: 1/4 cup shaved plain chocolate (Ben and Jerry prefer Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate candy bars); 1/4 cup fresh Bing cherries, halved and pitted (you may use canned cherries, but be sure to drain the syrup); two large eggs; 3/4 cup sugar; two cups heavy or whipping cream; one cup milk.

Directions: Place the shaved chocolate flakes and the cherries in separate bowls. Cover and refrigerate. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, one to two minutes. Whisk in the sugar, a little at a time, then continue whisking until completely blended, about one minute more. Pour in the cream and milk and whisk to blend.

Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and freeze following manufacturer's directions. After the ice cream stiffens (about two minutes before it's done), add the chocolate and the cherries, then continue freezing until the ice cream is ready. Makes grateful one quart.

Want to make homemade ice cream, but don't have an ice cream maker? Try this quick and easy alternatives:

An electric mixer is a good "stand in" for an ice cream churner. Fill a metal bowl with your ice cream base recipe and nest inside a larger bowl filled with ice cubes and rock salt (metal nesting batter bowls are ideal for this purpose). The mixer will churn the mixture while the salt and ice freezes it.

Here's one that's fun for the kids: Fill a sturdy Ziploc bag with ice cream base. Place this bag inside a larger Ziploc bag with ice and salt (Hefty makes an extra large storage zip bag). Have the kids shake and toss (or pass back and forth) the sealed bags for about ten minutes (double bag the outside bag to guard against leaks). Voila! Soft serve ice cream!

Or, try this super easy treat: In a mixing bowl, just chop one cup of slightly softened vanilla ice cream with a spoon. Drizzle on one tablespoon frozen lemonade, thawed but not diluted. You'll love it!

Win Dinner for Two — Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn

I scream, you scream...

in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

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SPORTS

Ready for Rio!

Will you be watching? NBC assumes, no, wait, NBC is praying you'll be watching when the Summer Games open next week in Rio. The network paid I don't know how many millions, or was it billions, to televise every event (presumably live) across its myriad of platforms. They're counting on billions watching. the "major" sports: basketball, swimming, track and field, which will, I assume, be reserved for the main network. Fans of other events, and there are fans of everything, will be able to see their favorites too.

Let's take one Olympic sport about which I'd been clueless. On a sparkling crisp late September morning in Rindge last fall, I did a story on the crew team at Franklin Pierce University. I remember the sun glistening off a serene Pearly

Pond as we stood at the boathouse and got a "Crew for Dummies" crash course about the sport, even though I had to repeatedly ask for definitions of terms. Presumably cricket has more terms. Maybe. Anyway, I can now put my new-found knowledge to use thanks to the energetic enthusiasm of coach Dave Deluliis, and I'll probably watch some of that too. The American women's eight team is pretty much unbeatable too. So I've been told. I have no inside dope on ping-pong.

The big stories going in, of course, have been about Rio's readiness and the Russian doping scandal. Australia's team refused to stay in the village because of backed up toilets and other niceties. Is anyone, really, anyone, actually surprised there's widespread evidence of

cheating? Remember the Cold War Olympics when the Chinese and East Germans would send all those juiced up athletes? Do you think that mentality ever left Moscow? Of course it didn't. But in this new era of supposedly stricter policing, the Russian athletes have to individually apply to be allowed to compete. I don't imagine President Putin is pleased. After all, the Games have always been a mix of sports and political commentary. It wasn't only hockey we were all cheering at Lake Placid in 1980, and not every American was cheering John Carlos and Tommie Smith's raised fists in Mexico City in 1968.

The Games shouldn't be in Rio at all, of course, but it's not exactly a secret the IOC is easily bribed by prospective host cities and never mind the foul

water, alleged rampant crime and all that. Rio ponied up. End of story.

Geno Auriemma is coaching the US women's hoopsters and the other day he said he was "proud" of the WNBA players, especially the ones he coached at UConn, for using the league as a platform to air their feelings about current events. Maybe you heard some players were fined because of their warm-up shirts. That was actually somewhat surprising since Geno has always been a stickler for rules and oozed establishment. Good for him and them.

Speaking of games, baseball players are increasingly griping about their schedule, on the field and in the air. I agree. I've written about this before. The season's too long. A return to the 154 game slate makes

sense but good luck on that. World Series games in November are avoidable but since the greediness of the owners has rendered single-admission doubleheaders passe', the calendar pretty much precludes that too. Every season is too long. The Super Bowl is played a mere 10 days before some teams start spring training. The Stanley Cup Finals often finish just two or three weeks before MLB's All-Star Game. Let's see if the MLBPA makes an issue of the length of the schedule this next negotiation time. It should. So for that matter should the NFLPA which needs to stand its ground on no 18-game slate.

The big baseball news all came from Chicago. The Cubs acquired Aroldis Chapman from the Yankees. The guy with the 100+ mph heater

may well be one of those short term rentals since he's a free agent at the end of the year but when you haven't won a title in 108 years and you're as loaded as are the Cubbies, you take your shot when you can and worry about the off-season later. The White Sox made news too when ace Chris Sale literally cut up the throw-back uniforms the Chisox were slated to wear one day last week. For his troubles Sale drew a five-game suspension from the club and by the time you read this, he might well be in a different uniform, not because he shredded the others, but when you're 14-4 at the deadline in a season where good starters are at a premium, you're the hottest name on the market. Boston? Baltimore? Texas? The Dodgers? All could be in the mix.

Local Rod & Gun Club sounds off

By: KEITH KENT
Courier Correspondent
WINCHENDON — With a recent reinterpretation of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 121 adding the words "Copies or Duplicates of Weapons" on Wednesday, June 20 to a state wide assault weapons ban, legal firearms owners both locally and around the Commonwealth have voiced their opinion. The message is loud and clear, legal gun owners feel their rights have been infringed and they want them back!

As north Worcester County and nearby Franklin County are well represented with sportsman or rod and gun clubs in Royalston, Gardner, Templeton, Hubbardston, Leominster, Petersham, Orange, and others, reaction has been in line with the rest of the state, quick and swift. Lawful gun owners are furious over Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's reinterpretation of the law, and are demanding their legal rights returned in what is, in their view, an illegal restriction on purchasing any AR-15, AK-47, or firearms that are now under new rules, so called "Copies or Duplicates."

The wording was so vague, that even lawyers for the Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League "GOAL" had issued a memo not to take legally purchased rifles to the range until they could obtain verification of these rifles which were lawfully purchased before June 20 as still legal to possess. When specialized lawyers tell citizens they need time to try to figure out what a law or amended laws mean, there is a clear problem with clarification. Governor Charlie Baker has now informed the office the Massachusetts AG that clarification is now immediately necessary. In addition Daniel Bennett, Secretary of the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety, sent a letter to the AG on July 26 immediately requesting clarification on the reinterpretation of the law, as even a model 1911 pistol could be classified under the new wording as part of the clause describing "Similarity."

The end result, a buyers panic became reality, with a purchasing stampede in Massachusetts at its 350 firearms dealers selling 2,549 rifles of which 2,251 were listed as the newly banned AR-15 and or AK-47s, which where banned for sale that very same day.

Locally at the Winchendon Rod and Gun Club both President John Caron, a 28 year member, and VP Douglas Hutchinson, nearly 50 years as a member, like most, had plenty to say, and like most legal gun owners they are very extremely unhappy.

Caron explained, "It's all about location. Out here, both I many others go out back and go target shooting. They don't care. Life is different out here, and as usual Boston is trying to pass laws that will make no difference in what criminals do, as criminals will always get guns. You're only restricting and hurting the law abiding citizen."

Hutchinson immediately added, "Gun free zones only mean gun free by

legal gun owners and those who obey the law. Most of your large shootings happen in gun free zones. When are people going to learn that gun free only means by those who are legal and obey the law?"

When asking Hutchinson the question, "Have you read about AG office representative Cindy Roy Gonzalez admitting that their office never researched how many have died by a rifle shot from either an AR-15 or AK-47 in our state before they updated the law?" he replied, "Are you even surprised that was said, are you surprised that even happened? Those in Boston don't care about true numbers, they only care about passing more restrictive laws. It tells you everything. It's the guns purchased illegally on the street corners doing all them harm, not rifles or guns owned by legal gun owners."

The FBI when requested recently by various media sources how many have died of a gun shot from a "rifle" in Massachusetts, FBI statistics stated that in the years 2007-14, of 3,000 people who were murdered in Massachusetts, only seven or .002 percent were killed with a rifle, and of those it could not be verified at to even the type of rifle. Rifles clearly have not been the problem, but illegally obtained hand guns.

Explaining what are greater possible dangers Caron asked the question, "Why do we want to ban guns, when you can go on the internet and learn how to build a bomb to blow people or things up, why are we even putting that kind of stuff on the internet?"

Caron went on to add, "Look at all the people in our state that are dying every day and all year 'round of heroin and even legal narcotics. Far more die from those and their abuse then die of firearms here in our state. Why aren't they banning types of guns, when it is clearly these kinds of other things that are killing far more people?"

When asked how their fellow club members felt Hutchinson responded, "How do you think they feel? They feel like their rights as law abiding citizens

are yet again being spat upon. We don't even own assault rifles in this state, it's not the same thing!"

An "Assault Rifle" by Federal definition must have two selective firing settings, either a three round burst, or fully automatic. All AR & AK style rifles sold in the state are only one shot fired per one trigger pull, and do not meet the legal definition of an assault rifle.

Caron added, "The only reason why these rifles are picked on so bad is because they 'look like a military gun' but they are not one. What these news stations put on the television, in plain English they don't know what the hell they are even talking about!"

Hutchinson quickly jumped in adding, "This is a bunch of crap and they know it is, we don't own assault rifles in Massachusetts!"

Again referring to the televised news media both locally and nationally Caron said, "They hear these lies on the tv, and they get brainwashed in Boston, and these other large cities where a lot of the people are. What are you going to do. It's the illegal hand guns that are doing almost all the killing. They have no clue at all, they have no clue! These people with this mindset are the same ones who said we have to protect all the beavers. Out here across the state we warned them about that to and they wouldn't listen. Now they are destroying property everywhere. Nobody in Boston listens to us outside of I-95 and Route 128. Rifles kill a tiny fraction around our country as compared to cars '33,000 deaths annually in the US' and do we outlaw cars, NO!"

Discussing laws on already on the books regarding firearms Caron quickly said, "What about all those laws, the laws already on the books. They either don't or can't enforce all the firearms laws they already have, now they want to pass more that criminals don't care about obeying."

Both the states of Vermont and New Hampshire directly to the north of our state have gun laws which are much more purchaser friendly, and do not have a purchase & owners data base like Massachusetts When asked if either Caron or Hutchinson felt this new legal banning and enforcement would create a black market here in Massachusetts both simultaneously responded, "YES!" Caron saying, "People are going to get them one way or the other. If they buy them from friends or relatives from the north, there is no way to know who now, because they will feel they are being forced to work their way around it. Again, these laws only take hold on those who obey the law." Hutchinson also said, "There is no doubt. People want them, people are going to get them. Your only forcing people to break the law, and they are going to get what they want."

In separate closing statements Hutchinson as Club VP said, "We have all these laws that people in Massachusetts are supposed to go by. We have all these laws on the books. Why are we making new ones when we can't enforce the ones we already have?" Caron then added, "People need to both be supportive of and be active as Rod & Gun Club Members. These kinds of clubs and facilities are key to helping to support your right to hunt, shoot, target shoot, and bear arms. Join and support your local rod & gun club, and help support your rights!"

The Winchendon Rod & Gun club is located at 169 Winchendon Road, Royalston, MA just before the intersection of both Winchendon and Turnpike Roads. It currently has 230 members. Membership runs November through November. Costs to join are \$50 for annual membership, \$25 for associate member, and \$5 annually to use the range. The club can be reached by phone at 978-297-3955 and is always looking for new members.



A GRAND FUNDRAISER!

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Knights of the Inferno Firefighters Motorcycle Club MA-1 held its second annual charity golf tournament to benefit the Winchendon Wreathes Across America project and raised more than \$2,000.

Pictured is Friends of Veterans John Walker presenting a check to Bridget Marinelli toward the fund.

KIFF wants to thank the Friends, the Winchendon Golf Club, Doreen LaPointe, American Legion Post 193, and all those who helped make this event the success it was.

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LEARN A NEW CRAFT

WINCHENDON — GALA's next event will be a needle felting class Aug. 27 at the GALA Arts Gallery, 135 Front St. Join Karen Sugalski and learn this unique way of creating a "painting" using felted fabric. The class is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. With all materials included in cost of \$45 per person. Preregistration is

required to assure materials are available for all students; class is limited to 10. For more information or to register

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

NORTH DARTMOUTH — The following UMass Dartmouth students are named to the spring 2016 Dean's list in recognition of earning a semester grade point average of 3.2 or higher of a possible 4.0.

Athol: Timothy Funa, Phillipston: Krystopher Grasmuck and Winchendon: Sam Burdsall.

ROCHESTER, NY — Joseph Yeiter of Rindge made the Dean's List at the Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring 2016 semester. Yeiter is studying industrial engineering.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

WORCESTER — The following residents were among those who graduated at the 228th commencement of Becker College, held May 14, 2016, at the DCU Center. The largest graduating class in the College's history, the class of 2016, is the first class to have global citizenship fully integrated into the college curriculum for four years and made a requirement for graduation. From Jaffrey Elizabeth Gens; from Templeton Cassandra Bohigian and Erin Hakala and from Athol Rachel Landry.

WORCESTER — The following local residents have been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2016 semester. Ashlynn R. Allain of Baldwinville and Alyssa R. Adams of Turners Falls.

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester:

Michael Kenney is a native of Athol, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Michael will graduate in 2019 from the Boston campus.

Stephen Campobasso is a native of Gardner, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Stephen will graduate in 2016 from the Worcester campus.

Rachel Pelletier is a native of Westminster, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Rachel will graduate in 2020 from the Boston campus.

Donald Hunt is a native of Winchendon, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Donald will graduate in 2017 from the Worcester campus.

Jacob Hunt is a native of Winchendon, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Jacob will graduate in 2017 from the Worcester campus.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who

have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

LOWELL — Local residents were among a record number of graduates presented with diplomas at the UMass Lowell 2016 commencement exercises Saturday, May 14 at the Tsongas Center.

Local residents included: ASHBURNHAM: Christian Robichaud (BA English) and Carly Tedstone (BS nursing). ATHOL: David McDonald (BS electrical engineering). GARDNER: Elizabeth Kast (PhD chemistry), Faith Malay (BS civil engineering), Tyler Valila (BS civil engineering), Jonathan Timothy (BS criminal justice), Ryan Spain (MA criminal justice), Randall Currie (BS information technology), Brett Moulton (BS information technology), Amanda Clarkson (MS innovation & technological entrepreneurship), Curtis Hartshorn (BM music business), and Kyle Kirouac (BM sound recording technology). TEMPLETON: Evan Wernicki (MS chemical engineering). WESTMINSTER: James Carbone (BS chemical engineering), Nicholas Aveni (MA criminal justice), Alethea Trundy (ME curriculum & instruction), Ethan Barrows (BS environmental science), Jason Ward (MS environmental studies), and Matthew Wojciak (BS mechanical engineering). WINCHENDON: Whitney Ashmore (BS environmental science).

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JOURNEY

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day in office, so there is that, right?

I've been reading these hand-wringing woe-are-we essays from conservative columnists like Kathleen Parker and David Brooks and Michael Gerson and that self-appointed intellectual giant George Will grieving the apparent-for-now demise of "their" Republican Party. Yeah, well. That quartet and lots of others were the ones who created the climate that allowed a Donald Trump to swoop in and exploit the frothing-at-the-mouth anger of blue-collar white people in the first place. What did they expect? The GOP has been barreling down this train track since 1968. This was inevitable. I couldn't help but notice their doom-is-upon-us wailings didn't extend to recommending the immediate antidote is voting for Hillary. One suggested former Defense secretary Bob Gates run as an independent. That's not happening. You people want to be serious about repenting? Then accept that Clinton, flaws and all, is the only realistic option. My side survived 8 years of W. You can survive 4 or 8 of HRC.

On a lighter note, let me thank everyone for the birthday wishes last weekend. One of the great things about having a fairly late July birthday is that you know it's almost time for Sharknado, the Sci Fi network's hilarious annual summertime parody/spoof of whatever strikes the producer's fancy. Couple years ago, the flying sharks devoured Hollywood amidst lots of truly funny name-dropping. Another year it was New York where Ed Koch and Rudy Gulliani's names came up. Of course the cities get saved in the end, but for a couple hours, the Sharknado people get to skewer some of their perhaps former friends or studios who may have rejected them. Great stuff. See you next week.

LEGALS

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Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this thirteenth day of July 2016

Dennis P. McManus
CLERK

July 29, 2016

Town of Winchendon
Zoning Board of Appeals
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed Aug 17, 2016 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the Special Permit application of Janet Lee of 80 Baldwinville Rd. Winchendon & Rebecca Robillard of 27 Brooks Rd. Winchendon MA for property located at 91 Central St St., Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3 Parcel 112 owned by Patrick E. Doyle, 87 Central St. Winchendon MA 01475 for a Special Permit to open a retail business as required per Article 5.2.2B of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw. Said property is located in the PD- Planned Development Zoning District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.

BY: Cynthia Carville, Chair
Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals
July 29, 2016
August 5, 2016

Estate and downsizing
personal property options



Courtesy photo

Bronze of Marcus Aurelius in our Aug. 25 auction.

Although we offer a wide range of services, there are times when we recommend other options to people who need to sell estate contents or are downsizing.

This week, I offered advice to several people on options for selling personal property that wasn't a good fit for our services. I received a call from someone in Connecticut who had a house full of furniture.

There are three types of furniture that we regularly encounter in homes that we bring to auction. Mid-century modern furniture, especially by well-known designers can be very desirable. Some early furniture (especially American) from the 1700's and early 1800's can be very valuable. Mission oak (arts & crafts) furniture from the late 1800's and early 1900's is also popular. Unfortunately, the person from Connecticut had typical wooden furniture that wasn't modern design or antique and has limited appeal. The seller told me that he placed 71 Craigslist ads and was having little success. I suggested donating the pieces. There are plenty of charities that help people who need furniture for their

homes. Many charities will provide slips that you can use to itemize the items that you donated. You can present the slips to your tax preparer.

Another client called me with collections including modern Beatrix Potter and NASCAR collectibles. Although some Beatrix Potter and NASCAR collectibles may be popular collectibles they are too new for our antique and collectibles auctions. I suggested that they check with dealers at some of the local flea markets who may be interested in purchasing them.

As mentioned earlier, Craigslist is another option for selling items. Modern electronics and cameras might sell well on eBay. We run into many situations where heirs have taken many of the possessions in an estate or when people are downsizing and there aren't enough items remaining to warrant hiring an estate sale company to run your sale. A consignment store might be good option or you could run a sale yourself.

For valuable gold jewelry, coins, antique paintings, old advertising items, pre-1970's comic books and baseball cards and other rare and valuable items we advise selling them at our live auctions where competitive bidding drives the price to the fair market value. With an estate full of items, even if they aren't old or collectible, we typically advise hiring a company to run an estate (tag) sale or online estate auction. We realize that there are many situations where a different option may work better and we are always happy to offer our advice.

We could use your advice as well. If anyone knows charities that make pickups of furniture and home furnishings in your area, please pass them along to us. We like to give people who contact us as many options as possible.

Please see our website for upcoming events including our Aug. 25 live auction www.centralmassauctions.com.

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PICNIC

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ing on the sidewalk while their parents sat in lawn chairs.

Many people have brought cookies to the station in the wake of the many incidents in other cities, but Maliska decided to do something a little more personal.

“There’s been a lot of discussion on Facebook about how frightening the news has been, and how troubling the times are,” Maliska said. “I brought up the idea of a picnic, and the response was immediate and widespread.”

Winchendon’s first responders were the special guests of honor. They attended in uniform to allow their grateful community a chance to warmly say thank you.

Both sides exchanged handshakes, but there was one story that stuck out.

Winchendon resident Bethany Laney had a health incident, and first responders kept her alive

twice.

Laney made a quilt for the Fire Department to thank them, which they hung at the station immediately after the picnic.

“She wouldn’t be here today, if it wasn’t for them,” Maliska said.

The police and fire chiefs commented on the amount of attention, calls, and correspondence they’ve received over the past month.

Police Chief David Walsh said the picnic is perfect timing.

“In light of everything that has happened recently, it’s nice to have support from the community,” Walsh said. “It’s encouragement to the officers.”

With a staff of 14 full-time and four part-time, five of those officers were at the picnic, some having to respond to calls.

The Fire Department had eight to 10 people on scene, also having to respond to calls during the event.

Fire Chief Thomas Smith said it’s nice to see residents on a lighter note.

“It’s an opportunity to meet people that normally we’d see in an emergency situation,” Smith said. “It’s nice to see people on the street on a good note.”

Smith said it feels good to be appreciated.

“I can tell the pride that the town has in their public safety and fire services,” Smith said. “The community has always been great, but the fact that the town takes the time to show how much they actually care about us.”

For the police department, Walsh said more than \$100 in gift cards to Dunkin’ Donuts and coffee shops and greeting cards have been dropped off at the station to express gratitude.

“We weren’t expecting anything,” Walsh said. “We knew the community has always been supportive of us, but the fact that they’ve taken the steps to express that — we’re grateful.”

Walsh said he recognized a few residents where he and the department responded to calls.

“For them to see the police officers not in an official capacity and more on a personal basis is a good thing,” Walsh said.

Smith said the department has received lunches as a token of appreciation.

“It’s nice to be chief in a country that has pride in their public service,” he said. “With everything that’s been going on in the country recently, it’s nice to see a positive event.”

Smith said his staff works 24-hour shifts, leaving their families at home to respond to emergencies, and he is pleased to be recognized.

Resident Tim Blouin said the picnic was a great idea to show that the town will always be there for them, no matter what is going on in the country.

Maliska said it doesn’t seem like anyone is safe right now.

Blouin interacts with the police when he is walking his dog around 10 p.m. when they ask if he’s seen suspicious

activity or suspicious persons.

“If I can help them with people who are doing something they’re not supposed to, I will,” Blouin said.

Blouin said he hopes the picnic will reduce anxiety and make connections that civilians otherwise wouldn’t have with police and fire.

Maliska said she is on friendly terms with the first responders in and around town.

She was pleased with the public’s response.

“People appreciated how happy and festive the picnic was,” Maliska said. “They felt welcomed and well-received.” United Parish Pastor Calvin Miller said Romans 13:7 talks about giving honor to whom honor is due.

“They’re certainly worthy of honor in Winchendon,” Miller said. “We can be proud of the way that police and first responders respond professionally in difficult situations. With the state that our society is in, it’s important for us to recognize public servants, the

job that they do, and how they go about doing their job.”

Miller said the men and women who do that job are something special.

Also on-call 24-7, Miller understands the importance.

“When people are in need, someone needs to be there for them,” Miller said. “We can’t just answer calls when it’s convenient for us.”

Resident Darlene Rossi and Morin Real Estate employee said it’s important to acknowledge the sacrifice and heroism that these people do for us daily.

Retired Deputy Chief Bud Fletcher said residents should recognize first responders all the time, but especially, now.

Canine Officer Jim Wirown gave a presentation of how attentive his dog, Clyde, can be. Department Chaplain Fr. Michael Clements gave a blessing over the first responders.

BOS

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way for the new Cumberland Farm’s development at the corner of Front and Central streets.

“I’d like to thank the Enhancement Committee for driving this,” said board member Audrey LaBrie.

The final vote to give Hickey the go-ahead to sign an agreement for the land swap was 4-1, with Selectman Amy Salter casting the lone dissenting vote.

Also Monday night, the board instructed Hickey and Building Inspector Paul Blanchard to come back next

month with a plan for getting the town’s multifamily housing units inspected.

Blanchard told the board that, since winter, only around five buildings on a list of about 85 had been inspected.

“Inspections can be time consuming,” said Blanchard “I have a clerk that works about 17-1/2 hours a week, but she also answers phones for the Board of Health and Conservation Commission.”

When asked by Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz how much time it takes to inspect a multifamily building, Blanchard said “it depends on the number of units and the condition of the building.”

Blanchard said notices are

sent to property owners letting them know inspections need to be done “but 40 percent of the owners don’t respond. Then we have to chase them. We then can issue a violation notice, but then we have to give them time to appeal.”

“Other inspectors tell me going to (housing) court on these things can be time consuming. They might schedule a case for 9 a.m. but not get to it until noon.”

“You say you hear this from other inspectors,” interjected board Chairman Barbara Anderson. “Does this mean you haven’t been to court?”

“Oh, I’ve been, but not since they changed the hours,” said Blanchard.

“So, out of 85 inspections, only maybe five have been completed?, asked board member Mike Barbaro.

“I need more staff hours,” Blanchard responded. “I need more hours myself.”

“We have a responsibility to the citizens of this town and to the state,” said Cyganiewicz. “If only five (inspections) have been done since winter I’d say we have an issue.”

“The question is, what do we need to do to get out and do inspections on an annual basis?,” said Hickey. “Everybody is frustrated that inspections aren’t being done as required by the state.”

“We have to develop some kind of procedure,” Anderson

said. “This is unacceptable.”

The board voted to give Hickey and Blanchard until Aug. 8 to come up with a plan for expediting more inspections.

In other action Monday night, selectmen voted to appoint Jay Pereira, who will be a senior at Murdock High School, as a student representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

New members of the Communications Committee will be Ray Coe, Guy Corbosiero, Austin Cyganiewicz, Ruth DeAmicis, Jay Javorski and Greg Vine. One opening still exists.



Mat Plamondon photos

A high five from the riders.

IRONSIDES

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zation,” said one rider during the BBQ.

With the success and positive feedback on the ride and supported charity, the Knights of the Inferno Firefighters are planning to make it an annual event. Keep an eye out for next year’s ride and help support a great cause!

NOT JUST PRODUCED

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mitted to the community. The community should help itself.”

“This is a great location. I’m looking forward to a lot of street, walk-in traffic,” Hunt added.

She’s anticipating the produce won’t be the only draw. For one thing, Hunt’s selling penny candy, “though not for exactly a penny,” she laughed, and then there’s the artistic side of the store. As just a pair of examples, visitors can find Ken Laraba’s woodwork and Allie Morin’s art. “This is a place where local

people like Ken and Allie can sell their products and can advertise themselves at the same time,” said Hunt.

“We’ve got a little bit of everything here. There really hasn’t been anywhere for them to do that around town,” she asserted.

Hunt returned to the ‘community’ theme. “I believe people should work together. That’s how you build a community. This will be a place where people can come and be together.”

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KEITH

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this policy in a time frame where those who we elected to represent us, may not have time to discuss or address it in the Massachusetts General Court. More likely now, it will end up being settled in legal courts other than legislative. The timing of the announcement extremely suspect.

While infringing on the firearms rights of law abiding citizens such as this columnist and others, I present documented facts that show just how foolish this reinterpretation of the law is.

According to the FBI in Massachusetts during the

years 2007-14, there were seven shootings by rifle of which only three took place in 2010-14, of a total of 3,000 shootings during that time frame. That’s right my fellow citizens, Healey target a market in a state where only .002% of shootings took place by that style weapon. Oh thank you all mighty AG for clearly targeting not only our rights, but the wrong market! Even AG spokeswoman Cyndi Roy Gonzalez acknowledged that the AG’s office had not researched crime statistics before reinterpreting the law. What?

On Saturday, July 23 well over 1,000 firearms owners, enthusiasts, and others marched in protest in front of the

Massachusetts State House sending the beginning of the legal message to AG Healey.

I find it a sad irony, that the very state where the first shots were fired for independence, has now targeted and fired legal shots against those who have not broken any laws as responsible firearms owners.

Thank you again AG Healey for targeting a market where only .002 percent of murders were perpetrated, and for violating our rights. Now due to aiding in the creation of a new black market, both law enforcement and citizens are less safe than even before.

COUNSEL

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with strikethroughs/side margin bubbles, and another unfinalized version.

Article 5, which is about fiscal procedures, will be revised to put in sequential order, which spans from page 11 to page 16.

“We have to put it in order of how the fiscal procedures should go,” Lajoie said. “The proposed town and school budget and when to submit the budget are an example.”

Lajoie said they will cut and paste articles to make them read and flow correctly.

In Article 4, they will also remove the language that one has to be a town resident, or plan to move in six months, in order to be town manager in Section 4-1 Appointment, Qualifications, Terms of Office on page 8.

Lajoie said in recent years, the idea has been waived. Town Manager Keith Hickey does not live in town.

“It’s not conceivable to ask the town manager to get up and leave his residence,” Lajoie said. “He has kids in the school system there.”

Concerning the town manager, ‘he’ will be replaced with ‘the town manager’ to make it gender neutral in the executive summary, referenced in Section 7-5 Number and Gender on page 17.

Town Manager Keith Hickey said he will bring up the possibility of amending ‘board of selectmen’ to ‘select-board’.

“It has never came up, but if they want to make the change, they can,” Hickey said. “I’m happy to ask them Monday night.”

Former selectman Robert O’Keefe said that

decision will be up to the board; however, the people’s charter is up to them.

Goldberg was quick to note that change can be made and amended later as a housekeeping item.

Hickey noted the water shut-off policy will become an ordinance for the Board of Selectmen instead of a bylaw. The rules and regulations are listed on the town website.

When Lajoie asked if anything is a concern, Goldberg responded that she was pleased with the wording of the majority of the charter.

“Every charter has its own issues that are open to interpretation, but I don’t have any immediate concerns,” Goldberg said. “One useful thing would be to examine the town manager duties to make sure he’s able to do the needs that he needs to do while taking into consideration the relationship between the selectboard and the town manager.”

She explained that it’s more about how the town gets information out to the voters.

Goldberg said she will do a close read of the provisions and return with a red line draft.

After Goldberg approves the charter, it is forwarded to the Attorney General’s Office within 30 days, they have 90 days to review it, and then the charter goes to the Legislature for review, she said.

Goldberg explained that both copies must be readily available, even though the charter will be whittled down to one document.

“You have to show somewhere all the corrections and commas,” Goldberg said. “The Attorney General’s Office will confirm the changes. You don’t have to go through every comma at town meeting.”

She and the committee

will hold an open meeting on Aug. 9 at 3 p.m., where there will be public comment at the end of the meeting. There will also be a public hearing the first week in October at an undetermined date.

“There is real value in getting public input before town meeting,” Goldberg said. “There isn’t a state law saying that it must be televised.”

It is required by law to have a periodic review of the charter and bylaws. The last time the charter was reviewed was in 2010. For the charter, that means every year ending in zero, and for the bylaw, at least once every 10 years.

“The charter is the Constitution,” Goldberg said. “The bylaws are laws. The Charter has to go through Legislation and the Attorney General. The Bylaws only go through the Attorney General.”

The charter was adopted on May 4, 1981, Lajoie said. The current charter was approved on Jan. 14, 2011, which Kopelman and Paige also partnered.

Hickey didn’t have any immediate concerns, either. But he did say cutting it down will be valuable.

Former selectmen Robert O’Keefe suggested a simple cleanup, removing any duplication and putting things where they should be.

Lajoie will work with citizen Lee Jacoby on editing for grammar.

Goldberg suggested the idea of a deputy town moderator for a one-year term, which isn’t listed in Section 3-4 Town Moderator on page 7.

The town moderator Richard Morin will appoint him, subject to confirmation at town meeting, Goldberg said.

“If Morin has a conflict of interest and has to step out, or if he is sick, the deputy would step in,” Lajoie added.

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KIDS' CORNER

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A



B



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ANSWER: TRUE

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PRICE WHEN CHOOSING A BRAND.



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HISTORY

- **1619:** THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY IN THE AMERICAS CONVENES IN JAMESTOWN, VA
- **1945:** THE U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS IS SUNK BY THE JAPANESE SUBMARINE I-58
- **1990:** NEW YORK YANKEES OWNER GEORGE STEINBRENNER IS FORCED TO RESIGN HIS POSITION AS PRINCIPAL PARTNER OF THE TEAM

New word

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to obtain goods
before payment

GET THE PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE
BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: CASH REGISTER

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Store
- SPANISH:** Tienda
- ITALIAN:** Negozio
- FRENCH:** Magasin
- GERMAN:** Laden

LEGALS

LEGALS

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage, given by Russell A. Hart and Danielle R. Hart (the "Mortgagor"), to I-C Federal Credit Union, a lending institution, with a usual place of business at 300 Bemis Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420 (the "Mortgagee"), dated March 27, 2008, and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 42639, Page 61, (the "Mortgage"), and which Mortgage is presently held by the undersigned, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10 o'clock AM on August 9, 2016 on the premises located at 55 Converse Drive, Winchendon, Massachusetts, which are all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage,

TO WIT: The land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 6 on a plan entitled: "Winchendon Heights, Winchendon, Massachusetts, prepared for D.M. Industries, Incorporated" dated May 17, 1988, made by Cuoco & Cormier, Inc., Civil Engineers, Land Surveyors, recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 604, Plan 30, being bounded and described in accordance with the Plan. Containing, according to the Plan, one acre of land, more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to Russell A. Hart by Quitclaim Deed from N.P. Dodge, Jr., trustee, dated December 8, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 35355, Page 334. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The premises being offered for sale will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, agreements, outstanding tax titles, unpaid real estate taxes, and other municipal and public charges, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of others in adjacent streets and ways, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, and also subject to all federal, state and municipal laws, regulations, codes and ordinances. See Easements in Book 11028, Page 201, Book 2596, Page 96, Plan Book 604, Plan 30. See Declaration Book 11612, Page 190 and Book 11981, Page 170. See Rights in Book 2318, Page 516, Book 10491, Page 28 and Planning Board Covenant in Book 11529, Page 124 and Book 11806, Page 369.

TERMS OF THE SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by bank or certified check, will be required to be paid by the highest bidder at the time and place of the sale and said bidder will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the above and any announced terms. The sale will not be complete until such deposit is paid and such Memorandum is signed. In the event the successful bidder at the public auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the premises, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder and reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Purchaser will be required to deliver the balance of the bid price by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days of the date of the auction sale, at the law firm of Gelinás & Ward, LLP, 106 Merriam Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453 at which time the foreclosure deed and all related documents will be delivered to the Purchaser. The Purchaser will be solely responsible for filing and recording foreclosure documents and for the payment of deed excise stamps and filing and recording fees. The Mortgagee may postpone the sale by public proclamation at the original or postponed time and date of sale.

OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.

Signed: **I-C Federal Credit Union**, Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorney, C. Theodore Mariolis, Esq.
Gelinás & Ward, LLP, 106 Merriam Avenue
Leominster, MA 01453 (978) 537-2200
July 15, 2016
July 22, 2016
July 29, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jason T. Veness and Kimberly R. Veness to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for GMAC Bank, dated July 13, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41503, Page 117 of which mortgage Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for GMAC Bank, its successors and/or assigns, to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC dated January 20, 2016 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54883, Page 41, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 30 Tucker Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on August 12, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Tucker Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner thereof at a point in the westerly side of Tucker Street, at the northeasterly corner of parcel "C" shown on a plan hereinafter referred to, said point being located 168 feet northerly of the northerly line of Eastern Avenue; THENCE Westerly by the northerly line of parcel "C" on said plan and being land of James M. Raymond et ux, about 132 feet to a point on a stone wall in line of land now or formerly of Claire D. Rougier; THENCE North 17 1/2 degrees East, by said wall and land of said Rougier, 162 feet to land now or formerly of Robert B. Fales et ux; THENCE Easterly by said Fales land, about 132 feet to the westerly line of Tucker Street THENCE Southerly by said line of Tucker Street, 162 feet to the place of beginning. Containing about 21,380 square feet.

Being shown as parcel "A" and "B" on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land prepared for Leon H. Veilleux et ux, Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch - 30 ft., Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA" recorded in Plan Book 447, Plan 91.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36540, Page 50.

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

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Veness, Jason T. and Kimberly R., 16-024680, July 15, 2016, July 22, 2016,
July 29, 2016
July 15, 2016
July 22, 2016
July 29, 2016

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Leslie F. Olin to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated March 10, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry

of Deeds at Book 33046, Page 254, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP dated May 14, 2009 and recorded with said registry on May 20, 2009 at Book 44271 Page 75 and by assignment from Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated November 8, 2012 and recorded with said registry on November 15, 2012 at Book 49962 Page 317 and by assignment from (corrective) Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated March 2, 2015 and recorded with said registry on March 25, 2015 at Book 53506 Page 386, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on August 17, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 71 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land on the Southeasterly line of Glenallen Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as lot "A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots Surveyed for Mary E. Bosworth Winchendon, MA Scale 1 inch = 30 feet — July 8, 1988, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 608, Plan 121, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. Containing 0.6895 acres according to said plan. For title, see deed of Robert Van Dyke to Leslie F. Olin dated September 15, 2003 recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 31640, Page 111.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31640, Page 111.

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.

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING
LLC

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES,
P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201403-0783 - TEA

July 22, 2016
July 29, 2016
August 5, 2016

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
16 SM 005512
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
Christine Magee
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*:
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-FM1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered **4 Mechanic Street**, given by **Christine Magee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns**, dated **April 20, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book

38829, Page **51**, 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 **August 29, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on July 12, 2016
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
(OM 13-017594)

July 29, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Timothy J. LeBlanc and Kelly A. Dalton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39156, Page 143 subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-B by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 49142, Page 106; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on August 19, 2016 at 26 Toy Town Lane, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Toy Town Lane in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "15" on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Toy Town Heights, Winchendon, Massachusetts", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 763, Plan 102, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Parcel and said Lot. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. at Book 39156, Page 141

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-B
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
13-017732

July 29, 2016
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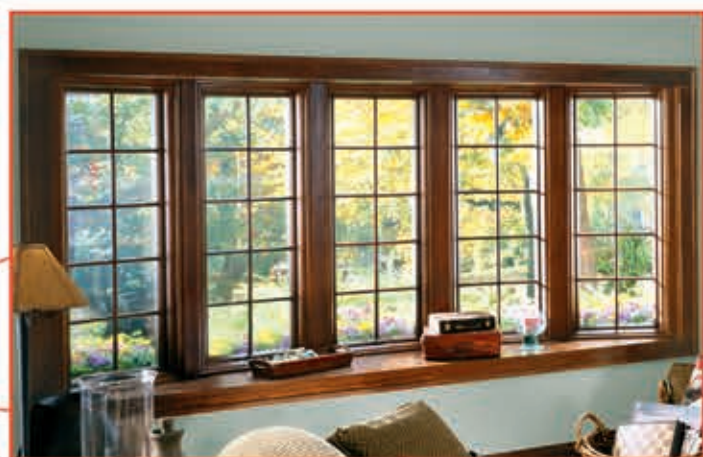
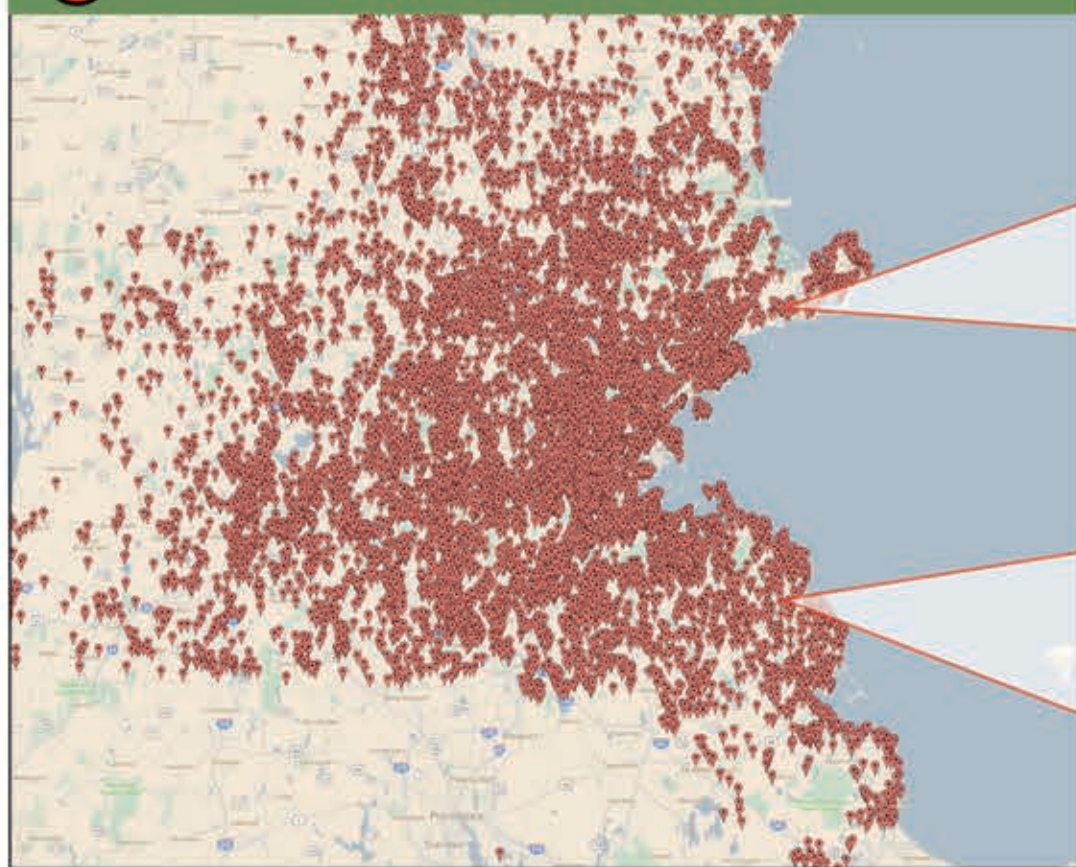


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