

Oil spill at DPW could prove costly

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On Sunday, shortly after noon, a resident of Glenallan Street called Winchendon police to report the strong odor of oil in the neighborhood of Winchendon's Public Works Department garage, located at 101 Glenallan. Fire department personnel responding to the scene discovered a large oil spill behind the building. The heating oil had flowed from a 10,000-gallon tank abandoned by the town at least three decades ago.

Town Manager Keith Hickey said it appeared that what can best be described as a spigot leading from the tank had been struck by a piece of heavy equipment, but the exact cause of the damage remains uncertain. Hickey said DPW equipment is sometimes used to keep the area behind the garage clear to allow oil delivery vehicles access to a smaller tank at the far end of the building. The smaller tank has been in use since use of the

much larger container was abandoned.

Hickey said he has no idea why the older tank wasn't drained and removed once it was no longer in use.

"It's a mystery to me," he said. "I really can't answer that question."

"It's estimated that about 400 gallons was spilled," said Hickey. "Luckily, the spill was limited to the area along the rear of the garage. It never made it all the way down to Glenallan Street. It really didn't go beyond the front edge of the DPW building."

Cyn Environmental Services of Stoughton was called to the scene Sunday afternoon. As of Tuesday afternoon, a crew was still on scene. Large oil-absorbent pads were initially employed, followed by excavation of the site.

Cyn accounts manager Rich Muerda said Tuesday, "We have two or three more days of excavating to do. After that we have to



Greg Vine photos

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The tank lays behind the equipment.

Local parish stunned by priest's sudden departure

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Members of Winchendon Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church were stunned earlier this week to find that Fr. Michael Clements, known to most residents as "Father Mike," had suddenly decided to a leave of absence from the priesthood. In a letter, which will be printed in this weekend's parish bulletin, Father Clements says he is taking a "step back from active ministry and to work on some personal and spiritual struggles that I have been having."

In his correspondence, the priest goes on to state that his decision stems from his experience at the parish he served before coming to Winchendon. He said the experience "was emotionally, physically, and spiritually draining."

He goes on to say: "Unbeknownst to me, it left me with some deep emotional wounds, that over time, with the help of counselor and my spiritual director, I have been able to process and incorporate into my life, but, despite all that help, the scares still remain. Heeding the advice of these two people and a few close friends, I feel that I need step away from active ministry for a while, to completely heal, so that I can become a better man and hopefully a better priest."

The letter concludes: "There will be a lot of emotion over this I am sure, and even some speculation as to the true nature of my leaving. All of that is to be expected. However, I ask that you don't speculate, or blame people or situations, or begin creating new stories...I am sorry for any sadness, pain, hurt, or anger that this may cause you and your

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The Chapel Coming Downtown!



Christ Martin photos

The new location for The Chapel satellite.

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Now that the Dance Studio is no longer at 286 Central St., a familiar face will be moving on in. The Chapel, which is located at 727 Spring St., will have a second location right at 286 Central. Pastor Tom Clinkscale of the Chapel took a few minutes to speak about the renovations going on.

Clinkscale mentioned, "That it will be set up cafe style and on Saturday nights there will be a speaker reading scripture, do prayer, and do some hands on type training with

the attendees. There will be workshops, such as early childhood development. We will have an occupational therapist come in and she'll give a workshop on how important it is to raise your toddlers through these stages giving opportunities for development. Any way that we can help strengthen our community through these workshops."

"We're going to be having these lead by one of our ministry school students. So, we have at the Antioch

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New year begins at Winchendon schools

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The weather was sweltering when the 2018-19 school year began Tuesday, but if there was no change in the August air, there surely was on the ground what with a new superintendent and new Murdock High School administrators on board. Superintendent Joan Landers, who officially signed her contract last week, Principal Thad King and Assistant Principal Charlie Keene had, of course, met a lot of their adult colleagues and even a few kids, but Tuesday was the first time they'd encountered the whole student body and were no doubt strange faces to many of the youngsters.

King was at the front door Tuesday to greet the arriving high school students just as was Middle School Principal Jess Vezina.

"It was a great start. Everything went smoothly," enthused King.

About the weather? "I've been wearing a suit all day," he laughed, intimating no one was getting any sympathy.

Tuesday was the first day for students but teachers and staff were in school Monday where they heard from Landers, administrators and school committee Chair Greg Vine along with attending various meetings.

Landers told the story of growing up in Brooklyn and how, as a kid, she looked forward at the end of the summer to getting new white sneakers for the start of the new school year.

"White sneakers. They represented a new beginning. Get your white sneakers," she exhorted to warm applause.

"You chose to teach because you saw it as a calling," reflected Vine in admiration, himself the son of a teacher.

Middle School teachers Amanda Rodgers, Cassie Malliet and Andrew Herrick were pumped up about the second year of personalized learning.

"We reworked the (teacher) mentoring program," said Rodgers.

"It made me a better teacher," noted Herrick, and added Malliet, "last year was a work in progress. We're excited about this year."

Music teacher Aly Galipeau began the year on a recruitment mission.

"I'm looking for high school band people. I'm looking for band and chorus people. It'll be fun," she asserted.

The Murdock Academy for Success started the year with about 40 students.

None of those students will be in school today or Monday, Labor Day. Having survived the heat, everyone gets a long weekend until Tuesday.

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Opponents say Question 1 endangers patients

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Massachusetts voters could be forgiven if they find themselves confused over whether nurses in the Commonwealth support or oppose Question 1 on this November's election ballot. The measure, if passed, would mandate the ratio of patients that could be assigned to a single registered nurse at hospitals throughout the state. Rations range from one nurse to one patient in the intensive care unit, to five patients for each RN in the transitional care unit.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association authored the ballot measure, which opposed by the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts.

The MNA represents some 20,000 members statewide while the ANAM has some 2,000 members. Many of ANAM's members are nurse administrators or hold other administrative positions in hospitals across the state.

The question is also opposed by Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals and the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, among other groups.

Last week we featured arguments in favor of the initiative; this week we hear from opponents.

Chris Baldini, a registered nurse on the behavioral health unit at Heywood Hospital in Gardner and a member of MNA who opposes the measure, cited

California as an example of why mandated patient-to-nurse ratios is a bad idea. For example, Question 1 — officially known as the Patient Safety Act — would require a ratio of 1-to-1 for trauma patients in the emergency, and a ratio of 4-to-1 for non-trauma patients.

"We've seen this already in California," she said. "I think they call it the 'wall of patients,' where basically patients are on stretchers waiting to be seen. They're basically waiting to be seen as if they were at a deli counter until a nurse is freed up from a ratio to take care of them. In our community that would be devastating

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WEEKLY QUOTE

You can't really be strong until you see a funny side to things.

— Ken Kesey

Kickstands up against cancer



Fire & Iron MC "Toy Town Crew" Station 857 President Ricci Ruschioni speaks to the more than 100 bikers who showed up for Saturday's Cruise 4 Cancer.



The gathering as the ride gets set to begin.

It was the 9th year the ride against cancer has been held. More than 120 bikers participated, leaving from Winchendon American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 on a sunny Saturday morning last weekend. The circuitous 73-mile route brought the bikers back to the Legion for well-earned meal. Sponsored by Fire & Iron 857, the Cruise 4 Cancer always raises substantial funds for the charity.

Greg Vine photos



Bikers set off on the ride along the 73-mile route that took them through southern New Hampshire and north central Massachusetts.



ABOVE: The gathering as the ride gets set to begin.

A seriously tricked out Indian ready to roll at Saturday's Cruise 4 Cancer.



Lance and June Blais of Groveland, Mass. were among those participating in Saturday's Cruise 4 Cancer, organized by Fire & Iron MC "Toy Town Crew" Station 857.

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Rare race for Secretary of State

BY JERRY CARTON
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Bill Galvin has been the Commonwealth's Secretary of State for more than 20 years. First elected in 1994, Galvin has faced nothing more than token opposition, when there was opposition at all, every four years since. This time around is different. This time around Galvin finds himself locked in an increasingly contentious race with Boston city Councilor Josh Zakim and last week the animosity was there for all to see in a televised debate. Galvin took repeated verbal swipes at Zakim, who had won the preference vote at the Democratic state convention in Worcester earlier this summer, saying the challenger was too young and inexperienced, didn't vote on a regular basis, and wasn't being honest with voters regarding the incumbent's accomplishments. Galvin contended Zakim has created "a special committee for only his benefit to take in corporate funds."

voter registration and suggested Galvin set the primary for September 4, the day after Labor Day, to discourage a large turnout. Zakim added he's never seen Galvin at city council meetings when voting issues are on the agenda. Zakim picked up just under 55-percent of the non-binding vote at the convention, bolstered by support from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Rep. Seth Moulton. He attributed his victory at least in part to his advocacy of making it easier to register to vote. "There are so many simple common-sense steps we can and should be taking to lead on this issue right now. In fact, every one of these shortcomings should have been fixed years ago," said Zakim. "We set a standard for the nation," countered Galvin, noting Massachusetts had no central voting registry when he took office in 1995. The candidates did agree the Electoral College should be abolished, saying the state's electoral votes should automatically go to the winner of the national presidential popular vote. That, though, was about the only area of consensus as a usually sleepy race hurtled towards the wire with both candidates sharpening their attacks as the primary nears.

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How the ballot will appear

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Massachusetts' primary election is next Tuesday, Sept. 4. What follows is a list of candidates divided by precincts. Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

Winchendon Precinct 1 AND Precincts 1A, 2, 3
US Senator Democrat - Elizabeth Warren
US Senator Republican - Geoff Diehl, John Kingston, Beth Lindstrom

Governor Democrat: Jay Gonzalez, Bob Massie
Governor Republican: Charles Baker, Scott Lively

Lieutenant Governor Democrat: Quentin Palfrey, Jimmy Tingle
Lieutenant Governor Republican: Karyn Polito

Attorney General Democrat: Maura

Healey
Attorney General Republican: James McMahon III, Daniel Shores

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Auditor Republican: Helen Brady
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Councilor Democrat: Paul DePalo
Councilor Republican: Jennie Caissie

Senator in General Court (State Senate) Democrat - Anne Gobi
Senator in General Court (State Senate) Republican: Steven Hall

Representative in General Court (State House) Democrat: Johnathan

Zlotnik
Representative in General Court (State House) Republican: Edward Gravel

District Attorney Democrat: Joseph Early Jr.
No Republican candidate(s)

Clerk of Courts Democrat: Dennis McManus
Clerk of Courts Republican: Joanne Powell

Registrar of Deeds Democrat: Kathryn Toomey
Registrar of Deeds Republican: Kate Campanale, Kevin Curos

Winchendon Precinct 1 is in the Second Congressional District. Candidates for the US House of Representatives are:

Democrat: James McGovern
Republican: Tracy Lovvorn, Kevin Powers

Winchendon Precincts 1A, 2, and 3 are in the Third Congressional District. Candidates for the US House of Representatives are:

Democrat: Jeffrey Ballinger, Alexandra Chandler, Beej Das, Rufus Gifford, Leonard Golder, Daniel Koh, Barbara L'Italien, Bopha Malone, Juana Matias Lori Trahan
Republican - Rick Green

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New Hampshire primary follows

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Both of New Hampshire's Congressional districts are viewed as potentially crucial in the battle for control of the House of Representatives this fall and the races in the Granite state will be set after the Sept. 11 primary.

Nearby Rindge and Keene are in the Second District where incumbent Democrat Anne Kuster is waiting to see which of the five Republicans vying for the GOP nomination emerges to be her fall opponent.

All took part in a debate last week, each trying to out-do their rivals in praising President Trump and dismissing climate change.

The candidates include Robert Burns, a former county treasurer, former state Rep. Lynne Blankenkemper, Dr. Stuart Levenson, former regional director

of Veterans Affairs, state Rep. Steve Negron, and Brian Belanger from New Boston, who summed up the group's consensus when he declared, "I don't think climate change is as big as they say it is."

All five candidates stressed they agree with the Administration's tough stand on immigration and argued the Russia probe being conducted by former FBI Director Robert Mueller is unnecessary.

Kuster was elected in 2012 and re-elected the last two cycles.

The most expensive battle is in the First, where for the first time since 2006, incumbent Carol Shea-Porter won't be the Democratic nominee. Her decision to retire triggered a free for all in her party's primary where several contenders appear to have emerged from the crowded pack. They include Naomi

Andrews, Shea-Porter's former chief of staff, whom the Congresswoman is supporting, Maura Sullivan, who tops the fundraising list, Chris Pappas, who's received the backing of the National Education Association's New Hampshire chapter, and state Rep. Mindi Messmer, supported by the New Hampshire House Progressive Caucus.

Also in the race are Paul Cardinal, Mark McKenzie, William Martin, Deaglan McEachen, Terrance O'Rourke, Levi Sanders, the son of Sen. Bernie Sanders, and Lincoln Soldati.

Republican candidates include state Sen. Andy Sanborn, who's been endorsed by senators Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, and former Liquor Enforcement Division chief Eddie Edwards.

New Hampshire requires a photo ID to vote but polling hours are set by each local municipality.

Politicians still in area before Tuesday's primary

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

State senator Barbara L'Italien didn't quite make it to Winchendon but did make a stop in Gardner last week as the contentious Third Congressional District primary charges towards Tuesday's finish line.

"I think what's going on in Washington needs to be changed," she stressed.

L'Italien said she supports the idea of cities and towns filing a class action lawsuit against Purdue Pharma. That's the company which has been accused of manufacturing opiate medications, and selling them without warning how addictive they could be.

"I voted in the Senate two years ago to go after better education and prevention during the high school and middle school years. We set up prescription monitoring systems now through doctors and pharmacies to find folks pill shopping. It's not just about getting into a hospital for short-term detox, but rather step-down programs, therapy and longer duration recovery homes," she insisted.

"Purdue created this monster," she asserted.

L'Italien added she supports safe injection sites. Meanwhile, former state Senator Jen Flanagan has thrown her support behind Rufus Gifford, the former US Ambassador to Denmark. Gifford has been to Winchendon three times. Dan Koh has been once.

"Rufus has the federal experience that is unmatched in this race and has the vision for our district and country that will benefit all families in the Third District," said Flanagan.

"On everything from addressing the opioid epidemic to creating good paying manufacturing jobs, Rufus' policy agenda is smart and ambitious. I've been lucky to get to know Rufus over the course of this campaign and I've realized quickly he is not your typical politician. He's a breath of fresh air in our politics and I'm happy to support him," added Flanagan.

Gifford responded in kind.

"Through her time in the Senate and beyond, Jen has been an amazing force for good in our communities. She has already made me a smarter and better candidate and her support means the world to me," enthused Gifford.

Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Old Murdock senior center next Tuesday.



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There may not be any more disparate people in the world than the two we lost so recently.

Aretha Franklin was the daughter of a minister, raised in a straitlaced environment with high expectations; and honored for her achievements. Her voice, that glorious voice, was an instrument for the glory of God. And she believed it too.

But she also loved other, secular music and when the opportunities arose for her, despite some opposition from well meaning family and friends, she branched out into the dangerous world.

She once said her music was still sung for the glory of God, it just also sanctified the rest of the world too.

Then there was the man who was raised in the military tradition dating back generations. What were the expectations there if your father, your uncles, your grandfather, were all, ALL not only in the military, but Admirals.

He too was disciplined, raised in an environment with very high expectations, and told he was absolutely capable.

He was taught honor, and responsibility.

And took that to heart.

So much so that, after being critically injured, and offered a way to go home after being held prisoner; he refused to leave his fellow inmates in the prison who were not offered the same early release and chance to go home.

He stayed.

He said later he felt it wouldn't have been right to leave. He didn't have that right. It wasn't a responsible thing to do.

He felt responsibility keenly.

John McCain didn't always take the easy way once he became involved in politics either. But he owned up to mistakes, and tried to find compromise when he could.

Something happened this week that brought this very much home in this age of anonymous troll bashing.

In a week of honoring the Queen of Soul; there were rude remarks; and as the country mourned a statesman like McCain there were more.

Really?

It isn't like they could defend themselves, give reasons for decisions; nor should they need to. If you didn't agree with the politics, mourn the loss of a decorated veteran.

If you couldn't grasp the soul of an artist, mourn the fact no longer will that voice be available, or the song writing talent, or the soaring gift to God.

At the time of a death, there should no longer be barbs and needles. It is time if not to heal, at least not to create diatribe.

It isn't just tasteless, it is beyond obnoxious and insensitive.

I ran a group home in Baltimore once, with boys aged 8-13 who had been adjudicated or sent to the home for a variety of reasons from the Department of Social Services. It became one of those experiences that changed me in profound ways. I'm not sure I could have done it without Dublin.

In the late summer, Baltimore was hot and muggy, a greenhouse without the green. Narrow streets became ovens. Only the call of a seagull broke the gloom, a reminder that somewhere there was a harbor, a bay, perhaps a breeze...but the promise of relief lay broken at the oven door. A walk in the neighborhood was a gloomy trudge between islands of shade in a blacktop sea. Radio patter and the cries of children mixed with sirens. Sometimes the smash of glass merged with the muted laughter. At night, the stoops within a block became littered with flesh while bottles made the rounds. In the morning, among the shards of glass and mucous, spots of blood cooked in the sultry heat. To leave this bleak landscape was the secret desire of every living thing. Baltimore.

Into this caldron, Boys Town Homes seemed an island of sanity. The former brick mansion fronted Park Street in Bolton Hill. There was an air of subtle difference on our block. One of the Berrigan brothers lived up the street, close to Leon Fleischer, the pianist, and this section of the neighborhood was the once desired address of the rich and genteel. It was making a comeback. The police patrolled regularly, and they often stopped by to shoot hoops with the boys in our brick walled courtyard. They were young cops, many just back from Viet Nam; they had seen enough carnage to last a lifetime. They genuinely enjoyed community policing. They noticed everything.

Once the officers took me aside and asked if I knew the women who lived up the street on the other side of Park.

"Sure," I said, "We walk our dogs together."



IN THAT
GREAT
TIME
.....
PATRICK
MOON

"Ask them to move the marijuana plants from the front window," they said, with a wink.

The summer schedule of day trips and fun switched to school preparation in late August.

I started meeting teachers and principals, helping the counselors organize homework time, and getting everyone back into the routines of the school year. By October, I needed a short break. I planned some time at Ocean City for myself. A college buddy was coming down from Delaware. Then I would swing back, check on the staff and boys, pick up my dog, Dublin, and drive to Virginia and the Appalachian Trail. I wanted to spend time in the woods, with no city anywhere.

Nothing seemed to go as planned. My buddy cancelled at the last minute. I was walking along the Ocean City beach on a bright sunny morning trying to decide my next move,

when I heard a voice calling for help. I saw a woman holding an arm and tugging on a submerged body, so I charged into the ocean and helped her drag the man to shore. He was at least six four, 200 pounds, bald, and lifeless. I turned him over, cleared the goo from his mouth, and began artificial respiration. He looked dead to me, but training kicked in. From Shepard Pratt hospital, I remembered that if you got sick, you turned your head, puked, and got back to work. And I did just that.

A vacationing nurse ran over and we shared heart massage and ventilating until an ambulance arrived. She told the ambulance driver to continue the heart massage. They slapped an oxygen mask on the victim's face, strapped him on the gurney, and

drove off.

The nurse and I hugged, and then I walked up to the boardwalk and into a bar. I ordered a bourbon and ginger and sat trying to make sense of what had just happened. I washed away the bitter taste of puke. The juke box blared: "Hot town, summer in the city; back of my neck gettin' dirt and gritty..." After a while, I told the bartender what had happened, and as I was leaving he told me that he had bad news: he had checked...the victim had been declared DOA at the hospital.

Perfect.

No, this was not my first encounter with death. I worked in some pretty tough neighborhoods in Baltimore, and I had to step over a fresh body in a doorway once, but I had never had my lips on death. That was a first.

I was on my way to Virginia with Dublin that afternoon.

There was a huge parking lot at the campground just off Skyline Drive. The Park Ranger was friendly and reminded me to keep Dublin on a leash especially when near the campground itself. She told me that people brought pets to the camp, they went into the woods, the pets ran away, and the pets were never found. They had 60 reports of missing dogs from just that summer.

"Most of them starve to death," she said, "They have forgotten how to hunt and survive."

I paid for parking, filled my canteen, and headed for the trail with Dublin straining to run free. When nightfall came, I lay down, rolled out the sleeping bag, and stared up through the dull fall foliage. It was a restful space: trees above and around...behemoth trunks, muscled limbs, whispered stretching...the endless lean and sway.

I slept fitfully.

I kept seeing the victim's face: the sand in the lifeless eyes, the spot where he had missed shaving that morning. Dublin sat in silhouette at my feet. I could not get comfortable.



JOURNEY
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JERRY
CARTON

Yes, John McCain was a conservative. That's generally not where I, and lots of others, are coming from. But let's remember this as well. John McCain believed in pluralism, healthy debate and compromise. In other words, McCain believed in our system and these days that's not the easiest thing to do. To the end, he was chastising those who didn't, who believed in the 'my way or the highway' thing. Much has been made and justifiably so, of McCain's courage and decency. Those matter enormously. But perhaps his most lasting legacy is his lifelong belief that if treated with respect and yes, decency, people who disagreed with one another could often find their way to common ground and legislate that compromise into law. Would that there could be more of that. Farewell, Senator. You

did yourself, your family and your country proud.

Today is August 31 which means it's also the last day of Steve Haddad's tenure as superintendent of Winchendon public schools. Because I cover the school system for this paper, it wouldn't be ethical to opine on specific issues of course but I can say this: every reporter cherishes access. Even when we're told things off the record, we are able to get a better understanding of how and why some decisions are made. Steve gave me amazing access (as did principals Ralph Olsen and Jess Vezina and several coaches) and I will be forever appreciative to him for that courtesy. His professional generosity made my job as a reporter significantly easier and I hope as well it contributed to the way I was able to tell you, the reading public, about what was going on in your school system and how your tax dollars are being spent.

Without commenting on details, let me simply say Steve leaves the system in a much better place than it was in when

he became superintendent. The system and community owe him a huge debt of gratitude and all of us wish him well in his retirement.

From a personal perspective, I will never be able to thank Steve and his wife Jennifer enough for being the first people to come to our house on the catastrophic night of June 7, 2017. They were there even before we were told that Courtney was gone. I am now and will be eternally grateful to them for their compassion, kindness and support. Thank you so, so very much.

On an entirely different subject — Tuesday is primary day here in Massachusetts. As a newspaper, we don't endorse candidates but I'm not the editor. I'm an op-ed columnist when I'm not wearing my reporter's hat. I've spent the overwhelming majority of my waking hours this summer covering the campaign, mostly the 10-way race for the Democratic nomination in the Third Congressional district, which includes all but Precinct 1 in

town and from which incumbent Nikki Tsongas is retiring. I've covered the Republican Senate primary too and this fall, i.e., starting Wednesday, I'll be back on the campaign trail throughout our readership region. That means I'll be covering New Hampshire Congressional districts 1 and 2, both potentially critical swing districts in the battle for control of the House, as well as the Massachusetts US Senate race and the local legislative race between incumbent Jon Zlotnik and challenger Ed Gravel, neither of whom face any primary opposition Tuesday.

But as noted, most of my summer was out on the Third District beat. As Democrats we're fortunate to have a number of smart, talented, passionate candidates on next week's ballot. A bunch of them would represent us well, balancing relentless opposition to DJT with a commitment to reviving the economy in a slew of cities and towns in central Massachusetts. I'm voting for Rufus Gifford. I believe the

former US Ambassador to Denmark is both progressive and pragmatic and pragmatism matters in a representative Republic. We'll see how things go Tuesday night.

It's impossible to complete this column without mentioning last week's guilty plea from Michael Cohen and conviction of Paul Manafort. Who knows? The way things are going, I might have to rewrite this before we went to press Wednesday to ruminate about the Pence presidency. Mike Pence is a religious jihadist and cultural and policy extremist. I hope he never becomes President. But with DJT now an unindicted co-conspirator, well, we've been here before and we know how that turned out. We are in a very bad way in Washington right now. Very bad, much worse than we were in the summers of 1973 and 1974. All I can tell you is it's 67 days until November 6. You know what to do then, right? See you next week.

Let's remember this.

Oops! I Did it Again!

"Your best teacher is your last mistake." — Ralph Nader, American political activist and author

I made a mistake last week. It was my last mistake, but certainly not my last mistake, if you get my drift.

I stated in my column that Bill Galvin had been Massachusetts' secretary of state since 1979. Well, I was way off. Galvin has actually held the office since 1995. I apologize for that misstatement of fact.

The point I was trying to make, however, remains the same. Galvin's Democratic primary opponent, Josh Zakim, has been airing ads castigating Galvin for votes he made in the state Legislature in the 1980s and early '90s. As far as I'm concerned that is

still ancient history. Whether he took votes I would otherwise disagree with four decades ago or three decades ago makes no difference to me. As Secretary of State, Galvin has not cast — and will not cast — votes for or against the death penalty, abortion rights, or gay adoption.

I didn't mean to come across as endorsing Galvin. I meant to come across as critical of Zakim. Take it for what it's worth.

That being said, when I realized I had made a mistake in last week's column I began thinking about some of the other mistakes I've made along the way:



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GREG
VINE

that Badfinger would become the next Beatles. I guess I was fooled because Paul McCartney wrote their first hit ("Come and Get It"). George Harrison then wrote their only other hit ("Day After Day"). They sang Beatles songs... but they definitely were not the next Beatles.

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Thinking, in 1964, that The Dave Clark Five would be bigger than the Beatles. They were neck-and-neck for a while but the DC5 faded in the stretch. What did I know? I was nine.

Thinking, in 1969, that Badfinger would become the next Beatles. I guess I was fooled because Paul McCartney wrote their first hit ("Come and Get It"). George Harrison then wrote their only other hit ("Day After Day"). They sang Beatles songs... but they definitely were not the next Beatles.

Thinking, in 1972, that The Raspberries would become the next

Beatles. As I recall, I thought that because Eric Carmen sounded so much like Paul McCartney on "Go All the Way." He would go on to sing the dreadful "All by Myself." The Raspberries most definitely were not the next Beatles.

Thinking, in 1975, that the Red Sox would win the World Series. Even though I was 20 years old I guess I just hadn't steeped myself in BoSox lore. I should have known they'd blow a 3-0 lead in late innings to lose.

Thinking, in 1978, that the Red Sox would make it to the post-season. There's the BoSox lore thing again. Damn you, Bucky Dent!

Thinking, late in the evening of Oct. 25, 1986, that the Red Sox would finally

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CLYDE'S CORNER

Thursday September 6

OPEN HOUSE: come sit on the porch and relax at the Murdock Whitney House museum 6-8 p.m. Tour the house, walk across the street and get ice cream at Seppi's. Free evening, every Thursday throughout the summer.

SEPPi'S IS OPEN! The ice cream shop at the rear of the Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St., is open 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

Friday, September 7

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INGLESIDE OPENS: The new town

park property off Maple Street is open to the public with trails to explore 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Volunteers will be on the property to answer questions.

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Thursday September 20

TRIVIA NIGHT: Sons of the American Legion host Trivia Night beginning at 8 p.m. at the American Legion. Gather a

team and challenge your friends. Hosted by questions master Ryan Murphy.

Saturday October 6

THE RACE FOR THE REST OF US: a .5K, yes that dot is important, a leisurely walk or a manic run, we don't care, around GAR Park. \$20 entry fee for adults, kids can enter free. First 50 to enter will get a t-shirt. This is first warning, more info to follow.

Saturday October 13

MASQUERADE MADNESS: tickets are now sale for the Masquerade Madness at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come in costume (the whole shebang or at least a mask) to enter a contest, the usual casino games, and a great time. The best time and fundraiser for the Winchendon History and Cultural Center. Tickets are \$25 each and always sell out. Call Peg at (561) 459-9484.

Sunday October 28

APPRAISAL DAY: Wayne Tuiskula

of Central Mass Auctions will be at the Murdock Whitney House Museum Sunday, Oct. 28 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wayne is an auctioneer and appraiser and the author of the Antiques column which appears regularly in the Winchendon Courier. Bring up to three items, each item will be examined for \$5 each. For more information about Central Mass Auctions visit www.centralmassauctions.com.

Saturday November 10

OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES: Holiday Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street. That day is World Kindness Day, so what better way than to send some cheer to our military members who are unable to be home with their families on the holidays. Spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, please contact us with his/her information or a contact person for them. Check out our Facebook page (Operation Winchendon Cares) and website: <http://www.winchendoncares.com>.

COURIER CAPSULES

NOTE DATE CORRECTION: INGLESIDE OPENS: The new town park property off Maple Street is open to the public with trails to explore 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday Sept. 8. Volunteers will be on the property to answer questions.

CLARK RIBBON CUTTING
The Clark YMCA will host a ribbon cutting and grand opening of its new building Sunday Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.

FREE THEATER WORKSHOP

The Beals Memorial Library and The Winchendon School are hosting a free Theater Workshop on Wednesday, September, 5th from 12-2pm for children ages 5+. Pizza lunch will be provided for participants. Join the Theater for Change Youth Theater Program, to have fun through acting games, improv and some singing. No experience necessary. Participants will gain skills for acting, self confidence and have blast! No sign up required. The workshop will be at the Beals Memorial Library, Winchendon.

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OLD MURDOCK ANNUAL INDOOR SALE

The Indoor Yard Sale at the Winchendon Senior Center is now ongoing. Everyone is welcome to come Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The tables are set up nicely with a variety of items in the upstairs auditorium. Come see what is available this year! Through the month of August. Final week next week.

MILLERS RIVER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Millers River Watershed Council is pleased to announce the first ever Millers River & Watershed Photo Contest and Exhibition, co-sponsored with the Athol Public Library, where the exhibition will run during the month of October, 2018 before moving to other watershed venues. MRWC aims for the Photo Contest and Exhibition to inspire watershed residents and visitors alike to explore, appreciate and help protect the 50-mile long Millers River and its surrounding watershed of 400 square miles — including numerous tributaries, streams, lakes and ponds. Contest Guidelines are

available on the MRWC website's homepage at millerswatershed.org. Images must be received ready-to-hang by the Athol Library after Aug. 17 and no later than 5 pm on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018. All submissions meeting the guidelines will be judged by noted nature photographers Paul Rezendes of Athol, Bill Fournier of Gardner and Dale Monette of New Salem. A map showing the watershed's boundaries, including all or parts of 17 Massachusetts and six New Hampshire towns (and one city—Gardner), is available on the MRWC website. For more information email council@millersriver.net or leave a phone message at 978-248-9491.

WINCH STUDENTS PLAN COMMUNITY DAY

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, students from The Winchendon School will participate in the fourth "Community In Action Day" in which the entire school leave the classrooms to work, learn and service with local community organizations and institutions. This day kicks off the Service Learning & Leadership program at TWS, one of the pillar programs dedicated to building community partnerships and addressing real community needs in long term ways. We want our students to connect with their world and community outside of school to realize that they can be the change

they wish to see in the world. Many of our students may not be aware of the needs and injustices affecting our community and world, and this will hopefully raise their awareness and inspire engagement to make a difference starting right here in Winchendon. Winchendon

has such a strong sense of community, and so many amazing people working to make the town stronger. We want our students to connect with our broader community and learn from the wealth of knowledge and community leadership here in town.

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win the World Series. By this time, I knew the lore but was still certain. Damn you, Mookie Wilson!

Thinking, in January 1977, that my first marriage would last.

Thinking, in September 1987, that my second marriage would last.

Thinking, in 1988, that Michael Dukakis would beat George H.W. Bush.

Thinking, in 1992, that Paul Tsongas could still pull off an upset over Bill Clinton.

Thinking, late in the evening of October 14, 2004 that the Red Sox had once again blown a chance to make it to the World Series. This time, however, the lore didn't mean squat.

Yes, indeed, I've made my share of mistakes along the way. Trust me, the ones mentioned here are merely the few I don't mind talking about.

However, I promise to do much better with my column in the future. It's fine to

have facts to back up an opinion...but, with apologies to Rudy Giuliani, the truth IS the truth.

Still, as one old editor of mine used to say: "Anyone who never

made a mistake never did a damn thing!"

(By the way, the third marriage is going strong!)

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Fun By The Numbers

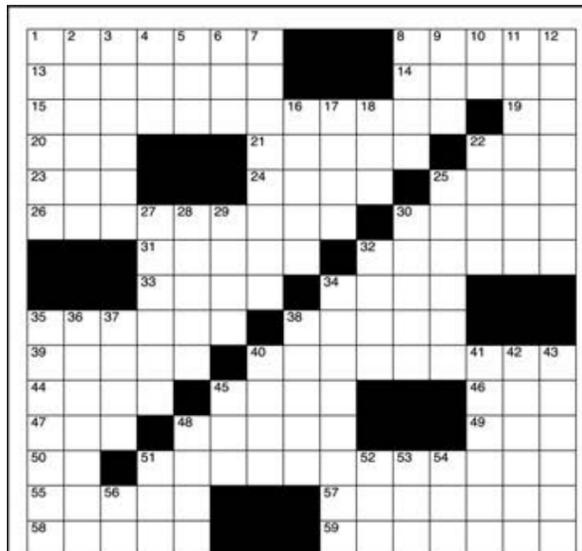
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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9	2	5	6	1	4	8	3	7

ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One-time money in Spain
- 8. "Got ___ of one"
- 13. Set a framework for
- 14. Cover with drops of water
- 15. One who does something for a living
- 19. Germanium
- 20. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 21. Locks a door
- 22. Buddy
- 23. Supplement with difficulty
- 24. Not moving
- 25. Islamic unit of weight
- 26. Warmers
- 30. Hindu queen
- 31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 32. Analyzed
- 33. Caps
- 34. Pastime
- 35. Contrary belief
- 38. Walking devices
- 39. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 40. Singing methods
- 44. Shouts of farewell
- 45. Hand (Spanish)
- 46. Small constellation
- 47. Cardinals are this
- 48. Gives a hoot
- 49. Chatter incessantly
- 50. Thallium
- 51. Making very hot
- 55. Hours (Spanish)
- 57. Remove completely
- 58. Eyeglasses
- 59. Rubbed clean

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blues Traveler frontman
- 2. Found it!
- 3. Killed
- 4. A helper to Santa
- 5. Male fashion accessory
- 6. Autonomic nervous system
- 7. US Attorney General
- 8. Greek sophist
- 9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
- 10. Excessive and dangerous dose
- 11. One who receives a legacy
- 12. Brooded
- 16. Hindu warrior king
- 17. Used to anoint
- 18. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 22. Connecting part of the brain stem
- 25. Most uncommon
- 27. Do-nothings
- 28. Emerge
- 29. Neat
- 30. Herb of tropical Asia
- 32. Reviews poorly
- 34. Waterproof overshoes
- 35. Fireplace floors
- 36. Surround
- 37. Regretted
- 38. One who whips
- 40. Ticket price
- 41. Calming
- 42. Citrus fruit
- 43. Drooped
- 45. An explorer's necessity
- 48. Speak profanely
- 51. Pouch
- 52. A type of date (abbr.)
- 53. Away from
- 54. Large beer
- 56. Once more

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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POLICE LOG

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 31

12:23 a.m.: loitering (Central Street), returned to home; 12:31 a.m.: suspicious/other (Teel Road), unable to locate; 1:04 a.m.: open door/window (Spring Street), spoken to; 2:02-2:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:59 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Central Street), dispersed gathering; 6:19 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), accidental alarm; 7:10 a.m.: fire/CO incident (Mason Street), services rendered; 8:44 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mellen Road), no service necessary; 10:38 a.m.: summons service (Spring Street), advised officer; 10:40 a.m.: summons service (Main Street), advised officer; 10:41 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), advised officer; 11:48 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 12:30 p.m.: mental health issue (Central Street), services rendered; 1:33 p.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street); 2:13 p.m.: investigation (Madison Street), report taken; 2:34 p.m.: investigation (North Street), services rendered; 3:35 p.m.: property found (Gardner Road), info taken; 3:53 p.m.: mv fire (Harris Road), extinguished; 5:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), advised legal help; 6:13 p.m.: accident (High Street), mv towed; 8:08 p.m.: fire alarm (Hale Street), false alarm; 8:33 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 8:41 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 10:04 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), returned to home; 10:19 p.m.: suspicious mv (School Street), secure; 10:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Linden Street), spoken to; 11:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Eli Drive), secure.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

12:50 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 1:08 a.m.: ambulance (East Street), transported; 1:22 a.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 2:01-3:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:32 a.m.: ambulance (Center Lane), transported; 9:29 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Central Street), no service necessary; 9:43 a.m.: info/general (Baldwinville Road), advised officer; 10:40 a.m.: vandalism (Lincoln Avenue Extension), report taken; 11:02 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 11:40 a.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Avenue), transported; 11:41 a.m.: warrant arrest (Webster Street), Trisha L. Jewell, 40, 545 Dublin Road, Jaffrey; 12:06 p.m.: info/general (Monadnock Avenue), assisted; 12:38 p.m.: ambulance (Pinewood Drive), transported; 12:55 p.m.: investigation (Poland Avenue), spoken to; 2:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street), referred to ACO; 2:24 p.m.: info/general (Alger Street), info taken; 2:39 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Gardner Road), secure; 4:07 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 5:15 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 6:12 p.m.: tree down on wires (Ipswich Drive), referred; 9:57 p.m.: harassment (Front Street), spoken to; 11:02 p.m.: noise complaint (Joslin Road), no service necessary; 11:14 p.m.: suicide threats (Pearl Drive), report taken; 11:23 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

12:37 a.m.: intoxicated person (Railroad Street), protective custody; 4:40 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street),

Popular local eatery goes up in flames



Greg Vine photo

All that remains of popular local restaurant Pete and Henry's. The South Royalston eatery served hungry patrons from all over northern Worcester and Franklin counties for decades.

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

For six decades, area residents looking for good food at a reasonable price and served with a smile made the pilgrimage to Pete and Henry's restaurant in South Royalston. From deep fried goodies like chicken nuggets and fried clams to thin crust pizza and frog legs, patrons could enjoy a wide variety of menu items, washed down with a cold beer or mixed drink from the bar.

That all came to an end last Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 21, when fire tore through the former mill building at 18 Main St. The fire was being investigated by the office State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey, but official cause has yet been announced and may never be definitively determined.

Firefighters battling flames in the kitchen of the restaurant reportedly decided to retreat after they realized fire was spreading in the space that existed between the original roof of the structure and the exterior

roof that had been added when the building was remodeled. Before long, the entire structure was engulfed in flames. Problems with local fire hydrants meant a tanker had to be brought in to provide additional water for fighting the fire.

The blaze quickly went to two alarms. Mutual aid was provided by units from Athol, Templeton, Winchendon, Phillipston, and Richmond, New Hampshire. Firefighters from Troy, New Hampshire, covered the station.

The restaurant started in the late 1950s under the ownership of Pete and Henry Dufault. It has been owned and operated by John and Terry Cloutier for the past 31 years.

The business was insured, but there's been no word on whether the Cloutiers plan to rebuild.

The building had once been part of the American Woolen Company mill complex, most of which sat across the Millers River from where the restaurant stood.

transported; 6:54 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 7:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Murdock Avenue), canceled; 7:39 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 8:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street), referred to DPW; 8:22 a.m.: property damage (Memorial Drive), report taken; 8:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street), referred to ACO; 9:03 a.m.: tree down (Baldwinville Road), referred; 9:28 a.m.: illegal burn (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 9:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 10:24 a.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), report taken; 12:04 p.m.: ambulance (Vaine Street), transported; 1:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Beachview Drive), no service necessary; 2:16 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), verbal warning; 3:22 p.m.: officer wanted (School Street), spoken to; 3:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Eli Drive), referred to ACO; 4:29 p.m.: suspicious person (Railroad Street), spoken to; 4:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Railroad Street), spoken to; 5:30 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:43 p.m.: erratic operation (Mill Street), spoken to; 6:12 p.m.: unwanted party (Front Street), spoken

to; 7:04 p.m.: officer wanted (School Street), spoken to; 7:26 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Gardner Road), spoken to; 6:39 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 8:26 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Terrace), unable to locate; 8:35 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 8:45 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street), services rendered; 9:02 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), advised officer; 10:02 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), protective custody; 10:18 p.m.: unwanted party (Cedar Terrace), gone on arrival; 11:20 p.m.: trespass entry notice (School Street), info taken; 11:30 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), transported; 11:36 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unfounded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

12:59-1:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:45 a.m.: burglar alarm (Maple Street), assisted; 9:40 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 9:56 a.m.: trespass entry notice (Front Street), services rendered; 10:45 a.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Road), advised officer; 11:30 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 11:40 a.m.: welfare check/child (Brown Street), services rendered; 1:35 p.m.: accident (Willoughby Road), report taken; 2:28 p.m.: 911 hang up (Route 119, Rindge), referred; 2:44 p.m.: DPW call (Teel Road), referred; 3:42 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), citation issued; 3:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), spoken to; 3:44 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 4:36 p.m.: DPW call (Teel Road), referred; 4:43 p.m.: road rage (Spring Street), info given; 4:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street), referred to ACO; 4:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeshore Drive), spoken to; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Joslin Road), referred to ACO; 6:33 p.m.: flooding (Glenallan Street), secure; 6:35 p.m.: lightning strike (Lakeview Drive), unable to locate; 6:38 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), report taken; 7:28 p.m.: unwanted party (Gardner Road), report taken; 7:34 p.m.: tree down on wires (Mill Street), referred; 8:23 p.m.: investigation (Lincoln Avenue), report taken; 8:27 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 8:51 p.m.: tree down on wires (Laurel Street), unable to locate; 9:11 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive), report taken; 9:26 p.m.: repossession of mv (Maple Street), unable to locate; 11:34 p.m.: noise complaint (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

1:41-2:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:01 a.m.: registration check (River Street), info taken; 3:36 a.m.: warrant arrest (River Street), Anthony J. Duval, 30, 253 Front Street, #4, Winchendon; 7:52 a.m.: DPW call (Elmwood Road), referred; 8:00 a.m.:

DPW call (Teel Road), referred; 11:44 a.m.: trespass entry notice (Central Street), services rendered; 11:51 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), referred; 3:10 p.m.: property lost (Hill Street), info taken; 3:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Street), referred to ACO; 3:24 p.m.: open door/window (Holly Drive), report taken; 3:42 p.m.: larceny (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 4:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street), referred; 5:03 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 5:44 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 6:29 p.m.: alarm/type unknown (Spring Street), referred; 7:07-7:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:29 p.m.: keep the peace (West Shore Drive), report taken; 9:03-9:04 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), report taken; 9:49 p.m.: noise complaint (Brown Street), gone on arrival; 9:55 p.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), gone on arrival; 11:05 p.m.: unwanted party (Polly's Drive), unable to locate.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

1:23-1:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 2:02-2:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:37 a.m.: ambulance (Hale Street), transported; 7:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), services rendered; 8:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 8:38 a.m.: burglar alarm (Railroad Street), false alarm; 8:56 a.m.: property found (Glenallan Street), returned to owner; 9:13 a.m.: ambulance (Joslin Road), transported; 11:04 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 12:30 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 1:49 p.m.: fire alarm (Brown Street), services rendered; 1:55 p.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Road), served; 4:12 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), referred; 4:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Beaman Court), unable to locate; 4:16 p.m.: noise complaint (Teel Road), unfounded; 4:18 p.m.: welfare check/general (Railroad Street), gone on arrival; 4:54 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), transport; 5:49 p.m.: ambulance (Royalston Road North), transported; 5:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 6:33 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 7:29 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 8:14 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Front Street), report taken; 8:34 p.m.: wires down (Mechanic Street), referred; 9:14 p.m.: ambulance (Joslin Road), transported; 9:33 p.m.: burglar alarm (Brown Street), secure; 9:40 p.m.: hazardous material spill (Baldwinville State Road), referred; 10:05 p.m.: warrant check (Central Street), info given; 11:35 p.m.: suspicious person (Spring Street), info given.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

12:20-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:20 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), referred; 1:29-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:38 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 3:08 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 3:19-3:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:35 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 4:06 a.m.: mv fire (River Street), extinguished; 5:25 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 5:53 a.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street), gone on arrival; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Central Street), referred; 8:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Lakeshore Drive), info taken; 9:09 a.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), info taken; 9:30 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 9:42 a.m.: assist citizen (River Street); 9:49 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:30 a.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), info taken; 10:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Route 202 South), info taken; 10:49 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (River Street), info taken; 10:52 a.m.: vandalism (Monadnock Avenue), info taken; 11:44 a.m.: dog bite (First Street), report taken; 11:56 a.m.: investigation (Grove Street), services rendered; 12:27 p.m.: larceny (Gardner Road), report taken; 12:40 p.m.: threats (Locust Street), report taken; 12:56 p.m.: harassment order violation (School Street), report taken; 1:00 p.m.: property found (River Street), services rendered; 1:59 p.m.: investigation (Poland Avenue), services rendered; 2:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 3:15 p.m.: summons service (West Monomac Road), advised officer; 4:20 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 4:28 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road) services rendered; 4:48 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 4:52 p.m.: neighbor dispute (West Monomac Road), report taken; 5:09 p.m.: property found (River Street), services rendered; 5:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Old County Road), referred to ACO; 6:04 p.m.: mv b&e (River Street), info taken; 6:35 p.m.: mv b&e (River Street), info taken; 7:33 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 7:42 p.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 9:13 p.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), report taken; 9:45 p.m.: mental health issue (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 11:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), report taken; 11:14 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported.

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OBITUARIES

Sharon Ann (Cadiero) Quebec, 53

LEOMINSTER — Mrs. Sharon Ann (Cadiero) Quebec, age 53, beloved wife, mother, daughter, nana, sister, and cherished friend to many died unexpectedly on August 20, 2018, at UMass Medical Center in Worcester from an aneurism that occurred on August 14th. She passed peacefully in the presence of her loving husband

and best friend of 13 years, Mark R. Quebec, with whom she had celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary this past March 3rd.

She was born in Winchester, MA on January 2, 1965 and raised in Tewksbury, MA by her mother Theresa (Gagnon, Cadiero) English and father, the late Emmanuel James Cadiero and her step-father, the late Charles A. English.

Sharon was a fiercely independent and strong woman who always knew what she wanted and how to get things done. Sharon committed herself to her family and her work. She was a true hostess in every sense of the word and made everyone feel comfortable and happy. She loved to party equally with family, friends and coworkers. Sharon loved the outdoors, taking early morning walks, weekend hikes and enjoyed road trips with her husband Mark on both their motorcycle and in their car. She enjoyed travel, weekend events and camp with her best friend since childhood, Julie (Caswell) Gath and her husband David Jr. of Tewksbury. Sharon's selfless, giving nature and joyous smile will always be remembered. She cherished her role as a wife, mother, daughter, friend, and loved her newest role as nana to grand-daughters Aubree and Sadie.

Sharon always pursued her life and work with joy and commitment and she was never afraid of a challenge, as exemplified when she was the first female to enter and graduate from the

welding program at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School in 1983. She was a creative and passionate person who enjoyed working with people as displayed in her career as a human resource specialist. Most recently, she was personnel manager at Linguamatics in Marlborough and previously for 9 years as the office and human resources manager at Stratasy, Inc. (formerly Objet Inc.) in Billerica, MA.

In addition to Sharon's husband and parents, she leaves a daughter Alicia (Fitzpatrick) Goguen and her husband Jason Goguen and their children, Aubree and Sadie, all of Merrimack, NH; step daughters, Kayla Quebec of No. Reading, MA. and Alaina Quebec of Winchendon, MA.

Members of her family include her sister Karen Cadiero-Kaplan and her husband, Roger M. Kaplan of Merrimack, NH. Also, her brother Stephen Cadiero and his wife, Leonor, of San Diego, CA., her step-brothers, Lou English and his wife Linda of Farmington, NH and Ed English and his wife Rosemary of Sun City Center, FL. Sharon is also survived by her many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins who will all remember her fondly as the family connector for the annual Christmas Party and as the shining personality that was her. Her light will be missed.

She is predeceased by her brother, Thomas J. Cadiero and step-sister, Mary Etta Theriault, and step-brother Charles E. English.

Memorial visiting hours are Sunday, August 26, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of 1 Dewey Street and 975 Main Street, (Rte. 38) Tewksbury Center. A mass will be held in her name on August 29th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 269 Hanover St., Ste. 3, Hanover, MA 02339 or see: bafound.org. visit: tewksburyfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn C. (O'Reilly) Conneely, 73

WINCHENDON — Evelyn C. (O'Reilly) Conneely of Winchendon, formerly of Watertown & Newton, August 11, 2018. Age 73. Beloved wife of Joseph Conneely. Loving Mother of Thomas B. & his wife Susan of Newton, Michael C. of MA, Jane B. & Peter T. Conneely both of Winchendon and the late Joseph M. Conneely. Dear sister of Tony O'Reilly of New Zealand, Rita Kelly of Plymouth, Mary Clancy & Pat O'Reilly both of

Ireland, & the late Tim & John O'Reilly. Devoted grandmother of 6 grandchildren. Caring aunt of many nieces & nephews. Loving friend of many.

A funeral Mass in the Church of St. Luke, 132 Lexington St., Belmont, will be celebrated on Friday, August 17 at 10:30 AM. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. MacDonald-Rockwell-MacDonald www.macdonaldrockwell.com

Rita M. (Rocheleau) Elola, 83

WINCHENDON — Rita M. (Rocheleau) Elola, age 83, of 404 Mellen Road, died peacefully Saturday morning, August 25, 2018 in UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, with her family at her side.

She was born in Winchendon on Oct. 23, 1934, daughter of the late Maximin S. and Coranna M. (Hardy) Rocheleau and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon.

Rita had worked for over 30 years as an assembler at New Hampshire Ball Bearings in Peterborough, NH until her retirement. She enjoyed baking and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. She also enjoyed word search puzzles and especially treasured time with her family and her cat Meiko.

Rita was predeceased by her first husband, Kenneth Gauthier in 1959 and her second husband, Albert W. Elola in 2015. She leaves two daughters, Brenda Casper and her husband Jerry of

Gardner and Donna Nolette and her husband Chris of Winchendon; four grandchildren, Jamie Tessitore, Ryan Casper, Kayla Nolette and Hannah Nolette; four great grandchildren, Jonathan Kelly, Rylie Casper, Taylor Tessitore and Mya Casper; two brothers, Maurice S. Rocheleau of Winchendon and George S. Rocheleau of Winchendon; three sisters, Anna M. Cormier of Leominster, Cecile R. May of Winchendon and Theresa A. Thurlow of Gardner and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brothers, Roland J. Rocheleau, Joseph C. Rocheleau, Alfred F. Rocheleau and Arthur J. Rocheleau.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, August 30, 2018 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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

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Valuable toys

Toys have been made for thousands of years. Stone and clay marbles or marbles from 4,000 BC were found in Egypt, according to the Brighton (United Kingdom) Museum's website. Objects shaped like humans and animals believed to be toys from 2,600 were found in Mesopotamia, according to Britannica. Kites were flown in China as early as 1,000 BC.

During the 18th century wooden dolls were being made. Hobby horses and puzzles were also among the other toys from this era. Toys including dominoes, tops and playing cards were also made in the first half of the 19th century. Toy trains were introduced in the 1840s, coinciding with the growth of railroads. The abacus was one of the educational toys made in the 1870s. Cast metal toys started to be mass produced in the late 1800s.

Some early 20th century toys have ties to historical events. When cars were produced, toy cars followed. After Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot bear on a hunting trip, Steiff created Teddy Bears.

Some of these old toys remain in museums and collections today. Many toy collectors want antique toys and nostalgic items that bring back pleasant memories of their youth. Others may want to buy things that were out of their price range when they were younger. Some may buy them as an investment and others to resell them. Whatever



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the reason for collecting them, some antique, vintage and even more recent retro toys can be very valuable.

Some of the same factors that make other antiques and collectibles valuable apply to toys. Age is an important factor, but a toy doesn't need to be antique to be desirable. Condition is also very important. Serious collectors want the best example that they can find. Any damage will devalue a piece while having the original box will increase value. Some toys had variations that were produced in smaller numbers and they can command a premium. For example, a red 1960s Cragstan Mr. Robot with box recently was offered for \$1,000 in an online auction, but the buyer accepted even less. A white version sold for \$2,675.

There are many types of toys sought after by collectors. A popular online auction site lists 24 different sub-categories of toys. Some of the subcategories are: classic toys, electronic, battery & windup toys, robot, monster & space toys, and action figures.

While there are a wide variety of toys from many eras that are collectible, older toys command some of the highest prices. A 1930s tin lithograph toy of Mickey and Minnie Mouse sold for \$56,000. The German toy maker, Marklin, produced high quality toys that command huge auction prices. A rare Marklin roadster sold for \$50,000



and a hand painted train station brought \$55,000. Clockwork Marklin ships have brought some amazing prices. A con-signor's ship came in when one sold for nearly a quarter million dollars at auction. I'll discuss mid-century and newer toys in an upcoming column.

We will be holding an all toy auction on Sept. 27. The majority are from a Western Massachusetts estate. There are also mid-century toys from a stockroom of an Arlington, MA five and dime store that recently closed. My "Evaluating your antiques" class

will take place on October 15th for the Bay Path Evening School. I'll be at the Winchendon Historical Society's appraisal event on October 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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because in most of these communities it's the fire department that provides most of the EMS care. So, we would be tying up additional community resources to take care of these patients who are in queue waiting for emergency care."

When asked about the differing opinion among Massachusetts nurses regarding Question

1, Baldini said, "I am a union member and I've worked clinical nursing for 34 years. I feel it's more of a solidarity initiative in the union to vote 'yes' on this bill."

"It basically takes the independent decision-making, the critical thinking of the bedside nurse, it takes that ability away," Baldini added. "It should not be mandated. We don't need a black-and-white law for providing patient care at the bedside."

So, who determines what staffing levels should be on a day-to-day basis?

Tina Santos, vice president of patient care services and chief operating officer for Heywood, said, "Organizations are tasked with creating staffing guidelines. We usually, for our guidelines, look national professional organizations, specialty organizations, and their recommendations. We also look at our critical indicators for

staffing, and those are based on acuity."

"For example," she explained, "on a medical/surgical floor most nurses may have about five patients. However, if they have a patient who requires more intervention — maybe they need blood, maybe they need IV therapy — then that nurse would have less patients because they need to spend more time with that one."

"The critical piece for this," Santos continued,

"where the rubber hits the road for us, is that acuity is fluid and we need to be able to adjust in real time to take care of the needs of the patient in that moment. And mandated, rigid ratios do not allow for that. I don't want to abdicate my right to think and do what's right for my patient."

The Coalition to Protect Patient Safety, those opposed to Question 1, have dominated the airwaves in recent weeks. That, according to MNA

board member and Winchendon resident Michael D'Intinosanto, will change once the primary campaign is over with.

To learn more about the pros and cons of Question 1 visit www.protectpatientsafety.com and www.safepatientlimits.org, the websites of those opposed to and in favor of the ballot initiative, respectively.

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SPORTS

Let's argue over GOATs

As the start of another NFL season looms next week, let's look back and ask, who was the most important quarterback in league history? Not the statistical best. The most important. The answer is easy — John Unitas. Let me tell you why.

In the 1950s, the most popular sports in America were baseball, boxing, college football and horse racing. The NFL? Get real. The NFL was a cozy 12 team league dwarfed by the towering rivalries which dominated Saturday afternoons.

But then came December 28, 1958. It mattered of course the game was played at Yankee Stadium, that NFL championship between the Baltimore Colts and New York not-yet-referenced-as-Football Giants. It was fortunate the Giants had survived a divisional play-off in Cleveland the week before. And the football gods gave their blessing when what took place that afternoon turned out to be the first overtime game

in history. Unitas had led the Colts on a long drive to tie the contest on a field goal at the final regulation gun and then calmly did it again in that unprecedented 'sudden-death' period, culminating in an Alan Ameche touchdown to give Baltimore a 23-17 victory. The ripple effect though, took hold everywhere, not just the Chesapeake Bay and never mind the Colts could've won on an OT field goal but the TD, preceded immediately by a dangerous pass, guaranteed they'd cover the spread. Just saying.

Anyway, a few hours after the game, Unitas appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show which in 1958 was watched by, well, everyone and America had a new sports hero — unassuming and modest to boot.

Suddenly pro football was hot, and suddenly NFL commissioner Bert



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

Bell saw dollar signs in the form of expansion. Within a year, a new team was awarded to Dallas for 1960 and Minneapolis for 1961. Bell's eagerness was likely stoked too by the news a group of rich guys who couldn't get into the NFL were trying to capitalize on the game's new popularity and were planning a league of their own. When oil baron Lamar Hunt didn't get the Dallas gig, he threw in with the upstarts and the AFL was born.

The rest is of course history. The two leagues announced a merger in 1966 which became effective in 1970. Expansion continued. The value of national TV contracts skyrocketed. For a long time, Monday Night Football was appointment television.

You can argue until the end of time over who the "best" quarterback has

been. You can argue for Brady, for Marino, for Montana, for Graham or Baugh. The whole GOAT thing is completely subjective. Ruth? Mays? Man O'War? Citation? Secretariat? Federer? Laver? Louis? Marciano? Ali? Jack? Arnold? Tiger? On a side note, it's generally accepted Palmer did for golf what Unitas did for the NFL. We can, and we do, argue the merits of the GOAT incessantly. Only in hoops and women's tennis does there seem to be a consensus regarding Jordan and Serena. So yes, let's debate career performance greatness but let's not confuse that with historical importance which changed the course of a given sport. When it comes to pro football, if Pete Rozelle was the most important suit, John Unitas was the most important guy in uniform. Without him on that dank afternoon 60 years ago, it's unlikely there even is a Super Bowl at all. See you next week.

Back to school means back to sports

The second annual Soccer Marathon was held Friday, Aug. 24 at the Clark Memorial YMCA Field House. Coach Jason Marshall (Varsity Girls) relayed this information: "The event began at 6:00 pm with more than 40 high school and middle school soccer players

participating in 10 minute, small sided games held concurrently to maximize the number of players on the field at one time. Each team rotated in to play a match, while those waiting were running skills and drills outside. After two hours, the high schoolers took a break while the Iggy Foot soccer club took to the playing field. Three teams of 10 squared off in a round robin tournament, playing six 15 minute matches. The tournament featured

VIEW FROM THE TOWER

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high intensity soccer which entertained the onlookers for the 2 hour block. The next 2 hour block was opened up for all ages to play, mixing current Murdock players, Murdock alumni, Iggy Foot players, and anyone else who walked through the door, which allowed for

another 4 games to be played! As midnight rolled around, most players were speny and the marathon wrapped up, capping off 6 hours of soccer. With more than 80 participants, the event raised \$910 to help support the Murdock soccer programs. Thank you to all those who donated, sponsored and participated. A special thank you to Noah Raynor and the Clark YMCA for use of the field house. Without their support, we would have been left in the

dark. Please come support the teams during the upcoming seasons. We look forward to you cheering on the players!"

Coach Larry (middle school girls), Coach David (middle school boys), Coach Alex (varsity boys) and Coach Jason (varsity girls). The first home soccer games are Thursday, Sept. 6.

Alumni Field and Concession Stand clean up — TONIGHT — Aug. 31- beginning at 6:00. All athletes, coaches and parents encouraged to participate. Let's get our field and food booth ready for all of our Fall home events. Many hands make light work!

The Murdock Sports Boosters are currently running a clothing and book drive in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation. As you clean out your closets, please consider donating any clothing/linens/shoes/bags and books to the Boosters. All items will

be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation who, in turn, will reimburse the Boosters per pound of donations. Items may be dropped off at the gate at any HOME athletic event or at door D9 at the high school. Call Sue 978-257-5671 to request pick up of items.

Sign and/or Business card sponsorships to support Murdock Sports Boosters remain available by calling Sue at 978-257-5671. Businesses, organizations, individuals or families are encouraged to participate. Consider joining in with friends or families to have a sign displayed, showing your support!

Murdock Middle School and High School football players are selling Blue Devil discount cards for \$20. These cards offer multiple discounts at various restaurants and businesses and may be used multiple times for a full year. If interested, please contact any Blue Devil football player, or contact Coach Polcari at 978-265-4699.

Upcoming Events:

Tomorrow, September 1st — Football — quad scrimmage at Blue Hills Regional High School, Canton

Tuesday, September 4th — JV/Varsity Field Hockey @ Athol — 3:30/5:00

Wednesday, September 5th — JV/Varsity Field Hockey @ Mahar — 3:30/5:00

Thursday, September 6th — Boys/Girls Varsity Soccer at Murdock — 3:30/5:30

Saturday, September 8th — Varsity Football @ Foley Stadium in Worcester — 12:00

Visit www.mwmla.org for a full schedule of all home and away athletic events.

September 13 — Middle School Open House — 6:00-7:30 PM

September 14 — Family Fun Night 6:00; Field Hockey 3:30; Varsity Football Home Opener 7:00

September 18 — High School Open House — 6:00-8:00 PM

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remove the contaminated soil from the site. Before it can be disposed of at certified repository it needs to be tested, and that can take a little bit of time."

Muerda said a crew of three people was assigned to work the site until the project is finished.

"There's a strong indication that the cleanup is going to cost the town at least \$30,000," said Hickey. "We won't really know for certain until the job is finished."



Workers from Cyn Environmental Services of Stoughton have spent the week working to clean up an oil spill behind Winchendon's DPW garage on Glenallan Street. The spill, estimated at around 400 gallons, was discovered Sunday afternoon.



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Readers submit tips & tricks

As we face the dog days of a New England summer, this week we take time out to peek into the mailbag. A big "thanks" to readers who shared an array of impressive tips and tricks to make life (even under the hot summer sun) a little easier. Read on for the latest submissions from your friends and neighbors:

This long-time reader shares not only her home cooked goods, but the secrets to her sweet success:

I am still making my home-made pies. When I have served only a few pieces I cut the remaining and spread apart before freezing. It is so easy to remove just one piece!!!!

When making blueberry pancakes pour the batter on the skillet first, THEN put the same number of blueberries on each before flipping them over. Everyone gets the same amount of berries!

Have a great summer...I am enjoying my veggie garden.

Claire Horvath
Sturbridge

Modern technology makes archiving family recipes and faded clippings a snap (literally)!

My mom gave me a tremendous amount of recipes that came from pages she had taken from newspapers and magazines, etc. I thought that instead of just keeping them in this format, that at least for now, I have been going through them, and the recipes that I have decided to keep, I have taken a picture of it with my smartphone and once I finish

doing that, I will create some albums by category based on the type recipes they are (main course, dessert, etc.). I may also choose to put these on my computer and then also on a flash drive. This takes up less space and the recipes will never get lost or ruined because I will always have a backup on my flash drive. This could also be a good idea for anyone who would like to borrow cookbooks and magazines from the library to get recipes.

Debbie Gregoire-Lefebvre
Southbridge

The trick to a truly stainless, stainless steel sink? This reader shares her simple trick to spray instead of scrub:

Here is a cleaning tips for stainless steel sinks: I tried to refurbish a stainless steel sink with Babo, vinegar and stainless steel cleaner but to no avail. I finally used Oxi-Clean spray and wow! It is clean and it shines.

Carroline Santospago
East Douglas

Cooking a classic meal just got a "hole" lot tastier and less messy with this clever kitchen tip:

When I make a meatloaf, I use a loaf pan. In the middle of the pan I make a hole with my finger and put wax paper in the hole. This absorbs the grease and works great.

Phillip Maiorana
Ashford, CT



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Merging culinary herbs with eye appealing blooms equals a winning combination: When planting your window flower boxes or deck boxes, mix in herbs along with the flowers. You will be rewarded with beauty and functionality. Good choices include sage, oregano, thyme and chives. At the end of the season simply pop the plant out of the box and into a garden to winter over.

Terri Blanchard
North Grafton

Strategic litter box maintenance saves time and money for this proud cat mama:

I have one three year old cat I got as a kitten. I have a litter hint that works well for me. When changing the box and replacing new litter, I push half to one end of the pan, the other half at opposite end of the pan so you have none in the center. Both ends are at least four inches deep. When you see a disturbance as one or both ends are spread out "it's time to pick litter! Some days one pan is the same, piles intact. He has a second box in the garage which he uses also. After picking, be sure and push litter back to both ends for next use. This really saves time of searching litter that's all flat and finding nothing. I only have to pick once a day.

I completely change litter every seven to ten days as it gets scented from leaving the mess too long before

picking - rarely happens.

Barbary Scerra
Auburn

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Terri Blanchard of North Grafton, whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the creative planting above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn 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 newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Monty Tech offers 30 new courses in continuing ed program

FITCHBURG — Monty Tech's fall 2018 session of its Continuing Education Program is off to an exciting start with over 30 new classes, many aimed to prepare adults for some of the fastest growing career fields.

According to program Director Mary May-Lucchese, the program's main mission is to offer courses designed to meet the needs of residents, and the area's workforce development pipeline.

"We are answering the call with expanded workforce-readiness classes. For example, we have added the Continuing

Education hours for the construction supervisor license. Our medical career program is growing with the addition of pharmacy technician certification, medical terminology and medical coding. These courses augment our existing phlebotomy, EKG, certified clinical medical assisting, and CNA/HHA offerings, giving students the opportunity to stack their credentials," May-Lucchese explained.

A unique feature of the program is that students successfully completing the medical courses have the opportunity to experience a very diverse

externship in a number of physicians' offices, hospitals and other medical sites located in Leominster, Fitchburg and Worcester.

Another way the program is designed to meet residents' changing needs is by increasing one-night personal enrichment classes.

"We found our students who wanted to participate in some of these classes did not always have the ability to commit long-term," she said.

Also new this fall is an on-line career course component. Students can access career certification and licensure classes

through the program with the new Ed2go partnership.

"This is another example of our efforts to support the diverse needs of our community," May-Lucchese stated.

She added that alumni and seniors are taking advantage of the 10% course discount, and area veterans qualify for 15% course discount in both the career and personal enrichment classes.

"As we look ahead to the Spring Session, we have started the process to map out two new classes. A welding III class will assist students in preparing for the AWS D1.1 certifi-

cation. We were fortunate to receive grant funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts to establish an oil burner technician certification. These are two major examples of our future impactful workforce readiness programs," she said.

For more information or to register for classes, contact Mary May-Lucchese at (978) 345-9220 Ext. 5221 or email at may-lucchese-mary@monty-tech.net.

Theatre announces auditions

Theatre at the Mount in Gardner announces auditions for its November-December production of Silver Bells (It's Christmas Time in the City). Director Gail Steele, music director Katrina Baer and choreographer Nicole Skorb are looking for a cast of 12-18 children (grades 3-8) and a large teen (grades 9 to 12) and adult chorus, dancers plus featured soloists

The hustle and bustle of Christmas in New York City comes to the Theatre at the Mount stage in this traditional-meets-untraditional Christmas spectacular! The elegance and excitement of Times Square, Radio City Music Hall, and St. Patrick's

Cathedral are filled with holiday music, love and laughter for the entire family...and a special visit from the big guy in the red suit himself!

Auditions for children are on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2:00 p.m. sharp; auditions for adults and teens are on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. sharp and Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. sharp. Auditions take place in room 182 at Mount Wachusett Community College. No appointment needed.

Children who audition will be taught a piece of music from the show for the singing audition and will be taught a short dance combination.

Teens and adults should prepare a short

singing selection (accompanist provided). Dancers will be taught a short dance combination (please wear appropriate clothing and footwear).

Performances of Silver Bells are Nov. 23, 24, 30 and Dec. 1 at 8:00 p.m. and Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-10 p.m. Children will only be needed on Sundays for the first month or so.

For more information contact Professor Gail Steele at 978 630-9162 or visit the Theatre at the Mount web site at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>

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families — that was never my intention, as I had hoped to be with you for a long time. Old wounds have a way of creeping their way back into our lives, and unreflective words and senseless actions have great power to hurt, sometimes in ways we can never imagine."

Calls to the office of Immaculate Heart of Mary were referred to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester. Father Clements said in his letter that he had sent a letter of resignation and a request for a leave of absence to Bishop Robert McManus.

"Father Clements asked for a personal leave of absence," said diocese spokesman Raymond DeLisle, "and it will be granted. This was something he

did on his own; it was not requested by the diocese."

He said it appears the leave is of indeterminate length.

DeLisle said the diocese would "certainly have someone there to serve the parish this weekend."

The spokesman also said the diocese would initially assign someone to serve Immaculate Heart of Mary on an interim basis while the search proceeds for a permanent replacement.

Father Clements officially took over as pastor the Winchendon parish on July 1, 2015. He also served as chaplain to the Winchendon and Fitchburg fire departments.

Winchendon Fire Chief Tom Smith said Father Clements had contacted him to make him aware that he would be leaving that post, as well as his duties at the Winchendon church.

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And remember to look up as you begin this process. Avoid planting trees and large shrubs under overhead utilities. These small transplants may grow into the wires when they reach their mature size. This can cause a hazardous situation and result in severe pruning that leaves you with an unnatural looking plant.

Now that you know

the areas to avoid, start looking for opportunities to add color, texture and a bit of bird and butterfly appeal to your landscape. Identify areas in need of seasonal color, winter interest or screening to mask bad views.

Tuck fall blooming annuals among other plants to provide instant color for your fall – and where weather permits – winter garden. Hardy pansies provide nectar for late season pollinators and many will survive even colder winters and return next spring. Dianthus, stock, snapdragons and sweet alyssum also thrive in the cooler weather. Add these to containers or use them to fill voids in the garden.

Add perennial flowers for multiple years of beauty. Consider those with several seasons of beauty and nice foliage all season long. Look for features like long bloom time, attractive seedpods and fall color. Walker's Low catmint, threadleaf coreopsis, and Rozanne geranium are a few

examples of long blooming, low maintenance plants. End the growing season with flowers like goldenrod, mums and asters or colorful foliage like perennial geraniums, hosta and amsonia. Include some ornamental grasses such as switchgrass and prairie drop seed that add motion and texture to the garden all year round.

Include trees and shrubs to provide year-round structure in the garden. Look for those with colorful or interesting bark like red twig dogwoods, paper bark maple and Heptacodium that provide year-round interest. Look for flowering plants like viburnums, St. John's wort, summersweet and repeat blooming lilacs. Set the fall landscape ablaze with chokeberries, witch hazel and maples. And brighten up the winter landscape with holly and winterberry or the interesting form of Harry Lauder's walking stick, redbud and weeping trees.

Once the plants are in the ground be sure to pro-



Melinda Myers, LLC photo

Add year-round structure to your gardens and landscape by planting trees and shrubs.

vide a bit of tender loving care. Water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Spread a layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface to conserve mois-

ture, suppress weeds and keep the roots cool and moist. Keep mulch off the crowns of plants and trunks of trees.

Your efforts this summer and fall will be rewarded with a beautiful landscape all year

round.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Legislation protecting animal welfare and safety signed

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and David K. Muradian Jr. (R-Grafton) announced the passage of legislation intended to enhance humane treatment of animals, and to punish those who engage in animal cruelty. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Baker on Aug. 9.

"As a proud dog owner, and having served as an Environmental Police Officer, I certainly recognize the importance of protecting vulnerable animal populations," said Senator Moore. "I was pleased to offer my support for this legislation which offers commonsense reforms to enhance safety and care standards to protect animals and to prevent cruel treatment."

"I was very happy to have been asked to participate on the conference committee that helped produce this piece of legislation," said Representative Muradian. "Animals in our Commonwealth are

in need of further protections and the language within this bill ensures that appropriate safety measures are put in place to do just that."

The legislation furthers anti-abuse measures first secured in the 2014 Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety bill. The bill, also known as the PAWS Act, was introduced following the discovery of extreme abuse and cruelty in the case of a dog that was stabbed, burned, cut and had bones broken. The "Puppy Doe" case led to the arrest and conviction of Radoslaw Czerkawski who was recently convicted of 12 counts of animal cruelty and sentenced to 8 to 10 years in prison.

Key provisions of the animal welfare bill include:

- Expands potential for abuse reports by permitting animal abuse be reported by Department of Children and Families, the Department of

Elder Affairs, and Disabled Persons Protection Commission. Adds animal control officers as mandatory reporters of child abuse, elder abuse, and abuse against disabled persons;

- Ensures efficient enforcement of animal control laws by increasing fines for violations of dog control laws up to \$500 for a fourth offence;

- Doubles the hit and run penalty for an accident involving dogs and cats from \$50 to \$100 for a first offence; \$500 for subsequent offences and the cost of medical expenses, and/or imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 6 months;

- Prohibits the drowning of animals by declaring that drowning of animals is a violation of law for non-licensed trappers or those registered with Fish and Wildlife;

- Prohibits engaging in sexual contact with an animal;

- Removes automatic killing of animals involved in animal fighting by removing a requirement to automatically kill animals involved in animal fighting. This bill creates other options for these animal victims;

- Adds animal crimes to the list of offenses that serve as the basis for a request for a dangerousness hearing;

- Examines options to prohibit discrimination against specific dog breeds by requiring insurance companies to collect and report data of dog related incidents;

- Requires property owners and landlords to check property for abandoned animals within three days following a foreclosure or termination of tenancy

To view the newly-signed law, codified as Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018, visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Maureen E. O'Toole and Ross M. O'Toole to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, dated October 4, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34793, Page 323, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, a DE Corporation, its successors and assigns to HSBC Bank USA, N.A. dated April 2, 2012 and recorded with said Registry on April 5, 2012 at Book 48780, Page 226, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 705 Central Street a/k/a 705 North Central Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
EXHIBIT 'A' PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
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The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot '3' on a plan of land entitled 'Plan of Lots Prepared for Robert Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA' Scale: 1 inch = 40 feet, June 20, 2001, Edward J. Boucher, P.L.S., which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 772, Plan No. 88.

Said Lot No. 3 containing 46,169 square feet according to said plan. BEING the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Alain J. Choquette dated December 6, 2001 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 25445, Page 401. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed

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TERMS OF SALE:

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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 Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, for property located at 13 Emerald St., Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 5C3 Parcel 67 owned by Frank Roda, 46 Overlea Dr, Springfield, MA 01119 for a Variance for an addition to the structure per article 7, Section 2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw, addition is less than 15' from side lot line. Said property is located in the Planned Development 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: Nicole Roberts, Planning Clerk Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals August 31, 2018 September 7, 30128

TOWN OF WINCHENDON LEGAL NOTICE Community Outreach Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility is scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Winchendon Town Hall at 109 Front St. **The proposed Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility is anticipated to be located at 2 Juniper Street (also known as Assessor's Map 5A3 Parcel 197).** Any person wishing to participate or provide comment is strongly encouraged to attend where there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Reasonable accommodation will be attempted upon written request to the Selectmen's Office prior to the meeting. The meeting room is accessible to persons with disabilities. By: Winchendon Board of Selectmen Audrey LaBrie, Chair (978)297-0085 August 31, 2018

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

To: Isis Caouette Kirkwood Platt and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.; Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 72 Spruce Street, given by Isis Caouette and Kirkwood Platt to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network, Inc., dated December 31, 2004, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35472, Page 215, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 22, 2016, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 55092, Page 328, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before October 1, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on August 14, 2018. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 18-032121 August 31, 2018



A few spoil it for others: Canal fishing in jeopardy

er fishing has been fantastic for anglers fishing at Block Island and the Canal with striped bass being the number one target for most anglers. The canal has been so good that anglers are finding it very uncomfortable to fish because of the number of anglers fishing. Also, many anglers have left the canal to fish because of very inconsiderate fishermen that have been stealing fishing equipment from vehicles and causing problems while fishing. Some anglers find it so bad that they claim they had heard the area may be closed for a while to fishing?? Complaints from recreational anglers that fishing alongside commercial anglers during the commercial season, has also made the once enjoyable fishing time spent at the canal, one they no longer enjoy. Left behind trash is also causing a problem. It would be a shame to lose the area to fishing, and hopefully anglers will clean up their act before it is too late.



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house area. This week's second picture shows Mike Daniels with his 40 pound striper caught at the canal a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the picture was absent in last week's column. My apologies.

Block Island has been red hot this past week with everything from bluefish to bonito, stripers, and sea bass providing plenty of action for anglers. A report of a 74 pound striper being caught last week at the island is still being checked out for its authenticity. This writer fished for sea bass and fluke this past week but found out that an invasion of sea robins had moved into the area. Trying to keep the bait on the bottom for more than a minute had sea robins inhaling it two at a time. Numerous fluke were still caught but failed to meet the minimum size limit of 19 inches. A fast moving school of bonito or false albacore surfaced chasing a school of bait, but it was short lived as one of the Block Island ferries plowed through them sending them down. It was still a great day on the water!! Bluefish still seem to be in short supply along the coastal waters of Matunic and the Narragansett Light

Freshwater bass fishing has been hot for many anglers that are chasing freshwater bass. This week's picture shows Mark True with another impressive bass taken at the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville a couple of weeks ago. He and his dad release all of the fish they catch. This ensures another angler to catch him again and enjoy the thrill of catching such a great fish. It takes a long time for a bass to reach this size, so practicing catch and release is a very important factor in keeping the species available for another angler to catch. I urge our readers to send along photos of their prize fish and I will try to get them into this column.

Dog owners were alerted to an outbreak of dog flu last week in Massachusetts. The flu is very contagious and can cause a lot of health problems for any dog. Taking your dog to a dog park or other public place that has other dogs should be canceled for a while or until you take your dog to the vet for a vaccine.

The Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual field day on Sept. 9 this year. The public is welcomed to attend the fun filled day of activities. A chicken barbecue, chowder, and numerous other food will be available throughout the day. The event is held rain or shine!! The event draws a large number of local residents annually to enjoy the day's activities. Check the club's website for more information: www.wallumlakerodgunclub.com.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!



Courtesy photo

Mark True with another bass taken out of the Meadow Pond right in Whitinsville.



Mike Daniels with a 40 pound striper caught at the Cape Cod Canal.

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School of Church planning and leadership development developing leaders and leading men and women to serve in roles in the church and one of them is Claire, and she is going to be leading those workshops. She (Claire) will advertise them, kind of be the MC of them and if there's an expert then they will be bringing the content. Our week-nights will include workshops periodically for the good of the community."

"This is going to be another church, called The Chapel Downtown, a component of it will be Caring Hearts, so Caring Hearts will have two offices, one will be like a reception and overflow room; and the other will be the primary room for counseling for Lorie who is the director of it," Clinkscale explained.

"I have a degree in Biblical counseling and psychology and I've done pastoral counseling for 30 years and we're developing leaders to help apply Biblical truths to life's challenges to bring people to a place of stability in their lives and that's the big thing."

"In the back room will be our conference room for us to have meetings. Our Antioch School of Church planning will meet down here, so we will train leaders of pastors of churches."

"Our Grand Vision is to become a network of churches trying to embody and enact the Gospel in meaningful ways, as many communities, many of people's lives as possible, so we are going to start more of these in surrounding communities such as Athol and other

places but we want to do that all around Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. We have all these mechanisms in place, I think our methodology of sound, we have a training pipeline of leadership development pipeline so we can bring leaders in to those churches that effectively can run those locations and we will always be a network of churches so we will have a team that is in charge of all of them. We would call that an Apostolic team, kind of like Paul in the Bible had a team of people that were around with him starting all these churches and he would go back in and say, 'Hey guys let's do this, stop doing that', so he had a relationship and an authoritative relationship. We will have an Apostolic team that will go in and have that kind of relationship with the network of churches," Clinkscale explained.

"So that's the BIG PICTURE. And God's been gracious! Robinson Broadhurst gave us a grant of \$20,000 to help contribute to this and then our denomination gave us a \$12,000 gift. We've had benefactors who given substantially, one gave us \$30,000, so there's been a lot of generosity given toward it. Of course, we've purchased a whole building and now we have a mortgage, so our hope is pay down and be debt free but that's just as God grants us the resources."

"The Chapel has been around coming up on 50 years. It had its beginning downtown in the car parts building behind IGA, then moved to the Unitarian Universalist Church, and then bought property on the outskirts of town in the mid-'80s right on Spring



Work has begun within the space

Street and been there since. I think everybody in the church recognizes that we put ourselves to be disconnected from the community. We wanted to be connected in a more direct way. The church has been around for a long time and now we're embodying, taking these principles that Christ gave the church

to begin to integrate in our lives and to that it leads to is starting to live that out. We call that embodying and enacting the Gospel, that we are a theatre of the Gospel trying to display the Glory of God to the watching world." Clinkscale stated, "Coming up in December I will have been here a decade."

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