

TOWN MEETING MONDAY, MAY 21: 7 P.M. MURDOCK HIGH SCHOOL

BOS enacts cannabis license procedures

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Selectmen voted Monday night to approve the process potential marijuana retailers will have to follow in order to set up shop in Winchendon. And anyone who may have such an interest better have their initial plans ready to go.

The procedure approved by the board requires those interested in obtaining an Adult Use Marijuana Retail license to submit their initial request for qualifications to Town Manager Keith Hickey by 2 p.m. on June 11. Applicants must also submit a check for \$500, which will be held “pending qualification review.”

Hickey told the board he and town Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy had developed the procedure in consultation with legal counsel and other communities.

“Those businesses that do submit an application,” said Hickey, “would be reviewed by, primarily, Tracy and I. For completeness, we’ve included some criteria and a scoring sheet that would allow staff to review each application for their thoroughness to make sure they met all the requirements in the document we need. If they did an excellent job, obviously they’d be rated higher than if they had a partial submission.”

Hickey said the board would then be presented with up to five of the top-ranked applicants. The town would then be required to hold a public hearing before making a recommendation on which applicants would be submitted to the state for its review.

“We’re just trying to put something in place before people can start coming in, so that we’re prepared,” said Hickey. “We want to have a process that is fair and that can move as quickly as possible.”

“My office has been flooded with calls from people interested in (marijuana) retail,” Murphy told the board, “which made me start to think about how we would award a retail license. Unlike medical marijuana, where they go to the state first, for retail marijuana they come to us first. So, I thought how are we going to do this? Is it going to be the first three people through the door? What’s in the best interest of the town? We need to position ourselves so that the ones who receive licenses are the ones who are best qualified to make it through the state process.”

Murphy explained Winchendon must negotiate a community host agreement with applicants before they can begin the state process.

“There’s almost local vet-

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Greg Vine photo

Units from 11 surrounding towns and state DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control District 8 provided mutual aid to Winchendon firefighters who responded to a brush fire that broke out off Hillside Drive last Friday.

Fire scorches land near Monomonac

Winchendon firefighters responded to a brush fire off Hillside Drive around midday last Friday. The blaze was reported when spotters at state fire towers in Phillipston and at Wachusett Mountain spied a large plume of smoke rising from an area near Lake Monomonac.

The first alarm was struck at 11:26 a.m.

The fire quickly spread to three alarms. Units from Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Fitchburg, Gardner, Jaffrey, Phillipston, Rindge, Templeton, Troy, Westminster, and state Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Bureau of Forest Fire Control District 8 provided mutual aid.

The Box 4 Special Services Canteen Unit from the Worcester Fire Dept. also responded.

Access to the fire, which spread quickly, was difficult in the heavily forested area. It was located in an area behind 35 Hillside Drive.

It took firefighters about an hour to get control over the blaze, which blackened more than five acres. No injuries were reported and all units were back at their respective stations by 5 p.m.

BOS: no decision – yet – on Mylec TIF

BY GREG VINE
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Winchendon’s Board of Selectmen Monday held off on making any decision regarding the possible decertification of the town’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement with Mylec, Inc. The plan was signed in part to entice Mylec, which found it necessary to move out of the old White’s Mill building, to locate its operations in the town’s Hillview Industrial Park off Route 140. To date, the company remains the sole occupant of the park, although a marijuana cultivation and processing facility has been proposed for the site.

The TIF, approved at town meeting in 2011, called on Mylec to create 20 new full-time positions within two years of signing the agreement, to “invest \$3.4 million in capital improvements...and \$1.1 million for capital equipment to be located on the property,” to employ local contractors in the construction of the new manufacturing facility, and to have all Mylec-owned vehicles housed on site so as to pay any excise taxes to the town of Winchendon.

In return, Mylec, which manufactures dek hockey equipment, receives gradually diminishing breaks on property taxes paid to the town. Upon implementation of the agreement, Mylec received a 90-percent tax break over three years. Since 2015 the break has been 80-percent. That drops to 60-percent from fiscal year 2019 through FY22. The pact concludes in 2030, by which time the break drops to 15-percent.

The subject of decertification arose after several residents complained the company had failed to live up to its commitment to hire 20 new full-timers.

Company owner Rick Laperriere admitted Monday night that Mylec had not hired the number of people required by the TIF. He went on to explain that economic conditions, including the closure of a number of brick-and-mortar retailers in recent years, had made the hiring of new employees problematic.

“We’re trying the best we can,” said Laperriere. “Everybody knows retail has been in a severe tail spin the last several years. Even this year, Toys R Us is closing its doors and liquidating. Those are all matters out of our control. I assure you are working as diligently as possible to add as many jobs as we can. There’s no one who wants that more than I do.”

The company, he said, currently has 23 full-time workers. In addition, the company hires part-time employees to work during dek hockey games held at the company’s two rinks.

Laperriere said it appears retail is finally in the midst of a turnaround.

“Eighteen has been off to a good start,” he said, “and we’re currently looking to hire a couple of people as we speak. We’re doing everything we can

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Benedict helped by large scholarship

BY JERRY CARTON
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When soon to be graduating Murdock senior Michalea Benedict heads to Harvard in the fall, she’ll be helped by a \$20,000 scholarship from the National Student Leadership Conference, in part an outgrowth of having attended NSLC’s psychology and neuroscience program on the Cambridge campus in the summer of 2016.

As one might assume, an NSLC scholarship isn’t easy to come by and the list of colleges and universities participating is something of a Who’s Who of the country’s top schools including American, Fordham, Georgetown, Northwestern, Cal-Berkeley, UCLA, Vanderbilt and Yale.

Candidates for the award must have attended an NSLC program as Benedict did two years ago, and demonstrate “academic excellence, leadership in extracurricular activities” and “submitted essays and letters of recommendation.”

Getting into one of those summer programs is no piece of cake, either. Admission is competitive. Students from more than 70 countries apply for various slots and once they’ve gotten in, the experience is intense with “specialized workshops and classes designed to develop the skills and traits that define a leader. Leading professionals and professors from top colleges facilitate the programs and engage the students in hands-on activities that provide students with a day-in-the-life understanding of a prospective career. Trips and tours also enhance the student’s experience by tailoring them to their specific conference.”

Said Benedict, “I was extremely surprised. I was visiting Harvard when my mom called to tell me and I got to celebrate with my host.”

“The NSLC program sparked my interest in studying medicine at Harvard. I’m honored this program has allowed this dream to come true,” she enthused.

MHS Principal Ralph Olsen was equally enthused.

“She’s amazing,” he said. “She works so hard. Obviously when she spent part of the summer at Harvard a few years ago, I believe after her sophomore year, they saw something in her to convince them she deserved the award.”

“She never ceases to amaze,” marveled guidance counselor Rachael Weinhold.

“I’m so happy for her. I’m proud to know her,” added Weinhold.

Town-wide yard sale to benefit Ahimsa

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A town-wide yard sale will be held in Winchendon this Saturday, May 19 to benefit local animal rescue organization Ahimsa Haven. The event takes place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine.

As of deadline, sales sites include 15 Fourth St., 21 Hyde Park, 163 Spring St., 60 North St., 25 East St., 300 High St., 396 Maple St. and, of course, Rescued Treasures, 200 Central St., the second-hand store operated by Ahimsa. Maps can be picked up at Rescued Treasures starting at 7 a.m.

In addition, a ticket-chance auction will be held at the community center at 108 Ipswich Drive. There will also be a bottle and can drive in front of Rite Aid on Central Street from 9 a.m. to noon.

Ahimsa is currently housing 54 cats, all available for adoption, at its facilities in Winchendon and Templeton, as well as at the Leominster PetSmart. Two dogs are currently in foster homes, and 33 kittens are now in foster homes and will be ready for adoption in just a few weeks.

If you’re not a yard sale fan but would like to contribute to the work of the organization, checks may be sent to Ahimsa Haven, 381R Baldwinville Road, Templeton. You may also drop off checks at the group’s Templeton or Winchendon locations, or go online to ahimshaven.org/donations.

Both of Ahimsa’s facilities are open on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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WEEKLY QUOTE

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

Jimmy Dean



CLYDE’S CORNER

Friday May 18

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

Saturday, May 19

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

TICKET AUCTION: The Ipswich Tenant Council will hold a ticket auction with a huge number of items at the Ipswich Community Building, 108 Ipswich Drive on Saturday, May 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 24

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.

Saturday June 2

PLANT SALE! The Winchendon Garden Club is having a Plant and Bake Sale at the Winchendon History and Culture Center, 135 Front St., on June 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Most plants \$5 or less. Local vendors selling outdoor decorative items. Proceeds fund our plantings about town and scholarship program. Garden Club members will be on-site for free advice, tips and ideas.

Saturday June 9

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

THURSDAYS & SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

COURIER CAPSULES

FIRST COMMUNION

The following students made First Communion this weekend at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: Madison Bradley, Samuel Gauthier, Avery Huntery, Faith Khoury, Scarlett Babineau, Thomas Tully and Desiree Morin.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD/GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 117 School Street, Rindge (near Rindge Center, just off Route 119). We have just about everything! Tables to benefit U.S. veterans, too much to list. Don’t miss out! A must-see sale!

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

NEWTON — Lasell College announced the students named to the spring 2018 Dean’s List. Students with this accomplishment are full-time degree candidates who completed 12 or more credits in the spring semester, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. This semester’s Dean’s List encompasses a total of 707 students from all class years, including 126 members of the school’s first-year class. Among them were: Brianna Dellechiaie of Winchendon, Brianna Kulvete of Templeton, Bailey Burnett of Phillipston, and Bethany Hector of Jaffrey.

WINCHENDON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MAY 26

10 a.m. (Flags) Decorate Cemetery Start in Calvary (Boy & Girl Scouts) (Rain or Shine)

SUNDAY MAY 27

9 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 52

Spruce St.: Veterans’ Mass

10 a.m. United Parish Church, 39 Front St.: Memorial Service with Roll Call

MONDAY MAY 28

9:30 a.m.: All parade participants form up at the Winchendon Fire Department

10 a.m.: Parade, honor departed veterans at Legion, VFW and GAR Parks. Ceremony at the Smith Community Pavilion at GAR Park.

In case of inclement weather, Memorial Day Exercises will be held

at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 located at 295 School St.

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to expand into new markets, whether it’s Europe, whether it’s Africa. Certainly, in North America we have a huge pres-

ence. I can assure you we’re working hard to fulfill our obligation to the agreement.”

Town Manager Keith Hickey explained the Mylec property is currently assessed at \$2.3 million. Under the agreement, which currently allows for an 80-percent break, the assessed value drops to \$678,200. The property tax bill on that amount for FY18 was just over \$11,600. Without the TIF, Mylec would have received a property tax bill of \$27,501. That means, said Hickey, the average tax payer is paying approximately \$8 per year on a home assessed at \$200,000 to make up for the cash the town loses on the TIF. That figure will likely drop slightly next fiscal year.

Laperriere noted his company “religiously” contributes to a variety of local organizations and schools, while also generating income for other area businesses, particularly when people come into town for dek hockey tournaments at Mylec. He also argued the company had invested more in its

physical plant than required by the agreement.

“I wouldn’t deny that there’s an economic impact when you do have games,” said board Chairman Barbara Anderson, “but I think what we’re missing is the bigger problem and why some residents are very concerned. When the TIF agreement was approved, it was with the creation of jobs, and you have enjoyed a very hefty tax break over the years for that creation of jobs in particular. The question from residents is, why should you get a tax break when they don’t get a tax break?”

Selectman Audrey LaBrie said the wording of the TIF seems to indicate, should the board vote decertify it, that Mylec would have to pay back all of the taxes it would have paid had the agreement not been in place, back to 2012.

The board decided to hold off on a decision until clarification of the agreement’s wording could be obtained from the town’s legal team and until Laperriere could provide the board with additional information on the company’s operations, particularly as it pertains to employment. Selectmen will revisit the issue at a later meeting.

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Scholars top the charts this week

The Murdock National Honor Society, under the advisement of Ms. Fairbanks, has been busy with multiple activities over the past several weeks. Over April vacation, a team of students led by Phebe Shippy and Kaileen Dibble worked with custodial staff on general maintenance and clean up. April 27 was annual Earth Day – Day of Service. NHS students cleaned the school grounds in preparation for graduation, cleaned/organized common spaces within the school and traveled to Memorial School to do crafts with students and showcased some of the Science Department’s live lab animals. Thursday, May 17, the National Honor Society and Student Council put together bulletin boards showcasing the Special Olympic athletes from Memorial Elementary School, Toy Town Elementary, Murdock Middle School and Middle High School. As of this writing, the two groups were planning to host a pep rally for

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the Special Olympic athletes. NHS students have also been diligently working on preparing for prom, Class Day and graduation. Saturday, May 19: Can/Bottle Drive at Rite Aid Parking Lot AND Yard Sale and Science Department Plant Sale at Murdock campus The annual Scholars Dinner and Awards Night was held Tuesday, May 15. Dinner was provided by Lapointe Catering and served by Murdock faculty and administrators (Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Meyer-Krul, Mr. Larson, Ms. Fairbanks, Ms. Wheeler, Ms. Beaulieu, Mr. Gamache, Ms. Weinhold, and Ms. Rondeau). Student scholars and their parents/guests then adjourned to the auditorium where former Murdock graduates Sarah Wheeler (’07) and Bekah Wheeler (’09) shared their experiences since high school and how Murdock had prepared them for their post high school/college years. The following students were

recognized for achieving a 3.0 or greater GPA for terms 1,2 and 3. Grade 9: Nicole Becotte, Allison Cobiski, Paige Lafrennie, Abigail Leahey, Rachael Legault, John Maloney, Jack Polcari, Julio Rodriguez, Lauren Serratore, Justin Thira. Grade 10: Owen Benedict, Patrick Cortis, Hannah Demanche, Paige Demanche, Timothy Jinn, Erica Lashua, Juliana Nollin, Mikayla Rueda, Cassandra Wightman. Grade 11: Elissa Boucher, Sirena Caputi, Yang Yi Chen, Lillian Dack, Kaileen Dibble, Lindsey Gemme, Lily Hunt, Britney Jackson, Chloe Lawrence, Nicole Lemire, Maria Polcari, Kipper Prouty, Timmy Quinn, Phebe Shippy, Ashley Signa, Emily Smith, Lindsey Smith, Ryan Thira. Grade 12: Michaela Benedict, Ariana Berman, Jacob Carter, Marisa Losurdo, Alex Marshall, Hannah Morse, Shyla Palmer, Thomas Sutherland, Tiana Taylor. Individual students in grades 9-11 were honored for outstanding academic achievement in various subject areas. Grade 12

students will be honored during Class Day on May 31. Art: Sara Solorzano (9), Yang Yi Chen (11) English Language Arts: Jack Polcari (9), Owen Benedict (10), Lindsey Smith (11) Mathematics: John Maloney (9), Hannah Demanche (10), Timmy Quinn (11) Music: Chorus – Sage Khoury (9), Patrick Cortis (10), Emma Partridge (11) Garage Band – Zachary Cardarelli (10), Ani-Jah Rodriguez (11) Physical Education & Wellness: Jacob Bolick (9), Cassidy Stadtfeld (10), Richard Swanson (11) Science: Jack Polcari (9), Hannah Demanche (10), Emily Smith (11) Social Studies: Abigail Leahey (9), Hannah Demanche (10), Lindsey Smith (11) Technology & Engineering: Jose Gamez (10), Hunter Bourgoin (11) World Language (French): Jack Polcari (9), Jace Guertin (10), Ryan Thira (11) World Language (Spanish): Julio Rodriguez (9), Mikayla

Rueda (10), Maria Polcari (11) The Rensselaer Medal award (given by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) was awarded to Lindsey Smith for outstanding academic achievement in the study of mathematics and science. Michaela Benedict, scoring in the top 15%, received an honorable mention in the Elizabeth Haskins Mathematics Contest recently held at Fitchburg State University, Members of the Junior class were given book awards which are given by individual colleges to recognize academic achievement and school and community betterment. St. Anselm College: Lindsey Gemme Assumption College Maria Polcari St. Michael’s College: Yang Yi Chen St. Michael’s College: Timmy Quinn Dartmouth: Lindsey Smith CONGRATULATIONS to all the Murdock 2018 academic scholars!!!

MWCC inducts members to international honor society Phi Theta Kappa

GARDNER – MWCC’s Phi Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society inducted new members and presented sizeable donations to community service organizations last week. During the chapter’s induction ceremony on May 3, the newest members of the organization were inducted into the honor society for high-achieving community college students. In addition to the ceremony, chapter officers and members presented a \$750 check to the Gardner Community Action Council and a \$750 check to the student-run Students Serving Our Students program at MWCC. The funds were raised at the recent PTK Character Breakfast. Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. This year’s new inductees include: Ashburnham: Sarah White; Athol: Elizabeth Gagnon, Jordan Lapriore,

and Donna Songer; Ayer: Elizabeth Jones, Jonathan Malloy, and Stephanie Whitney; Baldwinville: Rachel Fortier; Bolton: Kayleigh Cavanaugh; Brookfield: Natasha Austin; Dunstable: Alison Ralls and Jeremy Ralls; Fitchburg: Djihane Abdelkebir, Jumily Bouommavon, Nathalie Castro Da Rosa, Nana Curran, and Thomas Moser; Gardner: David Belitsky, Brendan Conlin, Brittany Dunn, Andrew Ferreira, Timothy Landry, and Jamika Nance-Garcia; Hubbardston: Ava Nordstrom-Learnard; Jaffrey: Margaret Hart-Smith; Lancaster: Evan Silverberg; Leominster: Romolo Cataldo, Erica Frazier, Luke Mann, Anysmarie Santiago, and Justin Soulliere; Lunenburg: Derek Cabral, Brett Hamel, Natalia Lamanna, Gail Mercier, Isabel Salvatore, Jillian Smith, and Shantel Woodson; New Ipswich, NH: Lisa Nuttall; Norwood: Robert Sorenson; Orange: Terri Alden, Meghan Doyle, and Aria Flematti; Pepperell: Samantha Archer and Jordan Hasbrouck; Phillipston: Olivia Howes; Rindge: Olivia Luhtjarv; Royalston: Michael Young; Rutland: Hannah



Courtesy photo Some of the newest members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society are pictured with PTK officers following their induction on Thursday, May 3.

Greenwood; Shirley: Sarah Mello; Shrewsbury: Shivangi Patel; Spencer: Kasey Kirby; Sterling: Kelly Devillers; Templeton: Timothy Cosgrove; Townsend: Dan Baboci, Ross Cote, Kaitlyn Fales, Alexa Nogueira, Melissa Senecal; Westborough: Zackery Tram; Westminster: Katelyn Coleman, Marco Giannunzio, David Mei, and Samantha Shippell Stiles; Winchendon: Webster Batista-Lin, Molly Garno, Michael LeBlanc, Jacob Van Hillo; Worcester: Joyce Amankwah.

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VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE WITH LUNCH AT MONTY TECH

Montachusett Home Care Corporation (MHCC) recognized their volunteers at a luncheon in their honor at the Mountain Tea Room Restaurant at Montachusett Regional Technical High School in Fitchburg earlier this month. The annual event was attended by 40 of its volunteers and MHCC staff in the medical escort companion program, the long term care ombudsman program, the money management program, as well as MHCC’s Board of Directors. MHCC is the Aging Services Access Point for 21 communities in North Central Massachusetts, serving elders 60 and over as well as younger disabled adults. Cumulatively, the MHCC volunteers donate thousands of hours annually in helping these populations in various ways, from escorting persons to doctors’ appointments, assisting individu-



Courtesy photo AMoney manager volunteers Annette Bakstran & Gene Farrell enjoy conversation before dinner is served.


als with managing their finances, and serving as advocates for nursing and rest home residents. Anyone interested in becoming a MHCC volunteer in one of these programs and/or interested in other services provided by MHCC can call (978) 537-7411 for more information.

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EDITORIAL

Preaching to the choir

Somewhere between fourth grade and college graduation, between learning about what the pieces that make up our government are and becoming actual adult citizens, we've let our children down.

Big time.
And it isn't just the current generation.

Or the last two generations.
This has been coming on for a while.

There are a lot of factors, but one of the biggest is absolutely expectations.

We didn't teach our kids to give back.

They heyday of service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and such was also a heyday for capitalism of course, and also after the second world war, when the men in gray flannel suits had agendas to meet.

One of which was to see and be seen.

And to do that, they became involved, they helped. They became members of local organizations, they got themselves elected to local office, and not only did capitalism prosper, so did local citizens and towns.

It didn't last.

And we need it back, because every single town needs people on committees and boards; it needs people to coach youth sports; it needs people to do fundraising for good work; it needs people. (And certainly NOT only men in grey flannel).

And it means our towns themselves will find themselves floundering.

The answer is not paid boards and committees, stipends do not make for

good "volunteers", you will get people who do not care about the topic, only about the income.

And frankly, we cannot afford in any of the towns to go strictly with entirely paid staff; nor should we. The people of every town need to have input into the government of their town.

That is democracy.

We can't leave it up to bureaucracy. That is not how our government works. But.

And here is the biggest obstacle of all. Anyone reading this is nodding their head in agreement; yes, we understand this. We probably already work diligently at volunteering ourselves at one or more projects, at our church, at a nonprofit we believe in, on a town board. We get it. And we are the newspaper readers so we aren't the ones to target.

The question is, how do we get to those people who should hear this message? And how do we encourage them to rethink their lethargy? What will fire their enthusiasm? How can we, as those who understand the problem, encourage others to become involved? Particularly younger people.

Our future.

Someone wryly asked the other day, "What if we threw an election and nobody came?"

Ouch.

Too close to home.

Any ideas? Let's start a dialogue on this: ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WDC: next meeting scheduled

To the Editor:

Hello Winchendon Democrats,

The next meeting of the Democratic Town Committee will be held on Wednesday May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at 108 Ipswich Drive.

We will be taking nominations and election of executive positions on the committee. You must be present to nominate or be nominated.

We will also be talking about our upcoming events, including voter registration and candidate literature distribution at the YMCA Summer Solstice and Kiwanis chili cookoff.

If you have a family member, friend

or neighbor who is interested in being on the committee or participating in the Winchendon Town Committee, please invite them to attend.

The state convention will be held on June 1 and 2 in Worcester at the DCU Center. Even if you are not a delegate and want to attend, you may register as a guest or volunteer.

I hope to see you on May 19 to plan the future of our committee.

In solidarity.

MIKE D'INTINOSANTO, CHAIR
WINCHENDON DEMOCRATIC TOWN
COMMITTEE

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The Written Word



NOTES OF
CONCERN

JACK
BLAIR

Is a picture worth a thousand words?

I think not.

A picture allows us to determine our own explanation of what is shown. It is a very help-

ful tool in creative thinking. It adds often beauty to our lives and often exposes us to that which we have not viewed with our own eyes.

But give me a good book anytime.

Immersing oneself in something written by another, who fully tells a story or lays out an idea is my idea of pleasure. Good books present all sides or possibilities. A writer who can spin a tale that captures the reader and his mind is the gold standard for me.

Most books present ideas. Some books present alternative ideas to the one being more fully explored. All books permit the reader to use his own mind, to reflect on what is written, to consider arguments from his own experience in favor or against the thrust of the story.

A lot of people in my generation love to own and to keep books that have meant a great deal to them. Often, they return to books they have read, only to find in the re-reading even

more discoveries than the first time through. They create personal libraries in their homes.

For those who cannot buy books or build personal libraries, public libraries fulfill their desire to read. One reads to relax, or to grow intellectually, or to be challenged by new ideas, or just to escape for a short time the vicissitudes of life.

During our lifetimes we have seen the inventions of the world make hard copy books seem more cumbersome. The

internet has championed electronic books. Various devices have enabled readers to carry as many as 700 books with them wherever they go, in a small handheld device.

I am going to resist the usual lament of the older folks: things were better in the past. Further, I can remember as a young student having to go to the local library, sign in, check the card catalogue to find the location of the book I sought, get it from the stacks, sit at

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JOURNEY
OF THE

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CARTON

Her name is Kelly Sadler. She's the White House staffer who said, whether in morbid jest or not, that John McCain's views on the CIA nominee don't matter because, in her words according to those who were in the room, "he's dying anyway."

There you have it. There it is. Every time I think this Administration can sink no further, yet more moral depravity surfaces.

But at least she was fired, right? No? Rebuked? By this Administration? Not a chance.

Kelly Sadler is not an outlier. She represents exactly who and what they are.

The attitude starts at the top with the entirely despicable person sitting in Lincoln's chair. This isn't about legitimate policy differences. This is about simple decency. Kelly Sadler. Sarah Sanders. Rob Porter. The (older) sons. Kellyanne Conway, Mike Pence, Rudy, Michael Cohen - miserable human beings, the whole lot of them. Who wants to disagree?

Most of you have surely never heard of Kevin Kamenetz. I met Kevin way back during the 1972 presidential campaign. We were kids in a hopeless year for Democrats but as tends to be the case with youthful idealism and energy, we and so many others threw ourselves into

that campaign with complete commitment. Giving it everything you've got on behalf of the right ideals was and remains our mantra. He went on to seek and win elective office, first as a member of the Baltimore County Council and then as county executive. This was his last year in that office and Kevin was in a tight race for the Democratic nomination for governor of Maryland when he died last week, felled by sudden cardiac arrest after a campaign event.

Running for public office can be indescribably grueling. 12 years ago in that year's gubernatorial race, Doug Duncan, who was at the time the county executive in Montgomery County just outside DC, quit the campaign citing depression. Even though Kevin was

healthy for 60, his wife had been worried about the toll the campaign was taking. The toughest campaign I ever endured, and endured is the right word, came when I was all of 30 and I was healthy then too. My boss was running for a fourth term as Baltimore's mayor and it was the first time he'd faced a real challenge. That summer of 1983 was exhausting, beyond exhausting. I saw the toll doing campaigns took on my oldest son. I have no exact idea what impact the stress of running for governor was taking on Kevin but I'm sure it was significant. What I do know is that my home county and home state have lost a politician who rather than being a starry-eyed idealistic dreamer, was a pragmatist and advocate of doing what's realistically

possible. There aren't enough of those kind of leaders around these days and we can't afford to lose any of them. This was a genuine tragedy.

As for me, I have largely overcome the flu, though I'm still tired, but will be needing hernia surgery. Fun, fun. Complicating that reality is another reality. I have a Factor 9 deficiency, aka Christmas disease, which potentially creates clotting issues so we're going to be having a consult with the hematologist as well the surgeon. Long time readers of this column may remember back in 2010, I needed repeated infusions of Benefix during my month in ICU and my bill eventually reached seven figures. What can I tell you? Never boring. See you next week.

Another crack in the foundation

"The most practical kind of politics is the politics of decency." - Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. President (1901-09)

Since President Trump nor, it appears, much of his staff are students of history it's likely none of them are familiar with the words of President Roosevelt (if they even realize there was more than one). It is also apparent that decency is not an attribute much valued by either the president or his underlings.

That fact was drawn into sharp focus last week when, a day after Sen. John McCain urged Senate colleagues to reject the nomination of Gina Haspel as CIA director, Trump special assistant Kelly Sadler said McCain's opinion didn't matter because "he's dying anyway."

While Sadler later reportedly called the senator's daughter, Meghan McCain, to apologize, the White House has steadfastly refused to issue a pub-

lic apology. Instead, Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders - and President Trump himself - have railed against "traitors" who leaked Sadler's comments to the press. It means nothing to the president that a member of his staff has disparaged an American hero. He, after all, has done it before.

John McCain is a man who has given his life to the service of this country. He spent years in a North Vietnamese prison and suffered abuse so severe it left him unable to lift his arms above his shoulders. When his captors offered to release him because his father was an admiral in the U.S. Navy, he refused, choosing instead to endure the same fate as his fellow prisoners of war.

During this time our heroic president-to-be was receiving repeated defer-



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ONE MORE
THING...

GREG
VINE

ments than with the comments themselves speaks volumes. Staffers are modeling their leader. The fish, as the old saying goes, rots from the head.

"Lyn' Ted," "Liddle Marco," "Crooked Hillary," "Sleepy Eyes Chuck Todd," "Crazy Joe (Biden)"; if anyone disagrees with you, call them names, disrespect them - that's the Trump philosophy. The president has set the tone, and his sycophants follow suit.

Those of us who grew up with real statesmen serving our nation could hardly have anticipated what we see now. Regardless of one's ideology,

ments for "debilitating" bone spurs in his heels.

Right.

The fact that White House officials, including the president, are more concerned with the leak of Sadler's comments than with the comments themselves speaks volumes. Staffers are modeling their leader. The fish, as the old saying goes, rots from the head.

We still admired leaders like Barry Goldwater, Margaret Chase Smith, Everett Dirksen, George McGovern, Eugene McCarthy, Gerald Ford, JFK, RFK, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and a host of others. They behaved the way we hoped we would behave as we came of age; with class, intelligence, and humility.

We naively took for granted that America would, as we aged, grow a crop of leaders that we would want our children and grandchildren to emulate. The longer the Trump presidency grinds on the more ridiculous that hope seems. He just seems to bring out the worst in people on both sides of the political spectrum.

But what hurts worse than the lack of decency in the White House is the willingness of so many people to accept it. I may worry about the character of our president, but I worry still more about the character of our nation.

Lovely as springtime



It was a packed house as second-graders at Winchendon’s Memorial School held their annual concert last Wednesday, May 9, in the school cafeteria. Songs sung by the chorus, under the direction of music teacher Sam Vendt, included: The Murdock School Song, Thankful for the USA, This Pretty Planet, Library Song, You’re Welcome (from Moana), What a Wonderful World, Upstanding Citizen, Roar (Katy Perry), Kindergarten Wall, and I’m Still Standing (sing version).

Greg Vine photos

CANNABIS

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ting that we have to do here,” she said. “So, we sat down and worked through different scenarios and tried to come up with a way that would be the most-fair but would also put the town in a position where we’re negotiating with the best-qualified or the most likely to be successful. We’re trying to optimize our position in the market.”

Murphy said she’s had at least a dozen inquiries, including a handful from local residents.

Board Chairman Barbara Anderson zeroed in on the deadline for applications of June 11. They would then need to be reviewed by the town manager

by June 28.

“That’s a short window, quite frankly,” said Anderson, “in which for you to receive them and then go through your vetting process before they come to us. I personally like it, because to sit up here and vet all these people – if your phone’s ringing off the hook – we’ll be here all night.”

“My concern,” replied Murphy, “is to protect the town. If we don’t have a system in place and if we don’t agree to negotiate with somebody and we negotiate with the next person who came into my office a day later, I feel we’re opening ourselves to be in a position where we might not be able to defend our actions.”

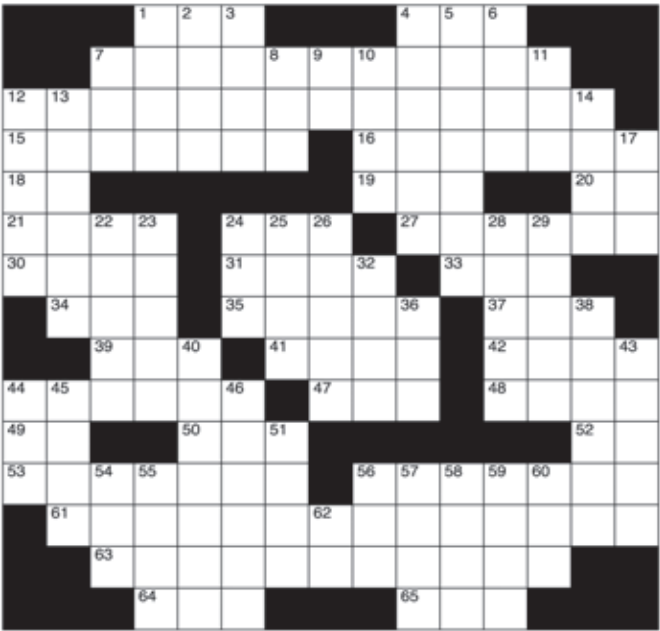
Selectman C.J. Husslebee expressed concern that the pro-

posed policy specifically mentioned a limit of three licenses available for issuance. While a bylaw under consideration by voters at Monday’s town meeting specifically mentions three licenses, voters could amend the proposal to a higher or lower number although, under state law, the town must make at least two available.

“At this point, I don’t want to prejudice the vote ahead of the town meeting,” said Husslebee.

The board then voted to change the wording from “no more than three will be issued” to “a limited number will be issued.”

If the policy works as efficiently as hoped, Winchendon could see its first cannabis retailer opening its doors by the end of this year or early in 2019.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small lump
4. Helps little firms
7. A way of performing
12. Lawyers
15. Stirred up
16. Believed in
18. The Bay State (abbr.)
19. Makes computers
20. Sodium
21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
24. Institute legal proceedings against
27. More compact
30. Ethiopian river
31. Quantitative fact
33. No (Scottish)
34. A concession of no great value
35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
37. More (Spanish)
39. Russian space station
41. Helicopter
42. At the peak
44. Makes ecstatically happy
47. Excellent
48. Material body
49. The Golden State (abbr.)
50. A unit of plane angle
52. Argon
53. Fancy
56. Fried mixture of meat and spices
61. How green plants use sunlight
63. Without wills
64. Unhappy
65. Meat from a pig’s leg

CLUES DOWN

1. Mentor
2. Lyric poems
3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
4. Trapped
5. Used for road surfacing
6. Cuckoos
7. Prefix “away from”
8. Seth McFarlane comedy
9. Not out
10. “The Simpsons” bus driver
11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
13. Removes
14. One-name NBA player
17. Revolutionary women
22. Smell
23. Ground-dwelling songbird
24. Midway between south and southeast
25. American state
26. Keen
28. Khoikhoi peoples
29. Int’l defense organization
32. Samoan money
36. A sign of assent
38. One from Somalia
40. Boat race
43. Trims
44. French coins
45. Indigenous Scandinavian
46. Flew alone
51. Loch where a “monster” lives
54. Japanese title
55. Pros and ____
56. Present in all living cells
57. Something to scratch
58. Branch of Islam
59. Appear
60. Former CIA
62. Yukon Territory



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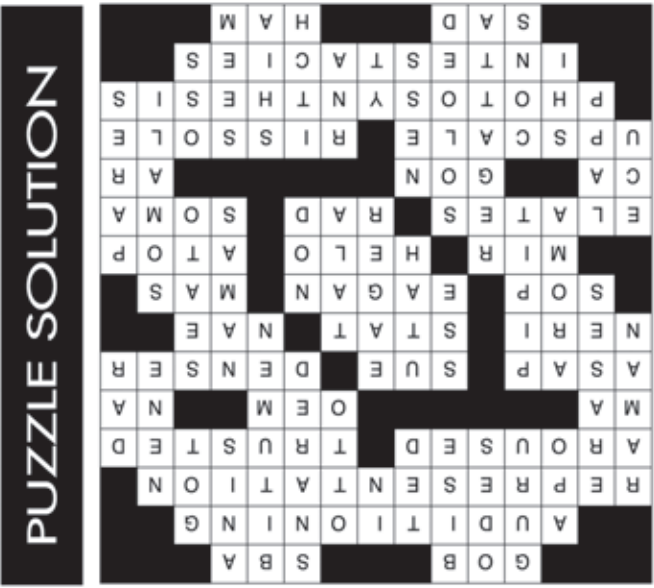
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9	7	6	8	2	3	5	4	1
1	3	8	4	7	5	2	9	6
7	5	8	2	3	4	9	1	6
3	1	2	6	7	8	9	4	5
3	4	9	6	5	1	2	8	7

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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



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, MAY 8
12:32-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:02-2:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:14 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 8:15 a.m.: disabled mv (Glenallan Street), assisted; 10:20 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 10:31 a.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), assisted; 11:03 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 12:19 p.m.: investigation (North Street), no service necessary; 1:10 p.m.: DPW call (Baldwinville Road), no service necessary; 1:52 a.m.: info/general (Eagle Road), info taken; 2:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 2:59 p.m.: assault (Central Street), juvenile arrest, 16, assault and battery; juvenile arrest, 16, assault and battery; 3:28 p.m.: accident (Water Street), report taken; 3:48 p.m.: erratic operation (Otter River Road), Marjorie Sinnett, age 49, 99 Bridge Street, #5A, Templeton, OUI liquor, negligent operation, unregistered mv, arrest; 4:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Gardner Road), spoken to; 4:35 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road), transported; 5:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Independence Drive), referred to ACO; 6:03 p.m.: disturbance (Central Street), report taken; 6:13 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 6:25 p.m.: assault (Walnut Street), report taken; 6:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 7:21 p.m.: registration check (Spring Street), secure; 8:47 p.m.: investigation (Washington Avenue), report taken; 9:30 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville Road), secure; 10:51 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 11:39 p.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville State Road); 11:46 p.m.: property damage (Beech Street), report taken.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
12:50 a.m.: disturbance (Beech Street), protective custody; 2:22-3:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:03 a.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Lane), secure; 7:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Converse Drive), referred to ACO; 7:54 a.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 7:57 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 10:20 a.m.: welfare check/general (Ash Street), spoken to; 10:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Mechanic Street); 12:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Independence Drive), spoken to; 12:16 p.m.: assist other PD (Spring Street), unable to locate; 1:14 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 1:21 p.m.: welfare check/child (Phyllis Road), unable to locate; 1:35 p.m.: info/general (Brown Street), info taken; 4:10 p.m.:

officer wanted (River Street), gone on arrival; 4:12 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 4:22 p.m.: investigation (Beech Street), spoken to; 4:28 p.m.: custody dispute (Phyllis Road), spoken to; 4:56 p.m.: fire/brush (Waite Road), services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: summons service (Alger Street), served; 5:31 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Baldwinville State Road), info taken; 6:32 p.m.: parking violation (Central Street), citation issued; 6:36 p.m.: trespassing (Pearl Drive), unable to serve; 7:00 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street), spoken to; 7:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), spoken to; 9:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 9:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Baldwinville Road), spoken to; 9:36 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 9:57 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), written warning; 10:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Road), gone on arrival.

THURSDAY, MAY 10
12:05 a.m.: assist other PD (Lorde Road, Templeton), services rendered; 12:17-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:05 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:29 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:40 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:41 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 7:25 a.m.: info/general (Hill Street), info taken; 7:41 a.m.: burglar alarm (Goodrich Drive), false alarm; 9:02 a.m.: assist citizen (Goodrich Drive); 9:03 a.m.: assist citizen (Beech Street), spoken to; 9:48 a.m.: dog bite (Brown Street), referred to ACO; 10:22 a.m.: property found (River Street), info taken; 10:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Spring Street), advised officer; 11:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Oak Street), message delivered; 11:35 a.m.: property found (Grove Street), assisted; 1:04 p.m.: suspicious/other (Lincoln Avenue), secure; 1:39 p.m.: info/general (Spring Street), info taken; 2:51 p.m.: trespassing (Lincoln Avenue), repot taken; 2:54 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), report taken; 3:14 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street), report taken; 3:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), info given; 4:34 p.m.: assist citizen (Royalston Road North); 5:21 p.m.: assist citizen (Front Street), info taken; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), Kaitlyn E. Connell, 22, 42 Pearl Drive, Winchendon, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, arrest; 6:16 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), transported; 6:39 p.m.: welfare check/child (Central Street), unable to locate; 7:18 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street), unable to locate; 8:20 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 8:45 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Spruce Street), unable to locate; 9:39 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road), transported; 10:03 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), verbal warning; 11:41 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Spring Street), info taken; 11:53 p.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported.

FRIDAY, MAY 11
12:42-1:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:20 a.m.: traffic hazard (Ash Street), unfounded; 6:47 a.m.: burglar/b&e (Front Street), secure; 9:21

a.m.; traffic hazard (Ash Street), spoken to; 9:26 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Street), services rendered; 10:06 a.m.: property found (Brown Street), info taken; 10:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Sibley Road), referred to ACO; 11:26 a.m.: brush fire (Beachview Drive), extinguished; 11:44 a.m. fire/mutual aid (Hillside Drive), services rendered; 12:02 p.m.: accident (Front Street), report taken; 12:23 p.m.: wires down (River Street), report taken; 12:41 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 1:05 p.m.: ambulance (Royalston Road, Fitzwilliam), services rendered; 1:23 p.m.: extra patrols (Woodlawn Street), advised officer; 1:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), report taken; 2:12 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), referred; 2:24 p.m.: threats (Goodrich Street), report taken; 2:50 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), referred; 3:26 p.m.: keep the peace (Mechanic Street), advised civil action; 3:39 p.m.: info/general (Emerald Street), referred; 3:51 p.m.: assist other agency (Mill Street); 5:00 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Metcalf Street), referred to ACO; 5:50 p.m.: traffic hazard (Maple Street), gone on arrival; 6:09 p.m.: summons service (Laurel Street), unable to serve; 6:22 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), unable to serve; 6:28 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 7:06 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 7:19 p.m.: deliver message (High Street), unable to locate; 7:37 p.m.: summons service (Laurel Street), served; 7:58 p.m.: registration check (River Street), secure; 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), secure; 11:44 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), advised officer.

SATURDAY, MAY 12
12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:46-12:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 1:21 a.m.: ambulance (Tolman Road), transported; 1:27-1:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:40 a.m.: mv stop (Franklin Street), Crystal Wells, 34, 12 Mill Glen Road, Winchendon, possession Class B drug; Robert A. Vaillancourt, 51, 409 Spring Street, #4, Winchendon, possession Class B drug, arrests; 8:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), unable to locate; 8:45 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (School Street), non-emergency; 9:56 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 11:16 a.m.: animal abuse (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 11:57 a.m.: transport (Central Street); 11:59 a.m.: vandalism (Central Street), gone on arrival; 1:51 p.m.: ambulance (Otter River Road), transported; 2:36 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 3:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street), referred to ACO; 3:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), canceled; 3:55 p.m.: ambulance (Maynard Street), transported; 5:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), referred to ACO; 5:56 p.m.: stolen mv (Gardner Road), report taken; 6:34 p.m.: accident (High Street), Patrick J. Laroche, 27, 135B Narrows Road, Westminster, OUI liquor, OUI drugs, negligent operation, possession Class D drug, distribution of

Class D drug, transported to hospital; 7:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Cardinal Lane), info taken; 9:30 p.m.: noise complaint (Hale Street), spoken to; 11:48-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SUNDAY, MAY 13
12:37-1:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:00 a.m.: larceny (Glenallan Street), report taken; 8:23 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (Mountain Road, Orange), services rendered; 8:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Circle), report taken; 10:39 a.m.: erratic operation (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), services rendered; 11:14 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), services rendered; 12:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), property seized; 12:58 p.m.: investigation (North Street), services rendered; 1:07 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), unfounded; 1:13 p.m.: transport (Central Street); 1:25 p.m.: illegal burn (Alger Street), extinguished; 2:34 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), citation issued; 4:18 p.m.: open door/window (Jackson Avenue), secure; 6:51 p.m.: threats (Mechanic Street), report taken; 7:03 p.m.: threats (Beech Street), unable to locate; 8:07 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Hale Street), spoken to; 8:20 p.m.: gunshots heard (Elm Street), unfounded; 8:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), assisted; 9:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Tucker Street), unfounded; 11:02 p.m.: noise complaint (Cedar Terrace), spoken to; 11:53-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, MAY 14
12:09-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:03 a.m.: disabled mv (Spring Street), assisted; 8:45 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:14 a.m.: officer wanted (Memorial Drive), spoken to; 10:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Teel Road), referred to ACO; 10:01 a.m.: fire/box alarm (Central Street), services rendered; 10:02 a.m.: smoke (Sibley Road), fire extinguished; 10:37 a.m.: summons service (Elmwood Road), advised officer; 10:46 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 11:25 a.m.: suspicious mv (Glenallan Street), no service necessary; 12:13 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 1:24 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Polly's Drive), child playing w/phone; 1:58 p.m.: registration check (Pearl Street), no service necessary; 3:22 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Winchendon Road, Royalston), referred; 4:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Lincoln Avenue Extension), secure; 4:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 5:17 p.m.: mv stop (Beech Street), Corey Draleau, age 23, 129 Pine Street, Gardner, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, arrest; 5:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Converse Drive), report taken; 6:10 p.m.: assist other PD (Lakeshore Drive), message delivered; 7:16 p.m.: suspicious/other (Central Street), info taken; 7:26 p.m.: accident (Sibley Road), transported to hospital; 8:14 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 8:42 p.m.: noise complaint (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:05 p.m.: assist other agency (Town Farm Road), unable to locate.

First step to ed reform passes

BOSTON – On Thursday, students, parents, and teachers filled the State House as the Massachusetts Senate unanimously voted to pass a key education reform bill to update the state's 25-year-old funding formula.

The bill, *An Act Modernizing the Foundation Budget for the 21st Century* (S.2506), was introduced by **Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz (D-Boston)** and was co-sponsored by 36 senators. The bill would implement the recommendations of the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the foundation budget formula is drastically underestimating education costs. This has forced deep cuts to classrooms and critical programs, and one of the worst achievement gaps in the nation.

Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) had this to say, “This is a necessary step to recognize that funding has been inadequate and our students deserve more.”

“In Massachusetts, we strive for a fair and equal education system, not as an ideal, but as a reality,” said **Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester)**. “This is an immensely important bill for our schools, large and small. I want to commend Senator Chang-Díaz for her commitment, dedication, and hard work on this legislation.”

“With the unanimous passage of the commission's recommendations, the Senate is doing its part to make good on our obligation to every child in Massachusetts,” said **Sen. Chang-Díaz**, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on

Education. “For years now, our schools have been suffering death by a thousand paper cuts, and its long past time we right this wrong. Schools and families shouldn’t have to lawyer up to get a quality education for their children.”

The vote follows months of advocacy by education stakeholders across Massachusetts. More than 50 school committees across the state have passed resolutions supporting the reforms, and Brockton Public Schools announced earlier this year they are preparing to sue the Commonwealth for failing in its constitutional obligation to properly fulfill its obligations to funding.

“The Senate's initiative will be welcomed by school committee members and education stakeholders,” said **Beverly Hugo**, MASC president,

Framingham School Committee. “It sets us on the right path to get the full and adequate funding that we’ve been seeking, over a reasonable period of time.”

Established by the 1993 Education Reform Act, the Foundation Budget was designed to ensure every Massachusetts student was provided a quality education. However, the formula has failed to keep up with rising fixed costs like health care and special education that have outpaced initial estimates. It also underrated what it actually takes to educate English language learners and students living in poverty. The FBRC found these combined costs have led the Commonwealth to underestimate the cost of education by \$1-2 billion every year.



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OBITUARIES

Susan M. Betourney-Sleyzak, 64

JAFFREY — Susan M. Betourney-Sleyzak, age 64, a resident of Jaffrey, died at her home on May 8, 2018 after a period of declining health, she was surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 19, 1954, in Winchendon, a daughter of Lucienne (Bellette) and the late Maurice Betourney.

She graduated from Conant high school and earned her associates in business management while employed at New Hampshire ball bearing as a planner scheduler for 43 years. Her greatest joy was her grandson, Kamden Hudson and living life to the fullest.

She is survived by her husband Steven Sleyzak, her daughter Shyenne Rebstad and her husband, Terrance Hudson, her grandson Kamden Hudson. Her mother Lucienne Betourney, her Sister Nancy

Hall and her husband, Frank, her sister Sandra Buzzell and her husband, Dennis, her brother Brian Betourney and his wife Molly, her sister MaryLou Duval and her husband David. She was preceded in death by her father Maurice and her brother Danny. She is also survived by several niece's nephews and their children who all loved her very dearly.

In accordance with Susan's wishes there will be no calling hours. A service of remembrance will take place on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 1 p.m. in our scenic memorial park at Cournoyer Funeral Home & Cremation Center 33 River Street, Jaffrey, NH.

To share a memory or offer a condolence with Susan's family please visit her permanent online memorial page at www.cournoyerfh.com

Leo C. Lambert Sr., 52

WINCHENDON — Leo C. Lambert Sr., age 52, of 13 Maynard St., died unexpectedly Saturday, May 12, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.



He was born in Lowell on February 11, 1966 and had lived in Winchendon for 18 years.

Leo had worked as a carpenter and truck driver and worked most recently as a shipper and receiver at O'Reilly Auto Parts Distribution Center, Fort Devens. He enjoyed crocheting and he had camped in his younger years. Leo loved his church, Cornerstone Church of the Assemblies of God and his pride and joy was his family and grandchildren.

He leaves his wife of 31 years, Paula (Sawtelle) Lambert; two daughters, Michelle Ball and Crystal-Rose and her husband Michael Rathier Sr.; two sons, Leo Lambert Jr. and his wife Melissa and Justin Lambert and his partner Marlena Knuuttila, all of Winchendon; his mother Edithe Wolfe of Lowell; his

father Benoit Lambert and his wife Dorothy of Saint Malo, Quebec; three brothers, Richard Lambert and his wife Darlene of Nashua, NH, Jean Lambert and Ron Gibson of Lowell; three sisters, Danielle Lambert of Lowell, Mary Goff and her husband Edward of Columbia, Missouri and Theresa Getman and her husband John of Florida; 18 grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and many friends. He was predeceased by his mother in law and father in law, Marguerite and Robert Sawtelle Sr., his stepfather, Elmwood Wolfe; his brother in law Robert Sawtelle Jr. and granddaughter, Anastasia LaRose.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at 11 a.m. in Cornerstone Church of the Assemblies of God, 122 Gardner Road, Winchendon, MA.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon are Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone Church of Assemblies of God, 122 Gardner Rd., Winchendon, MA 01475.

William Joseph Seamans, 61

LEOMINSTER — William Joseph Seamans, 61, of Leominster, died Tuesday, May 8, from a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

William was born November 9, 1956, in Fort Eustis, Newport News, VA to the late Thomas James Seamans Jr. and the late Evelyn Emma (Blair) Seamans. He was a 1975 graduate from Leominster Trade High School. William previously worked for Union Products, Inc., Digital Equipment Corp., Injectronics, and Nypro. Due to his illness, William was forced to discontinue working at an early age.

Bill enjoyed life, especially spending time with family and carrying on well established family traditions, including cooking the Thanksgiving turkey, enjoying pork and apple pies during the holidays, family gatherings, building pinewood derby cars with his grandchildren, and enjoying classic country music. Bill also enjoyed hunting, camping at Lake George, New York, white water rafting in Maine, carpentry, attending antique car shows, assembling model cars, and target shooting.

He was a member of St. Leo's Parish, the Leominster Sportsman Association,

the Orange Gun Club, and the National Rifle Association.

He leaves two sons, Andrew Seamans and his wife, Jacinta, of Athol, and Matthew Seamans of Fitchburg; seven grandchildren, Joseph, Elizabeth, Thomas, Hannah, and Anthony Seamans, all of Athol, and Haley and Emily Seamans, of Fitchburg; one brother, Daniel Seamans of Sterling; four sisters, Kathryn Rupp of Winchendon, Patricia Adams of W. Rutland, VT, Pamela Sumner of Leominster, and Cynthia Gosselin of Hubbardston; six nephews and four nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Richard Seamans.

The funeral Mass was held Saturday, May 12 at St. Leo's Church, 128 Main St., Leominster. Burial will follow in St. Leo's Cemetery.

Calling hours were Friday, May 11 at Simard Funeral Home, 14 Walker St., Leominster.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.mackfamilyfh.com.

Pauline L. (Casey) Gooley, 87

FITCHBURG - Pauline L. (Casey) Gooley, age 87, of Fitchburg, died peacefully Tuesday May 8, 2018 in The Highlands after a period of declining health.



Pauline was born in Fitchburg, on July 30, 1930, the daughter of the late Henry P. and Agnes (Seeley) Casey. Her beloved husband of 47 years, Richard S. Gooley died in 1998.

Pauline was a long-time resident of Ashby before moving to Fitchburg in 2012. She was a 1948 graduate of Fitchburg High School. She was active in the alumni association reunion committee.

Mrs. Gooley worked as an admission clerk at Burbank Hospital for 27 years before retiring in 1993. Her attention to detail in all she did made her well respected by the staff at the hospital. She was a member of St. Bernard at St. Camillus Church and was a team leader for the 333 club. She was a member of the Ashby Senior Center. Pauline was a devoted mother and wife. She took great pride in the home her husband Richard

made for her. Entertaining in her beautiful Ashby home, cooking meals and baking delicious treats for family and friends made her happy. She loved to have fun with the "girls, playing cards and going to many Broadway shows.

Pauline is survived by her three children, Patricia A Flinkstrom and her husband Leonard of Westminster, Paula J. Lanson of Fitchburg and Brian Gooley and his wife, Susan of Winchendon; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 from the Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli and the Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, 243 Water St., Fitchburg, with a Mass in St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg. Burial followed in Glenwood Cemetery Ashby.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ashby Ambulance Fund, C/O Ashby Fire and EMS, 1093 Main St., Ashby, MA 01431 or may be left at the funeral home.

For more information please visit our website at www.masciarellifamilyfuneralhomes.net.

Edward Jones, 87



WINCHENDON — Edward Jones, age 87, of 145 Monomonac Road West, died peacefully Thursday morning, May 10th, 2018 in Health Alliance Leominster Hospital.

He was born on September 13, 1930 and lived at the Walter E. Fernald School in Waltham for many years until moving to Winchendon 12 years ago.

Ed attended ARC in Fitchburg and participated in GVNA day programs.

He enjoyed doing puzzles, dancing, going to yard sales and trips to the beaches of Cape Cod.

He leaves his close friends, Betty and Ted May of Winchendon, with whom he lived, and his friends at ARC and GVNA.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 14, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

A calling hour preceded the funeral Monday.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at a later date.

Violet M. (Wright) Melvin Lipscomb, 92

FITCHBURG — Violet M. (Wright) Melvin Lipscomb, age 92 of Fitchburg passed away peacefully Thursday evening in her home with her family at her side.

She was born June 19, 1926 in Lowell daughter of Maurice and Bessie (Arthur) Wright and was raised in Lowell. She lived in Fitchburg over 40 years.

Violet was a registered nurse for over thirty years. She worked for the Clinton Hospital, UMass Hospital and the former Hillcrest Nursing Home in Fitchburg.

She enjoyed growing Hawaiian flowers, sewing, and knitting. Violet had a true love for cats and often took in stray cats and cared for them no matter what they needed.

She is survived by her sons, Edward Alger of Rochester, Washington, Robert Melvin of Fitchburg, David Melvin

of Leominster, and John Singfook in California, daughters, Elaine Reed of Fitchburg, Gloria Lord of Winchendon, Carol Caisse of Winchendon, and Correena Hannah in California, sisters, Mildred McNeil of Millbury and Sandra Venziano of Mendon CT., twenty-seven grandchildren many great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by her husband Isham William Lipscomb in 2002 and two sons, James and Richard Melvin and her daughter Shirley LeBlanc.

A graveside service and Interment was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 in Forest Hill Cemetery. All are welcome to attend. There are no calling hours.

The Lavery Chartrand Alario Funeral Home, 99 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA is directing. Michael S. Alario Director - Owner.

Nancy Vernazzaro, 62

RINDGE — Nancy Vernazzaro, age 62, of Rindge died peacefully on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon after a very sudden illness.



Nancy was born in Plymouth on September 9, 1955 daughter of the late William and Elma (McCormick) Green. Nancy was a 1973 graduate of Silver Lake High School in Plymouth and she had

continued to live there until moving to Rindge in the early '90s.

Early on, Nancy enjoyed working at B&B Groceries making her legendary meatball subs. She then settled into advertising and graphic design and had worked locally for Savron Graphics in Jaffrey and Audio Amateurs in Peterborough.

Nancy was a member of American Legion Post 193 in Winchendon and will be fondly remembered for her love of nature photography, especially of owls and the moon. She also wrote beautiful poetry and adored being a wife, mom and grandmother to her entire family.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Frank Vernazzaro of

Rindge; her daughter, Holly Vernazzaro of Charleston, SC; her son Michael and his wife Kristal Vernazzaro of Barnstead, NH along with her two grandchildren, Michaela and Anthony, also of Barnstead, NH; her brothers, Robert Green and Horatio Green, both of Bryantville and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

As it is forecast to be a beautiful day, and one of Nancy's loves were classic cars, all are invited to bring your classic car to her visitation and service to help celebrate her life.

Family and friends were warmly invited to a calling hour on Thursday, May 17, 2018 along the scenic riverside area at the Cournoyer Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 33 River Street, (Route 202 South) in Jaffrey.

A funeral service was immediately following outside, along the scenic riverside area in the rear of the funeral home. Rev. David Jadlocki, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Rindge was the officiant.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy requested memorial contributions be made in her name to the Monadnock Humane Society, 101 W Swanzeay Rd, Swanzeay, NH 03446, or to Monadnock Kitty Rescue and Adoption, PO Box 468, Jaffrey, NH 03452.



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SPORTS

Changed forever

Next Monday, Memorial Day, the sports landscape will change forever. That's the day Monmouth racetrack in New Jersey will become the first facility outside Las Vegas to welcome gambling on just about any game you choose to bet. New Jersey has been ready for this, it was after all their suit on which the Supreme Court ruled a federal ban on sports gambling is unconstitutional, but Jersey will just be the first and hardly the last.

State after state are certain to get into the business and the best places for these venues are indeed America's racetracks. I have no idea whether that will happen but it makes sense to me as a win-win.

It's hardly a secret that for a long time professional sports leagues were absurdly hypocritical with their complaints about gambling. 40 years ago, CBS' NFL pregame show featured Jimmy-the-Greek Snyder. Go ahead and tell me that wasn't a nod to the gamblers. Lots of folks these days play fantasy leagues. Hell, the one thing that would topple the NFL faster than safety issues would be a prohibition on gambling. Millions upon millions are bet on the NCAA tournament every March. I even hear some people win their pools though I never did. How many zillions of Super Bowl squares are out there? We bet on the Oscars. All this is way overdue.



TALKING SPORTS
JERRY CARTON

I've been in football pools. Most of us have. As long as a half-century ago, I was in a pool with my dad, uncle and cousins. Some years later we actually let a woman, albeit one who was a football radio reporter, join. We were trail-blazers. Right, Sue?

Some folks like to bet on baseball or NASCAR or whatever. Fine. Not my thing, but

why shouldn't you be able to drive to your nearest racetrack or punch a few keys on your phone and bet on the Mets v the Braves? We're a society which adores gambling. Welcome to the 21st century. I just hope racetracks seize the opportunity to be host venues.

Speaking of, late tomorrow afternoon, the Preakness will be run for the 143rd time. The undefeated and untested Justify, fresh off his Derby win in which he became the first since Apollo in 1882 to capture the Roses without running as a two year-old, is the heavy favorite and deservedly so, but as the saying goes that's why they run the races. We shall see.

The longer term issue revolves around how much longer the race will be run at Pimlico. It's been contested there since 1870, with the exception of a few years in New York more than a century ago, and the place has outlived its usefulness. It pains me to say that because I lived not far from there. It was about a 10-minute drive from my Baltimore County house to the track. My dad, who is 91, grew up a few blocks from Pimlico. But as fans of the old un-air conditioned Boston Gardens get, and as fans of the original Yankee Stadium know, times change. It's time to move the Preakness to Laurel. See you next week.

Three more victories keep softball at top of game

BY SUE POLCARI
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Murdock High School varsity softball team continued their winning ways this past week with their fifth, sixth and seventh consecutive victories!

West Boylston was the first victim of Murdock's strong offense and defense, accented by a great diving catch in the second inning by shortstop Jocelyn Garner. The Lions scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning to avoid being shut-out by pitcher Emily Smith, but it was not nearly enough to overcome the 11 run deficit.

Maria Polcari (2 for 4, 3 runs), Molly Murphy (2 for 4, 2 runs), Garner (2 for 4, 1 run), Emily Kiberd-Pervier (single), Lindsey Smith (single, run scored), Meagan Knight (3 for 4, 2 runs), and Ashley Sevigny (double, run) all con-

tributed to Murdock's offense.

Murdock avenged its earlier season loss to Maynard on May 11th with an 8-1 victory. Emily Smith pitched a complete game, retiring the first nine batters in order, before giving up a home run in the fourth inning, which accounted for the Tigers lone run. Smith allowed only two additional hits, struck out 10 and did not allow any walks.

The Murdock Blue Devils scored one run in each of the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth innings and three runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat the Maynard Tigers 8-1.

Knight went 3 for 4 on the afternoon with a single, 2 doubles, an RBI and 3 runs scored. Emily Smith (single, RBI), Lindsey Smith (single, RBI), Kelly Murphy (2 singles and a run scored), Jocelyn Garner (single, double and run scored), Molly Murphy (single, sacri-

fice fly RBI), Polcari (2 singles, triple, 2 runs), and Vicky St. Hilaire (double, RBI) contributed offensively for the Lady Devils.

Murdock and Narragansett squared off on May 14 for yet another well-played game by both teams. The Blue Devils were first on the board when lead off batter Polcari hit a single followed by a Molly Murphy single and a sacrifice fly by Kiberd-Pervier which plated Polcari. Polcari scored again in the third inning on a solo home run to left field. The Devils scored their third and final run of the afternoon in the top of the sixth inning on a solo home run to center field by shortstop Garner.

The Warriors scored their run in the bottom of the sixth inning on a single by their #6 hitter followed by an RBI double by batter #7. After a walk to batter #8, Narragansett had runners

on first and second with two outs, but pitcher, Emily Smith struck out the next batter, stranding the two runners. Smith and Narragansett pitcher Sydney Chenoweth delivered almost identical statistics with each striking out six and allowing five hits. Smith also walked three batters.

The Murdock victory resulted in reportedly the first season sweep of Narragansett in 14 years and also raised Murdock to the top position in the Mid-Wach League E division. The Lady Devils' record as of this writing is 9-4 with a game scheduled for Thursday at home vs. Quabbin. Tuesday's game against Parker Charter was rained out and is rescheduled for June 4th.

Please visit www.mwmla.org for a complete schedule of all home and away track meets and baseball/softball games. Go Blue Devils!!

BLAIR

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a cold steel table in an uncomfortable chair, and search the book for what I sought. Of course, I could take the book home if I had a library card, and if I failed to return it in the required period of time, I would be fined.

I once had a very large collection of books. My library was something I enjoyed. However, over the years I have given away almost all of my books. In so doing I have learned first hand how times have changed.

In one instance, I gave a number of books away to a school. Thinking that their library would appreciate such a gift. Imagine how surprised I was to find all my books in a local second hand store being sold cheaply. I was able to accept that the books would eventually reach someone who would read them and

appreciate them. But getting there took me a while.

I also watched as schools closed their libraries completely and used the space for something else, often technology. Clearly, around the country some were trying to recognize the changes taking place and accommodating the needs of their students who resisted the old way of finding material, or doing research or just expanding knowledge.

Some years ago, I knew a Headmaster who loved books. He was an avid reader. As this new trend was developing his school decided to build a library and name it for him. He agreed to let them use his name but on one condition: that there be set aside a room, with a roaring fireplace and comfortable leather chairs which could only be used for pleasure reading.

It would be interesting to know today, decades

later, if students still use that room but can be found looking at their Kindles or iPads rather than actually reading a hard copy book.

Now I sit in my comfortable chair, go to a search engine, type in my question, and hundreds of possibilities appear on my screen. I select the one most applicable, click on it, and the material appears immediately on my computer. So, I acknowledge that I have accepted the new ways to read and I acknowledge that they save a great deal of time and make access to good stories so much easier.

So, I acknowledge that this kind of change makes sense. I do not want to be like the horseback rider who refuses to give up his faithful horse in favor of the new Model T Ford. If I were to take that position, it would be silly. No matter one's preference, one has to acknowledge that things do change and that progress continues

to move us forward.

When I retired, I set a goal to read 40 books a year. I have successfully done so over these past years. I understand that this would have been harder if I had tried to access books and read them in the old way. I have my iPad with me everywhere and I find even during the night, if I awake, I have only to push the "on" button and whatever I am currently reading is available to me. Certainly when I travel, the new methods are much more convenient. When I was younger, I would take paperbacks with me on trips, ones that I could simply discard when I finished the book and replace it with another discardable paperback bought in various cities while I traveled.

It saddens me to see libraries close, especially in schools. But they are being replaced by the ever-present laptops that young people have

available today. Towns across the country continue to try to fund their local libraries, but I fear it will ultimately not be feasible.

I have friends who refuse to give up reading hard cover books. These are people who can understand change is happening; they can even accept that it is inevitable. But they reserve to themselves the right to continue their own practice of reading.

Word crafting is a very special art. Authors who master it develop large followings. I can see that the readers of the future will continue to value the written word, but they will receive it in a different form.

This does not lessen the importance of being well read. It does not require those of the older generations embrace the change. But they must also realistically understand that just as the primary mode of transportation went from horses to

automobiles, the reading of books appears to be racing toward the online versions, not the hard-back collectibles.

Let me go back to my comment on pictures lest it be thought I do not appreciate art in its various forms. I have had the opportunity to visit many of the largest and most significant art galleries in the world from the Louvre to the Uffizi to the Prado. Impressive canvases and sculptures. Well worth the time and effort.

But in no way do these treats for the eyes match the challenge of a good book. In the past they have survived side by side. Renaissance man appreciates and learns from them both.

Hopefully this will continue. But the delivery of art and the written word is changing rapidly. It is wise to accept and master these changes.

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DCAMM is ‘poor steward’ claims Bump in audit

BOSTON —The executive branch agency charged with management of properties owned and leased by the Commonwealth is not ensuring solid waste recycling takes place in those buildings, despite an executive order to do so, according to an audit released by state Auditor Suzanne M. Bump. The audit of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance shows it was not ensuring that all solid waste recycling requirements at state-owned buildings were met and was not monitoring the waste removal and recycling practices at state leased buildings. Some state agencies reported they did no recycling at all. The audit also notes that DCAMM did not

track or maintain records of recycling activities, and did not analyze waste disposed of to identify areas for improvement or potential cost savings.

In the audit, Bump calls on DCAMM to implement better oversight of waste disposal in government owned and leased buildings to ensure state agencies are complying with their responsibilities related to recycling.

Additionally, Bump encourages DCAMM to pursue potential financial credits for recycled items, which would save taxpayer dollars by offsetting the cost of solid waste disposal in state buildings.

“Massachusetts likes to think itself a leader in envi-



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Greg Vine photos

over Tarbell Brook. It's expected that a single-lane span, complete with traffic signals, will be open by the end of the month. The span has been closed for over a year due to safety concerns. Plans are also currently in the works to replace the Robbins Road bridge over Robbins Brook. That bridge has not been closed to traffic.



The state last week finished up work on sidewalks on the east side of School Street/Route 12 North between Mill Street and the American Legion. Work will soon begin on resurfacing the roadway from Mill Street to the New Hampshire line, a stretch of about 2.5 miles. The cost of the project is pegged at just under \$1,144,000.



Safe driving tips



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Did you know a few years ago an insurance report revealed drivers in nearby Worcester were named among the worse drivers in America! According to that study, Worcester drivers got in auto accidents once every 4.3 years, which makes them 134.8 percent more liable to crash their cars than the average American!

With these stats in mind the following "safe driving tips" from AAA and other sources, are offered.

*** This time of year bright sun glare is a common problem, especially just after sunrise and prior to sunset. If you find yourself driving with the sun shining in your eyes, try these tips:

*Check out polarized sunglasses, studies show they really do decrease glare.

*Don't forget to utilize your sun visor. If necessary invest in an inexpensive sun shield that attaches to the visor and

provides more shade.

*When the sun is interfering with your vision, practice proactive safety. Back off from the car in front of you to leave more room (and more reaction time) between you and the other vehicle.

* Make sure your windshield is crystal clear. Dirt and smudges increase glare from the sun's rays.

*Leave your headlights on. It will help others see you better.

Rainy weather poses more problems for safe driving. In fact, studies show wet roadways contribute to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year. Up your odds of a safe arrival with these pointers:

*Check out your wipers. Replacing worn windshield wipers are an inexpensive, cost effective way to increase visibility in rainy weather.

Note: Wipers that don't clean the glass in a single swipe should be replaced.

*Always turn on your headlights when driving in rainy weather. It not only helps you to see the road more clearly, but it also allows you to be visible to other drivers.

*Did you know proper maintenance of tires can help prevent accidents, especially on wet pavement? Tire tread is

important for good traction. Place a quarter in the tire groove. If you can see above George Washington's head, you should replace your tire for optimum safety.

*Also, be sure your tire pressure is up to par. Correct tire pressure aids in preventing slipping and sliding on rain soaked roads. Note: Tire pressure often drops in cold weather.

*Above all, don't use cruise control! When utilized in wet weather, the loss of acceleration control can prevent a safe reduction in speed.

*Did you know hydroplaning can be prevented simply by slowing down? Here is an eye opening fact from AAA: With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

*OK, so you find yourself skidding in wet weather. What to do? According to AAA you should: Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go. Avoid slamming on the brakes

as this will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to control.

Whether you're taking a road trip of just have a long daily commute, being alert is imperative to safe driving. Research reveals very sleepy drivers can impair judgment as much as drugs and alcohol can. Read on for ways to reduce drowsiness:

*Never attempt a long trip unless you have at least six hours of sleep under your belt.

*Drink a coffee or caffeinated soft drink. Keep in mind it takes about a half hour before it takes effect, so if need be, take a nap in the meantime.

*Schedule a break every couple of hours. Have a healthy snack. Step out of the car and stretch your legs.

*Getting plenty of sleep (at least six hours) the night before a long trip;

*On long trips avoid driving when you normally sleep, even if you've slept in the off hours. Drive during your regular waking hours to keep your body on your regular schedule and more alert.

*Driving with a passenger that is awake is the best bet for keeping yourself from nodding off.

*If you are tired, pull over and take a nap. Be sure to park

in a safe place, never pull over the side of the road. Instead, find an open parking lot where you feel you can safely take a snooze.

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

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ronmental management, but state government itself is setting a pretty poor example," Bump said. "It is embarrassing to learn that DCAMM is such a poor steward of the Earth and of taxpayer dollars."

In its response to the audit findings, DCAMM conceded it was falling short and indicated it would bolster its

oversight of recycling and solid waste removal in state government buildings and would explore opportunities to receive financial credits for recycling activities.

An audit of Bridgewater State University, which was released in March, found similar issues at the school.

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The American Empire and its media

Recently I wrote that under seemingly worthy goals of stopping the spread of socialism, then drugs, then terrorism we seemingly invited ourselves into every world conflict. Were globalists covertly using these causes instead to build an American Empire? As a college professor teaching current events for 40 plus years, I had to come to this conclusion.

Foreign policy seems to have moved from defense to offense. Now no empire of yesteryear controls or influences more territory than we. We call this globalism where the United States becomes not only the world's only super power but also the world's "real" government. Globalism requires a global military and a media silent on the matter. We now have both.

Today Wikipedia documents US troops deployed in "more than 150 countries" around the world with thousands of military personnel still in World War II countries 73 years later. Approximately a third of our troops serve outside the US in places most Americans have never heard such as Aruba, Bahrain, Kenya, and Qatar. And we have approximately 800 military bases encircling the globe all in the name of "our" national security.

Numerous books and hundreds of articles have identified the heart of the nearing 100-year globalist movement as having been centered on

three private industrialist/high finance dominated organizations. The most important of these was the Council on Foreign Relations (1921), to infiltrate both major political parties in the US with globalist thinking, the Bilderbergers (1954), to influence and consolidate the interests of high finance and politics in Europe, and the Trilateral Commission (1973), to influence and consolidate the interests of high finance and politics in the three most powerful regions of the globe North America, Europe and Japan.

None of this could have happened without big media, once the government's watchdog now its lapdog, becoming accomplices to the new world order movement. This too has been documented by hundreds of articles over the last many decades with the *New York Times*, the foremost print mouthpiece of the Council on Foreign Relations followed closely by the *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*. This is nothing new as CFR members have dominated all major medias for decades.

What is new for most is the 2010-11 release of 2,325,961 secret State Department cables by WikiLeaks confirming beyond question the above and more. In it "the world saw what the USA really thought about national leaders, friendly dictators & supposed allies. It also discovered the dark truths of



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national policies, human rights violations, covert operations & cover-ups" (The WikiLeaks Files: The World According to US Empire, by Julian Assange).

Top secret has become, by-in-large, anything that the government does not want known, which in this case, is its working for world domination. So their immediate reaction was to vilify WikiLeaks asking everyone to delete anything on the Internet from it. "Internet access to WikiLeaks was blocked by national libraries; major international studies journals rejected all manuscripts citing WikiLeaks material; and the Pentagon stopped all emails containing the organization's name."

The definition of national security was enlarged to include concealing government globalist activities. Anyone willing to expose them were villainized as is the case of WikiLeaks. Much of this had little to do with actual national security but to keep the public from knowing, thus preventing, our government's future conspiring toward world gov-

ernance.

To counter the globalists censorship of this material and protect "the public's right to know," WikiLeaks "set up a Public Library of US Diplomacy (PlusD), containing the cables and other diplomatic records." They also published a book The WikiLeaks Files to help sift through the over two million documents for easier assessment evaluation of the mountain of information. A chapter in this book by Sarah Harrison explains how to use it (Review of the WikiLeaks Files: The World according to US empire, By Alison Broinowski).

CFR members are in every federal position of importance, in every administration regardless of political party. With the exception of Presidents Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump both presidential party nominees for decades have been affiliated. The CFR is our government. It is no longer a theory. The extent of its influence was expressed by John J. McCloy, a longtime chairman of the Council and advisor to nine U.S. presidents who told the *New York Times*: "Whenever we needed a man we thumbed through the roll of the Council members and put through a call to New York." CFR headquarter is located in New York City.

With respect to the establishment media's participation, which, with the Julian Assange's treasure trove of

documentation, cannot be called anything less than a conspiracy. From this the Swiss Propaganda Research organization assembled the latest 2017 graphical depiction of CFR/Trilateral Commission/Bilderberg Group membership in the "uppity" plan to give world dominance to them. View at <https://swprs.org/the-american-empire-and-its-media/>.

It documents 190 top US journalists who are members of one or more of the globalist organizations identified. They exist in every major news outlet. They control your news, not only what you know but what you think about. They are the "Ruling Class Journalists". If you are not already aware of their dominance it is because your favorite journalists have not told you and it is increasingly hard for this revelation to get into any news organ which explains why Assange resorted to the State Department dump.

Dr. Harold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. To read more of his weekly articles, visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org.

When hair becomes valuable

When I was appraising items at the event for the Quaboag Historical Society, someone brought in a mourning lock- et. It had a painting of the deceased person and a lock of his hair inside a small glass chamber. Making jewelry from the hair of a loved one was a fairly common practice during the 19th century.

A 2016 *National Geographic* magazine story discusses the Victorian trend of making mourning jewelry with hair. Queen Victoria publicly grieved for 41 years after the death of her husband, Prince Albert in 1861. She often wore a lock of Prince Albert's hair around her neck. Queen Victoria's influence extended well beyond England. Many in the United States began the practice of wearing mourning jewelry.

Hair jewelry and wreaths were a way to show your connection to a departed loved one. The use of hair was more common during this era. Women of the era exchanged locks of hair as a love token.

The trend wasn't limited to the upper class. The middle class also wore



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mourning jewelry. Wreaths made of wire and human hair from a departed loved one were fashioned together. Sometimes hair from both living and deceased family members were combined into a wreath.

Mourning jewelry sells for a wide range of prices. Some pieces sell for well under \$50, but others can bring much higher prices. Like any other piece of jewelry, the materials that were used and the craftsmanship are important factors. We sold a 24 karat gold brooch with seed pearls, diamond chips and a compartment that held hair for over \$2,000 at one

of our auctions.

Hair from deceased celebrities and historical figures can bring huge prices. A *Time Magazine* article listed some auction prices for human hair. A lock of John F Kennedy's hair sold for \$3,000, as did a lock of Neil Armstrong's. Mickey Mantle's hair set a buyer back \$6,900. Beethoven's hair reached \$7,300.

Auction records show that a lock of Ulysses S. Grant's hair sold for \$5,000 in 2012. Rock singer, David Bowie's hair brought \$15,000 in 2016. George

Washington's hair sold for \$26,000 the same year. Abraham Lincoln's sold for a bit more at \$32,500. Lincoln's assassin's hair, John Wilkes Booth, went to a buyer at \$25,000. CNBC reported that a tress from Marilyn Monroe sold for nearly \$40,000 at auction in 2016. A lock of John Lennon's hair fetched \$48,000. A letter signed by Robert E. Lee, along with a pocket knife and lock of hair reached \$55,000 in 2014. A former CIA employee sold the fingerprints, death photos and lock of hair from Che Guevara. The lot brought \$110,000 at auction. Elvis Presley's personal barber surreptitiously stashed away a strand of Presley's pompadour. It sold for the hair raising price of \$119,500.

I'll be appraising items for the Leicester Historical Society on March 19. The event takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on this and other events.

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Thence, easterly by land now or formerly of Robert Ahola et ux 233.47 feet to a stake and stones by the wall; Thence, southerly by the wall 57.75 feet, more or less to a stake and stones;
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**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by John A. Macomber to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated December 9, 2011 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48245, Page 318, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49218, Page 133 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 8, 2018 at 27 Prentice Circle, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
The land with the buildings thereon in the Town of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on Prentice Circle bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point located on the Northerly end of Prentice circle cul-de-sac; Thence N. 03 degrees 38' 52" W. a distance of two hundred, fifty-nine and 19/100 (259.19) feet to a point located on a stone wall; Thence S. 88 degrees 02' 44" E. along said stone wall and land now or formerly of E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of four and 58/100 (4.58) feet to a drill hole located at an angle point in said wall; Thence N. 62 degrees 41' 08" E. along said wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of eight and 42/100 (8.42) feet to a drill hole located at an angle point in said wall; Thence S. 88 degrees 57' 58" E. along said wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of seventy and 98/100 (70.98) feet to a drill hole in said wall; Thence S. 77 degrees 27' 08" E. along said wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of one hundred eighty-one and 54/100 (181.54) feet to a drill hole located at a corner of said stone wall; Thence S. 14 degrees 00' 30" W. along said stone wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of twenty-two and 56/100 (22.56) feet to a point; Thence S. 28 degrees 45' 29" W. a distance of three hundred fifty-six and 96/100 (356.96) feet to a point located on the northerly end of Prentice Circle cul-de-sac; Thence by said cul-de-sac to the left having a radius of 85.00 feet, a length of one hundred ninety-six and 10/100 (196.10) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 54,693 square feet and being Lot 65 on plan entitled "Lot Line Relocation Plan, Map 9, Lot 13, Prentice Circle, Winchendon,

Massachusetts," prepared for D.M. Industries, Inc., October 26, 1989, scale: 1" = 20' prepared by Cuece and Cormier, Inc., and being on record at Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 628, Plan 68. Subject to and with the benefit of any easements, restrictions or rights of way of record, if any there be, insofar as the same are presently in force and applicable. Meaning and intending to describe the same premises conveyed by Deed recorded 2/17/11 at the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47096, Page 308. See also Deed recorded herewith.
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-003019
May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018
June 1, 2018

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18SM002760
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:
Dawn Theriault a/k/a Dawn M. Theriault a/k/a Dawn Marie Mello and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 et seq.: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 24 Poland Avenue, given by Steven Theriault and Dawn Theriault to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated July 26, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42679, Page 262, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated October 29, 2013, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51718, Page 275, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated November 4, 2015, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 54554, Page 197, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated December 6, 2016, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 56536, Page 289, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 18, 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 May 3, 2018. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson 11666
May 18, 2018



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