

## Thanks for three decades of service

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon Fire Department Captain Marty Brooks may have seen countless changes in the fire service during his three decades as a Toy Town fireman, but one thing that never changed over tens of thousands of calls for aid was his unquestionable level of dedication and professionalism to saving lives and placing the needs of others before self.

Starting out as a new recruit in 1987, Brooks worked as an on-call fireman for nearly a decade, before finally receiving the call to become a full time fireman in March 1996. Over the next two decades, Brooks eventually rose to the rank of Captain in October 2011, and served with honor and distinction until his final day of service and retirement on Thursday, July 13.

Chief Tom Smith was quick to point out, "I would have to say Marty's dedication to the community is his strongest suit. He is definitely very passionate when it comes to caring for the people of Winchendon, but he is also very passionate and dedicated to the perception of how people look at the Winchendon Fire Department."

With a smile Smith next joked, "Probably the most interesting thing



WFD Captain Marty Brooks and his wife Kathy, enjoying a retirement cake complete with fire truck during a retirement part July 7.

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## Clark plans for new community center advance

BY GREG VINE  
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The Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals last week granted a variance to the Clark Memorial YMCA to construct a 13,600-square-foot community center to within a foot of the Summer Drive right of way. Much of that space is occupied by a grassy rise between the paved portion of Summer Drive and the proposed site of the center.

The next move for the Clark is to present a site plan to the Winchendon's Planning Board. However, plans for the board to do an informal site plan review at its meeting next Tuesday night appear to be on hold.

Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero said it's his understanding the Clark proposal needs include a plan for dealing with storm water because the project would result in the creation of more impervious surface due, in part, to additional parking being added to the north side of the center. That will lead to an increased amount of runoff resulting from rain storms and snow melt. The location for the center is currently grass covered, thus allowing more moisture to be absorbed by the ground. The addition of ground-

water runoff plans to the Y's site plan would require a formal review, according to Corbosiero.

"We still plan on having an informational get-together, so to speak, Tuesday night," he said. "Neighbors and abutters have been notified. But we may not see a formal site plan, now, until sometime in August."

In addition to the community center, Clark Executive Director Mike Quinn says the Y is planning to turn the south end of the field house, a former skating rink, into a teen center. That amenity would occupy space once used to house a Zamboni and other rink-related equipment. The center would be just under 1,300 square feet in size.

Quinn said the Clark is currently in the midst of a \$2 million capital campaign to raise money for both projects. He said at this point in time most of the effort is geared toward raising money through grants and business contributions.

"We're working hard on grant funding, help from local businesses, and some individual contributions," he said. "In addition to the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, we're looking at regional

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## Dispatch: never boring, filling a need

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It's never boring, not when you're sitting at the dispatch desk at the Winchendon police department. Consider this. One morning last week, a man came up to the window to report an abandoned car, dutifully told head dispatcher Bob Coulombe where the vehicle was and when asked what kind of car it was, replied "blue."

But Coulombe is a professional and in keeping with his mantra that every walk-up, every call, every contact, deserves to be treated with respect and taken seriously, took down the information and assured the visitor an officer would look

into it.

"He was a concerned citizen trying to do the right thing and we appreciate that a lot," Coulombe reflected. "The thing about this job, and I love it, is that you never know what's coming next," he added.

Coulombe is right about that. He oversees a unit of five full-time dispatchers and five per diem dispatchers who handle not only police calls but fire department and emergency services as well.

Winchendon, with thousands fewer calls, is a lot different from previous jobs in Fitchburg and Leominster where Coulombe had worked previously during an 18 year-career, arriving in

town in 2010.

"I like the small town feel," said Coulombe.

"I had visited a friend who was a dispatcher and it looked like something I would like to do. I never wanted to be a police officer. I definitely have that adrenaline rush thing, but I like doing it from here," he laughed.

As might be expected, Coulombe's warmest memories involve situations where he was able to have an immediate impact.

"There was a time out in Royalston where an older man apparently had a heart attack while shoveling snow. We received a call from a young girl telling us what happened and she was very clear and detailed. Thanks to her, we were able to dispatch emergency personnel who were able to reach the scene, administer CPR and transport to the hospital. That girl's quick thinking probably saved her grandfather's life and it makes you feel very good, really good, to be able to help," he recalled.

"When people call, they feel they need your help. You need to be able to be calm, concise, get as much accurate information as you can, and sometimes that's not easy but that's how you can get the right services to them as quickly as you can."

"The hardest calls are the ones involving children. Those



The electronic dashboard for dispatch requires diligence...and sometimes just plain patience.

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Greg Vine photo

Members of the subcommittee exploring a town administrator-sharing agreement between the towns of Winchendon and Templeton at their first meeting July 6. Another meeting was scheduled for last evening. (l-r) Winchendon Selectmen Mike Barbaro and Audrey LaBrie and Templeton Selectmen Cameron Fortes and Diane Haley Brooks. LaBrie was chosen to chair the copanel, Fortes was chosen vice chairman.

## Subcommittee starts work on sharing town manager

BY GREG VINE  
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The subcommittee appointed by the boards of selectmen of Winchendon and Templeton to hammer out a possible agreement to share a chief administrative officer held its first meeting on Thursday, July 6. Another meeting was scheduled for last evening. The panel, consisting of Winchendon board members Audrey LaBrie and Mike Barbaro and Templeton selectmen Cameron Fortes and Diane Haley Brooks, are using the intermunicipal agreement between the Berkshire County towns of Lee and Lenox as a template.

Before a discussion on the agreement could get underway, however, Winchendon resident Janet Corbosiero expressed concern that the signing of such a pact could violate the town charter.

"My concern," she said, "is that you are working on a contract, obviously, so that says somebody has said we want to go forward with this. If you are talking about how our town manager works, going from full time to part time - and how you can even figure that out would be amazing to me. The concern I have is, is this a legitimate way to go

about doing it, having just the selectboard involved and not the town. Are we changing the charter and/or our bylaws? If so, you can't just do that, I believe it would have to go to town meeting."

Barbaro countered that Winchendon's previous town manager, James Kreidler, had been given the go-ahead by a previous board of selectmen to work outside of town hall on a private business venture.

"But he didn't work here part time," said Corbosiero. Section 4-1 of Winchendon's town charter states, "The Town Manager shall devote full-time to the office and shall not hold any other public office, elective or appointive, nor shall engage in any other business, occupation or profession during (his/her) term..." That sentence, however, ends with the caveat, "... unless approved in advance, in writing, by the Board of Selectmen."

The committee moved on to discuss a variety of issues, including Winchendon's proposed role as "host community." Wording in the proposed agreement states that costs related to vacation, sick time, and personal days would be borne by Winchendon "pur-

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## Solar could take until 2018

BY KEITH KENT  
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Due to a contractual stipulation, the solar array at the transfer station completed this past May does not have to be online and fully connected to the electrical grid until May of 2018 per contract with National Grid.

It was discovered during a phone interview with Scott Farrar of National Grid that

the contract between the original company contracted to construct the array, and NG stipulates all connections to the power grid do not have to be completed until May, 2018.

Farrar said, "I feel kind of bad for the town and town manager, because I feel like they were kind of misled. Sure, the company who builds the array comes in, assembles it all, does their thing and it

looks like the entire project is all done and they say the project is complete. But that's only correct on their end, as the overall project is not complete. There are many things needed to be completed on NG's end of the process."

Farrar added, "There are readings that have to be taken. Workers must make sure that surrounding homes,

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.

- Aesop



# State level triathlon rides, runs, swims through Winchendon

For several years Max Performance has chosen Winchendon as the site of its state level triathlon. With the serene backdrop of Lake Denison state park, quiet roads and a bike path for a portion of that race, the site has proven to be a popular one for class A athletes who compete. The event includes a .9 mile swim at the lake, a 22 mile bike ride on back roads and the North Central Pathway, and a 6.2 mile run.

Greg Vine photos



Men in the 44 and under age group kick off the Mass State Triathlon as they dive in to the .9-mile swim in Lake Denison.



Cyclists heading out of Lake Dennison State Recreation Area an onto Baldwinville State Rd./Rte. 202 for the 22-mile cycling leg of the Mass State Triathlon.

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Puffing their way to the next leg of the race. Triathletes puffing their way into the center of Winchendon after making the climb up Tannery Hill.



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## KITTY KORNER

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

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# Compassionate Friends throw a lifeline

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There is, as the writer can attest, no loss greater than that of a child, and while every family and every individual carve out their own grief paths, they do not have to make that crushing journey alone.

This where the Compassionate Friends of North Central Massachusetts comes in. Launched nationally almost 50 years ago by Joe and Iris Lawley and Bill and Joan Henderson, the non-profit organization now meets locally the first Thursday of every month in Westminster and chapter co-leader Dennis Gravelle says he can speak from experience regarding the group's benefits for bereaved parents.

"When my son died" in 2009, Gravelle acknowledged that while he began attending Compassionate Friends meetings, he didn't become involved immediately. That took a year or so but Gravelle said the fellowship mattered from the beginning.

"I admit that when I actually heard laughter, I thought, 'are these people

crazy?' but in reality, going to the meetings, and we suggest that people go at least three times before deciding whether or not it's right for them, made a big difference for me."

Gravelle said the recommendation that people attend three meetings before deciding whether the group work be of help for them is based largely on the sense that "it takes a couple meetings for feelings and emotions to even out."

The local chapter was created in 1983. Elaine Rodecki had "lost my daughter Cheryl in 1981 and my friend June Lindsten had lost her son Barry that same year. She found out about Compassionate Friends and since we had no local chapter she started going to meetings in Worcester. I found out about the group from the Luk Crisis Center and we both went to meetings in Worcester the next two years. We talked about trying to get some sort of support group together in the Gardner area but it wasn't until we connected with Kristen Andrews, a counselor at Mount Wachusett Community College that we were able to make some progress," recalled Rodecki.

Andrews "found us a place to meet - St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gardner, where Father Gordon Hitchins always made us feel very welcome and where we continued to meet for nearly 20 years," said Rodecki.

Begun nationally in 1972, Compassionate Friends now has some 700 chapters across the country.

"Everyone grieves differently," observed Gail DerBoghosian, the Public Awareness point person for North Central Massachusetts. "I got involved pretty quickly" after losing a son four years ago.

"Parents should never have to walk alone," she said, "and it's perfectly okay to come to the meetings and just listen," she stressed, adding many people who come have lost adult as well as minor children.

The monthly meetings frequently have themes and next month's event, slated for 7:00 p.m. on August 3 at the Redemption Rock church in Westminster, (3 Hager Park Road off Route 2 exit 25) will "be a memories" session, said Gravelle. While themes are sometimes scheduled, conversa-

tions do drift as attendees may bring up issues personal to their loss.

"Regardless of the specifics, we can all relate," said Gravelle. Compassionate Friends has no religious affiliation."

But before the August meeting comes the organization's largest fund-raising event of the year - the July 30 Walk to Remember at Coolidge Park in Fitchburg.

"You hate to talk about money," granted Gravelle, "but it does take money."

Added DerBoghosian, "It doesn't matter if you walk five steps or five yards or just be there to support, all of that is okay."

DerBoghosian and Gravelle don't just talk to grieving parents once a month.

"We're available. Grief doesn't work on a calendar or a clock," she told the writer several weeks back.

"Being with people who 'get it', who understand the pain of a bereaved parent can be incredibly supportive," noted Gravelle.

More information is available at Tcfncn.org.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday, July 14

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** every Friday, July 14, 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 14: Franklin

Saturday, July 15

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

**SATURDAY YARD SALE:** at UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. From 9 a.m. to noon, come browse for unlikely treasures and unexpected bargains. Donate goods to sell or set up your own table for a modest donation to the church. Saturday Yard Sales run every other week through the summer.

Sunday, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 18

**WINCHENDON NA MEETING.** This is a new meeting being launched with the support of the Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Led by Winchendon residents, Winchendon NA is an open meeting, welcoming newcomers and old-timers alike, featuring discussion, sharing and learning. If you're in recovery or want to be, and would like support, please join us. At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20

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

Friday, July 21

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** every Friday, July 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 21: Throwback

Saturday, July 22

**SNOWBOUND THROWDOWN 2:** at the Snowbound Club, 130 Baldwinville Road, Winchendon; 3-11 p.m. The music festival returns with Stone Temple Posers and a Bullet Called Life.

Thursday, July 27

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN:** Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon

churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.

Friday, July 28

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** the final Friday, July 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 28: Retro Stew.

Saturday, August 5

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** the 33rd annual Massachusetts State Chili Cook off and Kiwanis Family Fun Day is scheduled 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on the grounds of the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Admission is still just \$8 each for adults, free for children up to 12 years of age. Crafters, children's games, petting zoo, live music by the Mychael David Trio and more.

## HOLLY COMMISSIONED



Courtesy photo

Second Lt. Ruben Holly graduated with a BA degree in political science and a minor in military science in May. He received his commission as an active duty field artillery officer and reported to Fort Sill OK for the basic officer leader course. He is seen taking the commission oath administered by Cpt. Susy Rim. His parents, SPC James and Julie Holly of Winchendon, took part in the ceremony by offering the first salute.

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## EDITORIAL

National,  
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The more things change, the more they stay the same...a cliché for the times.

Our local towns seem to struggle over and over with the same topics, school funding and tries at overrides, new buildings and renovations, crumbling infrastructure such as water lines, sewer lines and roadways, and people. People coming, people going, people in place but changing jobs, combining offices or how those offices are manned.

It could be any one of a dozen towns at any given time.

And this is where the real political decisions that affect lives really impact individuals. We can see, first hand, just how the tax dollars we labor for and give up are then spent. And we can have some say in that.

How our president handles himself and represents us to other national leaders? Not so much.

We can rant about that, either supporting or worrying about the decisions made at that scale; but we can't impact it much.

We can bring that down a bit and discuss the just-now-maybe-finalized state budget, and we can have a speaking relationship with the men and women who represent us in Boston; but actually impacting a decision made there is beyond the scope of most of us too. We can write, we can speak, we can email, we can roust our neighbors to do the same in support or opposition to this or that...but the representatives we've chosen to be in Boston, who often must speak for an inordinate amount

of acreage, still must try to make those decisions based on how it will affect the majority of the people.

And we can fret locally over the nebulous issues like how to change global warming or to save ocean life; but for the most part we can seriously do little that really impacts the bottom line.

So, while we can take a little sigh of relief the spring elections and town meetings are past, those annual exercises in political freedom have resulted in the status quo in towns shuffling and resettling. The year is passing, projects continue, and decisions will be made.

Those towns who lost bids for overrides are making some really tough decisions right now. For whether you have kids in your local schools, farm them out to another public school through a school choice or charter decision, spend your own money for private or home schooling yet the public school down the road has to do the best it can with what is available.

Public education was a dream of our forefathers and foremothers. To have the capability to have children learn to read, write, and "do sums" was a dream come true. Our dreams seem to have changed somehow.

Our expectations of just what can be done with limited funding is either too high...or too low. We've given up on the local schools.

And that, without any doubt, is a local decision. If we want to change it, it is up to us. No one else.

## Moon: not the same world

To the Editor

While I applaud the general thrust of Jack Blair's latest *Notes of Concern* ("Nattering Nabobs of Nepotism") I believe that he missed an important point in his criticism of "newspeople." The education and training of the journalists that he held up as examples of good journalism achieved their public trust in a different world. They were primarily schooled as news writers, not news "readers." While they learned to adopt the cadence of speech for an audience of listeners and viewers, their baptism in facts took place in the harsh light of critical newspaper editors who never stopped questioning sources until the story was right. They learned that lesson well.

Think of the changes in newsgathering and news dispersal in the last fifty years:

Broadcast news. In the election of 1960, more people began to get their news from television than from newspapers. TV news ranged in length from an hour to one half hour *for years*, allowing detailed reports on important topics, backed with evidence...and not the current "headline" news with pictures.

The introduction of Photoshop in 1977 heralded the end of photographs as proof of anything; anyone could change a digitized image as they pleased, and only an expert could discern the fraud. Do we get that in 2017?

The enormous growth of the Internet as a source of information continues. Much of what is available is not necessarily accurate information, but easily disguised bias masquerading as News.

The shrinking ownership of communication outlets by large corporations whose first loyalty is to stockholders continues. This needs a fact check for current accuracy, but approximately 1500 newspapers, 1100 magazines, 9000 radio stations, 1500 TV stations and 2400 publishers were owned by only 6 corporations as recently as 2015...it may be 5

corporations now.

The pressure on these digital communication outlets to get eyeballs and "mouse clicks" entice many to mix ads into the news pages, ads designed to look like News. One can hardly blame the newsreaders for this travesty.

These changes, and many more, have encouraged overt opinion in "news analysis." Many news outlets today do not even pretend to fairness, and routinely fail to publish corrections and retractions. The CNN debacle Mr. Blair noted happened because the professional journalism methods honed over years of experience were ignored. The pressure to be first overcame the obligation to be accurate.

I want to suggest that if we, you and I, see ourselves as just receivers of information, we are evading our personal responsibility. Each of us, each citizen, has an obligation to be literate in the methods of persuasion. We should be able to spot opinion that is expressed without evidence. We should demand evidence, not opinion.

And I take exception to Mr. Blair's use of Spiro Agnew's blistering attack on the press in San Diego in 1970: "...in retrospect, he called it right." No, he did not. William Safire wrote the words for him, before Mr. Agnew was indicted for taking kickbacks, envelopes of cash, *in the White House*. Thanks to the courage and determination of those Nattering Nabobs in the press, we rid ourselves of both a President and Vice-President...and their illegal and unconstitutional behavior.

Are you as struck as I am by the current attacks on "fake news" by those currently in power? A strong professional press staffed by journalists with integrity is a necessity if we are to survive as a Republic. Some things do not change.

PATRICK MOON  
WINCHENDON

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Gaskell: cost is the reason

To the Editor:

I would like to point out to Mr. Miller, Letter to the Editor 7/7/17, something that seems to have escaped him. The reason people are not approving prop 2 ½ overrides is that they can't afford another rate hike on their taxes. Our budgets have been squeezed and squeezed until it's almost impossible to make them stretch any further. I am not anti schools,, but I am committed to being able to pay my bills. I have not had spare money in my budget for the past 15 years and that's not going to change anytime soon. What may be an insignificant sum to the school board of an extra \$100 dollars a year on the average property tax bill if the schools prop 2 ½ had passed, may well leave our town's people having to making very hard financial choices. (And I contest the notion that it would only be \$100). It wasn't all that long ago that people were fighting to keep their homes from foreclosure, about the same time that most of us lost houses, jobs, and our savings. Many all across this country are still trying to financially recover from those years. Workers can no longer guarantee getting yearly pay raises, and the Winchendon area doesn't exactly have a mountain of open high paying jobs.

If the school department is truly so short of funds that education will be impacted then the money will have to be taken from the budget for those extras and programs that have added to the cost of education. Take some of the funding from the sports program and put it where it should have been in the first place, education. The purpose of the Winchendon school system is not to provide entertainment for children, its purpose is to provide a meaningful education. Maybe Winchendon school board should put the energy they use to promote prop 2 ½ overrides into working on that time honored standard of basic education that really did make this country great.

As for the quality of education being tied to funding I have a short story for you. When my 9 year old daughter and I came to the US I was concerned about her being able to keep up with her American peers. I was wrong to worry. She was two years ahead in all subject as well as others no longer taught in American schools. She was not an outstanding student, neither was she a genius. She hadn't just come from a prestigious school with a ton of funding, but a small underfunded rural school in Wales in the UK. The footprint of that one story school would have fitted into a dozen regular supermarket parking spaces. That school had around 60 or 70 children, four grades, three teachers and two class rooms. Yes, that's right—one room, two grades, one teacher; and, one room two teachers and two grades. In addition, the school was bilingual, each word spoken was spoken first in Welsh then repeated in English. There was no sports program, no library, no cafeteria, and the only technology was a TV and VCR to record BBC school programs. Did this educational deprivation hurt my daughter's future prospects? No. She now has a master's degree in international business and works for one of the Berkshire Hathaway companies.

Considering the advantages, funding, equipment, and technology in American schools, your children should be top of the academic world, but they aren't. And in a world where, in European countries, it takes speaking three languages just to work behind the counter at McDonalds, the standard of our education isn't good enough. Parents, you need to wake up and smell the coffee. We pour a ton of cash into our school systems every year and I question how much value we are getting back for it.

ROSEMARY GASKELL  
WINCHENDON

## Howe: defense against logic

To the Editor:

I submitted a letter a couple years ago (which you published) about Hobby Lobby. In the letter I stated that Hobby Lobby's objection to health care coverage for women's reproductive rights was a ruse. I believed that their true concern was not about their employees, but rather the almighty dollar. If Hobby Lobby cared about its employee they would pay them a living wage. If their concern was religiously based then they could have divested the stock holdings from Pharma companies used in women's reproductive health. An editorial from one of your readers suggested that HB's investments was for the benefit of their hardworking employees. Had he done his research, he would have found that 30 hours is considered full time at HB. I know of very few people working 30 hours a week at minimum wage, that would reap from this benefit.

There is a long list of myopic thought among the 1%, of what benefits us. The Walton's (Walmart) a billion dollar art museum, The Hobby Lobby Bible museum, The Ark in Kentucky (funded with state and federal tax breaks) and the CEO of United Health Care's private zoo.

Now comes the revelation that HB bought artifacts illegally with the check going to ISIS (despite warning from their legal counsel).

Where is the logic? This is the same company that is building a Bible Museum to hold artifacts thousands of years old while maintaining the positions that Earth was only recently created. I believe that it is mentioned in

the Bible something about theft, and the treatment of "the lesser among us"? Do the people that advocate that a baker should be able to deny a cake to a same sex couple, are opening the door to Sharia Law? That a business can deny service based on their religious conviction, not to serve women who are NOT wearing a Habib or Christians?

We are living in a time when there is an assault against Logic. The President hires someone who wants to dismantle the EPA, do away the Energy Dept. he now works for (and states he "didn't know what they did"), wants to work WITH Russia to stop hacking and finally has his daughter sit in for him at the G20 (a shoe designer).

I lived in Winchendon growing up and frequently road my bike to NH. Winchendon has the unique vantage of being in the North East, land of many great Universities and reasoned thinking, and geographically to the statement "100s of buses came to NH from MA for voter fraud".

In a day and age when everyone has a cell phone, where are the videos?

So when the President says Obama colluded with the Russians. The Logic is that Obama colluded with the Russians against Hillary (who he campaigned with), and the Russians hacked the DNC because they felt Hillary had spread discourse in Russian and wanted Trump to win. Really? Has Logic died?

TERRY HOWE  
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## We just can't seem to let go

"Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a matter of the will, quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life." – Samuel Ullman, American businessman, poet, humanitarian (1840-1924)

And somehow it seems, no matter how old we get, we want repeatedly to dive into those "deep springs."

I started thinking about this when a friend of mine posted on his Facebook page that he had gone with his wife to see the sold out NKOTB (that's what



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VINE

us people in the know call New Kids on the Block) concert at Fenway Park last Friday. NEW Kids on the Block? New Mid-Life Crises on the Block is more like it, I thought.

I mean, Danny Wood and Jonathan Knight are both 48 years old, Donnie Wahlberg and Jordan Knight are 47, and the youngest member, Joey McIntyre is 44. New Kids on the Block indeed!

Still, I guess all of us try to hang onto every scrap of our youth that we can manage to tuck away into mental and actual scrapbooks and little lockboxes that sit on our bedroom dressers. From

pictures of Christmases and birthdays celebrated during the all-too-short time spent at home with our parents – though it may have seemed far too long at the time – to dorm parties, concerts, anti-nuclear protests (at least in my case), and day trips to wherever the road happened to take us. So unlike life itself, those roads led us to no planned-out destination.

Over the years, I think I've run into nearly as many people who said they were at the 1969 Woodstock as were actually there. I never pressed for details. Never tried to catch anyone in a harmless fib. I knew it was their way of making themselves, at least in their own world, a part of something big that happened when they were young. I supposed I could've asked them the color of

the acid the crowd was warned about, but why bother.

Of course, any who was there would have heard the announcement that "...the brown acid that is circulating around us isn't too good. It is suggested that you stay away from that. Of course, it's your own trip. So, be my guest, but please be advised that there is a warning on that one, ok?"

At Woodstock 2009, one was more likely to hear a warning that "the brown Lipitor that is circulating around us isn't too good."

Okay, I made that up. But let's face it; a lot of us boomers who missed the first concert at Bethel Woods were bound and determined to make it there for

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# Liar, Liar Pants on Fire



## NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

A very serious meeting of international nations took place this week.

I was eager to hear what they were discussing and why thoughts they had about the problems that face our world.

What I got was wall to wall coverage over the fact that Ivanka Trump set in her father's chair, for less than 20

minutes. This is irresponsible journalism.

The President is empowered to put anyone in place in his administration. His daughter is highly educated, quite bright, gave birth to a really successful business, married a young millionaire and holds the title Assistant to the President.

Yet on Facebook and elsewhere you would think that daddy simply gave his little girl a chance. His little girl is an Assistant to the President. She has an office in the White House. Frankly, I think people prefer to denigrate her credentials as just another way to bash the president.

I am tired of this.

When Woodrow Wilson was suffering the results of a stroke his wife, Edith, essentially, ran the presidency.

When FDR couldn't get around, his wife, Eleanor, served as his eyes and ears.

When Jimmy Carter announced his wife would attend Cabinet Meetings, it was a major change.

President Clinton gave full authority to his wife to run the planned new health care program, which never occurred.

In fact, the country may well have benefitted from these situations. No one has suggested otherwise.

Mrs. Eisenhower, both Mrs.' Bushes, Mrs. Obama and so

many others chose not to play a public role.

Frankly, if you take a minute to look at Ivanka Trump's education and credentials, and her title as Assistant to the president, she had every right to be at the table.

The silliness that goes on in this nation, mostly aimed at discrediting the president, is getting old.

The man won the job. He gets to pick anyone he wants to represent him. And if he makes bad decisions those roosters will come home to roost. His detractors had best revisit their comments as it is entirely possible, in the absence of high crimes and misdemeanors, he

may add to his numbers in the Senate and the House.

And that my readers is why he tweets. He gets no chance to communicate to his base through the normal channels, all of which are arranged to bring him down. His tweets are personal communications with those who gave him the presidency.

We will see at the midterms whether his strategy is a winning one.

We live in interesting times. Donald Trump is the constitutionally elected president of the US and it is his entirely his decision who will represent him when it is needed.

## The world went on

The world has moved on since June 7. That's what it does. One example? The political debates continue to rage. Right here in this newspaper there have been letters once more slamming me and my ideology (no worries, that's an occupational hazard) and others defending my ideology, one they share with me and millions of others.

The only time I hear from some people is when they're breathing fire. Character, decency and kindness reveal themselves all the time. So does the opposite of those. As the world moved on, we found out who our real friends are. We found out who they aren't. Human nature, right? Oh yes. We have been gratified to see who made an effort to contribute to that scholarship fund we are building at Smith. Her friends continue to amaze me. We have been touched by those who have continued to make the effort to reach out in different ways. And oh yes, I have a mental list of who hasn't at all. Once again, human nature. Even though I am trying to emulate her, Courtney was a much better, kinder person than I am. So the world has moved on. It always does.

Have we? Have I? The rest of our family has done so better than me. No question about that. I functioned better during those first numbing days than I did as recently as a week ago, a few days ago even. Everyone's journey is personal. Everyone walks their own path through recovery from trauma, physical as well as mental, and through grief. There's no calendar. Last week we went to the Compassionate Friends meeting in Westminster, our first, of course and what we heard was heart-rending. Way too many stories about children lost to opioids. Way too many stories of loss, period. Yet there was also some laughter. I was stunned. Impressed for



## JOURNEY OF THE HEART

JERRY CARTON

sure, but stunned. For me, the loss remains too fresh, too raw, too impossible. But then again, it's only been 37 days.

Everyone handles grief differently. Some people can't bear to look at pictures. That I can do fairly easily.

My emotions are triggered more by the things people write. Believe me I don't want them to stop writing, not at all, but some passages just hit me like the proverbial ton of bricks. I mean, I write too. My Facebook page has become essentially a diary. et despite the tears the things I read may cause, they make me smile too - a weird juxtaposition of emotions. I implore you all - keep writing. Passionately.

And you look for little wins. Last Saturday I got my hair cut and my eyebrows trimmed. This sounds very routine and it is but I'm blind in my left eye so it always made me a little nervous when there were scissors near my good eye. Courtney would always insist I get it done anyway and tell my stylist

Kacy to ignore my whining. Saturday I "bravely" told Kacy it was okay, and told myself Courtney would be proud of me. Sound stupid? Silly? Perhaps, but for a few moments there it made me feel better. Whatever it takes.

Meanwhile, I have suddenly become consumed with wanting, needing, to see the autopsy report. The Medical Examiner told us it would be 60-90 days, sometime in August in other words. The M.E. is himself diabetic and he told us he was 99-percent certain she simply went to sleep, likely after slipping into a DKA-induced coma.

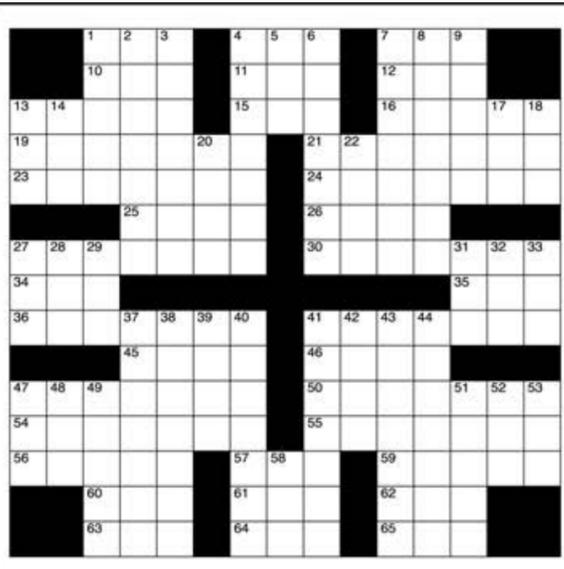
"She went the way we should all hope to go," he told me later, but I'm not fully convinced. Not yet.

We have a family history of heart trouble, and not just me. She had a heart murmur. Her blood pressure was sky high despite efforts to rein it in. She had neuropathy. She was of course and as ever, pushing through it all. Her friends at Smith told me they

never heard her complain, not ever. As an aside, she wasn't the only Type 1 diabetic in the program. She and Kate leaned on each other a lot, comrades in arms fighting their way through this despicable disease. You'd be impressed by Kate's resilience, trust me.

That's another story for another time, one worth telling but that's for down the road. For the moment, I want to believe the M.E. but until I know for sure, I am tormented by wonder and doubt.

And yet, the world moves on. I am trying to do likewise. You are beginning to see my byline again on regular news stories, more this week than last and that's progress. I'm trying to navigate my way through the fog and believe me it's a process, but I'm working on it. That's all any of us can do, right?

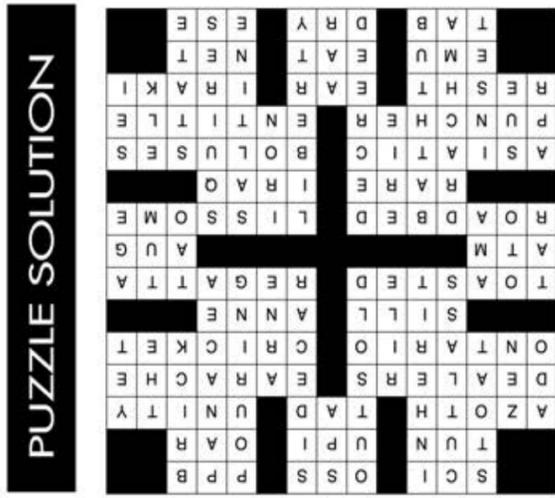


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. \_\_ fi (slang)
- 4. Former CIA
- 7. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 10. Fermenting vat
- 11. News organization
- 12. Paddle
- 13. Agent in alchemy
- 15. Small amount
- 16. Wholeness
- 19. Suppliers
- 21. Type of head pain
- 23. Canadian province
- 24. Jiminy is one
- 25. Shelf
- 26. Diarist Frank
- 27. Honored
- 30. Boat race
- 34. Cash machine
- 35. Linguistic theory (abbr.)
- 36. Highway material
- 41. Gracefully slender
- 45. Not often found
- 46. Baghdad is its capital
- 47. Deriving from Asia
- 50. Large, veterinary pills
- 54. Boxer
- 55. Give the right to
- 56. Iranian city
- 57. Body part
- 59. A citizen of Iraq
- 60. Australian bird
- 61. Consume
- 62. A basketball hoop has one
- 63. Bar bill
- 64. Not wet
- 65. Midway between east and southeast

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Shorttail weasel
- 2. Type of sword
- 3. A way to acquire
- 4. Peddled more
- 5. Relaxing place
- 6. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
- 7. Decanting
- 8. For all ills or diseases
- 9. Building material
- 13. "Much \_\_ About Nothing"
- 14. Type of Buddhism
- 17. Refers to something unique
- 18. Thus far
- 20. Make angry
- 22. Greek mythological character
- 27. Used on driveways
- 28. Relating to the ears
- 29. Doctors' group
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Stomach
- 33. A particular period
- 37. Coin of ancient Greece
- 38. Place to clean oneself
- 39. One of the Great Lakes
- 40. Ruled
- 41. State of being free
- 42. Fe
- 43. Soup cracker
- 44. Escorts
- 47. Credit term
- 48. Institute legal proceedings against
- 49. Put within
- 51. New Jersey is one
- 52. Red deer
- 53. Type of whale
- 58. Swiss river



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# POLICE LOG

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## TUESDAY, JULY 4

1:16 a.m.: investigation (Spring St.), no cause for complaint; 1:27-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12 a.m.: investigation (Mill Glen Rd.), unable to locate; 4:19 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 8:00 a.m.: ambulance (Brooks Rd.), no service necessary; 9:47 a.m.: transport (Heywood ER); 9:51 a.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 11:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring St.), assisted; 12:29 p.m.: 911 hang up (Lake Dennison), child playing w/phone; 12:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Hitchcock Rd.), assisted; 1:52 p.m.: ambulance (Rte. 202, Rindge) services rendered; 3:12 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), services rendered; 3:17 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Dennison), no cause; 3:45 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Dennison ), transported; 5:51 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 6:04 p.m.: dog bite (Front St.), report taken; 8:26 p.m.: investigation (Lake Dennison), info taken; 8:365 p.m.: drug/narcotic violations (Spring St.), unable to locate; 9:05 p.m.: noise complaint (Alger St.), spoken to; 9:13 p.m.: noise complaint (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 9:28 p.m.: disabled auto (Front St.), info taken; 9:33 p.m.: investigation (Lake Denison), info taken; 10:00 p.m.: illegal burn (Woodlawn St.), no service necessary; 10:46 p.m.: fight (Beech St.), Dylan Leary, 28, 19 Front St., #7B, Winchendon, assault w/dangerous weapon, two counts, vandalism, resisting arrest, arrested; 11:13 p.m.: noise complaint (Woodlawn St.), unfounded; 11:20 p.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

12:07 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:09 a.m.: harassment (Central St.), report taken; 12:33 a.m.: noise complaint (N. Ashburnham Rd.), unfounded; 1:04-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12 a.m.: erratic operation (School St.), unable to locate; 2:19-5:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Rd.), referred to ACO; 7:20 a.m.: ambulance (Prospect St.), transported; 8:34 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 9:00 a.m.: 911 hang up (Front St.), false alarm; 9:40 a.m.: abandoned auto (Monadnock Ave.), no service necessary; 11:02 a.m.: info/general (Front St.), unable to locate; 11:09 a.m.: summons service (Goodrich Dr.), unable to serve; 11:32 a.m.: keep the peace (Beech St.), assisted; 11:59 a.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), report taken; 12:37 p.m.: vandalism (Hill St.), report taken; 1:55 p.m.: info/general (Front St.), property

## Winchendon man held on assault, resisting arrest charges

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A Winchendon man is being held at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction on two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of resisting arrest and vandalizing property.

Dylan Leary, age 28, of 19 Front St., #7B, was ordered held on \$10,000 bond or \$1,000 cash bail at his arraignment in Winchendon District Court in Gardner on Wednesday, July 5. That bail was continued at Leary's pretrial hearing on Tuesday of this week.

Leary was arrested just before midnight on the Fourth of July, after police were summoned to a Beech Street residence by someone calling to report a fight.

According to court documents, a woman at the home told police that a fight had started during a disagreement over beer. The woman told Winchendon Police Sgt. Ray Anair, the responding officer, that Leary had threatened to get his brothers and kill one of two men at the residence.

According to the police report, the woman said Leary left but came back. She reported that he took a bag out of her pickup truck, removed a beer from the bag, and threw it at the vehicle. Leary then grabbed an axe off the back porch, and allegedly began waving it and yelling. It was then that the

returned; 2:36 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), property returned; 4:02 p.m.: officer wanted (School St.), report taken; 4:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring St.), spoken to; 4:35 p.m.: suspicious person (Central St.), gone on arrival; 4:43 p.m.: trespassing (Mechanic St.), unable to serve; 5:17 p.m.: ambulance (River St.), services rendered; 5:29 p.m.: illegal burn (Otter River Rd.), extinguished; 6:44 p.m.: harassment (Hyde Park Dr.), report taken; 7:53 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Dr.), transported; 8:05-8:19 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:28 p.m.: transport (Hyde Park Dr.); 9:00 p.m.: extra patrols (Monadnock Ave.), secure; 9:02 p.m.: suspicious auto (Summer Dr.), no cause; 9:14 p.m.: investigation (Webster St.), spoken to; 9:56 p.m.: repossession of mv (Washington Ave.), impounded; 10:06 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Fourth St.), spoken to; 10:13 p.m.: fire alarm (Front St.), ser-

woman called 911.

Leary reportedly had the axe in hand when Anair arrived upon the scene.

The sergeant instructed Leary to sit in the back of his cruiser while he spoke to with the woman who had called police. Following his discussion with the witness, Anair informed Leary that he was under arrest for assault with a dangerous weapon and told him to get out of the cruiser so he could be handcuffed.

The police report indicates Leary then began to struggle with Anair and officers Derek Blair and Joseph Champney, who had also responded to the scene. Anair employed his taser, at which time Leary fell to the ground and stopped resisting the officers.

While being booked, Leary reportedly told Anair that one of the men at the home had struck him on the back of the head with a pipe. Anair's report says he checked Leary's head but found no sign of an injury.

Leary had already been arrested on assault, vandalism, and disorderly conduct charges stemming from an incident at the same address on June 6. At his arraignment on those charges, he had been released on personal recognizance.

At press time, Leary had not posted bail on the latest charges.

He is scheduled to make another court appearance on July 25.

vices rendered.

## THURSDAY, JULY 6

1:01-1:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 8:43 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 8:59 a.m.: investigation (Walnut St.), spoken to; 9:26 a.m.: wires down (Forristall Rd.), referred; 9:35 a.m.: ambulance (Whitney St.), transported; 9:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Hight St.), returned to owner; 10:16 a.m.: investigation (Teel Rd.), spoken to; 11:21 a.m.: mv stop (Alger St.), verbal warning; 12:41 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 12:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Dr.), spoken to; 12:49 p.m.: summons service (Elm St.), 209A served; 12:59 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Dr.), services rendered; 1:09 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Dr.), transported; 2:02 p.m.: investigation (Murdock Ave.), services rendered; 2:21 p.m.: burglar alarm (Highland St.), secure; 2:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Hitchcock Rd.), referred to ACO; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), Noah Gauthier, age 27, 69 School St., #2, Winchendon, number plate violation to conceal ID, citation issued; 4:08 p.m.: extra patrols (Lake Dennison), services rendered; 4:32 p.m.: disabled auto (Baldwinville State Rd.), no service necessary; 5:07 p.m.: road rage (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 5:28 p.m.: accident (Central St.), no cause for complaint; 5:43 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring St.), unable to locate; 6:12 p.m.: suspicious auto (School St.), search negative; 6:29 p.m.: mv stop (Town Farm Rd.), citation issued; 6:47 p.m.: VIN inspection (School St.), services rendered; 7:31 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Murdock Ave.), services rendered; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Rd.), written warning; 9:09 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), Corey Trumbull, age 29, 49 Eddy St., Ware, MA, arrest based on warrant; 9:44 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 9:44 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 9:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Main St.), referred; 9:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), no cause; 10:03 p.m.: mv stop (Sibley Rd.), verbal warning; 10:10 p.m.: burglar alarm (High St.), secured bldg.; 10:26 p.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 10:40 p.m.: suspicious person (East St.), report taken.

## FRIDAY, JULY 7

12:42 a.m.: assist citizen (Summer St.), services rendered; 12:50 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 1:06 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 2:00 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 2:35-3:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:11 a.m.: info/general (Hospital Dr.), services rendered; 3:22 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:08 a.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 7:53 a.m.: info/general (River St.), services rendered; 9:32 a.m.: harassment (Mill St.), assisted; 9:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), gone on arrival; 10:12 a.m.: property found (Central St.), info taken; 10:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Rd.), info taken; 11:17 a.m.: harassment (Benjamin St.), report taken; 1:29 p.m.: ambulance (Linden St.), transported; 2:35 p.m.: investigation (Teel Rd.), assisted; 3:21 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 4:13 p.m.: harassment (Woodlawn St.), report taken; 4: 28 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), advised officer; 4:36 p.m.: FD call (School St.), services rendered; 4:46 p.m.: larceny (Spring St.), report taken; 5:12 p.m.: investigation (Alger St.), unable to locate; 5:13 p.m.: threats (Spring St.), spoken to; 5:49 p.m.: fraud (East St.), no cause; 6:05 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported; 6:23 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 6:29 p.m.: mv stop (Railroad St.), 7:00 p.m.: mv stop (Front St.), citation issued; 7:04 p.m.: suspicious auto (Russell Farm Rd.), gone on arrival; 7:13 p.m.: FD call (Pond St.), services rendered; 7:16 p.m.: assault (Pond St.), report taken; 7:40 p.m.: gunshots heard (Alger St.), spoken to; 8:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Summer Dr.), juve-

nile arrest, 13, trespassing, report taken; 8:39 p.m.: info/general (Beaman Ct.), no service necessary; 9:15 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Rd.), written warning.

## SATURDAY, JULY 8

12:07 a.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich Dr.), secure; 12:12 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), spoken to; 12:25-12:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main St.), citation issued; 12:58-1:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:05 a.m.: disturbance (Lake Denison), services rendered; 1:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:14 a.m.: mv stop (Ash St.), spoken to; 1:26 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: assist citizen (Central St.); 2:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pond St.), transported; 4:11 a.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), property returned to owner; 7:05 a.m.: info/general (Branch St.), info taken; 8:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Dr.), report taken; 9:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), referred to ACO; 11:50 a.m.: assist other PD (New Boston Rd.), search negative; 12:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Brown St.); 12:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Whitney St.); 1:11 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Banner Pl.), report taken; 1:20 p.m.: traffic hazard (Brook Rd.), referred; 2:19 p.m.: wires down (Laurel St.), referred; 2:21 p.m.: bolo (town wide), advised officer; 4:22 p.m.: attempt to locate (Lakeshore Dr.), assisted; 4:27 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.); 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), unable to locate; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (School St.), written warning; 6:52 p.m.: missing person (Woodlawn St.), report taken; 7:43 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 7:52 p.m.: noise complaint (Benjamin St.), no cause; 8:05 p.m.: disturbance/fight (Pond St.), spoken to; 9:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Maynard St.), referred to ACO; 9:08 p.m.: noise complaint (Lake Dennison), referred to other PD; 10:08 p.m.: 911 hang up (Brown St.), assisted; 11:01 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Denison ), spoken to; 11:44 p.m.: unwanted party (Pleasant St.), transported.

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

1:22 a.m.: investigation (Maple St.), service rendered; 1:42-1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:59 a.m.: brush fire (Lakeshore Dr.), extinguished; 2:01-3:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:55 a.m.: annoying phone calls (Hyde Park Dr.), spoken to; 9:28 a.m.: property lost (Prospect St.), info taken; 10:09 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Dr.), transported; 11:55 a.m.: wires down (Hale St.), referred; 12:01 p.m.: info/general (Woodlawn St.), info taken; 1:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), info taken; 3:59-4:03 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 4:03 p.m.: DPW call (School St.), services rendered; 4:14 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic St.), services rendered; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (Laurel St.), citation issued; 4:49 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 5:03 p.m.: disable mv (Main St.), services rendered; 5:10 p.m.: property lost (Linden St.), spoken to; 5:35-5:50 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Hyde Park Dr.), spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: investigation (Pond St.), report taken; 7:43 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring St.), spoken to; 7:45 p.m.: assist other agency (Otter River State Forest), services rendered; 8:06 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (Linden St.), verbal warning; 8:30 p.m.: mv stop (Ash St.), citation issued; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), verbal warning; 9:21 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported; 9:45 p.m.: disturbance (Maynard St.), services rendered; 10:03 p.m.: harassment (Banner Pl.), report taken; 10:12 p.m.: disturbance (Maynard St.), search negative; 11:17 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 11:45 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued.

## MONDAY, JULY 10

12:01 a.m.: missing person (Teel Rd.), info taken; 6:37 a.m.: info/general (Franklin St.), info taken; 7:08 a.m.: 911 hang up (Elmwood Rd.), info taken; 7:54 a.m.: transport (Hyde Park Dr.), no service necessary; 8:43 a.m.: mv stop (School St.), spoken to; 8:49 a.m.: illegal dumping (Mill Glen Rd.), info taken; 8:57 a.m.: animal complaint (West St.), referred to ACO; 9:37 a.m.: erratic operation (N. Ashburnham Rd.), unable to locate; 10:01 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), spoken to; 10:04 a.m.: wires down (Laurel St.), referred; 10:48 a.m.: juvenile/general (Mechanic St.), search negative; 10:52 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 11:11 a.m.: fight (Lincoln Ave.), report taken; 11:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Joslin Rd.), referred to ACO; 12:57 p.m.: illegal dumping (Mill Glen Rd.), referred to DPW; 1:18 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Banner Pl.), report taken; 1:30 p.m.: wires down (Oak St.), hazard removed; 1:48 p.m.: assist other agency (Glenallan St.); 2:34 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 3:05 p.m.: ambulance (Kemp St.), transported; 3:19 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Front St.), info taken; 3:23 p.m.: ambulance (Front St.), transported; 3:35 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Ken Dr.), referred to other PD; 3:36 p.m.: unwanted party (Ready Dr.), no cause; 3:53 p.m.: mv fire (West St.), extinguished; 4:26 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Rd.), report taken; 5:32 p.m.: assist other PD (Hyde Park Dr.), spoken to; 5:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Cedar Ter.) spoken to; 6:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Dr.), report taken; 7:28 p.m.: harassment (Front St.), report taken; 7:41 p.m.: larceny (Robbins Rd.), Shaine Joshua Taft, age 19, 10 Robbins Rd., Winchendon, larceny under \$250, credit card fraud under \$250, report taken; 8:08 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster St.), spoken to; 9:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple St.), services rendered; 10:18 p.m.: mv repossession (Duval Ct.), info taken; 10:55 p.m.: info/general (Maynard St.), spoken to; 11:12 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic St.), transported; 11:29 p.m.: assist other agency (Locust St.), no service necessary.

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# OBITUARIES

## Albertina 'Tena' Aucoin, 92

JAFFREY — Albertina "Tena" Aucoin, age 92, died peacefully at the Good Shepherd Healthcare Center on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, after a period of declining health.



Tena was born on April 7, 1925 in East Millinocket, Maine, daughter of the late Arthur and Rosanna (Corbin) Albert. Tena was educated in Millinocket and had moved to Jaffrey in 1952.

Tena had worked as an Inspector at W.W. Cross in Jaffrey. She had also worked at Winchendon Furniture, and at Hampshire Country School before retiring in 1990.

Family always came first for Tena. She would drop everything whenever her children and grandchildren called, and was always there as only a loving and doting grandmother could be. After

her family, Bingo, flea markets and yard sales were a source of joy, as well as gardening and refinishing antique clocks.

Tena is survived by her daughter, Patricia Dysart, and her son, Brent and his wife Paula Aucoin, all of Jaffrey, as well as her 6 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, all whom adored her.

Please see [www.Cournoyerfh.com](http://www.Cournoyerfh.com) for date and time of the Graveside service.

The family of Tena Aucoin are very thankful for all the gentle and loving care provided by the entire staff of Good Shepherd, from the director to the LNAs, and extend the invitation, in lieu of flowers, for memorial contributions to be made to the Good Shepherd Healthcare Center Activities Fund, 20 Plantation Drive, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

To share memories and condolences with Tena's family, please visit her permanent online memorial at [www.cournoyerfh.com](http://www.cournoyerfh.com)

## Phyllis (Morlock) Barnes

ACTON — Phyllis (Morlock) Barnes passed away on June 30, 2017 in Acton. She was the wife of the late William P. Bill Barnes Jr., who died on August 8, 2011. They were married for 62 years and resided in Acton for 49 years.

Mrs. Barnes was born in Winchendon on March 10, 1922, the daughter of Daniel P. and Sada C. (Foisey) Morlock. She graduated from Murdock High School in 1940. She is survived by two daughters: Noreen C. Barnes and her husband David A. McLain of Acton,

and Kathleen B. Souhlaris and her husband Thomas P. of York, ME; two grandchildren Alexis R. Souhlaris and her fiancé Ryan McNichols of Corona, CA, and Thomas P. Souhlaris Jr. of Malden; plus a great-granddaughter, Kenley McNichols, and several nieces and nephews.

Services have been held. Acton Funeral Home, Acton was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Acton.

## Doris J. (Allard) Henrikson, 98

GARDNER — Doris J. (Allard) Henrikson, age 98, formerly of 40 Glenwood Street, died peacefully Thursday afternoon, July 6, 2017 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner.



She was born in Gardner on August 25, 1918, daughter of the late Edward and Bertha (Beaumier) Allard and was a lifelong resident of Gardner. Doris was educated in Gardner schools and was a long time member of Holy Spirit Church.

Doris worked at the former Ramsdell Co. as a packer and then worked for 22 years at Mead Containers as a die cut stripper. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting as well as playing pitch and bingo. An avid bowler, she had been a member of several ten pin and candlepin bowling leagues in Gardner.

Her husband, Robert E. Henrikson,

died in 1973. She leaves a nephew Richard Makela and his companion Karen Jones of Winchendon and two nieces, Dorothy Valley and her husband Paul of Hubbardston and Jeanette Guillot of Gretna, LA. She also leaves several grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews. A nephew, David Makela, preceded her in death.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 9 to 10 A.M. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday in Holy Spirit Church, 50 Lovewell Street, Gardner.

Burial will be in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon. A luncheon will follow at Kamaloht Function Hall, East Templeton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Patients Recreational Fund, Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, 32 Hospital Hill Road, Gardner, MA 01440.

## Randolph L. Beaudoin, 68

NEW IPSWICH NH — Randolph L. Beaudoin, age 68, of New Ipswich, NH, passed away at Monadnock Community Hospital, Wednesday, July 5, 2017. He was born in Sanford, ME, the son of Randolph Beaudoin Sr., and Lucia (Tardiff) Beaudoin.



Randolph worked as a CNC machinist for Harvard Machine in Harvard, for 12 years. He had also served stateside in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era, in Pensacola, FL. He loved his family very

much and was a very caring and generous person to a fault. In his past time he could be found working on friends' vehicles, remodeling his sisters' and sons' home, or re-engineering a defi-

cient gadget to somehow extend its lifetime or usefulness; he was very handy. Randolph was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Randolph is survived by his two sons, Randolph Beaudoin III of Leominster, and Christopher Beaudoin of Groton; his brother, Richard J. Beaudoin of New Ipswich, NH; and his two sisters, Henriette Davis of Ashby, and Patricia Beaudoin, of Winchendon. Family and friends are warmly invited to calling hours on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, from noon to 2pm. The graveside service will be held at 2:30pm, at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in New Ipswich, NH. The arrangements are in the care of the Michaud Funeral Home, 32 Maple St., Wilton, NH. To view an online obituary or leave a condolence, please visit our web site at [www.michaudfuneralhome.com](http://www.michaudfuneralhome.com).

## Doneta L. (Oja) Leslie, 70

WINCHENDON — Doneta L. (Oja) Leslie, age 70, of 421 Spring Street, died peacefully Saturday evening, July 8, 2017 in her residence, with her family at her side.



She was born in Winchendon on February 26, 1947, daughter of the late Eino and Gladys I. (Ladeau) Oja and received her GED later in life. Doneta lived in the Winchendon and Templeton area for

most of her life and had lived for a time in Florida.

Doneta was self-employed and had sold antiques. She was a member of the Church of God and enjoyed reading and spending time on her computer. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

She leaves her husband, Charles E. Leslie; five sons, Paul Sweeney of Winchendon, Mark Sweeney of Winchendon, Kirk Sweeney of Royalston, John Sweeney of Plaistow, NH and Michael Sweeney

of Baldwinville; seven stepchildren, Charles Leslie Jr. of Keene, NH, Donna Mason of Baldwinville, Paula Leslie of Keene, Scott Leslie of Winchendon, Wayne Leslie of Winchendon, Joey Leslie of Otter River and Billyjo Leslie of Winchendon; five brothers, Richard Ladeau of Gardner, Leonard Oja of Phillipston, Stuart Oja of Connecticut, Thomas Oja of Baldwinville and Darrell Oja of Baldwinville; three sisters, Nonnie Lucia of Gardner, Sandra Clark of Alabama and Linda Dunchus of Winchendon; 26 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A daughter, Linda Sweeney; two brothers, Lloyd Oja and Robert Ladeau and two sisters, Vivian Prentice and Starr Waters, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

There are no calling hours.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville.

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

## AGREEMENT

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suant to his or her contract with the town..."

It further states that the cost of pay and benefits would be split 60 percent and 40 percent between Winchendon and Templeton, respectively.

Haley Brooks said the wording in that section needed work.

"I think that language isn't exactly right for what we're looking for," she said.

The subcommittee also covered issues ranging from performance reviews and the collective bargaining responsibilities of the administrator, to his or her

appointment powers and the length of the agreement.

The talks have moved forward with the apparent conclusion that current Winchendon Town Manager Keith Hickey would serve both communities pending any agreement.

If so, Hickey's fiscal responsibilities would dwarf those of the chief administrative officer serving the towns of Lee and Lenox. According to figures available on the websites of all four towns, the combined municipal government budgets of Lee and Lenox for FY18 total about \$7.4 million, while those of Winchendon and Templeton come to just over \$23.27 million.

In addition, the combined population

of Lee and Lenox, according to 2010 U.S. Census figures, stands at around 11,000, while those of Winchendon and Templeton is more than 18,300.

Barbara Anderson, chairman of the Winchendon board of selectmen, told the Courier she does have concerns about Hickey taking on the increased workload but, "Keith assures me he thinks he can handle it and that the benefits would outweigh the negatives."

"I am also concerned that more work will fall on the shoulders of the office staff as well," she added. "I have been told that when (former interim town manager) Bernie Lynch addresses the board regarding the work he had done in town, he will be recommending that

we hire a human resources person. If the town does move forward with this, part of the cost could be covered with money from a reduced town manager's salary. But that is speculation at this point."

Anderson said she wants to be careful the added responsibilities don't cause Hickey to "burnout."

"I do, however, have a lot of faith in Keith," she said. "He has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to the town. I don't think he would be interested in setting himself up for anything other than success. I would hate to hold him back."

## SOLAR

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businesses, lines, and other devices can handle the input into the system being generated by a large solar array. This particular project is a large array generating a lot of power, and it takes time to make sure all connections and potential modifications are done correctly."

The array spans a 15 acre site, is capable of generating a maximum of 5.1 megawatts. The array is completely fenced off, and ready to produce power once all proper connections and modifications are made joining it to the electrical grid system.

The town, which was counting on the array to pay anywhere from a previously reported \$150 to \$175K per

year in electrical costs for allowing it to be constructed on town property, was anticipated by town officials to be up and running no later than this upcoming October. But NG says the array will not be connected to the grid until sometime late next spring.

Media relations specialist for National Grid, Bob Kievra, responded to questions placed via both phone and email with the following statement.

"National Grid and the proponent executed an agreement in January 2017, and we expect the distribution work, the poles and wires and other equipment that will connect the Winchendon project to our system, to be completed on schedule by the end of the year. Some of that work will include new poles for a pri-

mary meter and other equipment and re-conductoring 3,000 feet of cable. The solar farm also entails work to a substation servicing project. Most substation work is done over an 18 month period and this part of the project is on schedule for completion in the spring of 2018. The substation work includes transformer modifications which will require 'de-energizing' it for a period of time and the 'temporary installation of a mobile substation.' Our work with distributed generation is an important and growing aspect of National Grid's business. In 2015, NG interconnected a total of 12,129 solar projects that accounted for 173 megawatts of renewable energy generation. In 2016, NG interconnected a total of 12,678 solar projects

that combined for over 262 megawatts of solar generation, and of those projects, there will eight landfill projects completed."

It was confirmed the above 24,807 projects over the last two years were connected by NG in Massachusetts.

Town Manager Keith Hickey was immediate-

ly made aware of the findings along with BOS Chair Barbara Anderson. The town, which had previously budgeted the electrical portion of its billing through this upcoming October 2017 in anticipation of the array generating power, may now have to make other arrangements.



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# SPORTS

## Local student part of winning crew

A Worcester Polytechnic Institute student team has won the 11th annual International Robotic Sailing Competition in a hard-fought contest that featured unmanned sailboats navigating a variety of challenges on Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, MD.

The SailBot competition challenges students to apply their robotics knowledge to develop autonomous boats up to two meters in length that could eventually lead to low-cost oceanographic research vessels used for pollution control and surveillance.

The competition featured 11 teams participating in five precision and endurance contests. WPI scored 41.9 points, narrowly beating the United States Naval Academy (41.4 points) at the five-day event held last week at the Robert Crown Sailing Center in Annapolis. The third-place finisher was Aberystwyth University, Wales, which earned 35.1 points.

"This was such a gratifying win, knowing that these students have been preparing for this event for close to a year," said Ken Stafford, director of the WPI Robotics Resource Center and a longtime sailor, who oversaw the WPI team. "The WPI student team showed a lot of skill and excellence in planning and executing on a set of complex autonomous robotic challenges."

In addition to securing first place overall honors, the WPI team took first place in the station keeping and collision avoidance categories, and first place in its oral presentation. The team came in second in the long distance race

and third in fleet racing.

Stafford said the long distance race was the most challenging. "To have the boat sail continuously around the bay without operator input is really tough," he said. "The team had to deal with battery life issues, water intrusion, and sensor degradation."

Paul Miller, event chairman and associate professor of Naval Architecture for the United States Naval Academy, said this year's race was memorable, notably for the challenge competitions, which covered payload/load bearing, collision avoidance, and search.

"The challenge events were incredibly competitive this year and the level of overall competition was as high as I've ever seen it," said Miller. "The lead changed three times and wasn't decided until the last day."

Miller said the WPI team was the model of efficiency as it fielded just five students when most other teams had close to 10 each. "The key thing for the WPI team was their motivation and effort," said Miller.

Stafford agreed, adding that the team tweaked implementation details every night after competitions. "The WPI skillset of actually making stuff work—whether it was vision-processing or boat aero- and hydrodynamics—kept us in the game and competitive."

The five-member WPI student team on hand at the event was composed of 2017 graduate Nick Gigliotti of Hudson, and rising seniors Jordan Burklund of West Des Moines, IA; Hans Johnson of Saint Peter, MN., James Kuzmaul



Courtesy photo

The winning crew: Professor William Michalson, Tucker Martin, Nick Gigliotti, Hans Johnson, James Kuzmaul, Jordan Burklund, and professor Ken Stafford. Winchendon resident Kelsey Ragan was instrumental in building the winning SailBot.

of Mountain View, CA, and Tucker Martin of Dracut.

The team was co-advised by William Michalson, WPI professor of electrical and computer engineering, an expert in navigation and communications.

In addition to the WPI team at the event, several other WPI stu-

dents helped construct the boat last year. They are 2017 graduates Kelsey Ragan of Winchendon, Dean Schifilliti of Ossining, NY, Daniel Singer of Eldersburg, MD, and Ryan Wall of Groton.

## Winchendon takes down Chuck Stone 16-2

BY JON KAMINSKY  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Jimmy Fund baseball has been a big part of Winchendon for many years. Winchendon has raised a ton of money and has ranked as one of the top fund raisers in District 3. This year's Winchendon major baseball team has a wide variety of players with young and older talent.

This age 10-12 All-Stars team will be led by Domenic

Iannacone and Jack Saveall.

On Monday, July 10 the Winchendon All-Stars kicked off their campaign against the All-Stars from Chuck Stone at the American Legion.

Chuck Stone got off to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first with a couple hits and a walk that led to a run. Winchendon came right back in the bottom of the first inning with a single, a double, a wild pitch, and back to back hits that gave them a 6-2 lead after

the first inning.

Winchendon starter Cole Patterson gave his team a solid two innings pitched, striking out six, giving up two hits and one walk.

After leading the bases loaded with no outs in the bottom of the second inning, Winchendon looked to reliever Steven Gauthier in the top of the third to give his team a spark. Over his three innings pitched, Gauthier struck out nine while giving up zero hits

and only one walk.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Winchendon All-Stars broke open the game and had a huge inning. In that inning, they had four hits and walked three times while scoring a total of six runs to break open the game to a 12-2 score and never looked back.

After a scoreless fourth, and having Chuck Stone going down 1,2,3 in the top of the fifth, Winchendon was not done scoring as they added

four more hits and four more runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 16-2 lead.

In the top of the sixth Winchendon looked to Jack Saveall to come in and close the game. Chuck Stone struck out three times, while having one runner reach base after striking out. After a hit by pitch and a groundout, Winchendon won the game with a final score of 16-2.

## Little League celebrates end of year



With a barbecue and recognition awards for every participant, Winchendon Little League wrapped up its regular season last weekend.

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## Summer League earns Murdock a playoff berth

BY JON KAMINSKY  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

On July 5 the Murdock girls varsity basketball team took on the girls from Athol High School at the Gardner Summer League.

It was their final game before playoffs started the following week.

After a slow start to the game Athol took a quick 6-5 lead at the 15 minute mark. After trading a couple baskets, Murdock went on a 8-4 run to take a 13-10 lead at the 10 minute mark of the first half.

A couple missed baskets by both teams then ensued but then Murdock found their groove again and went on another run of 9-2 to take a 22-12 lead 5 minutes before the half.

But in the last five minutes of the first half Athol went on a little run of their own. They went on an 8-2 run but Murdock still was leading at halftime 24-20.

As the game progressed it was all about the turn-

over margin and different runs each team made to either take the lead or tie the game.

The first five minutes of the second half was a lot like the first. Murdock took a quick 28-22 lead but after that the game changed on a dime. Athol took advantage of a couple missed baskets and turnovers by Murdock and went on a 9-2 run to take a 31-30 lead halfway through the second half.

The next five minutes of the game didn't have a lot of scoring as both teams went cold and Athol was still up at 33-32.

But the final five minutes of the game belonged to the Murdock Blue Devils. Good defense and a full team effort helped the Blue Devils go on a quick 5-0 run and helped them to a 37-33 victory over Athol High School.

Senior guard Molly Murphy added 10 points in the win, with a well balanced scoring attack by the rest of the girls as well. Murdock started playoff action July 10<sup>th</sup> in Gardner.

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Yes, we have all heard of being pulled over for an OUI, as one can achieve a rear view of some extremely bright pretty blue lights, but SUI "Shopping Under the Influence" due to the ease and expansion of all things e-Commerce is taking some pretty hefty financial tolls on those who like to tip back a few glasses of their favorite beverages while letting their "Fingers do the walking" like no old Yellow Pages commercial of yesteryear ever envisioned.

The evidence is out there



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for the taking. One in three of our fellow Americans have shopped while boozing it up from either their desktop or laptop computers, or especially on their hand held smart phones. Ever wonder how in 2016 Amazon surpassed fellow shopping Goliath Walmart in total sales? Well we have a winner folks, and it's a tag team electronic wrestling match with the World Wide Web, Budweiser, and Chardonnay winning by a financial smack down off the top ropes.

According to a recent survey by website Finder.com the

average liquored up shopping spree is \$206. The site goes on to list 27 percent or nearly 67 million Americans go on to consume at least nine alcoholic beverages a week, and nine percent drink more than nine. The most popular drink is beer at 21 percent followed by wine at 17, and no less than \$80 per week is spent on adult beverages. With those 67 million Americans consuming an average of \$80 per week of alcohol I hope the number is at least so high because it's the good stuff, Dear Lord!

The website lists the most common SUI purchases as clothing and shoes at 39 percent along with gambling at a tie score. Additionally, cigarettes trailed a close second at 38 percent. Other data supplied includes 46 percent of Americans who regularly drink alcohol make spontaneous purchases while drunk. If all these numbers fail to

get your attention, then think of it this way. Nearly \$14 billion annually is spent here at home on some seriously tipsy e-commerce. "Houston, we have a problem."

We all know how well prohibition worked out the last time, and I am pretty sure the safe money can be placed on the internet not ever going away short of a huge asteroid playing a cosmic game of chicken with our 3rd planet from the sun.

Thus, the tipsy titan of electronic self-indulgence shall continue to grow upwards faster than the Titanic sank to the bottom of the sea.

Alcohol can be a problem for many. Who would have ever envisioned a day when SUI became as deadly to your checking account as OUI could be to a fellow human being. In an ever growing world of acronyms and abbreviations let's face it; some are far less positive than others.

Steps to prevent SUI which can be taken include but are not limited to removing shopping apps on your smartphone, not going shopping on-line while intoxicated, blocking certain websites during hours when your normally consume alcohol, and just like handing over the keys to the car, hand your spouse or somebody you can trust the credit cards before you decide to toss back a few down the hatch. Your purse, wallet, and checking account will be far more thankful than you may have ever thought.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, some 62,000 men and 26,000 women die of an alcohol related death annually. Now alcohol with SUI has found a new victim to add to the list, the electronic death of many people's savings accounts.

## BROOKS

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about working with Marty is his filing system. Marty definitely has the world's most unique filing system. It is something that was a challenge to learn, but effective in its own way."

Smith closed with, "I think it's important that people know how much Marty has cared about the town, and how much he has brought to the department that protects them as far as knowledge wise. I am excited for him to be able to have his health, and the ability to go enjoy himself in to retirement. He has earned it. He certainly leaves here and the Winchendon Fire Department with all my respect."

Firefighting has run strong in the Brooks family. Brooks said, "My grandfather was a chief of this department, Chief John Edward Brooks. He started back when they still had horses on the department, and was chief up until around 1947, and my father before me was also a firefighter."

Before becoming a fireman, Brooks took tremendous enjoyment in playing hockey, and had aspired for a career in it.

"I played in the farm leagues up in Quebec, and had a really great time. I ended up having a wife and children up there, and tried to get on the Toronto, Ontario Fire Department and it was tough, you really had to know somebody to get on. So, then we moved to Moncton, New Brunswick and I attended Moncton Community College and got my Masters License in Mechanics. I tried to get on the fire department there and it was the same thing, tough to get on. Being 750 miles away from both my parents and my wife Kathy's parents, they never got to see the children, so we decided to move back down here about 1986," said Brooks.

Brooks explained, "When I first became a firefighter in 1987 it wasn't on-call, but kind of was in those days. Budgeting was different back then and there were no hourly wages. Firefighters like myself were paid with an annual stipend of about \$750 a year."

Brooks joked, "It was different back then, you would get to the station to answer the call, and trip people going up the stairs so you could get on the truck."

When Brooks was asked if there were any memories that really stood out to him over the years he replied, "The ones that survived, like the people who have gone in to cardiac arrest, and you were able to bring them back, the ones that survived. The people who drowned and you were able to bring them back, the ones that survived."

From attending emergency calls to aiding in the maintenance of apparatus, helping educate new recruits, mowing the lawn, and even 20 years on the dive team, as third in command Brooks has

seen and done it all.

Serving in emergency response can be very demanding on one's family life. Brooks reflected on having to leave birthday parties and other family events to aid with a call, and then come back and nearly everybody would be gone.

"I always made time for the family whenever I could, it's important," said Brooks.

Retirement was never much of a thought to Brooks. Brooks explained, "I never really thought about it much. Some days I feel like I am 18, and other days I feel what I am. I put in for my retirement six months ago, and since then it's gone by really fast. My daughter Jennifer Demers is due to have a baby and our first grandchild next month around August 19, so we need to wait for that and then I might go to Texas, not sure yet."

Brooks was asked the question; do you have any advice for the new recruits and younger firefighters?

Brooks replied, "I would say respect what the firefighters give you for an answer, and have pride in your work. Listen to the older guys. But most importantly, take care of your family. Family comes first. If you're at a birthday for your daughter or your son, stay there. There will be more people coming to the station. Take care of your family, and let them do it."

In a strong statement of support for the department Brooks added, "Winchendon is a tight community. Even though many employees here come from outside of town, they have the same passion as the people who live in town. They are always there to help you like your part of the family. They are all very dedicated, from basics right up to medics."

In his last closing statement as the Captain, Brooks said, "I really enjoyed working here. They will all do fine when I am gone. The station will still be open. I will be popping in and out for sure. All those moms and dads and grandparents who came in over the years and with their kids to look up in the trucks and I blew the sirens for them, I will be able to do that for myself now."

A gathering was held at the WFD to honor Brooks' upcoming retirement July 7 with firemen, policemen, family and friends all attending.

WFD Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni spoke strongly of his Captain. Ruschioni said, "I have known Marty since he

was an on-call firefighter. Our chief was Richard Williams at the time. Williams walked up to me one day and said, "What do you think about hiring Marty Brooks for the opening we have?" I immediately said Marty would be a great man. We started working together before 911. It's amazing the fires we went to back in the '80s and '90s when the calls we went to back in Winchendon usually included a fire probably every month, and sometimes two or three. Today's fire service has changed. Marty and I have been through floors. We have had ceilings fall on us. We have fought some incredible infernos and made some dangerous moves in our days. Marty, there is nobody I would rather have at my side, who I am proud of and honored to know and be a firefighter with. I wish you many years of retirement and happiness, as you deserve it."

WPD member Lt. Kevin Wolski who was one of several police officers in attendance when asked about Brooks said, "I've known Marty Brooks since I was a part time firefighter which I did for like a year a long time ago. He was always helpful. Just one of those down home local guys you could always rely on, and it is sad to see him go after so many years. He has been an asset to the town, and I am going to miss him."

A video history of Brooks' career was composed for those in attendance to watch by Melissa Vaine, wife of Lt. Vaine. The tribute video included firefighting action photos, old news stories, fire file photos, individual personal statements from firemen, police officers, friends, training photos, and much more. Vaine said, "I love Marty. I love all the members here, and it's just a huge family. I really wanted to do something for somebody who I almost looked up to as a father. I wanted to make sure we could do something that's nice for him and include everybody who is part of that family in it. Marty, enjoy retirement, don't work too hard, and keep camping."

FF/Paramedic Andrew Harding has known Brooks for ten years as Harding

said Brooks was one of his original partners in private EMS. Harding smiled and said, "Marty is knowledgeable, trustworthy, hardworking, and a total pain in the ass. Marty needs to go because we all want him to have a great retirement, not because we don't want him here anymore. We really want him to have the best retirement which he deserves."

Kathy Brooks, wife of Marty has been the wife of a Firefighter for 30 years. She said, "It's been very satisfying. It's great to see him respond to many situations and stays calm and love his job; he just loves what he does. I like other wives spent years on the auxiliary here, and we had a lot of fun."

Brooks chuckled and then said, "There were times obviously where it could be frustrating such as he would have the kids and get a call, and have to drop them off somewhere safe if I wasn't home. Since radios here can't be used for personal communication and he had gone to a call, I would call the department on the phone with the question, 'Where did you leave the package?' That was the code. I would get an address know where to pick up our children. I was always very proud of him. If he wanted to pull another shift, it was never a problem for us. He will never sit still, that's not part of him, as he still works part time for Medstar. Keep busy Marty!"

Jennifer Demers, daughter of Marty and Kathy, carrying their soon to be first grandchild had a special message for her dad. "I am very proud of him. It is so nice to see how much he likes to help people and how selfless he is. While he cares about us very much, it's nice to have learned what it means to be selfless, compassionate and to think about others. I really hope he gets to enjoy his time off. No matter if his upcoming grandchild is a he or a she; it's great to know my child will be able to learn some great lessons from my dad like I have."

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## VINE

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the 2009 version. I was not among them. It just wouldn't have been anywhere near as exciting as the first one.

Yes, Big Brother and the Holding Company was there – without Janis Joplin, of course. Some group calling itself Jefferson Starship was there – with only one original member of Jefferson Airplane – and, of course, no Grace Slick. Ten Years After appeared – but without Alvin Lee, what's the point? And Levon Helm showed up – but without the rest of The Band, who really cares?

In my time I've had the chance to see Jackson Browne, Gordon Lightfoot, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Elton John, Rod Stewart, B.B. King, John Prine, and others. But I don't know if I'd want to see them again. To do so, I think, would just serve to make me feel older than I really am. (Never mind that B.B. is dead, and

I think David Crosby has been pretty close for a few decades.)

I want to remember them as young, as young as I was when I saw them. When I hear their music on the radio or on a CD or on YouTube I'm able, in the deep recesses of my mind, to recapture a bit of my youth. Torrents of recollection come streaming down from the mountains of memories built up over years of living. It makes me feel good. And I appreciate the talent even more now than I did then.

I don't want to see my musical icons looking older than I am. I want to remember them as the youthful, energetic, talented songwriters and performers that they were. Oh, they're still good and can still move an audience. But if I want to be surrounded by people as old as me, I'll go to an AARP convention.

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**CLARK**

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foundations that support youth programs.”

Thus far, said Quinn, about \$1.1 million of the total has been raised.

Quinn said some \$300,000 of that amount has come from Robinson Broadhurst, “not all at once, but over several years.”

The cost of the community center will be about \$1.7 million,” said Quinn, “while the teen center will run us around \$300,000.”

The community center would be constructed on a patch of land bounded on the south by the Y’s tennis and basketball courts and

on the west by the field house. This means the walking track around the grassy area often used for soccer will have to be shortened. The track currently is a third of a mile around. The community center project would reduce that to about a quarter-mile.

The community center would include three rooms for after-school programs for children in grades kindergarten through six. K through 2 would use one room, while grades 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, respectively, would occupy the other two.

“There would also be room for community events such as blood drives, babysitting classes, CPR classes,” Quinn said.

A little over half the building

would be dedicated to a gymnastics facility, which will include a spring floor and tumble track, as well as space for equipment such as parallel bars, a pommel horse, balance beams, rings, and uneven bars. There will also be office and storage space.

“This will allow us to move all of the gymnastics equipment out of the gym in the main building,” said Quinn. “And that in turn will allow us to start offering programs that we used to have, like basketball and volleyball leagues.”

“We’re hoping to break ground this year,” Quinn continued. “Early fall would be wonderful, but that’s still in the works. We’re working feverishly to raise the remaining balance.”

**DISPATCH**

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tend to be the ones which stay with you,” Coulombe said.

And there are others you can’t forget. There was the call in Fitchburg from an older woman who said she was trapped in her garage, by a cat. This is where professionalism comes in. Coulombe asked the caller if she had a broom, suggesting she might be able to use it to shoo the cat away if she opened the garage door. No need. When the woman did open the door, the cat was gone anyway.

“But she was worried. When citizens are worried, we are worried,” he stressed.

Chief Dave Walsh is appreciative of the efforts from the dis-

patch team.

“The service they provide is vital to emergency response of the police, fire and EMS. They are often overlooked and not recognized to the extent of the police and firefighters. This is unfortunate because they are the first contact with those in distress and are required to gather pertinent information and dispatch the correct response often while speaking to hysterical callers. Additionally, they have to be experts at multitasking. They receive emergency calls, often multiple calls simultaneously. They are required to provide emergency medical dispatching. If this wasn’t enough, they receive radio transmissions from responding police, fire, EMS, all expecting an immedi-

ate response.

“To summarize, the dispatcher position is very stressful and difficult. It has evolved into much more than answering a telephone. They are the essential first step in emergency response and the information they gather and relay is immeasurable as it relates to the successful outcome of the call,” Walsh remarked.

Coulombe is equally positive. “The chief, everyone here, is completely supportive. It is a family atmosphere. Has to be.”

And how long is Coulombe planning on sticking around? “A few years for sure. When you have your health and still love getting up and coming to work every day, and that’s the case with me, no plans to give it up yet,” he said.



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# LEGALS

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shaun Stewart and Heather Stewart to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC dated January 14, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 35519, Page 121, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2017**, on the premises known as **191 Laurel Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Laurel Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stone bound in the westerly line of Laurel Street at a corner of other land of Paul W. Rice, also being shown as Lot "1", on a plan hereinafter referred to;

Thence N. 74 degrees 41' 49" W. by said Lot "1", 267.16 feet to an iron pin at land of the New England Electric Power Company;

Thence N. 10 degrees 58' 05" E. by said Power Company land 190.12 feet to an iron pin at other land of Paul W. Rice, and being shown as Lot "3" on a plan hereinafter referred to;

Thence S. 71 degrees 46' 49" E. by said Lot 3, 290.81 to Laurel Street.

Thence S. 18 degrees 13' 11" W. 175.00 feet to a stone bound and the point of beginning, the proceeding course being by said road line.

Containing 1.166 Acres, more or less. Being shown as Lot "2" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Lots Surveyed for L.S. Development Corp., Winchendon, MA Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet - July 23, 1988 Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA" recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds a Plan Book 608, Page 22.

Said premises are conveyed to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record so far as the same are in force and applicable.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 35519 Page 119.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 212, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

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

Dated: June 21, 2017  
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Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC  
by its Attorneys  
Guaetta and Benson, LLC  
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire  
P.O. Box 519  
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June 30, 2017  
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## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WINCHENDON PUBLIC HEARING FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant

The Winchendon Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:35 p.m. at the Winchendon Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA, to discuss amending the target area in the Community Development Strategy utilized to implement the FY16 Community Development Block Grant.

Interested persons and organizations are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to comment and be heard on the proposed application. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. Special accommodations will be attempted upon request to the Selectmen's Office at 1-978-297-0085 prior to the meeting.

By: Winchendon Board of Selectmen  
Publication Dates: July 7, & July 14, 2017

July 7, 2017

July 14, 2017

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Kelli R. Bator and Gary Bator Jr. to Chase Bank USA, N.A., dated January 11, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40524, Page 175 subsequently assigned to Chase Home Finance, LLC by Chase Bank USA, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45460, Page 158; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on August 4, 2017 at 312 Maple Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

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

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July 28, 2017

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by CYNTHIA L. DRALEAU and CANDICE M. DRALEAU and heirs claiming under Estate of Candice M. Draleau (the "Mortgagor") to Colonial Co-operative Bank (the "Mortgagee"), having a usual place of business at 6 City Hall Avenue, Gardner, Worcester County, Massachusetts, dated July 29, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 36981, Page 240 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the premises situated at 110 Brown Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts, at 1:00 P.M. on the 9th day of August, 2017, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: the following described land with all buildings, equipment and fixtures now or hereafter placed thereon:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the westerly side of Brown Street in Winchendon, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a point in the westerly line of Brown Street, at a corner of land of David A & Paula Hartwell;

THENCE North 84° West, 37.43 feet; THENCE westerly about 42.5 feet; THENCE westerly 24 feet;

THENCE westerly 61 feet, the preceding three courses being taken from deed to the grantor from Henry C. Brown and being the second tract that makes up this conveyance;

THENCE North 70° West, 32.0 feet to a blazed maple tree at the shore of a former pond at land of Fred E. McAllister, the preceding five courses being by said Hartwell land;

THENCE northerly and westerly by the shore of said pond and said McAllister land about 115 feet to a point by a cherry tree at land of John W. Sibley;

THENCE North 66° East, 72.0 feet; THENCE South 77 1/2° East, 56.0 feet to the westerly line of Brown Street, the westerly end of the last course being located 21 feet from the northwesterly corner of the dwelling on the herein granted premises and the easterly terminus of said course being located 26.5 feet from the northeasterly corner of said house;

THENCE South 7° East by the said line of Brown Street 163.26 feet to a corner of land of the first mentioned Hartwell and the point of beginning. Subject to a reservation and right to flow any part of said premises which may be flowed by the water of said pond, at any height it is raised or maintained.

Subject also to a reservation unto John W. Sibley, his heirs, or assigns, of a right of way for passage of vehicles or persons across the northeast corner of the premises 12 feet in width from the above referred ash tree at the northeasterly corner of the above described parcel and extending diagonally across the said corner in a northwesterly direction, and passing northerly of a large maple tree on said land of Sibley adjoining on the north.

Being the same premises conveyed to Cynthia L. Draleau and Candice M. Draleau by deed of Gerald L. Draleau and Anita L. Draleau dated January 20, 1993 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 14899, Page 184.

Said premises are to be sold and conveyed subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes to the Town of Winchendon Massachusetts, and to any unpaid liens and assessments thereon, and subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding liens, or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances of record, created prior to the mortgage, if there be any.

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, leaseholds, tenancies, occupants, municipal or zoning regulations or requirements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage or to which the Mortgage has been subordinated, if any there be. No representation is made as to the existence or non-existence of lead paint or UFFI at the premises and Buyer purchases subject to all requirements related thereto.

If the premises are not serviced by a public sewage system, Buyer will be solely responsible for compliance with all Title V Regulations, including but not limited to, any inspection and upgrade requirements set forth in 310 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulations) 15.300 through 15.305.

The Mortgagee will offer for sale the mortgaged premises as an entirety.

Terms of sale: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, to be paid in cash, (U.S. Currency), Bank Certified Check, Bank Treasurers Check, Bank Cashiers Check or other official Bank Check, at the time and place of sale. Such deposit must be shown to the auctioneer prior to the commencement of bidding in order to be entitled to bid. The purchaser will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the above terms and such other terms as may be announced at the time and place of the sale. The sale will not be complete until such deposit is paid and such Memorandum is signed.

The Purchaser will be required to deliver the balance of the purchase price to be paid within thirty (30) days of sale, upon the delivery of the foreclosure deed at the office of Richard A. Cella, Esquire, 65 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 297, Leominster, Massachusetts, at which time the foreclosure deed and all related documents will be delivered to the Purchaser. The Purchaser will be solely responsible for completing the filing and recording of all foreclosure documents as required by applicable laws and for the payment of all deed excise stamps and all filing and recording fees.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorney, RICHARD A. CELLA, 65 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 297, Leominster, Massachusetts 01453, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within thirty (30) days of said written notice.

In the event that the second highest bidder shall not be interested in purchasing the mortgage premises, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the premise by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders. Mortgagee also reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder.

If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property.

Except for warranties arising by operation of law, the sale of the mortgaged property and personal property is "as is", "where is" and with all faults, latent or patent, and subject to all prior encumbrances. The mortgagee expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and/or regarding title to the personal property and/or any such fixtures or other personalty.

The description of the Mortgaged Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Subject to such other terms and conditions as may be announced at the time, date and place of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

COLONIAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK  
Present Holder of Mortgage  
By Its Attorney, Richard A. Cella, Esq.  
65 Pleasant Street  
P. O. Box 297  
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