

Romano takes job in Douglas

AMERICA'S PRINCIPAL LEAVING WINCHENDON

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Murdock High School is in the market for a new principal after Josh Romano announced earlier this week he is leaving after three years to take the same position at Douglas High School.

Superintendent Steve Haddad said no successor, interim or permanent has been selected but lauded Romano.

"I want to thank Josh for the

steady leadership he has provided. He has been unwavering in his dedication to making Murdock a school of superior academic achievement."

While praising what he called a "fantastic, dedicated, committed" staff, Romano lashed out at the town's Finance Committee, saying it was after the panel called the school system "cannibals" that he decided to move on.

"That was such an unne-

cessary comment. It was completely unfair to the students and to what these people who care so much about the kids are trying to do," he said.

"I went home that night and made up my mind," Romano added.

While irate at the Finance Committee, Romano had nothing but kudos for MHS personnel.

"We've made great progress and it's because of the people

who work in this building. They're 100-percent for the students," he asserted.

Reminiscing about the successes during his years at the helm, Romano pointed to the increase in the number of Murdock grads attending four year colleges.

"One of the highlights was seeing Chandler (Torres-Pagan) go to Harvard," he beamed. Romano mentioned the spike in Advanced Placement classes, the development of an innovative technol-

ogy program, and the 'live lab' as foremost among the school's improvements.

"I like to think we've been in the forefront of the movement to not tolerate bullying. What happened here a couple years ago made national news because we came together as a community and projects like Blue Hands and the Benches and the whole commitment we made to fight bullying says a lot about everyone here."

"We have so many positive

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Keith Kent photo

A semi-trailer is loaded with debris as the work begins on the Walnut Street project

Walnut Street project adds to downtown chaos

BY GREG VINE
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Crews from GEG Construction of Springfield recently began work on the reconstruction of Walnut Street, and Winchendon Development Director Tracy Murphy couldn't be more pleased. In addition to the Walnut Street project, work is underway on a new Cumberland Farms at the corner of Central and Front streets, and work will soon

get under way on improvements to Beals Memorial Library.

"I'm very excited," said Murphy. "It's going to spur interest in people going through town. When they see the things that are happening, it sparks interest, and that's what we want. We want people asking, 'What's changing, what's evolving, what's going on?'"

The Walnut Street project is being funded in large

part through a Community Development Block Grant. Some \$390,000 of a \$666,000 grant was committed to the work which, according to public works Director Al Gallant, includes new sewer and water lines, improved drainage, new sidewalks, and a bike lane, in addition to the complete resurfacing of the roadway. To help improve chances of the grant being approved, the town commit-

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Police advise traffic delays

BY KEITH KENT
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The Winchendon Police Department has advised the continued use of both patience and caution as the Central Street business district and surrounding areas will have continued traffic congestion due to construction for the foreseeable future.

Currently there are three simultaneous projects which include Cumberland Farms, the Walnut Street betterment project, and Gardner Road to Teel Road along Route 140. In addition, the High Street Bridge just outside the business district will also soon be seeing repair construction.

Lt. Kevin Wolski said, "The communication with the con-

tractors and the project manager on the Cumberland Farms building project has been very good. They call us up with notice for every detail requested, so we know what we need to do the next day." Chief David Walsh added, "We have been doing them just about every day since the project started."

When discussing the detail costs Walsh confirmed, "Not only does the company pay for the required police details, but we also bill them a processing fee for us doing the work. There is no cost to the community for all the necessary details required for the project. Any time you see a detail, it is always privately paid, except for town details such as elec-

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Events at the properties

WINCHENDON — Spend a morning at the Murdock Whitney and Morse houses this Saturday, June 3 and you will find bargains, plants, art and more.

The Winchendon Historic and Culture Center is hosting a yard sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with items from the Meyer estate,

overstock from the collection and lots of fun stuff. It's the one sale not to be missed this year. Organizers say there was consideration to doing this sale as an auction, but doing an estate sale seemed a bit easier. Be sure to stop by.

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Scenes from the lock up

LOCAL POLICE REMINISCE

BY JERRY CARTON
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He's Winchendon's chief of police now but there was a time when working in law enforcement might not have been on Dave Walsh's radar. Walsh had started college but wasn't thrilled with it and decided work was a better option. He became a produce manager at a Victory supermarket but there was, he said, a gnawing sense that wasn't the right fit either.

"I wanted to do more than just collect a paycheck," Walsh recalled. "I wanted something that would give me a sense of accomplishment, like I was making some difference."

That was the catalyst for his decision to return to school where in time Walsh found what he wanted to do and wound up at the police academy, eventually being hired in Winchendon in 1989, in time becoming a detective and lieutenant before taking over as chief in 2015.

"We were really busy," said Walsh of the then 11-person force serving a population of more than 6,000. He might've been new but was on an upward track from the start.

"I really liked police work. I found, or people found, that I was able to communicate very effectively with victims of sex crimes, especially young, elderly and handicapped. I think my manner was comforting to them and I liked being able to help people who were going through very difficult situations. I suppose you could say I was victim-friendly in a sense," he reflected.

Like most chiefs, Walsh is concerned about the opioid crisis, fueled largely, he thinks, by abuse of prescription medication. Winchendon had 34 reported overdose cases in 2015 and 38 last year. This year, though, the number had fallen to four at the end of April, which was an encouraging sign.

"You worry about it all the time," he noted.

One of Walsh's predecessors in the chief's office was Sal Marinelli, whose son Rick spent some 22 years on the force between 1977-99.

"We had one regular cruiser and a station wagon which served as an ambulance, if I

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NOW WHAT...?

Keith Kent photo

A very sticky situation for this heron, as he managed to capture a horned pout, but now has the delicate problem of just how to get the thorny fish down his throat. This might be the time to consider...the one that got away...rather than risking injury.



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WEEKLY QUOTE

Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.

- Hans Christian Andersen



Parade might be canceled but never patriotism

Winchendon, the work of the local Scout troops and veterans' organizations on Friday and Saturday were recognized and applauded.

The flags at the town's cemeteries were placed on the sunny Saturday, and were recognized during the service held Monday at the American Legion Post 193.

Services were also held at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, with Gov. Charlie Baker in attendance.

GREG VINE photos

Flags adorn the graves of three members of the Powers family, all of whom served in the U.S. military.



Winchendon Girl Scout Emma Bourque, 11, is joined by her mother Jennifer in placing flags at the graves of veterans laid to rest in the town's cemeteries.

BELOW: Some members of Winchendon Cub Scout Pack 193 carrying flags to the graves of Winchendon veterans who are buried at Riverside Cemetery. Flags were placed at the graves of veterans in all town cemeteries last Saturday. The placement of flags at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery was overseen by the state.



Colton Cochran of Winchendon Boy Scout Troop 193 places a flag at the grave of his great-grandfather, William Lemire, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. The gravesite is located in Calvary Cemetery.



Denied a look at the annual Memorial Day parade due to impending inclement weather, a large crowd gathered for services at the Winchendon American Legion.



The Murdock Middle/High School Band played at Monday's Memorial Day Services at the American Legion.

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

Friday, June 2

ALUMNI SOFTBALL: On Friday, June 2 6-9 p.m. at the American Legion Baseball Field, Murdock Alumni of all ages are encouraged to participate in a just for fun softball game. Former participation in athletics is NOT a requirement, and there is no cost to participate, though donations are appreciated. If you wish to order a shirt, the price is \$10 and must be ordered by May 22. Concessions will be available. All proceeds benefit Murdock Sports Boosters. TO register or for information contact Sue Polcari at (978) 257-5671 or Rpinwma@verizon.net. Once a Blue Devil, always a Blue Devil!

Saturday, June 3

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.

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



CLYDE'S CORNER

RECYCLE THAT 'STUFF': Appliance or Electronics Recycling is scheduled Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to noon at the empty lot in front of Rite Aid, the old Mathieu Ford lot. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 193, there is a small fee for recycled items; not everything is listed but our prices will be reasonable for anything you bring. Appliances are \$15. Electronics: Trunk Load \$25, Truck/SUV Load \$50; TVs: up to 19 inches are \$20, over 19 inches are \$35, and Consoles/Projection are \$45.

Thursday, June 8

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

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

Sunday, June 11

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

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

Thursday, June 22

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.

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

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: On Thursday, June 22 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon for a hearty dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. We can always use more volunteers! If you'd like to help with set-up, come to the church around 4 p.m. If you want to help with serving, come at around 5:15 p.m. so we can go over any special protocols for the night's menu. Clean-up starts around 6:15 p.m. and is usually done shortly after 7 p.m. Volunteers have a chance to sit down to socialize and enjoy the meal.

Saturday, August 19

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beals director earns Masters

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Recently, Beals Memorial Library Director Manuel King and his wife Mary headed south for a little vacation. The couple first flew into Orlando and, from there, headed to St. Augustine, Florida. Manuel said they spent a couple of days in the city which was founded by the Spanish in 1565, making it the oldest European settlement in what is now the United States. They then traveled north to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in southern Georgia.

"That's when we found out it was on fire," he said, "so that was a little interesting. But we were able to do a tour of the park on the northern end of it, because it was the southern part that was affected."

After that, the King's travelled to the oldest city in Georgia - historic Savannah, a city known for its antebellum architecture, Spanish moss-covered oak trees, and cobblestone squares.

And, oh, yeah, while the couple were traversing the Empire State of the South, they swung by Valdosta State University, where Manuel King picked

up his master's in library and information sciences. King was working on the degree when he was picked last September to lead the nearly 104-year-old library - with the stipulation that he complete his studies.

While learning the ins and outs of his new job, familiarizing himself with the community, educating himself about the likes and dislikes of Beals' patrons, and preparing for a \$1.5 million renovation project which will bring the library into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, King has spent just about every "spare" moment over the past seven months studying, taking exams, writing papers and - finally - achieving a goal he set for himself several years ago.

"If you had told me 20 years ago that I would be doing this, I would have told you, you were nuts," said King. "I have a bachelor's degree in fine arts and illustration. So, I did that for about 15 years, and I just got really burnt out. I did a lot of magazine work, I did illustrations for children's books, calendars. I was pretty successful for a while but the lifestyle of always being alone, and the

fact I'd be really wealthy for a month and then I wouldn't have any money at all - that freelance life really took a toll. I was getting older and growing a family that was getting older. Around 2002 I decided I just didn't want to do it anymore. I was avoiding telephone calls from my agent, I just couldn't do it anymore."

Around that time, said King, the director of the YMCA gave him a call and offered him a job overseeing a new after-school arts program. As a result, the Youth Reach Program for children in grades 5 through 8 was born. The grant-funded position was part-time so, to supplement his income, he took a 6-hour-per-week job as a "shelver," putting books returned by patrons back into the shelves at Wheeler Memorial Library in Orange.

"I was really inspired by the librarians there," King said. "Their sense of community, their love for the work they were doing, and I said, 'Wow, this would be really cool to

do." "When I became the head of adult services, after being there for 10 years, I decided to pursue my degree."

Anyone who thinks a librarian is someone who simply orders books, tosses them onto a shelf, and - when not spending half their day reading - definitely has the wrong idea of what the job entails.

"I often hear 'Oh, I'd love to be a librarian and just sit in a corner all day and read books,'" said King. "A huge part of being a librarian is delivering excellent customer service. Another large part of my job is also administrative; doing budgets and payroll and making sure all the bills are paid. I have to make sure we have all the materials we need, and - and this is very important - making sure my employees are all happy."

King adds that he probably spends one week out of each month "just doing research."

"What should be purchased for the library? What's the best

price? Not only for reading material, but for supplies that we need and keeping the building in good shape."

"Now that my degree is finished and my nights are free," said King, "and I don't know what to do with myself in the evening, my wife is putting me to work. So, I have no more excuses to avoid work around the house. But seriously, I'm hoping now I'll have a little more time to devote to Winchendon instead of having to run home and when the library closes to study."

King takes pride in the fact that the library seems to be getting busier.

"We've brought in a lot of new material. We're offering new programs; guest speakers, promotional programs, children's programs. I really do love the job. I feel like we have a very committed staff, and together we're making a very positive impact on this town. There's always more to do, but I'm very pleased with where things are moving."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summer
Time and...

School is winding down, we are entering a twilight zone of last days, field trips, graduations, acceptance letters, rejection letters too, and yes, this includes the youngest kids as well as though gearing up for college.

We have heard of intense competition for preschool entrance as harrowing as Harvard.

We understand wanting the best for our kids, who doesn't? But...

We've lost something important in the translation here. And it isn't based just on public education failing (we don't think that is the fault of local schools, it is interference by people who actually know nothing about education...like politicians), or designer schools in some way attracting a certain snobbish view of ourselves and our expectations for ourselves and our families.

No, this is more fundamental that.

What we've lost, is childhood.

Do we honestly think the children of 1935 didn't learn?

In the midst of a horrifying depression, where more than half of the parents in the country HAD no money and no prospects, do you think their children didn't get an education that in turn helped them find employment later?

Those children did indeed learn, and learn well. They went on to attend very good higher education. They became the lawyers, scientists and teachers; the politicians and guiding personages of the next generation. And then the grandparents of the generation after that, now lamenting the loss of free time for those grandchildren.

Ask about that.

Hanging out with grandparents isn't much of a priority for kids these days. When in the older generation's household, the younger are on an electronic device, not playing games and learning a whole different set of lessons. No cookie baking, no checkers, no reminiscing and learning first hand history from someone who lived it.

Then there's the extracurricular activity that takes place in most structured young lives. Being shuttled from soccer to dance to private music lessons to karate to...

When is the day dream time? The chance to just watch clouds or notice nature?

And listen to your own inner voice. So you learn who YOU are.

It is a new way of living, a new way of being. The losses won't entirely even be known for another 20-30 years when these children attempt to raise children of their own.

And much will have been lost. It just won't be there to share.

And it is something not available on the Internet.

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GREG
VINE

Embarrassed adj. to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed. (Merriam-Webster)

Since November, I have done my best to refrain from commenting on the words and actions of our new commander in chief. Like many people, I had held out hope that Donald Trump would, once he had taken the oath of office and been confronted by the enormous responsibility of the job of president, magically exhibit

more maturity, more self-control, more class. It turns out I have been proven tragically naïve for desperately grasping at even a shred of hope that such would be the case.

What I witnessed last Thursday, as President Trump lectured the leaders of our NATO allies for failing to spend enough of their countries' wealth in support of the alliance, literally made my jaw drop. I could feel my face turning red, not with anger but with embarrassment.

Our president stood before a twisted girder from the World Trade Center which now adorns the entrance to NATO's new headquarters. That tortured piece of metal represents more than just the worst attack

against the United States in our nation's history, it also symbolizes the only time that Article 5 of the NATO treaty was invoked to unite its member states in common cause against a single enemy. Yet, President Trump used that backdrop to lecture the elected leaders of our NATO allies.

Article 5, in its simplest interpretation, states that an attack on one member nation is an attack on all NATO members. It was employed to bring our allies into the fight to rid Afghanistan of that nation's Taliban regime and the terrorist organizations to whom it gave sanctuary; the same terrorist who had carried out the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and

Pentagon.

Since then, the armed services of our allies have suffered more than 1,100 killed. This total includes deaths from among eight non-NATO members. The number of NATO soldiers killed in support of the U.S. in Afghanistan include 453 from the United Kingdom, 88 from France, 57 from Germany, 53 from Italy, and 44 from Poland.

Instead of bending over backward to thank our allies for the blood and treasure they have sacrificed in support of the United States, our president castigates them for failing to pay up? With a straight face, he declares that the nations who have helped the U.S. maintain the global balance of power

with the then-Soviet Union and now Putin's Russia are being "unfair to the people and taxpayers of the United States?"

Easily as egregious as Trump's boorish behavior as his failure to commit the U.S. to abiding by Article 5 was his complete failure to discuss the threat Putin's Russia poses to a free and democratic Europe. There was no mention of the former KGB leader's annexation of Crimea, nor his continued support of Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine; a conflict that has claimed an estimated 10,000 lives.

Instead of voicing unqualified support for Article 5, our president offered little more

To the Editor:

I was saddened to read the letter from Mr. Kyle Bradley in the May 26 edition of the Courier. Mr. Bradley: I'm sorry that you feel so threatened by people who have serious questions about our government. There really is no reason for you to take our concerns personally. I hope that you feel a little better now that you've gotten all that off your chest.

What saddens me the most is that you're upset about so many things that are simply not true. Maybe you'll calm down a little if you understand the facts.

You say that "Winchendon went for President Trump more than 80%."

Good Lord! Not hardly! Nowhere near it! 4,406 voters in Winchendon cast ballots for the President in November. 2,310 voted for Mr. Trump. That's a scant majority of 52%—barely more than half. More Winchendonians voted to legalize marijuana (2,735, 60%) than voted for Mr. Trump.

But not everyone who went to the polls voted for the President at all. About 150 voters left the Presidential ticket blank. That pulls Mr. Trump's majority down to 50.6% of all Winchendon residents who voted. That's no surprise — the reason the Boston Globe interviewed Trump voters here in January was that Winchendon usually votes blue, and they wondered what had changed. It didn't change by very much.

And not all the registered voters in Toy Town went to the polls. There are 6,864 registered voters in Winchendon. A third of them didn't vote at all in November. So, Mr. Trump's support among all Winchendon registered voters was only 33.6%. That's a far cry from "more than 80%."

You wouldn't expect otherwise. The vast majority (4,447) of Winchendon voters are Unenrolled — they belong to no political party. Only 942 are registered Republicans — 13.7%! No wonder you

feel threatened, Mr. Bradley. It can be unsettling to feel so outnumbered. I can only reassure you that you and "your ilk" have nothing to fear from us, your neighbors. You're perfectly safe!

At the end of your letter, Mr. Bradley, you say, "I'll let you know the respectable way a democracy works: we voted at the ballot box, and then we went on with our lives."

Good Lord! I hope that's not what you're teaching your kids! WRONG, WRONG, WRONG, WRONG, WRONG!

In a democracy like ours, we have an obligation and a responsibility to be politically engaged — every day, on every level. A government will remain of the people and by the people only as long as the people are involved with it — and that means all the time. Far too many Americans only rouse themselves from civic slumber once every four years. Far too many Americans never vote or involve themselves at all.

We are amazingly fortunate to have open town meeting government here in Massachusetts. I've been attending town meetings for 42 years. I vote in every election, I campaign, I attend hearings — only a lack of time keeps me from serving on a committee or running for office. I'm single and I have to support myself.

It's disgraceful that voter turnout is so poor here in Winchendon and in the country overall. It's disgraceful that so few Winchendon residents attend town meeting or vote in local and midterm elections.

Mr. Bradley, politics is not like rooting for your favorite sports team. It's like hiring an employee for your business. The President is not an anointed King. He is a temporarily appointed public servant. We choose and "hire" him and our tax dollars pay his salary. We give him power and authority with the understanding that he will work in our best interests.

What do you do when you have an employee who talked a great game in the interview but isn't meeting your expectations? Do you say, "oh, well, I hired him, too bad, I'll just have to get over it?" I hope not! As a small business owner, I'd be addressing my concerns with that employee every day. I'd be giving him chances to improve, I'd be writing up performance evaluations, and if things didn't turn around pronto, well...that employee would be updating his resumé.

It's not personal. It's business. It's about job performance. I'm not concerned about President Trump because I "like" or "dislike" him. I'm concerned about his policies, and how those policies will impact my town, my life, and the lives of people I care about. His new budget — to give one example — won't just be bad for Winchendon, it will be disastrous. To start with, it will devastate our schools. You have children in the schools, Mr. Bradley, doesn't this concern you?

As far as all the rest of the extremely inaccurate statements you make — I'm very sorry that you're attached to false beliefs that cause you so much unnecessary stress and anger. Maybe you'd like to come to an Indivisible Winchendon meeting sometime and see what "YOUR ILK" is like in person. We're your neighbors. We're non-partisan (I haven't belonged to a political party for decades). We're educated, rational, and dedicated to respectful, civil dialogue and correcting misinformation. We love our communities and our country, and we're politically engaged because we want to do good. We won't yell at you, call you names or rant at you. If you can promise the same, stop in for a talk. Maybe we can help you feel better.

REV. INANNA ARTHEN
WINCHENDON

Ward: agrees with Anderson assessment

To the Editor:

The contents of this letter are my thoughts only and not those of the Finance Committee. Thank you, Barbara Anderson, Chairman of the Winchendon Board of Selectmen, for setting the record straight on the fiscal responsibility demonstrated by the town — including the very small raises negotiated for town employees.

Your letter in the May 19 Winchendon Courier was absolutely accurate. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both supported using Free Cash in the amount of \$55,329 to pay outstanding prior year bills that the school district failed to pay. The Board of Selectmen also voted unanimously to give the school an additional \$56,431 to offset other expenses. \$323,068 from the 2014 override, \$55,329 in free cash, \$56,431 additional funding provided an increase of \$434,828 to the school district. The School Committee, administration, and teacher's union negotiated raises knowing that without an additional override, faculty and staff would lose jobs if the district was to meet the financial commitment needed for the raises negotiated. The Superintendent stated that faculty took a 'zero' percent raise last year. Technically, this is true. Although they did not get a raise they did get an increase in pay through steps. Each teacher received a step advance ranging from \$1,500 to \$6,000 depending on years of service and degree held.

In the last ten years Winchendon lost

463 students. That is an entire school. Let me repeat that: We lost 463 students! Many cuts should have occurred. Winchendon has ranked in the bottom 20% of the state for over a decade. Saying that we have new people on the board, new people in administration, and new people in the classroom is not a valid excuse for the lack of progress. Hire people that bring expertise to the table and do not need a year (or two) to acclimatize.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did a complete review of the Winchendon Public Schools in December 2016. They gave the district a 73-page comprehensive document of their findings. Here are a few examples: no measurable objectives in the Strategic Plan; no systematic or consistent practice for analysis of data to drive decisions; no formal feedback on why families leave the district (the emphasis is on "formal"); no regular discussions on curriculum, instruction, evaluation; no consistent vertical curriculum alignment between middle and high school; few completed curriculum maps; no culture of continuous learning; no responsibility assigned for oversight of professional development (including implementation of newly purchase PD program EDIVATE); inconsistent and poorly done teacher and administrative evaluations. Implementing these 'findings' takes commitment, desire and organization - not dollars.

In 2016, the district scores for

Winchendon students in ELA (English Language Arts) improved by 2% meaning that 46% of students met or exceeded state standards and 54% did not. Math scores increased by 5%. 38% of students met or exceeded standards and 62% did not. Science declined by 13% and is 22% below the state average. An increase of 5% per year will take us 2 to 5 years just to hit the 50% proficient mark. I do not consider 50% proficient as successful.

In the last four years, students at both Toy Town Elementary and Murdock Middle School averaged 47% proficient in ELA (53% failing). 10th grade students averaged 84% proficient — well done! In Math, students at Toy Town averaged 50% proficient and students at Murdock Middle School averaged 28% proficient (72% failing) while tenth grade students averaged 61% proficient — again, significant improvement. Imagine the progress that could be made if students at the elementary and middle school levels were well prepared when they entered high school.

The state strongly suggested the establishment of a committee comprised of a group of people with wide experiences to analyze data, look at the allocation of resources and develop a plan for improving learning. This should be done before additional tax dollars are given to 'maintain an underperforming, status quo' school system.

DR. MAUREEN WARD
WINCHENDON

My Jaw Dropped



Who we are not...



JOURNEY OF THE HEART
.....
JERRY CARTON

Let's start with this. We are not, repeat, not, a "Christian nation." To suggest we are is a profound insult to Jews like me, Catholics like some of my friends, Muslims, atheists like other friends, and all those who choose to worship as they please. It's also an insult to those who came here centuries ago seeking religious freedom and as well to the Founders who clearly separated church and state. Furthermore, if you really think we are or should be a "Christian nation," you're a religious bigot and my rabbi reminded us even as kids

to call out bigots when they revealed themselves. Beliefs like those, unshakable, arrogant and despicable, are why we are engaged in a civil war in this country and make no mistake, that's exactly where we are. I'm not telling you anything you don't already know. It didn't start with Donald Trump's election, either. Had Hillary won, we'd also be in a civil war, one perhaps more violent. Trump's campaign and election, it's been often said, gave permission to the heretofore hidden crazies to fully come out of the woodwork and spew their venom and while that's true, neither he nor his campaign created them in the first place. To his great discredit, Trump has not and will not distance himself from them and he therefore assumes significant responsibility for encouraging them, but they were always there.

Who's to blame? Who knows? I'm not a sociologist nor a psychologist. I'm not a social worker or mental health counselor. But from my perspective as a journalist with a long political career behind me, on a broader scale I blame in large part a guy like Roger Ailes, who before his recent death, advised Richard Nixon on how to implement racially divisive strategies and later at FAUX News perfected the art of convincing the network's viewers that they could find the "truth" only from his people. I blame progressive Democratic voters for not showing up in the 2010 midterm elections which in turn allowed the extremist Tea Party to gain enough congressional seats to paralyze the House of Representatives and terrify the bejeezus out of leadership who in turn chose party over country. I blame our failure as a society for not doing more to bridge the growing

economic gap, for not creating jobs to replace industries which will never return which in turn helped fire up the bitterness of folks who, not often wrongly, feel like they've been screwed. Roughly one in six kids in this country goes to bed hungry every night. If ever there was an example of massive and morally disgraceful bi-partisan failure, what more do you need than that number? But it's more than that. We're more connected than ever electronically but more remote from each other personally. How many of you hang out with your neighbors? Do you know the names of your neighbor's kids? Even the demise of suburban malls has played a role in our social estrangement from one another. The worst part of it? I don't see how there's a democratic (small "d") resolution to this civil war, not as long as people think it's okay when can-

didates body-slam reporters for doing their job, or when so many of us don't think children's food programs are worth funding. The other day the weird Ben Carson, now HUD Secretary, said poverty is "a state of mind." And people cheered and agreed. Seriously? At the beginning of summer in 2017, we're actually arguing about whether access to decent health care is a right? Seriously? In the supposedly greatest country on the planet? This isn't all on Donald Trump, who probably has no idea what he really thinks about public policy from one day to the next anyway. No, this on that segment of the population which has chosen hate and bigotry and extremism over compassion and empathy and tolerance. So you tell me — how does this end well?

Exit 32 the place to be

This past Memorial Day Weekend I had the absolute pleasure of visiting the famed Exit 32 section of picturesque Lincoln, NH and the truly awe inspiring surrounding White Mountains.



ANYTHING NEAR & FAR
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KEITH KENT

Exit 32, they even sell bumper sticker for it. Lincoln without a doubt is one of those areas where a vast assortment of breath taking sites, activities, panoramic views, and bountifully diversity of people from all walks of life gather in harmony to experience what White Mountain life is all about. I counted cars from 13 states, and tourists of just about every ethnicity.

Lincoln, which is home to the Flume Gorge in the Franconia Notch State Park, Loon Mountain Resort, Clark's Trading Post, which is especially famous for its black bear shows, Lost River Gorge, Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, alpine adventures tours, along with the gateway to the Kancamagus Highway at nearly 3,000 feet, and White Mountain National State Forest.

The Flume Gorge is one of those rare natural phenomena which, for many while you are there, makes all of life's trials and tribulations all worth it. Opening this year on May 5, the gorge hosted no less than 3,000 people per day this past weekend according to park officials.

Beginning with a trail just outside the rear door after one purchases their tickets "Adults are \$16 each" you have Mount Liberty and Mount Flume staring you right in the face at 4,460 and

4,327 feet each respectively setting the tone for what is roughly 2.5 mile walk where you pass a giant boulder, go down a steep hill and around a covered bridge. Once past the bridge it is all uphill slow and steady on wide well groomed trails. Shortly after a history cabin, many begin their photo taking along several hundred feet of Table-Top water falls on route to the gorge.

Once entering the gorge, you begin to walk on a raised walkway bolted to the 80 foot tall granite walls which envelope you in nature's glory. For nearly the next 1,000 feet a fast moving stream which descends from Mt. Flume passes underneath you, as you marvel in the powerful yet eloquent design, taking you back to a time when the ice age helped carve the wondrous landscape which was preceded some 400 million years ago by an ancient inland sea.

Once at the gorge summit, you are treated to nearly 50 foot tall cascading water fall, a large bear cave where many stop to take photos, and a scenic viewing area among the tree tops along the gorge. If you don't put this all on your bucket list of things to do, you may have grabbed the wrong bucket, LOL.

Other local attractions include the nationally famous Kancamagus Highway which take you to many scenic viewing areas, waterfalls, and photo stops which are a must have. At the easterly end of the 32 mile highway "fill up as there are no gas stations" you are treated to the Lower Falls park where one day passes per vehicle can be purchased for a mere \$3 if one does not have

a national park sticker. Not long after what is known by many as the "Kanc" is the resort town of North Conway. Be prepared for traffic, and everything from mini-golf to the Conway Scenic Railroad where one can book not just trains rides, but glass roofed rail cars and dining cars for White Mountain train rides. If you have not been there, make sure you stop in to Zeb's for a unique old school shopping experience.

Other area attractions along Route 93 include Echo Lake Beach, The Basin, and many hiking trails. Last but far from least, I encourage you to visit Littleton, NH in what is known as "North of the Notch." A vibrant town center hosts a wide variety of specialty shops, dining, and the famous Chutters Candy Store where a world record 112 foot long candy country with everything imaginable runs the length of the store. Just behind Main Street on Mill Street along the Ammonoosuc River you must visit the Millers Cafe. There is nothing like being able to have a sandwich and beverage sit-

ting on a deck, over the river, alongside a 300 foot covered bridge just feet away. While many believe they must travel a thousand miles or more to see what the world has to offer, there are world class options within a 3 hour's drive from home and the proof is how many come from all around the globe to visit. I encourage you to take a few days to stop and smell the roses as nearly a decade for our return was far too long.

VINE

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than a vague commitment to "never forsake the friends that stood by our side" following the 9/11 attacks.

Since 1949, NATO has managed not only to forestall Soviet/Russian aggression against a democratic Europe, but to

dissuade our most implacable enemy from moving militarily against American interests around the globe. All treaty members, including - if not especially - the U.S., have benefitted from the strength created through unity.

The more than 100,000 Americans buried on European soil did not give their lives only to liberate a beleaguered conti-

nent from unspeakable tyranny, they died to secure a world in which the United States itself would remain free. A failure by our president to consecrate the lives of those dead Americans by virtually refusing to commit our nation to the further defense of freedom and democracy - unless our allies pay up - is at best embarrassing, at worst it is cowardice.

EVENTS

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In addition, the Winchendon Garden Club is hosting a plant sale and bake on the grounds of the Morse house Toy Town Toy

Museum across the street the same day. From 9 a.m.-1 p.m. there will be a variety of plants and members on hand to offer free advice, tips and ideas to anyone seeking information to make their gardens grow.

While at the rear of that prop-

erty, GALA will be open and hosting a yard sale and art sale from 7:30-2 p.m. at their home, the Carriage House. An array of items, including art supplies and art itself.

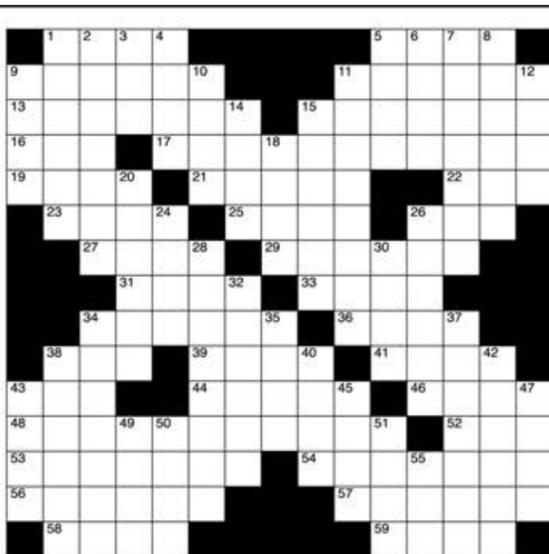
Be sure to stop at both properties to see the possibilities.

AS LOVELY AS A TREE



Courtesy photo

Toy Town fourth graders were presented with small trees by the Winchendon Lions Club in honor of Arbor Day. This has become an annual tradition, and as it turns out, several of the trees presented in the past are growing strong in several yards throughout the town.

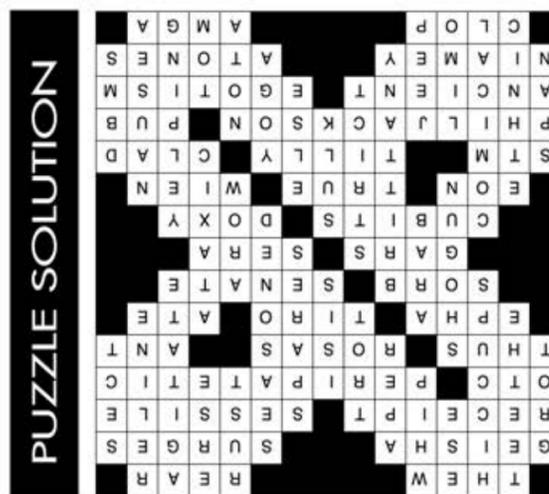


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Muscular strength
- 5. Not the front
- 9. Japanese female entertainer
- 11. Soars up
- 13. Proof you paid
- 15. Immobile
- 16. Type of drug
- 17. Traveling from place to place
- 19. So
- 21. Los Super Seven member Cesar
- 22. Small insect
- 23. Ancient Hebrew measure
- 25. Beginner
- 26. Consumeda
- 27. Fruit of the true service tree
- 29. Part of Congress
- 31. Needlefishes
- 33. Blood serum of an animal
- 34. Ancient measure of length
- 36. Concubine
- 38. One billion years
- 39. Not false
- 41. Vienna (German)
- 43. Short-term memory
- 44. Actresses Meg and Jennifer
- 46. Clothed
- 48. Basketball's "Zen Master"
- 52. Irish bar
- 53. Age-old
- 54. Pride
- 56. Niger's capital
- 57. Makes amends
- 58. Sound made by horses
- 59. Russian river

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cut the baby teeth
- 2. Reflexes
- 3. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. Beat
- 5. Sign of aging
- 6. Goidelic language of Ireland
- 7. Raise public concern
- 8. Make new again
- 9. Something unpleasant
- 10. Roman orator
- 11. Flavored
- 12. Subdivision
- 14. A pace of running
- 15. Allows to live
- 18. Terrorist organization
- 20. Feudal Japanese commander
- 24. Type of horse
- 26. Uncoordinated
- 28. Deceased actress Murphy
- 30. Get into ___ : fight
- 32. Inflexible
- 34. Amusing
- 35. Be morose
- 37. Reviewing online
- 38. Denoting origin
- 40. In addition
- 42. The state that precedes vomiting
- 43. Ballplayer Denard
- 45. Spiritual discipline
- 47. Database management system
- 49. Fancy car
- 50. Off-road vehicle
- 51. ___ bene: observe carefully
- 55. Jerry's pal



Memorial School celebrates Memorial Day

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Last Thursday, as they do every year, students at Winchendon's Memorial School took time away from their classes to honor all the men and women who have given their lives while serving in the armed forces of the United States. The school serves students in Pre-K through grade 2. The annual Memorial Day observance serves to highlight the fact that one is never too young to start learning about the sacrifices made by those who swore an oath to protect our nation and the freedoms espoused by its founders nearly 241 years ago.

Students, teachers, staff, and parents were welcomed to the event by Memorial School Principal Michelle Atter. Following the singing of the

National Anthem by all in attendance, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by students Savannah Algier, Ameerah Bergeron, Jacob Brow, Emma Henckler, Ethan Musgrove, Michael Quinn, Marcelo Silva Jr., and Wendi Wang.

Guest speakers included Winchendon Police Officer Derek Blair, U.S. Army (ret.) and a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, and Army Sgt. Dave Laraba. Both men thanked the students for remembering the many men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending the U.S. and protecting American ideals abroad.

Also attending were Mark Desmarais and Ken LaBrack, of American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 in Winchendon, and Mark Casavant, Commander of the Sons of the American

Legion.

Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day in 1868. It was established by the Grand Army of the Republic, a Union veterans' organization, as a day for the nation to decorate the graves of Union war dead. After World War I, the holiday was renamed Memorial Day and it became a time to honor all Americans who died while serving in the military.

Many Americans confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day, which is celebrated on November 11 each year. While Memorial Day is specifically set aside to remember all those who died while serving in the military, Veterans Day celebrates all men and women who have served.



Memorial Elementary School student Jacob Sears recites the Pledge of Allegiance during last week's observance of Memorial Day.



U.S. Army Sgt. Dave Laraba talks to students at Memorial Elementary School about the meaning of Memorial Day during an event held at the school last Thursday.



Students in Grade 2 sing "One Nation" as part of last Thursday's celebration of Memorial Day at Winchendon's Memorial School.



Kindergarteners at Memorial School sing "Yankee Doodle" during last Thursday's Memorial Day observance at the school.



(l-r) Mark Desmarais and Ken LaBrack, of American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193, Mark Casavant, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Winchendon Police Officer and Gulf War veteran Derek Blair, and U.S. Army Sgt. Dave Laraba salute during the playing of Taps at last Thursday's Memorial Day observance at Winchendon's Memorial Elementary School.

MHS grads scattering with many college bound

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — As the class of 2017 prepares to graduate from Murdock High School Sunday, guidance counselor or Rachel Weinhold points out that every 'state school' aside from Framingham State

University will have the presence of a freshman from MHS.

"We've hit every one except Framingham," she noted.

Students are headed for private schools too, including out-of-state institutions like George Mason, Franklin Pierce, Becker, Curry,

Hampshire and others. Two are military-bound, one Army, one Navy, and a few others are going to be taking advantage of Monty Tech's evening programs.

"I know some students and families can be intimidated by the cost of private schools

sometimes but if that's where they were accepted and really want to go, if they're worried about financial aid packages they've seen, I would tell them, 'call the school back. Tell the school you're a little concerned and see if they can make changes. A lot of schools give out plenty of scholarship money. Don't stalk, but it's okay to be pro-active and assertive,'" said Weinhold.

As usual, a slew of MHS grads are headed over to Gardner and Mount Wachusett Community College and Weinhold thinks that's a good starting point for lots of students, noting the Mount offers students a chance to jump-start with summer STEM and humanities classes, some paid for by the school and others costing as little as \$30.

"Those are great to take advantage of," she remarked. "Not everyone knows what they want to do when they graduate high school," she said. "If you know you want to go to college but you don't know what you want to do, or if you can spend less money getting a number of credits completed at a community college and spend, say \$6,000 as opposed to \$46,000, it makes sense to do that."

"I should have done that. My husband knew he want-

ed to be a teacher and went to a state school and saved a lot of money. I went to a private school, I didn't really know what I wanted, then when I did decide, I had to get my Masters and took out loans. I've paid them all back, but looking back, it would have made more sense maybe for me to have at least started at a state school," she reflected. "So students should think about their options."

Meanwhile, class scheduling as students wind their way through high school is essentially on hold until after the June 20 override referendum vote.

"We don't know what we're going to be able to offer" until town voters decide on the override's fate.

"We've had six Advanced Placement classes with nine to 18 students in them. We're looking at two more next year. Bottom line, we have a lot of programs at stake that impact a student's preparation for college and the world in general," acknowledged Weinhold.

She stressed the importance of the last portion of that comment.

"Not everyone goes to college. That's an individual choice. What we want is simple — we want our graduates to be productive citizens and members of society. We want to see them reach their full potential, however they choose to do that," said Weinhold.



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POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

12:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Woodlawn St.), unable to locate; 12:26 a.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich St.), secure; 12:32 a.m.: investigation (Front St.), secure; 12:39 a.m.: suspicious person (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 12:55-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:25 a.m.: investigation (Central St.), spoken to; 7:40 a.m.: harassment (Front St.), report taken; 7:43 a.m.: vandalism (Royalston Rd. So.), report taken; 8:01 a.m.: welfare check (Ipswich Dr.), secure; 8:44 a.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Rd.), unable to locate; 9:07 a.m.: ambulance (Spring St.), transported; 10:26 a.m.: larceny (Main St.), spoken to; 10:43 a.m.: summons service (Cummings Rd.), served; 10:48 a.m.: summons service (Teel Rd.), served; 11:33 a.m.: accident (Webster Rd.), report taken; 12:17 p.m.: private property tow (Mellen Rd.), impounded; 12:33 p.m.: animal complaint (River St.), info given; 1:09 p.m.: summons service (Ash St.), info taken; 1:20 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Dr.), report taken; 2:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger St.), referred to ACO; 2:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to ACO; 2:46 p.m.: trespass notice (Prospect St.), unable to serve; 2:49 p.m.: parking violation (Central St.), services rendered; 3:14 p.m.: info/general (Maple St.), info taken; 4:06 p.m.: erratic operation (Glenallan St.), unable to locate; 4:18 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 4:45 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), services rendered; 5:30 p.m.: accident (Deland Rd.), services rendered; 6:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Lake & Spring), services rendered; 6:11 p.m.: threats (Mill Glen Rd.), report taken; 6:13 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), transported; 6:36 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 7:20 p.m.: animal call (Madison Ave.), spoken to; 7:50 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 7:57 p.m.: harassment (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 8:51 p.m.: assist other agency (Mellen Rd.), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

12:22-1:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:24 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 5:43 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 6:17 a.m.: trespass (Linden St.), info taken; 9:16 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), assisted; 9:26 a.m.: investigation (Grove

St.), assisted; 9:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Linden St.), returned to owner; 9:56 a.m.: harassment order service (Memorial Dr.), served; 9:59 a.m.: mental health issue (Mill Glen Rd.), transported; 10:25 a.m.: animal complaint (School St.), unable to locate; 11:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main St.), verbal warning; 1:18 p.m.: info/general (Goodrich Dr.), no service necessary; 1:48 p.m.: info/general (Metcalf St.), message delivered; 3:25 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Dr.), secure; 3:28 p.m.: assist other agency (Central St.); 3:37 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 3:49 p.m.: extra patrols (Black Bridge), secure; 5:22 p.m.: ambulance (Woodlawn St.), transported; 6:41 p.m.: disable auto (Baldwinville State Rd.), spoken to; 7:10 p.m.: ambulance (Bayberry Cir.), services rendered; 8:13 p.m.: registration check (Goodrich Dr.), info given; 8:36 p.m.: warrant check (Central St.), info given; 9:08 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 9:50 p.m.: fire alarm (Baldwinville Rd.), service rendered; 10:12 p.m.: noise complaint (Oak St.), spoken to.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

12:55-2:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:16 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 8:52 a.m.: larceny (Main St.), report taken; 9:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), referred to ACO; 9:41 p.m.: ambulance (West St.), transported; 12:18 p.m.: ambulance (Memorial Dr.), transported; 12:31 p.m.: 911 hang up (Front St.); 2:42 p.m.: wires down (Mill & School), assisted; 12:45 p.m.: summon service (Ash St.), unable to serve; 12:57 p.m.: mv sop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 1:01 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 1:17 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), verbal warning; 2:32 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Rd.), advised officer; 3:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster St.), unable to locate; 3:54 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Rd.), assisted; 4:22 p.m.: fight (Central St.), unable to locate; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (High St.), verbal warning; 5:42 p.m.: tree down (Maple St.), no service necessary; 5:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring St.), spoken to; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (High St.), verbal warning; 7:46 p.m.: illegal burn (Front St.), spoken to; 8:27 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 10:23 p.m.: ambulance (Robbins Rd.), transported; 10:26 p.m.: tree down (Maple St.), removed hazard.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

2:05 a.m.: building check, secure; 2:36 a.m.: warrant arrest (Central St.), Daniel Baker-Walker, 23, 118 Marquette St., Gardner, MA; 3:37-4:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Central St.), assisted; 8:44 a.m.:

juvenile/general (Memorial Dr.), transported; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Dr.), no service necessary; 11:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring St.), unable to locate; 11:29 a.m.: burglar alarm (Mill Glen Rd.), secured; 12:21 p.m.: suspicious auto (Maynard St.), unable to locate; 2:08 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 2:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Olde Centre), referred to ACO; 3:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Dr.), referred to ACO; 3:43 p.m.: investigation (Maynard St.), unable to locate; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 5:22 p.m.: burglar alarm (Railroad St.), no cause; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (School St.), verbal warning; 7:32 p.m.: welfare check (Goodrich St.), spoken to; 8:56 p.m.: suspicious (Brown St.), search negative; 10:01 p.m.: welfare check (Mellen Rd.), spoken to; 10:27 p.m.: atv complaint (Hale St.), spoken to.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

1:44 a.m.: suspicious person (Central St.), gone on arrival; 1:54 a.m.: death notification (Sibley Rd.), services rendered; 2:14 a.m.: accident (Brown St.), report taken; 4:02 a.m.: building checked (Spring St.), secured; 9:57 a.m.: deliver message (Old Centre); 10:28 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 10:31 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring & Glenallan); 11:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Rd.), gone on arrival; 12:53 p.m.: mv stop (River St.), citation issued; 1:47 p.m.: suspicious person (Central St.), brought to station; 2:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash St.), spoken to; 2:48 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), transported; 3:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Rd. No.), referred to ACO; 3:59 p.m.: erratic operation (Front St.), unable to locate; 4:05 p.m.: erratic operation (Mason St.), unable to locate; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan St.), citation issued; 7:07 p.m.: erratic operation (Maple St.), info taken; 8:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to ACO; 8:03 p.m.: patrol initiated (Spring St.), spoken to; 8:35 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), verbal warning; 8:45 p.m.: FD call (Cedar Ter.), secure; 9:13 p.m.: wires down (Spruce & Maynard), referred ACO; 9:17 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), info taken; 9:55 p.m.; noise complaint (Christmas Tree Ln.), spoken to; 9:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Rd.), referred to ACO; 10:40 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Alger St.), services rendered.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

1:14-1:15 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:25 a.m.: noise complaint (Spring St.), report taken; 4:01 p.m.: burglar alarm (Gardner Rd.), secured;

7:02 a.m.: property found (Baldwinville State Rd.), info taken; 7:10 a.m.: ambulance (Woodlawn St.), transported; 8:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Duval Ct.); 9:29 a.m.: burglar alarm (Hale St.), secure; 12:44 p.m.: sex offender registration (Baldwinville Rd.), assisted; 2:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Murdock Ave.), services rendered; 6:07 p.m.: suspicious auto (Grove St.), info taken; 9:07 p.m.: assist citizen (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 11:11 p.m.: intoxicated person (Pearl St.), transported; 11:38 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), verbal warning; 11:57 p.m.: building checked, secure.

MONDAY, MAY 15

12:01-12:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:20 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (Rte. 202, Rindge), assisted; 1:29 a.m.: suspicious auto (River St.), no service necessary; 2:00-2:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:37 a.m.: lift assist (Teel Rd.); 5:21 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 8:12 a.m.: summons service (West St.), unable to serve; 9:23 a.m.: summons service (Lincoln Ave.), unable to serve; 9:25 a.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), transported; 9:28 a.m.: summons service (Spruce St.), unable to serve; 10:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Central St.), referred to DPW; 10:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Hyde Park Dr.), assisted; 10:25 a.m.: summons service (Hale St.), unable to serve; 10:35 a.m.: summons service (Main St.), unable to serve; 10:54 a.m.: welfare check (Central St.), spoken to; 11:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Rte. 202), info taken; 11:17 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 11:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Cir.), referred to ACO; 11:59 a.m.: accident (Central St.), report taken; 12:19 p.m.: summons service (Mill St.), unable to serve; 12:46 p.m.: BOLO (South St.), advised officer; 1:13 p.m.: info/general (Spring St.), info taken; 2:17 p.m.: animal complaint (North St.), referred to ACO; 2:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple St.), spoken to; 3:33 p.m.: ambulance (Central St.), transported; 4:08 p.m.: vandalism (Hill St.), report taken; 4:19 p.m.: lift assist (Elmwood Rd.); 4:21 p.m.: keep the peace (Spring St.), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: summons service (Alger St.), served; 4:50 p.m.: assist citizen (Mill Glen Rd.); 4:55 p.m.: suspicious person (Rte. 12), gone on arrival; 5:49 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.); 6:24 p.m.: missing person (Bluebird Rd.), report taken; 8:53 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), transported; 10:25 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 11:35 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 11:54 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning.

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tions and other things.”

Wolski advised due to the projects, there could be detours closing street access from Chestnut to Summer Street in both directions, and if happens would only be for a day or so as water and sewer are tied in, so it would be advantageous to do

both at the same time.

Both Walsh and Wolski expressed that based on project requirements, traffic patterns could need to be changed due to multiple factors, and for people to be prepared to seek alternate routes as needed.

Making connections to Walnut Street were scheduled for completion before the time of this story. Those connec-

tions would have necessitated the temporary closure of the adjacent section of Central Street for that project separately. A notice was posted on the WPD Facebook page for the closure of Central Street from Summer to Chestnut Street on May 31.

Walsh added, “We appreciate the peoples continued patience with the ongoing projects. It is going to be an

improvement to the downtown area. The Cumberland Farms project at worst would only close the southbound lane of Central Street from Summer Street to Blair Square. We are going to make every attempt not to detour the Central Street traffic whenever possible.”

The Winchendon Police Department would also like people to know updates and notices regarding the projects

and any traffic diversions will be placed on the internet on the WPD Facebook page, which can be viewed by going to www.facebook.com and typing Winchendon Police Department in the search bar.

Walsh closed with, “We again thank everybody for their patience, and we will be posting traffic notifications as much as possible.”

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recall, and who knows?” laughed Rick Marinelli. “I spent about ten years doing overnights and there were times when it was crazy.”

“You saw some terrible things,” he recalled.

“It felt like there were a lot of incest calls,” said Marinelli, echoing Walsh.

“You know, you go in wanting to make a big difference, wanting to help but in time you come to realize you can’t help everything. You have to figure out a way to do what you can and learn to live with what you can’t do. You have to create a sort of mental roadblock. You have to because you never know what you’re going to find,” he asserted.

“Things were different then,” Marinelli continued. “There were less than 6,000 people here, about 55-hundred I think. You walked a beat on the weekends. There were days of long, and I mean long shifts. The blizzard of ‘78, I think I worked about 18 hours. You might not even believe this but there was a time when calls would be taken at the fire station switchboard at certain hours and there was a blue light at the Clark which would flash and that’s how you knew they were looking for you. True story.”

Marinelli said his warmest mem-

ory comes from having helped town employee Jean Smith connect with long-lost siblings scattered across numerous states.

“We’d gotten a new computer and we found one brother in New Jersey and another here in Massachusetts. She’d been looking for something like 30 years. That felt really good.”

Above all, Marinelli had props for fellow officers and first responders from other agencies.

“I can’t stress that enough. Those guys, on-duty, off-duty, didn’t matter. There’s nothing they wouldn’t do for you. You knew they had your back no matter what. You can’t buy that kind of loyalty.”

Choosing police work came as naturally as breathing for him. “I’m sure my dad influenced me some, but I always knew what I wanted to do anyway. I wanted to make people’s lives better and this seemed the right way to do that,” said Marinelli.

Current officer Rick Onionen said he, too, always knew he wanted to be a police officer (“I watched the cop shows on TV,” he laughed) but like Chief Walsh, took a circuitous path to get there. The Murdock High (1986) and Mount Wachusett Community College (1988) graduate had stints at Four Star Catering and Winchendon Furniture before attending the academy, then coming on part-time in June 2000 and advancing to full time at the start of

2001.

“Furniture. That was hard, physical labor,” he remembered.

Onionen likes that every day is different. “I’m sure everyone will tell you the same thing, that you just don’t know what to expect on any given call. But, it’s really hard to watch drugs tear families apart. We’ve seen so much of an increase in drug use and it’s tragic. It feels like everyone you know has been touched by it. And a lot of the medical calls are hard too. You do what you can. That’s all you can do and you try not to bring the job home.”

Another change he’s seen has come in the volume of paperwork.

“As the population in town has grown, there’s inevitably going to be more administrative work. More of each shift has to be devoted to that,” he noted.

Speaking of not knowing what to expect, a few years ago, Onionen, an animal lover, was in a position where he had no choice but to shoot two menacing dogs, one of which was mauling a woman inflicting injuries later be described as “severe.”

“It was traumatic,” he acknowledged at the time.

Onionen loves the job. “I do. I like being outside and every day when you’re out there, you have a chance to help someone and that’s a good feeling. And it’s nice when someone actually comes up to you and shakes your hand

and says ‘thanks’. It’s hard to believe it’s been 17 years. They’ve flown by. I’m looking forward to a lot more,” he said.

“I’m like everyone else” in the department. “I wanted to make a difference,” said Tracy Flagg, who became the department’s first full-time female officer in 1998 after spending the two previous years as a dispatcher.

“There was one other” woman in her Academy class, recalled Flagg, now the town’s school resource officer.

“You always want to intervene sooner rather than later,” she remarked, adding, “it’s important to work with families right away when that’s needed,” noting the odds of a better outcome improve with early intervention. Flagg considers her co-workers to be “a great group of guys. They really are.”

About a year and a half into his tenure as chief, Walsh was reflective.

“I think I have benefited greatly and learned from the differing philosophies of the various chiefs and officers I have worked with in the last 28 years. I feel I have evolved into a better and more rounded chief having been exposed to the different management styles of previous chiefs and the vast experience of veteran officers, some who began their careers in the 1960s.”

“I am grateful to the town of Winchendon for the opportunity to serve in this community with so much history and look forward to continued service as chief,” he said.

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If you weren't a fan of Washington Nationals ace Max Scherzer before, maybe this will get you on his side. Scherzer and his best friend from back in high school have created a website called FanSigner.com. Here's how it works:

Fans can go online and order signed memorabilia from their favorite player — baseballs, gloves, whatever, or can send something they own to be signed, all for a fee of course, but the fee goes directly to a charity chosen by the player. For

example, Scherzer's teammate Ryan Zimmerman has tagged a multiple sclerosis group for his donation. Scherzer, whose donations will be going to the Humane Society, says he did it because he was appalled by "fans" who wanted autographs just so they could turn around and sell them. He said he loves signing for kids but for profiteers, not so much.

I wish I could add another wrinkle to this. In my economic fantasy, anyone over the age of 21 who buys a sports jersey with an individual player's name on it should be required to donate, say, \$50, to a charity picked by the store where they bought it. If this fantasy ever happened to come true, I bet we'd see a lot fewer adults running around looking ridiculous. At least I'd hope so. Needless to say, I never bought a player jersey. I did have an

'On the Sly' t-shirt made for me and I haven't been above wearing Courtney's softball state championship jacket (yes it has her name embroidered on the sleeve) though for years I did it when she wasn't around. Ha ha. I never wore her high school softball state runner-up jacket mostly because it was hideous and didn't fit. I figured I had a right to wear the '08 (or was it '10?) jacket — after all — I paid the fees that got her onto teams in the first place.

That, of course, is tongue-in-cheek but the larger point is that Scherzer has a good idea and grown ups shouldn't wear player jerseys. Team sweatshirts (I still occasionally wear my decade-or-more-old Murdock softball sweatshirt), jackets, hats, no problem. But player jerseys just make you look silly. And t-shirts with horses' names are especially

okay. And strongly encouraged.

Meanwhile, guess who's having financial difficulties? That would be the New York Yankees, though the Yanks money "woes" aren't comparable to that of, say, the Milwaukee Brewers. Since the new Stadium opened in 2009, attendance hasn't been what the Bombers had anticipated and a New York Times story earlier this week said the team is looking into ways to get more millennials into the ballpark. That's not an easy sell. Baseball evidently moves too slowly for a lot of 20-somethings who don't want to invest the time and the sport overall is tinkering with ways to speed the pace of play. Anyway, at a lot of stadiums these days, a lot of younger fans who do show up spend a lot of time wandering around concourses

and aren't paying a whole lot of attention to the field. This is the reality of 2017 and while teams are happy to have them in the building at all, the larger issue is getting that demographic to show up in the first place. Racetracks can relate. It's the age in which we live.

The NBA Finals began last night. This is the first time the same teams have met for the title three years in a row. The Celtics and Lakers never did, which rather surprised me. In the NFL, it's happened once and of all teams it was the Lions and Browns in the early 1950s. Baseball? The Yankees and Giants met in three consecutive World Series from 1921-23. It wasn't even a Subway Series because both teams called the Polo Grounds home. Hence the Cavs and Warriors are in rarefied air. See you next week.

AD Whitaker reflects on Murdock sports

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — On balance, it's been a pretty good year for Murdock High School's sports teams. Last fall, for all the hype that tends to surround even losing high school football teams, it was the field hockey and track teams which shone, the former making Districts for the first time in over a decade and during the winter the boys' basketball team returned to the post-season for the first time since 2011.

That pretty-long ago field hockey team? A youngster named Jenna Hunt was on the roster. "I remember," laughed the now Jenna Whitaker, who's been her school's athletic director since 2011.

"The coach (Lois Girouard) knew me and suggested I come to practice and see if I liked it. I did. And Erica Campbell took me under her wing and that was the start of my school career. It was all really cool, especially the night games.

Everyone should have a chance to play night games," said Whitaker.

Even before that Whitaker had played town sports. She was on the softball team which brought Winchendon its first state championship in 2002. She would play travel basketball with the AAU Blaze. Field hockey wasn't her only sport, not by a longshot.

Nor her favorite, either. "I liked whatever sport I was playing at the time, but I did like basketball and softball more than field hockey," she acknowledged.

Whitaker's high school softball career ended just before MHS began its decade-long run of success but while she was disappointed not to be able to share in those successes, she did go on to play in college at Franklin Pierce University.

"I thought about basketball there, but number one, you really can't do two sports in college, and two, the truth is their basketball program was much too good for me. I couldn't compete with those players," she laughed.

After college and a stint teaching at the Academy for Math and Science, Whitaker saw an opportunity to return home when the athletic director's position became available.

"I knew it would take some out-of-the-box thinking for them to hire me, alum or not," she reflected.

"I give John Maliska (former MHS girls basketball coach) a lot of credit for supporting me. I'm grateful to him for that. Even just six years ago, there weren't many female athletic directors around and more than once I got mistaken for being an intern or something," she mused.

There have been ups and downs through this last half-decade plus. There have been times when there were doubts as to whether there would be a boys' soccer team (back in '07, there wasn't). There was chaos in the baseball program when one coach accepted the job and then abruptly quit in mid-season. Football hasn't posted a winning record in a while. School choice defections

have devastated girls' hoops. Only track and softball have been able to maintain consistent success, but Whitaker thinks things are on the improve.

"We have really good coaches now, coaches who are committed to staying here and building programs. A few years ago, the girls' soccer team had something like one sub. Last year Jason (coach Marshall) had almost 30 players and now they have an off-season program. That's going to pay off."

"Obviously, we need to get kids to stay or for that matter, school choice in rather than out. But every school has those issues. We just have to work at keeping them," she stressed.

The job itself. "I'm OCD when it comes to administrative details," Whitaker noted. "I think you have to be."

Beyond school sports? Whitaker is on the field coaching son Brody and now his younger brother Drake. "I love coaching. I love being out there with them. That's the best part of all," she smiled.

Devils unable to hold lead

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — On May 24 the Murdock Blue Devils took on Parker Charter from Devens. The Devils were looking for their third win of the season, but Parker proved too much as they came away with a 10-3 victory.

The tall righty and lengthy Zach Richard would be called on to pitch and started in good fashion, picking up a strike out and allowing only one hit as Parker stranded a runner on third in the first inning.

Will Iannacone got the bottom half of the inning going with a double, Jack Polcari came up big at the next at bat with a huge bunt single. With Polcari and Iannacone at the corners, they both messed with the Parker pitcher and

Iannacone managed to steal home to give his team the lead.

Later in the inning Logan Knigh ripped an RBI single into center to drive in Polcari for Murdock's second run and at the end of the inning the Devils would lead 1-0.

Parker was able to bring across their first run coming with two outs in the next inning. To end the top of the second, Alex Marshall made a spectacular diving catch in right field for the final out.

Jared Nelson would open the bottom with a lead off walk. Later he would score his team's third run on an error by Parker and Iannacone would like out to the shortstop to end the inning.

The two run lead would quickly be erased though as Parker would bring

across two runs in the third to tie the game at 3-3. Richard would surrender another four runs to Parker in the fourth and they would take a 7-3 lead.

In the fifth and sixth Parker picked up three more runs combined to take a 10-3 lead and that would be the final score.

In Richard's outing he pitched a complete game with three strikeouts and giving up 10 runs in his performance.

Offensively for the Blue Devils, Drake had two singles, Nelson had a walk and a single, Knigh had an RBI single, Polcari had a single and Iannacone had a double.

After the game, Coach Bob Polcari said, "We started off very well, and they (Parker) were the ones making mistakes. In the fourth inning they kept

putting the ball into play and they made some errors, and they took advantage of it; so there's not much to say other than they also took advantage of our errors."

As for Zach Richard's performance, Polcari said, "For Zach it makes for long innings, a lot of wear and tear on the arm, and you like to have short innings, get in and out. When you give a team any extra outs, it's going to make a difference."

"Then again, I thought we had a chance to beat these guys. We scrimmaged earlier in the year, and it was a pretty tight game. We go up and down with our resiliency."

But, Polcari is still optimistic about his team.

"The kids are relatively young, and that's a tough lesson."

ROMANO

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things going on in this building. The Murdock Academy for Success. We have had students there who would not graduate had it not been for the Academy. But I'm talking about everyone here. I've never seen a staff so dedicated. I told them 'I know I will never work with a better group of people. Only people with such dedication, skill, and genuine love for students could have accomplished all you have.' They are such a special group of people."

"What we've done is especially impressive because we've had to fight on numerous fronts. There's still a perception out there we're an

under-performing school. I think some people have never gotten over when the governor (Mitt Romney, circa 2003) came out here and basically belittled the school and the community. We still suffer from having a reputation. Too many people bought into that and reversing attitudes has been hard."

"Recruitment. Monty Tech gets to play by different admission rules and that's unfair. It's frustrating trying to compete with that," he noted.

Romano, like every principal in every high school everywhere, worries about "the kids who have no idea what they're going to do after graduation. You wish they had invested more in education. You just hope they find themselves," he said.

He's not thrilled about the whole concept of school choice.

"That's not the answer. That's going to wind up killing off a lot of high schools in smaller districts. Vouchers aren't the answer to improving education, either. Better accountability everywhere is. Smaller schools in rural districts should have a chance too," Romano reflected.

"I'm really going to miss it here. I've enjoyed it so much. It's very hard to leave but Douglas offers a great opportunity in a challenging district," he noted.

Academy Director Kris Provost said, "In the two years I've been the Academy director, he has not only been a strong voice of support, but an active presence for all its stu-

dents."

Said Middle School Assistant Principal Jess Vezina, "Josh has done a great deal for the high school and Winchendon public schools. His sense of humor and ability to work through any situation will be missed. I wish Josh all the best as he begins the next chapter in his career."

Haddad added, "A couple years ago, Josh participated in practices with each of the school's sports teams and those practices weren't tailor-made for him, either. He dove right in with all the athletes, something a lot of principals would be reluctant to do because it might risk them losing face with students. Josh knew the opposite was true."

The Courier awarded

Romano it's Athlete of the Week designation after one of those practices, and this week, recalling it, Romano laughed and said, "You bet I used it." at Subway, who sponsored the AOW and gave a free sandwich to each week's designee.

Asked what advice he'd offer his successor, Romano remarked, "I'd tell them to embrace it. You can't just show up. Be all in."

And Romano told the MHS staff, "a wise bear named Winnie-the-Pooh once said, 'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard'. Then I must be the luckiest person on earth because leaving you is so very hard. For all that you have been to me, I am eternally grateful."

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OBITUARIES

Simone A. (St. Pierre) McIntyre, 68

ASHBURNHAM — Simonne A. (St. Pierre) McIntyre, age 68, of 16 Balsam Drive, died peacefully Wednesday morning, May 24, 2017 in Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.



She was born in Leominster on Oct. 27, 1948, daughter of the late Paul E. and Theresa M. (Dufresne) St. Pierre and was a 1966 graduate of Leominster High School. She later graduated from Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner. She had lived in Ashburnham for 35 years.

Simonne worked at Simplex Time Recorder from 1992 to 2012 as a sales tax accountant and manager of sales and use tax and was a prevailing wage department manager. She previously worked for the Internal Revenue Service and the Winchendon School. At one time, she owned and operated Simonne's Vintage Creations, which she operated from her home. She was

very artistic and made beautiful crafts, jewelry and crochets. Simonne was a member of St. Denis Church.

Her husband of 36 years, William V. McIntyre Jr., died in 2013. She leaves two children, Paul McIntyre of Ashburnham and Suzanne McIntyre MD and her husband Scott Paul MD of Milton; two grandchildren, Evelyn Theresa Paul and William Robert Paul; two sisters, Marie Jacobs of Leominster and Irene Miller of Leominster and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Arthur St. Pierre, predeceased her.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in St. Denis Church, 85 Main Street, Ashburnham. Burial followed in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to ASPCA. <https://secure.aspc.org/team/Simonne-McIntyre>

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon was entrusted with arrangements.

Gilda Poggerale, 92

TITUSVILLE FL — Gilda Poggerale, age 92, of Titusville, Florida, peacefully passed on to her everlasting journey in heaven on January 25, 2017 and joins many of her beloved family and friends. Born on Sept. 28, 1924 in Jaffrey, she had three siblings; married in 1944 to her husband Jack and lived in Brooklyn, NY until 1981, when she retired to Florida.



She is survived by her daughter, Darleen Poggerale and son Joseph Poggerale; grandson Joey and grand-

daughter Michele Zrallack, her husband Robert and great grandchildren RJ and Abby Zrallack. She also has one surviving sister, Lorraine Hunt of Winchendon and many beloved nieces and nephews. She will always be remembered for her kindness, good nature and sincere love of animals.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 11 A.M. in Calvary Cemetery, Winchendon. A luncheon will follow at The Glen Caffe, 63 Glenallan Street, Winchendon.

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

Richard W. 'Dicky' St. Peter, 69

WINCHENDON — Richard W. "Dicky" St. Peter, age 69, of 53B Hyde Park Drive, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, Monday afternoon, May 29, 2017, in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.



He was born in Burlington, VT on March 16, 1948, son of the late Harold and Evelyn (Lafond) St. Peter and moved to this area at the age of ten. He had lived in Winchendon for 28 years.

Dicky worked for many years as a roofer and handyman. He greatly loved his wife and family. Dicky enjoyed listening to country music, watching the old western movies and also was fond of old cars.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Arvesta

"Vesty" (Conley) St. Peter; four sons, Richard and his wife Catrina, Dennis and his wife Jill, Andrew and his wife Jill and Norman and his fiancé Haley; six grandchildren, Ricky, Austin, Zac, Chloe, Drew and Aubrie; his sister, Patricia LeBlanc; three brothers, Michael St. Peter, James St. Peter and Edward St. Peter and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Shirley Ducharme, Clifford St. Peter, Nancy Maki, Harold St. Peter and Pamela Dame.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St.

Calling hours in the funeral home will be Friday, June 2, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at a later date.

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We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

How To Keep Your Garden Growing



Yard work can be easier, faster and more comfortable with the help of a hardworking UTV.

(NAPS)

When it comes to creating a yard that makes the neighbors green with envy, many Americans are saving time and trouble by turning to a surprising "garden tool."

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3. Resist rows. According to Colorado State University, you can quadruple per-square-foot production of many vegetables such as lettuce, carrots and beets by planting them in blocks within wide beds rather than in rows. Block planting makes efficient use of space by keeping the spacing between plants tight and eliminating unnecessary pathways.

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ted \$83,000 in state Chapter 90 highway funds to the project.

“That’s basically paying to tar the road,” said Gallant.

“The state likes to see that the town has some skin in the game, so to speak,” added Murphy.

The remainder of the grant went to housing rehab and fuel assistance.

In addition to the \$83,000 in highway funds going to Walnut Street, the town also hired a clerk of the works to oversee the project at a cost of \$18,000.

“We have to have our water guys there on a daily basis to inspect, along

with Mike Murphy (clerk of the works), to oversee the job,” said Gallant. “The clerk’s position is just a three-month job.”

“To have the engineers would do it would have been almost double that,” said Tracy Murphy.

When Walnut Street is finished, it will run one way, from Central Street to Beech Street.

The project essentially is phase one of a two-part plan to also improve Chestnut Street. The town has also applied for CDBG monies to undertake that project. About \$400,000 of the \$554,000 sought by the town would be targeted for that work, while the rest – again – would go to housing rehab and fuel assistance. The town has commit-

ted to providing \$56,000 in Chapter 90 funds to cover the cost of paving.

Murphy said she’s hoping to get a decision on the grant application in about a month.

While some may wonder why the reconstruction of a couple of side streets is so important to downtown redevelopment, Murphy points out the work is part of an overall plan to improve downtown Winchendon, which includes the reconstruction of Central Street from Blair Square to Maple Street.

“They’re both pieces to a greater project,” said Murphy. “It’s all part of the bigger picture of having Central Street done through the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) process in 2020. So, it’s getting these secondary

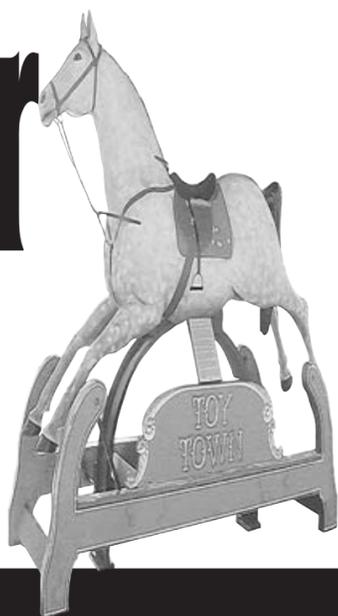
roads done in time for the big impact of Central Street itself.”

The Central Street project – estimated to cost some \$3.4 million – is included in the TIP for 2020, according to both Murphy and Gallant. The work was approved by the Subregion 1 Metropolitan Planning Organization, of which Winchendon is a member.

Much of the work would be paid for through a combination of state and federal funding.

Murphy says downtown business owners “have all been great. They understand there’s going to be an inconvenience for a little bit, but in the end, they realize this will be good for everybody.”

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The proof is in the pictures

WINCHENDON—A first for the Gardner League of Artists was a full art show at the American Legion well attended by people for the entire weekend. The event was deemed highly successful,

the venue was “perfect,” and it will definitely be repeated in the future.

Greg Vine photos



ABOVE: Quiet Northern Fishing Harbor, an oil painting by James O'Rourke, earned Honorable Mention.



NorthSide, by JoAnn Pellecchia, was one of the prize winners in the Mixed Media category at the annual GALA (Gardner Area League of Artists) Art Show, held at American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 in Winchendon.



First Place in the Acrylic Category went to Susan Ellis for Pending Storm.



Third Place for the use of oils went to Dorothy Munroe for her painting, Ruler of the Roost.



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RIGHT: Some of the artwork offered for viewing and for sale at GALA's annual Art Show.

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