

## MVOC deserting Winchendon

The Gardner-based Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center is continuing to provide counseling at Winchendon, but that is now run out of the Murdock Senior Center across the street from the Stallings campus. Counseling services are available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No other services are currently going to be offered in Winchendon.

"It was important to us to keep our connection to Winchendon," said MVOC's executive director Bill Edson. "But the Stallings site wasn't okay anymore. We had our insurance people look at it. It was uninsurable. The age of the building and the things that were wrong made the upkeep prohibitive."

"So, the town hooked us up with Sheila Bettro at the senior center. Town Manager Keith Hickey was extraordinarily cooperative in working with us

and we're happy to be able to transfer some of our services. It was great to work with the town," said Edson.

Edson said veterans who had previously visited the old Streeter school will be able to use the community room at the senior center the same way they had been able to do at Stallings.

Additionally, the "handful" of lunches will now be delivered to veterans at home. MVOC had opened in

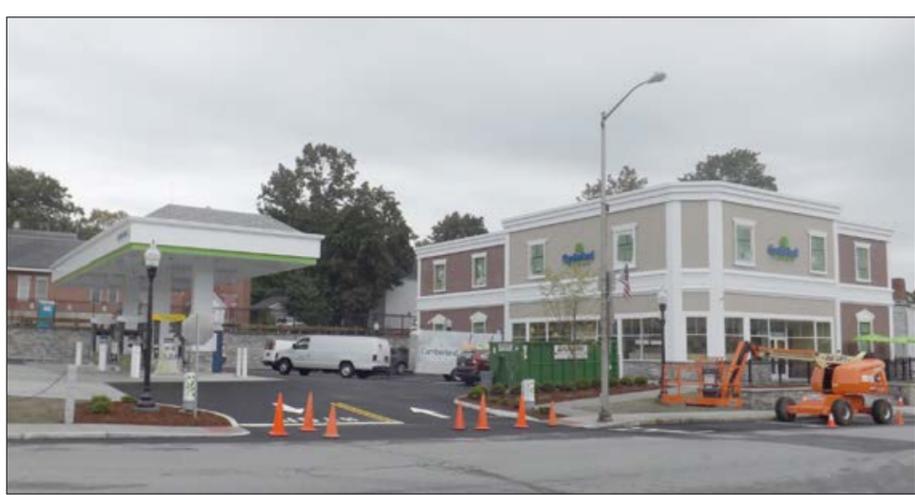
Winchendon in late 2012 and at the time, then program director Trudy Dould explained, "Our counseling will cover all the bases - individual, families, couples. We don't have waiting lists. We can deal with crises immediately and we can definitely be a support system for family members."

Edson pointed out it's essential to "maintain the counseling component" of the MVOC service offerings. When Stallings opened, there was help avail-

able regarding all sorts of issues relating to the military bureaucracy as well as subjects like home loan eligibility applications as well as educational and vocational help. Those services are still available in Gardner.

Senior center executive director Sheila Bettro said, "we're happy to help them out."

MVOC is, however, planning on opening a new facility in Gardner at the old Visitors Center.



Greg Vine photo

Work crews have been putting the finishing touches on the new Cumberland Farms store, which is set to open its doors to business on Wednesday, September 6. Employees will spend Tuesday of next week familiarizing themselves with the layout of the store, new items, new cash registers, and emergency procedures. The new store will provide work for around 30 part- and full-time employees..

## Cumbys Set to Re-Open

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Cumberland Farms will be opening its new Winchendon store next Wednesday, September 13.

The store will be housed in a new, 5,000 square foot building, which is about double the size of the structure it replaces. The building was designed to mimic the old Josephs Variety, one of the buildings razed to make way for the new structure. The other building sacrificed to accommodate the new Cumbys was the Fairbank House, which abutted Josephs.

The new store was redesigned at the urging of the Winchendon Historical Commission, which felt the original design failed to fit the traditional look of a small New England town in general, and the historical appearance

of Winchendon in particular. Cumberlands has also donated \$10,000 to the commission.

According to a company spokesperson, a grand opening celebration will be held a month or so after the store has opened its doors for business. No date for the ceremony has yet been decided upon.

The store will once again be a 24-hour a day operation. The company said there would be a total of approximately 30 part-time and full-time employees, a much larger workforce than had manned the old facility.

In addition to familiar items such as coffee, the Chill Zone, and pre-packaged microwavable offerings, customers will be able to avail themselves of hot food prepared on site. This will include pizza, mac and cheese bites, mozzarella sticks, and hot dogs, along

with other roller grill items. A final inspection of the store was conducted Wednesday morning by Building Inspector Geoff Newton and officials from the fire department, including Chief Tom Smith, Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni, and Lieutenant Bryan Vaine. They were accompanied by Health Inspector Jim Abare.

One of the main purposes of the visit was to ensure the fire alarm and the fire suppression systems for both the building and the gas pumps are in working order.

"We also took another look at the layout of the building," said Smith. "We checked the electrical equipment and also the emergency lighting." Smith said that, in addition to a printed layout of the build-

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## Fireman's Muster water was paid for

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Resident Rick Lucier briefly approached selectmen at the Aug. 28 meeting the BOS, regarding the use of public water during a water ban at a recent Fireman's Muster, which ended with the selectmen being requested by Lucier to look in to the matter.

During discussion about the leasing of a portion of the Ingleside Property off Maple Street, Lucier approached the selectmen off topic, and expressed concerns to the selectmen regarding if the water used at the recent Fireman's Muster was paid for by water rate customers with Lucier commenting, "There has got to be a way to capture what they're using, and maybe somebody be accountable for that."

Lucier stated he was concerned about a hose being

hooked up to a public fire hydrant, and asked how it could be allowed to be done during a water ban which residents are supposed to abide by. Speaking to Chair Barbara Anderson Lucier closed by saying, "We paid for it" which turned out to be incorrect.

Currently, the town of Winchendon institutes an Odd-Even water ban as the state of Massachusetts says it must have a ban of some kind in place, as it shares both its water and water permit for potable public drinking water with the town of Ashburnham where the joint public w. The state permit also requires "No non-essential water use between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m." which until recently was not known by many, and had become a forgotten requirement of years past.

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Photo by Keith Kent

The receptacles for both clothing and shoes at 49 Spring St. continues to serve as an illegal dumping site with televisions, bed headboards, tires, and more.

## Illegal dumping on Spring Street getting worse

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Metal donation receptacles for clothing and shoes located at 49 Spring St. and owned by Mint Green Planet of Worcester have not only continued to be a site for illegal dumping, but have been receiving more variations of trash at an increasing frequency prompting ques-

tions. Receptacle owners Mint Green Planet which according to its website [www.mintgreenplanet.com](http://www.mintgreenplanet.com) is located at 545 Park Ave., which also lists a main office of 78 Canterbury St. also in Worcester sharing the same phone number of (508) 798-0930.

The receptacles located at the

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## WHA caps off summer, more work in the offing

BY GREG VINE

It's been a busy summer for the folks at the Winchendon Housing Authority. Several projects are done, others are just drawing to a conclusion, and there's more work on the horizon.

WHA Executive Director Dave Connor says one project just recently completed are the repair/replacement of the roofs atop two buildings in the Ipswich Drive development. The work cost approximately \$36,000 and was paid for by a grant from the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

"We've also been painting the entrance doors and the

cupolas at Hyde Park," said Connor. "That project cost \$26,000. It was paid for with a grant from the Dept. of Housing and Community Development, a state agency. We're also going to paint the exterior doors of five bungalows, handicap units, ourselves. Money for that will come out of our operating budget. That should only cost us around \$1,500 or \$2,000."

One project completed over summer will end up saving the authority a big chunk of cash for heating and cooling costs. Connor said the WHA just replaced electrical baseboard units at the Ipswich and Hyde Park developments with air source heat pumps, manu-

factured by Mitsubishi and installed by National Grid. The materials and labor were supplied at no cost to the authority.

An air source heat pump, or ASHP, absorbs heat from the outside air and releases inside the building. The same system works in reverse during summer months, using a refrigerant and compressor to cool a building's interior.

"That new system is going to save us 40 percent of our heating and cooling costs at those developments every year," Connor said.

Had the WHA paid for materials and labor itself, he

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# Resilience and Re-LOVE-ution: 19th annual festival!

The 19th annual North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival, Sept. 23 and 24 in Orange, is infused with vibrancy and action for a hopeful future along with exceptional art, local farm products, fabulous food, and fun for all ages. Held on an historic farm amid fall foliage, the festival is a popular destination that attracts thousands from throughout New England. The event is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, rain or shine at Forster's Farm, 60 Chestnut Hill Road.

More than 100 bountiful booths feature regional artists, farmers, community organizations, and healing arts; strengthen community and economy by purchasing locally crafted and grown. Plus, over 80 engaging workshops and demos, activities and performances are scheduled throughout the weekend! Great music, entertainment, and spoken word fill three stages and the rolling fields. Garlic games abound,

including the famous raw garlic-eating contest. Travel the garlic globe in the chef demo tent, and fill your belly with farm fresh and savory cuisine in four food courts. Orange is the New Green: trash free (only three bags for 10,000 people) with everything else recycled or transformed into fertile compost to make gardens not garbage. Bring your own bottle for the free drinking water provided, or buy a souvenir refillable one along with an artist-designed festival tee shirt and collector cookbook.

New this Year! Two festival-wide happenings: Visit the 'The World We Love,' a giant handcrafted globe in the kid's activity tent. Add your vision for a positive future for the earth and humanity, and then join in a celebratory parade at the end of each festival day. The 'Portal to the Future' at the north end of the festival site is the place to visit for all things renewable energy, including

special urine-collecting toilets provided in collaboration with The Rich Earth Institute. Make your golden contribution to the largest known event to divert urine, to be transformed into nitrogen and phosphorus-rich natural fertilizer!

Family friendly admission: Still only \$5 per day for adults, weekend pass \$8, kids 12 and under free. On-site parking is for accessible tags and carpools of three or more; free nearby shuttle lot for all others. No pets allowed (service dogs only). Festival proceeds keep the event sustainable and affordable, and support the festival's community grant program for local art, agriculture, health and energy projects.

Get the whole bulb at garlicandarts.org including the 2017 schedule of exhibitors, entertainment, and workshops and activities for all ages. Come find out why the festival is consistently rated in the top three among hundreds across

the region by the Valley Advocate Reader's Poll. While in Orange, enjoy a river paddle from the boathouse or a beer at Honest Weight Brewery. Stop in at local businesses downtown- recently transformed into 'Castle Rock,' the set for the upcoming Steven King Hulu TV series!

For more information visit [www.garlicarts.org](http://www.garlicarts.org).

A fully volunteer committee of friends and neighbors, and Seeds of Solidarity Education Center, a non-profit organization, organize the North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival. Supporters include the Forster/Stewart Family and over 200 community volunteers the festival weekend! Festival proceeds keep the event sustainable and affordable, and support the festival's community grant program for regional arts, agriculture, health and energy projects.

## Office of Senator Anne Gobi September Office Hours

Tyler Wolanin, district aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of September. Constituents and town officials are invited to

meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at [tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov](mailto:tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov), or call at (508) 641-3502. Appointments

are encouraged during so that information on cancellations can be shared.

Monday, September 11th  
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Winchendon Town Hall, 1 to 2 PM

Tuesday, September 12th  
Petersham Town Offices, 10:30 to 11:30 AM  
Athol Senior Center, 12 to 1 PM

Phillipston Town Hall, 1:30 to 2:30 PM  
Templeton Town Hall, 3 to 4 PM

Thursday, September 14th  
Ware Senior Center, 12 to 1 PM

Palmer Senior Center, 1:30 to 2:30 PM

Monson Town Hall, 3 to 4 PM  
Monday, September 18th  
Hubbardston Town Offices, 10 to 11 AM

Barre Town Hall, 11:30 AM to noon

Hardwick Town Hall, 1 to 2 PM  
Tuesday, September 19th  
Brimfield Senior Center, 11 AM to noon

Wales Town Hall, 12:10 to 1 PM  
Holland Town Hall, 1:30 to 2:30 PM

Sturbridge Town Hall, 3 to 4 PM  
Wednesday, September 20th  
Brookfield Town Hall, 10 to 11 AM

Thursday, September 21st  
West Brookfield Senior

Center, 1 to 2 PM  
Warren Municipal Building, 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Monday, September 24th  
Paxton Senior Center, 11 AM to noon

Spencer - Howe Village, 12:30 to 1:30 PM  
East Brookfield Municipal Office Building, 2 to 3 PM

Tuesday, September 26th  
Oakham Senior Center, 9:30 to 10:30 AM

North Brookfield Senior Center, 11 AM to noon  
Rutland Senior Center, 12:30 to 1:30 PM

New Braintree Town Hall, 2 to 3 PM  
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## Family program recognized nationally

GVNA HealthCare's Healthy Families Team was recently honored at the Children's Trust Fund Celebration Day with a state-wide award. The team received the 2017 Vanguard Award, for demonstrating consistent initiative, creativity, resourcefulness, teamwork and drive to move family support programming forward. They were also recognized for using a strengths-based approach to thoughtfully achieve state-wide goals and provide support to participating families.

"The Healthy Families Team is extremely proud and honored to be the recipient of this prestigious award," according to Karen Culkeen, Healthy Families Program Director at GVNA HealthCare. "Our team works extremely hard to make sure participants in the program are well connected and receive the best, most fulfilling experience possible," said Culkeen. "They are fully committed to providing a top-notch program to the communities we serve," she added. "To receive an award for the fifth consecutive year (2013 Fatherhood Award, 2014 Home Visiting Award, 2015 Training & Education Award and 2016 All-Star Award) is truly an honor and is validation to the level of commitment of our staff has for the program and its participants," she added.

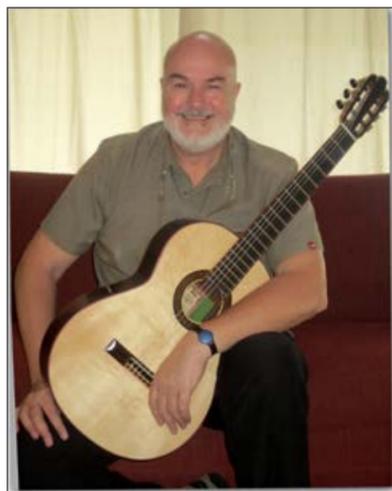
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# Rapson to perform at Beals



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Steve Rapson will be presenting a concert next week.

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

*"Nothing is more beautiful than a guitar, save perhaps two."*

– Frederic Francois Chopin, Polish composer.

"I was being carried in my mother's womb when she went to see Andres

Segovia. She went backstage to meet him and he kissed her hand. So, I guess I was destined to play guitar."

That, with tongue placed in cheek, is how Steve Rapson explains his love of the instrument.

Rapson – who spends his summer months in Winchendon and lives the rest of the year between Boston and Jupiter, FL – will be presenting a free solo guitar concert at Beals Memorial Library on Thursday, Sept. 14. The performance begins at 7 p.m.

"Actually, my brother got a guitar from my parents," said Rapson. "For three months, he could do something that I couldn't do. Then I decided I wanted to play. It was the '60s and of course we had the burgeoning folk and rock music world. I picked up a Peter, Paul and Mary songbook and taught myself to pick."

"In those days," he continued, "if you played guitar you got invited to all the parties, and all the cutest girls wanted to hang around you. So, I stuck with it."

While Rapson did form a couple of bands "back in the day," he eventually evolved into a solo performer.

"When you play classical guitar, you're by yourself," he explained. "The arrangement is there. The respect for the music is there."

Rapson said that he is largely self-taught.

He said he met Berklee College of Music teacher William Hill while attending the University of Maine at

Orono.

"Through him, I was introduced to Lenny Breau," said Rapson. "I videotaped him performing and giving lessons at Berklee."

Breau was a guitarist, born in Maine, who blended music styles such as classical, flamenco, country, and jazz into his playing and performed with greats like Chet Atkins and Brad Terry.

Rapson and Breau eventually struck up a friendship and, according to Rapson's bio, Breau wound up teaching him his fingerstyle jazz technique.

"That's when I tossed the pick and never used one again," said Rapson.

In the mid-1990s, after spending some time in the corporate world, Rapson once again picked up the guitar and started composing. He recorded his first CD in 1996 and has released several others since.

Rapson has also penned a book: The Art of the Solo Performer: A Field Guide to Stage and Podium. To his annoyance, he says, his book out-sells his recordings.

His CDs and his book are available through Amazon and by going to his websites; steverapson.com or sologuitar.com.

Rapson's September 14 performance is sponsored by the Beals Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of Beals Memorial Library. He will perform classical, jazz, bossa nova, and several original compositions.

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## MWCC launches new veterinary technician program

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College has launched a new veterinary technician program that will allow graduates to fill a growing need in the job market at a heavily reduced cost compared to other area programs.

"The veterinary technician truly is the registered nurse of the veterinary sciences," said Veronica Guay assistant dean of the School of Business, Science, Technology and Math. "It is very much a hands-on position and they are trained to work on multiple types of animals."

The two year Associate's degree program will allow students to gain all the knowledge they need to take the veterinary technician national exam test. Students passing that test will be able to fill the important role of veterinary technician that is integral in running a modern veterinary clinic, according to Guay.

Not only does the program launch students into an in-demand career, with conservative growth estimated at 19 percent per year, but the college's tuition and fees are far less than area four-year colleges and universities, according to Guay. At just over \$8,700 a year, the program can be completed for nearly \$60,000 less than the two-year veterinary technician program at a Worcester four-year college. This will allow students to get out and work with less debt hanging over their head but the same certification, according to Guay.

"The pricing is highly competitive," she said, explaining that ultimately what employers care about is whether a student passes the certification test. "The leveling factor of the veterinary technician position is the certification exam."

The veterinary technician program was made possible by a \$340,781 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet. The money is being used to outfit labs and fund a synthetic canine. The SynDaver canine will allow students to learn the intricacies of surgery and other procedures without the potential of harming a live animal, according to Guay. Students will then be able to put what they learn into practice through externship placements with area veterinarians where they will work with live animals.

The veterinary technician program is currently accepting applicants for its first semester, which begins in February. Those interested should apply now for the program, according to Guay, in order to streamline the process and ensure they meet math and other requirements.

"It's very competitive and you have to be ready," she said of the selective program.



### CLYDE'S CORNER

#### Saturday, September 9

CASINO!!!! Casino Royale is Saturday Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. This is our 10th Casino so come see how much fun it is. Tickets available by calling Peggy at (978) 297-2415 or (561) 459-9484. They are \$25 each and we are always sold out so call Peggy Corbosiero now. This event is held at the Orange Whitney Mansion at 122 Pleasant St. in Winchendon.

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

TOY TOWN 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.

#### Sunday, September 10

TIMELESS CLASSICS: The Winchendon Winds opens its 2017 concert series with a program of American classics and well known works by Holst, Reed, Arnold, Grainger, Vaughn Williams and Tichell at the Winchendon School faculty hall, 172 Ash St. beginning at 3 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. Free parking throughout the campus.

NO INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: as the time conflicts with the concert. Please enjoy!

#### Thursday, September 14

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. Today the menu is: Fish and Chips with homemade potato chips, sides and dessert. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.

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 September 14 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.

ONE MAN, ONE GUITAR: On Thursday evening, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. the Trustees and Friends of the Beals Memorial Library will present nationally known guitarist and Winchendon resident, Steve Rapson, in a concert of solo guitar music.

#### Saturday, September 16

FALL FEST: Saturday Sept. 16 is the United Parish Church's Fall Fest from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be yard sales, a bake sale and mums for sale and more. Lunch will be served for \$10 a person. Come join in the fun!

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

#### Sunday, September 24

MUSIC WE REMEMBER: Winchendon Winds holds a

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## EDITORIAL

## As we are belabored

Labor Day. The very word conjures up the sight of sweating dock workers or coal miners; Rosie the Riveter or a farmer's crew.

Today's majority of work force is no longer that physical, though we bow in appreciation to those who still earn their paychecks with that sweat.

No, most of us don't shed one speck of glow unless the air conditioners aren't working properly in some office highrise.

We earn our pay with our brain power for the most part.

Not as demanding?

Not true. For modern laborers are the ones fighting off heart disease, stress related gastro diseases, nervous disorders, migraines...

Stevadores might pull muscles and ache a bit after a tough day. They don't often get ulcers.

"Honest" labor, the kind that requires a lot of repetitive, physical exertion, doesn't give you mental stress. That seems to come with office politics and deadlines for financial reports.

And no, unfortunately our new world won't let us mostly become ditch diggers once more; we need those cerebral workers in this day and age.

We therefore have a dilemma.

Doctors have been trying for several years to find ways to relieve workplace stress. They haven't gotten very far and aren't likely to; because each situation creates its own version. What stresses us here at a newspaper office with its deadlines and needs for perfection in design aren't the same stresses suffered by someone in an accountant's office with reports due.

Then there are the environmental stresses involved in the modern workplace: just getting there involves traffic, or crowds of commuters, or harried OTHER workers on public transportation. There are "sick" buildings, toxic bosses, environmental diseases, and yes, even the common cold passed from co-worker to co-worker in a close environment.

No, we don't want a return to the days of the mills (and by the way, stop by the Historic and Cultural Center in Winchendon for a display on children and mill labor; a sobering sight indeed); or days when we all must grow our own food in order to eat. We do indeed appreciate those who still labor physically on our behalf.

But for those of us whose labor is for the most part interior, we all need to take a deep breath and think a little harder about how and why we do what we do. Can we slow ourselves down? Change how we respond? Become better organized to relieve frantic, last minute stress?

Today's labor vs. yesterday's is an interesting dichotomy, and one that takes its toll mostly on our own lives. So the single weekend to stop and smell the roses is a minute start and a reminder that our labor, while invisible, can in its own way, be our downfall.

## SOUND OFF POLICY

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Corbosiero: the agreement

To the Editor:

Next Monday the Board of Selectmen will be presented a report and reworked agreement from the Inter-municipal Agreement Sub-Committee. It is believed that Mr. Hickey should also have a presentation. The BOS had previously decided that this question of a Shared Town Manager should go to Town Meeting, they will probably revisit the option of letting the voters decide and hopefully they will come to the same conclusion.

From an opinion by the Town Attorney the BOS can make this decision without asking the electorate. It has been said by a BOS member that we elected them to make this type of decision but I believe we elected them to make the decisions that make government run smoothly and decisions of this importance/magnitude that effects all of us need to be made by all of us.

We live in a Democracy but on a state and federal level it is difficult to put pure democratic practices to work due to the immense size and complexity of our government. Those are problems we don't have at town level, at this level we can practice the definition of Democracy.

The following excerpt is from "Contemporary American Society" by E. O. Wright.

Democracy means "rule by the peo-

ple". This is an extraordinary idea, a truly revolutionary ideal in the history of human affairs. Imagine: power should be vested in the people, not a hierarchy, not a king, not an elite, but the people.

Democracy as an ideal, we believe, is embedded in a broader value concerning individual autonomy and power: All people should have broadly equal access to the necessary means to participate meaningfully in decisions over things which affect their lives. This includes both the freedom of individuals to make choices that affect their own lives as separate persons, and their capacity to participate in collective decisions which affect their lives as members of a broader community.

This conception explicitly connects the problem of individual liberty with the problem of democracy. These are deeply connected because both embody the idea that people should control as much as possible those decisions which affect their lives. "Freedom" is the capacity to make choices over one's own life; "democracy" is the capacity to participate in the effective control over collective choices that affect one's life as a member of a wider society.

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WINCHENDON

## LETTERS POLICY



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## Of History, nostalgia, and statues

"Remembrance of things past is not necessarily the remembrance of things as they were."  
— Marcel Proust, French novelist.

Two of my long-ago ancestors, George Knower and his brother Thomas, settled in Boston in 1630 or 1631. Thomas, unfortunately, failed to spawn a line of descendants, having been found dead in a boat floating on the Mystic River in 1641. George, on the other hand, had a son, Jonathan.

While I've never seen the

roll of the Massachusetts Bay Colony militia, it's entirely likely that George or Jonathan, or both, took up arms against the Wampanoags and their Narragansett allies during King Phillip's War. Sometimes called The First Indian War, the conflict raged across what are now the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and parts of Maine, from 1675 to 1678.

Now, do I take pride in having ancestors who had the courage to sail from the civilized confines of London to an



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uncertain fate in a fledgling colony tucked into an inhospitable corner of a barely-known continent, surrounded by people who had preceded their arrival by millennia and who looked upon their settlements with suspicion?

Well, yes.

Do I take pride in the thought my ancestors may have killed native inhabitants of this land? That they may have played a role in taking the lives of people – including women and children – who eventually saw them for what they were; invaders intent on appropriating this land for themselves, whatever the cost? Absolutely not.

They may have helped settle what would one day become a nation that is the envy of the world. They may have suffered

hardship, may have expended enormous amounts of sweat and blood, may have seen loved ones die before their time as they fought to build new lives for themselves and their progeny in an unwelcoming wilderness.

But they were also men of their time. They believed if you had the will and the firepower needed to expand the territory occupied by you and your fellow colonists, you used it. They believed if, in expanding that

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## We wait, and, seriously?

It's hard to believe that yesterday, September 7, marked three months, a full-quarter of a year since Courtney passed. It's hard to believe because some days it seems like a million years ago and other days it seems like it happened five minutes ago. This is the roller-coaster we've been riding and we are still waiting for the medical examiner's final report which we anticipate having soon. For me, questions inevitably linger about her last day or two since finding a consistent narrative accounting for all that time has been elusive and who knows whether that report will answer those questions anyway. The waiting is becoming excruciating. Nothing we learn will change the end of the story but I am hoping that maybe a fuller picture will help bring a degree of closure.

In the meantime, yes, I admit to being jealous sometimes when I look at social media sites and see people happily going on with their lives. I know intellectually this is a normal reaction but there are moments when it stings more than others. How could it not? And as the weeks and now months have passed, I knew

too it was inevitable and human nature that plenty of people from whom we heard in June would drift away. That's just reality and let's be honest, there are people who'd rather not talk to me either because they don't know what to say or would rather pretend the situation doesn't exist. Yeah, I'm definitely angry at some to whom I feel like I was very good, or Courtney was. You bet I am. One person told me they thought her memorial service here in town was a week after it actually was. Really? At the same time though, this calamitous tragedy has brought me new friends for which I'm incredibly grateful and appreciative, (and they're all over the country) and brought me closer to old ones for which I am also beyond-words grateful, so that's the flip side of those who aren't now or never were around. Don't need those ones anyway, right? Let's change topics. Last week, the



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Wait. Seriously? Indeed. The word you might be looking for is paternalistic? Obviously, the sons and daughters of Eastern shore farmers and western Maryland mechanics can't possibly be expected to be as smart as the sons and daughters of lawyers, doctors, educators and journalists in Pikesville or Bethesda, right? This is leadership, Governor Hogan? But I suppose after pivoting off a lot of supporters with (for a Republican) gigantic funding on transportation, condemning DJT's post-Charlottesville behavior and supporting DACA, the gov had to do something to mollify the base. Look, we do and should continue to debate about the

qualitative and quantitative features of standardized tests (and there is plenty to dislike since every student learns in their own way) but this is how we do things in American education and essentially telling kids we don't expect all that much of them benefits no one. It's political grandstanding at its worst.

Speaking of America, someone else told me the other day the response to Harvey demonstrated what a great country we are. No. No. No. It demonstrated there are great, selfless, giving individuals and organizations. As a political entity though, not so much. Already the debate is underway in Washington about tying the relief money to the debt ceiling vote. Do you remember how many conservatives voted against the Sandy relief package? We allow construction where there shouldn't be any. There's actually a debate about whether climate change is real which has in turn prevented serious legislating to deal with man-made ecological messes. On top of that, one in six children go to bed hungry every night. A great country? Not these days. Agree? See you next week.



# POLICE LOG

## Winchendon Police Department

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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

1:01-3:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:40 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), cancelled; 5:38 a.m.: mv theft (Alger Street), report taken; 5:42 a.m.: disabled mv (River Street), transported; 6:28 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 7:18 a.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), verbal warning; 8:34 a.m.: traffic enforcement (Grove Street), services rendered; 10:24 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 10:30 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), report taken; 10:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street), info taken; 10:57 a.m.: assist other PD (River Street), report taken; 12:54 p.m.: bolo (Brown Street), cancelled; 1:11 p.m.: fire alarm (Hospital Drive), no service necessary; 1:17 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Elmwood Road), false alarm; 2:04 p.m.: fraud (Sibley Road), report taken; 2:19 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 3:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), assisted; 4:44 p.m.: suspicious mv (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 4:58 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), no service necessary; 5:10 p.m.: threats (West Street), report taken; 7:12 p.m.: noise complaint (High Street), no cause; 9:23 p.m.: extra patrols (Walnut Street), secure; 9:39 p.m.: repossession of mv (Spring Circle), services rendered; 9:50 p.m.: extra patrols (Glenallan Street), secure; 9:54 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

1:58 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:07 a.m.: ambulance (Holly Drive), transported; 4:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 5:21 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:35 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:53 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 6:33 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 7:34 a.m.: summons service (Willoughby Road), served; 7:42 a.m.: summons service (Goodrich Drive), unable to serve; 7:44 a.m.: summons service (Goodrich Drive), served; 7:52 a.m.: summons service (Alger Street), served; 7:59 a.m.: summons service (Central Street), unable to serve; 8:08 a.m.: summons service (School Street), unable to serve; 8:14 a.m.: summons service (Town Farm Road), served; 8:43 a.m.: summons service (Memorial Drive), served; 8:45 a.m.: juvenile/general (Memorial Drive), report taken; 10:38 a.m.: warrant check (Lake Street), info given; 10:42 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 10:46 a.m.: assist other agency (Front Street); 11:12 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Central Street), assisted; 11:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Laurel Street), referred to ACO; 1:26 p.m.: accident (Central Street), assisted; 1:49 p.m.: assist other agency (Raymond Road); 2:02 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Krantz Road), referred to ACO; 2:03 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), spo-

ken to; 2:25 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), report taken; 2:44 p.m.: harassment (Juniper Street), spoken to; 2:52 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 3:10 p.m.: assist other agency (Front Street); 3:55 p.m.: fraud (Spring Street), report taken; 4:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Road), info taken; 4:55 p.m.: lift assist (Central Street); 4:56 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), info taken; 4:58 p.m.: custody dispute (Brown Avenue), advised legal help; 6:56 p.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 6:57 p.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 7:05 p.m.: accident (Laurel Street), report taken; 7:57 p.m.: burglar alarm (Brown Street), secured bldg.; 8:20 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 10:06 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 10:12 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), property returned to owner.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

12:40-12:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:48 a.m.: accident (Goodrich Street), report taken; 1:34 a.m.: burglar alarm (Brown Street), secured bldg.; 2:00-3:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:45 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 6:01 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:14 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 6:21 a.m.: vandalism (Converse Drive), report taken; 6:30 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:31 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Street), services rendered; 6:39 a.m.: animal complaint (Mason Street), unable to locate; 7:35 a.m.: brush fire (Lincoln Avenue Extension), extinguished; 8:09 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road), transported; 10:05 a.m.: info/general (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 11:19 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 12:05 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive), transported; 12:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Cedar Terrace), referred to ACO; 12:28 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), secure; 12:49 p.m.: investigation (Spruce Street), report taken; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road), referred to ACO; 3:37 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 4:10 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Central Street), referred; 4:26 p.m.: investigation (Maple Place), Jennifer O. Garfield, 37, 446 Maple Place, Apt. A, Winchendon, operating w/suspended license, operating w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, no inspection sticker, citation issued; 5:05 p.m.: patrol initiated (Orient Place), unable to serve; 5:30 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 6:07 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), assisted; 6:19 p.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), report taken; 6:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Goodrich Street); 7:25 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 7:53 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), spoken to; 7:59 p.m.: suicide threats (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 8:33 p.m.: suspicious mv (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 8:34 p.m.: extra patrols (Murdock Avenue), secure; 8:44 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Lincoln Avenue Extension), spoken to; 9:28 p.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich Street), secure; 9:31 p.m.: mv stop (Ash Street), written warning; 10:35 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), services rendered.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

12:28 a.m.: suspicious person (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 1:06-3:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Murdock Avenue), info taken; 6:58 a.m.: animal complaint (Old County Road), referred to ACO; 7:32 a.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 8:26 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), secure; 9:00 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), report taken; 9:29 a.m.: fire alarm (Mellen Road), false alarm; 10:12 a.m.: burglar alarm (Whitney Street), secure; 10:15 a.m.: fraud (Oak Street), report taken; 10:38 a.m.: illegal burn (Lakeview Drive), spoken to; 11:05 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Lakeview Drive), secure; 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Road), spoken to; 12:01 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 1:53 p.m.: disabled mv (High Street), secure; 2:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 3:56 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 4:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), report taken; 4:27 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), Jennifer Cormier, 39, 93 Douglas Road, Gardner, OUI liquor, negligent operation, unsafe operation, arrest; 4:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Krantz Road), no service necessary; 4:59 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Russell Farm Road), services rendered; 4:59 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 5:20 p.m.: vandalism (Grove Street), report taken; 6:03 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 6:28 p.m.: burglar alarm (Main Street), secured bldg.; 6:41 p.m.: investigation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 7:33 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road), transported; 8:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), false alarm; 8:24 p.m.: property found (Maple Street), returned; 8:33 p.m.: disturbance (Central Street), report taken; 9:48 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), spoken to; 11:08-11:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:49 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:34 a.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Drive); 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 3:19-4:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:00 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), canceled; 7:10 a.m.: suspicious person (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 8:51 a.m.: animal complaint (West Street), unable to locate; 9:28 a.m.: trespassing (Russell Farm Road), assisted; 10:56 a.m.: vandalism (Banner Place), report taken; 12:09 p.m.: DPW call (Benjamin Street), referred; 12:16 p.m.: larceny (Glenallan Street), report taken; 12:26 p.m.: harassment (Banner Place), report taken; 1:18 p.m.: threats (Pinewood Drive), report taken; 2:02 p.m.: FD call (School Street), services rendered; 2:06 p.m.: FD call (School Street), services rendered; 3:01 p.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street), transported; 3:09 p.m.: DPW call (Benjamin Street), info taken; 3:56 p.m.: accident (Forristall Road), report taken; 5:26 p.m.: intoxicated person (Jackson Avenue), unable to locate; 5:34 p.m.: harassment (Banner Place), report taken; 6:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 7:00 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Dennison), transported; 7:53 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 8:33 p.m.: noise complaint

(N. Ashburnham Road), unfounded; 8:46 p.m.: noise complain (Sibley Road), spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: property found (East Grove Street), report taken; 10:53 p.m.: fire unknown type (Woodlawn Street), spoken to.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:05-2:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:55 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 11:16 a.m.: harassment (Mill Glen Road), report taken; 12:52 p.m.: investigation (West Street), services rendered; 2:58 p.m.: ambulance (School Street), transported; 3:41 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), transported; 3:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), spoken to; 4:05-4:08 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:08 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Alger Street), report taken; 4:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive), unable to locate; 5:43 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Central Street), services rendered; 5:50 p.m.: threats (Independence Drive), report taken; 7:48 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 8:11 p.m.: disturbance (Ready Drive), report taken; 11:19 p.m.: disturbance (Front Street), report taken; 11:45 p.m.: ambulance (Hale Street), transported; 11:51 p.m.: welfare check (Alger Street), report taken; 11:55 p.m.: disturbance (Front Street), report taken.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1:53-4:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive), referred; 8:48 a.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), info taken; 9:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 9:54 a.m.: info/general (Krantz Road), spoken to; 11:11 a.m.: erratic operation (Lake Dennison), spoken to; 11:40 a.m.: assist citizen (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 11:50 a.m.: investigation (River Street), spoken to; 12:14 p.m.: investigation (Alger Street), spoken to; 12:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street), assisted; 1:45 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street), secure; 1:53 p.m.: suspicious mv (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 1:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lake Dennison), referred; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 2:22 p.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock Avenue), secure; 4:30 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 4:34 p.m.: missing person (Lakeshore Drive), assisted; 4:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), assisted; 5:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (Murdock Avenue), no cause; 6:21 p.m.: VIN inspection (Highland Street), assisted; 6:26 p.m.: welfare check/general (Mill Street), assisted; 6:39 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), false alarm; 7:02 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 7:30 p.m.: ambulance (Madison Avenue), transported; 7:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 7:48 p.m.: gunshots heard (Eagle Road), report taken; 8:27 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street), services rendered; 8:59 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 9:01 p.m.: suspicious mv (Spruce Street), no service necessary; 9:25 p.m.: extra patrols (Lake Dennison), secure; 9:48 p.m.: investigation (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 10:18 p.m.: welfare check/general (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 11:55-11:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

# Heywood Medical Group names Patterson

GARDNER — Heywood Healthcare is pleased to announce Andrew J. Patterson has joined the organization and has been appointed executive director for Heywood Medical Group.

A proven leader in health care management and operations, Patterson oversees the performance and expansion of Heywood Medical Group, bringing solid business insight to the table, with the ability to ascertain and analyze

needs, forecast goals and plans, streamline operations, and envision new program concepts.

Prior to joining the Heywood Healthcare team, Patterson served as senior vice president of Provider Relations and Contracting for LRGHealthcare, a \$200+ million net revenue organization overseeing the operations of two hospitals, various ambulatory surgery centers and numerous primary and spe-

cialty physician practices in the Lakes and Twin Rivers Regions of New Hampshire.

Patterson has also served as the executive director of the Good Health Medical Services of New Hampshire - Physician Organization (GHMSNH) and Manager of Network Development at Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Patterson is a University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and

Economics graduate. He received a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 2000. In 2016, he earned his Masters' of health care delivery science program at Dartmouth College through the Tuck School of Business and Geisel School of Medicine.



Andrew J. Patterson

Patterson is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Heywood Medical Group is a non-profit physician organization affiliated with Heywood Hospital with over 20 physicians specializing in primary care and specialty care. Our primary care physicians focus on pediatrics and family practice. Our specialty care physicians focus on the areas of cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, gynecology/obstetrics, orthopedics, pulmonology, urology and general surgery.

Heywood Medical group serves individuals and families in need of health care and works in coordination with Heywood Hospital to provide high quality comprehensive care to everyone.

A member of the Heywood Healthcare system, Heywood Hospital is a 134-bed acute care hospital in Gardner, which provides a broad range of high quality medical, surgical,

obstetrical, pediatric and behavioral health services on an inpatient and outpatient basis. The hospital's Centers of Excellence include the Watkins Center for Emergency and Acute Care; the LaChance Maternity Center; the Diabetes

Center; and the Heywood Heart and Vascular Center, an affiliate of the Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence at UMass Memorial Health Care. Heywood Healthcare is an independent, community-owned healthcare system serving north central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. It is comprised of Heywood Hospital, a non-profit, 134-bed acute-care hospital in Gardner; Athol Hospital, a 25-bed not-for-profit, critical access hospital in Athol; the Quabbin Retreat in Petersham; Heywood Medical Group with primary care physicians and specialists located throughout the region. The organization includes six satellite facilities in Massachusetts; Heywood Rehabilitation Center and Heywood Urgent Care in Gardner; West River Health Center in Orange; Winchendon Health Center and Murdock School-based Health Center in Winchendon; Heywood Charitable Foundation; the North Quabbin Community Coalition, an affiliate organization; and The Quabbin Retreat in Petersham.



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# OBITUARIES

## Ann M. (Duvarney) Chadbourne, 51



PHILLIPSTON — Ann M. (Duvarney) Chadbourne, age 51, of 520 Highland Avenue, died peacefully at her residence Friday morning, September 1, 2017, with her family at her side.

She was born in Gardner on March 18, 1966, daughter of Annette M. (Cardin) Duvarney and the late Gerald P. Duvarney Sr. and grew up in Winchendon. Ann was a 1984 graduate of Murdock High School.

Ann had worked in custodial services at Narragansett Regional High School for 15 years. She enjoyed quilting, cross stitching, sewing and gardening. Ann was active in the Gardner American Cancer Society Relay for Life and had been a team captain. She was a member of Cornerstone Church of the Assemblies of God. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

In addition to her mother, she leaves her husband of 27 years, William R. Chadbourne; two children, Bennett R. Chadbourne of Templeton and Victoria R. Chadbourne of Phillipston; a brother Gerald P. Duvarney Jr and his wife Kim of Grafton; a sister, Donna M. Duvarney-Heacox and her husband James of Winchendon, as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 8, 2017 at 10 A.M. in Cornerstone Church of the Assemblies of God, 122 Gardner Road, Winchendon. Burial will be in Lower Cemetery, Phillipston

Calling hours in the church will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 5 to 7 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Ellie Fund, 200 Reservoir Street, Suite 300, Needham, MA 02494 or can be made online at [www.elliefund.org](http://www.elliefund.org)

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

## Norman S. 'Butch' Manoni, 70

DUBLIN, NH — Norman S. "Butch" Manoni, age 70, of Main Street, formerly of Winchendon, MA, died peacefully Tuesday afternoon, August 29, 2017 in Westwood Nursing Home, Keene, NH.

He was born in Winchendon on July 31, 1947, son of the late Armando and Marilyn (Mulcahy) Manoni and grew up in Winchendon. Butch was a graduate of Murdock High School, where he played football for four years.

Butch had worked as a bread delivery man for Entenmann's Bakery for 20 years. He had lived in California for 30 years and returned to this area, living in Dublin for the last 8 years. Butch was a huge sports fan and was a stand-out football player. He played defensive

tackle for the Marlboro Shamrocks, a semi-pro football team. He once tried out for the New England Patriots and survived until the third cut.

He was the husband of the late Lori (Gardner) Manoni. He leaves two children, Nicole Lintz of CA and Norman S. Manoni Jr of Michigan; a granddaughter Clarissa; a brother, Dennis S. Manoni and his wife Jackie of Jaffrey, NH and two nephews, Shawn Manoni and Noah Manoni.

Funeral services are private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

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

## Michael John Rosen, 64



HOLDEN — Michael John Rosen, age 64, a Lieutenant in the Holden Fire Department, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, August 29, 2017 at UMass Memorial Center-

University Campus, Worcester, after an extended illness. Born in Boston and raised in Winchendon, Mike was the son of Theodore and Dorothy (Alex) Rosen and lived in Holden for more than 40 years.

He graduated from the New York Military Academy, Cornwall, NY in 1971 and Norwich University, Vermont in 1975. He honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 22 years retiring as a Major. Mike's compassion led him to a career in health care that included over 30 years as a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Medical Center specializing in post-surgical recovery.

Mike's lifelong devotion to his community led to his involvement as a member of the Holden Fire Department's Call Organization starting in 1978. He retired as a Lieutenant. After years as a Boy Scout of America volunteer he started the Fire Explorer Post with the Holden Fire Department in 2003. He stayed on as a leader until 2014. In 2007, he received the Massachusetts Community Service Award from Governor Deval Patrick for his outstanding leadership with the Holden Fire Department and its Explorer program. "This is not just

firefighter training," Mike told the Explorer members, "It's leadership, teamwork and responsibility."

Mike's life was centered on helping others. He was a member of St. George's Church in Worcester and also attended St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. He was a doting grandfather to his grandson, Lucas and will be remembered for many things, especially his service to the community.

He leaves his devoted daughter, Jessica H. Rosen and her son, Lucas whom Mike considered his "best bud" and her fiancé, Justin Stevens, all of Chelmsford; his son, Gregory Rosen of Holden; his sister, Helen Kotilainen of Bolton; three brothers, Stephen and his wife, Barbara of Worcester, Kenneth of Milton and Paul of Worcester; many nephews and nieces.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mike's family from 5 to 8 pm on Tuesday, September 5 at the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street, Holden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am on Wednesday, September 6, at St. George Church, 38 Brattle Street, Worcester. Interment will be held privately at Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Ave., Paxton. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to, the Holden Firefighters Association, c/o the Holden Fire Department, 1370 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520. [www.milesfuneralhome.com](http://www.milesfuneralhome.com)

## Zachariah R. 'Zach' Lashua, 19



WESTMINSTER — Zachariah R. "Zach" Lashua, age 19, of 145 Ashburnham State Road, died Friday, September 1, 2017 in Ashburnham.

He was born in Leominster on August 22, 1998, the son of Kevin A. and Virginia "Vee" (Vanderbilt) Lashua of Ashburnham. Zach grew up in Ashburnham and played Pop Warner football. He was a 2017 graduate of Monachus Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fitchburg with a major trade in machine technology. While a student, he played JV volleyball.

Zach enjoyed snowboarding and loved animals and had raised sheep. He was loved by his family and many friends and was known for his quick wit. He enjoyed tinkering with automobiles. He had worked at Kalon Farm in Ashburnham and Farmers Market in both Westminster and Fitchburg.

In addition to his parents, Zach

leaves four sisters, Tricia Streeter and her husband Buddy of Charleston, West Virginia, Michelle Brown of Leominster, Alicia Wallace and her husband Jason of Wendell, NC and Kimberly Blansett and her husband Matthew of Greenwood, Indiana; a brother, Shane Lashua of Ashburnham and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 10 A.M. in Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main Street, Leominster. Burial will be in St. Denis Cemetery, Ashburnham.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home ([stone-ladeau.com](http://stone-ladeau.com)), 343 Central Street, Winchendon are Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 3 to 7 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Zachariah R. Lashua Scholarship Fund, care of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1050 Westminster Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420 or to NEADS, 305 Redemption Rock Trail, Princeton, MA 01541.

**SEND OBITUARIES** at no charge to Editor Ruth DeAmicis, by faxing (978) 297-2177, or by e-mailing the editor at [ruth@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:ruth@stonebridgepress.news). We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

# Hearing on solar array continued

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Public hearings regarding two solar arrays proposed for West Street were continued by the Planning Board at its meeting Tuesday night. One array would be located on a 120-acre parcel on the northeast side of the street, while the other would occupy a 56-acre parcel to the southwest of the thoroughfare.

According to Eric Las, of the Southborough-based civil engineering firm of Beals and Thomas, the solar array planned for the larger parcel would cover approximately six acres. He described the final facility as a 1.3 megawatt, ground-mounted solar array.

"The overall limit of work, as it's currently proposed," said Las, "is about 15 acres in terms of storm water management, access roads, and the array itself."

Las also pointed out that timber harvesting had previously taken place on a large portion of the property. The proposal calls for vehicles accessing the site to use roads previously used by the logging vehicles. Most of the site work, he said, would take place in a span of six to eight weeks.

Board member Burton Gould expressed concern about the effect of the project on the landscape.

"Yes, this place has been logged," said Gould, "but in order to make this thing you're going to have to stump it and you're going to have to remove loam. And this is very definitely going to alter the runoff. It's wet."

Gould said he wouldn't support the plan as presented.

"There's nothing but water down there," he continued. "I won't say it's a swamp, but it's running. I think, before we do anything, we (the planning board)

should go down there and take a look – and bring your boots."

In response to a question from West Street resident Larry Murphy, Las confirmed the access road into the larger parcel would be across the street from Murphy's home.

"What do you think that's going to do to the traffic on the road?" asked Murphy.

"In my opinion – and I'm involved in a lot of different kinds of development projects," Las replied, "solar has the least traffic impact of really any project. There's a short construction period, but after that there's only approximately four pickup truck trips a year to the site."

"In terms of our due diligence," Las continued, "we saw that, in the past, the whole 120 acres had been zoned with an overlay district for golf course development. This is a very low-intensity use. You're not going to have traffic. You're not going to have kids running around screaming. It's a very benign use that's going to be back in the woods."

Reflecting the concerns of a number of neighbors of the project, board Chairman Guy Corbosiero asked how much additional damage would likely be done to West Street, which is already in rough shape, due to increased truck traffic.

"These projects tend to happen in rural communities with similar concerns," said Las. "There is going to a lot of bulk excavation work where we're taking thousands of tons of earth in or out of the site. Based on my experience, and the minimal amount of earthwork on the site, I don't see there being a lot of impact on the street."

"The solar modules do come in on a large truck," added Alan Clapp of Nexamp, the Boston company planning

to build the arrays, "and they're delivered, unloaded, and leave. There are standards as to how heavy those trucks can be and they're all within those safety limits. But they are full trucks that do come in. But there aren't very many of them because this is not an excessively large site."

Jeffrey Murphy, also with Beals and Thomas, explained that the solar array planned for the smaller parcel would also generate 1.3 megawatts, encompass about six acres, and require some additional acreage for storm water management and access roads.

John LaPlante, who owns property abutting the parcel, asked, "How much woodline is going to be left between my property line and your clear cut?"

Murphy replied there would be a buffer of about five feet.

"I'm not against this project at all," said LaPlante. "I'd much rather see this go in there than five houses back there. But I don't think that five feet is adequate coverage between a residence and a commercial endeavor."

A number of other residents expressed concerns similar to those voiced by neighbors of the first development under discussion.

Rather than voting to approve the site plans presented, the Planning Board decided to continue the hearings to a future meeting in order to allow members time to conduct a site visit of both properties.

Both parcels are owned by Winchendon Ventures LLC, according to Las. A web search indicated the company has addresses in both Salisbury and Tewksbury, but an additional search and an inquiry to directory assistance found no telephone number.

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territory, it was necessary to slaughter the people who occupied it before you arrived, you did so – and if they were savage non-Christians, all the better.

Sound a little harsh? Good, I mean to. In order to make a point, of course.

Certainly, not all – nor even most – colonists were blood-thirsty land-grabbers. Neither were they, however, the brave, chivalrous, self-sacrificing, reluctant killers portrayed by John Wayne, Spencer Tracy, Gary Cooper, Jimmy Stewart, and other myth-makers of note.

Am I, on balance, proud of my forebears? Absolutely. But I am not ready to erect statues to them.

Recently, many people – including a history-ignorant president – have decried the felling of Confederate statues as an affront to our national heritage, an attempt to erase history. But those statues and many others, frankly, do not represent history. They represent nostalgia, defined as "a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past."

History, if we are ever to learn from it, must be seen in its entirety. It is not wistful or sentimental. It is – at the same time – awe inspiring, motivational, unforgiving, and often harsh.

If we hail our Valley Forges, we must also recoil at our Wounded Knees. Our disgust at the Bataan Death March must be equaled by our loathing of My Lai. Our admiration of those who built this nation must be matched by our rejection of those who – like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, J.E.B. Stuart, and others – fought to tear it apart.

Lee himself thought the raising of statues following the Civil War to be unwise: "I think it wiser...not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered."

Good advice.

## CALENDAR

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concert of well loved and most requested pieces of concert band pieces including Shenendoah, America the beautiful and a selection of music from Hollywood. The Win Winds returns to the Unitarian Universalist Church, 126 Central St. with the concert beginning at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.

NO INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: as the time conflicts with the concert. Please enjoy!

Thursday, September 28

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: Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. Today's menu is: Tuscan chicken over pasta, salad and dessert. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.



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# SPORTS

## Must we predict?

Pre-season predictions are inherently silly. That's especially the case when you've done zero homework and really don't care all that much anyway but they are obligatory so let's get them out of the way.

Division winners will be the Patriots, Texans, Steelers, Chiefs, Redskins, Bucs, Packers, and Seahawks, and wild card teams will be the Ravens, Raiders, Cardinals and Panthers. Okay?

I can tell you why I don't care all that much anymore. Aside from for obvious reason of not having the emotional energy to invest in much of anything these days, I now cringe at collisions I used to wildly cheer. I abhor the way the NFL lawyers are trying to divert attention from investigations into the impact of those repeated head-to-head collisions, and fighting payouts to former players.

I abhor the way the NFL so often finds ways to forgive players convicted (not merely accused) of domestic violence crimes. I abhor the league's faux and transparent "salute" to patriotism while owners blackball a quarterback

for exercising the freedoms our military is presumably protecting.

The whole Deflategate thing, which no one outside New England cared about, was theater of the absurd. Roger Goodell looked like a bully and Tom Brady looked like a hypocrite when he suddenly wanted the support of the union. Two years spent arguing about a miniscule amount of air in a football? Forcing season ticket holders to buy tix to practice games at full season prices? Talk about greed.

Seeing adults wearing individual player jerseys really annoys me - they look ridiculous. I don't see Rob Gronkowski wearing a shirt with your name on it. Do you? I never, even as kid, understood why people would want to do that. To each their own of course, but still. Team sweatshirts? Sure. But let me know the next time Gronk shows



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up with any of your names embroidered on his shirt, okay?

Horse shirts of course are fine. Encouraged even. Strongly encouraged.

Speaking of, every sport has issues but most also have a central authority to deal with miscreants. That's not the case with horse racing. Every state sets its own rules and though there's reciprocity when it comes to trainer or jockey suspensions, medication rules tend to vary which creates an un-level playing field. For example, the amount of lasix legal in New York might not be the same as in Louisiana or Illinois. I'd like to see uniform medication rules everywhere. I'd like to see a lot of things. I'd like to see fewer race-tracks open and fewer races run. Foal crops are down. It makes no sense to run year-round in New York, Maryland and California and Florida, and for that matter, Kentucky where most of the horses are born.

Anyway, racing's summer season

ended last weekend at Saratoga in the East and Del Mar out west. Over that concluding weekend, a race at Del Mar for two year-olds (perhaps next year's Triple Crown contenders) was won by a colt named St. Patrick's Day. He's a full brother to American Pharoah but as Billy Ripken can tell you, genetics don't guarantee success. It'll be interesting to watch SPD's development without expecting all that much.

For a while there's been much lamenting about the state of American tennis but five women reached the round of 16 at the US Open so that suggests something of a revival. Serena wasn't there, having delivered her first child Friday but Venus, now 37, was among the quintet. The doubters about the future of the sport at the highest level may quiet down now. I watched a good deal of the Open. Like many fans, I'm drawn to the big events and what I saw was pretty riveting. I'll tune back in for Wimbledon next summer. See you next week.

## Wright steps up as new football coach

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

As the 2017 season begins, Billy Wright is Murdock High School's new football coach after Andy Dupuis resigned last week to accept a full-time non-football position in Florida.

Principal Ralph Olsen is impressed with Wright.

"Billy came highly recommended by people I know and respect in the football community. He's been a head coach

and he's exactly who we're looking for. His kids will participate in community service projects. They'll play with the right sportsmanship. They'll play hard and fair. Billy will be a very good role model for them, and for most, high school is their last football experience and he'll help make it a good one."

"There's already been a marked improvement in how the locker room looks," noted Olsen.

"Billy's not Lane Kiffin or

(Nick) Saban," added Olsen, referencing two of college football's most controversial coaches.

"Kids respect him. He's a really good guy."

Dupuis told media outlets "it happened all of a sudden. It was either stay at this \$5,000 a year part-time job or move to this full-time position in Florida which is very, very lucrative. It's a huge thing. I had to do it."

Dupuis had been a sergeant with the Leominster police department before recently

retiring and noted, "this is a full-time job and it'll be good for me and my family."

He was expansive in his praise for Murdock and Winchendon, telling outlets, "The school, the community, everyone has been great to me here. It's tough leaving, it really is."

As recently as last week, Dupuis told Courier correspondent Chris Martin he was looking forward to a good year, and "we depth everywhere."

"This is the second year of

getting a middle school in and it's helped a lot."

Though the Blue Devils went 12-31 during the four years Dupuis was the head coach, he defended i's status. "I couldn't be happier with where the program is. When I took over there were 13 kids...this year we've got 38 and the middle school program is thriving too," he said.

Chris Martin contributed to this story.

## From geese to trout, fall brings nature out



Courtesy photo

Young angler Cruze Leonard of Charlton, grandson of Dave and Dona Peters caught this monster striper at the Cape Cod Canal recently. Nice fish.

The first segment of the early Massachusetts goose hunting season opened on Sept. 5, and will run through Sept. 27, with a daily bag limit of seven birds. Very little corn had been cut prior to this Tuesday's opening, but some fields that had grass was cut, which was an invitation to local goose populations to enjoy the feast of the tender grasses exposed after the tall grass was cut and harvested. Reports of numerous flocks of geese in the valley was good news for goose hunters, and hopes were high that some of them would visit some of the recently cut fields during the early goose season.

Reports of nuisance geese on some golf courses and beaches are being targeted by one state to harvest the birds by netting and capturing them, offering



15 points and hunted locally.

the birds to local food pantries and other low income families. Goose filets are very good tasting and provide some good nutrition if it is prepared correctly. When cleaning geese the method that my fellow hunters and I use is very simple. The easy task of removing goose filets requires a few cuts to peel back the skin from the breast. When the breast meat is exposed the two breast are quickly removed in less than a minute. Wash off & dry the breast meat and freeze them together. When it is time to prepare the breast meat for the table it is best to thaw the meat until it is semi frozen.

Place the two breast on a meat slicer and slice the meat very thin, like shaved steak. Cook up some peppers and onions on the side in a cast iron skillet. Do not over cook them. Add the shaved goose meat to the onions and peppers at a high heat. Add a small amount of oil and Worcestershire sauce or a good steak sauce, along with a small amount of salt, pepper & a crushed piece of garlic while cooking. Do not over cook. Place the meat on a fresh piece of bread like a fresh sub roll. Fantastic!! It is also great served with mashed potato and a

good vegetable.

Local sportsmen are sighting numerous deer in local fields sporting large antlers, which is good news. Local deer hunters have harvested some impressive deer in the valley area over the past 10 years or more, and they seem to continue to provide many deer hunters with trophy bucks. Serious archery deer hunters are already placing their deer stands in some of their favorite hunting areas. Cutting out shooting lanes is critical, and doing it early will lessen the chance of leaving human scent in the hunting area. With archery season opening on Oct. 16 this year there is not much time left to get all of your gear in top working condition. This 15 point buck was harvested a few years ago in local covers. Hopefully, he left some of his genes behind.

Most important is to have your bow fine tuned by a professional dealer. Bow strings and cams need to be checked annually. Practicing on a good archery range with numerous 3-D targets that offer different shots is an ideal way to sharpen your skills. Noel Rabidor presented an awesome 3-D shoot recently at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, that

drew one of the largest group of archers in years. Nice job Noel!!

This year deer hunters were hoping for a change in the crossbow law in Massachusetts allowing any archer to use a crossbow. Unfortunately, changes come very slow in Mass! Maybe next year!

With the recent cold weather, local ponds and lakes will soon be ready for the fall stocking of trout by the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife. I would not be surprised to see them stocking trout this week. Locally, Wallum Lake and Webster Lake receive a good amount of trout in the fall and they are the favorite areas to fish for many local anglers. Go to Mass fish hunt website and check out the latest stocked areas.

Stripers continue to provide some great fishing in Massachusetts & Rhode Island and bottom fishing for fluke and seabass continues to be good.

Remember the residents of Texas & Louisiana in your thoughts and prayers. They sure have a long road ahead of them!!!! Wildlife, cattle and horses are also in tough shape in the area.

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# Fitzwilliam Community Church Concert Series

Our September concert on the 17th at 2 pm will feature The EduKators Band, a quintet of local educators from the Monadnock and Fall Mountain school districts. Primarily a cover band with an eclectic mix spanning six decades, they also enjoying writing and performing their own songs. They have performed at Railroad Square in Keene, the Walpole Common, the Woodbound Inn, Bennington Train Depot and Rhubarb Festival, Walpole Elementary School, Monadnock High School, and private functions around the Monadnock region. They are proud to be the 'house band' for Monadnock Developmental Services thrice annual dances: Valentine's Day, Halloween and Christmas, held at the Keene Recreation Center.

We look forward to seeing you all at the concert. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program. There will also be a reception with lots of good food down-

stairs after the concert so you can fraternize with the performers.

## FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The Fitzwilliam Community Church will be hosting a Harvest Dinner on September 16th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We will be serving soups and stews, salads, breads, beverages and desserts for \$8 each meal, \$4 for children under 12. Please come and join us.

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 10 am on the church lawn. Bring your pets to have them blessed by Rev. Craig Breismeister. Please make sure all animals are restrained on a leash or in a cage.

Remember to clean out your closets this fall and save your good used clothing and white elephants that you no longer want for our Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 14th from 8 am to 1 pm.



The EduKators Band

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A call was placed to Corey Bohan of the Fireman's Muster event, which previously took place on Saturday, Aug. 19. Bohan explained he had permission to not only use the water for the event, but that the Water Department placed a flow meter on the hydrant to measure the total usage of the water to allow for the Firemen's Muster to repay the town of Winchendon the appropriate amount for any water used. Bohan also said "The bill was paid in full."

The document provided by DPW registered a total of 780 cubic feet of water used at the event, and a bill for water used totaling \$41.11 which was stamped paid by the collector/treasurer.

DPW Superintendent Al Gallant said, when asked about the water ban and whether it applied replied, "I know the event was previously given the approval for a permit by the Board of Selectmen. The selectmen approved the Muster. It is obvious to have an event such as a Fireman's Muster, you need water. Since the selectmen approved the event, and it requires water, we had the Water Department place a meter on the hydrant to allow the town to charge appropriately for any water used, which was paid for."

Gallant in closing said, "Last year the Muster had to provide its own water as there was a severe drought, and they absolutely did provide their own water. This year the towns water situation is much better off so again, the event was approved, a meter was attached, and they were charged appropriately."

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ing, the department now also employs photographs firefighters use in their training to familiarize themselves with a commercial structure.

Newton said he and Abare were to visit the store again on Thursday to inspect the refrigerators and the freezers. He added he also needs documentation from the architect, structural engineer, and the mechanical engineer

testifying to the fact that everything is up to code.

"I need to have all that before I can sign off on an occupancy permit," said Newton. "But knowing how fast they tend to move on these things, I expect to have the documentation in plenty of time for the opening on Wednesday."

"Everything is looking good," said Smith. "I really think this store is going to be a great benefit to the town. I think it's going to add a great deal to the Central Street environment."

## WHA

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added, it would have cost approximately \$700,000 at each development, or nearly \$1.4 million.

In addition, a \$130,000 grant from DHCD is being used to install a device that measure carbon monoxide.

"Measuring the CO," said Connor, "gives the system an idea of how much heat is being generated. If it appears the system is running inefficiently, it can adjust itself

to use energy in a more efficient manner. And it automatically cleanses the air. That also helps us save money."

Another projec due to get underway in the not-too-distant future include Phase II of the bathroom rehabilitation project at Pearl Drive.

"It's going to cost about \$500,000 to do 13 bathrooms," Connor continued. "We're completely gutting the bathrooms. We're re-doing the walls, the walls, and the ceilings, as well as the bathing areas. The money is

coming from a combination of reserves and grant monies."

The WHA next year will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ipswich Drive development, which began taking tenants in 1968. Pearl Drive opened in 1974, followed in 1976 by Hyde Park. The Ready Drive facility opened in 1994.

Anyone interested in filling out an application for residence at any of the authority-operated housing units should stop by the WHA's main office at 108 Ipswich Dr.

Boys & Girls Club organization years ago, which is why he allowed the clothing and shoe receptacles to be placed at his garage and business to help what he said he felt was then a great cause.

Tansey said, "I called the yesterday 'September 5' and told them they needed to come clean it up, as they are always supposed to clean it up, and they didn't come. So, I called them back today on Wednesday, September 6 and told them to remove the trash and the containers off the property and I want it all taken away as I am done with it. I gave up the shop a few months ago, and I actually just rented it back yesterday, and it's time to clean it up. I knew with the new Cumberland Farms going up it was going to change a lot of stuff."

"I am going to be working on the property I rent and making improvements to make it look much better in the near future. I have already begun removing automobiles and other items. I have a person who is coming to look at the place to come landscape, and turn the looks of the place around. My goal in the future is to approach the town and see about obtaining a used car license. I want the place to look good, and I am in the process of taking the steps to make the place look much more presentable."

In closing Tansey said, "I just want people to know that this was started with the best of intentions for a site to collect donations. Sadly, it's the people using it to illegally dump that are ruining it for others. MGP always came to clean up the site when I called, and it has seemed to change hands a few times in terms of who is in charge at that company. I again have requested the receptacles be completely removed from the site and property, and I am making efforts to clean the place up and make it look much better."

# Shoe drive to support after school programs

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

If you're looking for a way to support both Winchendon public schools and others in need globally at the same time, then the answer is as easy as looking down at your feet and simply donating any shoes in good condition.

Jennifer Haddad, program coordinator of WPS Extended Day Programs was excited to spread the word about the upcoming shoe drive fundraiser.

Haddad said, "We have officially started the shoe drive on Friday, Sept. 1, but shoes were already coming in. The drive will last until Thursday, Nov. 30 and our goal is to get at least 300 bags of shoes at 25 pair of shoes per bag."

If the drive to raise funds for After School Programs reaches its minimum goal of 300 bags, all shipping charges will be free for the shoes. If the goal is not reached, then a cost to ship the shoes of \$250 would need to be covered. By Tuesday, Sept. 5, nearly two bags of shoes had already been donated.

All donated shoes collected after being shipped would be redistributed throughout the "Funds2Orgs" network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations, which will purchase the shoes. The fund pays for the shoes by the pound. The money raised will support WPS after school programs. The funds purpose, as

explained in literature, states, "To help impoverished people start, maintain, and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, and other nations in both Central America and Africa."

Proceeds generated from the shoes are also used to feed, clothe, and house their families.

Any funds raised will benefit WPS After School Programs such as homework assistance, and help with special enhancement programs such as art, music, drama (with musical production), Tynker coding, robotics, STEM programs, yoga, sports and fitness programs, and more.

As with any donated products there are common sense requirements for donation. Shoes which can be donated are to be used or new, in pairs, clean, in good wearable condition, and bound together by either their laces or rubber bands. Shoes which are "not eligible" would have melted or distorted soles, soles falling off, worn out tops, sides, or bottoms, broken heels, and are wet or moldy. Even if either the top or bottom of the shoe is worn out, and the other is not, the shoe is still not able to be donated.

Haddad went on to say, "Many people have good used shoes in their closets which they may not have used in a long time. This is a great chance to support the after school

programs, make some room, and help a person in need all at the same time."

In closing Haddad said, "We initially had a grant for after school programs. Each year, the grant funding went down a little bit more with the intention that the program would become sustainable. We are at that stage now. This includes fundraising, grant writing, writing for materials and equipment, obtaining volunteers, and more. This is one of our fundraisers for these programs and this is not only different, but all the shoes the children donate help them give back and that is something I really like. The children are not just asking for money, they are helping to do a really good thing."

If you would like to donate any used or new shoes, collections sites are available at Toy Town Elementary, To Each His Own Design at 68 Central St., The Crafty Cauldron at 91 Central St., and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church located at the intersection of Spruce and Grove streets with any additional sites in the future TBA.

For any questions about the shoe drive fundraiser or if you're interested in hosting a box for the drive please contact Haddad directly by phone at (978) 616-1458, or email her at [jhaddad@winchendonk12.org](mailto:jhaddad@winchendonk12.org).

## DUMPING

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intersection of Spring and Lake streets reside very close to the property to both streets, of which Spring is a highly traveled thoroughfare allowing easy access to any persons who which to deposit items both acceptable by donation, and those which are not. During the first week of September, tires, television, parts of wooden bed framing, worn basketballs, used ice skates, and many items were visible illegally deposited at the site. Additionally, several large rats have been witnessed coming and going from the banks of the Millers River adjacent to the property, rummaging through the site.

The property according to the town assessors map listed as number 10 and Lot number 5C3-0-10, is listed as owned by Ruth A. Couture, of 40 Elmwood Avenue, Fitchburg.

A pickup by Mint Green Planet was last documented in the final week of August, with the site being checked daily through Wednesday, Sept. 6 as the trash piled up. Multiple calls have been placed to Mint Green Planet, as their receptacles also state, "A portion of all proceeds donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fitchburg and Leominster" at the Lake Street site. MGP also has at least one additional site located in Winchendon at this time. No calls have been returned. Wednesday saw a truck from Mint Green Planet on site.

Hickey attempted to call MGP, but also received a voicemail and was unable to speak to a person.

A garage and auto repair business located on the property has been rented by Mark Tansey for nine years. Tansey explained via phone on September 6 that he previously had children in the

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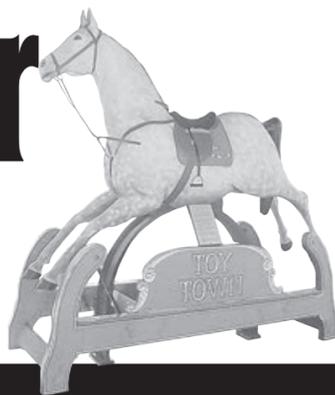
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# Tips when selling estate contents

An internet search of "auction versus estate sale" will give you lots of conflicting information and probably leave you more confused than you were before you looked. Estate sale websites claim that their method is best and auctioneers do the same. Having run both antique auctions and estate sales, I find that determining the better method depends on the client's situation.

For rare and valuable objects, an auction is better. A well promoted auction has a long reach. We've had bidders and consignors from across the United States and abroad. Estimating the price rare objects will bring sometimes may be difficult. We once sold a Pulver mechanical clown penny gum machine. I received a call from a bidder who said that he wrote a book on the machines and left an absentee bid of \$700. We had much additional interest though and it brought nearly \$8,000 at auction. Competitive bidding determines the price.

On the other hand, there are many items that won't draw the same kind of interest as rare objects. Local people may



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buy larger items such as furniture that they can use for their homes that wouldn't draw interest from outside of the area because of shipping costs. Most auction houses in our area focus on antiques and collectibles and don't handle fine furnishings, tools, power equipment and other items that will sell well at an estate sale. Sometimes there are just so many items that pricing them

at the home for an estate sale makes more sense.

There is a hybrid option that we use sometimes that often works. An online estate auction offers some of the benefits of an auction and estate sale. Bidders can view the items at the estate but compete against other bidders in an online auction format.

No matter which option you use, don't throw anything away until you get a professional involved.

The auction house or estate sale company will need some preliminary information when you first contact them. They may ask you the size of the

home, whether it is sparsely furnished and how old the personal property is as they determine how desirable the sale may be. Emailing pictures is very helpful in determining the best option.

Some factors make a sale more attractive to an auctioneer or estate sale company representative. Old items that have been passed down through multiple generations are typically more valuable than items that someone collected later in life. Antique buyers want "estate fresh" merchandise. If the client sells items prior to the sale, it can affect the promotion of the event. Some buyers may not attend if they know better items have been sold in advance.

There are times when there aren't items that are desirable enough to go to auction and there isn't enough personal property to run an estate sale. There are other options including donating your items, placing them in a consignment shop or running your own tag sale. We do our best to offer multiple options to people who contact us to liquidate their personal property when other methods may better suit their needs.



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## LEGALS

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage, given by Mickey D. Manson (the "Mortgagor"), to Workers' Credit Union, a lending institution, with a usual place of business at 815 Main Street, P.O. Box 8207, Fitchburg, MA 01420 (the "Mortgagee"), dated July 25, 2014, and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 52700, Page 210, (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1 o'clock PM on September 19, 2017 on the premises located at 67 Juniper Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts, which are all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage,

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

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Page 139, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing same, the mortgaged premises located at 81 Benjamin Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on September 28, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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