



Solar array project modifications delayed until April

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The process of National Grid making necessary modifications for connecting the town's largest solar array to the electrical system has not yet started, and according to NG will now not begin until the start of the year's second quarter.

The project, which will connect the 5.1 megawatt solar array at the transfer station to the existing electrical infrastructure, was to begin by late December 2017 to early

January reported by NG media relations. But the startup has now been confirmed moved back several months, though NG claims the project will still be completed on time by the end of May, as required per legal agreement.

A visit to the local substation on Spring Street yielded little as virtually nothing has changed. The NG worker at the door would not allow entrance, and would only say, "We are not allowed to speak to or say anything to anybody,

and the person you would want to speak with is currently on vacation and will not be back until late next week at the earliest."

The current substation would need to be "de-energized" according to National Grid last year, to allow for the installation of a temporary substation to allow the proper modifications and allowing it to handle the future input generated by the large array.

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Photo by Keith Kent

The National Grid Winchendon Spring Street substation in its current configuration, will need significant modifications to handle future solar array power generation located at the Transfer Station.



Greg Vine photos

The shaft that will house the new handicap accessible elevator which will run from the basement of Beals Memorial Library to the third floor.

Beals accessibility project Moving Ahead

BY GREG VINE
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It's been quietly going on for months, behind tarps and out of sight, but the work on the Beals Memorial Library is moving forward.

Town officials, current and former employees of the library, representatives of the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, and contractors

all gathered early on the evening of June 19, 2017 to officially break ground on the Beals accessibility project. Some preparatory work in the interior of the building had actually been under way for a couple of weeks before the first spadeful of dirt were turned on the south lawn of the 115-year-old library.

Library Director Manuel

King said work should be completed by mid- or late-April. He added that neither he, library trustees, or the contractor truly realized how complicated it would be to undertake such extensive work while also maintaining the historic integrity of the building. Once the project is completed, the library

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Cannabis survey re-posted

BY GREG VINE
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An online survey asking Winchendon residents their opinions on the placement of retail recreational marijuana establishments and cultivation operations has been re-posted on the town's website. The survey was up for less than a day when a problem with the first question of the four-question survey was spotted.

That query asks, "Where... should Retail and Medical Dispensaries be allowed within the town?"

It then offers several options: Route 12 near the NH border; Winchendon Springs; Hillview Business Park off Route 140; Waterville Plaza; Central Street corridor, and; none of the above.

Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said the survey was supposed to allow respondents to check off more than one answer, but the original poll failed to allow that option.

"We had a couple of hundred people respond in that first day," said Murphy. "We really regret this mistake and truly apologize. Anyone who filled out the survey before the new one was posted will need to go back online to fill it out again."

Murphy said the town will continue taking answers "until just before the public hearing."

The Planning Board will hold a second public forum on cannabis zoning on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

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Monty Tech is not school choice: finances explained

BY KEITH KENT
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As ongoing and sometimes highly charged discussions continue among local municipalities regarding the original Monty Tech district agreement and school choice, some confusion has come to

light necessitating the explanation differences.

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District is considered by many to be a Massachusetts School Choice Option. This is

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Seven questions approved for fall ballot... so far

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Election years bring referendums and so it is that seven questions (thus far) appear to be set for Massachusetts voters to determine their fate come November.

That's the word from Jason Tait at the state office of Campaign and Political Finance. There's still plenty of time for advocacy groups to organize and get on the ballot if they acquire enough signatures but Tait identified seven issues about which fund-raising reports have been filed, signaling their seriousness.

While specific wording of the referendums won't be done

until later this year, topics include:

- Patient Safety and Hospital Transparency;
- Reduce Burden of Sales and Use Tax - Law Requiring Sales Tax Free Weekend;
- Paid Family and Medical Leave;
- Increase in Minimum Wage;
- Citizens Commission to Change Citizens United;
- Millionaire Tax (constitutional amendment - already on ballot);
- Repeal of Transgender Bill.

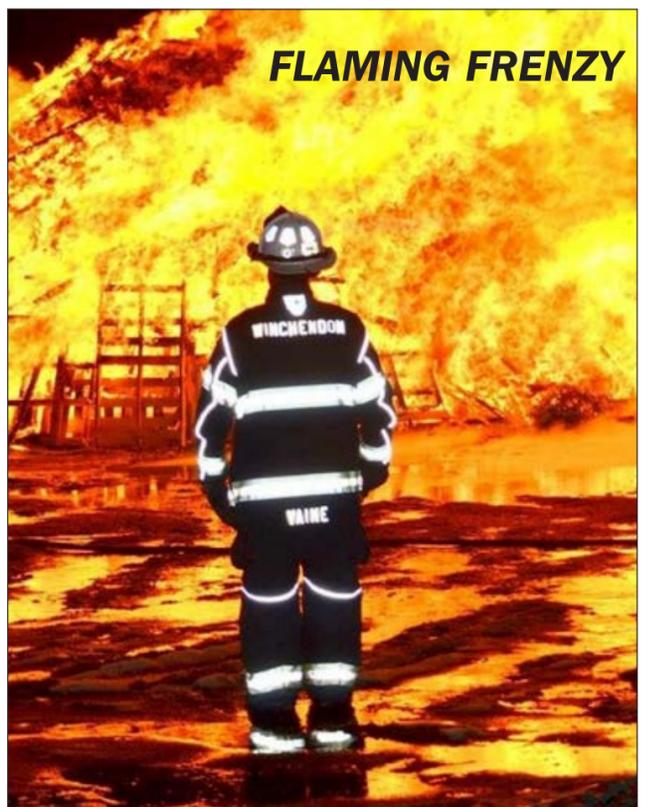
Supporters and opponents of the Patient Safety and Transgender referendums have filed but only backers of

the others have reported raising money.

The OCPF recommends citizens looking to get a referendum initiative on the general election ballot form committees to conduct fund-raising efforts.

The final ballot order and the total number of ballot questions will be determined over the summer.

More information regarding how to get a question on the ballot can be obtained from Tait at the OCPF at (617) 979-8300. Groups thinking about raising money regarding a question can reach Mike Joyce at the same number.



Ricci Ruschioni photo

The annual fireworks and bonfire event in Winchendon on Saturday night drew an even bigger crowd since the weather was warm. Sons of American Legion did hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage sandwiches, Lions provided free coffee and hot chocolate. More photos page 9



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WEEKLY QUOTE

I play a complicated position in an intensely team-oriented game.

Tom Brady



COURIER CAPSULES

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE
Town Clerk Judi LaJoie has announced nomination papers are now available for town election May 7. Papers must be turned in on or before March 19 by 5 p.m. There are presently two 3 year seats for the Board of Selectmen; two 3 year seats for the School Committee; one 2 year seat for the School Committee; two 3 year seats for the Board of Health and one 5 year seat for the Housing Authority.

VALENTINE BREAKFAST:
Fire & Iron MC Station 857 hosts a breakfast Sunday, Feb. 11 at Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, 8-11 a.m. \$5 per person. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, coffee and orange juice prepared by and to benefit the Fire & Iron fellows!

CABIN FEVER EVENT
The Narragansett Historical Society is proud to present our annual Cabin Fever Collector's Showcase. This event will be held on Feb. 24 from 12-5 p.m. at American Legion Post #373 at 3 Central Street in Baldwinville. Come see what others are collecting and excited about, enjoy some great company and food (did someone say chowda?) to beat away the winter blues. Requested admission donation of \$5.

Are you a collector with an interesting collection you would like to share? Email the address below for an application. (There is no fee to display your belongings.)

Remember that becoming a member of the Narragansett Historical Society

not only continues great traditions like these, but also maintains our building at 1 Boynton Road in Templeton Center as well as the Grange building on Hubbardston Road, behind the Fire Station. Lifetime membership is still only \$100, and annual memberships, family packages and student memberships are all available. Email us to learn more at nh1924society@gmail.com.

SUPER RAFFLE
Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce has its annual Super Raffle underway with the drawing set Wednesday, Feb. 7 at a networking Business After Hours at the Gardner Ale House. The Super Raffle gives away \$15,250 in cash prizes (\$10,000 grand prize); and only a maximum of 400 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Tickets are available at the GGCC offices, 29 Parker St., Gardner or online at gardnerma.com. Cash, check, VISA or Mastercard accepted. Individual or group sales welcome. For information contact the Chamber at (978) 632-1780.

Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Seeks Award Nominations

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations of individuals to be honored for outstanding service and excellence in business. Members of the Chamber and community are invited to submit nominations for the Chamber's Annual Community Awards. The awards categories are: Community Improvement Award, Sybil Arguio Community Service Award, Business Person or Business of the Year

Award and Citizen of the Year.

"With the input of Chamber and community members, we will once again have the privilege of recognizing the businesses, institutions and individuals that play important roles in making the greater Gardner area such a dynamic and rewarding place to live and work" noted Chamber President Jim Bellina.

Nominations of businesses or individuals within or serving the Ashburnham, Barre, Gardner, Hubbardston, Templeton, Westminster, and Winchendon area(s) may be presented by submitting a nomination form. Nominations forms are available on the Chamber website at www.gardnerma.com and at the Chamber of Commerce office, 29 Parker Street, 2nd floor in Gardner. Nomination letters are also acceptable.

A panel of judges comprised of past Citizen of the Year recipients and Chairpersons of the Board will review the nominations and select those to be honored at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Recognition Dinner to be held in May 2018.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 16. For more information contact the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce at 978-632-1780 info@gardnerma.com

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WORCESTER — The following students have been named to the Worcester State University Dean's List for Fall 2017. Dean's list honors are awarded to matriculated undergraduate students who have

earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. Full-time students must have earned a minimum of 12 credits and part-time students must have earned a minimum of 6 credits. **ASHBURNHAM:** Elizabeth C Dugas, Nancy Gebhardt. **BALDWINVILLE:** Kay C Paradis. **GARDNER:** Brittany Bohn, Abigail A DuBois, Katy J Dumas, Joel C LeBlanc, Taylor A Orwig, Hannah R Parker, Sarah B Savoy, Brittany L VanVleck. **PHILLIPSTON:** Rebecca M Brandeberry. **TEMPLETON:** Michelle M Beaulieu, Clothilde M Donarumo, Madison M Murphy. **WINCHENDON:** Elise E Lemieux, Victoria M Lemire, Victoria H Marshall, Scott A Page

WORCESTER — Renee Rogers of Winchendon has been named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at Becker College. More than 350 Becker College students were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list, which recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

BOSTON — Liam Lafferty of Ashburnham has made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the fall 2017 semester.

WEST HARTFORD, CT — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Tyler Coppo of Fitzwilliam has been named to its Dean's List for Fall 2017.

Baker wary on 'safe injection sites'

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

'Safe injection sites' have been popping up around the country as a strategy to combat the opioid epidemic but Gov. Charlie Baker isn't so sure that's the right approach.

"I'm kind of a hard sell on that," Baker said as he pushed legislation designed to expand on an opioid abuse bill he signed in 2016.

He's asking the legislature to authorize police and medical

professionals to take people who appear to be high-risk to substance abuse treatment centers for three days even if they don't want to go.

Baker wants the legislature to draw up specific standards to credential "recovery coaches", green light all pharmacies to carry narcotics, and build a fund to expand intervention/educational programs in schools and make it easier for doctors to prescribe smaller amounts of painkillers. Okaying that last change, "could dramatically

reduce the number of pills floating around out there," he said.

Dealing with the enormity of the opioid crisis is certain to become an issue in this year's race for governor and Baker has gotten the jump on prospective opponents by laying out his proposals.

But as for those 'safe injection sites', the governor said he hasn't seen enough evidence yet that creating such spaces, even ones supervised by medical professionals, will really convince addicts to seek treatment. He

said he prefers his approach.

Health and Human Services secretary Marylou Sudders defended Baker's plan. Pointing out that state law currently only allows intervention through court orders, she said, "too often we've heard from desperate families who have nowhere else to turn when they are in need of immediate help. Crises of addiction occur 24/7, not only during the hours when court is open."

The ACLU of Massachusetts, though, takes a dim view. Legal director Matt Segal said the

72-hour treatment plan Baker is proposing is "medically dangerous, raises serious due process concerns and wastes scarce resources."

Segal added, "For over 40 years America has been trying to arrest and coerce its way to decreased substance abuse. If Massachusetts is serious about ending the opioid crisis, we need to invest in treatment on demand and social services that do not take place in correctional settings."

Acting Workshops for all ages, back by popular demand

Beginning February 26, Mount Wachusett Community College Continuing Education and Theatre at the Mount will be hosting several acting "Get in the Act!" workshops given

by experienced Theatre at the Mount performers to teach the fundamentals of acting in fun challenging ways designed for all ages! No experience needed!

"Get in the Act! - Kids" is for budding actors grades 1 through 3 who will get the chance to be introduced into the world of theatre. Theatre at the Mount performer, Melissa Gates, will be instructing this six-week long workshop full of creating characters, telling stories, playing theatre games, singing songs and dancing, topped with a magical showcase for parents on the last day! Running Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., this opportunity is sure to spark your child's imagination - six weeks, starting February 26.

For a slightly older crowd, the "Get in the Act! - Juniors" workshop builds the foundation of acting through improvisation, pantomime, characterization, stage direction, song and dance in children grades 4 through 8. Also instructed by Melissa Gates, this Broadway-style delight is held Mondays at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a six-week period beginning

February 26. Kids get to share the magic with their parents on the last day.

The third workshop dives more deeply into the actor's toolbox through vocal exercises, pantomime, improvisation, stage direction and movement. Character development, scene building and audition techniques will also be in the spotlight in "Get in the Act! - Teens and Adults" conducted by Theatre at the Mount veteran, Joey Andrade. Starting February 27, you will have the chance to acquire the right acting tools every Tuesday for eight weeks from 6 to 7 p.m.

Program fees are \$59 for 6-week programs and \$79 for 8-week programs. Register online at: www.mwcc.edu/noncredit

For additional information, contact Professor Gail Steele at g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu

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CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday, February 2

SUPER BOWL MEAT RAFFLE: On Friday, Feb. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. Winchendon Lions Club hosts its annual Super Bowl meat raffle at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. 20 rounds at four chances per round, gifts for your Super Bowl party; 50/50, lobster raffle, door prize. Free food while it lasts. Come support the Lions!

Friday, February 9

2018 CAKE AUCTION: at noon at Old Murdock Senior Center! Always a sell out! The best bakers make the best cakes, what a variety! Come bid on something sweet for your sweetheart, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Saturday, February 10

OWC IN FEBRUARY: "Offer a Little Love to Our Troops" will be the next drive for Operation Winchendon Cares. 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the American Legion Post 193 on School St. Saturday, February 10. Visit our Facebook page or www.winchendoncares.com for an updated list of items that are needed or we will gladly accept monetary donations to help cover the cost of postage and/or items to be shipped. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, contact us to add him/her.

Please make sure that your loved one's address is updated prior to the 3rd, so that we can get him/her a package. We are always looking for volunteers to help separate and pack donations, the day of the drive. Let us know if you can help out. Contact us via Facebook or the webpage.

Sunday, February 11

VALENTINE BREAKFAST: Fire & Iron MC Station 857 hosts a breakfast at Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, 8-11 a.m. \$5 per person. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, coffee and orange juice prepared by and to benefit the Fire & Iron fellows!

Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3

FOOTLOOSE! Murdock High School presents its annual musical, this year the coming of age and bittersweet Footloose. When a California teen moves to small town USA and finds it too strict for his taste, he finds ways to give a bit of freedom to his fellow students. 7 p.m. both nights, tickets available at the door or in advance by calling Murdock High School.

Saturday, March 10

MYCHAEL DAVID PROJECT: here it is! If you enjoyed the music at the annual Massachusetts chili cook off, then this evening is for you. Kiwanis of Winchendon have brought the Mychael David Project indoors for an evening at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Only \$10 per person. Tickets available at the door beginning at 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

DAZED TILL DAWN! At the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club beginning at 9 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

WINCHENDON NA MEETING: Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We're working hard to get the word out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

FREE MOVIES: Throughout the summer, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church holds family movie nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket, a chair, pillows and a few snacks for a free movie under the stars. Every movie will be a family rated G or PG bundle of fun. In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown the following day, Saturday. Check the Facebook page for the name of each week's movie.

February concert features renowned guitarist

FITZWILLIAM — On February 18 Fitzwilliam Community Church, 85 NH Rte. 119, will host guitarist David William Ross. David is a unique guitarist with a broad range of influences and diverse musical sensibilities. He is trained in both classical and jazz and performs in a wide range of styles with musicians from virtually every musical niche. All concerts begin at 3 p.m.

Ross frequently works closely with composers and is an advocate of new music for the solo guitar as well as chamber music. He has most recently enlisted New England guitarist and composer Frank Wallace to write a piece for solo guitar to be included in an upcoming recording and concert project featuring music that draws inspiration from seasonal change.

Wallace's piece will serve as the New England companion to Piazzolla's *Estaciones Porteñas*; the project will also include Toru Takemitsu's *Equinox*.

Ross has written music extensively for dance and other performance arts, working closely with dancers and choreographers to create music that is organic and piece specific. His music, whether for solo guitar, chamber ensemble, or jazz combo, is stylistically inclusive and incorporates improvisation and composition alike. He has premiered his own works throughout the country with a number dance companies in ven-

ues from The American Repertory Theatre in Boston to Baltimore's Patterson Theatre.

Ross has appeared on several recordings for PARMA Recordings under the Navona label as a soloist and in contemporary chamber settings, the most recent of which is a collection of solo guitar works by Swiss composer Georges Raillard entitled *Butterflies in the Labyrinth of Silence*. Ross has produced and recorded a number of musical projects himself — in 2017 he joined forces with the indie-American band Deep River Saints for their second album, the upcoming 2018 release *For Posterity*, for which he served as recording engineer, producer, arranger, and guitarist.

Ross has performed extensively throughout the United States and in Europe and has won several prizes in competition. He holds degrees in guitar, music theory, and composition and studied at Keene State College, USC's Thornton School, and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University where he served as assistant to the renowned guitar department. Ross's principle teachers include Julian Gray, Scott Tennant, and Cuban guitarist/composer José Lezcano. As a teacher, Ross has worked with a wide range of students in a variety of settings, serving on the faculty of Fitchburg State University, Keene State College, the Vermont

Jazz Center, the Concord Community Music School, and Elm City Music. He has taught courses in music theory, ear-training, improvisation, music history, and humanities as well as giving private instruction in classical guitar, jazz guitar, and improvisation to all instrumentalists. Ross currently

resides in southern New Hampshire.

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 downstairs after the concert, so you can meet the performers.

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VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

Joy Ride



Photo courtesy Dudley Youth Soccer

Yeah....not so much.
If these were our little darlings, we'd take no prisoners. They would be out there themselves, with rakes and shovels and buying the sod themselves to replace this destruction.
See, the Dudley Youth Soccer is a non-profit bunch that just wants to teach younger kids the sport, and through the goodness of the town of Dudley, was given leave to improve this empty field to use as part of their program.
It sits right near the road and right on the Quinebaug line. You drive right by it if you drive down 131, but you might not pay a lot of attention to it.
They put a lot of effort into it in the last couple of years, did a lot of "invisible" work; drainage, adding a sprinkler system, reseeding, and then left it alone so the seed would take and the field would be in good shape for THIS year.
Until a few nights ago.
When this happened.
And no one heard it. No one saw it. No one knows anything.
But someone does.
The irrigation might be broken under that frozen dirt, can't tell yet. But for sure the nicely seeded field is wrecked.
Organizers have said they might be able to have it "rolled" flat, but the ruts may or may not need to be reseeded or sodded.
In any case, the field won't be ready for play.

Because somebody old enough to drive decided to "play" instead.
This is just mean.
We hope they bragged to someone about it so police can be told and their little butts can be smacked hard by Johnny Law. Then we hope the rest of us step up and donate to get this place back so the kids can have it back again. The vandalism may well cost the Youth Soccer thousands of dollars to repair.
Can anyone help? Are there landscapers, home warehouse, DIYers out there, who can donate time, materials, and knowledge, and get these kids back on their fields? And a fence installed so this can't happen again?
Because obviously, the older "kids" out there have no couth and have no sense of responsibility. No respect for the belongings of others, no idea what might the cost be to anyone else for their decisions.
It may be indicative of yet another book out there, this one about "adulting" and that Americans are raising a generation or two of people who don't know how to be adults. Haven't been taught, and don't want to learn.
We shudder to think if they in turn become parents themselves...what then becomes of those children...the children of non-adulting adults?
They most likely do donuts in soccer fields and call it joy riding.

Legends, and memories



TALKING SPORTS
.....
JERRY CARTON

The first, but not last, time I ever saw Neil Diamond was on a sunny Sunday afternoon in September, 1972. Diamond was the headliner at a campaign rally in the enormous Rockville, MD backyard of Sargent Shriver, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President of the United States. Shriver was fairly new to the ticket, having replaced Tom Eagleton as George McGovern's running mate after it became known that Eagleton had been treated for, gasp, depression. Yes, in some ways, 1972 was very, very long ago. The campaign was hopeless. McGovern/Shriver lost 49 states, carrying only Massachusetts. They were, of course, fully vindicated less than two years later, but this essay's not about politics.
On that day 46 years ago, Diamond was just beginning his ascent to super-stardom. Sweet Caroline was already in his repertoire though she wasn't at her uncle's house that day, but a lot of his great songs weren't even on paper yet. Maybe not even in his head. No matter. You knew. You knew this guy was the real deal. The energy and enthusiasm that afternoon weren't because of politicians. Not a chance. No way. Diamond knew how to reach people. Some performers are just that, performers going through the motions. I never got that sense with him. Not once. So when he told us last week he, like Linda Ronstadt before him, had to stop touring because of Parkinson's, I felt more than a tinge of sadness. I felt as I increasingly have, old.
There are though, memories. Let me tell you about Ronstadt. She was an annual visitor to Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, MD, the Rouse company's pre-fab city between Baltimore and Washington. Every summer, we'd buy a season ticket package which invariably included Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, the Beach Boys, Tom Petty, and others. Many nights when we didn't have reserved seats we'd go sit on the lawn up on the hill. Linda would do her own show and sometimes would come back a

couple days later when Brown was in town, this long past her Stone Pony days. She was electric. Charismatic. And soulful. And she had the looks. Yes, she did.
Once she came not to sing but to campaign. Her boyfriend at the time was California's then and now governor, the enigmatic Jerry Brown. In 1976, Brown had conducted a brief and quixotic presidential campaign aimed more at stopping Jimmy Carter than winning the Democratic nomination. Hell, Brown was barely constitutionally eligible in 1976. He did win the Maryland primary but anyway, a couple years later, Brown returned to Maryland to endorse a candidate for governor named Ted Venetoulis. Brown and Ronstadt made the rounds at a couple events and he was barely noticed. Venetoulis, who saw himself as JFK/RFK rolled into one (and yes, I was for him) might as well not have shown up at all. It was all about Linda. She had "it", arguably more than any other female of the era and it came through in every concert I saw her. The same was true with Neil Diamond. And Tom Petty, gone far too soon.
It seemed like a simpler time. A season ticket package for 10 shows cost something like 100 bucks. That's right \$10 a show. Individual seats cost maybe 5 bucks. Maybe not even quite that much. Hey, it was 1970-1980 something. Programs, posters, t-shirts? A couple dollars. You could have a pre-show dinner for two at lakefront Clyde's for 20 bucks. Easily. At least that's what my memory tells me. Close enough anyway.
So here we are all these decades later, and the music from that time resonates still. I'm not going to sit here and tell you everything today is garbage. No way, though auto-tuning has robbed songs of a 'real' feel. What I will tell you is this - it helped when you could understand the lyrics. Just saying. Linda Ronstadt and Neil Diamond can't tour anymore and that makes me feel sad and old but oh, the memories. See you next week.

Ice Castle a family friendly event



ANYTHING NEAR & FAR
.....
KEITH KENT

Several weeks ago, we decided to check out something different, something new, something worthy of our photos and memories to. It's winter, it's cold out, and it's not going away any time soon, so off we went to the Ice Castle in Lincoln, New Hampshire just off Route 93 and Exit 32.
I have written about the many Lincoln, NH activities available in the summer but it was the first time I had visited in winter. Good old high mountain ski country as many call it. Loon Mountain and many options exist on a robust Main Street, but we were here to check out the Ice Castle because so many have told us it is really

neat.
Walls of ice over 20 feet tall, many feet thick and only the summer will make them fall. They change colors. Red lights, blue lights, green lights to, yellow, purple, and more all there for you to enjoy and view.
Tunnels through the castle, passages and more, how about an ice geyser shooting jets of water 15 feet up and sometimes more! People walking around and trying to find their way, enjoying brilliantly created ice with vibrant colors of a tasteful palette all on display.
A walk deep in to the main chamber yields something for children and adults too, how about ice slides in tunnels which will fit the likes of me, and so shall it will you? The little ones get about ten feet or more, while the teens and adults get a good 50 feet before the come out the exits on to a snowy

floor.
It was 5 below zero, but it was warm, my mouth numb from the cold, but I wanted more. Let's keep walking, round and round we went, a lady with a chisel down on the ground beginning to carve an old growth tree, the admission of \$20 per adult was money well spent.
Alas it came to an end, it was a Sunday and closing, and we left the castle at 8:30 p.m. Back to good old Indian Head Resort next to Profile Rock, for drinks, reviewing photos, and discussing where the next weekend adventure will begin. A look out the windows and what do you see, four mountains well over 4,000 feet, with one as tall as Monadnock holding up Wachusett, a view of which I could never get bored of and always a natural treat.
If you would like to visit a very entertaining and family friendly event at the Ice Castle



Keith Kent photo

Canyons in the Ice Castle with eerie lighting, stalagmites and winding passages.

attraction in Lincoln, NH, take exit 32 off Route 93 North; go left off the ramp, and shortly after left on to Railroad Street. Wear boots and gloves and remember to dress

warm. Bringing a sled to pull small children around is recommended vs using a stroller. For information dial (866) 435-2850 or visit www.ice-castle.com/lincoln/ on the

internet. Reservations are almost always a must. Prices vary for children, teens, and adults, based on when you visit and are listed on the website.



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Monty Tech hosts state wide STEM council

FITCHBURG --- On January 25 Monty Tech was pleased to host the Massachusetts STEM Advisory Council full committee meeting.

Discussing the different labor and workforce development funds, and how various grant initiatives are responding to regional industry demands, this working group explored a number of topics, all with a common understanding — expanding access to STEM learning opportunities will not only provide the human capital needed to fill the growing demand in STEM careers, but will also provide rewarding and productive career opportunities for those interested in careers grounded in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Superintendent-Director, Dr. Sheila Harrity, a contrib-

uting member of the STEM Advisory Council, noted the importance of providing students with hands-on learning opportunities, “as a way to connect learning with real world application. Our students are asked on a daily basis to apply their learning through practical, meaningful learning opportunities. Expanding our curriculum to integrate STEM concepts will not only strengthen our vocational-technical programs, it will ensure our students graduate better prepared to enter STEM career pathways of their choosing.”

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito led discussions with Advisory Council members, emphasizing the need to expand access to STEM learning across the K-12 curriculum, and to build educational



Courtesy photo

The advisory council discussed funding and grant initiatives.

pathways with post-secondary partners that will not only streamline the attainment of

STEM credentials and degrees, but will also ensure our college graduates are prepared

to enter emerging STEM field across the Commonwealth.

Students of the Month



Scarlett Babineau - 2nd grade (Memorial - January)



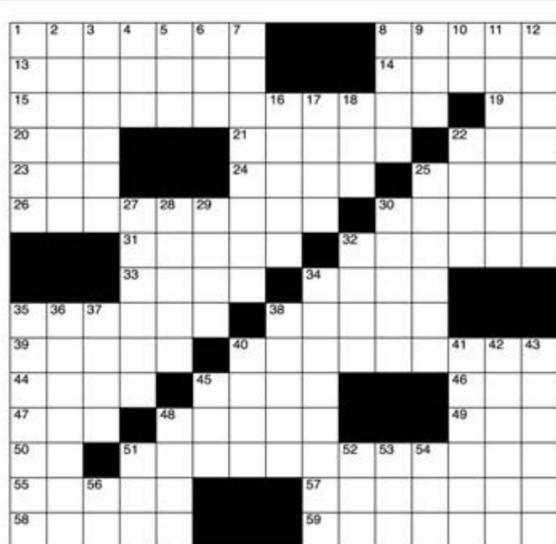
Talya Verda - Kindergarten (Memorial - December).



Drake Whitaker (Pre-K - December) with his mom, Jenna, and brothers Brody and Colton.



Kaitlyn Gosselin (Pre-K January) with her parents.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Warm-blooded vertebrates
- 8. Semitic peoples
- 13. Supervise
- 14. Historical German territory
- 15. Sweat
- 19. The Wolverine State
- 20. China
- 21. Violent disturbances
- 22. A way to commemorate the dead
- 23. Midway between east and southeast
- 24. Bird genus
- 25. Trim
- 26. Disparaged
- 30. More coherent
- 31. Abnormal rattling sounds
- 32. Healthy appetizers
- 33. Partner to “shocked”
- 34. French pianist Pascal
- 35. Jokes
- 38. Marks to omit print
- 39. Tall
- 40. Coverage
- 44. “A Death in the Family” author
- 45. Role of highlights
- 46. Fixed-radio access
- 47. Partly digested food
- 48. “Lamb Chop” puppeteer Lewis
- 49. In support of
- 50. Aluminum
- 51. Reduction in value over time
- 55. Running events
- 57. Portuguese region
- 58. Slovenly women
- 59. Strongly criticized

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Wiped up
- 2. Opposed to
- 3. Macon, GA, university
- 4. Wife
- 5. Small viper
- 6. Polynesia garland of flowers
- 7. Saw-like
- 8. Maltese-Italian composer Girolamo
- 9. Moved faster than walking
- 10. Commercial
- 11. Covered with mud
- 12. Marksmen
- 16. Buenos ___
- 17. Tailless amphibian
- 18. Belonging to a thing
- 22. Mars crater
- 25. Most fair
- 27. Citrus fruit
- 28. Awkward
- 29. Brews
- 30. Beloved late broadcaster Craig
- 32. All alone
- 34. Copies
- 35. Poster
- 36. Symmetrical
- 37. Grew older
- 38. Makes tractors
- 40. Not the front
- 41. State as fact
- 42. Long, narrow cut
- 43. Worked hard for
- 45. Indicates position in a box score
- 48. Tax
- 51. “Lookout Weekend” singer Debbie
- 52. Unhealthy
- 53. Imam name ___ Khan
- 54. A woolen cap of Scottish origin (abbr.)
- 56. The Golden State

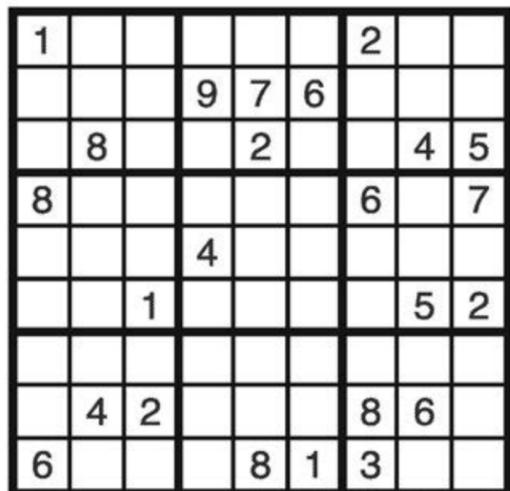


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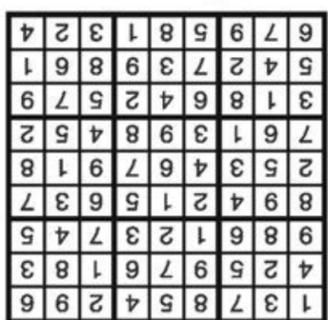
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POLICE LOG

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

1:04 a.m.: disabled mv (Beech Street), spoken to; 1:26-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:23 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), info given; 3:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), report taken; 7:22 a.m.: assist citizen (Post Office, Ashburnham); 7:58 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 8:38 a.m.: fraud (Central Street), report taken; 9:15 a.m.: traffic hazard (West Street), assisted; 9:19 a.m.: traffic hazard (town wide), referred to DPW; 9:53 a.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 10:11 a.m.: traffic hazard (West Street), no service necessary; 10:29 a.m.: info/general (Gardner Road), info given; 10:46 a.m.: burglar alarm (Royalston Road North), false alarm; 10:57 a.m.: suspicious (other) (Central Street), removed hazardous material; 11:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street), services rendered; 11:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 12:00 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), info given; 12:28 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 1:29 p.m.: summons service (Walnut Street), served; 1:40 p.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street), summons served; 1:41 p.m.: summons served (Royalston Road South), served; 2:27 p.m.: accident (River Street), report taken; 2:21 p.m.: assist citizen (Monadnock Avenue), services rendered; 3:05 p.m.: harassment (Teel Road), spoken to; 5:57 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (North Ashburnham Road), services rendered; 4:14 p.m.: suicide threats (Ready Drive), transported; 4:23 p.m.: mv violation (Maynard Street), report taken; 8:11 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 8:41 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Michael A. Malcolm, Jr., 30, 63 Elm Street, #2, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, report taken; 10:42 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Maple Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

1:25 a.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 1:30-2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:12 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich Drive), unfounded;

2:24-2:26 a.m.: buildings checked; 6:28 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 7:14 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 7:31 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secured bldg.; 9:11 a.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive), secured bldg.; 10:33 a.m.: investigation (Front Street), services rendered; 11:58 a.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), citation issued; 12:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Cedar Street), advised legal help; 12:37 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), referred to ACO; 2:20 p.m.: mv stop (High Street), verbal warning; 2:27 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 2:29 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 4:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Front Street), assisted; 4:28 p.m.: bolo (Glenallan Street), unable to locate; 4:31 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 4:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), assisted; 4:38 p.m.: accident (Forristall Road), canceled; 7:04 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 7:11 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), referred to other PD; 11:44 p.m.: property damage (Gardner Road), removed traffic hazard.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

1:28-2:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:06 a.m.: suspicious mv (Alger Street), no cause for complaint; 3:13-3:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:20 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 9:35 a.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 10:06 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Street), services rendered; 10:10 a.m.: summons service (Main Street), served; 11:11 a.m.: assist citizen (Laurel Street); 11:28 a.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Ready Drive), spoken to; 11:58 a.m.: extra patrols (Mason Street), advised officer; 12:48 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 2:21 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Central Street), no service necessary; 2:29 p.m.: welfare check (Hale Street), spoken to; 4:01 p.m.: panic alarm (Central Street), no service necessary; 4:14 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), spoken to; 5:08-5:14 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:02 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), report taken; 11:50 p.m.: building checked, secure.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

12:04-4:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:17 a.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), verbal warning; 8:35 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 9:00 a.m.: accident (Hagood Street), report taken; 9:10 a.m.: fraud (Highland Street), report taken; 9:31 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:56 a.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), canceled; 10:13 a.m.: DPW call (School Street), referred; 10:25 a.m.: illegal dumping (Morse Avenue), spoken to; 10:32 a.m.: accident (Tolman Road), report taken;

12:50 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), info taken; 12:56 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville State Road), secure; 1:19 p.m.: bolo (Baldwinville State Road), area search negative; 1:35 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Central Street), spoken to; 1:48 p.m.: fraud (Ash Street), report taken; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:40 p.m.: extra patrols (Polly's Drive), services rendered; 7:36 p.m.: ambulance (Eagle Road), referred; 8:23 p.m.: suspicious person (Maple Street), unable to locate; 8:50 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), report taken; 9:02 p.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), gone on arrival; 9:41 p.m.: disabled mv (School Street), assisted; 9:46 p.m.: unwanted party (Ash Street), report taken; 11:47 p.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 11:51 p.m.: suspicious person (Linden Street), gone on arrival.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

1:41-1:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:19 a.m.: info/general (Railroad Street), spoken to; 2:32-3:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:40 a.m.: FD call (Spruce Street), services rendered; 10:48 a.m.: erratic operation (School Street), unable to locate; 11:46 a.m.: wires down (Mill Street), referred; 11:56 a.m.: traffic hazard (Robbins Road), referred to DPW; 12:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Walnut Street), spoken to; 12:40 p.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan Street), removed; 12:45 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 1:08 p.m.: harassment (Highland Street), report taken; 1:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street), referred to court; 1:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 2:30 p.m.: bolo (Glenallan Street), unable to locate; 3:29 p.m.: tree down (Hale Street), no service necessary; 4:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Toy Town Lane), gone on arrival; 4:39 p.m.: erratic operation (River Street), unable to locate; 4:59 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), written warning; 5:32 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive), no service necessary; 5:43 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), accidental alarm; 6:13 p.m.: disturbance/group (Polly's Drive), removed to hospital; 7:12 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), unable to locate; 7:21 p.m.: ambulance (West Monomac Road), transported; 7:26 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 8:34 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), canceled; 9:16 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), transported to hospital; 9:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), referred; 11:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Polly's Drive), assisted; 11:40 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), Sarah Camacho, 36, 26 Keyes Road, Gardner, OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, intoxicated w/LTC firearm, arrest; 11:44 p.m.: mv stop (High Street),

verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

1:08 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), assisted; 1:26-2:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:07 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), no service necessary; 9:09 a.m.: summons service (West Street), unable to serve; 9:17 a.m.: summons service (West Street), served; 9:28 a.m.: summons service (Hale Street), served; 9:34 a.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 11:48 a.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), assisted; 12:42 p.m.: mv fire (Water Street), extinguished; 4:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Polly's Drive), report taken; 6:52 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), verbal warning; 7:05 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street), transported; 7:27 p.m.: erratic operation (School Street), unable to locate; 8:10 p.m.: suspicious mv (Murdoch Avenue), info taken; 9:01 p.m.: ambulance (Summer Street), transported; 10:09 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 11:32 p.m.: noise complaint (Spring Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

1:46-3:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Benjamin Street), returned to home; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), referred; 9:06 a.m.: investigation (Royalston Road South), unable to locate; 9:12 a.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street), no cause for complaint; 12:06 p.m.: info/general (North Street), info taken; 12:49 p.m.: smoke (Lincoln Avenue), no FD service necessary; 1:03 p.m.: welfare check/general (Spring Street), unable to locate; 1:48 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 2:30 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive), transported; 2:36 p.m.: road rage (Brown Street), no cause for complaint; 4:06 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 4:13 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive), info taken; 5:07 p.m.: assist citizen (Waite Road); 5:12 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), info taken; 5:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Winter Street), unfounded; 8:31 p.m.: ambulance (North Vine Street), transported; 8:53 p.m.: suspicious mv (Spring Street), unfounded; 9:02 p.m.: extra patrols (Spring Street), unable to locate; 9:06 p.m.: assist citizen (Baldwinville Road), spoken to; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), Nicolas L. Pioli, 33, 155 Pear Street, #3, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, failure to stay in lane, unsafe operation, citation issued; 9:59 p.m.: ambulance (Center Lane), transported; 11:03 p.m.: suicide threats (Linden Street), transported to hospital.

Inaccessible ATV accident makes work harder for first responders

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

An ATV operator pinned beneath his vehicle just off the bike path, clearly marked as not allowing motorized vehicles, caused some worry for police and fire responders as they attempted to help the victim in the inaccessible area.

Winchendon fire and police departments received a call for aid at 9:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 27 as the operator of an all-terrain vehicle became partially pinned under his ATV and was reported to be rendered unconscious.

Lt. Kevin Wolski in a press release reported Winchendon police and fire responded to a report of an ATV crash just off the bike path behind Little Anthony's restaurant on Spring Street. On arrival, 53 year old William Balsewice of Glenallan Street was found unconscious and partially pinned underneath a 4 wheel ATV.

Mr. Balsewice regained consciousness and was transported to UMass hospital in Worcester in Worcester by Winchendon

ambulance with unspecified injuries.

The exact cause of the crash is unknown however it appears that Mr. Balsewice was trying to navigate a steep embankment causing the rollover. The initial investigation was conducted by Officer James Wironen and will be followed up by the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

Following up on the official statement, Fire Chief Tom Smith and paramedic Andrew Harding clarified the accident took place in a local area popularly known to recreational riders as The Dunes.

Harding who was on scene said, "As members searched for the quickest point of entry, it was decided to cut through 350 Rear Spring St. The injured party had a friend with him who was operating a UTV, and we used that to get people and supplies in and out. The accident was in the dunes, closer to the Veterans Cemetery. We had our Forestry-1 pickup truck waiting to meet on the bike path, where it transported the victim out the

rest of the way out so we could meet up with the ambulance."

Smith explained, "The call came in that the victim was unconscious but breathing. Originally the victim was going to be taken by Life Flight to UMass Worcester. Life Flight was over the landing zone at MWCC in Gardner. We had an estimated time of arrival of 10 minutes. Due to what they cited as 'deteriorating weather conditions' they cancelled. With this development, our department transported the victim to UMass in our ambulance, A-2."

Smith said Saturday and its evening were very busy for both police and fire, as multiple calls for aid were attended via ambulance, as well as both departments managing safety and security at the American Legion bonfire event.

Smith said, "We had a combination of eight fire fighters, paramedics, and EM's attending the ATV accident, as well as members back at the American Legion for the event. We initially had a difficult time finding the party because they were off the

bike path, and we didn't know where, so initial responding personnel had some difficulty in finding the patient."

In closing Smith said, "The whole department came together that night with a variety of calls and did a great job. I am proud of how they handled multiple events at the same time, and it just shows how they have the heart to care for and help protect the community."

WPD K-9 Officer James Wironen responded to the scene with fellow officers Sgt. Gagne and Officer Similia.

Wironen said, "The UTV operator had his lights on, and was also on the phone with dispatch to help people find them. Having the victim of the accident wearing a helmet was key to the situation not being a lot worse than it was. The conditions of the trails were very slick, muddy, and icy which also made the rescue efforts difficult. It's dangerous to be out there on ATVs with those conditions."

In closing Wironen said, "The fire department did a great job getting the victim out, and the

police and fire departments work well together."

Police Chief David Walsh commented, "It was a very prompt response. Both police and fire units were there within 10 minutes of receiving the call which is very commendable considering it was in somewhat of a remote location and the lack of accessibility for motorized vehicles."

Walsh also added, "I would caution the public about using these areas in the winter time due to the snow melt, and in this case the cover of darkness. Luckily there were two people there, and thankfully the injured party wasn't alone. I would not recommend ATV or UTV operation in this area or remote locations in the winter in general. Also, the fact that the person had someone with him I think benefited him greatly. Had he been alone or alone for any period of time, he would have been susceptible to the cold."

In closing Walsh said, "The police and fire departments have a good relationship, and a good ability to work together."

SOLAR

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Without the proper modifications to the necessary components in the system, NG previously stated the massive influx of power would blow out the electrical system of every home along the lines to the substation.

In addition to the substation, work is needed to be completed at the transfer station, as modifications were cited as necessary on a utility pole before their work there could continue.

Robert Kievra of NG media relations did say, "Once we get closer to a possible date for the substation work I will try to get you more information. But as this is now a second quarter project

I think it would be a bit premature at this time. As a point of note: The on-site generation is a change from what I had originally proposed. Last summer we were discussing the installation of a mobile substation while we made modification to the existing substation. Instead, now we are planning to use generators on-site during the interval when the existing station is taken offline."

Kievra closed with, "The substation work remains on track for completion in the second quarter of 2018. The work is substantial and will require de-energizing the substation for a period of time. During that interval, we will be using on-site generation. Again, more will come in as we get closer to the end of the first quarter."

Municipal light plant receives major grant for battery storage project

Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant's General Manager Kevin Sullivan is proud to announce the AMLP has been chosen to receive a substantial state grant as part of the Advancing Commonwealth Energy Storage initiative. AMLP's grant award of \$600,000 will cover 24 percent of its proposed \$2.5 million project; a two-megawatt battery storage system that will provide benefits to the town's residents and businesses by reducing Ashburnham's dependency on power from the grid and allowing for increased installation of additional renewables in the future.

According to Sullivan, "AMLP is currently ranked sixth in the United States for solar installed per customer. We have had to implement a moratorium of any new solar installations due to over-saturation. This battery

storage project will help alleviate that issue, allowing for the installation of new solar and other renewables in town and helps to align with the Commonwealth's energy storage future."

The ACES grant is a coordinated effort between the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the state's Department of Energy Resources. It is a competitive grant process aimed at piloting innovative, broadly replicable energy storage projects with multiple value streams in order to advance commercialization and deployment of energy storage technologies in Massachusetts.

Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant is a long-standing member of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company. Sullivan said, "MMWEC has provided immeasurable support for the AMLP and it is largely due to their support that this grant has been received."

MMWEC applied for the grant on AMLP's behalf."

OBITUARIES

Rita E. (Coady) Chase, 83

HUDSON — Rita E. (Coady) Chase, age 83, of Hudson, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Northborough, after a period of declining health.



She joins her husband of 36 years, Donald A. Chase, who predeceased her in 2013. Rita was born in Maynard, one of 8 children, to the late James F. and Mary Ellen (O'Keefe) Coady. She was raised in Hudson,

where she graduated from high school and was an officer in the New Hudson Show Stoppers drama club. She attended Berklee College of Music in Boston and was a talented singer and dancer.

Rita had a flair for performing her entire life; she continued singing professionally as well as volunteering in various local drama organizations. Rita also served as the past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, as well as the Friends of the Hudson Seniors. Throughout her life, Rita continued her education and she later studied cosmetology. Amongst her many passions, Rita was a lifelong advocate and pioneer for the Rights of Battered Women, receiving commendations for her dedication to the cause. Rita and her husband Donald moved to Plymouth, New

Hampshire from 1978 until 2001, where she worked as an administrator for Plymouth State College until she retired and shortly after returned to Hudson.

Rita is survived by her three daughters, Beverly A. Hanson and her husband Rene of Winchendon, Charlene M. Bates and her husband Gary of Hudson and Mary A. Baldelli and her partner Greg Smith of Hudson; three stepsons, John, Michael and Randall Chase; five siblings Charles Coady, Abbie Coady, William Coady, Janet Chase and James Coady; six grandchildren, Daniel, Jeremy, Amy Lynn, Christopher, Alex and Samantha; nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband Donald and her parents, she was also predeceased by her stepson, Richard Chase; her sisters, Mary Saaristo and Sue Fontaine; and her ex-husband Edgar W. Buteau.

Relatives and friends were invited to a period of calling hours on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Tighe Hamilton Regional Funeral Home, 50 Central St., Hudson, MA. A funeral service was held the next day in the funeral home on Thursday, January 25, 2018; followed by a procession to Forestvale Cemetery in Hudson for burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011: www.alz.org.

Dianne Lynn (Miller) Dufault, 53

ASHBURNHAM — Diane Lynn (Miller) Dufault, age 53 of Ashburnham, was called home by her Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 after a valiant and courageous fight with Gardner's Syndrome known as FAP.



Diane was born in Fitchburg on Sept. 3, 1964 a daughter of Vincent and Theresa (Malouin) Miller. She graduated from St. Bernard's High School in the class of 1982 and attended Fitchburg State University.

Diane's best times were anytime spent with her family which was everything to her. She adored her daughter Olivia Durkee and husband Mike, her puppy Mya Moch, her grand puppies, and her three spoiled kitties which were her whole world. She enjoyed visiting her mom and spending hours with her playing bingo and watching movies. Diane always looked forward to having her quality time with her daughter whether it was getting their nails done or just causing trouble together. She was so proud of her family and step family and always refused to use the word step because to her they were family. The day before she passed she had the joy of meeting and holding her first grandchild since marrying into the family and was finally going to be called Meme. Diane enjoyed Cape Cod where the family vacationed every summer, trips to the beach, trips to Florida, out to any restaurant (as long as she and Olivia could bring home leftovers), and especially family barbecues and get togethers. And most importantly Diane looked forward to attending parish events and Mass with her church

family at St. Denis Church.

Although Diane had been sick most of her adult life requiring many surgeries and setbacks she kept up beat and never let her disease and medical issues knock her down. Diane's husband called her his "energizer bunny" because she would always bounce back with every obstacle that came her way.

Diane was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran. Diane was very proud to be a director and teacher at the former Burbank Child Development Center where she could also watch her daughter grow up. She worked as an elementary substitute teacher and enjoyed working with children until she could no longer work due to her illness.

Diane is survived by her mother Theresa of Fitchburg, her husband Mike of Ashburnham, her daughter Olivia and fiancé Drew of Winchendon, her stepchildren Jennifer Dufault of Fitchburg, William Dufault of Winchendon, and Steven Dufault and his wife Shayna of Winchendon. She also leaves her sisters Katie Miller and husband John of Portsmouth, NH, Patti Washburn and husband Mark of Ashburnham, Suzie Kowaleski of Winchendon, Michele Leger and husband Craig of Fitchburg, and her brother Joe Miller of Fitchburg. She also leaves many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and everyone that knew her.

She was predeceased by her father Vincent Miller, sisters Lisa and Marylou Miller, and your adopted furry child Nyles.

Diane's calling hours were on Sunday, January 28, 2018 in the Bosk Funeral Home, 85 Blossom Street, Fitchburg. Diane's funeral was held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at St. Denis Church, 85 Main Street, Ashburnham with Fr. Guillermo Ochoa officiating followed by burial with military honors at 12 noon in the Mass Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

Dr. Karen Bettez Halnon, 55

ORANGE — Dr. Karen Bettez Halnon, age 55 was born on June 15, 1962 in Gardner, Massachusetts and died on January 21, 2018 in Orange. Karen



was a Christian who had a strong faith in God. Her most valued accomplishment in life was raising her two sons, Theodore Raymond Halnon and Charles Michael Halnon. Karen was the daughter of Eileen

Alma Lemay and was predeceased by her father Roger Edward Lemay.

Dr. Halnon earned her Doctor of Philosophy from Boston College in 1995 and her AB from Amherst College in 1986. Karen was a professor of sociology at Penn State University since 1999. Her previous teaching positions included assignments at the University of Vermont and Bowdoin College. Dr. Halnon was an accomplished author whose publications are extensive and her work greatly contributed to the body of knowledge of sociology. She was dedicated to social justice and helping the poor. In her spare time, she enjoyed writing, reading, traveling, listening to

music, and attending live shows.

Survivors include her mother, Eileen LeMay of Orange; sons, Theodore Halnon of Rochester, NY and Charles Halnon of Willow Grove, PA and their father Raymond Halnon; siblings, Raymond Bettez of South Royalston, Laurie Voedisch and her husband, Eric, of Leominster, Susan Bettez Libby of Winchendon, RoseMary LeMay Huebner of Plattsburgh, NY, and Janice LeMay Cox and her husband, Charles, of Orange. Karen was predeceased by her brothers William Bettez and James Lamoureux. She was greatly loved and will be missed by her many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, associates, and former students.

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." Philippians 4:8

There are no calling hours. A private service with family will be held on January 27, 2018.

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

Leo J. LeBlanc, 70

TEMPLETON — Leo J. LeBlanc, age 70, of 141 So. Main Street, East Templeton, died peacefully Tuesday afternoon, January 30, 2018 in Whittier Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Westborough.

He was born in St. Anthony, New Brunswick, Canada on August 13, 1947, son of the late Hector and Laura (Goguen) LeBlanc and moved to Gardner in 1962. Leo had lived in Templeton for 11 years.

For the last 20 years, Leo had worked installing furnaces and sprinkler systems for Chair City Oil. He was a member of Metrodome Trust and PAC. He enjoyed playing cards.

He leaves two sons Ricky LeBlanc

of Templeton and Bobby LeBlanc and his wife Lucimar of Holden; two grandsons, Isaac and Lucas LeBlanc; his former wife Alma (Drisdelle) LeBlanc of East Templeton; his brothers and sisters, Raymond LeBlanc of PA, Romeo LeBlanc of Gardner, Donald LeBlanc of Gardner, Norman LeBlanc of Vancouver, Rita Mailet of Gardner and Thelma Williams of Athol and many nieces and nephews.

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

Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery, Gardner in the spring.

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

A. June (Burns) Girouard, 81

WINCHENDON — A. June (Burns) Girouard, age 81, of 52 Elmwood Road, died peacefully Saturday afternoon, January 27, 2018 at her residence, with her daughter at her side.



She was born in Luling, TX on June 27, 1936, daughter of the late Hardy and Mabel (Jackson) Burns, Jr. and graduated from high school there. She was a resident of Winchendon since 1958.

June worked at New Hampshire Ball Bearing as a tool and die maker for 30 years until her retirement. Many years ago, she had worked at Winchendon Furniture. June's hobbies were reading, crocheting, sewing and playing dominos. In earlier years, she enjoyed square dancing.

Her husband, Francis H. "Frank" Girouard, died in 2013. She leaves a daughter, Jana L. Girouard, with whom she lived; three grandchildren, Brian Benson Jr., Kira Benson and her fiancé

John Gunther, and Adam McKenney, and three great grandchildren, Ethan F. Girouard, Brendan A. Girouard and Amelia Cheryl Benson; two brothers-in-law, Raymond E. Girouard and his wife Nada and Kenneth J. Girouard and his wife June, as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. In addition to her husband, June was predeceased by a daughter, Cheryl A. Benson in 2013; a grandson Bryn "Farmer" Girouard in 2011, and a sister-in-law, Josephine Girouard in 2012.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 11 a.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial will follow in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Calling hours in the funeral home will be Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Donations may be made to Winchendon Fire Department, 405 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475 or to GVNA Hospice, 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440.

James E. Horgan Jr., 60

HUBBARDSTON — James E. Horgan Jr., age 60, died peacefully at his home after an illness, with his loving family at his side on Thursday, January 25, 2018.



James leaves his wife, Mary Ann (Demazure) Horgan; one son, Josh Horgan and his companion Chelsea Quinn of Winchendon; two daughters, Jessica Horgan of Hubbardston and Erin Frost of Fitchburg; one grandson, Jordan Whallen of Fitchburg and one brother, William Horgan of New Ipswich, NH.

James was born in Leominster on February 4, 1957 a son of the late James E. Sr. and Doris (St. Arnaud) Horgan and stepmother Theresa (Dube) Horgan. He worked for MEMA as an electronics

technician.

James was an avid fisherman who loved being on the water and boating. Nothing got in the way of his annual fishing trip to New York at the Salmon River with his friends and family. James loved coaching and helping his son, Josh and daughter, Jess along with many of their friends throughout the years in many different sports. Most of all James was a family man and loved weekends with his wife, Mary Ann while being "just a fan" in the stands.

His funeral will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Holy Spirit, 50 Lovewell Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

Burial will follow in St. Bernard Cemetery, off Boutelle Street, Fitchburg.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Westminster Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 123 Main Street, Westminster MA 01473.

Patricia McHugh, 64

Patricia McHugh, age 64, Of Winchendon, passed away suddenly in a car accident on Friday January 19, 2018. She was born to the late



Joseph Fournier and Laura Marcheterre on February 16, 1953. Beloved mother of Scott and Brett McHugh as well as shared a special bond with her son's girlfriend Elizabeth.

Adored sister of Michael Fournier, Rosanne Phillips, Lisa Deleskey, Deborah Bevilacqua and Richard Fournier. Grandmother of Christina, Cameron and Conner. Over the last 10 years Patricia found true happiness with her soulmate Dana Kilfoyle whom she loved dearly. They shared a beautiful life together with their two cats Stanley and Irene. Patricia attended Salem High School. She was a proud member of I.C Rockett Drum Corps. She played softball with her many friends for 15 years on PAWV of Peabody along with several fun years of Volleyball.

She enjoyed the outdoors and spent a lot of her days in her yard gardening, at the beach or home crocheting. If you knew Patricia you knew that she was the most loving, caring and understanding person who never judged and opened her heart to all. Her two sons Scott and Brett were her pride and joy. It meant the world for her to see them now as grown men happy and healthy. Patricia was a wonderful woman that was loved, is missed and will always be cherished. She was a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. Her laugh was contagious and her smile would light up anyone's day. Her family and friends were her most treasured gifts. Not a day will go by that she is not missed. Patricia is also survived by several nieces and nephews who will miss her tremendously. A memorial visitation was held on Sunday January 28, 2018 from 1PM-4PM in the SOLIMINE FUNERAL HOME, 426 Broadway (Rt 129), Lynn. The family prefers donations be made to the Winchendon Fire Department. Directions and guestbook at www.solimine.com

Thelma P. (Durant) DiCostanzo, 86

Thelma P. (Durant) DiCostanzo, in New Jersey, formerly of Saugus, age 86, January 25th.

Wife of the late Frank DiCostanzo. Loving mother of Frank DiCostanzo Jr. & his wife Lisa of Salem, NH, Salvatore DiCostanzo of Winchendon, Diana Fogarty & her husband Paul of Vernon, NJ. Cherished grandmother of Brandon & Devin DiCostanzo, Alex, Erin & John Fogarty, Matthew Brown, Tyler & Eric Spencer. Sister of the late Ernest & Andrew Durant, Lorraine Baum.

Thelma worked for many years as a caregiver & a CNA.

Relatives & friends are invited to attend visiting hours in the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549

Lincoln Ave., Saugus on Wednesday morning from 10:15 a.m., to 11:45 a.m., followed by a funeral mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer St., Saugus at noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Thelma's name may be made to the American Lung Association at www.lung.org. For directions and condolences, please visit: www.BisbeePorcella.com.



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SPORTS

Devils take down Lions 67-59

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Despite two losses in a row over last weekend, the Devils fought back to make it a win over West Boylston on Tuesday.

Last Friday the Blue Devils tried to pick up a win against the Maynard Tigers but the defending champs proved to be too much as they were victorious.

The Devils returned home Monday night in one of their two back to back games this week. They hosted the Worcester Tech Eagles on Monday night. After what turned out to be a great first half for the Devils leading the Eagles 44-39 at the break, the Eagles came clawing back and go on to win 81-69.

Tuesday night was the second of

their back to back and hosting the West Boylston Lions and looking to get back in the win column after three straight losses. The Lions wouldn't make it easy on the Blue Devils, making them work to earn the victory and the Devils would come away with a 67-59 victory over the Lions.

Murdock jumped out to a quick 8-3 lead with buckets from LJ Hicks, Dylan Lupien, and Ross O'Toole with 5:29 to go in the first quarter. With 3:42 remaining in the quarter the Lions tied the game at 13 all and would take the lead a couple possessions later at 15-13 with 3:06 to go in the first. As the first period came to a close, West Boylston would have a 20-18 lead at the end of one.

After trailing the Lions at the end of one quarter, the Devils went on an 11-0 run to take a 29-20 lead with 3:17 to go

in the half. During the run, there were buckets from Spencer Pelkey, O'Toole with two baskets, Nick Roy, and Hicks. The Devils would remain in the lead and head into the break with a 32-26 lead.

Coming out of halftime the Devils picked up right where they left off, knocking down back to back threes from Hicks and O'Toole to take a 38-26 lead with 6:32 remaining in the third.

The Lions would cut into the Devils twelve point lead and trim it down to six, trailing 44-38 with 3:01 to go in the quarter. As the buzzer sounded at the end of the third, the Devils took a 52-44 lead with them heading into the final period.

Murdock would stay in the lead and go on to a 67-59 victory over the Lions to pick up their seventh win of the season.

LJ Hicks lead the way with 23 points, Ross O'Toole-19 points, Luis Maldonado-11 points, Dylan Lupien-6 points, Nick Roy and Spencer Pelkey combined for eight points.

Coach Matt O'Malley's reaction on the game was, "Getting a win is always good. We struggled their keeping our focus at times but the most important part is that we came out with the win." On facing Tahanto O'Malley said, "Road league games are always tough, so we gotta come focused with effort, and hopefully get another one, and knock these off one at a time."

With the win the Devils went to (7-8) on the season and (4-4) in the league. The Devils will look to get their second win in a row as they travel to Tahanto and look to get back to .500 in a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Superbowl frenzy, but it isn't the most important story...

There are those who may think Sunday's Super Bowl is the biggest story in sports this week. It is in New England and Philadelphia of course but elsewhere? Not so much.

The story that really matters, of course, and it's far bigger than sports, is what happens next now that Larry Nassar has been sentenced. I'm not a lawyer so I can't be certain whether there's any legal complicity on the part of USA Gymnastics, whose board 'resigned' or the US Olympic Committee. Those are legal issues.

What I do find utterly impossible to believe, and I'll bet you do too, is that no adults truly had no idea what was going on. Not even an inkling? Seriously? How was that possible? And officials at Michigan State. They knew nothing? Nothing? Of course, they knew nothing — after all, the university declined to conduct a genuine investigation until it had no choice. I think we can reasonably assume a bunch

of people at MSU were scrambling to cover things up.

Where were the mandated reporters? For that matter, where were the local police? School counselors who apparently weren't convinced girls who came to them with sometimes vague complaints, where were they? Parents didn't object when Nassar didn't bring a female nurse into the room? And what about other parents who dismissed their kids' concerns? Were they too fixated on gold? Yes, red flags are easy to see in retrospect but still?

This goes way beyond Larry Nassar. It goes beyond Michigan State and Penn State and Baylor and the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts and Harvey Weinstein and scores of others who behave like pigs, including you-know-who. This reflects a society which for far too long has intimidated and too frequently shamed abuse victims from speaking up. When no one's going to believe

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you, you know?

Maybe we're finally starting to see change. Maybe #MeToo has been one of the catalysts. Maybe. That's a larger societal issue. In sports, it's fair to ask what now? Football and basketball players at MSU have been accused of sexual misconduct. What's being done to protect young athletes? Who can be trusted?

The Nassar saga is the largest and ugliest one we know of. But it's not the only such story. Inevitably there will be more to come. A sad commentary indeed.

Meanwhile the games go on. I assume New England will win and tie Pittsburgh with

six Super Bowl wins. But I'm sorry, that won't be a co-record. Not even close. The Green Bay Packers have 13 championships. The Super Bowl is after all nothing more than a prettied-up name for the same game that's been played since the 1930s. The Chicago Bears have won nine and the New York Football Giants eight. Should New England win, six in 18 years is pretty damn good but it's not any kind of record. Should Philadelphia win, well, Philadelphia doesn't win. Even Rocky and Smarty Jones lost. The Eagles have fewer titles than the Detroit Lions. The Eagles have exactly one more NFL championship than the Florida/Miami Marlins have World Series titles. Truth. New England wins. Zzzzzz.

Then on Thursday the Olympics begin. Russia was kicked out but 194 Russian athletes are competing and why not? These athletes never tested positive. North and South Korea will be fielding a uni-

fied hockey team. And as ever, figure skating will remain the most popular and most inscrutable event of all. But to be sure there will be unexpectedly amazingly cool moments. Count on it.

And after that, pitchers and catchers report. I can't wait, even though it's entirely possible the Orioles will lose 100+ games. Maybe even likely. But it'll be baseball season. That beats football season anytime.

Tiger was back last week. He played a full tournament, making the cut on the number (the "Tiger Roar" remains one of the great noises in sports) and reported no pain.

Finally this. Last week, Gun Runner took the Pegasus World Cup, the world's richest horse race. The winner's share for his less than two-minute effort? \$7 million. Yes. \$7 million. The horse who finished last? His people took home \$650k. Nice work if you can get it, right?

HOOPS ARE HAPPENING



Keith Kent photo

United Sports Program begins its first hoop season as Miranda Jennings and Suzanne Michel pose with students, buddies, and volunteers, during the second week of basketball under the United Sports Program at the Winchendon School January 28. School volunteers assist from Gardner, Templeton, Winchendon, and the Winchendon School.

BASEBALL &
SOFTBALL CLINICS

Winchendon Little League in collaboration with Murdock High School will be holding free clinics for baseball and softball in the high school gym.

Come learn from local Little League and High School coaches along with high school players as they go thru a series of offensive and defensive drills to help you get ready for the season.

Welcome to come to one or all sessions.

Schedule as follows:

Sundays from February 4 thru March 18 (except Feb 25th)

Softball - 11AM to 1PM, ages 6 to 12

Baseball - 1PM to 3PM, ages 6 to 12

Questions? Email: winchendonll@gmail.com or post your question on our FB page: www.facebook.com/winchendonll

2018 WINCHENDON
AREA LITTLE LEAGUE
REGISTRATION

Winchendon Little League will be holding registration for the 2018 season at the American Legion Post 193 on the following dates/times

Saturday, February 3: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 3: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

WLL is open to all youth, ages 4 to 16, from the area communities of Winchendon, Ashburnham, Gardner, and Templeton. We offer various levels of play for both baseball and softball

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information - www.facebook.com/winchendonll

Questions? Email: winchendonll@gmail.com or leave a message with Kevin Southwell at (603) 209-1603.

SURVEY

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"We had hoped to have the public hearing on a draft bylaw on March 20," said Murphy, "but I believe another board has already scheduled a meeting for that night. So, we have to look at other options."

The survey also asks residents if marijuana cultivation should be allowed in areas of town zoned R80, rural/residential. The largest portion of town, by far, falls into this category. It also asks those responding in the affirmative to this question whether the number of cultivation facilities in R80 districts should be capped.

Finally, Question 4 notes that state law requires a 500-foot buffer between schools serving chil-

dren under the age of 18 and any marijuana facility. It goes on to ask if that buffer should also apply to playgrounds, public recreational facilities, drug and alcohol rehab facilities, half-way houses, or correctional institutions.

Murphy noted that the law allows communities to shrink buffers but does not give them the option of extending buffers beyond 500 feet.

Murphy said she's concerned about the number of people who have expressed outright opposition to the sale or cultivation of marijuana in Winchendon.

"Seventy-six percent of Winchendon voters turned out in the 2016 election," she said, "and of those, 60 percent voted in favor of legalization. Voting down a zoning bylaw won't keep it from coming. The moratori-

um we currently have in place expires June 30. If we don't pass a bylaw at the May town meeting, the town will be left wide open from July 1 to at least the biennial election in November. That means during that period, anyone can come into town and pretty much set up shop wherever they want. I don't think most people are in favor of that."

Murphy explained that opponents of cannabis sales would need to get a petition signed by enough voters to bring the question before the town meeting. If it passes at town meeting, it then has to be voted on at the biennial election.

"That's the law," she said. "The Planning Board is doing its best to respond to the majority of Winchendon residents who voted for this."

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Worcester free tax service coalition kicks off season Free tax services available in Worcester

WORCESTER — In conjunction with a nationwide Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day, the Worcester Tax Free Service Coalition will host a kick off for its 14th year of providing free tax preparation services for local, low income households. The program utilizes IRS trained volunteers to prepare tax returns for households earning less than \$54,000. The 2017 event is scheduled Friday, Jan. 26 at the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center of Central Massachusetts, 138 Green St., Worcester at 9:30 a.m.

Among others, the program is to include remarks by Congressman James P. McGovern, City Manager Edward Augustus Jr., United Way of Central Massachusetts President Tim

Garvin, Michael Desimone of the IRS, UniBank VP of government affairs and Worcester City Councilor Matthew Wally, City Councilor Maurice Bergman, WCAC Job & Education Center Director Carrick O'Brien and volunteers from and past clients of the volunteer income tax assistance program.

In tax year 2016, WFTSC served nearly 2,000 households, generating more than \$3.4 million in returns with an average federal refund of \$1,849.

For 2018, four VITA sites will be available: Worcester Community Action Council on the second floor of the Denholm building, 484 Main St., Worcester; Main South Community Development Corporation, 875 Main

St., Worcester; Community Builders-Plumley Village at 16 Laurel St., and at Worcester State University 486 Chandler St., Worcester. Additional details about specific appointment time available at www.WCAC.net/VITA.

Partners in the Worcester Free Tax Service Coalition include: Plumley Village, Main South CDC, Worcester State University, Worcester Community Action Council, the IRS, WCCA-TV 194, Assumption College, Alcom Credit Union, United Way of Central MA, Assumption College, UNUM and the City Manager's Office of Economic and Neighborhood Development.

Sponsors for this season's initiative include: MassCAP, the IRS, St. Mary's

Credit Union, UniBank, WebsterFive and the City of Worcester's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Additionally, the kick-off will coincide with the launch of a new program - Bank On Worcester County, led by WCAC and funded by the Health Foundation of Central MA. Intended to bring unbanked and underbanked individuals in to the financial mainstream, the program has established a coalition of financial institutions, community-based organizations, and local government. Through the Bank On program, clients will gain access to affordable banking products and financial education at area financial institutions in Worcester and Southbridge.

Bonfire bonanza



Ricci Ruschioni photos

Fireworks, bonfires and food...who could ask for more?



Latest antique and auction news

There has been a great deal of antique, collectibles and auction news since my last update.

An auction record was set for a doll this month. WTOP reports that the doll brought \$335,000 at a Jan. 6th auction. The doll was created by French designer, Antoine Edmund Rochard, in 1868. The doll retained 24 of the 28 original jewels. The jewels contained miniature photos of French views such as Fontainebleau and the Louvre. Stanhope optical devices magnify the scenes on the jewels so that the small images may be easily seen. The winning bidder was the Barry Art Museum at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. It is expected to be on display in the fall.

Two Florida college students may make a windfall with a thrift shop find. The Palm Beach Post reports that 20 year old Talia Rappa and 24 year old, Skyer Ashworth made their discovery in a Titusville, FL thrift store. They paid \$1.20 for five blue NASA flight suits



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and one white "control suit." The suits are believed to have been worn by George "Pinky" Nelson, Robert A. Parker, and Charles D. Walker during 1980s space shuttle missions. The suits are expected to sell for \$5,000 each when the students send them to auction.

Three New Jersey brothers found that a painting in their mother's estate brought well over an appraiser's and their own expectations according to the New York Post. The brothers had a silver set, china and a painting from the estate appraised. The silver was appraised at a couple of thousand dollars and the painting was appraised at a couple of hundred dollars. When the painting was auctioned, they were surprised to see it reach \$5,000 very quickly. They were even more surprised when the bidding ended, and it had sold to a German bidder for \$1.1 million. The buyer revealed the oil painting is "The Unconscious Patient (An Allegory of the Sense of

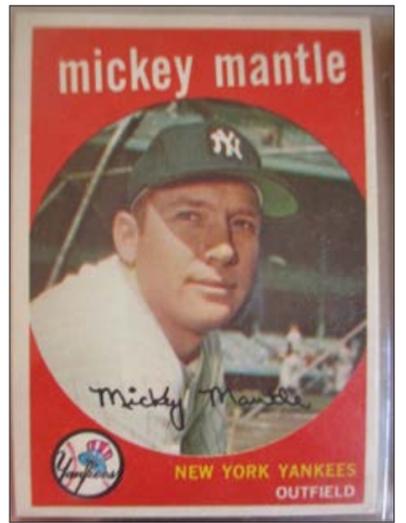
Smell) by Rembrandt."

In other auction news, a rare penny brought \$300,000 at auction recently according to the Orlando Sentinel. The coin was one of the first struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1793. It is believed to be one of 500 in existence.

A rare Mickey Mantle card has also come up for auction. Forbes reports that the buyer purchased the card at a Lancaster, PA flea market two months ago along with a Yogi Berra card. The cards were the only examples ever found. The bidding ends on Jan. 28th. The Berra card had reached \$1,200 and the Mantle was at \$18,500 as of Jan. 18th. What contributed to these cards being so rare? They were premiums only offered to those who bought dog food.

We have an estate sale scheduled for Jan. 27th and 28th in Webster. I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School on March 5th. Other sales and events are being planned. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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Monty Tech SkillsUSA students attend fall leadership conference



courtesy photo

Monty Tech students who successfully completed the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference are, front row, l to r, Francisco Melo and Kayla Cintron, both of Fitchburg, Sophia Chernoch of Westminster, Maggie Lashua of Winchendon, Jade Bailey of Athol, Hannah Shults of Fitchburg, Dominique Dupuis of Lunenburg and Daniel McKenna of Leominster. Back row are Adrianna Durand of Athol, Sadie Wright of Royalston, Kelsey Aggrey of Fitchburg, Ariel Johnson of Holden, Casey Szlosek of Lunenburg, Samantha Collette of Westminster, Kayla Gerry, Adrianna Buzzell, and Ziola Wilder, all of Athol, Valerie Guzman of Fitchburg, Alexandria Chattaway of Ashby and Kylee Cormier of Fitchburg.

FITCHBURG — Students from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School recently completed three days of intense leadership and employability skills training at the annual SkillsUSA fall state leadership conference held in the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlboro.

A total of 20 students, the largest group to date, successfully completed the training in areas such as communication skills, group dynamics and employability skills. They also participated in SkillsUSA's professional development program, earned leader awards, and learned about the organization's various programs.

Those participating include: ASHBY: Alexandria Chattaway; ATHOL: Jade Bailey, Adrianna Buzzell, Adrianna Durand, Kayla Gerry, Ziola Wilder; FITCHBURG: Kelsey Aggrey, Kayla Cintron, Kylee Cormier, Valerie Guzman, Francisco Melo, Hannah Shults; HOLDEN: Ariel Johnson; LEOMINSTER: Daniel McKenna; LUNENBURG: Dominique Dupuis, Casey Szlosek; ROYALSTON: Sadie Wright; WESTMINSTER: Sophia Chernoch, Samantha Collette; WINCHENDON: Maggie Lashua.

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Beals Memorial Library Director Manuel King said work on making the library handicap accessible should be finished in mid-to-late-April.



The new circulation desk arrived at Beals Memorial Library last week. The desk, made from mahogany and with a mahogany finish, was custom made by Michael Humphries Woodworking of Northfield, at a cost of just over \$25,000. The vast majority of the cost was covered by a grant from the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation.

BEALS

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will satisfy the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The library is scheduled to receive the new elevator and the machinery needed to run the lift on Monday of next week. The cart will arrive in pieces and be constructed inside the shaft it will call home from here on out. The elevator is being purchased from Bay State Elevator of Agawam.

In addition to the new main entrance, the basement floor will also include two unisex, handicap accessible bathrooms. There are also plans to move the children's library to the basement, while the children present facility for children on the first floor will be transformed into an adult reading room. King said that work is included in the second phase of the library's improve-

ment project.

"We hope to house as much as we can of our non-fiction in here," said King.

Work is also being done to make the book stacks in the west room of the first floor more accessible to wheelchair patrons. Many stacks are actually being removed so that aisles between them can be widened.

When asked how it was decided which books to take out of circulation in order to facilitate the change, King said, "We just sort of pick the low-hanging fruit. Those are the books that haven't gone out in a really long time. If people aren't checking them out, we'll just discard them."

The overall cost of the project is about \$1.5 million. In addition to generous contributions from Robinson Broadhurst, the town approved a \$300,000 debt exclusion to cover part of the work, and trustees used a large chunk of the library trust fund to also cover costs.

The south side of Beals Memorial Library will host the new main entrance to the facility. The current east-side entrance off Pleasant Street will serve as an emergency exit once the project is complete.

In addition to helping fund the accessibility project, Robinson Broadhurst also awarded Beals Memorial Library a grant of \$25,000 for the purchase of a new, custom-made circulation desk. That piece of furniture/equipment arrived last week. The desk is made from mahogany, with a mahogany stain. It was built by Michael Humphries Woodworking of Northfield. King said Humphries will also be used to refurbish the old circulation desk which, he estimates, will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The accessibility project was designed by the Boston firm Abacus Architectural and is being overseen by P&S Construction of North Chelmsford.



MONTY

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not correct.

Speaking with Monty Tech Business & Human Resource Manager Tammy Crockett, it was clarified that Monty Tech is not a school choice option at all.

Crockett explained, "Because Monty Tech is considered a member part of Winchendon's School District, it is not considered school choice when students and their families decide to send the student to Monty Tech. School choice is an entirely different option. Monty Tech is a member and part of the Winchendon Public School District as we are with any of the school districts from which students attend, and as such we are not a school choice option."

At this time, Monty Tech is a member and part of 18 school districts, consisting of the two cities of Fitchburg and Gardner, along with 16 towns comprised of Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston, Lunenburg, Petersham, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Sterling, Templeton, Westminster, and Winchendon.

Crockett continued, "When a student from Winchendon, as an example, decides to

transfer possibly to either the Gardner public schools or Narragansett Regional School District that is exercising their option with school choice. When a student from Winchendon decides to attend Monty Tech, it's just like they are coming to Winchendon Public Schools."

Simply put, Monty Tech is legally a member of the school district, and is not exercising school choice, while attending Gardner, Templeton, Ash/West or other would be exercising school choice.

At this current time for the 2017-18 academic year as provided by Crockett, Winchendon is being billed for 165 students by Monty Tech, up from 155 in 2016-17 and an increase of 10 students for a total cost of \$940,963 or \$5,793 per student.

In addition, as provided by the website for the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Office of District & School Finance, the town of Winchendon is also listed as currently having 147 students exercising the school choice option at a cost of \$865,129 at a combined average cost of \$5,885 per student.

Keeping in mind attendance numbers fluctuate regularly due to either families moving or students changing schools, there are roughly some 300 students plus or minus com-

bined who are either attending Monty Tech or a different school district. This number also does not represent any students who could potentially be attending a Charter School.

One factor which additionally complicates financial budgeting under certain situations, local schools have no way of planning for students who may decide to transfer to Monty Tech late in the summer or even early in the start of a new academic year. If a student decides they want to attend Monty Tech providing it has the space and gets accepted, the WPS District would have no way to predict or budget for that student who decided to change as annual budgets need to be submitted much sooner.

Crockett provided Winchendon's enrollment history at Monty Tech for both 2017 and 2018. In the fiscal year 2016-17, Monty Tech lists Winchendon's cost breakdown as Required Minimum Contribution \$775,613; Transportation/Operating Assess \$77,181; Capital Assess \$2,440; and Bonds of \$15,640 for a total cost of 155 students equaling \$870,874 and an average total town assessment per pupil of \$5,619.

Currently for this financial year in 2017-18 with the billing of a 10 student increase, the Required

Minimum Contribution from Winchendon is \$839,511 with the additions of Transportation-Operating Assess, Capital Assess, and Bonds, the Total Assessment is \$940,963 or an increase of \$70,089 over the previous year and a per pupil average of \$5,703 at an increase of \$84 per year according to figures provided by Crockett.

WPS District Business Manager Rich Ikonen also regarding the bill aspect explained the 155 students present at Monty Tech on Oct. 1, 2015, figure in to the FY-17 school year. As of Oct. 1, 2016, there were 165 students attending Monty Tech which factors in to the FY18 budget. Finally, as of Oct. 1, 2017, there are 156 students attending Monty Tech which would factor in to the FY19 local contribution (September 2018-June 2019 school year.)

In the end, even though Monty Tech is legally a member of the Winchendon Public Schools, if a student decides to attend Monty Tech and gets accepted, the money legally belongs to and follows that student, thus while benefiting the education of the student while adversely functioning as a loss of income for WPS District. When combining the current billing costs of students attending Monty Tech with students who exercise their right to School Choice,

the WPS District is currently losing \$1.8 million, which follows the students.

Other factors such as students who attended Monty Tech and did not utilize the trade they learned after graduation, fairness in equity, the fact that Monty Tech can accept the best and brightest with the highest grades and reject other applicants with lesser grades while public schools cannot, and an ever increasing "competition for students" from a marketing perspective forcing local public schools to become more marketing orientated, have added to what has become at times a heated discussion.

Currently Monty Tech is a Level 1 school, and the WPS District is Level 3. Public schools like Winchendon cannot turn a child away who has bad grades and desires to attend its schools, however Monty Tech can in the application process, which again raises questions about fairness under state regulations.

BOS Chair Barbara Anderson and School Committee Greg Vine will be attending an upcoming meeting of the MRVTSD School Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Monty Tech in the Main Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public, and residents, taxpayers, and students of parents are invited to attend.



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 James A. Robuccio to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., dated February 6, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 32813, Page 363 subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N. A., as Trustee for Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2 by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51136, Page 319; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 9, 2018 at 339 Maple Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, located in the Town of Winchendon, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and further described as being on the southerly side of Maple Street, RTE. # 202, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof at railroad spike in the southerly line of Maple Street at land of Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee, said spike being located N. 82 degrees 15' 00" W., 22.93 feet from a Massachusetts highway bound location at an angle in said street line opposite layout station 47+28.31; THENCE S. 2 degrees 51' 00" W., 177.65 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 82 degrees 15' 00" W., 185.17 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 7 degrees 45' 00" E., 177.00 feet to a P. I. Nail in paving in the southerly line of Maple Street, the preceding three (3) courses being by land of said Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee; THENCE S. 82 degrees 45' 00" E., by the southerly line of Maple Street, 170.00 feet to the point of beginning Containing 31,433 square feet, more or less. Being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Lot #3, to be conveyed by Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee of E. T. Jeffers Real Estate Trust, Winchendon, Mass., Scale 1 inch = 30 feet -February 13, 1980, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass." Which plan is to be recorded herewith. Being the same premises as conveyed to these mortgagors recorded in Book 27402, Page 371.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N. A., as trustee for Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-

Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-008859 January 19, 2018 January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

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 Braden L. Mullin and Lauren N. Mullin to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated March 11, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43928, Page 344, as affected by a Loan Modification recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 52927, Page 15, subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43928, Page 364; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on February 16, 2018 at 90 Lake Shore Drive, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon located on the south side of Lake Shore Drive, in the Town of Winchendon, Worcester County, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of Lake Shore Drive, at the Northeasterly corner of the Lot 17 shown on the plan hereinafter referred to; Thence North 58° 35' 00" East along the Southerly side of Lake Shore Drive, a distance of 134.90 feet, to a point; Thence along a curve having a radius of 199.780 feet, for a distance of 15.10 feet, more or less, to a point at the Northwesterly corner of other land of van Dyke, as shown on said plan; Thence South 52° 48' 10" East by other land of said Van Dyke, a distance of 250.06 feet, more or less, along said other land of Van Dyke; Thence S. 17° 20' 00" E. along said other land of Van Dyke, a distance of 54 feet, more or less, to a point at the shoreline of Millers River (North Branch); Thence in a Westerly direction, by the shoreline of the Millers River, crossing a dam as shown on said plan, a distance of 160 feet, more or less, to a point; Thence North 50° 00' 00" West by Lot 17, on said plan, a distance of 300 feet, more or less, to a point in the Southerly line of Lake Shore Drive and the place of beginning. Containing 48,600 square feet, more or less, and being shown as Lot 18 on a plan of land entitled, "Revised Plan for Lots and Lake Shore Drive Prepared for Robert Van Dyke in Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1 inch=50 feet, dated February 23, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA", said Plan being recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 704, Plan 26. Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds herewith. Bk 43928 Pg 342

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the fore-

closure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 17-006245 January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018 February 9, 2018

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 Erica L. Carrier and Brian A. Putnam to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated September 28, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39865, Page 216 subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48596, Page 65; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 23, 2018 at 83 Pearl Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land on the northerly line of Pearl Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, described as Lot "1" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land prepared for Mark Landanno (owner) in Winchendon, MA, scale 1 inch = 40 feet, December 18, 2003, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA, 01368" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 807, Plan 68, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. See also corrected plan recorded in Plan Book 839, Plan 74. Containing 0.6494 acres more or less according to said plan. This instrument creates no new boundaries. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Mark Landanno and Cynthia Landanno, dated September 28, 2006, to be recorded herewith in said Deeds, Book 39865, Page 214

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Federal National Mortgage Association Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 15-006517 February 2, 2018 February 9, 2018 February 16, 2018

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

John A. Macomber

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq): **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 27 Prentice Circle, given by **John A. Macomber to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns**, dated **December 9, 2011**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **48245**, Page **318**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **February 26, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on January 11, 2018

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(17-003019 Orlans)

February 2, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION

No. 18-97A

To Casey E. Lucier of Winchendon, Worcester County, of said Commonwealth;

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED:

Athol Savings Bank, a banking institution with a usual place of business in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts; claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated on Baldwinville Road, being numbered 97 on said street, in said Winchendon; given by Casey E. Lucier to Athol Savings Bank, dated February 2, 2010 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 45421, Page 92, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the sixth day of March, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

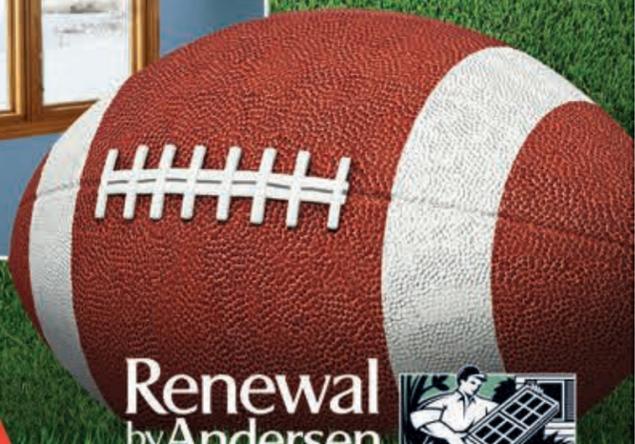
Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this twenty-third day of January 2018.

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