

TFHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S NETOP

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TFHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

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The purpose of the TFHS Alumni Association is to promote a sense of community by providing information, opportunities, and connections with its members.

It is our desire to establish a lifelong relationship with alumni and friends, promote interaction with and among alumni, highlight achievements of alumni, and to provide our members with rewarding opportunities to serve TFHS and its students, our future alumni.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We are desperately searching for someone with webpage knowledge and skills who could help us set up our own website where we can publish minutes, newsletters and information. If you can help us, please contact tfhsalumni@gmrtd.org.

articles for future newsletters by using the contact information found at the end of this newsletter.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

OUR NEWSLETTER!

We need your help to keep this newsletter alive. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we need your submissions to fill our pages!

We will do our best to publish newsletters more frequently, but it is up to you—TFHS Alumni—to provide us with articles. Our newsletter is comprised of:

Milestones – birth, marriages, anniversaries, deaths

Achievements – recognition of alumni accomplishments

Remember When – stories about your school experiences

Class Reunions – information about upcoming reunions, articles on reunions, reunion committee information, help in finding classmates, etc.

School Events

Other?

Without your help and contributions, there is no newsletter. Please send us your ideas and

ASSOCIATION BOARD

The TFHS Alumni Association was formed by a small group in 2006. Board currently consists of the following alumni:

Deb Benoit – Class of 1973

Douglas Brown – Class of 1971

Karen Collins – Class of 1974

Lesley (McCord) Cogswell – Class of 1994

Eric Czernich – Class of 1994

Sheryl Jablonski -- Class of 1975

Barb (Dion) Kuklewicz – Class of 1970

Ron LaRoche – Class of 1947

Kevin McCarthy – Class of 1974

Steve Prokovich – Class of 1973

Matt Robinson – Class of 1979

Bob Avery-Faculty Alumni

The Association meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month (with the exception of January and July). All are welcome to attend.

Achievements

Bulletin Board: Ollari MSCAC all-star

Recorder Staff Thursday, November 19, 2015

(Published in print: Friday, November 20, 2015)

John Ollari (TFHS Graduate 2013) of Millers Falls was one of three players from Westfield State University to earn a spot on the 2015

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference Football team, as voted on by the league’s coaches.

Ollari, a sophomore punter, was named a First Team All-Defense selection. Ollari



led the MASCAC in with an average of 40.9 yards per punt. He dropped 11 of his 42 punts inside the opponents’ 20-yard line and had a long of 70 yards. He also

played linebacker and recorded more solo tackles (66) and total tackles (93) than any other player in MASCAC games.

Ollari named to D3football All-Region team

(Published in print: Wednesday, December 09, 2015)

Recorder Staff

Former Turners Falls High School football player John Ollari earned some major

recognition on Tuesday. The Westfield State University sophomore punter earned All-Region honors by national website D3football.com. Ollari was named to the second team of the All-East Region, which is comprised of 73 schools from Maine to Delaware. This honor comes after he was named a first-team, All-Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics Conference player. Ollari led the MASCAC in punting with 42 punts for a 40.9 average per kick. He dropped 11 punts inside the opponents’ 20-yard line and had six fair catches. He also played linebacker at Westfield State and led the Owls defense with 107 tackles, three interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries.

D3football.com has been naming All-Region teams since 2005 and Ollari is the sixth member of the Owls to earn the distinction. He is just one of four players who grew up in Massachusetts to make either the first or second team.

Local students honored by superintendents



By CHRIS CURTIS

Recorder Staff

Thursday, December 3, 2015

(Published in print: Friday, December 4, 2015)

TURNERS FALLS — Grades, sports and a host of unique personal achievements and qualities put eight students in the spotlight Thursday night, one selected from each of the area's public school systems.

Every year, the superintendent of each district selects one student from the graduating class for the Certificate of Academic Excellence, better known as the superintendent's award.

The recipients, their families and close teachers gathered Thursday for an awards banquet hosted by the Franklin County Technical School's apprentice restaurant.

Gill-Montague

Nevan Shattuck is ranked first in his class. He is dually enrolled, taking advanced calculus and other courses at Greenfield Community College. He has played the male lead in the high school's musicals for the last two years. He has been president and treasurer of the student council and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is interested in engineering and math and intends to pursue those interests in college next year.

Superintendent Michael Sullivan said Shattuck has been the first to fully take advantage of the dual enrollment program. Sullivan said Shattuck's efforts have been terrific in paving the way for future students. Sullivan said Shattuck has earned recognition for excellence in all sorts of things and bent the needle in math.

Grimard (TFHS Class of 2014) heading Down Under



It's always nice to see our local athletes thrive at the next level.

Yes, many of our top athletes get the opportunity to play at the collegiate level. For

most, that means playing on a team that competes in Division II or III.

Now, it is difficult for a small newspaper to keep up on the local athletes who move on to college, unless, of course, Sports Information Directors regularly keep the press releases coming.

Enter Lauren Grimard, a college sophomore who has not disappeared into oblivion since going away, though not far away, to college. We spoke last week. You may remember Grimard from her days of playing Turners Falls High School field hockey. She was a star Indians midfielder who parlayed that experience into the opportunity to play at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H. The Ravens compete the Division II Northeast-10 Conference. "It's a great opportunity," she said of Franklin Pierce, where she is majoring in Health Science and planning to go into dental hygiene or physical therapy.

Grimard immediately made a field-hockey impact at the school, something that is not

easy to do right away as a player making the transition from high-school top-dog to college freshman. As that freshman last season, Grimard appeared in 10 Ravens games, starting seven. This year, she has started all 18 of her team's games, primarily playing defense for a 10-8 Ravens team that's held the opposition to just 1.64 goals per game.

Just how good was Grimard this season? Good enough for first-year head coach Zoe Adkins to nominate her to represent the United States during the Victorian Country Field Hockey Tournament in Melbourne, Australia. She says the whole thing seemed a bit surreal.

"I don't think I believed it at first," Grimard said. "I was like, 'Is this for real?'" Grimard did the responsible thing by investigating the offer to make sure everything checked out. Sure enough, her coach had nominated her and five teammates to represent the U.S. at the international tourney. She also researched the organization running the U.S. team to make sure it was legit. The team is put together by USA Athletes International, a nonprofit organization, "dedicated to giving amateur athletes and coaches the opportunity to participate in International Olympic-style sporting events throughout the world, while also allowing them to broaden their educational and cultural knowledge of the world through the experience."

The tournament is a bit like the one that former Turners Falls football player Ryan Wilder participated in a few years back by going to the Australian Down Under Bowl. Grimard now has the opportunity to travel across the world with some teammates to play a sport she loves.

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Franklin Pierce University field hockey player Lauren Grimard, formerly a Turners Falls High School standout, is raising money for her June trip to the Victorian Country Tournament in Melbourne, Australia, where she'll represent the United States.

“It’s going to be cool to be wearing a U.S. jersey,” she said of the chance to represent the country, while also remarking about the chance to represent Franklin County.

The tournament runs from June 6 through 18 in Melbourne, Australia, and the 16-player U.S. team will also visit other cities in the country. While there, they will play against teams from other countries.

Now Grimard is setting out to raise money to fund her trip. The trip costs \$5,200 and she also needs to raise airfare to get to Los Angeles. Grimard is working hard to come up with as much of the money she can. While on winter break, she worked at the Wagon Wheel in Gill, a restaurant she has worked at for the past few years. She is also working as a game-day assistant for as many sports as she can while at school.

But obviously that will not be enough to come up with all the money, so she has taken to fundraising. Just as Wilder did when he was trying to earn money, Grimard is selling T-shirts for \$20. She is also selling raffle tickets for a trip to Barbados that runs through the company. Those tickets are \$10. Anyone interesting in ordering either of those things is welcome to email the family

at fhaustrialg@gmail.com or by calling mother Pam at 413863-2436.

She has also set up a GoFundMe page, which can be found by searching her name at that website. She is also applying for a scholarship through USA Athletes International, and other local clubs such as St. Stan’s, St. Kaz and the Elks.

Jaywalking



Jason Butynski

Tuesday December 8 2015

The Recorder

Mr. Roberts

One of the most under-appreciated jobs in high school sports may be that of the public address announcer.

Those men and women whose voices resonate across ballfields and basketball courts, sometimes coming out of speaker systems that don’t do them any justice. I always appreciate a good PA announcer, because occasionally you miss something as a reporter, and sometimes you can make up for it by listening to the announcer, who is as vested in getting the information correct as the person reporting the game.

One of the most well-known announcers in Franklin County has been Bill Roberts, the voice of the Turners Falls football team for over 40 years. He is a former social studies teacher at Turners Falls High School, who later became the chairperson of the art department. Roberts actually grew up in Rhode Island but moved to the area when he began teaching at Turners Falls. He originally lived in Greenfield and now calls

Colrain home, but his allegiance has always been with the Indians.

Roberts can't remember the exact year that he began announcing Turners football games, but he knows that he succeeded Charlie Galvin. Galvin was better known as "Pop" Galvin, since pretty much everybody in the Powertown sports has a nickname. I spoke with a couple of people to try to peg the exact year that Roberts started announcing, and the best guesses put it at 1970 or 1971.

On Sunday, the 88-year-old Roberts was recognized for his 40-plus years of service to the team during the Cannon Novak Award presentation at St. Kazimierz Society in Turners Falls. The team presented Roberts with a plaque during the ceremony.

The presentation actually began with a funny moment as master of ceremony Lew Collins cracked a joke. Anyone who has attended Turners Falls football games has definitely heard Roberts, who comes across very clearly through the speakers at the Bourdeau Fields Complex, and who is one of the most accurate PA announcers in Franklin County. The reason that Roberts is able to be so accurate is partially due to his son, Scott Roberts, who attends every game and sits next to his father. If you have seen Scott at a game, he is the one with the binoculars permanently pressed to his eyes, as he serves as the spotter for his father. He reports to his father, who then reports to the spectators.

But even with this system, sometimes mistakes are made. It happens. Even standing on the sidelines, I sometimes get things wrong. But whenever Roberts makes a mistake, he always issues a correction, and it was this that Collins made a joke about, drawing a good laugh from the room. But he

immediately changed his tune and mentioned his appreciation for what Roberts has been doing.

I caught up with Roberts at the end of the Novak ceremony and spoke with him for a few minutes. He said that it's been a lot of fun announcing the games over the years, and he will continue serving in that capacity next fall.

What was the secret to how he got the gig all those years ago?

"They needed somebody to it," he said, smiling.

They got the right man for the job.

One other note on Roberts: I was talking with Recorder advertising extraordinaire Mike Currie on Monday afternoon and he told me that Roberts is such a good artist he actually did all the pictures for a children's book written Robert Merriam, who works at Deerfield Academy. The book is called "Santa Claus' Snack" and can be found for sale online.

As for the Novak Awards themselves, it was another successful ceremony with a full banquet hall at St. Kaz. I get a number of invites to fall banquets, and try to make as many as I can fit into my schedule. Many are at night, which is unfortunately when I work, but if I can go I always do. It's a great way to chat with players and coaches, both of which I enjoy.

The first banquet I ever attended was the Novak Awards, which I have been able to make for the past five or six years now, since it takes place on a Sunday afternoon in December and is easy to fit into my schedule. The Novak ceremony is more than an end-of-season banquet, as it draws a

number of people from the community who don't have kids on the team. Even someone like Mike "The Mouth" Markol was in attendance again this season, even though his son Brody has graduated. Markol was sitting at a table with the Turners Falls cheerleaders, and treated them to a round of sodas. It was appropriate that he sat with the team, since Markol is one of the most vocal fans on the sideline when he is not part of the chain gang.

For those unfamiliar with the origin of the Novak Award, it is annually presented to a player or players on the Turners Falls team. It honors Anthony "Cannon" Novak, who was a four-sport letterman (football, basketball, baseball and track) at Turners Falls from 1933 until 1935. Novak was born in 1918 and after graduating in 1936, served on a naval destroyer during World War II. After returning from the war he married and moved home, but tragically died of leukemia on Dec. 7, 1958 — coincidentally 17 years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Both of those anniversaries took place on Monday. One year after Novak passed away, St. Kaz decided to hand out an annual award in his honor, and on Sunday the 57th presentation took place.

As I said, Collins — the owner of Between the Uprights in Turners, a former Indian player and rabid supporter of the team — served as master of ceremonies this year. He mentioned that all three men representing the team on stage with him — head coach Chris Lapointe, assistant coach Scott Minckler and athletic director and former assistant Adam Graves — are all past Novak Award winners. After everyone had eaten their ham dinner cooked by Katherine Tomaus Catering, Collins got the ceremony started with a few words to the team.

"In an era of playoff football, when everything seems to be built around the playoffs, you have not only embraced being a playoff team, but you have also brought Turkey Day back to us, and made that important once again," Collins said. "You have learned the tradition of Turkey Day, and have also had success in the playoffs."

Graves was the guest speaker this year. Graves played football for the Indians in the early '90s, and he spoke about growing up in Turners Falls and looking up to the players on the Turners Falls team as a youngster. He mentioned the players on this fall's team going to Erving Elementary School and reading to the kids, and how that was probably a big highlight for the kids, but also how the football players got a lot out of that gesture as well.

"Those kids looked up to you," Graves said. "That's what great about this team. It's always been a part of the community."

Graves also spoke about his final game as an Indian. In the fall of 1995 he was the starting quarterback on Turkey Day and his Indians were getting rolled up by a Green Wave team quarterbacked by none other than Peter Bergeron, one of the most successful athletes in Franklin County history, who went on to play Major League Baseball. Near the end of the game Graves was pulled aside by coach Fran Togneri and told that he had a great career, but the coach was going to allow Graves' understudy to get a few plays in at quarterback. Graves asked to go back in the game, because his last pass had fallen incomplete, and he wanted his final high school pass to be a completion. Togneri gave him his wish, and Graves wound up completing a swing pass to Mike Prondecki. He left the game and handed things over to a freshman — Lapointe, the current coach,

who went on to have a successful high school and collegiate career.

After Graves was done speaking, the coaches handed out awards to the team. Cullen Wozniak and Colby Dobias each were named “Linemen of the Year,” while Akeeva Forcier was named the “12th Man.” Jalen Sanders won Offensive Player of the Year, and Tahner Castine was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Finally, it was time to hand out the biggest awards of the day. The Novak committee handed out an Offensive and Defensive award this year. Junior running back Quinn Doyle was given the Novak Award for offense after amassing 1,162 rushing yards (second most in The Recorder area) and 10 touchdowns this season. Throughout the season I wrote in various stories how Doyle was the less flashy of the two-headed running attack (along with Sanders), but that it was an unfair tag because most of his yards came up the middle, which meant lots of contact and lots of work. Most of Sanders’ runs came outside the tackles, which with his speed could lead to long touchdowns, but Doyle was equally as good at running between the tackles. He rarely fumbles and has a knack for locating holes, and did a great job in his first season as the team’s featured back. He’s also as humble as they come.

“I’m so glad to have won it, but a lot of people definitely could have gotten this award,” he said.

As for the Novak Award for defense, that went to Castine, who always stood out on that side of the ball. The junior linebacker led the team in tackles and should take pride in the fact that he received the award for a defense that led the Intercounty League this fall.

“I was really surprised, but it’s pretty awesome,” Castine said. “This is a first for me. It’s an honor, but I have to give the credit to our coaches. I just listen to them.”

A couple other notes: I learned on Sunday that the attendance in Turners Falls on Turkey Day hovered around 1,700. ... The Indians had 26 players make the honor roll in the first quarter. ... Duke of Sports co-host Mike Cadran, who is on the Novak Committee, was also on hand and had some interesting numbers about wins — the Indians have 425 wins since 1920, third-most in the Recorder area in that span — to Greenfield (first) and Athol.

Earl Lorden has the most wins as a coach at Turners Falls with 119, while John “Ringo” O’Riley is second with 83. Fran Togneri is currently third with 46 wins, but he will likely get passed next fall by Lapointe, who is 44-26 in his tenure. Cadran had originally thought Lapointe was 43-27, which he said at the ceremony, but upon further review, Lapointe has 44 wins, just two away from third place all-time at the school.

The Gill-Montague Education Fund
12th Annual Gala

Jukebox Memories

Featuring the incredible talent of Brian McCullough, an American tribute artist and impersonator performing in character as



Together with the high energy talents of the nations leading rock and roll band



Turners Falls High School Theater
Saturday, April 30, 2016
7:30pm

Remember When



(Photo provided by Bob Antinerella, Identification provided by Joe Martin)

Back Row: Left to Right

Wilfred Daignault-Bill Brown-Jeff Heath-Joe Martin-Dave Foster-Ken Brown-Buzzy Sojka-Will
Daignault Jr

Front Row: Left to Right:

Bill Stebbins-Tom Potosek-Ed Garbiel-Alan Dargis—Bob Antinerella

Remember When

it gradually started to change vestments and taken the risks, contest to Tufts in the finals. show.

1974



JV Hoop Champs

The Turners Falls High School junior varsity team compiled a 17-1 Hampshire League record this year to nail down the loop crown. Coach George Bush's squad was 18-2 overall. Front row, from left, Dave Shea, Tim Kendrick, Alan Bonnett, John Boguslawski, Frank Cadran, Rick Miner, Dave Schab. Back row, Chris Sabato, Don Inglis, Marty Kendrick, Peter Miner, Joe Klepadlo, Doug Couture, Dan Gavin. Missing from picture, Bob Berry. —Recorder Photo by James.

ROLL OF GRADUATES

- Elmer Wilford Jacobs
 Charles Walter Mikowski
 Helen Mary Meece
 Henry John Madonski
 Richard Walter Morawick
 William Joseph Nagel
 Bernard George Napp
 Edwin Alfred Nason
 Edward Francis Noga
 Anthony R. Kosciak
 Edward A. Gosciniak
 Tracy Osinski
 Billie Barbara Dolanowski
 Warner John Farnham
 Raymond Earl Peterson
 Irving Herbert Patterson
 Francis A. Peltzer
 Richard Cyril Perry
 Avack K. Pevsner
 Dorothy M. Pevsner
 Raymond Adams, Plur
 Eleanor Piskor
 Susan Gary Piskor
 Irene Piskorski
 Helen Elizabeth Reed
 Basilus Eugene Rielstein
 Mae Elaine Risk
 John Riskinski
 Howard Berkeley Slink
 Charles Daniel Skoloff
 Philip Stanley Smail
 John Thomas Smith
 Helen Thomas Sockak
 Stevena Evelyn Strydom
 Stanislaw Anthony Sulik
 Walter Anthony Sulik
 Gertrude Edith Stouffer
 Clara Susan Stouffer
 Albert Evelyn Stubb
 Donald McLane Tamm
 Chester Frank Tetz
 Ann Tomlin
 Mary Rose Tynell
 Gerald Kingston Tynell
 Donald Edith Wallis
 Kenneth A. Wambler
 Gilbert W. Wilcox, Jr.
 Charles Alfred Wozniak
 Perry William Wood
 Leon A. York
 Francis Wallace York
 Mildred Zypke
- Helen Stuart Albion
 Walter Stephen Bakala
 Ronald Arthur Bartland
 Charles K. Beckert
 Richard Earl Blumenthal
 Sophie Frances Bogusz
 Frances E. Botwinna
 Thomas Francis Bowen
 William Edwin Bracey
 Barbara M. Brownrigg
 Helen Audrey Bugay
 Doris Genevieve Cullen
 Alice D. Canoy
 Willie J. Cholew
 Alfreda Clark
 Elsie Calista Grogan
 Thelma Amelia Curbier
 Regina Doris Thompson
 Dorothy Anita Davis
 Joseph Charles Douglas
 Eleanor Frances Dolan
 Henry S. Driscoll
 Gertrude Elizabeth Dresser
 Myrtle Lillian Edley
 Leola Evelyn Fish
 Robert Thomas Foley
 Paul Joseph Foxvalley
 Benjamin Henry Fryer
 Wilbur Henry Furford
 Pearl H. Ginnell
 Beatrice Josephine Gosciniak
 Sophie Mary H. Gosciniak
 Jacob Christoph
 Adella A. Gwinn
 Edward Wilfred Gullerath
 William Hoff
 Richard Emanuel Halbrook
 Bernice Francis Herrigan
 Dorothy Alice Hoyle
 Helene Tamara Humphrey
 Henry Michael Janket
 Edna Helen Janket
 Edith Barbara Kabaner
 Edward Michael Koubert
 John S. Karginas
 Grace Joseph Kells, Jr.
 Stanley Raymond Kuchelnicz
 Elizabeth L. LaFolice
 Ruth Virginia LaFolice
 Frances Jean Lindanski
 Anna L. Maria Maldeem
 Chester E. Matoski
 Members of Pro Merito Societas
 Thelma Mary of Turners Falls Women's Club
 Winifred B. Rotary Awards

GRADUATION EXERCISES

OF THE

Class of 1936

TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL



SHRA THEATRE

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1936

8 P. M.

ROLL OF GRADUATES

- Edison Stuart Albion
- Walter Stephen Bakala
- Robert Arthur Bartland
- Charles K. Bealford
- Richard Earl Blumenthal
- Joseph Francis Bogusz
- Joseph E. Botwinna
- Thomas Francis Bowen
- William Edwin Bracey
- Barbara M. Brownrigg
- Helen Audrey Bugay
- Terrie Genevieve Calkins
- Alma D. Canoy
- Willie J. Chubb
- William Charles Clark
- Elmer Calista Coogan
- Barbara Ann Cochrane
- Raymond David Coughlin
- Barbara Anita Davis
- Joseph Charles DeGross
- Elizabeth Frances Deibel
- Henry S. Driscoll
- Genevieve Elizabeth Dresser
- Martin Lillian Edley
- Elizabeth Evelyn Fish
- Robert Thomas Foley
- Paul Joseph Foxmeyer
- Joseph and Henry Fryer
- William Henry Furford
- Edward H. Ginnell
- Leah Stella Josephine Gromosinski
- Josephine Mary H. Grzesiak
- Jacob Christopherson
- Abella A. Grzesiak
- Edmund Wilfred Grulhaugh
- William Joseph Hoff
- Richard Kenneth Hutchins
- Bernard Francis Dorrigan
- Joseph Allan Hoyle
- Helene Tamara Humphrey
- Henry Michael Janket
- Edna Helen Janket
- Edella Barbara Kaban
- Edward Michael Koubant
- John S. Karcinas
- Joseph Joseph Kells Jr.
- Stanley Raymond Kunkelmeier
- Maximilian L. LaFollette
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- William Walter Morawick
- Bernard George Skiff
- Edward Alfred Szymon
- Edward Francis Szyng
- Anthony B. Gosciniak
- Tracy Osmond
- Robert Barbara Dolanowski
- Warner John Farnham
- Raymond Earl Farnham
- Henry Herbert Farnham
- Frederic C. Farnham
- Richard Cyril Farnham
- Arac K. Farnham
- Dorothy Frances Farnham
- Raymond Joseph Farnham
- Channing Farnham
- Stanley Gary Fisker
- Frederic Farnham
- Helen Elizabeth Ford
- Madeline Farnham Kibicki
- Marie Elizabeth Kibicki
- John R. Kibicki
- Harold Berkeley Skunk
- Charles Daniel Skunk
- Philip Stanley Skunk
- John Thomas Skunk
- Theresa Louise Skunk
- Stanley Arthur Skunk
- Walter Anthony Skunk
- Gertrude Elizabeth Skunk
- Class Farnham Skunk
- Donald McLane Skunk
- Charles Frank Skunk
- Ann Skunk
- Mary Rose Skunk
- Gertrude Skunk
- Douglas Hubert Skunk
- Joseph A. Skunk
- Charles Alfred Skunk
- Henry William Skunk
- Leon A. Skunk
- Francis Wallace Skunk
- Madison Skunk

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SHRA THEATRE

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1936

8 P. M.

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL:

Marche aux Flambeaux..... Clark

High School Orchestra

HONOR ESSAY:

"All the Worlds' a Stage"..... Shakespeare

Mildred Zayac

HONOR ESSAY:

"If I had the Time"..... Burton

Dagny Hoff

ORCHESTRAL SELECTION:

The Chocolate Soldier..... Strauss

High School Orchestra

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... "In These Times"

Harold R. Bruce

Professor of Political Science

Dartmouth College

PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS:

Joseph S. Keating, Superintendent of Schools

AWARD OF MEDALS:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal

Washington and Franklin Medal

Principal Arthur E. Burke

SINGING OF CLASS SONG:-

Class of 1936

SINGING OF ALMA MATER SONG:

Student Body

RECESSIONAL:

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1..... Elgar

High School Orchestra

CLASS MOTTO.

"He Conquers, Who Endures."

Obituaries

1938

Helen M. (Zewinski) Gaines



GILL - On November 5, 2015, Helen M. (Zewinski) Gaines, 95, died peacefully at the Fisher Home Hospice Center in Amherst after a year of declining health. Until then, she was a marvel

of energy, independence and commitment to family, friends, church and community.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 57 years, Bill, parents and twelve siblings-the last of her generation on both sides of the family. She leaves four children: Donna Pula (Bruno) of Granby, MA; Debby Gaines of Oakville, Ontario, Canada; Gary Gaines (Judy) of Gill, MA; and Melissa Gaines of Reading, MA; five grandchildren: Debbie Casagrande (Dan) of Ludlow, MA; Cathleen O'Brien (Chris) of Oswego, IL; David Pula of Belchertown, MA; and Steven and Jessica Gaines of Gill, MA; four great grandchildren: Abbey and Patrick Casagrande; Maddie and Riley O'Brien and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was born and raised in "The Patch" in Turners Falls and maintained her Polish heritage with pride. She graduated from Turners Falls High School Class of 1938, and until recently was an organizer and attendant of regular reunions. She served as a cipher decoder with the Women's Army

Corps from 1942-45 stationed at the European Allied Headquarters in Caserta, Italy, attaining the rank of sergeant. After the war she returned to employment as a switchboard operator at the New England Telephone Company in Greenfield until 1981. In retirement, she was president of the local chapter of Telephone Pioneers. She was a life-long member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish and the Saint Anne Rosary Society. For many years, Helen worked on the annual church bazaars. She loved the town of Gill, where she resided for 64 years. For a period of time, she served a moderator for town meetings and worked at the voting polls. She was a prior Brownie and Girl Scout Leader.

Helen maintained ties with her WAC colleagues and for many years she and Bill attended both of their military reunions. They also traveled with their good friends, the Wheelers and Fusses. She loved to entertain family and friends and is fondly remembered for her decorated cakes, holiday gatherings and dinner parties.

1941

Arlene M. Bellemare



PINELLAS PARK, FL — Arlene M. Bellemare, age 92, of Pinellas Park, Florida, formerly of Turners Falls, Mass, passed away on November 6th. Arlene was

born in Montague on May 25, 1923, the youngest child of Allie and Elizabeth (Howe) Thomas. She grew up in Millers Falls and attended the Highland School for

her elementary school years. She often told the story of how she walked about a mile from her home on upper South Prospect Street to school in the morning, home for lunch, then back to school for the afternoon session, retracing her route home in the late afternoon. She said how fortunate she was on stormy winter days, as the “school bus” transporting the children who lived farther out would sometimes stop and pick her up. Then she’d chuckle and say that bundled in blankets and riding in an open wagon pulled by two horses all the way to school was so much better than walking. Arlene graduated from Turners Falls High School in 1941. Soon after she married her high school sweetheart, Bob Bellemare of Turners Falls, on July 4th, 1941. They celebrated 74 years of marriage this past summer.

When Bob was called to serve in the Pacific Theater during World War II, Arlene spent three anxious years waiting for his return while caring for their infant daughter, Donna. She felt very lucky when Bob returned unharmed and they were able to really begin their life together. Their son, Robert Jr., was born in 1948. Bob Sr. built the family a house on Avenue C in Turners Falls, where they lived until 1983. During those decades, Arlene was a homemaker raising the two children. She also became an accomplished knitter and an excellent baker, well known for her carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. In 1970, with her children grown, she began working at the Farren Hospital as a messenger carrying medications and doctors’ orders among departments. Although she enjoyed her job, Arlene was happy to retire to Florida in 1983. She and Bob moved to Greenbriar Village in Pinellas Park, where they spent more than 30 years enjoying the parks, beaches, and warm winters. In the summer, they would return north to a small camp they built on Sportsmens’ Pond in Fitzwilliam,

New Hampshire. Arlene really enjoyed these summer trips when she could visit her family and reconnect with old friends.

Arlene was predeceased by her husband Bob, who passed away at the end of August, and by her siblings Marion (Thomas) Savage, Harry Thomas, and Mildred (Thomas) Dauphinais, and by two grandsons, Gary “Skip” Plante and Tom Plante. She is survived by a daughter and her husband, Donna and Gary Plante, of Bradenton, FL; a son and his wife, Bob and Sue Bellemare, of West Whately, Mass.; a grandson and his wife, Jesse and Sarah Bellemare, and two great-granddaughters, Ada and Lucy Bellemare, all of Greenfield, Mass.

A memorial gathering will be held in the spring in West Whately.

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Helen (Wysk) Muszynski



TURNERSFALLS—Helen (Wysk) Muszynski, 91, of Dell Street died Friday 1/1/16 at the Buckley Health Care Center in Greenfield. She was born in Greenfield on August 27, 1924, the daughter of Walter and Josephine (Przybyla) Wysk. She attended local schools in Turners Falls and was a graduate of Turners Falls High School Class of 1942. Helen was a lifelong resident of Turners Falls. She was the Assistant Veteran’s Agent for the Town of Montague for thirty years before her retirement in 1986. Prior to that, Helen worked at the Greenfield Tap & Die in the sales office for three years and the Turners Falls Coal Company as a bookkeeper for five years. She was also the secretary for the Board of Selectman. Helen was a communicant of Our Lady of

Czestochowa Church in Turners Falls. She married Anthony "Tookie" F. Muszynski, Sr. on June 21, 1947 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Turners Falls. He predeceased her on January 10, 2012.

Helen enjoyed crossword puzzles, crocheting and was a talented knitter.

Among her survivors, Helen leaves a son, Anthony "Tony" Muszynski and his wife Diane of Greenfield, a grandson, A.J. Muszynski and his wife Hannah, a great grandson, Joey, and a sister, Dorothy Smarz and her husband George of Hatfield.

Besides her husband, Helen was predeceased by a sister, Mildred Margola and a brother, Walter Wysk.



Theodore F. Mucha

Theodore F. "Chucky" Mucha, of Windsor Locks, CT died January 22, 2016, at Kimberly Hall I'm Windsor. He was born June 27, 1924, in Turners Falls, MA, the son of Jacob and

Anna (Trybus) Mucha. His beloved wife of 45 years, Thea (Felski) died on November 25, 2001. His parents and brothers, Stephen, Michael and Matthew, and his sisters Josephine and Mary Kelleher predeceased him. He is survived by a number of nieces, nephews and their extended families whom he dearly loved spending time with. He was a graduate of Turners Falls High School where he was an outstanding athlete in basketball and baseball. He was a key member of the 1942 baseball team that won the state high school championship at Fenway Park. After graduating he spent a brief time in the Pittsburg Pirates farm system when he chose to serve in the [United](#)

[States Navy](#) in [World War II](#). He was assigned to the USS Bataan, an aircraft carrier until his discharge in 1946. He was employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for over 25 years as a quality control analyst. He and his wife loved to travel and attend polka dances whenever and wherever they could. He was a communicant of St. Robert Bellarmine Church and a member of American Legion Gensì Viola Post #36.

(Year Unknown (1942?))

Alyce M. (Bouchard) Nadeau

GILL — Alyce M. (Bouchard) Nadeau, 92, of 21 Walnut Street, in the Riverside Section of the Town of Gill, passed peacefully at home in the presence of her loving family on Saturday, November 28, 2015 following a period of declining health. A native of Pittsfield, MA, she was born on October 21, 1923 to Alice (Hobson) and Zepherin Bouchard. She moved with her family to Turners Falls, MA when she was a young child and attended Montague Public Schools and Turners Falls High School. Alyce was employed for 16 years by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the Housekeeping Department, retiring in 1985. A devout Catholic, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace Church in Turners Falls, MA. A staunch Democrat, she enjoyed following political events and engaging in thoughtful discourse about the political scene. Alyce enjoyed vacationing in Rockport and Gloucester, MA, visiting art and historical museums, in particular Old Sturbridge Village. She was an avid reader and a devoted Boston Red Sox fan. She will be remembered for her quick wit and humor and for her devotion to her family and friends. She married Laurence P. Nadeau on June 25, 1942 in the former St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Turners Falls, MA. They celebrated 37 years of marriage

together prior to his passing in July of 1979. Alyce is lovingly remembered by her daughters: Alyce L. Lacey and her partner, Robert Mazanec of Shelburne, MA and Janet A. Nadeau of Gill, MA. She is also remembered with affection by her sisters: Annetta Aldrich of Greenfield, MA and Agnes Lenois of Bernardston, MA, as well as (4) grandchildren: Paul Norwood, Lorena Norwood, Angelique Lacey and Emily Nadeau, (8) great grandchildren, (4) great-great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and great-great grandnieces and great-great grand nephews. Alyce's family would like to acknowledge the Cooley Dickinson VNA & Hospice for their care provided to their mother during her illness, with special consideration to Anna Hanson for her compassionate and thoughtful attention.

1946



Samuel I. Couture

Gill- Samuel I. Couture, 87, of Mountain Road died Friday (1-8-16) at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Ma after a short period of declining health. Sam was born in Turners Falls to Samuel H. Couture and Viola A. (Schick) Couture on Oct.25, 1928. He attended Montague schools and graduated from Turners Falls High School as a member of the class of 1946. In 1947 he then graduated from Worcester Academy (prep) and in 1951 he concluded his formal education with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. Sam was a talented athlete playing football and basketball for each of the schools he

attended. When Sam was about 15, he met and fell in love with an usher at the Garden Theater whose name was Lillian Cromack. After years of dating this Greenfield girl and separations due to education and military service they were married on June 7, 1952 and enjoyed 62 years of marriage before her death on June 23, 2014. Together they raised three children, and traveled the world enjoying the beauty and good food of each destination, making lifelong friends at "Painting and Decorating" conventions and playing golf whenever they could. For over 60 years Sam was a member of the Country Club of Greenfield where his proudest accomplishments took place—winning the 1964 Country Club of Greenfield invitational 4 Ball with friend Earl Cash and getting three holes in one. He loved this game and all it stood for, sharing his passion and skill with his family and enjoying matches and stories with his many buddies until his death. After serving during the Korean War, Sam came home to Turners Falls to become the second generation President of Couture Brothers Inc. a position he held with pride from 1953-1993. Involvement in town, county and civic organizations was very important to Sam. As a member of the Turners Falls/Franklin County Rotary Club Sam was named the "Paul Harris Service Above Self Award" winner. Over the years he was Chairman of the Farren Care Center and Overseer of the Franklin Medical Center. For the town of Montague he was the chairman of the Finance Committee and a town meeting member. He held the position of President for many groups including the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club

and the Turners-Montague Chamber of Commerce. Sam held a director position for Bank of New England West, Greenfield Community Y.M.C.A. and the Country Club of Greenfield. For over 50 years he was Treasurer for the Turners Falls Athletic Club and belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Of all of Sam's responsibilities and interests, the most important to him has always been his family. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Marilyn Couture and will be sadly and forever missed by his children, their spouses and his grandchildren. He leaves his daughter Michele Hazlett and her husband Bill of Gill, his daughter Karen Wartel her husband Phil of Greenfield and their children Eric and Leigh and his son Christian and his wife Charlene of Turners Falls and their children Kevin, Corey and Nicole. Sam also leaves his sister-in-law Rena Walburger of New York and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

1953



Joanna M. (Banash) Sak

GREENFIELD — Joanna M. (Banash) Sak, 79, of Cherry Street died Sunday 1/3/16 at home. Joanna was born in Turners Falls on March 27, 1936, the daughter of Stanley and Henrietta Banash. She was one of ten children. Joanna attended local schools in Turners Falls and was a graduate of Turners Falls High School Class of 1953.

Joanna was a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Turners Falls where she married her husband, Peter Sak in 1959.

Joanna was a homemaker who took pride in raising her two sons. She loved to cook, spend time in her many flower gardens or with her houseplants and in her leisure time sit by the window with a good mystery novel or beautiful puzzle.

Besides her beloved husband Peter, Joanna leaves two sons, Brian Sak of Bethel Island, CA and Jeffrey Sak of Bernardston, two sisters, Toni Coutu of Turners Falls and Gini Smoot of Yakima, WA, two granddaughters, Kaitlin Sak of Napa, CA and Theresa Cabral of Point Richmond, CA, a great grandson, Luca Cabral, and several nieces and nephews.

Year Unknown (1966?)

David T. Poirier, Sr.

TURNERS FALLS — David T. Poirier, Sr., 68, of Turnpike Road died Thursday 12/31/15 at the Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. He was born in Montague on September 6, 1947, the son of Victor and Emily (Herzig) Poirier. After Emily's passing he was raised by Victor and Almira (White) Poirier, known to many as "Babe". David attended local schools in Turners Falls. David married his beloved wife, Mary Heath, on October 19, 1973. He was employed by the Town of Montague for ten years. Prior to that, David worked in the maintenance department at Judd Wire for 28 years. David enjoyed fishing, pool parties and cook-outs with his family, going to tag sales and taking long drives with his wife, and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved his pets and enjoyed watching and feeding birds outside his windows. David was well known as a handy-man and did

many welding, fabrication and misc. projects for people. Besides his wife, Mary, of 42 years, David leaves three sons, David Jr. and his fiancée Belinda, Daniel and his wife Heather, all of Turners Falls, and Todd and his wife Dena of Greenfield, thirteen grandchildren, one great grandson, several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. David was predeceased by a son, Michael Heath, Sr.

Year Unknown (1967?)

Walter D. Craven

(1949 - 2015)

CONWAY - Walter D. Craven, 66, of 42 North Poland Road, Conway, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

He was born in Greenfield, October 23, 1949, the son of Winfield and Lona (Stone) Craven

He graduated from Turners Falls High School.

Prior to retirement in 2008 he was employed by the Town of Conway highway department for 22 years. Previous employments include the former Ingersall Rand in Greenfield. From 1985 until 1987 he worked for Spurt Track.

A dedicated firefighter he started in the junior firefighter program in Lake Pleasant and eventually became Deputy Chief. From 1981 until 2012 he was a firefighter for the towns of Ashfield and Conway.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 245 in Ashfield and a member of the Conway Sportsman Club.

Craven was an avid hunter and fisherman. He and his wife were also members of the former Swinging Sweethearts square dance

club.

Survivors besides his wife of 29 years the former Debra Burnett include his son David (Amy) Craven of Athol; his daughter Heidi (Dan) Gardner of Okinawa, Japan; 3 sisters Frances Williams of Morristown, Tenn., Reta McGregor of Goffstown, NH, Elizabeth Fowler of Greenfield; 3 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by Brothers Charles, Scott, Donnie Craven and Sister Joni-Sue Craven.

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Stephen J. Lamonakis



TURNERS FALLS — Stephen J. Lamonakis, 77, of Keith Street died Wednesday 12/30/15 at home surrounded by his wife and children. He was born in Concord, MA, on November 14, 1938, the son of John and Mary (Kakas) Lamon-akis. On September 10, 1967, Stephen married Sharon Tatakis at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Holyoke.

Stephen served in the National Guard. In the 1960s and 1970s, Stephen was a restaurateur, most notably at the Patio Restaurant in Old Orchard Beach and the Battleground Café in Concord, MA. He then moved to Turners Falls. After settling in Franklin County, Stephen established several local businesses including Crestview Liquors and Scotty's in Turners Falls. Stephen was an avid pitch and cribbage player. He also enjoyed playing the guitar in a band with his brothers, George and Manny and Mario Finnochio. Stephen often talked about his most memorable trip on the Intercostal boat ride in Florida with Bill

Trombi. He was a member of the Montague Elks and the Masons, and a communicant of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Holyoke, MA. Besides his beloved wife, Sharon, Stephen's life was brightened and blessed by his two children, Sonya and John, who came in 1974; Stephen was so proud to be their father. He also leaves his siblings, Manny Lamonakis and Katherine Batsis, his brother in law, Charles Tatakis and his wife JoAnne of Dedham. Stephen very much enjoyed Chuck's phone conversations, visits and support. He felt blessed to have all the everyday help with modern technology and keeping up with any maintenance that was needed, and many trips to Dana Farber were made pleasant by Chuck. He also leaves his nephews, Greg Lamonakis and his wife Tina; Chris Lamonakis and his wife Jen and their two children, Londyn and Braeden; cousins from the Boston Area, whom Stephen shared many family celebrations with; the Pleasant Family, his second family, who shared the joys and sorrows, and who supported us with such love; dear friends from childhood: Bill Monson, Mario Finocchio and David Palmucci; friends who always made him smile, Bill Trombi and Herb Voudren; his Bro, Mike and Kathy Rau and their daughter Ashley who were always visiting and giving support throughout his journey with cancer; and his friend Jon Wood who tended to his morning paper and showed him strength in faith.



Richard C. Kossakoski

(1932 - 2016)

KEENE, NH - Richard C. Kossakoski died on January 19th at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, NH after a brief illness. He was born in Winchester, NH on December 30, 1932 the son of Stanislaw and Mary (Minatt) Kossakoski. He lived in Winchester until moving to Keene in 1998.

Mr. Kossakoski graduated from Thayer High

School in 1950 and enlisted in the [U.S. Navy](#) in 1951. After basic training he served on the U.S.S. Chester T. O'Brien DE 421 until 1955 as a fire control technician and attained the rank of petty officer third class. After discharge from the Navy he matriculated to Keene State College and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Mr. Kossakoski taught high school in Massachusetts for a total of twenty-six years. After his teaching career he spent many years building houses and was involved in many other construction projects.

He married Lillian Delora (Dee) Mountford in 1956 and had two sons, Stephen A. Kossakoski and his wife Eileen, of NH; and, Richard B. Kossakoski and his wife Gabriela, of CT. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Kelley Kossakoski Geaney, Kristopher Kossakoski and Richard Kossakoski. Dee Kossakoski died in 2005. In 2007, Mr. Kossakoski married Ferne Rines. He is also survived by two stepchildren, Patty Trombly, of NH and Lester Maloon, of FL; three step-grandchildren, Chrystal Reed, Michael Reed and Mallory Maloon; and, several great step-grandchildren including Jaida Buchanan and Jack Trombly. Mr. Kossakoski is survived by brother Harry and was predeceased by brother John.

Mr. Kossakoski was a member of the American Legion Post 44, Minatt Rivers Post, Winchester, NH, the Destroyer Escort Association, and the U.S.S. Slater Historical Museum, Albany, NH. A private burial ceremony will occur in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the DEHM/USS Slater, POB 1926, Albany, NY 12201-1926 in honor of Richard C. Kossakoski FT3, USS Chester T. O'Brien DE-421.