

Toy Town: Keeping the Shop Small promise

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WINCHENDON — Black Friday may be a big deal for holiday shoppers, enticing them into the big box stores with low prices, special sales and coupon savings. That’s a hard act to follow for the smaller businesses on the local level; but trying to get people to stay closer to home, support local businesses and business people and particularly handcrafts and organic, unique gift ideas means the national movement for Shop

Local Saturday is a really big deal.

With that in mind, the economic and development offices got behind the first ever attempt to organize a real push for small business in Winchendon with a true Shop Local campaign tomorrow, Nov. 26.

Fourteen local stores are featuring discounts and free food throughout the day to draw customers in. Twenty vendors will on the second floor of the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A map, which

will available at the auditorium, shows street addresses, corresponding numbers and promotions. Most of the stores are located downtown, but a few are on the outskirts of town. Shoppers can walk or drive the streets of Winchendon to shop local.

The planning development offices at town hall have been behind the efforts, sparked by the initial efforts of To Each His Own Design owner Michele Comeau, who sent a letter to local businesses.

Comeau has been doing the

Shop Local for a few years with the credit card company, American Express.

Planning financial manager Jenelle Sroczynski saw Comeau’s efforts, also sent a letter to local businesses, asking if they want to participate.

Sroczynski explained three businesses opened on Central Street just this summer— Crafty Cauldron, Not Just Produced, and Holistic Mystic.

“We want to keep money in the town so local businesses stay here,” Sroczynski said.

“We want to revitalize Central Street. People may not realize what is in their backyard. We want to expose what we have on Central Street to try to attract more business here.”

Comeau explained that Shop Local began on Nov. 27, 2010 to encourage people to support small local businesses.

She will offer free local delivery on orders placed on the Nov. 26 in Winchendon; free wire fees on flower orders; 10 percent off the Village Candle line; 15 percent off plants; and

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FSU nurses Carol Spinazola, Lorie Carone, and Yvette Tejada

Morgan St. Pierre photo

Health issues and transportation intertwined

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WINCHENDON — Nurses don’t just work in hospitals or doctor’s offices. They’re everywhere and are frequently deeply involved in community issues. To that end, a group of nurses from Fitchburg State have focused on transportation as a factor in health care, specifically the problems facing some Winchendon residents in getting to medical appointments.

“There’s a direct correlation between access to care and good health,” pointed out Lorie Cerone, who’s spearheading the project. The group chose Winchendon because the town is representative of smaller rural communities where medical

services aren’t as plentiful as in larger towns and cities.

“In Winchendon, there are a lot of older people who have doctor’s appointments with specialists in Gardner or at UMass in Worcester and getting there is a serious issue for many of them,” noted Cerone.

Cerone made the comments during a recent blood pressure screening event at the Old Murdock Senior Center. Saying her team was scheduling meetings with state Sen. Ann Gobi (D) and state Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D) and hoping they will request additional funding from the state legislature when it reconvenes in January, Cerone opined, “MART (Montachusett Area Regional Transit) simply doesn’t provide enough buses

and there aren’t enough seats on the buses they do have.

“This is a quality of life issue,” she continued. “People will skip doctor’s appointments because they really don’t have any way of getting to them if they’re out of town.”

Cerone acknowledged Winchendon is home to a health center managed through Heywood Hospital, but the health center doesn’t have specialty clinics.

“It’s 10 miles to Gardner and 16 miles to Athol, where the hospital is also owned by Heywood. “That’s a long way when you don’t have regular transportation,” reflected Cerone.

“Transportation,” she added, “is one of the lead-

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Housing units going greener

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WINCHENDON — Some 80 housing units on Ipswich Drive have been in the process of having their homes more efficiently heated (and cooled next summer) thanks to a project funded through a grant from National Grid and Winchendon Housing Authority Executive Director David Connor said its a good deal all around.

“We won’t be using electric baseboard heating anymore and that’s going to be a great saving for us,” noted Connor who applied for the program last spring and heard back recently. Work began a couple weeks back as under the terms of the grant, National Grid is required to allocate all the funds by the end of the fiscal year.

“That works to our advantage,” Connor acknowledged. “I’m certainly never going to look a gift horse in the mouth. This is big for us. Anything we can do to make life better here, that’s what we’re going to do. Everyone here on our housing board was enthused and all for

this project.”

Connor pointed out the benefits. “This is a real energy saver for us. It’s very high tech and our carbon footprint matters to us,” he stressed, adding there’s another longer term benefit, noting, “we’re not going to have to install those window air-conditioners in every unit next spring” because the panels will provide an even flow of heat during the colder months and cool in warmer ones, “and that’s going to save us a lot on maintenance costs.”

After National Grid green-lighted Winchendon to be one of the recipients of the grant, the Rise Engineering firm, a Cranston, Rhode Island based- company which promotes itself as having more than three decades of experience in providing energy efficient services, came to town to take a look.

“We were excited to get started,” said Connor.

The nearly \$650,000 project might not seem like such a huge investment for a company the size of National Grid,

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Annual audit looks like good news

WINCHENDON — After several years of biting the bullet and needing financial assistance from the state to right the financial ship, the administrative team have the right to breathe a sigh of relief with the newest audit provided by the Woburn-based accounting firm Roselli, Clark & Associates. The audit was completed in October and a finalized report given to Town Manager Keith Hickey and town accountant William Schlosstein just last week. The letter of recommendations will follow in February.

Hickey said the auditors

were pleased with the accuracy and completeness of the town’s financial records. He said they were able to get their work done much more quickly than last year and the audit was “submitted in a more timely fashion than in the recent past.”

Winchendon was able to meet the timeline established in deficit legislation approved by the Legislature to help erase a \$3.4 million deficit in municipal finances which was discovered about two years ago.

Hickey said , “We’ve been able to deal with the deficit in a proactive manner. Our

financial records are in order and the financial health of the town has taken a very positive step forward.”

Hickey said the state has certified Winchendon’s free cash at \$1.67 million. Approximately \$1.3 million of that amount will be applied to paying off the nearly \$3.4 million state loan.

“Add that to the \$400,000 already paid on the loan,” Hickey said, “and we’ll have paid off over half of what we borrowed. We’ve made huge strides toward getting ourselves in a more favorable financial situation.”

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SHE WILL BE MISSED

At a recent School Committee meeting, Edna Jenkins was recognized as the Blue Devil Cool recipient; honored for her years of service to the Winchendon school system. Jenkins has worked in several capacities at the schools, most notably as a para-professional at the high school level and as an outstanding Key Club advisor. She will be retiring and moving to the south to be closer to her family. Members of the School Committee and Superintendent Steve Haddad, pictured with Jenkins, were tearful as they wished her well.



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WEEKLY QUOTE

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.

- Winston Churchill



Tutoring brings diverse students together

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WINCHENDON — Service learning plays an important role as a component of the education offered by Winchendon School and students there are bringing their talents to the town's public schools among other projects.

Winchendon School students provide tutoring at Murdock High School on Mondays, visit the middle school on Thursdays and go to Toy Town Elementary to tutor on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

"That Lego League at Murdock on Thursdays is so cute," exclaimed Miranda Jennings, director of service learning at the Winchendon School.

"It's important for us to partner with Murdock and the other schools," Jennings stressed.

"We're all part of the same community and we think we have a responsibility to be active here," she added.

There are almost 20 different "2016 Service Learning Teams" at the Winchendon School. Among those is the 'Homelessness and Poverty in

our Community' group and according to the team flyer, students involved in that project, "hope to find out what the causes of homelessness and poverty are in Winchendon and work to fix this. We organized a monthly community dinner here at the school that is free to the community, (that was held Nov. 14), support local shelters and promote economic development in Winchendon through projects with the local town government."

The Winchendon School also has an LGBTSQ group, similar to the one at Murdock, and though the two organizations haven't met, Murdock faculty adviser Aly Galipeau said she thinks that might be interesting to do.

Almost every family is touched by cancer in some ways. At the Winchendon School, working with the Jimmy Fund (the prime charity of Winchendon's Little League) and other organizations to raise awareness, students can do their part to help.

"One of our missions is for our students to be participants

in the community," Jennings reminded.

Other service learning teams include Brave Minds (mental health issues), Caring for Critters, Emergency Response (learning CPR, how to bandage injuries, etc), Food Waste and Eggcellent Nutrition, the themes of which speak for themselves, Music and Theatre for Change, Soccer for Change, Veteran Outreach, Diversity and Social Change, and the Kiwanis sponsored child hunger backpack program.

The school's 'Sustainable Living and Fun — Millers Watershed Protection and Trail Stewardship' project is one which introduces students to the environment and offers opportunities in keeping the region's natural habitats clean and accessible.

Jennings acknowledged not every team will be as effective as others, but pointed out whichever ones work out, it's all part of a broader learning experience at the school.

"Education isn't only about the classroom," she pointed out.



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EARNING A BADGE WITH SOME BEAUTY

Before the snow flew and covered the planters with a coating, planting bulbs is project of Junior troop 11694 working on bronze award. Planting bulbs in playground area and planters at Toy Town Elementary. Family members helped, and the bulbs were part of the Playground Project so there was cross-pollination of projects, help and hope. We can't wait until next spring to see the flowers!

Friday's Child



Danielle is a genuinely kind and sweet 12-year-old Caucasian young lady who finds the positives in everyone. Danielle has many strengths that shine through. She is a polite young lady who can advocate for herself. Danielle is quite the entrepreneur as well; she makes jewelry and enjoys selling it to the staff at her residential home. She also willingly pitches in when help is needed.

Danielle is in the sixth grade where she receives academic support through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). She loves school and wants to learn. Her favorite subjects are reading and social studies. Danielle especially loves to read. She can struggle with peer interactions but overall wants to make friends. She has struggled for a while with emotional challenges and will need to continue with therapeutic services. Danielle does well with clear and concise limits and also consequences.

Danielle would do well with an experienced family who will allow her to build a relationship and trust at her own pace. Danielle has two siblings being placed separately that she will need to maintain contact with through quarterly visits. Danielle hopes that she will have "an awesome life" when she is adopted and hopes to have siblings in her new home where she can have family parties and play dates.

What does Adoption Cost?

It costs little or nothing to adopt a child from foster care. Unlike international or private adoptions, there is no adoption agency fee. There are also a number of free post-adoption support services available to families statewide, including support groups and respite care. Children with special needs who are adopted from the foster care system are eligible for ongoing financial and medical assistance after adoption. These children are also eligible for a tuition waiver to attend a Massachusetts state college or university.

To learn more about Danielle, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Country Roads: unique road to Christmas shopping

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REGION — It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year again when many are cutting or decorating Christmas trees, planning family meals, and shopping for those perfect gifts.

So this year for the 11th anniversary of Country Roads Christmas, grab your family and friends, hop in the car, and take a unique trip. Travel to 21 businesses, all special and family owned, and enter to win prizes along the way.

Taking place the weekend of Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 3 & 4, you can not only visit the businesses on the tour, but enter for chances to win a jackpot of prizes. Pick up a stamp card at which ever business you stop at first, and have it stamped at any, or all, of the 21 locations along the way to increase chances of winning.

Up for grabs are 21 third place prizes, with a \$10 gift card for one of the 21 stores along the tour. Stepping up to the second place prize for one person, is a wonderful collection of gifts and gift certificates valued at more than \$400. Finally and the top prize for the CRC tour, one grand prize winner will receive an overnight stay at Hartman's Herb Farm at their Bed & Breakfast in Barre, a dinner, a gift basket, and a beautiful wreath. In addition the winner will receive a six pound lobster dinner for two at the King Phillip Restaurant, along with gifts and gift certificates from each of the shops at a total value of more than \$1,200.

Starting locally in Winchendon is tried and true community staple, Smith's Country Cheese. Winners of awards for their specialty Gouda, Cheddar, and soft cheese three years in a row from the Big-E in Springfield to California, you can find everything from Yankee Candles to locally hand made baskets and far more. Be sure to check out their famous gift packs for your holiday shipping gift needs.

Next door in Templeton is the store-per-mile jackpot of the CRC tour with eight of the 21 shops and all in one town.

Beginning with the famous Country Mischief owned by Toy Town residents Gail and Glenn Whittle and located on historic Templeton Common, not only a local favorite, it draws patrons from the Metro Boston area and all over New England. Enjoy more than a dozen rooms of antiques, handmade items, fashionable and eco-friendly handmade handbags, interchangeable jewelry, various oddities, and much more including a quaint on-site restaurant for an all around experience.

Along Baldwinville Road enjoy the Kitchen Garden, boasting fresh Finnish coffee bread, muffins, homemade pies for your holiday dinner, and much more, the Kitchen Garden provides great local shopping with made onsite food products, and an unique array of items to set your gift shopping apart from others.

Into quilting? Then while in Templeton look no further than Heather Croft Quilt Shack at 633 Patriots Road. Bev Ferran has had made quilts and crafts, thousands of bolts of fabric, and even rug wool sold by the pound. You can even schedule quilting and rug braiding.

Additionally in Templeton you can visit the Country Folk Gift Shop along the tour just off Baldwinville Road for not only some holiday shopping, but the ability to check out fine quality furniture sales on site and right next door on the same property. Along with these and more in Templeton on the tour are Nouveaux Riches, Steeple Antiques, Back in Thyme consignment shop, and locally well known Valley Florist & Gift Shop.

Representing Phillipston is family friendly favorite, the Red Apple Farm. A true local delight hosted by the Rose family and proudly fourth generation family owned. Offering fresh baked goods, home made fudge, hot cider fudge, all natural cider, and locally made products. Don't forget to buy some of their famous apple cider donuts, a New England favorite from Phillipston all the way to the Boston Public Market.

Additionally while in Phillipston, be sure to visit Down to Earth Nursery, Country Antiques, the Whiting Farm

Store, and the bountiful menu of fine foods and dinning at a regional favorite, the King Phillip Restaurant and Motor Inn conveniently located just off Exit 19 Route 2.

Think your done with the tour yet, not by a long shot! You still have Petersham, Hubbardston, and scenic Barre.

Hubbardston entries include A Thyme & A Place along Route 68 for unique furnishings, decor, and more. Plain View Farm also along Gardner Road and with their award winning alpacas offers alpaca sweaters, hats, gloves, yarn, and additional products.

Petersham is no slouch along the tour offering up a diverse range of stores and products. If you haven't ever stopped and visited the historic Petersham Country Store, there is no better time than on the tour. Built in the 1840s and seated on the town common, you can order breakfast or lunch, purchase groceries such as meats, farm cheeses and more, along with wine, beer, and honey all while visiting their gift shop.

If you're looking for handmade purses and other specialty leather items, be sure to stop at Petersham Leathers and view Sylvia Brown's artisan designs. Rounding out the Petersham experience, the town offers Petersham Art Center.

Finally in Barre, be sure to check out the ever unique Hartman's Herb Farm Bed & Breakfast on Old Dana Road. A family owned gift shop, post & beam dining room, custom made gift baskets, dried flower wreaths, center pieces, jellies, spices, teas, and so much more like plants and perennials. While in Barre if you have finally worked up an appetite and enjoy seafood, visit the newly opened High Tide Seafood Restaurant & Dairy Bar where the will tell you, "The Ocean has come home to Central Mass."

Remember. When you take part in the CRC tour, you're not only shopping locally, but supporting local small businesses which provide you with unique options that can and will set your gifts apart from all the other big box brick and mortar stores. To learn more about CRC and view locations and websites, go to www.countryroadschristmas.com.

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HOUSING

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and probably isn't, but for the local housing authority, "that's a lot of money," Connor pointed out.

"It's obviously important for us to keep up with technology and this grant helps us do that. This is something we would never have been able to do on our own and it's a significant upgrade."

There are another 77 units at Hyde Park, and the WHA submitted an application for those residents to be included as well if National Grid approves the request. If the utility company does so, Connor hopes those can be fitted by next year.

"We included Hyde Park in the same application. Ipswich got pushed a little higher by them but we're hoping they'll be able to go on with the project in the spring and we can get this done over at Hyde Park too," he said.



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Something different for the holidays

WINCHENDON — The Holistic Mystic on Central, a new spiritually based business, holding a Healing for Holidays holistic fair at the Murdock Whitney House Museum on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 1-7 p.m.

For a \$5 donation, the afternoon will include vendors, mini-readings, massage, Reiki and refreshments.

"We know a lot of people get over stressed during the holiday season and need some pampering so I thought it would be a great idea to offer an event this time of year" states Lucky Belcamino, co-owner of the Holistic Mystic.

"Our goal was to offer a holiday themed event at the Winchendon History & Cultural Center which is always decorated so beautiful and majestic and was large enough to host an event like this."

Lucky and her team New England Paranormal Society also hosts several charity events during the year at the center to help raise funds for the historical society and thought a pamper yourself themed event would be a great offering during the season.

Come ring in the holiday spirit with some fun shopping and services provided by holistic and spiritual vendors. Treat yourself to some much needed grounding and stress relief right before the holiday

and pick up some great gifts as well. The event will feature some local vendors such as Megan's Massage who will be offering mini chair massages, and Will Kulisanski from the Holistic Mystic on Central will be offering mini Reiki sessions along with many other healers and vendors.

The spiritual readers who will be attending will be offering Tarot, Oracle, Angel, Shamanic, or psychic readings at discounted mini time slots that you book during the event as you have your choice of many readers.

Some of the other vendors who will be attending will be selling custom wire crystal jewelry, stones, crystals, ornamental wearable art, artisan created sterling silver gemstone jewelry, pendants, bracelets, minerals, and gemstones and much more.

A \$5 suggested donation will give you access to the vendors and readers, hot coffee and cocoa and some holiday treats.

Public welcome and invited;

Winchendon resident Lucky and Will from Gardner just opened up shop at 308 Central St. in downtown called "The Holistic Mystic on Central" which offers spiritual readings, Reiki, drum circles, sound healing, workshops and classes and all things Holistic.

"People have come by and asked, what do you do in

there, and we say 'We provide a very personal spiritual place that you can have Reiki or psychic readings through love and light in a peaceful and warm setting'."

Will and Lucky are respected practitioners in their field and have a large following and are excited to have set up shop in Winchendon. The shop is open by appointment only for now but are planning walk in hours in the very near future.

You can visit The Holistic Mystic on Central on Facebook or contact them at holisticmysticoncentral@gmail.com or by phone 978 297 1301

The Murdock Whitney Mansion will be decorated for the holidays and it surely an

amazing place to visit during the season.

Vendors to date -- and we will be updating more information soon.

Kelly Slack - Stone Sisters Boutique

Wanda Martin Van Norden-Crystal Handwapped Jewelry
Darlene Filosa - Psychic Readings

Will Kulisanski- Mini Reiki Sessions

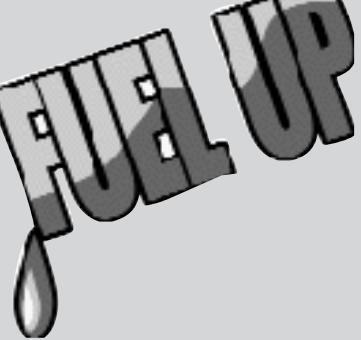
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EDITORIAL

Forever grateful

The annual Thanks for the Memories is easy this year, because the town has a lot to be thankful for: a good administrative team and financial team. Thanks for putting together the audit team.

Thanks for hiring good financial managers, that actually talk to each other and understand the money isn't "ours" and "yours", but belongs to the whole town and must be managed well.

Thanks for a more than capable fire chief and police chief, who in turn have amazing teams behind them. We all sleep better at night knowing these men and women are out there for us.

Thanks for the DPW, especially going into the winter months when we know for a fact that, while we hunker down to watch the flying white stuff accumulate, our guys will be out in it to clear our roads and sidewalks. We may be warm and cozy, but they will be battling ice, bad visibility, cantankerous equipment and exhaustion to keep us safe in a whole different way.

Thanks for all the people behind the scenes. The ones who do the "scut" work. The typing, filing, organizing, reminding, cleaning up after, and other wise making other people look good. They don't always get the recognition they deserve. Most offices and businesses wouldn't run for a heartbeat without them; as overcrowded, overflowing with paperwork and disorganized people who try to go it alone can attest. There isn't enough thanks in the world for them.

Thanks to the ones who repair. You know, the ones who rescue you. Something stops working; whether it is a copier, a furnace, a car, a stove, a washer, a computer, a TV, an MRI...we need the ones who know the intricacies of the mechanical. And the software. And the instructions written in pig latin. Even the ones who know which direction to turn a screw. Thank heavens there are those who can. Who can do the fiddly things that make it all work. When the world ends with that proverbial whimper? It will because a circuit breaker tripped and the software froze; the camshaft bent and the do-hickey gave up....

Thank you to those who teach. Those who can share their knowledge. There are many who are intelligent, who can parrot back information on a multitude of things. Who can intimidate others with their encyclopedic recall of facts and figures. But to be able to teach someone else not only a column of facts but how to deduce the mystery behind the numbers is an awesome skill. Not everyone can do it. And there are more skills to it than just the imparting of information. There are people skills, and organizing skills, and a bit of psychological manipulation, and referee ability, and compassionate understanding, and a little drill sergeant thrown in for good measure. Whether it is a spelling test for fourth graders or calculus for twelfth graders, or even advanced biology for graduate students at MIT; the ones who teach are a species apart. We as a rule don't value them enough, understand what it is they do enough or certainly don't thank them often enough.

Thanks for those who volunteer. Those who do a full day's work for the paycheck, do a full day's work with their "real" lives, care for their loved ones, clean their homes, do the necessities

and still find it within themselves to do something other than. Other than watching TV, other than something just for themselves. They choose to do any number of things, at their place of religious worship teaching or working as a lay minister; for their children in some manner whether it is scouting or coaching or being the designated carpool driver; for the community in a service club or serving on a town board; for an organization such as a YMCA or the CAC serving on a board or volunteering on a team or in the programs; at an all volunteer arts program like the History & Culture Center doing paperwork and filing or at GALA doing fundraising. There are non-profits needing that fundraising skill or just paperwork skills, or coaching skills, or even just babysitting skills. Or on boards. You don't get on a board knowing all of what you need to know...you learn on the job. The town is always short handed. Find something besides TV or video games to occupy your "down" time. And thanks so much to all those who do; those who do volunteer, who serve, who type, who organize, who sell raffle tickets, who run meat raffles, who knit baby booties, who bake for bake sales, who pack boxes for Operation Winchendon Cares, who hand out gifts at Breakfast with Santa, who repair bicycles for Recycle a Bike, who run the Lions Sightmobile, who run the chili cook off, who organize the Fall Fest, who organize live bands and silent auctions and lobster shoots and church fairs and paint nights and galas and casino nights and bake sales and Christmas tree sales and tree lightings...

Thanks. It makes the whole town a better place to be. And none of it would happen without the tireless volunteers.

Finally, thank you. The Courier's readers. Since 1878 the pages have filled, been read, been talked about, incited action, been criticized, been ostracized, been praised, made people angry, made them happy, made them hurt. We aren't perfect. We've had our good editors, great editors, bad editors, poor editors. Reporters who didn't know the people and never learned, those who were haughty, arrogant and condescending; and others who were compassionate, caring and considerate. Some who could write circles around more professional people; others who could barely string two sentences together. But the newspaper has been stalwart part of this community for 138 years. It hasn't had many different owners nor has it changed its philosophy very much. It reports on the news of Winchendon. It branches out a bit to include neighboring towns only with what might affect or be of interest to Winchendon readers. It brings in news of the state and federal governments, of decisions made that might impact Winchendon people. That's it. That's the philosophy. We haven't changed that. So we thank the readers who keep us going. Advertising pays for the pages, and we of course thank our monetary supporters, but if no one paid to read the paper, there wouldn't be a forum for the advertising; we support one another. On small business Saturday, this too is a small business to be supported.

So thank you.

And remember your own reasons to be thankful.

TGIF

Thank God It's Finished!

The mechanics of structuring a government is not an easy balancing act. Many people do not know that the leading candidates have quiet committees vetting potential nominees months in advance of November so that if the nominee wins, he/she can hit the ground running.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have been getting lists of names, dossiers, and recommendations for a very long time. From the lists of Donald Trump will be selected individuals to fill the obvious high profile spots, usually someone already well known. And once they are selected, those people will have to have a voice in choosing their subordinates, but less of one than you would think because there are thousands of pamphlet printers, sign carriers, door knockers, all of whom believe they deserve a reward.

I know a little about this because a man asked me to be on the committee doing this work for Jimmy Carter months before he became the nominee. I actually went to the meeting because I wanted to see what it was like. When I mentioned I would be voting for Gerald Ford, however, I never heard from them again!

Not surprisingly, after a very contentious election, there continues to be a lot of venom out there about cabinet selections or potential selections. I pay it no mind. The election is over, and, as the old saying goes, to the winner go the spoils. After all, Trump's presidency will be judged by history if he makes bad picks. So far, it seems he is looking for an inclusive presidency: blacks, gays, Jews, Protestants, Catholics, generals, professors, etc. I think that is a good way to go. I also expect to see a Democrat or two in high positions. He may even bring Mitt Romney back.

I was recently reading a book about the Founding Fathers. In the early years of our nation, with the exception of George Washington, the president had usually served first as Secretary of State. So if Romney is picked after losing the presidency, and Hillary was picked after losing the presidency, and John Kerry was picked after losing the presidency, a new pattern has developed.

I haven't seen anyone fall from grace as quickly as poor Chris Christie. Do you realize eight years ago people were gaga over this guy? Financiers were offering big donations. If he had said



NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

yes, I think he would have been nominated. But he missed his chance for two big reasons: first, the famous arm around Barack Obama on the tarmac when Mitt was the GOP candidate and, second, his involvement in causing traffic jams in NJ, or approving them,

or slightly knowing about them just to get back at a mayor who didn't endorse him.

So Trump tries to bring him back, naming him to head the transition team of planners, only to weeks later giving the job to Pence. I think Chris Christie will be found somewhere in a Trump Administration but not nearly so high up as could well have been the case.

One of the things I liked last week was when Trump had dinner with his family and refused to let a press person accompany them. Traditionally, a pool reporter goes everywhere with the president, so he can report any tragedy, like an assassination or maybe an overcooked filet. I hope he keeps it up. Even in the highest office in the land, Trump — and all presidents — have a right to a private life.

That same week reporters were camped out at Trump Tower, so they could tweet to us who was seen entering or departing, someone who might be in the cabinet. In addition to the obvious, they reported Ivanka and Eric Trump had entered. Duh! Then they reported that Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner had been suggested for clearance to read classified papers. Imagine. Geez, what if Trump wants to appoint him Attorney General? Oh well, we've already seen that sort of nepotism when Jack gave the job to Bobby.

Finally, the Veepelect goes to see a Broadway show with relatives and not only gets booed by the so-called sophisticates who pay hundreds or thousands for these tickets, but then has to put up with a political lecture from the cast. This kind of silliness needs to come to a halt. Yes, people have freedom of speech, but the election is over. Whether or not we supported the Trump/Pence team, they will lead our nation for the next four years. It's a bit like a piece I saw on Facebook this week: Not hoping for the best with Trump is like not hoping the best for the pilot of a plane we're all flying on. Give the man a chance! We want our President, whoever that may be, to be as successful as possible in leading our nation. Maybe if we all did our share in bringing that about, we could reach that noble goal.

LETTERS POLICY



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Who we aren't... who we are

Let me make this absolutely clear — This is NOT who we are. The xenophobia. The racism and sexism. The homophobia. The sneering anti-intellectualism. This is not who we are — not most of us. In the midst of the justifiable gloom, anger and fear, I implore you to remember this — we are not as bad as people as some make us appear. As I write this, Hillary Clinton leads Donald Trump by nearly two million popular votes and the margin is growing. That doesn't change the Electoral College result but it's a reminder millions more people voted for the candidate who did not, repeat, did NOT spend the last year and a half running a campaign so divisive and ugly it became, deliberately or not, the catalyst for the unleashing of a seething bigotry which has been simmering just below the surface of our culture than those who did vote for the looming disaster we now have as President-elect.

Think about this — despite the spike in reported incidents of suspected hate crimes and similar despicable behavior across the country, behavior which Trump has repeatedly failed to forcefully condemn aside from once on 60 Minutes, more of us than not said loud and clear that's not who we are. Not by a longshot.

JOURNEY OF THE HEART
JERRY CARTON



Yes, the other side holds the power in Washington — yes the President-elect nominated a prospective Attorney General who was once denied a seat on the federal bench by a Republican majority Senate because of his racist views and eagerness to voice that garbage. Senator Sessions once called a white civil rights lawyer "a disgrace to his race." Yes, he really did. Yes the President-elect chose as his national security adviser an extremist who said it's entirely appropriate to fear Muslims and who favors some form of registry for them (side note — how can anyone who says they're a Christian be okay with THAT?) and yes the President-elect, the one with the Orthodox son-in-law, has chosen as his senior adviser a blatant anti-Semite.

But that's them. That's not us.

Remember what I and so, so many others have been saying — yes we need to be vigilant, we need to call out the hate crimes and when people post on our social media platforms defending nominees like Jeff Sessions, we need to call those people out too. We need to make them feel uncomfortable in their smugness. We need, I have been reminded by someone who has worked on the Hill, to bombard Senators and congresspeople with phone calls. Texts and emails can be ignored easily, I was told, but phone calls not so easily. And we need to do what I've been preaching over and over. Get involved. Volunteer at school (and pay attention to whether they're actually teaching diversity and actively combating bullying as opposed to merely talking about doing so) or your local animal shelter (they're always looking for passionate, committed help), or a soup kitchen. Coach hoops. Stay in close touch with your local representatives.

It would be easy to get discouraged. As more appointments are made, as it becomes more and more evident Washington will be an anti-American capital, either ignorant of, oblivious to, or hostile towards our fundamental values of decency and inclusion,

they're counting on us to shrivel up and go away, cowed into submission by their bellowing extremism. Don't let that happen. To be sure, we're outnumbered on the federal level but not out here — not in the cities and towns and neighborhoods. Will there be dark days, days of despair and rage and hopelessness? Yes. No question. But we can't let those moments deter us from being pro-active. If we do, we're letting the voices and forces of division and ugliness win and again, that's not who we are.

Immediately after the election, I read a great many letters written to distraught daughters, many of which were stirring and moving. I didn't write one to mine. But I did tell Courtney about Dr. King's reminder that the arc of justice is long. As with most things, he was, of course right. Reach out and make the small difference you can whenever and wherever you can. And remember this — the racism and anti-Semitism, the bigotry, the conscious efforts to promote division — that's not us. More of us voted against that than voted for it and THAT my friends, is the real indicator of who we are. Keep up the good fight. See you next week.

Town contemplates change to LED streetlights

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The town is one step closer to swapping out all traditional style street lights to technologically newer and more cost efficient light-emitting diode style bulbs to provide the town with significant long term annual utility costs savings.

DPW Superintendent Al Gallant was pleased to say, “The town has saved the cost of having to purchase the old street lights from National Grid as they waived the cost, and this provided the town with a cost savings of \$33,000. As the original conversion project cost was projected to be \$250,000 and we no longer have to pay National Grid for the lights, our current future project cost is looking more like \$217,000. I would like to try to get it all the way down to \$200K.”

The project would be contingent upon receiving voter approval at an annual town meeting once approved by the selectmen.

Gallant explained town legal council is going through paperwork and reviewing it to make sure the process is, and would be done properly. Once approved and signed the town will use the procurement process, go to bid for both buying the lights and having them installed. The lights and installment could either be done by two different companies, or the

same company, depending on the bids.

Potential cost savings could include entering in to an agreement with a community with its own municipal light plant, to both remove and install the new lights.

Gallant said, “An agreement such as this would benefit the town because when working with another municipality, you don’t have to go out to bid, it’s just one town working with another. You would just find the one which is the best deal for the town, and you don’t have to go through the procurement process.”

The Planning Board will be in charge of things such the lights luminosity, the look of the light, and so on.

Gallant said, “The bread and butter of our street lights in town, the good majority of them, are 50 watts. The lights in the center of the business district and Central Street are 400 watts for increased illumination.”

Gallant pointed out, “Last year the town spent about \$58,000 on municipal lighting. Here is the key. If we go LED on the lights currently lighted and in use at this time, we should be able to go from that \$58,000 all the way down to about \$15,000 annually. If I take the money that is budgeted for electricity right now, the potential cost to purchase and install the new lights will be paid in five to six years. After it is paid for, the

town then could decide if they want to light up more lights, keep it the same, or do whatever.”

The annual projected cost savings are almost 75 percent.

A count of all town street lights was requested. According to a DPW report, there are currently 566 street lights listed in Winchendon. Of those currently in service 69 are 50 watt bulbs, 72 are 100 watt, 51 are 250, and just 15 are 400 watts located in the business district for a total of 207 currently in municipal service. The majority of bulbs listed as “temporarily turned off” are of the 50 watts variety. A total of 359 of the 566 are currently listed as “temporarily turned off” meaning 63 percent of all street lights in Winchendon are currently not illuminated leaving many residents and streets in the dark in an effort to save costs.

Once the future LED conversion project is paid off, the town could conceivably choose to better illuminate more streets and still come in well under the current annual operational cost.

Gallant added, “My goal is to keep budgeting the electric costs for the next five to six years at the current \$58,000 and as the new bulbs will cost \$15K to run annually, the money left over will pay the project cost. I emphasize that the money left over that is saved would be used explicitly to pay off the project cost.”

SHOP

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20 percent off jewelry.

TEHO clerk Dodie Ducharme remembers in the ‘60s when people shopped at the Mom ‘n’ Pop stores on Thursdays.

“There weren’t any malls back then,” Ducharme said.

Employees and store owners commented on incentives they are having.

Crafty Cauldron, store eight

Newly opened Crafty Cauldron, store number eight on the map, at 91 Central St. will offer 15 percent off the total purchase. On a \$20 purchase, that would amount to \$3.50.

Co-owner Janet Lee said people should support the business on Shop Local because they are small.

And co-owner Rebecca Robillard said by shopping local, it brings more business to the community and away from “the Big Box stores.”

The consignment store, Second Impressions, number four on the map, which opened in 2004, will be giving 15 percent off the total purchase.

Co-manager Jamie Oakley said Shop Local supports the small business owner rather than the large corporation.

It also participates in a program, Community Closet, giving back to the community.

A portion of profits goes back into the community, whether it is to the Dexter family after the Route

140 crash, children in need, or food baskets for the police and fire departments.

Jennifer Nelson, a customer who also donates items, moved to town from Leominster in 1998 and noticed that Central Street was mostly vacant.

“There were several empty storefronts the whole of Central Street,” Nelson said. “It’s nice to see stores filling up.”

The store features clothing, shoes, home décor, furniture, household items, Christmas decorations, and infants. Oakley said “one man’s junk is another man’s treasure.”

Belletetes, store six on the map, has its own brochure, just for Shop Local. The hardware and lumber chain based out of Jaffrey has been a fixture in Winchendon for many years.

Customer service representative Abner Morales said the sale is on seasonal items, such as gifts and power tools. A DeWalt 20V drill driver kit is regularly priced at \$159.99, and it will be on sale for \$109.99. Customers can also receive a free 20V battery with the purchase of a 60V FlexVolt Max table saw kit for \$499, Morales explained.

Morales said they have better pricing than their competitors. Belletetes also, in addition to Winchendon and the flagship Jaffrey store, locations in Peterborough, and Nashua, NH.

Customer service rep

Andrew Brewer asked why should customers spend time and money on gas when they can have the small town feel of the only hardware store in town? Brewer said Belletetes is selling seasonal items, such as snowblowers, gloves, shovels, de-icer, ice melt, and for fall, rakes, leaf bags, and window insulator kits.

Just up the street and across the road is Not Just Produced, store three on the guide. A local version of Trader Joe’s that just opened on July 13, the store sells healthier and organic food.

Owner Beth Hunt said she is offering 20 percent off most days for the day. Ninety-five percent of her winter product line comes from New England. Hunt said she opened the business since the town lacked a local product line on Central Street.

“There’s 35 local artisans in here,” Hunt said. “There’s a lot of talent in the community, but no place to put it. I want to help local farmers pay for their seed.”

Hunt said people should Shop Local to keep the community going.

“You can support each other all you want, but if you do not bring business to town, what is the point?” Hunt asked.

Out on Gardner Road is store #14, DeeDee’s Treasures. The craft and vendor gift shop will have an open house Saturday, featuring free coffee. Owner Denise

“DeeDee” Dopkant Hill will start 12-hour days on Black Friday Monday through Saturday through Dec. 23.

Hill said people should Shop Local since small businesses provide 55 percent of American jobs.

In addition to these, other sites include: Hometown Café, store one, will feature free coffee or tea; Holistic Mystic, store two, will have 20 percent off any service; the Town Barber Shop, store five, will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A Better Tomorrow, store seven, will give out a free cat toy; Subway, store 10, will offer a free six-inch sub with the purchase of \$25 worth of gift cards; Pattie’s Jewelry, store 11, will be closed Nov. 26 but offer a coupon for the following weekend, Dec. 3-4; Daisy Dukes, store thirteen, will have free tanning or hydro-session/purchase a gift certificate and receive a coupon for another free session; and Smith’s Country Cheese, store 13, will sell Mac n’ Cheese kits for \$10.

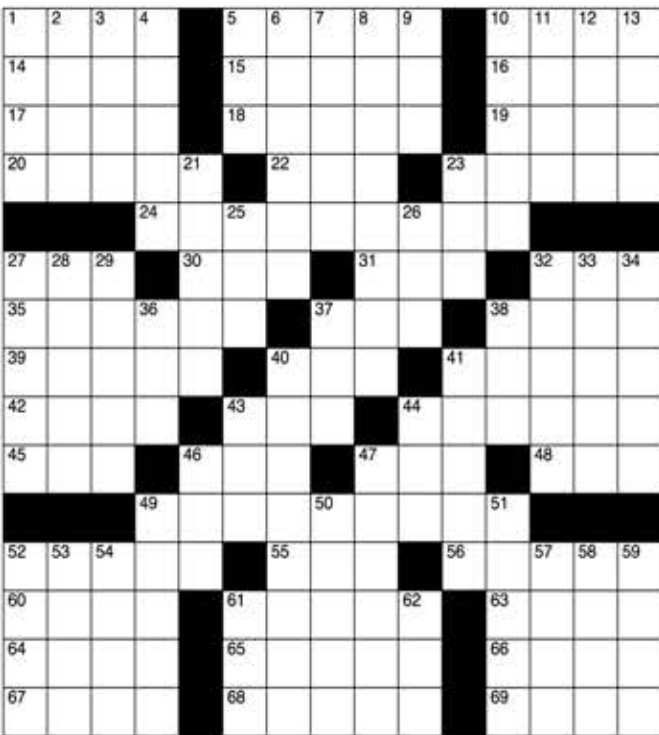
Once the small businesses are visited, the smart shopper will take a trip back to the auditorium to turn in the stamped card and see if they are able to win the basket of items donated for the day by local businesses. Visit the smaller vendors and craftspeople who have set up the one day pop-up stores in the auditorium for one of a kind and unique gift items for special people on your lists.

FIREFIGHTERS TO THE RESCUE



Courtesy photo

Kiwanis of Winchendon backpack coordinator Jennifer Haddad with Fire Chief Tom Smith and the donation by the Winchendon Firefighters’ Relief Association to that program. The Winchendon Firefighters Relief Association donated a greatly appreciated food donation for the program, which provides weekend food for Toy Town Elementary students.



CLUES ACROSS

- Sensitivity
- Greek island
- Up to the time of
- Wife
- Composer Ned
- Edging to street path (Brit.)
- Lose energy
- Biblical parable
- Celery (Spanish)
- Arm bones
- Japanese family emblem
- Customary practice
- Acceptance
- Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
- Cool
- Indian state
- Young boy or girl
- Astronomy unit
- Confederate soldier
- Famed German composer
- Alternate name
- Used to pave driveways

- Artery
- Type of powder
- Inquire too closely
- Northern Ireland
- Connects two points at right angles
- Hot drink
- A newt
- Engine additive
- Wealthy Connecticut town
- Not invited or requested
- Embrace
- Spiritual leader
- Wild or sweet cherry
- Day, actress
- Daughter of Ion
- Recline
- Type of acid
- City in Utah
- Lazily
- Music term
- Divulge a secret

CLUES DOWN

- Short skirt worn by ballerinas
- Between leaf stalk and stem
- Popular in Nebraska
- Dessert
- Cognitive retention therapy
- Wandered
- Mistake
- Adolescent
- Medical term
- Russian tsar’s edict
- Type genus of the Nepidae
- High school math class
- Double-reed instrument
- Painful places on the body
- Fiddler crabs
- Resinous substance
- Person of wealth (Brit.)
- Series
- North American plant
- Warble
- Pastries

- Group of eight
- Twyla __, dancer
- Pouch
- Singer Charles
- Cattle genus
- Eye infection
- Where couples go to marry
- Long bench with backs
- Unrestricted free agent
- __ Talks
- Causal agent
- Nincompoop
- Relating to the aura
- Person of conspicuous wealth
- Type of mottled fruit
- Essential
- Fertility god
- Folk singer Ives
- La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Foot
- Digital audiotape
- Drunk



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Police Log

Winchendon Police Department

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:46-2:12 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:39 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 5:33 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 5:45 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 5:55 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 6:13 a.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) written warning; 6:39 a.m.: burglar alarm (Veterans' Cemetery) accidental; 8:35 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Central Street) false alarm; 10:26 a.m.: assist other PD (Gardner Road) assisted; 10:40 a.m.: VIN inspection (Spruce Street) assisted; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Veterans Cemetery) services rendered; 11:38 a.m.: summons service (Spring Street) unable to serve; 11:54 a.m.: larceny (Irving gas) summons: Tien To, age 38 of 4 Claire Ave., Baldwinville: larceny over \$250; 12:48 p.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street) assisted; 2:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Gardner Road) assisted; 2:29 p.m.: brush fire (Maple Street) extinguished; 3:34 p.m.: suspicious MV (bike path) unable to locate; 4:50 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Pleasant Street) accidental; 5:09 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:06 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:06 p.m.: notification (Hale Street) message delivered; 7:48 p.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 9:29 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 9:43 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 10:25 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) written warning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:04 a.m.: suspicious MV (Central Street) spoken to; 12:14 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 12:27 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 1:11-3:03 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 5:47 a.m.: disabled MV (East Street) info taken; 5:53 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6 a.m.: suspicious MV (Baldwinville State Road) secure; 6:05 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 6:22 a.m.: lift assist (Pine Street) assisted; 6:48 a.m.: lift assist (Pine Street) assisted; 7:38 a.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street) served; 9:47 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) services rendered; 10:59 a.m.: investigation (Rite Aid) spoken to; 11:40 a.m.: larceny (Webster Street) report taken; 12:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street) assisted; 1:05 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street) served; 1:30 p.m.: suspicious other (Brooks Road) assisted; 1:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street) no PD service required; 1:40 p.m.: larceny (Brown Street) call canceled; 3:05 p.m.: lift assist (Spring Street) services rendered; 3:35 p.m.:

illegal dumping (Hospital Drive) report taken; 3:41 p.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) verbal warning; 4:17 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 4:44 p.m.: FD call (Hyde Street) services rendered; 5:36 p.m.: ambulance (Brooks Road) transport; 5:42 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 5:56 p.m.: burglar alarm (Royalston Road North) false alarm; 6:50 p.m.: suspicious other (Pleasant Street) unable to locate; 7:10 p.m.: power outage (Hyde Park Drive) refer to other agency; 7:15 p.m.: suspicious other (Lake Denison) dispersed gathering; 7:38 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 8:23 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) transport; 8:44 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) written warning; 9:15 p.m.: registration check (Glenallan Street) no PD service required.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:08 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 12:20-3:50 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 5:47 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 5:55 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:05 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:17 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:48 a.m.: arrest (Irving Gas) no further info provided; 8:43 a.m.: burglar alarm (Winchendon Furniture) false alarm; 8:49 a.m.: assist citizen (Ash Street) report taken; 8:56 a.m.: investigation (Webster Street) report taken; 10:26 a.m.: attempt to locate (School Street) report taken; 10:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street) info taken; 11:07 a.m.: assist citizen (North Street) message delivered; 11:10 a.m.: animal complaint (West Shore Drive) refer to other PD; 11:40 a.m.: assist other agency (Lakeshore Drive) assisted; 2:15 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 3 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) spoken to; 3:38 p.m.: investigation (Woodlawn Street) unable to locate; 3:45 p.m.: investigation (River Street) unable to locate; 3:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Cedar Terrace) no PD service required; 4:29 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 5:04 p.m.: burglar alarm (MH Parks) call canceled; 5:10 p.m.: traffic hazard (School Street) secure; 5:22 p.m.: harassment order service (Old Gardner Road) served; 5:58 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 6:33 p.m.: parking violation (Central Street) traffic citation; 6:53 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 7:11 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 7:12 p.m.: investigation (School Street) unable to locate; 7:20 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive) unable to locate; 7:50 p.m.: general info (Candy Lane) property seized; 7:52 p.m.: officer wanted (walk in) spoken to; 7:58 p.m.: MV stop (Russell Farm Road) spoken to; 8:13 p.m.: threats (Doyle Avenue) report taken; 8:42 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 11:21 p.m.: building check, secure.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:05-1:14 a.m.: building checks,

secure; 5:44 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:05 a.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road) transport; 9:37 a.m.: summons service (Old Murdock) served; 9:46 a.m.: general info (Central Street) report taken; 10:13 a.m.: assist citizen (Old Gardner Road) spoken to; 10:50 a.m.: property found (Jackson Avenue) info taken; 11:04 a.m.: investigation (Webster Street) spoken to; 12:59 p.m.: harassment order service (Royalston Road North) 209A served to defendant; 2:24 p.m.: property lost (Goodrich Drive) refer to other PD; 2:50 p.m.: property lost (Murdock High School) info taken; 2:53 p.m.: fire alarm (Winchendon Furniture) accidental; 3:17 p.m.: MV operating erratically (East Street) gone on arrival; 3:18 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 3:37 p.m.: extra patrols (Front Street) spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street) refer to ACO; 4:12 p.m.: suspicious person (Elm Street) unable to locate; 4:46 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) refer to other agency; 5:52 p.m.: gunshots heard (Vaine Street) gone on arrival; 6:17 p.m.: suspicious other (School Street) report taken; 7:32 p.m.: investigation (School Street) unable to locate; 7:53 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) info taken; 7:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street) assisted; 8:06 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 8:28 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Street) written warning; 8:48 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 9:28 p.m.: suspicious MV (Lake Denison) spoken to; 11:05 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street) services rendered; 11:40-11:42 p.m.: building checks, secure.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:12 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:32-4:14 a.m.: building checks & extra patrols, secure; 2:09 a.m.: ambulance (Court Street) transport; 5:26 a.m.: disabled MV (River Street) services rendered; 5:40 a.m.: accident (Goodrich Street) services rendered; 5:49 a.m.: suspicious person (Beech Street) transport; 5:53 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) removed traffic hazard; 6:50 a.m.: property found (Alger Street) assisted; 8:10 a.m.: noise complaint (Maynard Street) spoken to; 9:07 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (River Street) false alarm; 10:46 a.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Pub) false alarm; 10:52 a.m.: investigation (Webster Street) spoken to; 12:29 p.m.: accident (High Street) report taken; 1:43 p.m.: general info (walk in) info taken; 2:27 p.m.: investigation (School Street) unable to locate; 2:52 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 3:02 p.m.: ambulance (Robbins Road) accidental; 4:20 p.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) info taken; 4:22 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 5:17 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mellen Road) unfounded; 6:13 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) services rendered; 6:16 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 6:30 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) services rendered; 6:44 p.m.: officer wanted

(Pleasant Street) spoken to; 10:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Front Street) no PD service required; 11:36-11:57 p.m.: building checks, secure.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:26-5:02 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:38 a.m.: MV stop (School Street) verbal warning; 1:42 a.m.: suspicious other (Rice Road) returned to home; 1:44 a.m.: ambulance (West Shore Road) transport; 10:48 a.m.: animal complaint (School Street) refer to ACO; 11:32 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Jackson Avenue) false alarm; 11:48 a.m.: ambulance (Center Lane) transport; 11:52 a.m.: larceny (walk in) refer to other PD; 12:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Y) unfounded; 12:57 p.m.: threats (Central Street) report taken; 1:01 p.m.: investigation (Town Farm Road) no PD service required; 1:39 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lincoln Avenue) report taken; 2:07 p.m.: ambulance (Grove Street) transport; 2:26 p.m.: investigation (Spruce Street) spoken to; 2:31 p.m.: investigation (Oak Street) no PD service required; 2:40 p.m.: FD call (Morse Avenue) no FD service required; 3:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street) spoken to; 3:28 p.m.: illegal dumping (West Street) removed traffic hazard; 5:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street) spoken to; 6:57 p.m.: suspicious other (Gardner Road) unfounded; 7 p.m.: officer wanted (Western Avenue) no PD service required; 1:39 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Juniper Street) spoken to; 9:37 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) services rendered; 9:57 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) transport.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:02 a.m.: missing person (School Street) summons: Addison Leo Seigny, age 28 of 677 School St., Winchendon: concealing or harboring fleeing child; 1 a.m.: suspicious MV (Town Farm Road) info taken; 1:32 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 2:27 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street) transport; 2:51-3:13 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:30 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) report taken; 4:41 a.m.: burglar alarm (Elmwood Road) accidental; 5:05 a.m.: burglar alarm (School Street) secure; 7:20 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock High School) false alarm; 9:59 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) refer to ACO; 10:56 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street) assisted; 1:38 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street) arrest: Christopher J. Martin, age 38 of 9 Brown Ave., Winchendon: domestic A&B; 3:40 p.m.: keep the peace (Glenallan Street) assisted; 3:53 p.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken; 6:11 p.m.: general juvenile (GFA) area search negative; 6:31 p.m.: 911 hang up (Hale Street) no cause for complaint; 6:48 p.m.: assault (Pearl Drive) report taken; 6:57 p.m.: dog bite (Lakeshore Drive) report taken; 8:40 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive) report taken; 11:28 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) transport.

Engine failure ignites car fire

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Kenneth John Couch, of 10 Town Farm Road, Winchendon, was driving along Route 140 Monday when a fire broke out in his Jeep's engine compartment.

Fire Chief Tom Smith said although the incident remains under investigation, the origin was in the engine at 7:15 a.m.

A 911 caller reported the car fire when the caller saw the Jeep off Gardner Road and Couch outside of it. Couch was not injured, Smith said.

The Jeep was fully engulfed when the Fire Department arrived a few minutes later at 7:23 a.m.

Smith said the fire was extinguished by 7:30 a.m. by three firefighters in Engine 3.

Local and State Police responded. The scene cleared by 7:55 a.m.

Brooks Automotive towed the Jeep and now is housing it.



The fire was fully engulfed upon arrival on Gardner Road Monday.



Firefighters in Engine 3 extinguished the fire in seven minutes.

Car crash caused by split coffee or texting?

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Eric Reguera was cited for negligent operation after he told police that he spilled coffee when his green 1999 Dodge Ram pick-up hit a utility pole on Friday.

Neighbor Nicole Charette was taking her dogs out when she saw Reguera allegedly speeding down the corner of Winter and Goodrich streets, and he told her he was texting when he hit the pole at 5:45 a.m. Friday.

However, he told Lt. Kevin Wolski a different turn of events.

"He was traveling north on Goodrich Street when his coffee thermos fell out of his cup holder," Wolski wrote in an email. "He reached down to pick it up, took his eyes off

the road and hit the pole."

Wolski said the pole split in half, and the pick-up had front-end damage.

Reguera could not be reached for comment to tell his side of the story.

National Grid arrived on scene at 7:09 a.m.

Neighbor Nicole LeBlanc St. Pierre said they worked half the day to repair the pole damage. She said if the accident happened a little sooner, her family car would have been hit, too. Her husband Shawn witnessed the accident from the window and said sparks shot everywhere on impact.

Police used both a car and cones to block off both streets; once the investigation was completed and police cleared at 6:37 a.m., the Department

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OBITUARIES

Dianne (Snow) Brennan, 84

WEST DENNIS — Dianne (Snow) Brennan passed away peacefully on Nov. 16, 2016. She was the loving wife of John F. Brennan.



Dianne was born June 30, 1932 to Marguerite (Sawyer) and Richard Snow in Boston. She spent her childhood years in Winchendon and graduated as valedictorian from Dean Academy, Franklin in 1949. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Skidmore College in 1953. After college, she lived in Manhattan and worked as a writer for Harper's Bazaar, where she was a guest editor, and House & Garden magazines.

While at Skidmore College, she met John "Jack" Brennan, who was attending Williams College. Jack & Dianne were married in October 1958 in Winchendon and in the following years they had five children and lived in Boston, the Lake District of England, Oak Ridge and Knoxville TN, Saratoga Springs, NY, and Cape Cod. Over the years Jack & Dianne traveled all over the United States, the Caribbean, and the world from England and Ireland through all of Europe, to China, India, Australia and the Middle East.

Dianne was a lover of the arts, served on the board of the Oak Ridge Arts Council, was an avid and talented painter, loved going to musicals and symphonies, and loved to sing and play the piano. She was an accomplished stage actor starring in several local plays in

Oak Ridge and later in the Cape Cod film Joe & Joe, in which she played Rose.

She loved to cook wonderful meals for friends and family, creating dishes from all over the world. She was an open-hearted hostess who loved to welcome guests to her home. She loved gardening and nature, and every year would plant and care for a huge vegetable garden in Tennessee. She also knew all the Latin names of all the flowers in her beautiful gardens at her lovely home, Ambleside, in West Dennis on Cape Cod, and shared her love of gardening with her children and grandchildren.

Most of all, Dianne was a loving soul who would give generously of her time and herself to anyone who needed help.

Dianne is survived by her husband John ("Jack") Brennan, her sister Elise (Snow) Aston, her five children, Kevin Brennan, Tracy Brennan, Kerry Wall, Sean Brennan, and Shannon Olrich, and her nine grandchildren, Colin, Ian, Conor, Jack, Liam, Brennan, Finnegan, Will and Eliza.

The funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 at St. Pius X Church in South Yarmouth, followed by a burial ceremony at the Massachusetts National Cemetery.

The Brennan Family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Wingate (formerly Epoch) of Brewster for their care of Dianne.

Hallett Funeral Home, 273 Station Ave., South Yarmouth, MA 02664 was entrusted with arrangements.

NEWPORT BEACH CA — Brandon Michael Hauser, age 19 of Newport Beach, died in a car accident Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016.



He graduated high school in 2015 from the Winchendon Preparatory School in Massachusetts and begun classes at Texas Christian University in 2016. In summer 2016, he began full-time work as a sound engineer, producing a wide range of music, including hip-hop, house, and rock. Brandon was also a semi-professional photographer, having sold some of his beautiful landscape images. He also volunteered at Our Lady Queen of Angels School as an instructional assistant.

Born Feb. 5, 1997, in Irvine, Brandon was the son of Douglas Joseph and Karen Lee Hauser of Newport Beach. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Douglas Joseph Hauser II at the University of Southern California and Christopher Matthew Hauser at

Southern Methodist University; his grandmother, Barbara Waterman of Wimberly TX; his aunts, Bonnie Savard and husband, Dan of Phoenix and Sherri Cline and husband, Ken of Wimberly; his uncles, Marshall Eichenauer Jr. and wife, Teri of Laguna Beach and Douglas Eichenauer of Laguna Beach; his cousins, Elizabeth Little and husband, Andrew of Manhattan Beach, Sarah Eichenauer of Laguna Beach, Ashley Eichenauer at University of California, Los Angeles, Marshall Eichenauer, III at Laguna Beach High School, Isabella Cline of Wimberly; and many members of his extended family, as well as his numerous friends. He is also survived for eternity in the music he created and the photographs he captured.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions be sent in Brandon's name to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in Newport Beach.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday, Nov. 19 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church followed by the burial at Pacific View Memorial Park, both in Newport Beach.

William Patrick McCarthy, 45

WALTHAM — William Patrick McCarthy, of Waltham, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Nov. 13th, 2016 at the age of 45.

Born on July 14, 1971 in Natick; he was the beloved son of John P. McCarthy of Waltham and Linda Emily of Wellesley. Billy was raised in Natick and had spent many years living in Hull, Weymouth and Waltham. A graduate of Natick High School, Billy furthered his education at Northeastern University in Boston.

Billy was employed as a laborer in the

construction industry with the Union Local #560. He had a love of life, always happy go lucky way about him. He had a passion for fishing and occasionally playing the lottery.

In addition to his parents John and Linda, he is survived by his loving brothers Robert McCarthy of Wellesley and Brandon McCarthy of Winchendon.

A memorial gathering in celebration of Billy's life was held in the Mary Catherine Chapel of Brasco & Sons Memorial, 773 Moody St., Waltham on Nov. 19.

Regina A. (Lafond) Whitcomb, 78

FITZWILLIAM — Regina A. (Lafond) Whitcomb, age 78, of 835 NH RT 12 South, died peacefully Saturday morning, Nov. 19, 2016 in Maplewood Nursing Home, Westmoreland, NH with her family at her side.



She was born in Winchendon on June 23, 1938 daughter of the late Richard and Rosanna (Beauvais) Lafond and grew up in Winchendon. For over 46 years, she was a resident of Fitzwilliam.

Regina worked at CR Bard in Fitzwilliam in quality control for 23 years. She enjoyed embroidery, word puzzles, baking and reading. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

Her husband of 39 years, Wendall W. Whitcomb, died in 2005. She leaves two children, Susan Whitcomb of Swanzey, NH and Barbara Goodwin and her

husband Randy of Winchendon; a step-daughter Cheryl Arlen and her husband Darrell of Sullivan, NH; a brother, Robert Lafond and his wife Sandy of Gardner; a sister, Roberta Hannula and her husband Roland of Long Island, NY; her companion of eight years, David Ellis of Fitzwilliam, seven grandchildren, several great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Richard Lafond and a sister, Rose (Lafond) Chicoine, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016 at 1 p.m. in Village Cemetery, Fitzwilliam. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

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

Erna Luhtjarv, 87

WINCHENDON — Erna Luhtjarv, age 87, formerly of 16 Ready Drive, died peacefully Friday morning, Nov. 18, 2016 in The Highlands, Fitchburg, with her family at her side.



She was born in Czernowitz, Romania on Dec. 4, 1928 and immigrated to this country in 1951. She lived in Winchendon for many years and lived in Fitchburg for the last eight years.

Erna worked for many years at Troy Mills until her retirement. She enjoyed singing and especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She leaves six children, Richard Luhtjarv and his wife Joyce of

Fitchburg, Endla Roark and her husband Richard of Winchendon, Silvi Nash and her husband Harry of Irmo, SC, Endel "Jack" Luhtjarv of Winchendon, Roland Luhtjarv and his wife Kimberly of Winchendon and Carl Luhtjarv of Templeton; 14 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. The Rev. F. Calvin Miller officiated.

Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Patients Activities Fund, The Highlands, 335 Nichols Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

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COURIER CAPSULES

A REMEMBRANCE

Honor/Remember special people in your life by purchasing a light on the community tree in the park on Pleasant Street. A contribution of \$5 will purchase one light on the tree while helping to raise funds for a future Anniversary Celebration. Donors will be given the option of having their names published at the completion of the event. Our tree will be lit by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Winchendon History and Cultural Center at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. Indicate how the remembrance should be listed (in memory of, in honor of, or anonymously) and make a check for \$5 each to Winchendon Future Anniversary Celebration, mailed to Barbara Lafrennie, 51 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon 01475.

AUBUCHON REACHES AGREEMENT

Teamsters inked a contract with Westminster based hardware giant Aubuchon Nov. 18 agreeing to wage increases in years two & three but no increase in the first year, and a rise in worker input in health insurance. The agreement also includes a proviso allowing Aubuchon to experiment with outsourcing distribution until November 2017, leaving open some negotiation caveats for any separation of employees resulting from the outsourcing. Both sides were relieved the negotiations were finalized, and Aubuchon president and CEO Will Aubuchon IV expressed that, saying the keyword in the agreement is "testing", leaving the company flexible in its ability to direct its resources.

Shannon George, the Teamsters' principal officer said, "The company

agreed to do its best to avoid layoffs. We're hoping they'll be able to do that. I still have some concerns about losing some jobs to outsourcing."

TEMPLETON PLANS

The Templeton Senior Center is planning to hold an artist meet and greet as it opens a new gallery at its location on Saturday, Dec. 10 beginning at 11 a.m. The newly created space will feature local artists on a rotating basis about every three months.

HOLLY BAZAAR

The United Parish annual Holly Bazaar is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 3 at the church, 39 Front St. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Luncheon will be available 11:30-1:30. Attic treasures, Christmas & Crafts, Nana's Pantry, raffles, and more. Always unique items for gifts!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Cub Scout Pack 193 is planning its annual community family movie night

Friday, Dec. 9 at Memorial Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 6, the move begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but the Scouts will accept donations of non-perishable food items for the CAC food pantry. Bring a blanket, wear your jammies and settle in for a viewing of the classic Home Alone. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and Santa will make a visit after the movie.

BROADVIEW CRAFT FAIR

The annual Broadview craft fair at 547 Central St. is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 3 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa will be visiting from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a children's make your own craft table will be set up 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (free). Come find a great unique gift, have the kids visit the jolly old elf and make a craft. For information call (978) 297-2333.



Nicole Charette photo

Neighbors lined the streets early Friday after a Dodge Ram hit a utility pole.



Tara Vocino photo

Lt. Kevin Wolski said the green 1999 Dodge Ram sustained heavy front-end damage after a crash Friday.

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of Public Works put cones and a barricade at Central and Goodrich streets. All units cleared the scene at 7:14 a.m. and lo, the lights.

The Dodge is being stored at Brooks Automotive.

In addition to this accident, two cars brushed off each other on Friday at the intersection of High and Hale streets.

Fire Capt. Marty Brooks said one car went off into the woods while the other remained on the road at 12:29 p.m.

Brooks said while there were not any injuries to

the drivers, there was a flat tire and a bent tire rod.

Brooks Automotive towed the cars from the scene. The 2004 gray Suzuki has left front end damage while the white 2015 Subaru Forester has right front bumper damage, Brooks said.

The Fire Department was on scene for 11 minutes, according to a police log entry.



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Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (yes that's the Halos' official name) is the best player in baseball. Hardly anyone disputes that. Kris Bryant will have to wait a year or two to be mentioned in the same breath. But being the best player year-in and year-out doesn't mean you're the "most valuable" in any given season. I know — MVP voting is subjective but I'm of those who agree if your team finishes fourth, it's hard to make the argument about being most valuable. Like the Angels couldn't have flopped whether Trout was there or not? I'm not sure the Red Sox make the playoffs and certain-

ly don't win the AL East without Mookie Betts. I guarantee you the O's don't make the playoffs without Zach Britton, who should have won the Cy Young, the opinion of Justin Verlander's girlfriend notwithstanding, with his 47-47 save record. Betts was the MVP for 2016. Maybe he'll someday get to Cooperstown. Who knows? We do know Trout will, barring injury, but for this past year, Betts deserved the MVP honor, as by the way, did Bryant.

The truth, of course, is this — all awards are somewhat subjective. How often have you watched the Oscars or Emmys or Grammys and said "seriously?" Lots, right? There have been years when I've looked at the results of the balloting for Horse of the Year and said, "seriously?" (Yes, Tiznow, 2000 over Lemon Drop Kid, I am in fact talking to you in particular). As for the manager of the year awards, I assume others noticed that one played for the other, Dave Roberts of course

played for Tito Francona in 2004. Maybe you remember?

So yes, to whatever degree popularity does drive awards. That's human nature. We all have favorites. As a kid, my favorite player was a utility outfielder named Russ Snyder who semi-platooned in CF for the O's with the significantly more talented but new-to-the-majors Paul Blair. Maybe it was because Snyder was a left-hander like me? Who knows? My favorite AHL player as a kid was Sandy McGregor, back in the day when Baltimore was a vibrant franchise in an 8-team league. He controlled the puck lefty too. You can guess my favorite golfer has always been Phil but my favorite Bullets was Earl-the-Pearl Monroe who while he wasn't a southpaw, he did pave the way for Dr. J. Favorite football player? Captain Who. That was Alex Hawkins who was one of the first special teams captains some 50-years ago. Hawkins got the moniker because when he'd

join future Hall of Famers John Unitas and Gino Marchetti for the coin toss more than one puzzled ref would supposedly ask, 'captain who'? True story? Who knows? Or cares? In any event and who can remember why, the Hawk was my favorite player.

Granted, Snyder, Sandy and the Hawk were pretty obscure. But it's easy to pick the stars as your favorites. Of all the horses my family has had, my favorite was a cheap gray claimer named Jackson's Turn. She ran at pretty much the bottom of the sport and she basically hated humans, though not the barn goat. But she liked me, I liked her. There we were. Who knows why? I even liked Riva Ridge more than I did Secretariat. All that said, my first favorite tennis player was Chris Evert. That one I can explain. Ha.

We have our favorites. The two greatest movies ever were Annie Hall and St. Elmo's Fire. So there.

MVP voters have their favorites too. So be it. Great year anyway Mookie.

College hoops is off to an entertaining start. Kansas beat Duke in a nailbiter. True, the Dookies had an injury list as long as a Chinese restaurant menu but anytime Coach K loses, it's okay to cheer. In fact you should. Maryland trailed cross-town rival Georgetown by nine on the road with just over a minute left but somehow fought back to win with four freshmen frequently on the floor. Granted these aren't the Patrick Ewing Hoyas but this isn't the Juan Dixon Terp team either. Beating the Thompsons is always fun. It's absurd the schools don't have another regular season game scheduled til '25. Stupid. Dumb. This is on JT Jr. and JT3. They're the ones balking. Nonsense.

Hope you had fun watching the Lions yesterday. See you next week.

Taking down rival 'Gansett tops season

BY BOB POLCARI
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

BALDWINVILLE — The Murdock Middle School football team capped off a 9 and 0 season with a 35-0 victory over the Narragansett Warriors in Baldwinville.

The Warriors won the toss and elected to defer until the second half putting the Mini-Devils on offense to the start the game. Jack Polcari hit Justin Thira with a 22 yard pass to the Warrior 48 yard line on the opening play of the game. After a short run and an incomplete pass, Polcari ripped off a 23 yard run and then Quentin Pridgen capped the drive off with a 20 yard touchdown run. The Mini-Devils ran in the extra point to make it 8-0.

After a short three and out by the Warriors as a result of stops in the backfield by Joey Marobella and Izayah Alcantara on the first down and Riley Kimball on the second down the Devils started their second drive at the 50 yard line. Two plays later, Corey Fasulo ran it in from 36 yards out and kicked the extra point to make the score Murdock 15, Narragansett 0.

The Warriors were able to pass for a first down on their next series but one play later Alcantara stripped the ball from the Narragansett running back and Marobella recovered the ball for

Murdock. On the ensuing play, Thira raced in from 40 yards for what looked like the third touchdown of the evening but it was brought back due to a holding call. Later in the drive on a fourth and two from the Warrior 22 yard line, Polcari beat the defense around the left side for a touchdown but the Devils were unsuccessful on the extra point kick increasing the lead to 21-0.

The ensuing drive by the Warriors ended when Pridgen leaped up to make a one hand interception.

After a turnover on downs by the Mini-Devils, Pridgen was right back at making his second interception of the game at the Warrior 22 yard line and returning it for a touchdown. Richard Anderson converted the extra point catching a pass to make it 29-0 Murdock at half time.

After a Warrior turnover on downs to start the second half, the Devils would add their final touchdown of the evening on a 10 yard scramble by Polcari from the Narragansett 10 yard line. The extra point pass was not successful making the score Murdock 35 and Narragansett 0.

The remainder of the game, the teams traded possession with neither team scoring.

The victory caps off an undefeated season for the middle school team with



Courtesy photo

Murdock Middle School football team celebrates undefeated 9-0 season! Players include (left-to-right) 6th graders front row Donovan Campbell, Willie Pridgen, Calvin Tenney, Jayden Pridgen, John Dansin and JR Nicolson, 7th graders middle row Ethan Girouard, Deaclan Marmanidis, Izayah Alcantara, Quentin Pridgen, Kevin Pesce, Nick Bond and Dom Iannacone, 8th graders back row Cam Monette, Joey Marobella, Richard Anderson, Corey Fasulo, Jack Polcari, Riley Kimball, Justin Thira, Eric Hogan, Payton Smith and Nick Donahue

victories over Mahar, Mohawk Trail, Athol, Clinton, Eaglebrook, Millbury, Uxbridge and two against Narragansett. The Mini-Devils outscored their opponents 306 to 68 over the nine game season and did not surrender a first half point for the entire season.

(Courier correspondent Chris Martin contributed to this story)

AUDIT

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At a recent special town meeting, voters approved using \$140,000 in free cash for improvements to Beals Memorial Library, while \$200,000 has been committed to other items in the current fiscal year's budget. As a result, about \$60,000 remains in free cash.

Voters at the Nov. 14 town meeting turned aside a proposal to use \$55,000 in free cash to pay old school department bills.

Hickey said school business manager Richard Ikonen is still examining the department's books, and hopes to have everything reconciled by the end of the year. Ikonen took the job in July, replacing The Management Solution (TMS), an accounting firm that did the job of business manager for about two years.

"TMS did absolutely nobody any favors in this community," said Hickey. "They did not do a good job with the school budget. Rich is bringing positive change and having a positive impact on the schools and the community. He's making sure financial records are properly maintained. That wasn't the case before he arrived. Some decisions were being made based on incorrect financial information."

Hickey credited much of the progress made in town finances to better communication.

"There is much better communication between the citizens, the town, and the school," he said. "If an issue arises, we talk about, we look at ways to address it. Nothing is left unresolved."

HEALTH

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ing health concerns in Winchendon. We talk to people at screenings like these — at events like health and wellness fairs. We've talked to local organizations like the Council on Aging and the Community Action Center. So we're asking Sen. Gobi and Rep. Zlotnik to ask the legislature to help out."

"Winchendon has about a 22-percent poverty rate," she claimed.

Cerone said it would be nice, too, if MART expanded its service but conceded that was unlikely. Nonetheless, "we're going to continue to advocate for people here whose transportation issues shouldn't be ignored and need attention," she stressed.

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MANUEL ATTENDING UMASS LOWELL



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Murdock senior Jordan Manuel, who has set numerous records during his distinguished high school track career, signs his letter to attend UMass Lowell. Manuel is joined by head coach Anthony Findley, his parents Randy and Betsy, athletic director Jenna Whitaker and assistant track coach Dick Karvonen.



BIG ON BIGELOW

Morgan St. Pierre photo

NBA star Bob Bigelow was in Winchendon last weekend to help future Murdock stars with basketball skills.

Winchendon setting CDBG priorities

WINCHENDON — The Community Economic Development Steering Committee is currently taking steps to determine what projects should be funded by cash it may receive during the next round of Community Development Block Grant funding. Development Director Tracy Murphy says the Toy Town's take should be close to \$560,000.

Murphy said much of the cash will likely be committed to infrastructure improvements.

"The steering committee feels the reconstruction of Chestnut Street should be a priority," she says. "We could also spend some of the money on a couple of housing rehab projects."

Murphy said housing projects are generally aimed at bringing properties up to code, adding that upgrades to sep-

tic systems is among the work that can be paid for through the grants.

"That brings them into compliance with Title V — brings them in line with state requirements."

The deadline for submitting applications for the next round of Community Development Block Grants is March 10 of next year. The steering committee can make suggestions about which projects should take priority, but the final decision is up to selectmen. The first public hearing on projects nominated for funding is set for Monday, Dec. 19.

Murphy said the town may seek CDBG funding for improvements to Beech Street in fiscal year 2018.

"Even if we used a whole grant, it wouldn't cover all the work that needs to be done to Beech Street," says Murphy.

"We'd have to combine it with monies from the federal Complete Streets program and other funding sources."

Overall, Beech Street would require less work than Walnut and Chestnut streets but the cost would be higher because of the length of Beech Street.

Work on Walnut Street will get underway early next year. Money for the project was obtained under a grant jointly applied for by the towns of Winchendon and Ashby. Due to differences in the population of the two towns, the \$1 million grant award was split proportionally, with 65 percent going to Winchendon and 35 percent going to Ashby.

In addition to resurfacing, Walnut and Chestnut streets will see improvements made to sidewalks, drainage, and water and sewer systems. A bike lane

will likely be added to both streets. Murphy said work on Beech would cover mainly subsurface and drainage improvements.

Murphy said partnering incentives for grant awards have been removed.

"That's what happened last year," says Murphy, "We boosted our chances of receiving funding by applying with Ashby. This year we'll be applying on our own."

The state Community Development Block Grant program is funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. They are targeted to smaller cities and towns that don't receive CDBG funding directly from the federal government.

Road work in town gets unexpected boon

WINCHENDON — The town will soon be utilizing some high-tech gadgetry to determine which roads in town are in the most dire need of improvement. Public Works Director Al Gallant said the town is taking some innovative steps to determine which roads need the most attention and how soon.

The town will be entering into a contract with Burlington, Massachusetts-based StreetScan, a company that utilizes ground-penetrating radar sensors to "paint a picture" of both the road surface and subsurface. The radar penetrates the surface down to

about 18 inches. The system was developed at Northeastern University in Boston.

"The system helps assess the health of local roads," said Gallant. "The high-tech sensors will be used to produce a list of the ten worst roads in town. It takes the politics out of the process."

The town will use about \$38,000 in state Chapter 90 funding to pay for the high-tech inventory, according to Gallant.

Meanwhile, Gallant informed selectmen Monday night that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has contacted him regarding

the possibility of improvements being made to Route 202 between the Baldwinville line and Main Street. The cost of the project, covering 3.1 miles, is nearly \$1.6 million, which is less than an original estimate of \$2.3 million.

"It's not definite it will happen," Gallant said, "but it's looking positive."

Gallant said plans initially included a bike lane and the addition of a sidewalk, "but there's a finite amount of dollars to spend on this road. The state could probably do the bike path, but not the sidewalk."

"Al and I feel it's worthwhile forgoing the sidewalk

to include the bike lane," said Town Manager Keith Hickey. "The work would happen sometime between May and October (of 2017). But it wouldn't take all five months."

Barbara Anderson, chairman of the board of selectmen, asked if the work would disrupt summer campers at Lake Dennison.

"The work wouldn't take that long," said Gallant. "It really wouldn't intrude on campers."

Gallant said that stretch of Rte. 202 hasn't been resurfaced since 1994.

"I will tell you that insisting on a sidewalk would effectively kill the proposal," he said.

"Even though (Route 202) isn't in terrible shape it really can use some work."

Selectmen voted 4-0 to support the project. Board member Mike Barbaro was unable to attend the meeting.

Another project in the works is the resurfacing of Route 140 between Teel Road and the intersection with Route 12.

"They're going to grind, recoat, and restripe," Gallant said. "The cost is around \$1 million. We are requesting that entire stretch to have no passing zones because of the number and severity of accidents out there. The project goes out to bid in January."

A crisp fall day at the farm



PHILLIPSTON — The annual fall fest at Red Apple Farm brought the crowds out in droves last weekend. A great destination for families, the day includes craft vendors, live music, hay bale chucking (somewhat safer than pumpkin chucking), games, live animals and of course, the orchards, the food and the produce. In the collage of photos you will find, on sale at an organic produce stand, just how Brussels sprouts actually grow, how goats play king of the mountain, and little girls play crowded house on top of carved bears....



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CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

TOYS FOR SANTA: annual toy collection by the Winchendon Unitarian Universalist Church, 128 Central St. from noon to 4 p.m. Toys can be dropped off in the circular drive all afternoon. Help local kids have a better holiday!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SHOP LOCAL: local merchants will all have great sales and deals today plus, once you've shopped stop at Winchendon town hall auditorium for the vendor fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. More than 20 vendors have registered. Think big, shop small on Small Business Saturday!

SKATE CLUB

Winchendon Skate Club invites all ice skaters to join our club. We skate from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Winchendon School on Ash Street. The 2016-17 season is right around the corner. The Winchendon Skate Club provides educational lessons that teach proper techniques. We offer learn to skate programs for beginners of ice skating and hockey. Find us on Facebook-Winchendon Skate Club or Winchendonskateclub@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

PAINT NIGHT! Kiwanis of Winchendon and the Crafty Cauldron unite to bring the community an evening of fun with its first creative night for a great cause. From 6-9 p.m. at the Crafty Cauldron, 91 Central St., bring

your friends and join us to paint a pair of wine glasses for yourself or a gift this holiday season. \$40 per person; register on line at www.thecraftycauldron.net/events or stop in during business hours. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis backpack program at Toy Town Elementary School.

FIRST FRIDAY: the last edition of this year's First Friday events is scheduled at the Winchendon Town Hall auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. Open mic, poetry, art, discussion, and more. Free and open to the public. Come be part of the program! Sponsored by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: will be held at Carriage House restaurant 8-11 a.m. Hosted by the Kiwanis of Winchendon, the jolly elf and his Key Club helpers make this annual visit and gift every child with toy. Breakfast buffet at a nominal price; gifts donated by Kiwanis.

WINTERFEST: the annual table setting displays and wreath auction by the Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center will take place. This free of charge event is not to be missed as the tables dressed in holiday finery are amazing. Basket auction as well as a bake sale and lunch available. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: Broadview is hosting its annual craft fair on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tons of local artisans bringing hand crafted gifts displayed for purchase. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this event, or just come up and stop by

TOWN TREE LIGHTING: The tree in the Veterans' Park on Pleasant Street will be lit at 4:30 p.m. A hayride will leave the Fire Department at approximately 4 p.m., space is limited so if you want to be part of it, be at the station on Central Street early to ride with Santa! There will be caroling and hot chocolate at the tree. Make an ornament to add to the tree!

HOLLY BAZAAR: The United Parish annual Holly Bazaar is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 3 at the church, 39 Front St. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Luncheon will be available 11:30-1:30. Attic treasures, Christmas & Crafts, Nana's Pantry, raffles, and more. Always unique items for gifts!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

RIBBON CUTTING: not one, but two new downtown businesses will be rec-

ognized with a red ribbon cutting, the first at Not Just Produced at 10 a.m. followed immediately at 10:30 a.m. at Holistic Mystic on Central. Both are being recognized by the Community and Economic Development Steering Committee for bringing new energy to Central Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen, Winchendon's Community Supper, is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door, contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations, and many hard-working volunteers.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting Thursday Dec. 8. Books are available at the library.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

NO TUMMY SHOULD BE EMPTY: Cub Scout Pack 193 will be hosting our fifth annual Community Movie Night at Memorial Elementary's cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 9 beginning at 6 p.m. We will be showing the classic Home Alone and refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket and wear your jammies to enjoy a fun filled Movie Night and get a chance to visit with Santa himself after the movie! In place of admission, we ask that each person bring a non-perishable food item. All donations will benefit the Winchendon CAC Food Pantry.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

TEA AT THE MURDOCK-WHITNEY HOUSE: take a break from the scurry of shopping for a bit of tea and nosh at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center's two museums from 1-4 p.m. The first floor of each house will be decorated, and tea will be served buffet style at the Murdock-Whitney House while the best of the best table settings from last weekend's Winterfest will be on display at the Isaac Morse House. Enjoy both, visit the gift shop and stop for a few moments of music by the Monadnock Flutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE: the final day of the Winchendon Fire

Department toy drive is today. Bring an unwrapped new toy to the station on Central Street at 1 p.m. Boxes have been around town for the collection since last month, today marks the end of the drive. All toys collected will be part of a better Christmas in cooperation with local churches and the CAC.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

COOKIE DECORATING: You are invited to the annual Winchendon SEPAC Holiday cookie swap and decorating party 6 p.m. at Memorial School Cafeteria. Childcare is available for workshops but you must RSVP to sepac@winchendonk12.org or call the Special Ed office at (978)297-1850

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from April to December at the Ipswich Drive community building. New members are always welcome. For more info please call Lorraine 978-297-1760.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

ROCKING NEW YEAR'S EVE: the party is back at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of the Inferno, the band Rock House will provide music as Toy Town rocks in the new year. Raffles and surprises too. Tickets are already on sale at the Legion and at To Each His Own Design.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

ANNUAL BONFIRE: the American Legion will be the site of the bonfire of Christmas trees and wreaths beginning at 6 p.m. A chicken barbecue is planned as well. A drop off point for trees and decorations will be designated in the parking lot; leave yours after the holidays then come watch them go up in flames! More information will be forthcoming.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

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Getting into the Spirit!

In the spirit of annual football games everywhere, the Toy Town Elementary School held a Spirit Day as well, dressing in Murdock Blue and white and cheering for the hometown rivalry against Narragansett that kicked off at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

The fourth grader with the most spirit was Olivia McKenzie.

BELOW: Getting right into the spirit of the afternoon was Cody Irons, who was the player in a human sized version of Hungry Hippos.



A student from each grade level was chosen to represent the most Spirit portrayed that day, and for the third grade it was Lauren Gahagan.



Showing off his Blue Devils Blue was 5th grader Steven Gauthier.

PROVIDING A TURKEY TREAT



Morgan St. Pierre photo

At the Crystal House in Gardner, as in many sites throughout the region, the last week has included at least one full sized turkey dinner on the menu. From left to right: Tamela Deveikis, Raymond Johnson, Katlyn Murphy, and Michelle Girard, all staff members at the Crystal House, get ready to serve both clients and community members the full real deal recently.



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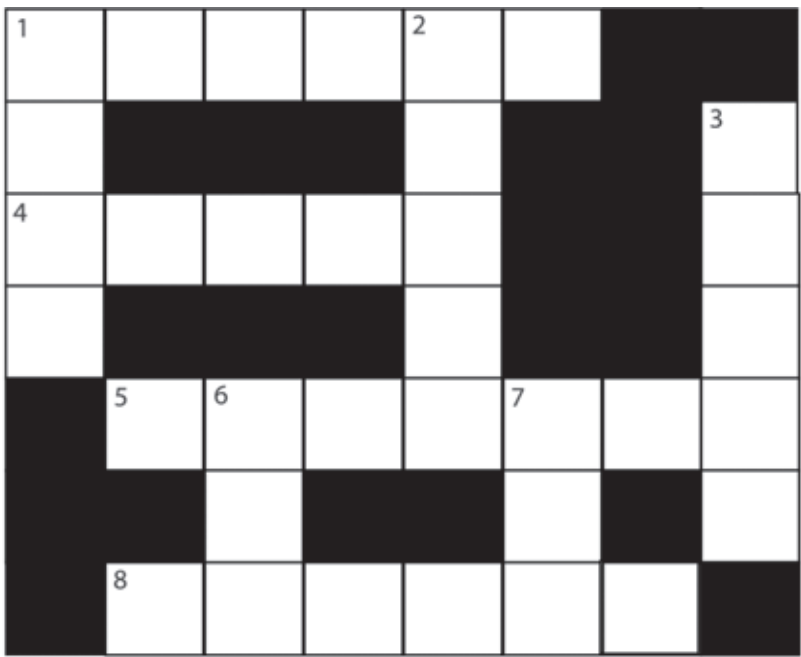
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Scott D. Parkinson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, dated March 16, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40848, Page 269 subsequently assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 47624, Page 38, subsequently assigned to Bank of America N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 55080, Page 331 and subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 51163, Page 311; 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 December 9, 2016 at 147 Benjamin Street, 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 southerly side of Benjamin Street, in the Town of Winchendon, Worcester County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 3, containing 1.000 acres, on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Lots prepared for Robert B. Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA, dated November 18, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA" said Plan being recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 718, Plan 6, to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description. Subject to any and all matters as shown on Plan Book 718, Page 6. Meaning and intending to describe and convey the same premises conveyed to Scott D. Parkinson by deed

of Lawrence A. Wells, Jr. and Kristin S. Wells, dated October 10, 2003 and recorded at Book 31933, Page 263 at the Worcester Registry of Deeds. 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.
Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
14-017823
November 18, 2016
November 25, 2016
December 2, 2016



KIDS' CORNER

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Exhalation or inhalation of air from the lungs
- 4. To avoid
- 5. Using cigarettes
- 8. Breathe in

DOWN

- 1. Human form
- 2. Change slightly
- 3. Breathing organs
- 6. Opposite of woman
- 7. Sick

Answers:
Across
1. Breath 4. Dodge 5. Smoking 8. Inhale
Down
1. Body 2. Tweak 3. Lungs 6. Man 7. Ill

HEALTH FACT:

THESE ORGANS TAKE IN OXYGEN AND REMOVE CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE BODY



ANSWER: LUNGS

Did You Know?

SMOKING TOBACCO IS ONE OF THE MORE COMMON CONTRIBUTORS TO LUNG ILLNESSES.



THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

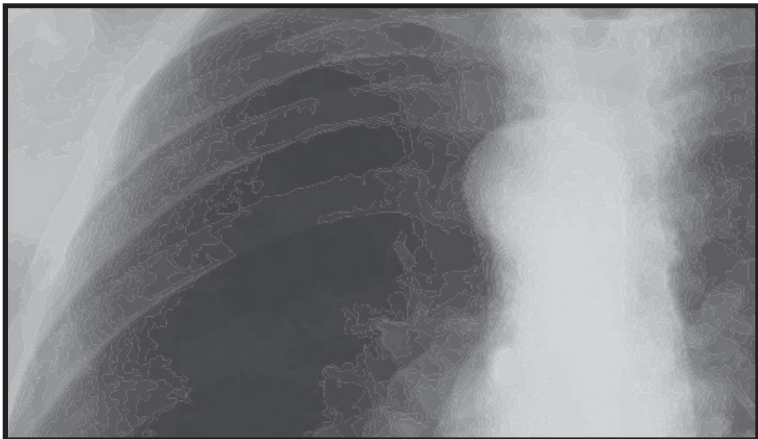
- * **1895:** ALFRED NOBEL SIGNS HIS LAST WILL, WHICH CREATES THE NOBEL PRIZE.
- * **1924:** THE FIRST MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE IS HELD.
- * **2005:** THE FIRST PARTIAL HUMAN FACE TRANSPLANT IS COMPLETED IN FRANCE.

New word

EXPEL

force out or eject

GET THE PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: X-RAY

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Nose
- SPANISH:** Nariz
- ITALIAN:** Naso
- FRENCH:** Nez
- GERMAN:** Nase



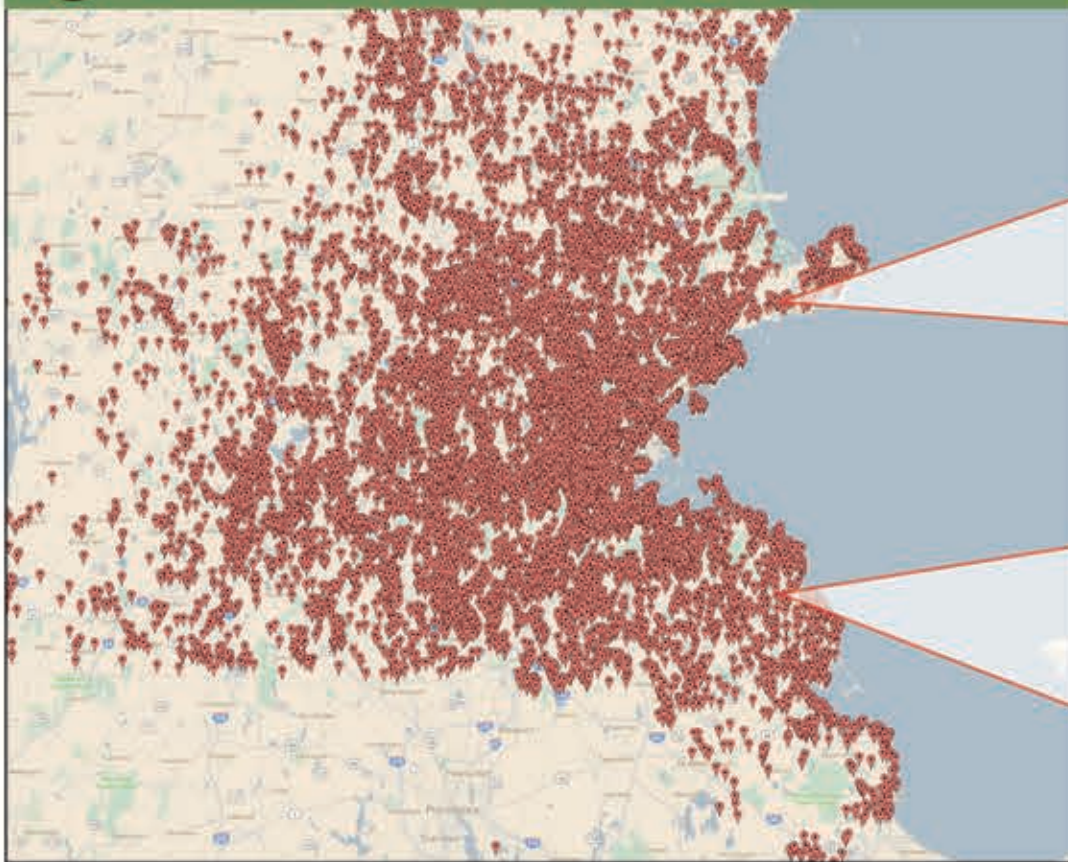
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Since 2010, the concept of setting aside a particular day to remind shoppers to pay attention to local artisans, vendors and small businesses has become an annual event. It is part of a larger marketing tool of course, Black Friday (and now even Thanksgiving Day itself) push the sales and shoves associated with malls and mayhem. The opposite, Small Business Saturday, is meant to be a counterpoint and a reminder to shoppers of that time honored quality and the uniqueness of craftspeople, crafts and artisans available in smaller venues. Winchendon is taking up that gauntlet in a big way this year, with not only an organized effort by its brick-and-mortar businesses, but a vendor fair on the second floor of town hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Access is free of charge and a variety of smaller artisans, craftspeople and vendors will be on hand to entice you.

So between specials at the small businesses throughout town (from DeeDee's Treasures on Gardner Road to Reflections on School Street, north to south and east to west), downtown and out of town (Crafty Cauldron, To Each His Own, and Not Just Produced right on Central Street; Horse & Buggy Feeds on Rte. 12 north) there will be amazing choices for everyone on a holiday gift list.

Antiques person? Reflections and the Antique Junction at Not Just Produced will have something intriguing. A pet lover or outdoors person? Horse & Buggy Feeds has bird feeder supplies, unusual gifts, supplies and surprises, A Better Tomorrow may just have a new furry friend for the family or at least a catnip toy for the one you have.

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