

## Downtown goes blue in support of police

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COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Showing support for the men and women in law enforcement by Covering the State in Blue included the streets of town last weekend when members of the Massachusetts State Police Wives joined area residents and groups to add bows and ribbons to downtown. Originally formed after the March 16, 2016 death of Massachusetts State Trooper Thomas L. Clardy when he was struck from behind in Charlton on I-90 in a motor vehicle accident, MSP Wives has grown into a state wide movement. The appeal to every single one of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth is to “go Blue in a show of support for our police.” Its slogan speaking volumes with, “Behind every badge there is a family.” Co-Founder Kimberly Watson of Townsend who started the initiative with Sharon Mayer of Groton was not



Keith Kent photos

Cheerleader Nicole Fluet ties a blue ribbon in front of the town hall as her mother Stefanie looks on.

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## New service group in town

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WINCHENDON — Working Wonders in Winchendon. That’s the name of the organization and it fits perfectly, said co-founder Jen Sibley because “we’re trying to do what we can” to help bring “support, knowledge and resources” about addiction and treatment for the illness which has ravaged so many communities. Next Saturday, Oct. 15 Working Wonders will be hosting an informational event on the field at the Clark Memorial YMCA starting at 1 p.m. Numerous agencies will be represented. “I had had enough of seeing overdoses every other day and I started to wonder what I could do to help,” reflected Sibley. The group’s Facebook page says, “unfortunately, too many people are dealing with this and don’t know the who’s, what’s, when’s, and where’s to deal with it.” Sibley said that phrase pretty much summed up the reason for creating the event. “We have to stop pretending about this disease,” she

stressed, adding, “addiction is non-discriminatory. It’s in our schools, homes, everywhere. We’re having this event to tell people it’s nothing to be ashamed of and maybe some of the groups we’re bringing together can help families cope.” Some of those organizations planning to send representatives include AdCare, Our Fathers House, AED, Crossing Over, Make a Change Foundation, AIDS Project of Worcester and District Attorney Joe Early’s office as well as the Winchendon police. There will also a demonstration of the use of Narcan, the medication which can reverse the immediate effects of opioid overdose. That will take place at 2 p.m. Police Chief Dave Walsh, a member of the DA’s task force on opioid addiction said he’s appreciative of where Winchendon Wonders is headed. “I support any initiatives that will add to education and awareness in the community. I’m in favor of the direction

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## Gray skies fail to dim rededication

BY GREG VINE  
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WINCHENDON — Clouds filled the sky and a light rain fell at times, but the weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of those who gathered for the rededication of GAR Park Sunday afternoon. The park was originally dedicated in 1889 to remember those town residents who fought, and the many who died, fighting to preserve the Union during America’s bloody Civil War. The initials GAR stand for Grand Army of the Republic, an organization made up of Union veterans of the conflict. United Parish Rev. Cal Miller opened the ceremonies by quoting from the opening prayer given at the park dedication 127 years ago: “We are here today to keep green the memory of those who gave their lifeblood for the preservation of our republic. We also gather to honor and remember those who have joined them in eternal rest.” U.S. Representative Niki Tsongas, state Sen. Ann Gobi, and state Rep. Jon Zlotnik each addressed the crowd of about 200 people. The three were introduced by GAR Park Restoration Committee member Fran Murphy. Committee Chairman Janet Corbosiero also took part in leading the ceremony.

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Photos by Greg Vine & Keith Kent

American Legion Post 193 Commander Franco O'Malley lays a wreath in remembrance of fallen veterans as part of the ceremonies at the re-dedication. Both Union and Confederate soldiers, Americans all, are recognized as veterans.

## Terrifying experience for local student

BY JERRY CARTON  
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REGION — As an attentive group of juniors and seniors listened and watched in near silence a fellow student recounted what she indicated was a harrowing experience leaving Israel last summer at the conclusion of a 15-day program. “Hannah” explained she was detained for several hours and

strip-searched at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, and said it happened because she was suspected of being Arabic. “Are you sure you’re not Palestinian? What connection do you have to Arabs,” she recalled being asked after a five year-old notebook with childhood Arabic writing was found in her possession and she acknowledged her father was born in the region.

“I was super-frustrated. I wasn’t treated the same as everyone else,” she asserted. The principal at the local school opened the session by noting, “The history of relations between the nation of Israel and the Palestinians who were displaced has always been a violent and tumultuous one for over 50 years. Politically, the United States

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A fully grown Monarch, with its tag in place, ready to be launched on its several thousand mile migration.

## The king of butterflies, salvation in Winchendon

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WINCHENDON — A local resident is helping to save Monarch butterflies from extinction. Vickie Morin captures, tags, raises and releases the nearly endangered butterflies as a hobby, which takes a few hours per day. She visited a nature place in Georgetown, ME in July 2010, where she saw a chrysalis growing in a cage. And she became fascinated. “I couldn’t believe how gorgeous it was,” Morin said. “I asked my son, Eli Sturkulas-Barrelu, ‘Is this real?’ I thought, ‘it was must be plastic.’ And I became infatuated.” She went to the nature place with Eli, and her grandsons, Silas age 6, and Weston, age 3. She has 34 chrysalises, 19 caterpillars, and five mature

butterflies in her house. She let three butterflies go for the photo shoot. Morin explained 59 percent of them were lost in Mexico due to poor weather and deforestation in order for Mexicans to make their living in 2013. “They need to be some place that isn’t too cold or too warm,” she said. The butterflies she released during the photo shoot will fly to El Rosario, Mexico. “For three generations of butterflies, it takes them six months,” Morin said. “It’s one of the longest migrations.” They are the most recognizable butterfly species in the world with orange, black and yellow distinctions, similar to a queen butterfly. She feeds them milkweed, a host plant. She stores the

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“Content makes poor men rich; discontentment makes rich men poor.”  
- Benjamin Franklin





# Willett honored with donation to WFD



Keith Kent photos

Members of the Willett family and the Winchendon Springs Lake Association presented the Winchendon Fire Department with a plaque and a piece of important equipment to honor Don Willett.

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — What better way to honor a beloved father and grandfather, lost to tragedy, than to give equipment to prevent just such a tragedy to someone else.

Members of the Winchendon Springs Lake Association and relatives of the late Don Willett met at the Winchendon Fire Department to present a plaque and a turbo draft fire eductor.

The piece of equipment, valued at \$4,000, is used when adequate water is not easily accessible depending on area conditions.

Willett was lost in a tragic fire Jan. 4, 2013 at 95 Beachview Drive, Lake Monomomac. Distance from the nearest fire hydrant for water access, along with windy conditions made fighting the fire very difficult accord-

ing to Chief Tom Smith. Now with the donation of the Turbo Draft by the Association, the WFD has been given a better chance to try to prevent this kind of tragedy from ever happening again.

As described on its company website and using what is known as eductor technology, along with water pressure from the supply engine or pump-er, the equipment allows companies to access static sources such as lakes, ponds, streams, and or swimming pools up to 250 feet away from the apparatus. Fast and easy to set up, it can be deployed in short order, using standard two and half inch hose line and five inch large diameter hose to generate flows up to 670 gallons per minute depending on the size and length of the hose.

As many members of the Willett family, which includes six children, 17 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren gath-

ered inside the WFD with Association board members, Association treasurer Renee Tambling said, “Today we honor and remember friend Don Willett. Through the generous donation of Tom Conrad and board members, it was possible for the WSLA to provide the funds for the purchase of this Turbo Draft, in hope that never again shall we ever have such a tragedy on our lake or any other lake here in Winchendon. In honor of that, we have a plaque that we would like to hang here at the fire department, which Mrs. Willett will present in honor Don to the fire department.”

Viviane Willett, widow of the late Willett, in a proud but somber moment, happily presented Smith with a plaque which reads, “In memory of Don Willett. Thru donations given to the Winchendon Springs Lake Association and Tom Conrad. Present to,

The Town of Winchendon Fire Department, a Turbo Draft Water Pump.”

Conrad, who made a sizable donation toward the purchase, said, “I think this is now one new chance to be able to put a fire out that we wouldn’t have had been able to do before. There are no hydrants in our area at all, and I have watched three houses burn down in the last 15 years. Once the fire department tanker empties all its water, they are just left standing there as there was no more water available depending on the area, and that’s ridiculous. We should have a better chance to save a home and a person. Hopefully, this donation will be able to help firemen in the future.”

Association President Larry Sordoni added, “If this piece of equipment donated in memory of Don can save just one person, or help save a home, then it will have



This Turbo Draft unit was donated to the WFD by the Winchendon Springs Lake Association and Willett family to help the WFD increase their ability to pump water if needed to help out out fires around the lake.

served its purpose. We just hope it can help the fire department if the future if needed.”

Viviane Willett said in reflection, “Don and I were married for 52 years, and we were together for three years before that. It is tough after 55 years, but I know my husband would be very happy to see what is going on here today with this donation.”

Willett went on to add, “The turnout here today with so many family members shows how much love Don had and neighbors, and for Tom Conrad to put up the rest of the money we needed to be able to complete this donation. It truly shows that Don was a good man, and that God works in mysterious ways. I have

no idea why it happened, but maybe there is a reason and I haven’t seen it yet. If my husband was here right now he would think this is wonderful, but he is not, so God rest.”

In closing Smith added, “This was one of my hardest days in my life as a firefighter, and I know any of our firefighters would have gladly given their life for the chance to be able to have saved the life of Don. Through the generous donations of the Lake Association and Tom Conrad, We hope the purchase of this Turbo Draft system will not only help supplement our water supply, but also help prevent future tragedies out on the lake area. We thank them all very much for this donation.”

## Construction trades begin work on new facilities at Monty Tech

FITCHBURG — After two years of planning and fund-raising, Monty Tech’s new veterinary science training center is on the fast track to becoming a reality. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in mid-September at the site located on the Westminster Street school campus. The one-story, 7,465-square-foot facility is being built by students and teachers in Monty Tech’s building trades and will include classrooms, laboratory and veterinary clinic.

Building completion is scheduled for sometime early in the 2017-18 school year. School officials estimate a savings of \$1.1 million in labor costs by having Monty Tech do all the construction work. Wearing purple hardhats and toting purple and gold (Monty Tech’s colors) ceremonial shovels, local and state government officials, along with donors, partners and supporters of the project, participated in the groundbreaking ceremony.

Joining Monty Tech Superintendent-Director Dr. Sheila M. Harrity were Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, Fitchburg Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale, David Ferreira, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators;

Dr. Nancy Crimmin, Becker College senior vice president and chief academic and student affairs officer; Dr. Patricia Dettlinger, medical director for VCA Sterling Animal Hospital; Michael Pagano, architect; Michael C. Moschos, trustee for the George W. Hanson Trust; Ted Lapres, chairman of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, and students Grace Kirrane and Trevor MacMaster, both of Fitchburg.

Becker College is partnering with Monty Tech in the project.

Courtesy photo

A line up of dignitaries plunge shovels into the earth for a ceremonial groundbreaking at Monty Tech recently.



## COURIER CAPSULES

6th ANNUAL WINCHENDON — The Cornerstone Church has many unique programs, and one of its most visible is its art and poetry initiative.

To showcase the work, the sixth annual Cornerstone Christian Artist Day is scheduled Oct. 14 and 15 at the church 122 Gardner Road. The event will be Friday, Oct. 14 6-8 p.m. and again on Saturday, Oct. 15 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The art will be judged by age group, medium and category, and the Ccada is encouraging more participants to send entries.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

POETRY & PIZZA GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College is kicking off its third year of Humanities Project programming with a Poetry Read-Aloud & Pizza Party on Thursday, Oc.r

the Humanities Project strengthens the college’s humanities curriculum; supports collaborative and interdisciplinary teaching and research in the humanities; examines the intersection between the humanities and other academic disciplines; and engages MWCC and the greater community in dialogue of enduring themes from the world’s many cultures and traditions.

For more information and dates for upcoming events, visit mwcc.edu/humanitiesproject

DAV VAN REGION — So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they’ve earned. There’s so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That’s why the nonprofit Disabled American Veterans offers help. The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the following location to personally provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available. Like all DAV services, help from the Mobile Service Office is free to all veterans and members of their families. The Van will be at Jaffrey American Legion, 20 Webster St. on Friday Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information feel free to contact NSO David Bennett at (603) 222-5788.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CASTLETON, VT — Castleton University student Lauren McMilleon of Templeton was recently named a member of the Castleton University Chorale, along with a mixture of more than 40 other students and faculty members.

One of Castleton’s oldest traditions, the University Chorale is comprised of music

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# Shred day today

WINCHENDON — Athol Savings Bank is hosting its 8th annual Community Shred Fest in Winchendon and Baldwinville on Friday, Oct. 7th. The shred truck will be at the Winchendon Office, 112 Central St., from 10 a.m. to noon and in the Baldwinville Office, 50 Elm St., from 2-4 p.m.

Area residents are invited to bring up to 5 boxes their personal documents such as cancelled checks, credit cards or bank statements, medical records, income tax files and other personal papers to the bank

to be shredded by Pro Shred Security, the bank's shred-ding service.

"The Free Community Shred Event becomes more important as the frequency and adverse impact of identity theft increases. It not only gives the community an opportunity to safely dispose of personal information but offers a way to highlight the importance of disposing of materials securely to reduce the threat of identity theft," said Cheryl D'Ambra, Sr. VP and the Bank's Security Officer.

The security department

at Athol Savings Bank has seen, first hand, the problems that identity theft can cause for their customers and hope that people will take advantage of the free shredding service to help everyone in the community from becoming a victim of identity theft.

"This event is one way we show appreciation to our valued customers and raise awareness of Athol Savings Bank's products and services. We are thankful for the 149 years we've been able to serve the region and honor our customers for their loyal-

ty and support," said Daniel J. Zona, President and CEO of Athol Savings Bank.

The final shred day will be held at the Bank's Main Office in Athol, 444 Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Information on preventing identity theft will available at the Community Shred locations.

For more information on the event, call Athol Savings Bank at 978-297-0260 or stop in to any Athol Savings Bank branch location.

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# Smith's featured on Made in Massachusetts



Artisan cheese maker Ally Catlin of Smith's Country Cheese is interviewed by Channel 5 Boston on Wednesday.

Keith Kent photo

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WINCHENDON — Made in America, we all like to hear it. Kicking up a notch to the next level, town staple and favorite Smith's Country Cheese will be proudly featured this coming Monday on Channel 5 Boston's specialty feature series, "Made in Massachusetts" at 7 p.m.

Selected for specialty and award winning cheeses, along with being a family owned and operated business, Made in Massachusetts WCVB Channel 5 Boston reporter Doug Meehan provides a, "Unique insight to the businesses and companies which exemplify not only Massachusetts made products, but the people of the Commonwealth who make it all happen."

Meehan and a camera man visited Smith's last Wednesday and Meehan said, "This is really incredible how much work goes in to producing all this great cheese behind the scenes!"

On hand being interviewed while making cheese was artisan cheese maker Ally Catlin, who with her husband Jake, will soon be purchasing the business from David and Carol Smith, to begin the next chapter in the legacy of Smith's Country Cheese. David and daughter Jennifer Smith, who manages the business, will be staying on for a period to help ease the transition and teach the new owners the ropes of the cheese business.

Wearing hair nets and shoe covers to comply with health codes, Meehan payed close attention to Catlin as she added necessary bacteria and starter cultures.

Catlin explained, "It take 100 pounds of milk, to make just 10 pounds of cheese. This currently has 12,000 pounds of milk in it. As you can see the blades are turning, and they are now mixing the culture with the milk, finally forming cheese curds which we will eventually press in to forms, and then age for a minimum of 60 days before we can actually process it and send it to market."

Meehan amazed said, "Wow, this is

really labor intensive!"

Jake and Ally Catlin who will, if all goes according to plan purchase the business in the middle of October, are entering a completely new change of life. Jake, a specialty law enforcement officer, and Ally, an office manager who understands billing and much of the front end work of a business, are extremely excited about continuing SCC's legacy, with Ally Catlin telling Meehan, "We love doing physical hands on labor intensive work in which we feel a deep connection to our very own creation coming to life! To see this cheese being created from start to finish brings us a feeling of joy and we are very proud to continue on in all that David and Carol Smith worked so hard to create and grow to this point!"

Catlin went on to say, "For us both to have the opportunity to continue with the work and business created by the Smith's is both a huge responsibility and honor. It is a legacy the Smith family has built, and we understand that. We want to continue what they are doing and eventually grow it, but more importantly we wanted to make sure we are keeping a local dairy farm going, and a raw milk product that has been a part of the community for years. In terms of changing our jobs, it's both terrifying and amazing at the same time that we have this chance, and to be a part of the agriculture world in Massachusetts is simply just amazing. Working with your hands is so satisfying, and to know that what we are making is going to be sitting on the tables of families, bridal showers, football parties and more is just an indescribable feeling!"

As Meehan toured the facility, David Smith joked, "I am the Big Cheese here, but I think more think of me as the Aged Gouda" giving Meehan and his camera man a

good laugh.

Smith explained to Meehan how the milk produced by the cows which were milked on first shift from Otter River Farm to the rear of SCC, then immediately transported farm fresh up to the facility where the milk was pumped in to the vat which holds 12,000 pounds of milk; again emphasizing, "Many have no idea that it takes 1,000 pounds of milk to make 100 pounds of cheese. So with this, 12,000 pounds of farm fresh milk, we will only yield 1,200 pounds of cheese for production."

Meehan was also amazed to hear that the cows absolutely love eating the whey, which is a bi-product of the cheese production as the reduction process takes place.

Smith explained, "I really started when I was in my early 20s after graduation from UMass Stockbridge. I purchased the farm in 1969, and we opened our retail store in 1985."

Meehan replied, "You must really love what you do, as you have been involved in this for about 50 years."

Smith agreed, "It's a labor of love, you really have to love what you do. The business had change a lot over the years and is still changing fast. Technology, genetics allow cows over the years to be better produces, federal oversight, and much more."

In closing Meehan asked Smith, Why Gouda cheese, and what effects it? Smith said, "Gouda is a specialty cheese. You're not locked in to commodity pricing. It is a quick cheese to make before you have to age it for 60 days. As for the end product, the climate, the cows, the atmosphere, everything effects the outcome. We think what we have here is pretty good, and we have done well over the years, and we always kept trying to make it a little better."

As SCC and the family, David, Carol, and Jennifer Smith, turn the final pages of their last chapter of their own business book, a newer younger generation of owners in Jake and Ally Catlin will strive to continue the family legacy, while keeping the business under the Smith name. The Catlins have made it very clear that they have great respect for the Smiths and what they have built and accomplished.

David said it best in closing with, "Its been a lot of work, a lot of ups and downs, but in the end, I wouldn't have traded it for anything because life has been very Gouda."

Watch Smith's Country Cheese on Channel 5, this coming Monday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.



## KITTY KORNER

Clara is a petite, adorable girl that waited five long years at another shelter without getting adopted. She was overlooked because she was a bit timid and did not get enough interaction. She is adjusting well to being with us and is becoming quite a friendly cat. She has a hearty purr and enjoys attention. She is also quite playful with her toys and turbo scratcher. We know she will blossom even more when she is out of the shelter life and in the right home.

Clara has been examined by a veterinarian, spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

If you would like to meet her, A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats is open Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-2 p.m., and by appointment. For an adoption application, please visit [www.shelterforcats.org](http://www.shelterforcats.org) or call (774) 641-1271.



Keith Kent photo

## WHAT YOU LOOKIN' AT?

What lies beneath Whitney Pond might surprise you. It certainly did us when this very large snapping turtle decided to cross the road near by. The photographer did a kindness and carefully moved him from one area to the other to keep him out of harm's way on the roadway.

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## EDITORIAL

# Thank you is in order

At one time the newspaper did little bouquets to those we thought should be recognized for special efforts. It was a nice gesture, but with one thing and another, the effort fell by the wayside. While we would love to revive it, and physically present some people with flower gifts, we know that is difficult to do; but we can give bouquets of thanks anyway, and this week we like to present a number of them because they are well deserved in many directions.

First and foremost they need to go to the committee that put in all the effort at GAR Park. And to the many people who helped them. While the committee itself is recognized and deservedly so, they did a lot of work and it shows, we know they didn't do it alone. So kudos to all the people who helped in any way at all in that grand effort. From the DPW workers who paved, to the painters, to the planters (remember the Boy Scouts and their flowers?) and the Garden Club and the myriad other people who did so much. Thank you.

Then to those who chose to recognize our men and women in law enforcement this week with the Blue Ribbon effort. Thank you. To see people downtown doing something to thank law enforcement was a great thing. We know how hard that job is, they know how hard that job is, their families know how difficult it can be; so we thank them, and we thank those who recognized them.

Then there was a very generous gift to the fire department by Winchendon Springs Lake Association and private donors. It will be helpful not only for lake dwelling people, but for anyone else in town with a situation where water must be pumped from an open water source rather than a hydrant. What a generous donation. Thank you.

We have to say these things on a regular basis, we need to say it again, and again, and again. People who take time out of their busy lives to help someone else don't do it for the thanks, they do it because they see a need; they want to help.

The new group Working Wonders in Winchendon is, in some ways, duplicating some efforts done by others; yes there are already coat drives done by the high school in partnership with the Winchendon Lions Club, yes there is already work done on behalf of children by the Kiwanis and the Masons Angel Fund and we would encourage these people to see if they could help these groups in those efforts rather than reinventing the wheel so to speak. But WWW has some other ideas they can do those groups are not already doing and we applaud those efforts. Rather than duplicating, we say let's get all of those groups together and let's see who is doing what and how can they help one another? And if they all need members (which they DO by the way, they all need help and the Kiwanis would like to invite anyone interested to an open house Oct. 12 at the Carriage House at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about what they do....) than let's get on the ball and get more people involved.

So thanks.

All of you.

You don't do it for the thanks, we know. But thanks anyway.

# Selective deafness...

One month. That's what we have left until Election Day and though voting is already underway in lots of places, that's when the vast majority of people who choose to do so will cast their ballots. One more month and it's over, right? Sure, because everyone will awaken the morning of Nov. 9 ready to sing Kumbaya.

Stop. No, it's not going to be over. Maybe, maybe we'll be hearing less nonsense and vitriol from Donald Trump after he loses, even if he doesn't concede, but who knows if he'll accept the outcome reasonably gracefully and move on to his next adventure? With Trump, everything's at best a guess. But even if he does, you can bet a whole lot of his followers won't. Oh no. Imagine their reaction and response to the reality of a President-elect Clinton. Again. If anything, the deafening divisiveness will worsen.

This is where it might be a good idea to contemplate the advice the one and only Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed along courtesy of her mother-in-law. "It helps sometimes to be a little deaf," Ginsburg recounted being told. That remark was about navigating marriage and while it works in that context as well as parenting, the same refrain can be applied on a broader basis.

I watch some of my friends spend time on social media debating the Trumpsters and Trumpetts and I keep asking them why. You can't have a reasonable discussion with those who refuse to be reasonable. You can't recite facts to those who deny them. It's like trying to have a rational conversation with a howling toddler and most of us know what that's like.

Yes, it would be nice if we could have civil and coherent discourse but on a national scale I don't see it happening. There's always been partisanship and in a free society that's necessary but we're way past that point. You know it and I know it. This is the ugliest presidential campaign I've ever seen and for sure that's saying something when you think about Lee Atwater's filthy management of 41's run in 1988, the Watergate-tainted 1972, and the darkness of 1968.

A month from now we won't have to endure the consistent onslaught of ads (it feels like Kelly Ayotte and Maggie Hassan have bought every moment of available air time on Boston TV for their NH Senate race) but we're not going to see anything resembling unity either



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and I have absolutely no idea how we're ever going to bridge our vast cultural, economic, educational, and racial divisions. America is a single country in name only.

All this brings me back to the mantra I keep repeating and

one you're probably tired of hearing. Nonetheless, I keep drilling it because I passionately believe it — electorally you can make a difference by voting in state and local elections. Beyond that, you can make an even greater immediate impact in your communities by volunteering, by getting involved in whatever project sparks your interest. Last week I wrote a story about Murdock's girls basketball coach Jim Abare receiving an ambassador's award from the New England chapter of the American Cancer Society and as is his wont, Jim deflected the credit to the kids who've been actively involved in cancer research fund-raising projects since as he pointed out, everyone knows someone or some family who's been impacted by the disease. I see the students whose Youth Venture projects are proving to be beneficial. I read stories about kids in Baltimore who helped rescue Kuwaiti dogs and another group of kids who helped raise money for a new library in Virginia. My longtime friend Anne Eddy has spent decades rescuing dogs, cats and helping other wildlife. Service organizations everywhere are making an impact in seemingly small ways that morph into making big differences. These aren't isolated tales — these kind of things are happening in community after community across the country.

We probably won't see large scale changes in Washington until we elect a genuinely progressive Congress and then figure out a way to repeal Citizens United but whether you're in Winchendon or Wichita, you can make life in your little corner of the world a bit better by stepping up to the plate. Vowing to do that might be a pretty good resolution now at the start of the Jewish New Year and irrespective of your religion, Fall is often seen as an opportunity to start fresh. It's beyond essential Donald Trump not be elected President and it's pretty much impossible to reason with his fanatic fans but being a little deaf, ignoring the white noise and simply pitching in is the way to go. Don't you agree? See you next week.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

STORY HOURS: Toddler Time takes place every Friday morning at 9:15 a.m. throughout the year, with Rhymes, Playtime, and Story time. Immediately following is story hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY: at the town hall auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. Open mic, poetry reading, live entertainment, this month it is Evan Foisey, guitarist and songwriter. Our featured speaker is Principal Josh Romano of Murdock High School. We don't set a theme or subject for our speakers. Instead, we allow them the opportunity to talk about whatever they wish- be it serious, funny, or seriously funny. Free and open to all. Sponsored by Winchendon Parks & Rec, First Fridays will happen in November and December as well. More information about these events can be found at [www.facebook.com/toytownparks](http://www.facebook.com/toytownparks).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

TEA PARTY MYSTERY: every week-end in October the Escape Room at the Isaac Morse House is on Thursday and Friday nights 4-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-10 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. You must pre-register, walk ins will not be accepted. To register go to [winchendonescaperoom.com](http://winchendonescaperoom.com). Cost is \$25. To benefit the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center.

TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:15 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit [winchendonlibrary.org](http://winchendonlibrary.org).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

STORY HOUR: On Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

BOOK CLUB: Beals Memorial Library hosts a book discussion group the second Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The book is available to borrow at the library, call for details, (978) 297-0300. Always welcoming new members.

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. On October 13, we're serving Chicken Pot Pie with flaky biscuit crust, salad and dessert. On October 27, we're serving Roast Pork with onions and apples, sides, and dessert. 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.

TEA PARTY MYSTERY: every week-end in October the Escape Room at the Isaac Morse House is on Thursday and Friday nights 4-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-10 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. You must pre-register, walk ins will not be

accepted. To register go to [winchendonescaperoom.com](http://winchendonescaperoom.com). Cost is \$25. To benefit the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

BEATLES TRIBUTE CONCERT: Studio Two will hold an event at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. sponsored by the Winchendon Lions. The event begins at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 and available from Lions members, at the Legion and at To Each His Own Design; tickets at the door will be \$20. Raffles, auctions and more. Support the local Lions and their service projects.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

GALA POETRY EVENT: an afternoon of GALA poetry 2-4 p.m. featuring poet Ann Marie Meltzer of Greenfield sharing from her evocative book titled "Coming of Age." An open mic follows and we invite you to share your own words, a favorite poem by another, or simply enjoy. A sign-up sheet available for anyone wishing to participate in the open mic. Time allotted approximately five minutes depending on how many sign up.

Light refreshments. Murdock-Whitney House, 151 Front St. GALA members: \$2 (bring GALA membership card); non-members: \$3. Contact Paula J. Botch at (978) 575-0863 or email [cohen-5kids@yahoo.com](mailto:cohen-5kids@yahoo.com) for more information.

FREE TOY MAKING WORKSHOP: learn about the history of Toy Town, then make your own toy drum at the Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St. from 2-5 p.m. Then play with Walden Whitham on your new instrument. There is no cost, or need to register, but only materials for the first 50 people will be guaranteed. Light refreshments. Sponsored by GALA and the Winchendon Cultural Council.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

PAPERWORK MOUNTAINS: Are you feeling over whelmed by the volume of records that you need to keep for your child? Family TIES is presenting "Let's Get Organized" RSVP is imperative. 7 p.m. at Memorial School Cafeteria.

For more information contact the special education offices at the schools at (978) 297-1850 or email [sepac@winchendonk12](mailto:sepac@winchendonk12).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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.

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.

TEA PARTY MYSTERY: every week-end in October the Escape Room at the Isaac Morse House is on Thursday and Friday nights 4-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-10 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. You must pre-register, walk ins will not be accepted. To register go to [winchendonescaperoom.com](http://winchendonescaperoom.com). Cost is \$25. To benefit the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

POLICE STATION OPEN HOUSE: see the new police station at 80 Central St. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hot dogs in the parking lot by Kiwanis of Winchendon; desserts provided by Keller Williams, Maliska Group. Come see the new home of Winchendon PD.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

SENIOR WELLNESS DAY: Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon. Health screenings, dental screenings, glaucoma screenings, fire & police departments, housing authority, mini massages, and refreshments. Much, much more is expected.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

GAME NIGHT: game night at Beals Memorial Library is taking place on Wednesday, October 26, from 6-8 p.m. Participants determine which game they would like to play.



# Ninkovich speaking on mental health

REGION — The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce and MVP Sponsor AGERA Energy present a Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Awareness event featuring special guest Rob Ninkovich, New England Patriots defensive end.

The event will be held on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 5-8 p.m. at Great Wolf Lodge, 50 Great Wolf Drive, Fitchburg.

A key issue facing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and one which has hit our region especially hard, is the high rate of suicide in our population. Impacted by mental health concerns and the opioid addiction problem, the negative economic effect of this situation is considerable.

The Chamber and AGERA Energy are proud to partner together to take on the chal-



lenge of ensuring that the business community is aware of the magnitude of the problem, learns to recognize the signs and becomes familiar with the resources available.

Guest speaker Ninkovich has been a key player for the New England Patriots since 2009 and has been a member of two Super Bowl teams. In his professional life, he was

touched by suicide when teammate and NFL Hall of Famer, Junior Seau, took his own life in 2012.

In addition to the speaking presentation, a number of local agencies that provide diverse resources related to the suicide situation will be available to address concerns and dispense information at the venue from 4-6 p.m. A portion of the

proceeds from the event will be donated to suicide prevention/awareness initiatives in the Greater Gardner region, and Heywood Healthcare's Quabbin Retreat, slated for opening later this year in Petersham. This innovative facility will provide outpatient, residential and inpatient services to adults and adolescents struggling with behavioral health and substance abuse problems.

Touchdown Sponsors include Heywood Hospital, Fidelity Bank/Shine Initiative. Field Goal Sponsors are Advanced Cable Ties and Tyco Simplex/Grinnell. First Down Sponsors include C.M. Chartier Contracting, Elms College, GAAMHA, Inc., and Mount Wachusett Community College. Kickoff Sponsors are Athol Savings Bank, Colonial Co-operative Bank, Eastern

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Event tickets are \$60 per person. Ticket price includes dinner. Advanced reservations are required. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.gardnerma.com](http://www.gardnerma.com) or contact the Chamber at (978) 632-1780 email: [info@gardnerma.com](mailto:info@gardnerma.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the Chamber office, 29 Parker St. 2nd Floor, Gardner.

## UMass announces dean's list

AMHERST — Dean of Students Enku Gelaye has announced the names of students who qualified for Dean's List for the 2016 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

Below is a list of local students who were named to the University of Massachusetts Amherst Dean's List.

ASHBURNHAM: Eric Kupcinkas, Hannah Fortune Glenny, Lauren Nicole Ouellette, Matthew Joseph Rasmuson, Meghan McInnis, Peri Lian Zhen Michael, and Zachary Richard Gould. BALDWINVILLE: Heather M Pratt and Kayla Marie Gauvin. GARDNER: Christina Marie

Marro, George Peter Thornton, Jaclyn Helena Nicholson, Jake Lucas Marcoulter, Jamison Paul Kelley, Jena Marie Habicht, Jonathan David Day, Joseph Allen Goguen, Kaitlyn Jozefiak, Marie Iliana Goo, Marissa Knoll, Matthew Spencer Gordon, Michael Joseph Nicholson, Patrick Timothy McGonigal, Rachael Frechette, Roy Dilling IV, Shayla Marie Thomas, and Skyla Jeanne Johnson. TEMPLETON: Gabriella Nicole Vacarelo, Jesse Gauvin, Krista Geneta Webb, and William Thomas Dugan. WINCHENDON: Brendan Matthew Kelley, Brittany Paige Eliason, and Nicolas Kirst Schultz.

LOWELL — The following local residents have been recognized for achieving academ-

ic distinction at the University of Massachusetts Lowell for the spring 2016 semester.

ASHBURNHAM (dean's list): Jacob Boucher majoring in history, Kristi Darcy majoring in liberal arts, Stephen Foster majoring in physics, Glenn Kruger majoring in art, Courtney Mercier majoring in music studies, and Christian Robichaud majoring in English.

GARDNER (dean's list): Andrew Gallant majoring in exercise physiology, Amanda Harmon majoring in criminal justice, Faith Malay majoring in civil engineering, Elmer Melendez majoring in computer science, Candice Renaud majoring in environmental science, and Tyler Valila majoring in civil engineering.

PHILLIPSTON (dean's list):

Brian Chadbourne majoring in exercise physiology, Acacia Langlais majoring in exercise physiology, and Matthew Songer majoring in computer engineering.

TEMPLETON (dean's list): Brianna Dowse majoring in exercise physiology, Elise Robichaud majoring in exercise physiology, and Matthew Scott majoring in information

technology.

WINCHENDON (dean's list): Ashley Hancock majoring in criminal justice.

To qualify for the dean's list at UMass Lowell, a student must have completed no fewer than 12 graded credits for the semester and earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no grade lower than C and without any incompletes.

### CAPSULES

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majors, minors, and non-majors, bringing a wealth of diversity and energy to the ensemble. Directed by Dr. Sherrill Blodget, chorale activities include concerts each semester at Castleton, choir retreats, a regional tour in the spring, and an international tour every four years. The choir performs a wide variety of repertoire from different eras and cultures, and combines with community instrumentalists to perform large scale works such as Schubert's Mass in G, the Faure Requiem and the Durante Magnificat. The University Chorale has recently performed in Italy and Cuba and worked with noted artists

including Tony Leach, Francois Clemmons, and Robert De Cormier.

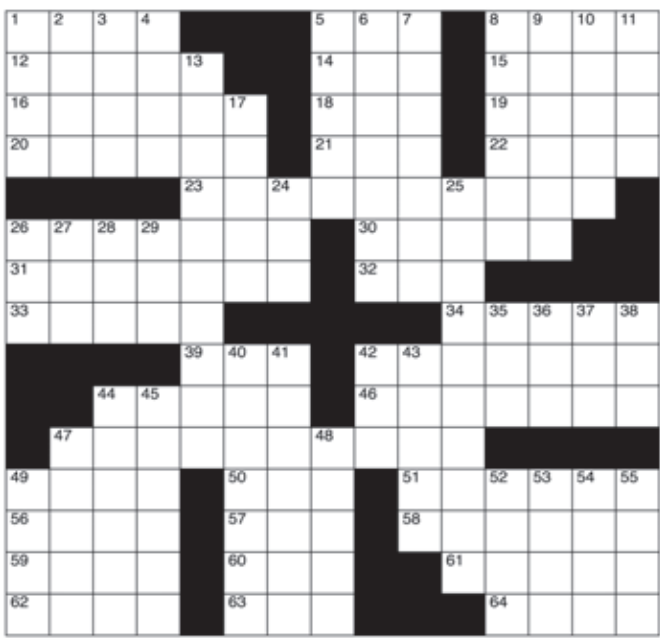
FRAMINGHAM — The following local Framingham State University students graduated this academic year:

ASHBURNHAM: Brianna Ouellette earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Jennifer Tellier earned a Master of Education. Zachary Benard of Baldwinville earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. GARDNER: Antoinette Sandoval earned a Master of Education, Emily Kattau earned a Bachelor of Arts, Griselda Duran earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, Jamie Lynch earned a Bachelor of Science, Kayleigh Laughlin earned a Bachelor of Science in education, Lesley Goguen earned a Bachelor of Arts, Rachael Sharpe earned

a Bachelor of Science, and Samantha Joseph earned a Bachelor of Arts. Erik Haney of Winchendon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

WORCESTER — The following local students earned Dean's List honors at Becker College for Spring 2016. The dean's list recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades. From Winchendon: Amber Angelos, Brianna Rogers and Renee Rogers.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. \_\_ Nui, Easter Island

5. Midway between south and southeast

8. Small mark

12. Small antelope

14. Protects from weather

15. Goddess of women and marriage

16. City in Washington

18. Independent voters association

19. Bird genus

20. Train line

21. Annoy

22. Waste matter

23. 41st President

26. Type of cracker

30. Remove

31. Looked quickly

32. The habitat of wild animals

33. Type of gene

34. Humble
39. Barrels per day (abbr.)

42. Respectful compliments

44. Star Trek: The Next Generation doctor

46. Pithy remark

47. Sums up

49. Tailless amphibian

50. American Gaming Association (abbr.)

51. After seventh

56. Czech River

57. Folk band \_\_ lver

58. Kids ride this

59. Ancient Greek City

60. Liquefied natural gas (abbr.)

61. Net

62. Colors clothes

63. Midway between east and southeast

64. Japanese beverage

### CLUES DOWN

1. Island north of Guam

2. Biblical region

3. Scottish ancestor

4. Hills in northeast India

5. A way to cook by baking

6. Attacked ferociously

7. Furniture with open shelves

8. Burt Reynolds film

9. A way to examine

10. Plant of the goosefoot family

11. Job

13. Capable of being thought

17. One seeded fruit

24. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

25. Platitudes

26. Very fast airplane

27. Pet detective Ventura

28. Resinous substance

29. Explosive
35. Purse

36. Swiss river

37. Separately managed account (abbr.)

38. Electron scanning microscope (abbr.)

40. Fable

41. Mythical monsters

42. Whale (Norwegian)

43. Domed recesses

44. Member of U.S. Navy

45. Cause to be loved

47. Expression of surprise

48. Jessica \_\_, actress

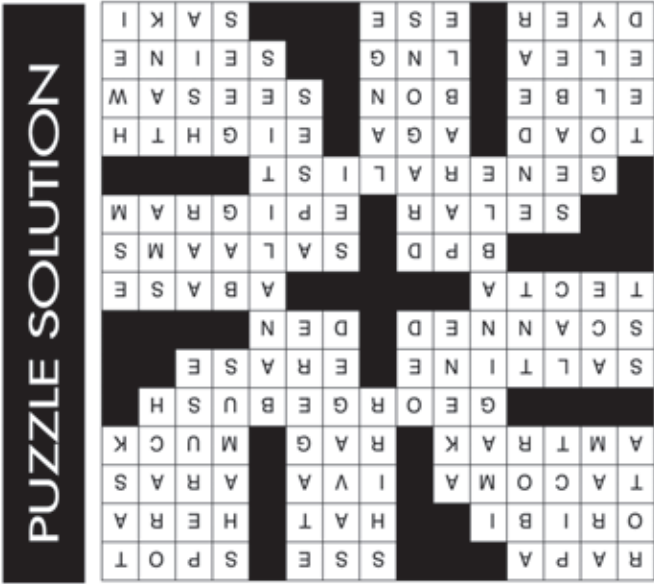
49. Drove

52. Commands to go faster

53. Chinese dynasty

54. Military vehicle

55. Chinese Muslim





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# POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:25-2:17 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:41 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 4:47 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive) transport; 8:05 a.m.: trespass notice (Royalston Road North) info taken; 8:51 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 10:02 a.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road) transport; 10:57 a.m.: traffic hazard (River Street) no PD service required; 12:11 p.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive) served; 12:25 p.m.: ambulance (Winchendon School) transport; 12:38 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Wellington Road) services rendered; 12:42 p.m.: larceny (Kemp Street) report taken; 1:16 p.m.: disabled MV (Baldwinville Road) assisted; 2:19 p.m.: harassment (Pearl Drive) report taken; 2:33 p.m.: be on the lookout (Central Street) advised officer; 2:36 p.m.: unwanted party (Central Street) assisted; 3:43 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street) false alarm; 4:21 p.m.: investigation (Ready Drive) spoken to; 5:46 p.m.: harassment (Elm Street) spoken to; 7:16 p.m.: missing person (Polly's Drive) no PD service required; 7:30 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street) unable to locate; 9:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Cumberland Farms) summons: Paula J. Paradise, age 53 of 14 Beech St., Winchendon: trespass; 9:50 p.m.: trespass notice (Central Street) info taken; 11:17 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:49 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street) transport.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:12-8:19 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 4:19 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 6:19 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Colonial Lane) services rendered; 10:45 a.m.: investigation (Water Street) spoken to; 10:58 a.m.: fraud (Beech Street) advised civil action; 12:54 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) assisted; 1 p.m.: assist citizen (Goodrich Drive) refer to other agency; 1:05 p.m.: general juvenile (Memorial School) report taken; 3:58 p.m.: custody dispute (Goodrich Drive) spoken to; 4:31 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 4:36 p.m.: summons service (Hale Street) served; 4:45 p.m.: animal abuse (Spring Street) report taken; 4:56 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 5:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street) spoken to; 6:39 p.m.: officer



Keith Kent photo

**It might be dubbed a 'pole plow' as it took down the single utility pole at the corner of High and Prospect streets late Monday afternoon; but no one was injured.**

## Power affected by late afternoon accident

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Power was out for three hours when a 2009 Ford utility truck hit a utility pole at 5:27 p.m. at the intersections of Prospect and High streets on Monday.

Andre S. Michaud, of 32 Doyle Ave., was not injured when he was driving a truck owned by Amerigas Propane that hit the utility pole in a single-car crash.

Power was out in that area until National Grid repaired the pole, which was split in two places. It was reported the smell of smoke drifted up High Street and could be smelled at least a half mile away.

Fire Chief Thomas Smith said power was restored around 8:30 p.m.

Police Chief David Walsh said speed was not a factor.

"The operator indicated that he looked down and took his eyes off the road for a second," Walsh said. "He was cited for impeded operation."

Police were on scene for about a half hour.

Brooks Automotive towed the utility truck at about 6:30 p.m.

wanted (Gardner Road) info taken; 6:44 p.m.: general juvenile (Mechanic Street) report taken; 8:07 p.m.: trespass notice (Memorial Drive) services rendered; 9:01 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 11:25 p.m.: mental health issue (Front Street) services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

2:01-7:54 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 3:16 a.m.: ambulance (Webster Street) transport; 7:59 a.m.: traffic hazard (Ash Street) spoken to; 11:27 a.m.: general info (Maple Street) info taken; 11:55 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lincoln Avenue Extension)

false alarm; 12:30 p.m.: ambulance (Winchendon School) transport; 12:54 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 1:53 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 2:18 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 4:29 p.m.: accident (Lincoln Avenue) report taken; 4:40 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Monomonic Road West) unable to locate; 4:56 p.m.: road rage (Baldwinville State Road) unable to locate; 5:32 p.m.: investigation (Lincoln Avenue) no PD service required; 6:08 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street) services rendered; 6:51 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Richmond Road) call canceled; 7:15 p.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) verbal warning; 7:40 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) transport; 8:01 p.m.: harassment (Juniper Street) spoken to; 9:08 p.m.: registration check (Spring Street) no PD service required; 9:45 p.m.: registration check (Main Street) no PD service required; 11:17 p.m.: ambulance (Toy Town Lane) transport.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:57-3:30 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 3:57 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive) transport; 4:42 a.m.: burglar alarm (School Square) secure; 6:17 a.m.: MV stop (Elmwood Road) verbal warning; 7:10 a.m.: general juvenile (Front Street) assisted; 7:15 a.m.: dPW call (River Street) referred; 7:48 a.m.: extra patrols (Hale Street) services rendered; 7:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Hill Street) assisted; 9:19 a.m.: general info (Juniper Street) referred to court; 10:10 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Brown Street) unable to locate; 11:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Drive) spoken to; 2:57 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) info given; 3:28 p.m.: summons service (Baldwinville Road) served; 3:33 p.m.: summons service (Happy Hollow Road) unable to serve; 3:39 p.m.: summons service (Independence Drive) served; 4:01 p.m.: ambulance (Winchendon School) transport; 4:06 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 4:19 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Mill Street) spoken to; 5:25 p.m.: ambulance (Elm Street) transport; 5:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street) refer

to ACO; 5:43 p.m.: ambulance (Juniper Street) refer to other agency; 5:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Gardner Road) call canceled; 6:09 p.m.: town bylaw violation (Highland Street) spoken to; 6:18 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Central Street) spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: suspicious other (Clark YMCA) report taken; 6:58 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:16 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) report taken; 7:29 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Baldwinville State Road) info taken; 8:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street) refer to ACO; 9:41 p.m.: noise complaint (Ash Street) spoken to; 10:27 p.m.: noise complaint (Juniper Street) spoken to; 11:35-11:56 p.m.: building checks, secure.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:11 a.m.: suspicious person (Webster Street) spoken to; 12:23-12:28 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:32 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 1:20 a.m.: trespass notice (Hill Street) info taken; 1:33 a.m.: suicide threats (Eli Drive) services rendered; 3:46 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 4:30 a.m.: fire alarm (Highland Street) accidental; 5 a.m.: general info (River Street) info taken; 6:21 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 9:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO; 10:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) spoken to; 10:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street) unable to locate; 11:23 a.m.: investigation (Clark YMCA) spoken to; 11:37 a.m.: extra patrols (bike path) secure; 11:55 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) no PD service required; 1:36 p.m.: mental health issue (Old Centre) services rendered; 2:05 p.m.: larceny (School Street) report taken; 2:13 p.m.: property damage (Teel Road) spoken to; 2:44 p.m.: general info (Clark YMCA) advised officer; 3:15 p.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road) transport; 3:34 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) transport; 3:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Street) refer to ACO; 4:51 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street) assisted; 5:47 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 6:45 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:54 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Wellington Road) assisted; 8:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Mr. Mikes) unfounded; 8:53 p.m.: assist other PD (Royalston Road North) assisted; 9:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Spruce Street) spoken to; 10:06 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Cross Street) gone on arrival.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:42-2:22 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:22 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street) assisted; 4:29 a.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road) assisted; 5:49 a.m.: ambulance (Sunset Court) transport; 7:49 a.m.: alarm, type unknown (Summer Drive) false alarm; 8:27 a.m.: fraud (Ipswich Drive) no cause for complaint; 10:15 a.m.: trespassing (Maple Street) unable to serve; 12:06 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 12:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Mill Street) spoken to; 4:13 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive) transport; 4:47 p.m.: accident (High Street) services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: suspicious MV (Rite Aid) spoken to; 7:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) spoken to; 7:37 p.m.: suspicious person (Oak Street) unable to locate; 8:35 p.m.: noise complaint (Willoughby Avenue) unfounded; 9:18 p.m.: noise complaint (Benjamin Street) spoken to; 9:22 p.m.: noise complaint (School Street) advised officer.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

12:37-2:19 a.m.: building checks, secure; 4:16 a.m.: disabled MV (Main Street) info taken; 5:16 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Crescent Road) referred to FD; 8:01 a.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street) services rendered; 10:14 a.m.: suspicious MV (Beachview Drive) unable to locate; 11:42 a.m.: accident (Front Street) report taken; 12:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) assisted; 1:26 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 3:01 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive) accidental; 3:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Benjamin Street) spoken to; 3:54 p.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) unable to locate; 8:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street) spoken to; 9:04 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Royalston Road North) advised officer; 11:58 p.m.: building check, secure.

## Phillipston resident elected to association post

HOLLISTON — Matthew E. Pearson of Phillipston has been elected president of New England Water Works Association, the region's largest and oldest not-for-profit organization of water works professionals.

Pearson has been manager of the Grafton Water District for more than 27 years. Previously, he was assistant water superintendent for the Lunenburg Water District.

Pearson earned an associate's degree in fire science from New Hampshire Vocational College, and a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in management from Emmanuel College.

He holds a Massachusetts grade IV combination water operator's license and is a notary public for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has been a certified hunter-education instructor for MassWildlife for more than 15 years.

A member of the New England Water Works Association for 26 years, Pearson was previously state director for Massachusetts for two terms. He is editor of the association's news-

letter, Currents and is chair of the Executive, Publications, Operator Meritorious Service award, and Lifetime Achievement award committees. In addition, he has served on the Nominating, Investment, Site Selection, Planning, Organizational Development, and John Chafee award committees.

He is the treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Water Works Association. He also serves on the organization's program committee. Pearson is the treasurer and past president of the Middlesex-Worcester County Water Association.

He is an elected member of the Phillipston Board of Health and presently serves as chairman of the Board.

Pearson and his wife, Laurie, have three sons: Matt Jr., Peter, and John.

The New England Water Works Association is a nonprofit, independent, member-driven organization dedicated to serving the region's water works professionals and the public interest. It is the oldest and most active regional water works association in the United States. For more than a century, NEWWA has worked to improve and sustain public water supplies, protect public health and safety, and advance the water supply profession. Visit newwa.org for further information.

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# OBITUARIES

## Orville Antilla, 86



ASHBY — Orville Antilla, age 86, passed away Sept. 22, 2016 in Leominster Health Alliance Hospital.

He was born Nov. 21, 1929 in Salisbury, NH, the son of Alexander and Florence (Wheeler) Antilla. He attended public school and Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, graduating in 1947. Basketball and cross country track were his sports.

He was a U.S. Marine veteran serving in the Korean War from 1948-52. He was stationed at Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune, and New River, NC. He received an honorable discharge in 1952.

Orville was employed by MicroTool in Ashby for 20 years. He also worked for Crocker Burbank Mill No. 5 in Fitchburg and the former Pratt & Whitney in Hartford, CT. He was also an Ashby Auxiliary Police Officer for 12 years.

Orville was a leader in the Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts. He was a member and past Commander of the American Legion Post 361 in Ashby. He was also a member and past Commandant of the Marine Corps League, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gardner, and Winchendon MCL Detachment. He

was also a member of Pack 64 of the Military Order of Devil Dogs.

Orville was a Free Mason and belonged to the Shriner's International.

Orville's major hobby was woodworking. He made a new wooden clock hand for the Unitarian Church in Ashby. He and his wife Faith attended many craft fairs and craft shows, selling crafts that he cut and sanded, and she painted.

Orville was also an avid reader.

His wife, Faith (Evans) Antilla died Jan. 26, 2016. He leaves two sons, Dwight Antilla and his wife, Donna of Delaware, and Scott Antilla and his companion, Dorothea Witham of Maine; grandchildren, April Littlefield and Crystal LaChapelle; great-grandchildren, Makennah Pelletier and Gaige LaChapelle, and Lucas Littlefield.

A service was held Oct. 1 at Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg. Burial followed in Glenwood Cemetery in Ashby.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorial contributions be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



## Kayla M. Schoales, 24



WINCHENDON — Kayla M. Schoales, age 24, of 56 Tolman Road, died peacefully Thursday morning, Sept. 29 in UMass Memorial Hospital, Memorial Campus, Worcester.

She was born in Leominster on June 18, 1992, daughter of Wayne D. and Tina M. (Fish) Schoales of Winchendon. Kayla was a lifelong resident of Winchendon. She was educated in the special needs program in Winchendon public schools and received her graduation certificate from Murdock High School.

She enjoyed arts and crafts and playing games such as Bingo, Uno and Sorry, and loved dancing and camping.

## Jean E. (Wells) Lee, 87



WINCHENDON — Jean E. (Wells) Lee, age 87, of 61 Hyde Park Drive, died peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016 in Baldwinville Nursing Home, Baldwinville.

She was born in Stevensville, PA on Oct. 8, 1928, daughter of the late Lee and Mabel (Morningstar) Wells and lived in Winchendon for many years.

Jean worked as a finisher at the former Nichols and Stone Furniture Company until her retirement at age 62. She previously worked at Barre Wool in South Barre. She was a member of Hyde Park Tenants Council and enjoyed reading and making puzzles. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

Her husband, Paul Lee, died in 1992. She leaves six children, Harry "Skip" Kinner Jr and his wife Elaine of Winchendon, Larry D. Kinner and his

She was a participant in the GAAMHA program in Gardner and was a regular participant in functions at the Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion.

In addition to her parents, she leaves a brother, Kyle A. Schoales of Gardner; a nephew, Kaiden Schoales of Gardner; a maternal grandmother, Lillian Fish of Jaffrey, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and a long list of friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 3, 2016 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Special Education Program, 175 Grove St., Winchendon, MA 01475 or to Arc of Opportunity in North Central Massachusetts, 564 Main St., Fitchburg, MA 01420.

## Rose M. Hamilton, 80



WINCHENDON — Rose M. Hamilton, age 80, of 118 Morse Ave., died peacefully at her residence Monday morning, Oct. 3, 2016.

She was born in Seneca Falls, NY on May 7, 1936, daughter of the late Francis Turkett and Cecelia (Passalacqua) Ray and lived in Winchendon for the last 30 years.

Rose enjoyed spending time with her family. She liked to make puzzles and enjoyed bird watching.

She leaves her husband of 24 years, Gordon "Ralph" Hamilton and six

children, Phillip Theriault and his wife Iva of Templeton, Linda LeBlanc of Gardner, Denise Kendall and her husband James of Gardner, David Theriault and his wife Lica of Templeton, Richard Theriault of Maine and Anthony Hamilton and his wife Abigail of Massachusetts, as well as nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Rose was predeceased by a son and brothers Phillip and Paul Turkett of New York.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 at 1 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St. A period of visitation will precede the service from 12:30-1 p.m.

## Marie F. Maloney, 88



WORCESTER — Marie F. Maloney, age 88, of Worcester passed away on Sept. 26 after a long illness. She was born to the late James J. Courtney and the late Mary K. Courtney (Devlin) in Worcester on March 22, 1928.

Marie graduated from North High School in Worcester. She also earned a bachelor's of arts degree in Romance languages, from Clark University and a master's degree in education from Worcester State College. She worked as a kindergarten teacher for the Worcester public schools.

While teaching kindergarten at Harlow Street elementary school she met the dashing assistant principal, George E. Maloney. They fell in love, were married, had a honeymoon on Cape Cod, and had six children. Marie loved Cape Cod, spending summers, as a child, with her sister, Nancy, at Old Silver Beach in Falmouth. Later, she brought her own family to the Cape, and was seen frequently at Pleasant Road beach in West Harwich. Marie also loved reading, and instilled a passion for learning in her children.

George and Marie Maloney, as educators, were always very proud to say that each of their six children had graduated from four year universities, and have made a contribution to education in some way including: James T. Maloney, high school mathematics teacher, Dr.

George E. Maloney, dentist and professor, Jane McGinley, nurse and geriatrics educator, Dr. Mark D. Maloney, biology professor, Sally A. Maloney, principal, Doherty High School, William T. Maloney, MIT.

Marie is survived by her husband of 63 years Dr. George E. Maloney, her son James and wife Kathy Wilde of Hollis, NH and their children Kara Courtney (KC) and Dillon, along with KC's husband Jesse Edwards, her son George of Boston, her daughter Jane McGinley and her daughter Katherine and Paul Ambrosino of Jupiter, FL, her son Mark and his children Nathaniel and Mary Rose of Atlanta, GA, her daughter Sally of Worcester, her son William and wife Jeanne and their children John and Elaine of Winchendon, and her sister Nancy K. Hastings of Worcester, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will always be grateful that Jane McGinley and Paul Ambrosino were able to care for Marie at their home in Jupiter, FL for the past several years after she became ill. The family would also like to express our appreciation to all of Marie's caregivers, especially Lorna Daley who was so dedicated to Marie and developed a special friendship with her in recent years.

The funeral was held Friday, Sept. 30, from the Athy Memorial Home, 111 Lancaster St., Worcester with a Mass at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 555 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery.

### CAPSULES

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DURHAM, NH — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year.

Honors: Elisha Hodgson (Rindge).

High Honors: Kendra Payne (Templeton), Paige Benik (Fitzwillam), Andrew Pierce (Rindge), Peter White (Jaffrey), Rebecca Migotsky (Jaffrey).

Highest Honors: Abigail Thompson (Fitzwillam), Nicholas Dubicki (Fitzwillam), Bethany Fraser (Rindge)

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

BINGHAMTON, NY — Seong Eun Kim of Winchendon graduated from Binghamton University during the 2015-16 academic year earning a BA in English.

DUDLEY — Nichols College graduated 456 students on May 8, 2016, at the DCU Center in Worcester. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker delivered the keynote address.

Adam Aiken of Athol graduated with a BSBA degree;

sister Yvonne Page of Winchendon and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her parents, she is pre-deceased by her husband Robert T. Morse; her sisters Roseanne Grasmuck, Arlene Patterson, Dorothy Penski, Janet Morneau and Joan Lemire; her brothers Clayton Ashmore, Harold Ashmore, Arthur Ashmore and Quinn Ashmore.

A Mass of Christian burial is held today, Friday Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

The family requests no flowers be sent. Instead, memorial contributions may be made to the Murdock Sports Boosters, 2 Memorial Drive, Winchendon MA 01475 or to the Clark Memorial YMCA, 155 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

John H. Mack Funeral Home (mack-familyfh.com) 91 Vernon St., Gardner is directing arrangements.

Ashley Arsenault of Winchendon, MA graduated with a BSBA degree; Donna Jurczyk of Templeton graduated with a BSBA degree; and Alexandra Lepine of Athol graduated with a BSBA degree.

SPRINGFIELD — Jocelyn Agnelli of Winchendon graduated from Western New England University with a Master of Science in accounting in forensic accounting/fraud investigation concentration on Aug. 15, 2016.

SPRINGFIELD — Bethany Desilets of Winchendon, was welcomed into Western New England University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society on Aug. 26, during the University's Convocation ceremony. Desilets is majoring in neuroscience.

Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society for first year students that encourages and recognizes superior academic achievement. Alpha Lambda Delta seeks to promote intelligent living, a continued high standard of learning, and encourages students to recognize and develop meaningful goals for their roles in society. Members pledge to use their education to benefit the community, the college, the nation, and the world. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade point average of 3.50 in their first semester of study or a 3.50 cumulative average at the end of the first year.

Western New England University has a total of 18 honor societies on campus. More than 800 students were inducted into these organizations during the 2015-2016 academic year.

## James W. Balentine, 90

JAFFREY — James W. Balentine, age 90, of Jaffrey, died on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born in New Brunswick, NJ on April 23, 1926, the son of Warren and Doris (Lamson) Balentine. 'Jim' was a 1944 graduate of Barnstable High School in Hyannis and earned a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Bates College before earning his Masters of Education from the University of Massachusetts.

Jim served his country honorably in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Mr. Balentine began his 26-year-teaching career at Woodbury High School in Salem, NH. He continued his teaching career and school administration at the following Massachusetts schools: Wellesley Junior High School, Murdock High School in Winchendon, Fitchburg State College and Gardner Junior High School before his first retirement in 1976.

In addition to teaching, Jim was a 25-year co-executive director at the Jaffrey Gilmore Foundation and served as a selectman and on various other boards with the town of Jaffrey. He belonged to the First Church in Jaffrey and the Charity Lodge No. 18 F. and A.M. Masonic Lodge in Jaffrey, and,

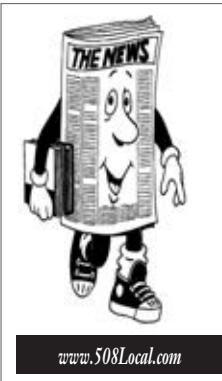
in his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, playing organ music and singing, and making maple syrup produced on the Chadwick Farm.

Jim is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Jane (Cederholm) Balentine of Jaffrey; his daughter, Jean B. Ris of Kingston, PA; his son John C. Balentine of Chestertown, MD; his two grandchildren, one great-grandchild; a brother, Robert G. Balentine of Park Ridge, NJ, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. At Jim's request, there will be no calling hours.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 in the First Church in Jaffrey, 14 Laban Ainsworth Way, in Jaffrey Center. Rev. Shayna Appel, Pastor, was the officiant. Burial with full military honors was held in Conant Cemetery, Jaffrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mr. Balentine's name to the First Church in Jaffrey, 14 Laban Ainsworth Way, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

To share memories, photographs or condolences with Jim's family, please visit his permanent online memorial at [www.cournoyerfh.com](http://www.cournoyerfh.com)





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# SPORTS

## Fright of a race scheduled

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Wanted: Zombies. Requirements: Being one of the living dead with a taste for human brains. Ages: Any. Wardrobe: Torn and dirty shirts, pants, skirts, blouses. Appearance: Sunken eyes, greying complexion, various open wounds.

The Clark Memorial YMCA is looking for some willing zombies to take part in frightening racers in the third annual Zombie Fun Runs and Kid's Halloween Party. The events take place Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Clark. The first event, a 2-mile Zombie Run, steps off at 10:45 a.m. Registration is \$10. A 1/3-mile Halloween costume run, which costs \$5, starts at 11:45 a.m.

The Halloween party takes place at noon in the Clark's field house. Anyone interested in participating can register for either race by going to active.com or stopping by the Clark Memorial YMCA.

The Y's aquatic director, Julie Whittemore, and gymnastics director Amanda Tousignant are organizing the day's events.

Whittemore noted that the

costume run and the Halloween party are geared toward younger children.

"There's no zombie theme for those two events. People should come in their best Halloween costume. We don't want to scare the...heck...out of the kids."

"We're hoping to get at least 20 or 25 zombies," said Whittemore. "Last year we only had seven, but we were competing against the Cracker Festival which was taking place in Westminster on that same day. We're trying to make it an all-day family event."

"The zombies can come any way they want. The volunteers will do their own makeup."

Zombies need not limit themselves to scaring racers.

"We'd also love to have them help out with our haunted house," said Tousignant. "The haunted house will be set up in the gym. The kids don't have to go through it if they don't want to. We take them through in groups; families can also go through together. And the atmosphere in the haunted house depends on the age group. We want to entertain the kids, not scare them to death."

The Halloween party will

include a number of features beyond just handing out candy to the kids.

"We'll have arts and crafts, a hay ride, pumpkin bowling, carnival games, and we'll likely have a bouncy-house. And we'll also have potato sack races."

According to Whittemore, some 200 children took part in last year's event.

In addition to sweets, apples and cider is being provided by Phillipston's Red Apple Farm. Hannaford is also contributing granola bars, bottled water, and some kind of fruit.

The two-mile race will take runners from the Summer Street extension and over the North Central Pathway to Glenallen Street, then back again.

Whittemore says funds raised from the day's events will be used to provide financial assistance to some people, subsidize membership costs, and help fund the Clark's scholarship program.

Anyone interested in playing a zombie or otherwise volunteering for the event should contact Whittemore or Tousignant at (978) 297-9622.



File photo

Runners from last year's race were properly paced by a bevy of ghoulish chasers.

## The bigger story....

Sports fans are provincial. That's hardly a secret but sometimes you really should climb out of your bunker and take a look at the bigger sports picture. Take last Sunday for example. In New England, the focus was on David Ortiz' final regular season home game and to a lesser degree, the Patriots loss to Rex Ryan's Bills. In Baltimore, the primary focus was on the Orioles' successful bid to gain their third playoff spot in five years and to a lesser extent on the Ravens loss to the Raiders.

None of those were the lead sports story Sunday. No, the biggest story Sunday was unfolding just outside Minneapolis where the United States Ryder Cup team gained its first victory in eight years over the European team. Granted, golf, much like tennis, horse racing and boxing tends to be more of a niche sport but every once in a while those sports vault to the top of the charts as racing did last year with American Pharoah's Triple Crown sweep. Last Sunday, one of the matches featured a titanic duel between Patrick Reed and Rory McIlroy which

had the huge crowd in a frenzy, most of it passionately pro-Reed and loudly heckling Rory, who's normally a fan favorite. He in turn played right along, at one point cupping his ears and mouthing "I can't hear you" after he sank a 50-some foot putt to momentarily silence the throng which was going wild again a minute later when Reed responded with a 25-30 footer of his own.

The Ryder Cup from all accounts is the most pressurized stage in golf which is even more impressive considering no one's playing for one of those big weekly checks. It's true the lines sometimes seem blurred. One match was contested between Thomas Pieters of Belgium and JB Holmes of Kentucky but Pieters is the one with an NCAA singles title he won while playing at Illinois. No doubt his former Illini teammates saw his match as a Big Ten-SEC showdown. The PGA and European tours are very much inter-



### TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

twined as everyone plays everywhere and well over half of the 24 participants have homes in Florida or Arizona. Nonetheless, country of origin is how rosters are determined and the competition gets intense and emotional. The crowds were massive and engaged and far more partisan than you generally see and while every week is a home game for Phil Mickelson anywhere on the planet, it was a novelty to see Rory and Justin Rose cast as the bad guys. What a spectacle. Too bad so many people probably missed it. One other golf note — when the 2016-17 wraparound season begins next week, there's every indication Mr. Woods, coming off serving as a vice-captain at the Cup, will be in the field. There's another "niche" sports story which ought to draw some attention. One last golf story — McIlroy had to fly back to Ireland because, like many pro athletes, he gets a lot of free stuff from sponsors and evidently his mom insisted he show up at his parents' house and clear all those free clubs out of the basement. Moms, of course, are moms.

As for baseball, by the time this hits the streets, the two wild card games will have been played and the first ALDS contests will be in the books as well. I kept waiting for the Blue Jays to pull away but that never happened and so Toronto hosted Baltimore in the AL wild card game. Pressure? Everyone knows all the pressure is on the Cubs. After all, if not now, when? Being the best team over that 162 game grind is one thing. Staying hot for three weeks in October is not guaranteed. The 10-team playoff field contained no particular surprises. It was widely assumed Boston would rebound and widely suspected Kansas City would have a hard time making it three pennants in a row and the NL field was pretty much one most observers expected with the possible substitution of the Cardinals for the Mets. Otherwise, the teams who were expected to make it made it. Sports is rarely so predictable. The eventual champion? A Cubs-Indians Series would be fun, one team not having won since 1908, the other since 1948. Yes, I'm an O's fan but again, sometimes we should look at the bigger picture. Right? Yeah, I'm sure that idea will go over well in provincial New England. See you next week.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### GIRLS

Hanna Seghir continued to tally for the Lady Devils, showing strong offensive prowess.

Sydney St. Pierre has drawn praise from Coach Jason Marshall who said, "her unselfish play going in wherever needed and doing so with good success."

### BOYS

Sam Drake intercepted a touchdown against Littleton to take away a potential touchdown.

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### MINI DEVILS INTO THE END ZONE

Justin Thira (11), Corey Fasulo (40) and Quentin Pridgen (12) pave the way to the end zone for Jack Polcari (33) during the Murdock Middle School game against Narragansett.

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Through four games thus far this season, four teams have put up 30 or more points in each game. Throughout those four games, the scores have been 42-6, 44-0, 35-6 and 34-6; but the halftime scores have been a different story.

The Blue Devils have been trailing by 10 points on average at halftime through those four games this season.

On Sept. 30 as the Littleton Tigers came to town with a 2-1 record and the Devils entering the game with an 0-3 record; Littleton would win the toss and elect to receive. The Blue Devils foiled plans by doing an onside kick to start the game, recovering the football and the Murdock offense got to work quick and early. The Devils would have good field position beginning in Tiger territory, and the drive would be capped with a Blue Devil touchdown by quarterback James Anderson. The kick would be blocked by the Tigers' defense and the blocked kick would be

returned to the end zone for two points.

The Blue Devils would take an early 6-2 lead however.

The Devils would do it again, using the onside kick and recovering the ball in Tiger territory; but the drive didn't go as well for the Devils as they would be forced to turn over the ball on downs.

Littleton would finally get things rolling after the slow start scoring often throughout the game, improving their record to 3-1 with a final 34-6 victory over the Blue Devils, who fell to 0-4.

Coach Andy Dupuis' reaction after the game was, "I thought one hell of a football game. We played a great first half, but as we just got too tired, I mean they are big kids and they just wore us out toward the end."

"I though we played a very good football game; a very solid football game. We moved the football all night long, even in the second half we were moving the football. We got close to the goal a couple of times, but we just couldn't punch it in."

In the first half, Sam Drake made an interception in the end zone to take

away a Tiger touchdown and Dupuis acknowledged that "Sammy is a very good football player, very aggressive, we like Sam Drake too."

"Defensively, our football team did outstanding. I really believe that. That's a good football team, that's a big football team, and I thought we played them very well. I thought our defense did an outstanding job tonight," Dupuis said. "I couldn't be happier with them."

"We're improving every week, and that's our goal right now."

Tonight Murdock travels to Ayer/Shirley to take on the Panthers in a 7 p.m. match up.

"That's a young team, a bit younger than us and I look for us to have a good game," said Dupuis. "I think we go with a real legitimate chance of beating them."

The Blue Devils look to snap the four game losing streak as they take on the Panthers.

Next Saturday Murdock travels to Assabet to take on the Aztecs before returning home on Oct. 21 to take on the Clinton Gaels.

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part of the Winchendon event. But later she said, “The two of us came head to head and realized we really needed to do something here. We started this back in March of 2016 when Trooper Clardy was killed, and it has morphed in to more than what was anticipated, it’s all positive. I have been a State Police Wife for 23 years, and we realized we needed a support group for the wives!”

As the MSP Wives group has been expanding, Watson was also please to say, “It has also brought a lot of wives together, and we have formed a lot of friendships. We have helped a lot of wives who have just come in to this job, and helped them with how to deal with it, raising families, many with husbands working crazy shifts and two hour commutes just one way, we really realized there was a need for a support system for wives of officers. I really wish we had this back when my husband went on the job because it was really hard, it was tough. The MSP Wives group has been expanding and at this current time there are 477 wives active in the group from all around the Commonwealth from Martha’s Vineyard off the Cape, all the way out to the borders of western Massachusetts.”

Watson’s husband works at the State Police Headquarters in Framingham with MSP Colonel Richard D. McKeon.

Watson emphasized, “I just want people to know that we are there to support all of law enforcement. This is what it’s all about. We are one big happy family in all cities and towns, and not just locally.”

MSP Wives member Donna Molet organized in Winchendon. Molet said, “We are going to cover from the Toy Town Horse along Front Street and head over including the town hall, the church shortly thereafter, and then back down Central Street towards CVS past the police station. We can only place bows and ribbons on public property, utility poles, and participating merchants where we have been

given permission in the down town area. This is an important cause, and we want to be respectful. Watch out for cars, and be careful. Thank you for your help, and let’s go!”

Many hands quickly made for light work. As cheerleaders, mothers and children, and adults began to cover ground, many in automobiles gave thumbs up to the participants. As Molet was placing a blue ribbon on the fence around Cumberland Farms, one man pumping gas immediately said, “I think this is a great cause, can I have one for my home?” Molet, all too pleased to hear the request, quickly handed him one, who said he was a Winchendon resident.

Working their way up to the historic wooden horse located at the intersection Front and School street were Phillipston residents Jason Boutelle and Joe Lorion. Both said after hearing of the event, “We felt we had to come and help out. It was just the right thing to do.”

Participant and MMHS teacher Becky Benedict before leaving with the cheerleaders was very happy to say, “For me it’s really great to see these girls taking part in really thanking the police officers in town, taking part in the community, and being community minded!”

Eighth grader and cheerleader Lena Wolski whose father is WPD Officer Joe Wolski summed it all up as, “It’s a good thing because what’s happening around the nation and world is really terrible. It’s good to help people in society, and do things to get them back together, and to be together again.”

Don O’Neil during the project sendoff offered, “It means a lot. Police officers put their lives on the line for us. Taking a few minutes out of your day to thank them is a great thing. I am always happy to do something like this!”

Fellow resident Mary Higbee, seeing the children take part said, “I am so proud of them. I have multiple family members who are police officers, so this really kind of hits home to be able to help out in this. Officers also need to get home to their families, and they are just



Keith Kent photos

**Murdock High School and Middle School cheerleaders, residents of Winchendon, Phillipston, MSP Wives representative Donna Molet, WPD officers, and Clyde the police dog posed for a group photo after a job well done in front of the new police headquarters.**

**At right: Older cheerleaders had permission to tie the ribbons to trees lining Central Street.**

doing their job and we need to support them.”

Stefanie Fluett of Winchendon, helping her young daughter Nicole hang a bow in front of the town hall, said, “I think it is just wonderful, I think it is a great thing to show children how to be a positive part of the community!”

Participants gathered for a well-earned group photo in front of the newly constructed police department with Officers Tracy Flagg, Allen Ross, and James Wironen with his four legged partner Clyde. Participants then were invited inside the new facility for apple cider and donuts provided by



WPD members in appreciation for their efforts on behalf of police.

Flagg, who works as the school resource officer, was pleased to see students involved. “They are all awesome. I love these kids. It makes me so proud that they have all come out on a Friday night, especially before a game, to help and support us!”

Westminster was to host MSP Wives and the Cover our State in Blue event last night, Oct. 6 in honor of Officer Lawrence Michael Jupin.

To learn more about MSP Wives on the internet, please go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and in the search bar enter, MSP WIVES - Cover our State in Blue

BUTTERFLIES

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milkweed in a Coke bottle with holes drilled in it.

“After two weeks of eating, the caterpillar is now two inches long and more than 2,700 times its original weight,” Morin said. “If a six-pound baby grew as quickly as a caterpillar, it would weigh eight

tons in 12 days.”

However, the insects only weigh ounces.

Once they grow into butterflies, they drink nectar from the flowers.

Morin said all they do is eat and frass. (Yes, that is the term for excrement for the little insects.)

She explained they usually lay about 300 eggs, but less than one percent

survive.

And the hobby is a lot of time and effort.

“Now that I’m retired, I have a few hours a day to capture them, clean the cage, buy milkweed, and take care of them,” Morin said.

She bought 50 tags for the 50 insects that she will raise and release. It only takes them 10 days from the chrysalis stage to become a butterfly.

Her husband, Rick, called their habitat dwindling, adding that it is a good thing to protect.

“There’s only a few mountain peaks in Mexico where they go,” Rick Morin said.

Jim Taylor, of Royalston, said he is not mowing his lawn to preserve butterflies’ habitat.

“A lot of my neighbors joined in,” Taylor said.



Vickie Morin tending her living garden.



A line-up of chrysalises, waiting in the wings.

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they’re going,” noted Walsh, adding the state legislature is working on taking steps to limit the availability of prescription pain medications which is widely believed to help been a major reason for the spike in opioid overdoses.

As committed as they are to educating the community about addiction treatment, Sibley and co-founders Barbara Higgins and Cathy Sutton envision a larger role as well.

“We are currently doing a fall/winter coat drive and we teamed with the Cornerstone Church for Thanksgiving donations and baskets. We are planning our Christmas event and we are in talk to do a veterans outreach in February. We’d like to do three big events per year and continue with some smaller ones like the clothes drive. When school started we were blessed to help several children get all their school supplies and clothe several children,” beamed Sibley.

While those activities are down the road, Sibley and her team are focused now on next weekend.

“It’s not enough to just wring your hands at what’s going on. We have to try to do something about it,” she stressed.

More information is available on the Winchendon Wonders Facebook page or the email address is [workingwondersinwinchendon@gmail.com](mailto:workingwondersinwinchendon@gmail.com).



Mat Plamondon photos

**A bevy of Monarch caterpillars, munching their way through milkweed.**

# Lady Devils still persevering

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It’s been a struggle, this 2016 soccer season and now even the weather is turning against them. A rare Saturday afternoon contest saw the Lady Devils sputter in the wet dreary going and fall to Taconic with senior Hanna Seghir tallying Murdock’s sole goal in a 7-1 defeat.

“It’s frustrating,” she acknowledged last week. “We’re trying but...” her voice trailed off.

Coach Jason Marshall shared Seghir’s angst “I challenged the girls to keep them off the scoreboard for ten minutes. We made five,” he lamented.

The wet going didn’t exactly help goal-keeper Yolanda Lafrennie, either.

“The conditions made Yolanda a little off her game and we gave up a couple rebounds that were walked into the net,” analyzed Marshall. Things got messier.

“Then in a mad scramble around another loose ball we put another own goal into our net,” Marshall said.

Seghir’s tally was her second score off a direct kick in less than a week. It came midway through the second half and at least avoided the shutout.

Brooke Harris was honored as player of the match.

“She gave all she had and was running all over and making good plays,” enthused Marshall.

Two days earlier, the Lady Devils visited Fitchburg and the Lady Red Raiders wasted no time jumping in front, scoring 22 seconds into the contest. That was just the beginning of the onslaught as Fitchburg poured in another eight goals before the break.

There wasn’t much to cheer but Marshall found a couple bright spots, noting “Victoria Swanson’s run in the box where she was brought down behind for a penalty kick. I gave her the choice of taking it and she eagerly grabbed the opportunity which she skillfully bounced off the post and it went in.”

Senior Sydnie St. Pierre also received praise, “for her unselfish play going wherever I needed her to fill in and doing it with great success,” said Marshall.

“We knew it was going to be a process,” reflected Marshall. “We’ve got a lot of young players, some who have no-to-little experience playing soccer. They’re getting experience now and we’ll be better for it later on. We’re not going anywhere. We’re building a program here,” he pledged.

The Lady Devils visit Maynard today and travel to West Boylston next week.





## REDEDICATION

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The featured speaker was Pres. Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by New Hampshire resident Steve Wood). After paying homage to those Winchendon men who fought and died in the Civil War, Lincoln recited the two-minute speech for which he is probably best remembered; the Gettysburg Address.

In addition to Corbosiero and Murphy, members of the GAR Park Restoration Committee include Rochelle LaFortune, Rick Ward, Burton Gould, Lorraine Fortugno, and Al Gallant.

Funds for the improvement project were provided by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, as well as contributions from a number of individuals and organizations. Foundation Executive Director Charles MacKenzie told the crowd he was impressed with the work that had been done at the park, adding "there are a lot of positive things happening in Winchendon."

A wreath honoring those who served in the Civil War was placed at the war memorial by Franco O'Malley, Commander of the Eugene Connor American Legion Post 193.

Upgrades to the park include the planting of 33 new trees, red maples and sugar maples, which replace diseased and rotting trees which were removed last year. A spruce tree was also added to the park. An electrical conduit was installed near the spruce to allow for a tree-lighting ceremony during the holidays.

The Smith Community Pavilion received a much-needed upgrade. The woodwork and lattice work were restored by contractor Mark Landanno, while Lionel Cloutier filled in cracks and painted the struc-

ture. The finial was added by Todd Parks.

The four cannon which adorn the park were sandblasted and given a new coat of paint. Each was also installed on a cement base, which will keep the heavy cannon from sinking into the ground, as had happened over the years since the park first opened.

The driveway from Murdock Avenue to the park memorial is newly paved, as are the walkways leading from surrounding streets to the memorial. Work was done by employees of the town's DPW.

Large boulders, donated by CJ Mabardy, were placed on the northeast quadrant of the park for children to play on, and new benches were installed near the park's cannon.

Two large stones were placed alongside the Murdock Avenue driveway, each adorned with a plaque; one honoring those who contributed to the purchase of park's new trees, the other detailing the history of the park.

Once the day's speakers had concluded, the Murdock Special Chorus sang several patriotic songs.

Father Michael Clements of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church offered the closing prayer.



Janet Corbosiero spearheaded the committee to clean up the memorial park following the 250th Anniversary ceremonies; when it was realized the area needed attention.



Photos by Greg Vine & Keith Kent

Robinson Broadhurst Foundation provided some of the funding for the rehabilitation of the park, and Charles "Lad" MacKenzie addressed the good work of the committee.



Though not approaching the thousands in attendance at the initial dedication of the park, the event was well attended.

At left: Even the youngest in attendance appreciated the music by Shades of Gray and the whole concept of the history.

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# GALA welcomes all to next ventures



A spiffy new color on the door welcomes all to the GALA gallery at 135 Front St.

Tracy Gambill photo

**BY TRACY GAMBILL**  
*COURIER CORRESPONDENT*

WINCHENDON — Great progress has been made on the carriage house at 135 Front St. Volunteers have brightened the exterior of the new home of the Gardner Area League of Artists. A new door adds a barn-red punch to the white building with black trim. Electrical wiring is being snaked throughout the structure and a large sliding door is almost ready for installation. Soon it will be time for insulation and drywall.

Donations of time, materials, and money have made the transformation possible so far and more support will help renovations continue to move along. A wish list includes drywall, kitchen cabinets, floodlights, a pellet stove, and pellets. Monetary contributions are always appreciated and donations are tax deductible.

To raise funds for a track lighting system in the new gallery, GALA is also looking for donated items for an online auction. Anything is welcome but some ideas include paintings, prints,

sculpture, crafts, jewelry, gift certificates, tickets, services, music CDs, tools, toys, furniture, and camping supplies. Donations may be dropped off at the gallery on Sunday, Oct. 30 between 2-5 p.m. Donor item forms and more information are on the GALA website.

GALA has plans for various exhibits, workshops, art parties, jam sessions, music lessons, Songwriters' Café, poetry open mic, and a gift shop. Such activities will draw visitors to Winchendon who will hopefully

patronize downtown shops, restaurants, and other businesses. Signs placed in front of GALA have already attracted people who were driving through town. Curious passersby have stopped to find out more about GALA and its activities and a few have become members.

More than 150 members from north central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire include painters, sculptors, photographers, musicians, and artisans.

"We're here," emphasized GALA President

Deb Giordano. "We want to welcome Winchendon residents to be a part of our association. We need and want to support Winchendon residents and have them get involved and give us their ideas or offer classes. We're looking for high-end, high-quality craft workshops."

Giordano is excited about the partnership between GALA and the Winchendon History and Cultural Center which owns the Isaac Morse House on the property as well as the 22-room mansion at 151 Front St. Part of WHCC's mission is to bring art and cultural events to town, so the two groups fit well together and can help each other in many ways. GALA provided music for this summer's pig roast at WHCC, for example.

GALA will host a free toy making workshop on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 2-5 p.m. The program is for children ages 8-12 who must be accompanied by an adult. The afternoon will begin with a tour of antique toys displayed in the WHCC Toy Museum at 135 Front St. Participants will learn about the history of toy making in Toy Town before they make and decorate their own toy drum in the gallery. This is a perfect example of how well the two groups are matched. Children

will then get to play their drums along with Walden Whitham and friends. Whitham has been a music educator and performer for over 30 years. Adults may enjoy music provided by Whitham as the children participate in the workshop. Popcorn and cider will be available. Pre-registration is not required, though only the first 50 children can be guaranteed materials to make a drum. The program is sponsored by the Winchendon Cultural Council.

A poetry open mic will also be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 2-4 p.m., at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. All are invited to share their own words, a favorite poem, or simply listen to others. The program will begin with Ann Marie Meltzer of Greenfield sharing from her book of poems titled "Coming of Age." Light refreshments will be available and the cost is \$2 for GALA members and \$3 for non-members.

Information on membership, events, artists, and more can be found at galagardner.org. For questions or to arrange a drop-off time for auction items, call Giordano at (978) 407-1419.

"Please don't hesitate to call us," she stressed. "We are a fun organization."

## TERRIFYING

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has always maintained a close alliance with Israel.

"She is sharing her story as a person of Arab descent."

Hannah's concerns didn't start at the airport. She showed a video and claimed she and fellow students were consistently followed by armed soldiers and shadowed by snipers, though she added that practice was common.

"The Israelis would shut off the water and then charge to turn it back on," she claimed. "The first night we were there we heard gunshots."

But what she said angered her most was the treatment she received at the airport. "Going into the country I had no issues. Leaving was a different story."

Hannah said she breezed through the initial security line and oversized luggage check point but it was after that when she said the situation deteriorated.

"I was sent to the end of a long metal table and was told to dump out all my belongings so a security officer could check them. After about 10 minutes of checking and questioning me, the officer said I was ready to go. He picked up my notebook to hand it to me and it happened to open to the one page of writing in the whole book, a childhood Arabic lesson which was dated 2012."

"He told me he would be back and he came back with another man who grabbed the book, stared at it and stared at me. He started by asking, 'why do you have Arabic in this book?' What connection do you have to Arabs?"

Hannah said a female security officer arrived and began questioning her about holidays and asked her parents names.

"I was a minor and I was strip-

searched," she told the students listening to her story. "Finally they let me pack up all my things for a second time and leave" the security area.

The story turned out not to be over. When Hannah handed her boarding pass and passport at the gate, she was told, "you need to come with me."

She asserted the airline said her bag had been briefly lost and blamed her for the mishap. Hannah added, "everyone else had boarded and I was over at the side waiting."

"My plane was scheduled to leave in ten minutes and when I asked if I would still make my flight they ignored me. A security officer came over and asked me questions about my bag and checked it at the gate."

"Finally after two hours of being questioned and strip-searched I was able to board and go home."

Her bag? That didn't make the flight and was returned several days later.

Yet Hannah said she's undeterred by the experience.

"Rather than scare off me off, it made me more determined to help those who suffer more every day," she said.

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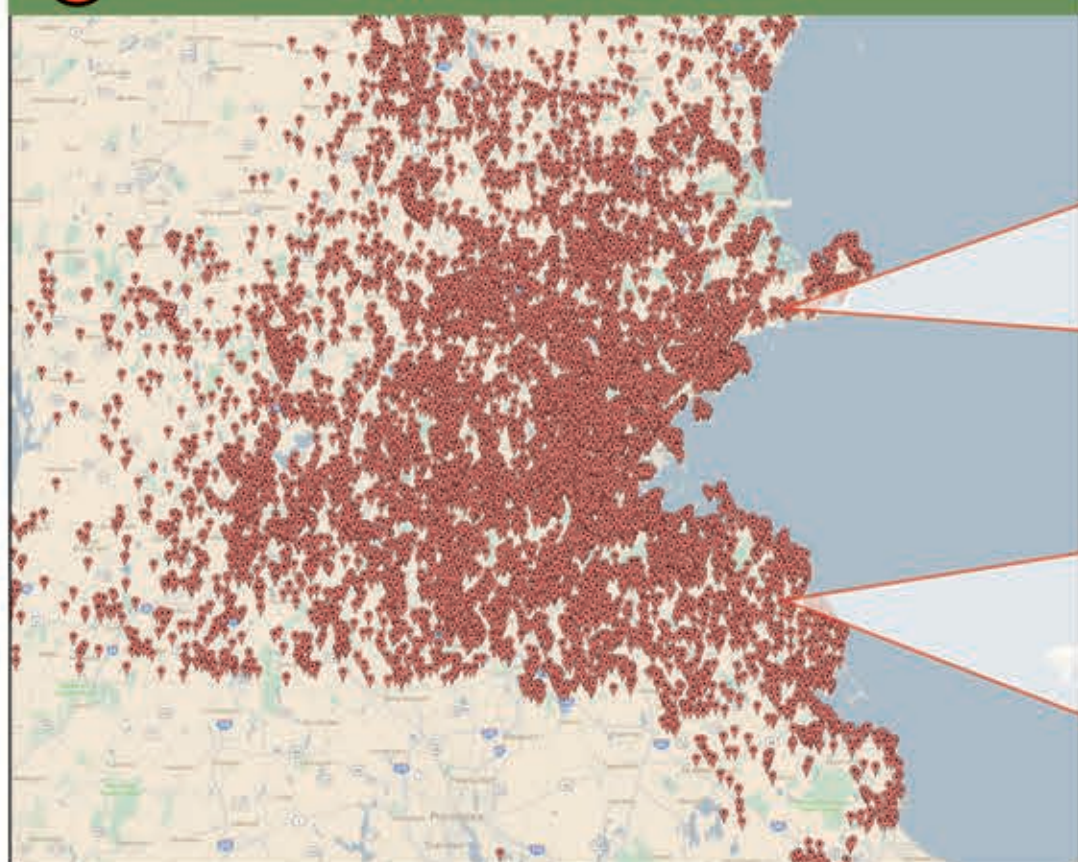
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