



## Single stream recycling seems to be a hit

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — After more than one year of planning, preparations, cost analysis and projections, Winchendon residents now have the benefit of single stream recycling as part of long term effort to reduce municipal operational costs while making recycling more customer and user friendly.

With a new compactor designated exclusively for single stream, residents have newly painted traffic lanes to guide the approach to individual drop off points. The newer recycling compactor located to the left, and the old rubbish compactor for bags is still located in front of the foreman's office to the right. Each deposit site hosts traffic on each side of the compactor, allowing for up to four customers at a

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Keith Kent photo

**Rolland Rochon of Otter River Road was the very first resident to use the new Single Stream recycling process at the town transfer station after entering at 9 a.m. sharp Sept. 22.**

## Crafty Cauldron opens doors

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — A pair of Winchendon residents have opened a new business on Central Street and so far, they say, people have been showing a lot of interest. The Crafty Cauldron will hold its grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Community and Economic Development Steering Committee. Refreshments will be available and there will be a drawing for gift basket.

For two years, Rebecca Robillard and Janet Lee ran a similar business in Brattleboro, VT. The two, however, soon tired of the one-hour commute and started looking for a spot in Winchendon where they could establish a retail operation. They eventually settled on the location at 91 Central St. once occupied by the Courier.

The store occupies 1,400 feet and Robillard says she and her partner hope to set up classroom space where patrons can work on their projects.

"We do have room to expand, if necessary," she says.



Greg Vine photos

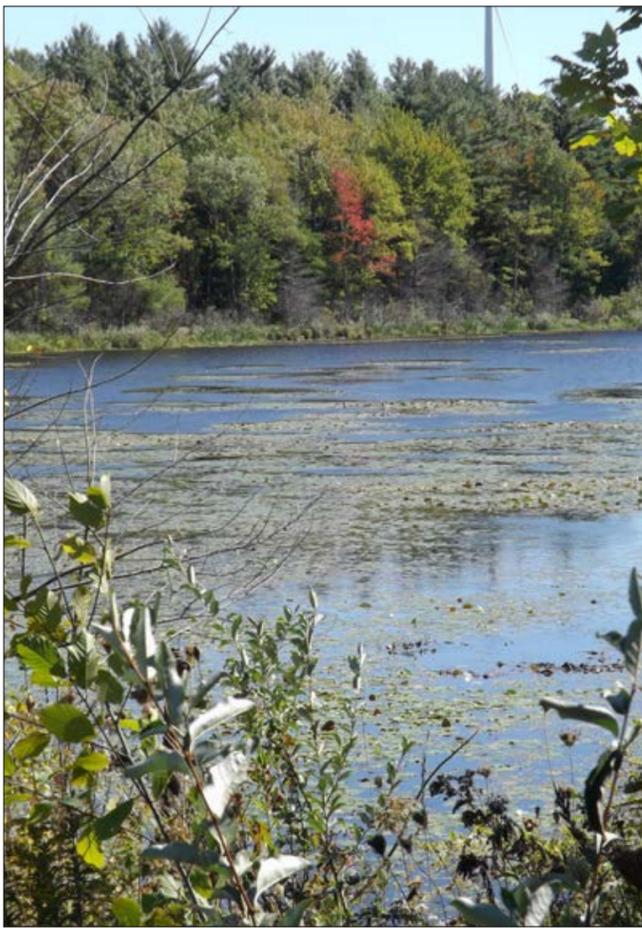
**Rebecca Robillard and Janet Lee are open for business and eager to welcome customers.**

The Crafty Cauldron features the work of 20 New England area artisans and offers yarn from a variety of independent dyers. Robillard also crochets a number of items that are available for sale.

Before going into business, Robillard taught for a couple of years at Murdock High School. For over 10 years, Lee has owned a seven-acre goat

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## Don't miss this outdoor gem



Greg Vine photo

The colors aren't as vivid as they will be soon at High Ridge.

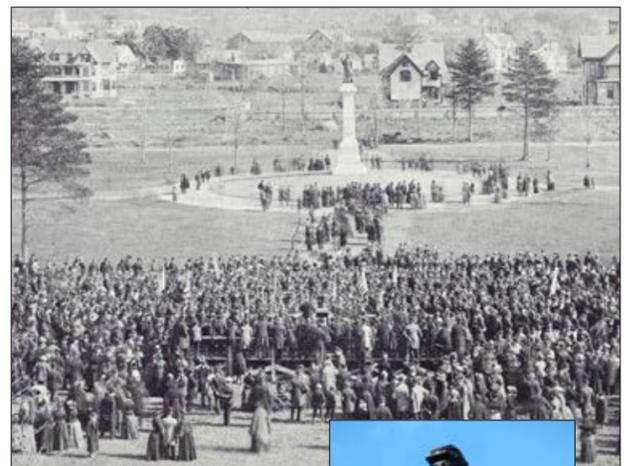
BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WESTMINSTER — You've driven past it a hundred, maybe a thousand times and barely noticed — if you noticed it at all. On the trek from Winchendon to Route 2 in Westminster, after you zip through the intersection of Routes 140 and 101, you pass a nondescript little driveway on the left. Chances are you've seen cars entering or exiting there but never paid much attention. But, if you love the outdoors, you should.

If you turn off 140 onto that little "driveway," which actually used to be Gardner's Chapel Street, you'll enter the High Ridge Wildlife Management Area. The area is under the auspices of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, part of the state Department of Fish and Game.

Marion Larson, head of information and education for the DFW, says High Ridge was created in late 1983, when land was given to the division by the state Department of Corrections, which had recently taken over the area for the creation of a prison on the site of the former East Gardner State Hospital. Over the years, more parcels have been added to the management area and it now comprises 1,040 acres lying in the city of Gardner and towns of Ashburnham and Westminster.

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**When the GAR Park was first dedicated in 1889, the crowd was on hand to listen to honor the memory of 56 fallen servicemen of the Civil War.**

**At right: Today, the Civil War soldier gazes over the park, ever at attention.**



## Dedication ceremony to feature Lincoln re-enactor

BY RICK WARD  
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

WINCHENDON — Residents and visitors will have the chance to re-live one of the town's historic events on Sunday, Oct. 2, when the newly restored Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Park is officially dedicated. The GAR Park Restoration Committee has overseen the restoration of the park's four Naval cannons, planting of trees, upgrading of the gazebo, re-pavement of the park walkways, and soon, the installation of eight new park benches.

While the first dedication, held 127 years ago next month, was focused on the magnificent "Soldiers' Monument" which towers over the center of the park, and served primarily to honor the memory

of those 56 who made the ultimate sacrifice, the Oct. 2 celebration will be a dedication of the entire park and will pay tribute to all of Winchendon's young men who served the Union cause during the country's Civil War.

The Committee has planned a memorable ceremony Oct. 2, starting at 12:30 p.m. with Civil War era music by the Shades of Gray camp band. The band will play songs enjoyed by both sides during the 1861-65 war. The committee urges residents to bring a blanket, chairs and lunch for an 1860s era family picnic. The official welcome at 1 p.m., will be followed by an opening prayer delivered by Pastor F. Calvin Miller of

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## Students look to boost town

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — A group of a dozen Winchendon School students met with Town Manager Keith Hickey last week to discuss how they might help boost business and thereby help alleviate poverty in the Toy Town.

The students are part of the school's Service Learning Program, in which all 250

students are involved. The director of the program is Winchendon resident Miranda Jennings, who also teaches Spanish at the school.

"We were looking at ways of addressing poverty and homelessness," said Jennings. "We've spoken with Our Father's House in Fitchburg and the Winchendon CAC (Community Action

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Greg Vine photo

**Town Manager Keith Hickey talks to students from Winchendon School**



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**WEEKLY QUOTE**

"Knowledge speaks,  
but wisdom listens."  
Jimi Hendrix

# Area residents take part in national convention



Courtesy photo

From left, Coral Grout, Lisa Gauthier and Monique Connor with the award presented to the local Auxiliary at the national convention.

CINCINNATI OH — Lisa Gauthier, Monique Connor and Coral Grout of Eugene M. Connor Unit 193 in Winchendon and Margaret Roy of Ashburnham Unit 142 were among the nearly 1,300 delegates, alternates, and distinguished guests from across the nation who attended the 96th American Legion Auxiliary national convention the end of August. The annual event brings members of the American Legion family together to celebrate successes from the administrative year, elect national officers, and set national priorities to guide their organizations in the coming year.

All participated in a variety of activ-

ities throughout the week, including National Executive Committee meetings, divisional caucuses, sessions on how to continue the ALA's mission of serving veterans, the nomination of state and national officers, and recognition of the year's achievements.

Attendees also had the opportunity to hear firsthand from Democratic and Republican presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, who attended the event as guest speakers. On behalf of Unit 193 member Bridgette Marinelli, the Winchendon delegates accepted the "Auxiliary Member of the Year Award." Awards are given to representatives from all 52 Departments.



At the recent Auxiliary meeting, Bridgette Marinelli was given her Member of the Year award by Monique Connor, who serves as District 4 Activities Chairman.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, ALA vol-

unteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. To learn more about the ALA's mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

## Middle School Student Council ready for challenges

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Murdock Middle School students chose their Student Council leaders last week and the newly elected officials dove right in, eager to get to work.

"We want to be a voice for the students on things important to the whole school," said president Abby Russell.

"For example, we want to support the PART program," she added.

There's much more though, as Russell said she and the rest of the executive board are hoping to encourage greater participation in middle school activities in gener-

al, including dances and spirit week.

"There were two other people who ran for vice-president, but I ran because I wanted to do something," said winner Morgan Eldredge.

Secretary Jess Higbee who's also involved with cheerleading and softball said she ran because "I wanted to get more involved. At first I didn't think I could do all this but I can. We're all proud of what we're doing."

For treasurer Maddy Montana, (cheerleader, too) this is her first year at the middle school and, "I really didn't know what I wanted to do about getting involved. I just knew I wanted to and when Student Council

was suggested I was like 'cool'. We can come up with a lot of ideas for what we want to do and we tell teachers and see what they think about those ideas."

Added Russell, "there's a mix of teacher-student ideas. They can help us put projects together, and I like how we're going to work together."

Held on Thursdays, Student Council meetings are expected to draw a couple dozen attendees. Last Friday, the group hosted the "Glow in the Dark" dance.

Middle School Assistant Principal Jess Vezina pointed out, "we had 11 students run for Student Council offices and I attribute that



Courtesy photo

The Fab Four: Student Council President Abby Russell, Secretary Jess Higbee, Treasurer Maddy Montana and Vice-President Morgan Eldredge.

to the outstanding leadership of our Student Council advisers, Amanda Rodgers and Cassie Malliet. Those two teachers go above and

beyond for the students at MMS and I could not be more proud of them and all the students who ran for an office."

These young leaders have even begun to peer into their futures.

"I might like to be an archeologist," Russell enthused. "But I love animals too so I might want to be a vet tech," she said, acknowledging those

decisions are years away.

Animals run in the quartet's families with horses, dogs, cats and fish among the pets. "Maybe we'll all be vets," laughed Higbee.

For now though, there's Student Council.

"We want to set an example that kids should get involved," Montana observed.



## MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Elizabeth Ricord photo

If you were up early enough this week you might have caught sight of this youngster ambling along Central Street in the area of Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home. He took his time, but eventually wandered into the safety of heavier wooded areas.

## Local Auxiliary member elected to national position

INDIANAPOLIS — American Legion Auxiliary delegates to the 96th annual national convention elected Coral May Grout, a member of the Eugene M. Connor Unit 193, as the national historian for the 2016-17 administrative year. Grout will be responsible for developing the historical documentation of the 2016-17 Auxiliary year. She will work collaboratively with 52 Department historians to ensure that each Department has a history for the year.



Coral Grout

At the national level, Grout has held chairmanships in Education, Legislative, Public Relations, Constitution and Bylaws, Leadership, Community Service, Junior Activities, and Americanism. She served as Family Support Pod chairman during 2011-12 and previously was a member of the National Strategic Planning Committee. She was president of the Massachusetts Auxiliary in 1991-92, and spent the following two years in the position of National Executive Committeewoman. She is a past District IV director, which covers all Auxiliary members in Worcester County. Presently, she is District IV parliamentarian.

A member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 60 years, she is a past president of the Eugene M. Connor Unit 193 in Winchendon and serves as its present historian and membership co-chairman. Her eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is through the service of her father, Charles E. Grout, and grandfather, Stanislaus Laplante.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. With a membership of nearly 750,000, local ALA units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide. The ALA's mission to serve veterans, their families and their communities is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters.

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# Monadnock region gets its own play

JAFFREY — The Park Theatre will present the Matchbook Players production of The 24 Hour Plays: MONADNOCK! on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Jaffrey Woman's Club in downtown Jaffrey.

The 24 Hour Plays is a unique theatrical experience that is licensed to theatre groups around the world. High schools, universities, community theaters and professional theaters produce their own 24 Hour Plays productions. Over the past 10 years, productions have been mounted in London, Athens, Florence, Dublin, Edinburgh, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Ahrensburg, Mexico City, New York and numerous other U.S. cities.

More than 30 local writers, directors, actors, stage managers and tech staff will come together at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey for the first time on Thursday, Oct. 7. They collaborate over the next 24 hours to produce six brand new 10 minute plays that debut for one night only.

Actor and director Kevin Spacey has directed The 24 Hour Plays, "A magical experience."

The Park Theatre is presenting the theatrical event and it is being produced by Jaffrey's new theatrical company, the Matchbook Players. Paige Johnson, a familiar participant with local theatre groups (The Branch River Theatre, Drop-In Improv at the Colonial Theatre and Actors' Theatre Playhouse) started the Matchbook Players this past summer. This will be their first production.

"This is the type of unique theatrical experience the Park Theatre wants to bring to the Monadnock region," said Steve Jackson, CEO and managing director of the Park Theatre.

"Construction of our new theatre will begin in the next few months, however, we want to give our future theatre audiences a taste of the type of entertainment they can expect of us," Jackson

added. "We are very excited to partner with the Park Theatre for our first production. It will be an additional highlight to the Monadnock Art Tour and Jaffrey Scarecrows on the Common weekend. We hope to continue to partner with the Park Theatre before, during and after the construction of their new state-of-the-art theatre facility. The new theatre will be a blessing for theatre performers and fans throughout the Monadnock region," said Paige Johnson, founder and artistic director of the Matchbook Players.

The 24 Hour Plays: MONADNOCK! is produced under the authority of The 24 Hour Company, Inc. of New York City.

The one night only performance of The 24 Hour Plays: MONADNOCK! will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Jaffrey Woman's Club, 33 Main St. Tickets for the performance are \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased by

going to [www.theparktheatre.org](http://www.theparktheatre.org) or by calling the Box Office at (603) 532-8888.

The 24 Hour Plays: MONADNOCK! Is sponsored by D.D. Bean & Sons Co., Grove Street Fiduciary, Inc., The Melamine Cup and Sunflowers Café & Catering.

The Park Theatre first opened in Jaffrey in 1922 and was the center of community life as a movie and vaudeville house for 54 years until it closed in 1976. Purchased by The Park Theatre, Inc. in 2006, it will be rebuilt as a state-of-the-art film and performing arts center, featuring two auditoriums seating 475, presenting movies, live theatre, including children's productions, concerts, and lectures as well as offering a place for business and community gatherings for the Monadnock Region and its 100,000 residents, school districts and dynamic artistic community. The new theatre is scheduled to be opened in late 2017/early 2018.

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## FUTURE "CHOPPED" STAR

Greg Vine photo

At the United Parish fall festival recently this youngster found all the necessary tools to start his own kitchen. Chopping up grass from around his site, he was stirring up his own version of lunch without the help of any adults. We may very well see him on a cooking show in the future.

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**READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER**

# Mad about the mystery of history

BY JERRY CARTON  
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — When you love a subject, when you're passionate about it, there's a natural desire to share that enthusiasm with others and that's exactly what Sarah Moore is doing teaching history and geography at Murdock Middle School.

Moore isn't new to the classroom but this is her first year in town and a month into the academic year she's not sorry she signed on. Not one bit.

"Everyone here has been so supportive. The energy level is high. The administration has been great. So has my team. I can pop in their room even for little things like borrowing a stapler. I feel like we're all in a good place," she enthused.

One of those students who "always liked school, especially history," you might think Moore had always planned to teach.

"No. I really didn't. Not right away. Not until I was a senior. And when I was in college (UMass Dartmouth) I tutored math and English and things

sort of fell into place and here I am. Teaching is what I'm supposed to do," she beamed.

This is Moore's first crack at teaching middle school, having previously taught on the high school level at a parochial school as well as having worked in Littleton.

"My husband and I built a house in Westminster and we were both looking for a shorter commute so I went on the schoolspring job site and saw this. I interviewed last spring with Josh (High School Principal Romano), Jess (Middle School Assistant Principal Vezina) and Calvin (middle school history teacher Miller) and I knew it was the right place for me," she said.

Moore's favorite is world history.

"We focus on eras, the Middle Ages, the Enlightenment, the Scientific Revolution and so forth. It's interesting that from playing their video games a lot of the kids have some knowledge of certain eras. That helps keep them engaged and some are really interested in learning more about certain times in history.

"I like to have them look at the bigger

picture and looking at history through the perspective of eras is a good way to do that. We talk about serfs and peasants and what we know about what their lives were like. We're working on cause and effect and critical thinking skills. We want to have them asking critical questions. I'm still learning their skill levels but it's been a lot of fun to do that," she said.

Moore takes a broad approach to teaching geography as well.

"I want to help kids become familiar with the world. You know, they turn on their X box and they might be playing with someone in the Czech Republic or in France. It'd be a good idea if they knew where those were," she laughed.

"They're learning about other cultures and that's so beneficial," Moore reflected.

It's not just in her classroom that Moore is finding joy.

"The community seems to be responsive to what we're trying to do and that also makes it fun to come to work every day. I feel like we're doing something special here."



## CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
 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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1  
 TEA PARTY MYSTERY: every weekend 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2  
 REDEDICATION OF GAR PARK: beginning at 12:30 p.m., the Grand Army of the Republic Park will be rededicated to the memory of the veterans of the Civil War with speeches and music and a picnic at the Park on Grove Street. Keynote speaker will be President Abraham Lincoln (Steve Wood); music by Shades of Gray. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held at Old Murdock Senior Center.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3  
 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 4  
 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 5  
 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 6  
 STORY HOUR: On Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13  
 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 Community supper is held at its popular time of twice per month, Thursday night at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. The second Thursday of each month is "Soup and Sandwich night." Each month we're trying out a new soup recipe with a sandwich to go with it.

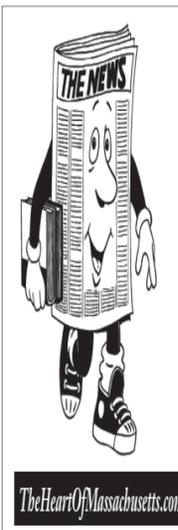
The fourth Thursday of each month is

a full dinner with salad and dessert.

This meal is sustained by gifts from the people who attend, the religious communities of Winchendon, the Winchendon Community Action Committee, the Winchendon School, and many volunteers.

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## EDITORIAL

# Winchendon is turning blue

On Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., if you see a crowd of people all over town with armloads of big blue ribbons, stop and help or at least honk or applaud for support.

This is the Massachusetts State Police Wives Initiative, the local police department wives, the Murdock cheerleaders, and volunteers from all walks of life including our own town hall who will be putting up huge blue bows on utility poles in support of law enforcement personnel.

Town Manager Keith Hickey brought this before the Board of Selectmen a few weeks ago, and there were some questions about just where they would be placed, for how long and whether putting the bows on utility poles was ok. Hickey followed up, cleared the paths, and the bows will be up (for a limited amount of time, not forever).

We say, hurray.

It's a good way to say the town of Winchendon supports its police department. We've seen small signs in other towns saying "We (heart) our police" but the big blue bows say it all. And we "Heart" all police including the state level, special police, those who are security forces on campuses....even those who are military police. Their jobs aren't easy, and they are mostly thankful. This is a small, very small way to say thank you, visibly.

On Saturday a new tradition will begin as the Crafty Cauldron will get a ribbon cutting ceremony at their front door. The Economic Development Steering Committee is taking the initiative on this, with the hope the Winchendon Business Alliance will at some point be revived and take over the honors. New businesses should be welcomed with a flourish. We want them to feel welcome, and what better way than a ceremony? This will happen at 10 a.m. at the new store at 90 Central St.

Then on Sunday the GAR Park will be dedicated again, with live music, Abraham Lincoln and other speakers. In 1889 there were thousands of people in attendance, wouldn't it be awesome if we were able to attract thousands this year too?

Winchendon, a New England town with deep roots and absolutely infinite pride. We lost a bit of it for a while; feeling a little sorry for ourselves...we lost our way. It's wonderful to see it coming back stronger than ever.

## LETTERS POLICY



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## MHCC: be a volunteer

To the Editor:

People who live in nursing and rest homes are the same people who helped build and support our communities. They come from all walks of life. We grew up with them, around them and connected with them via work, friends, family, and neighbors. Although they now reside in a nursing home or rest home, it is important to treat them with dignity and respect. It is important we not forget them.

October is National Long-Term Care Residents Rights Month. It's the time of the year specifically set aside to acknowledge and remember the contributions and sacrifices many residents have made to better our cities and towns. It calls attention to the rights they still maintain.

As a community, we should do all we can to enhance the lives of these residents by visiting them at a facility (their home), by taking them out in to the community, and by volunteering at these homes. We should keep them included in outside activities. The benefits include physical, emotional, and spiritual improvement for all involved.

By visiting and listening to residents, we honor their lives and experiences. For some residents, you may be the only visitor they have. Most people who reside in these homes truly look forward to and enjoy the company and conversation. Nursing and rest homes typically welcome individuals and groups to come in and socialize with residents. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and other organizations might consider ways to earn badges here. Musicians, singers or other entertainers could engage residents while mastering their craft.

In addition to resident rights month,

October is also the time we recognize our local and long-term care ombudsman, program staff, and volunteers, who work daily to promote residents rights, assist with complaints, and provide information to those who need help. The Ombudsman Program at Montachusett Home Care covers the Leominster area, Worcester and surrounding towns, serving 49 nursing homes and rest homes in Worcester and Northern Worcester counties.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program serves to advocate for individuals living in area nursing and rest homes. Volunteers are trained and certified through the State Ombudsman program. Each Ombudsman is assigned a facility. Weekly visits help to ensure individuals receive quality care in a respectful and dignified manner. Ombudsman address concerns, complaints, and provide information to residents.

For information on the ombudsman program in the Worcester area, please visit <https://eswa.org> or call Elder Services of Worcester Area at (508) 756-1545 ext. 455. For Northern Worcester County, please visit <http://montachusettshomecare.org/services> or call (978) 537-7411 ext. 254.

For information on how to become involved in a nursing home or rest home as a guest or volunteer, please contact the home directly.

Please consider sharing your talents, your gifts, and most importantly, your time.

SHEILA BEANE  
LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN  
MONTACHUSETT HOME CARE  
CORPORATION

## WHCC: thanks for great Casino

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Winchendon History and Cultural Center I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who worked to make our 9th Casino Royale fundraiser a major success.

Thank you to every business that donated such amazing things for our silent auction. Thanks to all of you who took time out of your very busy schedules to join us at our Casino, and who make this event such fun to attend. Without your support we wouldn't be able to do all of the varied programs we do, or keep up the two buildings we are constantly working to improve. Everyone in our organization appreciates the efforts of our volunteers, servers, docents, and everyone who gives so generously of their time.

We have a variety of new and interesting programs coming up. Feel free to call us with ideas and programs that might be something you would enjoy and we will try to make it happen.

We are all very happy to have this opportunity to thank our wonderful town because it takes the work of all of us to preserve our past. So once again, thank you all!!!

Here's to next year and our 10th Casino Royale. Hope to see you there on Saturday Sept. 9th 2017 at 7 p.m. I'll greet you on the porch.

PEGGY CORBOSIERO  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT,  
WINCHENDON HISTORY AND  
CULTURAL CENTER

# First, it's about me...

Because we must, we'll get to Donald and Hillary. Yes, we must. Sorry.

It's my column so first let's talk about me. Columnists have egos, you know. Anyway, on Monday, I saw the neurologist at UMass. Bottom line I passed. I knew what day it was. I identified objects. I easily counted backwards from 100 in sevens. So he was happy with all that. Me too. Believe me, me too. The problem is, of course, I have good days and bad ones. On the good ones, I'm likely to breeze through those tests and on the bad ones I might call the washing machine a refrigerator or even while knowing what it is, be unable to articulate the word. There are ultrasounds of

my neck and brain still ahead. The latter should certainly be interesting. As for the drooling, he thought that's likely residue from the sub-doral hemotoma I had at 11 months way back in 1954. It's noteworthy, as drools go of course, if we must discuss such things, that mine is on the right side of my mouth and it's my right side which was impacted by the brain injury all those years ago, so I'm guessing he's right.

It could be worse. It could be much worse. You appreciate the good things and then you good-naturedly whine about the bad, and you do what you can to take care of it. Besides, it's an even year. In 2010, I spent all of September in ICU. In

2012, I had a mild stroke a couple days after Election Day, the results, political results that is, which I liked, and it was on election night 2014 the results which I didn't, that paramedics found me unresponsive in a dark house and only then because the phone line to my office was open. Nov. 8 might be dramatic in more ways than one!

You find out who your friends are too, so to all of you who



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checked in, let me once more express my gratitude and appreciation for your support and caring. I can never adequately express just how much

that means to me. As for the debate, my sense is that Trump, inept and incoherent as he was, won't lose much support despite his cringe-worthy performance. The country remains highly polarized. Some 40-plus percent of voters are not going to cast a ballot for Hillary under any circumstanc-

es. But the reason she "won" Monday night is because her performance compared with his probably energized a whole lot of Democrats who might have otherwise grumpily sat this one out or perhaps drifted into the Johnson or Stein camp. Even her most ardent critics can't say she doesn't know her stuff policy wise and it was abundantly clear he had no idea what the hell he was talking about most of the time and while that doesn't matter to his die-hards, it might to the relatively few genuine undecideds, and for those undecideds who are women, he sure didn't help himself with them. Trump clearly didn't learn the

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# Of sports and politics

I probably should be writing about Monday's debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, but my heart just isn't in it. This past weekend was a rough one for sports fans. Two bright lights were extinguished. One, which shone for nearly nine decades, was the well-known Arnold Palmer; the other, just recently lit and snuffed out too soon, was up-and-coming pitcher Jose Fernandez.

The loss of Arnold Palmer did not come as a shock, perhaps - he was, after all, 87 - but it stung just the same.

I can remember visiting the home of my friend, John Leavenworth, when I was just a kid. Saturdays and Sundays were "golf weekends" at the Leavenworth home. Everything came to a halt and all was silent, or at least was supposed to be, as John's dad watched with an almost practiced inten-

sity the tournament of the week. If we kids made a noise there was an instant "shhhh." It was almost as if he feared our muttering would distract Arnold as he readied a shot for birdie.

He may not have been there, following him around the course, but John's dad was as surely a member of Arnie's Army as anyone. Watching him battling the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Mickey Wright, Gene Littler, and Julius Boros.

I was a month shy of my eighth birthday, but I can still recall Mr. Leavenworth's disappointment when Boros defeated Arnold and Jacky Cupit in an 18-hole playoff at the 1963 U.S. Open, played that year at The Country Club in Brookline. I won't say he was inconsolable...but close.

His spirits were buoyed the following year, however, as Arnold shot a

12-under par 276 to win his fourth green jacket at the Masters.

In all, Arnold Palmer would rack up 95 professional wins over the course of his career: 62 PGA Tour wins, 18 others, 10 Senior PGA Tour victories, and five other senior wins. These titles come on top of an amateur career during which he picked up 26 first-place trophies. There was a reason he was nicknamed "The King."

Many of us grew up with Arnold Palmer. We watched the ups and downs of his career. He was, in a real sense, a part of our lives for well over five decades. We were lifted by his highs and marveled with the grace and class with



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which he dealt with his lows, including his bout with prostate cancer in 1997.

His truly was a life well lived, and we got to live it with him, right up until his death. Vicariously, we experienced his greatness.

However, we were only able to glimpse the promise of greatness yet to come from Jose Fernandez, the outstanding young Miami Marlins pitcher whose death, at the age of 24, came when the boat he was in crashed on a rocky jetty off Miami Beach.

Jailed for a time in Cuba for trying to defect, Fernandez, at the age of 15, finally made it to the shores of Florida.

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# Recalled beef not sold in town

BY TARA VOCIÑO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

ATHOL — Adams Farm general manager Ed Maltby said the recalled beef is not sold at Central Supermarket or anywhere else in town.

The farm began a voluntarily recall of beef, veal and bison products on Saturday that could possibly be contaminated by E. Coli O157:H7.

"It hasn't been sold in Winchendon to our knowledge," Maltby said.

Farmers bring their own animals there, and farmers pick up the meat when it is packaged, meaning the farm does not have any control of where it goes.

Maltby confirmed he does not know of any local stores that sell their meat.

He explained the farm worked with the United States Department of Agriculture and discussed the situation.

"To ensure there's no contaminated product out there, we took their advice to have it recalled," Maltby said.

He knows some meat brought from one of the farmers, who has his meat processed there, was contaminated. He did not know his name or where he lives.

The farm services 350 farmers from southern New England and eastern New York.

Maltby said the farm slaughters beef, lamb, goat and pig through humane methods.

"We use a stun gun between the eyes on the forehead," he said. "It has a success rate of 99 percent. But as a precaution, we do check to make sure the eye doesn't move."

That ensures direct penetration to the brain and animal safety, he said.

The animals vary from 18 months to eight to 10 years old. Twenty to 30 cows are killed a day with more lamb and goat slaughtered daily.

The recall has destroyed tens of thousands of pounds of meat. He estimated that only two percent of the meat is contaminated.

Maltby said the farm hopes to compensate farmers for the loss of income by making

arrangements with each individual farmer based on volume of need.

Many customers understand the regulatory requirements associated with meat production.

"Our goal is to ensure everything that leaves here is held to the highest standard," Maltby said.

Winchendon health agent James Abare said the USDA instructed the farm to recall product from all animals killed over a seven-week period, many weeks before and after the contamination took place.

"Both sides had ideas as to how long the production should be recalled," Abare said.

"Adams Farm had a shorter time window, but they complied anyway, which is good. They can work it out later."

Abare said the USDA wanted to be more safe than sorry.

"It's always good to ease on the side of caution," Abare said. "And the farm went along with it. They did the right thing."

Abare explained E. Coli is a bacterium found in intestines of most mammals.

It is harmless inside the body, but when it gets out in the air, it causes common digestive difficulty, such as diarrhea and vomiting, he said.

The best way to prevent it is to wash hands.

"That's the best way to prevent hand borne and food borne illnesses," Abare said.

The contaminated meat will be taken out of circulation.

"When farmers bring it back, we spray a liquid dye on it, so people can't eat it," Maltby said. "We'll dispose it at a rendering plant in New York state."

A spokesperson with the USDA called it an ongoing investigation.

"We continue to work with the recall team, the Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control," public affairs specialist Autumn Canady said. "We'll have more information later on."

Based on the investigation, there were seven case patients in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and West Virginia from restaurants, farmers' markets and retail

from June 27 to Sept. 4. No deaths have been reported.

"In regard to what consumers should look for: The products subject to recall bear establishment number EST. 5497 inside the USDA mark of inspection and have lot numbers: "120361, 121061, 121761, 121861, 122161, 122261, 122361, 122461, 122861, 123061, 123161, 123261, 123661, 123861, 124561, 125261, 125861, and 125961," Canady said.

The store is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The farm has 41 employees.

Abare said he is not aware of the meat being sold in town at stores or restaurants.

"People from town could take their livestock there to be processed, but I'm not aware of direct selling," Abare said.

A lawsuit has been brought against Adams Farm Slaughterhouse LLC and Eva's Farm Organic Butcher Shop LLC on behalf of Anne Boldys, a Brookline resident who contracted E. coli O157:H7 from contaminated ground beef distributed by the defendants.

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Rick Lazio lesson. During the 2000 New York Senate race, Lazio, the Republican nominee was abrasive and cutting to the then First Lady, even physically approaching her on stage. That didn't sit well even with otherwise conservative women upstate. Trump didn't go that far, but he was plenty bad enough and of course he reiterated his condescending, paternal position towards African-Americans and Latinos. I saw one poll suggesting he's likely to get about 8-percent of the black vote. Maybe.

I've often written that when it comes to issues, largely because I worked for a Baltimore mayor who later became Maryland's governor, my personal passion revolves around urban affairs. I was pleasantly surprised to hear some discussion on that topic in terms of race and policing. On this, Clinton, like she tends to be on most issues, staked out a position which was rational and measured. Don't get me wrong. I sure don't expect the federal faucets to be opened wide but at least she wasn't race-baiting. And yes Donald, "stop-and-frisk" was ruled unconstitutional no matter how often you say it wasn't. At some point this country is going to have to deal with the myriad of problems facing it's cities — skyrocketing unemployment among black males, the breathtaking homicide rate especially among young black males, seriously deficient schools, many of which are using 30-40 year-old textbooks, and a host of other ills. Cities can work, can and should be vibrant destinations in which to live and work. We saw that happen in 1980s-era Baltimore. But it takes a full-time commitment, a strong public-private partnership and yes, help from Washington. Where's the

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During the harrowing journey, he saved the life of his mother after she was washed off the boat they occupied with other refugees.

With the 14th overall pick, the Marlins took the effervescent Fernandez in the first round of the 2011 MLB draft. In his major league debut on April 7, 2013, pitching against the New York Mets, he allowed just one run on three hits and struck out eight. He became just the seventh pitcher under the age of 21 to record at least eight Ks in his MLB debut since 1916.

He finished the season with a record of 12-6, an ERA of 2.19, and was named Rookie of the Year. He finished third in voting for the Cy Young Award. This season, he was sporting a record of 16-8, with an ERA of 2.86.

Said his manager, Don Mattingly, he played with the joy of a Little Leaguer.

While we had the privilege of sharing Arnie's long life, we are left only to imagine what Jose Fernandez's life and legacy might have been.

Yet, the lives of Palmer and Fernandez each gave us something rarely experienced in the America of 2016. Unity.

We — sports fans and Americans all — cheered the accomplishments of each man. We thrilled as Arnold led from start to finish to capture that fourth Masters title in 1964, and teared up when he walked off the 18th green at Augusta for the last time in 2004. We were awed by Fernandez' four-seam fastball that sometimes touched 101 mph.

Politics divides. Sports unites.

Let this horrid presidential campaign career to its conclusion on Nov. 8. The results will be what they will be. The Trumps and the Clintons, the Democrats and the Republicans, the conservatives and the liberals — they serve only to push us apart.

The Palmers and the Fernandezes, the Ortizes and the Bautistas, the Bradys and the Mannings (yup, I said Mannings), and the Currys and the Jameses pull us together. They give us all something — someone — to root for.

So, thank you Arnie — and thank you Jose — you've done more for America than any army of politicians.

vision to make that happen?

I heard no such visions on that issue Monday. But what I did hear was one candidate who might not be exciting, but who has a firm grasp of political reality. She's not as progressive as I'd like in some fantasy perfect world, but there aren't enough votes in Congress to re-create FDR's 100 Days anyway. HRC vividly demonstrated her readiness to be President. Trump did anything but that.

This election will still come down to organization. Demographics strongly favor the Democrats. In Pennsylvania for example, if the GOTV operation works, Hillary should come out of southeastern PA and Philadelphia with something like a 500,000 vote lead. That puts the state out of Trump's reach.

The presidency needs to be out of his reach. Even if you leave aside the temperament thing, Trump has no rational, workable, inclusive policy ideas. I frequently write most day-to-day

policy change is still far more likely to happen on state and local levels, hence the importance of voting for those offices, but the really big issues of life and death and national security and nominating federal judges — those are for Presidents. You don't have to be crazy about Clinton, but her performance Monday should have been enough to persuade wavering progressives she's the only realistic option on Nov. 8. See you next week.

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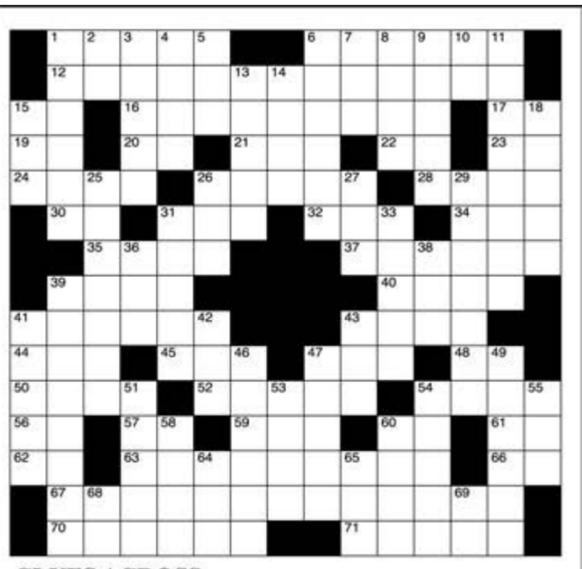
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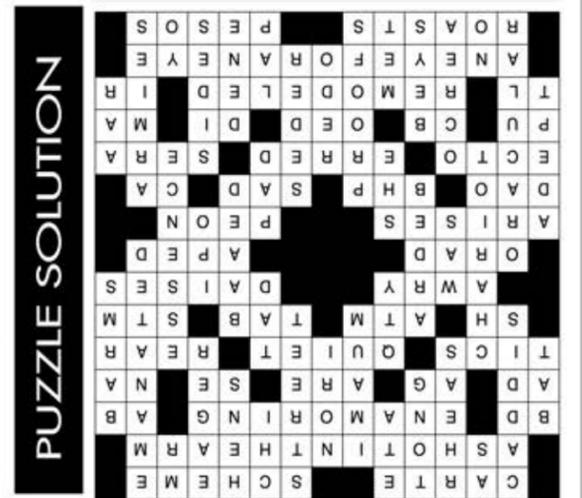


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. \_\_\_ blache: Freedom
6. Plan
12. A jolt
15. "Doonesbury" character
16. Inspiring with love
17. Blood type
19. Anno Domini
20. Janet Reno held this post
21. Arab Republic of Egypt
22. Midway between south and east
23. Sodium
24. Twitches
26. Not loud
28. Hindmost
30. Be quiet!
31. This gives you money
32. Check
34. Short-term memory
35. Askew
37. Platforms
39. Towards the mouth
40. Copied
41. Emerges
43. Menial laborer
44. Chinese sword
45. Energy unit
47. Unhappy
48. The Golden State (abbr.)
50. External
52. Strayed
54. Liquid body substances
56. Plutonium
57. Truckers use this
59. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
60. Beloved British princess Lady \_\_\_
61. The Bay State (abbr.)
62. Thallium
63. Rebuilt
66. Element
67. The law of retaliation
70. Cuts
71. Mexican monetary units

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mothlike insect
2. Equally
3. Flightless birds
4. Grilling tool
5. When you plan to arrive
6. Thoroughfare
7. Philosophical life force
8. Birds
9. Anxious
10. Man's title
11. Issued
13. Prayer leader
14. Edible red algae
15. Hitters need this
18. Froths on fermenting liquors
25. A two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
26. Amount (abbr.)
27. Small amount
29. Fundamental quality
31. Cubage unit
33. Bleated
36. No longer is
38. Initial public offering
39. Hard to interpret
41. Highly skilled
42. The woman
43. A bachelor has one
46. Trial prints
47. Passover feast
49. Military forces
51. Plant part
53. Remake
54. Flanks
55. Swiss river
58. Ottoman governors
60. Vale
64. Encountered
65. One track circuit
68. Opposite of yes
69. Hello (slang)



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# POLICE LOG

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
 12:35-1:25 a.m.: building checks, secure; 7 a.m.: DPW call (Sibley Road) referred; 7 a.m.: DPW call (Sibley Road) referred; 7:30 a.m.: general info (Hyde Park Drive) referred to other agency; 7:57 a.m.: trespass notice (McDonalds) info taken; 8:14 p.m.: trespass notice (Murdock High School) info taken; 10:14 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 11:14 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 11:57 a.m.: threats (Beech Street) unfounded; 12:35 p.m.: ambulance (Irving Station) transport; 2:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Banner Place) spoken to; 3:36 p.m.: larceny (School Street) report taken; 4:35 p.m.: investigation (Monomonac Road East) spoken to; 6:23 p.m.: suspicious other (Mill Street) advised officer; 6:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeview Drive) spoken to; 6:40 p.m.: general info (Rte. 202) traffic citation; 9:38 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 11:38 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:48 p.m.: accident (Ash Street) assisted.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
 2:14-2:49 a.m.: building checks, secure; 8:29 a.m.: lift assist (Brown Street) services rendered; 9:55 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) no PD service required; 10:35 a.m.: FD call (Maple Street) services rendered; 10:53 a.m.: ambulance (Ash Street) transport; 11:07 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 12:05 p.m.: harassment (walk in) report taken; 12:17 p.m.: ambulance (Franklin Pierce University) transport; 2:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Beech Street) refer to ACO; 2:50 p.m.: vandalism (Cedar Terrace) report taken; 4:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street) dispersed gathering; 4:51 p.m.: assist other PD (Ready Drive) spoken to; 5:33 p.m.: investigation (Webster Street) spoken to; 6:13 p.m.: investigation (Juniper Street) spoken to; 7:31 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive) spoken to; 8:53 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) secure; 8:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Lincoln Avenue Extension) accidental; 9:31 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) secure; 9:35 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Circle) spoken to; 9:49 p.m.: burglary B&E (River Street) report taken; 9:50 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 10:33 p.m.: harassment (Central Street) spoken to; 10:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) spoken to.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
 1:49-3:51 a.m.: building checks, secure; 4:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Juniper Street) spoken to; 5:27 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street) refer to FD; 6:03 a.m.: trespassing (Central Street) assisted; 6:54 a.m.: town bylaw violation (Lakeview Drive) refer to state DPW; 9:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Beech Street) spoken to; 9:30 a.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville Road) false alarm; 9:40 a.m.: officer wanted (walk in) refused assistance; 10:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Duval Court) assisted; 11:58 a.m.: general info (Beech Street) info taken; 12:20 p.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 2 p.m.: harassment order service (Hyde Park Drive) served; 2:39 p.m.: ambulance (Monomonac Road

## Cedar Terrace resident in coke bust

BY TARA VOCIÑO  
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

KEENE NH — A Winchendon man was caught selling drugs in Keene, NH.

David Bolton, age 22, of 19 Cedar Terrace, was arrested on Thursday, Sept. 15 on Foundry Street, after coming to New Hampshire from Massachusetts, as part of a joint effort with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Keene Police Department, two independent drug distribution investigations.

He was taken into custody without incident and held in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail at the Cheshire County Jail.

He was arraigned on Friday, Sept. 16, in Cheshire Superior Court, where bail was set at \$5,000.

He is being charged with sale of \$3,000 of cocaine to a representative on the New Hampshire Drug Task Force.

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Don Lundin at (603) 357-9820.

Lundin and Det. Matthew Griffin, of the Drug Task Force, said they were unable to comment due to departmental policies.

For information, visit [ci.keene.nh.us/departments/...anonymous-crime-tips](http://ci.keene.nh.us/departments/...anonymous-crime-tips).

East) transport; 2:51 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 3:19 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 4:04 p.m.: keep the peace (Beech Street) unable to locate; 4:40 p.m.: disturbance (Washington Avenue) gone on arrival; 4:44 p.m.: accident (River Street) summons: Luis A Fred, age 32 of 95 Hill St., Winchendon: negligent operating of MV and tire tread depth violation; 5:44 p.m.: trespass notice (Central Street) info taken; 6 p.m.: fire unknown type (Hall Street) no FD service required; 6:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Dunkin' Donuts) summons: Paula J. Paradise, age 53 of 14 Beech St. 2nd Floor, Winchendon: impersonate police officer, assault & battery and intimidate witness; 6:34 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) no FD service required; 7:09 p.m.: threats (Juniper Street) info taken; 8:26 p.m.: investigation (Central Street) info taken; 8:49 p.m.: assault (Spring Street) report taken; 9:53 p.m.: extra patrols (Juniper Street) services rendered; 10:09 p.m.: investigation (Beech Street) info taken; 10:17 p.m.: disturbance (Converse Drive) report taken; 10:41 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) info taken; 10:44 p.m.: ambulance (School Street) call canceled.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
 12:01-3:06 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Hill Street) info given; 12:45 a.m.: general info (North Ashburnham Road) info given; 5:44 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 6 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:19 a.m.: MV stop (River Street) verbal warning; 6:27 a.m.: sex offender registration (Juniper Street) assisted; 9:36 a.m.: vandalism (Cross Street) report taken; 10:20 a.m.: investigation (Brown Street) spoken to; 10:52 a.m.: general info (River Street) info taken; 12:12 p.m.: suspicious MV (High Street) spoken to; 12:43 p.m.: harassment (walk in) report taken; 1:22 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 1:44 p.m.: suspicious person (Toy Town Elementary) report taken; 2:05 p.m.: assist citizen (Brown Street) refer to court; 2:20 p.m.: vandalism (Central Street) report taken; 4:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Liberty Drive) refer to ACO; 4:25 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street) served; 4:31 p.m.: assist other PD

(Summer Street) unable to locate; 5:01 p.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive) unable to serve; 5:47 p.m.: summons service (Juniper Street) served; 5:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Metcalf Street) refer to ACO; 5:59 p.m.: trespassing (Beech Street) services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: summons service (Linden Street) unable to serve; 6:29 p.m.: threats (Brown Street) report taken; 6:45 p.m.: noise complaint (Bayberry Circle) refer to ACO; 7:19 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 7:25 p.m.: mental health issue (Gardner Road) report taken; 11:50 p.m.: suspicious MV (Glenallan Street) spoken to.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
 12:19-3:50 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 12:24 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 12:29 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 12:31 a.m.: ambulance (School Street) transport; 12:31 a.m.: ambulance (Liberty Drive) assisted; 5:28 a.m.: repossession of MV (Linden Street) info taken; 6:17 a.m.: MV stop (School Street) traffic citation; 8:21 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) removed to hospital; 8:29 a.m.: accident (Gardner Road) report taken; 9:16 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Baldwinville Road) arrest, no further details; 9:25 a.m.: accident (River Street) info taken; 9:42 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Duval Court) unable to locate; 10:46 a.m.: assist other PD (Joslin Road) advised civil action; 11:01 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 12:23 p.m.: suspicious other (Rite Aid) services rendered; 12:36 p.m.: public drinking (IGA parking lot) spoken to; 1:04 p.m.: suspicious MV (Maple Street) no PD service required; 3:20 p.m.: accident (School Street) no PD service required; 3:50 p.m.: general info (Beech Street) info given; 4:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Rite Aid) transport; 6:47 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:44 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:55 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street) services rendered.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
 12:35-1:35 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:14 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Fitzwilliam Fire Station) call canceled; 2:17 a.m.: lift assist (Central

Street) services rendered; 3:13 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive) transport; 4:26 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 6:26 a.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken; 7:55 a.m.: panic alarm (Ash Street) false alarm; 8:07 a.m.: extra patrols (bike path) secure; 10:06 a.m.: ambulance (Clark YMCA) transport; 10:40 a.m.: keep the peace (Royalston Road North) assisted; 11:03 a.m.: assist citizen (walk in) assisted; 11:06 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transport; 12:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Memorial School) report taken; 12:55 p.m.: traffic hazard (Ash Street) removed; 1:56 p.m.: extra patrols (Otter River Campground) advised officer; 4:12 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) spoken to; 5:01 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 6:38 p.m.: harassment (Mechanic Street) report taken; 6:58 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 7:26 p.m.: noise complaint (Rite Aid) spoken to; 7:42 p.m.: noise complaint (Linden Street) area search negative; 9:12 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 9:20 p.m.: harassment (Gateway Convenience) spoken to; 9:36 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street) services rendered; 11:08 p.m.: noise complaint (Lake Denison) spoken to; 11:18 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) verbal warning.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
 12-12:25 a.m.: building checks, extra patrols, secure; 12:13 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 12:17 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:53 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) secure; 1:08 a.m.: assist motorist (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 2 a.m.: transport (Mathieu Ford); 3:29 a.m.: ambulance (Cottage Street) transport; 3:49 a.m.: threats (Linden Street) spoken to; 4:18 a.m.: fire alarm (Central Street) false alarm; 6:11 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:26 a.m.: unwanted party (Linden Street) arrest: Jeffrey Wilson, age 62 of 105 Linden St. #5, Winchendon: domestic A&B and assault with dangerous weapon; 8:52 a.m.: burglar alarm (Health Center) spoken to; 9:23 a.m.: keep the peace (Juniper Street) spoken to; 10:36 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive) transport; 11:20 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:49 a.m.: burglar alarm (Highland Street) no PD service required; 12:10 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 12:52 p.m.: unknown alarm (Hyde Park Drive) refer to FD; 1:04 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Murdock Avenue) gone on arrival; 1:29 p.m.: general juvenile (Second Street) report taken; 2:54 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: burglar alarm (Island Road) secure; 4:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) spoken to; 4:42 p.m.: unwanted party (Front Street) spoken to; 6:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street) removed to hospital; 7:22 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) services rendered; 7:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street) spoken to; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Circle) transport; 9:17 p.m.: threats (Ready Drive) spoken to; 9:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Baldwinville Road) report taken; 9:51 p.m.: trespass notice (Linden Street) info taken; 11:57 p.m.: building check, secure.

## COURIER CAPSULES

### EARLY VOTING

WINCHENDON — For the first time in history, you can now vote early in the general elections. You can vote early Oct. 24-Nov. 3; Monday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be extended hours on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and again Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. to accommodate voters. Voting can be done at the town clerk's office, 109 Front St. For information contact the town clerk at (978) 297-2766 or email [clerk@town.winchendon.ma.us](mailto:clerk@town.winchendon.ma.us).

### HELP US RAISE FUNDS

WINCHENDON — GALA will hold an ONLINE AUCTION To raise money for the purchase of a track lighting system which is needed in order to begin holding art exhibits and workshops in our Arts Gallery. So let's get this done!

We need donated items for this auction such as paintings, prints, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, gift certificates, tickets, services, music CDs, tools, toys, furniture, camping supplies... pretty much anything you can give us. Reach out to your local businesses, we need your help!

You may drop these items off on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2-5 p.m. (during the Annual Member Meeting) at 151 Front St. in Winchendon OR call 978-407-1419 to make other arrangements. The auction will begin as soon as we get enough items.

### NAMI VIGIL

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of North Central Massachusetts holds its annual Candlelight Vigil Sunday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Leominster's Carter Park (opposite St. Leo's church), marking the start of Mental Illness Awareness Week (Oct. 2-8).

The theme of this year's Vigil is "Getting and Staying Healthy," with speakers Maryann LeBlanc and T.J. Sweeney. The Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown of the First Church Leominster Unitarian Universalist will offer the invocation and benediction, and there will be a proclamation from the mayors of Leominster, Fitchburg, and Gardner.

Each year, Mental Illness Awareness Week provides an opportunity to fight stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for equal care. One in five adults experiences mental health problems every year, and 50 percent of chronic mental illness begins by age 14. Although many people today understand that mental illness is a medical condition, individuals and families affected by mental illness are still often subjected to stigma and discrimination.

To take the #Stigmafree pledge, visit [www.nami.org/stigmafree](http://www.nami.org/stigmafree). NAMI offers information about mental illness conditions, symptoms, and treatment at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) or through its HelpLine at (800) 950-NAMI (6264). Learn more about Mental Illness Awareness Week at [www.nami.org/miaw](http://www.nami.org/miaw).



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# OBITUARIES

## George A. Bilodeau Jr., 58



PUTNAM CT — George A. Bilodeau Jr., age 58, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 in the Rose Monahan Hospice Home, Worcester, after a courageous, three year battle with pancreatic cancer.

He leaves a son, Christopher D. Bilodeau, of Worcester; his mother, Jean E. (Wood) Bilodeau, of Berlin; a brother, David M. Bilodeau, and his wife, Ardythe, of Winchendon; a sister, Deborah Bernard, and her husband, David, of Fort Myers FL; one nephew, Jeffrey Bernard, and one niece, Jennifer Bernard; and close friends Stanley Sobiech and Robert Moffat.

George was born and raised in Clinton, son of the late George A. Bilodeau Sr. He was a graduate of Clinton High School, Class of 1976 and Worcester State College, Class of 1980. He had been a resident of Thompson CT from 1999-2010, at which time he relocated to Putnam, CT.

For more than 20 years, he worked as a computer operator at Memorial Hospital, Worcester, retiring in 2004. In

2011, he began working as a substitute teacher at Thompson Middle School, Thompson, CT.

He was a member of St. Mary's Parish, Thompson, CT, and a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, active in Massachusetts and Connecticut area clubs. In addition, he was a member of the Worcester County, New England, and American Numismatic Societies, a past-secretary of the Worcester County Numismatic Society, and the Connecticut State Director of NENA.

George's funeral will be held on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016 from the McNally & Watson Funeral Home, 304 Church St., Clinton, with a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 80 Union St., Clinton.

Burial will follow in St. John's Cemetery, Lancaster. Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours at the funeral home on Thursday, September 29, 2016, from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Christopher D. Bilodeau Educational Fund, c/o Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, 400 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501.

## Richard A. Donovan

MALDEN — Richard A. Donovan of Malden, formerly of Bass Harbor, ME died Sept. 20, 2016.

He was the beloved husband of Patricia (Dumais) Donovan; loving father of Kimberly & her husband Richard of Malden, Richard & his fiancée Angela of Winchendon, & Joshua & his wife Erin of Seal Cove, ME, and pre-deceased by his daughter Kelli. Richard was the dear step-father of Jayne & her husband Joseph of Ashland, & Danielle

of Watertown; brother of Roland & his wife Christine & Edwin Jr. both of Maine. Also survived by six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, & many nieces, nephews, & cousins.

Interment will be held on Friday Sept. 30 at Newton Cemetery, Newton.

Contributions in Richard's memory may be made to Seasons Hospice 20 Burlington Mall Road, Suite 450 Burlington, MA 01803-9449.

## Walter M. Rafalski, 69

VANDALIA OH — Walter M. Rafalski died Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at the Dayton Ohio Hospice center, after a lengthy illness.

Walter was born in Gardner Oct. 26, 1946, a son of Raymond Rafalski and Nelva (Case) Rafalski and step-father Willis Linton.

He worked as a tool and dye maker all of his life until his retirement.

He leaves two sons, Jesse Rafalski of Los Angeles CA, Mark Rafalski of Nashua NH; two daughters, Kate Rafalski of Leominster, Rebekah

Jacobson of Los Angeles, CA; his brothers, Richard Carr of Winchendon, David Rafalski of Gardner; sister, Rachel Stephano of Gardner. He leaves five grandchildren, and several nephews and niece. He also leaves close friends, Dak Chaplin and family, and Kathy Belliveau of Ohio.

Walter was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Nelva, step-father, Bill, sister, Rebecca McClung and his son, Matthew Rafalski.

There will be no services.

## Joshua Rivers, 30



GARDNER — Joshua Rivers, age 30, beloved son, grandson, brother, nephew, uncle and friend, died of unknown causes Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.

He was born in Worcester on Aug. 11, 1986, son of Robert and Nancy (Charlonne) Rivers of Rindge. Joshua grew up in Gardner and graduated from Gardner High School in 2004.

Joshua had worked various jobs, mostly in construction. Most recently, until the time of his death, he worked at Garlock Printing and Converting in Gardner. Joshua was well loved by many people; he was loyal to a fault. He would give you the shirt off his back,

but would not ask for help when he needed it. Joshua loved the outdoors, whether it was mountain climbing, hiking or riding a bike.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his brother, Rob Rivers Jr of Athol, his twin sister, Kimberly Rivers of Syracuse, NY; his only nephew, Alliance of Rindge; his paternal grandparents, Jim and Rosemary Blair of Winchendon; his maternal grandfather, Gerald Charlonne of Jaffrey; his maternal grandmother Elizabeth Blanchette of Rindge and many aunts, uncles, cousins and a large number of friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. The Rev. Thomas Peragallo officiated. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, Winchendon.

## Henry Robitaille, 84

FAIRHOPE AL — Henry Robitaille passed away on Sept. 19, 2016 in Fairhope, AL. He was born in Winchendon on Jan. 11th, 1932.

Upon completion of his service in the United States Air Force, Henry relocated to Selma, AL where he married and raised his family. Henry worked for All Lock Co and American Candy Company and was an active member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church while in Selma. Upon relocation to Fairhope, AL in 1998, Henry worked for Stone Interiors until his retirement and was a member of Saint Lawrence Catholic Church.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Elizabeth Petty Robitaille, his mother Emiliene L'Herault Robitaille and father John Charles Robitaille. Henry is survived by his children Elizabeth Robitaille Wilde (Field), Jon Robitaille (Becky), Mike Robitaille (Dottie), Chris Robitaille (Jennifer) and Kenneth; eight grandchildren — Amy Radford, Bethany

Wilde, Lauren Robitaille, Chris Robitaille, Jr., Emily Robitaille, Elizabeth Robitaille, Connor Robitaille, and Anna Kathryn Robitaille; five great-grandchildren — Liam Radford, Navi Robitaille, Jacen Silva, Chance Silva, and Atticus Wilde. Henry is also survived by his siblings, Paul Robitaille, Joe Robitaille (Willie Mac) and Carol Ann Robitaille Lord; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Fairhope on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. A graveside service was held at New Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, AL with Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home directing. You may visit [www.lawrencebrownservice.com](http://www.lawrencebrownservice.com) or [www.facebook.com/lawrencefb](http://www.facebook.com/lawrencefb) to offer the family condolences. 2900 Citizens Parkway Selma, Alabama 36701 (334) 872-2301.



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We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

# Walnut Street CDBG grant on schedule

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Department of Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy has confirmed the Walnut Street Community Development Block Grant is currently in the finishing up of the design phase with Tighe & Bond, on track and on time, and is currently nearing the bid package part of the process.

Murphy said, "I have a meeting in the third week of October with out engineer and our DPW Director Al Gallant just to go over everything including design project updates. The project will probably go out to bid in roughly February of next year."

The grant funding process for this CDBG according to both Murphy and department financial manager Jenelle

Sroczyński started with an application in 2014 which was turned down, applied for and turned down again in 2015, and then applied for a third time in 2016 with the project finally approved and accepted.

As part of a joint grant application with Ashby, the total amount of the grant award for both municipalities combined was \$1,000,000. Murphy explained, "You partner with towns that have similar community needs scores, and Ashby and Winchendon had scores that were very similar. The grant was a 66-33 or two-thirds/one-third split with Winchendon getting the larger portion of the grant."

Murphy went on to add, "As Tighe & Bond is still working on the design plan, the grant will effect many aspects of the street. The road, drainage, sidewalks, curbing, water lines,

trees undetermined as of yet, and other areas of improvement. It's a total do over."

Sroczyński added the project cost is roughly \$372,000. In addition listed by Sroczyński other monies from the grant are \$175,000 for housing rehabilitation, and \$50,000 in fuel assistance which she added, "Is new to the town this year, we have never had a fuel assistance program before. If anybody wants to apply, we advise them to stop on in."

Murphy also added, "We are trying to help supplement other programs that are out there."

In an effort to expand the target area of the grant process, Murphy said the department will probably go in again with another community which is as of yet undetermined when applying for the next 2017 grant because community Needs

Scores have not been released as of yet.

"We are kind of in limbo right now on that. We are always thinking about next projects and what is the next phase. The Community & Economic Development Steering Committee helps as they are the public body which we work with to bounce things off of and get their opinion on things. Today we just determined the new project area, because projects must be in a target area, so I will be bringing that target area to the Selectmen so we can get their thoughts and opinions on it. We would be talking about Walnut Street, Chestnut Street, and Beech Street area, The area between Central Street and Tannery Pond mostly in the downtown core to focus on."

As the office staff is composed of just Murphy and

Sroczyński, Murphy stated that Montachusett Regional Planning Commission which covers 22 communities from Royalston to Clinton, was contracted to write this years 2016 grant, and will also be contracted for the 2017 grant application.

In closing Murphy added, "The area we are going to be targeting in the upcoming grant application is in the area right across the street from the new police station, in that cluster of development which is good. The other current project is going accordingly, everything is going well."

If you have any questions for either Murphy or Sroczyński, they can be reached at the Department of Planning and Development by calling (978) 297-3308, faxing at (978) 297-5411, or send an email to [planning@winchendonma.gov](mailto:planning@winchendonma.gov)

## CLYDE

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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 [cohen5kids@yahoo.com](mailto:cohen5kids@yahoo.com) for more information.

**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 weekend 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.

**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.

**TEA PARTY MYSTERY:** every weekend 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 29**  
**ZOMBIE 5K RUN:** outrun them if you can! The annual Zombie run at the Clark Memorial YMCA is already registering runners and seeking those who would

be the undead. Race starts at noon. Registration for the race is just \$10 until Oct. 22; \$15 after that date. For more info go to [theclarkymca.org](http://theclarkymca.org) or call (978) 297-9622.

**KIDS HALLOWEEN:** following the Zombie run there will be a kids' Halloween party at the Clark Memorial YMCA. Details are still being finalized, but games and goodies are definitely in the offing!



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## SPORTS

## Abare honored by Coaches v Cancer



Morgan St. Pierre photo

Coach Jim Abare was honored.

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

BOSTON — Murdock varsity girls'

basketball Coach Jim Abare was honored last Tuesday as the recipient of the American Cancer Society's Massachusetts Coaches v. Cancer Ambassador at a glittering ceremony in Boston.

"This is personal for me," reflected Abare. "My brother was diagnosed with a form of bone cancer when he was 18. Treatment then wasn't what it is now and he went through a lot. The doctors talked about options like radiation or amputating a leg but you never would really know if you did the amputation if the cancer had spread somewhere else and you'd have lost a leg."

"A few years later, Ted Kennedy's son was diagnosed with pretty much the same and treatment had already advanced a lot and now it's 40 years, more than 40 years later, and he's living his life," noted Abare.

"Our selection committee was impressed by Coach Abare's energy and commitment to the cause," said Greg

McKeever, community manager for special events of the New England chapter of the American Cancer Society.

"Jim and his team did a phenomenal job getting other Murdock teams involved in the project. His players deserve a lot of credit," McKeever added.

Abare did in fact deflect the credit to MHS athletes. "They're the ones who did everything. The field hockey team takes a whole month to do cancer fund-raising. Last season, we must have had 65 or 70 notes from kids on the gym wall. Everyone knows someone. Every family knows someone who's been affected by cancer. The kids at this school have taken this up and they're really committed to doing what they can. This is something the whole community can be part of," he added.

Created by former University of Missouri coach and cancer survivor Norm Stewart, Coaches v Cancer began as an NCAA Division 1 program in 1993

when coaches decided they wanted to get involved in the effort to raise funds for cancer research. That came after the death of North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano and the establishment of the 'Jimmy V Foundation'.

McKeever said the decision to expand to the high school level was reached several years ago. "We thought it was the natural next step and Coach Abare is a great representative of what his school and others are doing," he remarked.

At last week's event emceed by legendary Boston sportswriter Bob Ryan, Celtics Coach Brad Stevens was the featured speaker. Abare said the other D-1 coaches in the region attended as well and were talking not only about the cause but the upcoming season.

"It was a fun night. You could look out from the 33rd floor and see Boston Harbor, the old North Church, all of downtown. Fun night for a great cause," he said.

## Lady Devils seeking elusive first win

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — That elusive first win hasn't come yet for the Murdock Lady Devils varsity soccer team but Coach Jason Marshall is seeing improvement.

For one thing, scoring has picked up. Maria Polcari tallied against Trivium and Narragansett and Hanna Seghir found the net as well in the former as did Gabby Cote. Polcari in fact gave Murdock its first lead of the season in the Trivium contest when she scored on an assist from Lindsay O'Toole at the 8:40 mark. After Trivium scored twice, Cote evened things at two and when MHS trailed by a pair of scores once again, Seghir hit pay dirt to cut the deficit to one. A late Trivium tally made it a 5-3 final.

"It was a tough one to lose

but many good things happened," said Marshall. "Lots of good passing and offensive attack."

"We had several chances to increase the lead but we couldn't find the scoring touch," Marshall lamented, adding, "Emily (goalie Kiberd-Pervier) did a good job keeping things close."

Marshall pointed out Murdock had tied the game by halftime, a first for the season, and rallied back to within one when Seghir connected on a direct kick.

"Gabby was our player of the match for an excellent defensive effort and poise on offense beating both the defender and goalie," he said.

In Monday's 7-1 loss at Gansett, "it was kind of ugly out of the gate," Marshall acknowledged after Murdock fell behind 3-0 in the first 13

minutes but added, "after that we settled down a little and kept pace the rest of the half."

Marshall said he liked the defensive efforts delivered by Cote and Katelyn Hutton and praised Polcari and O'Toole for "quality passing even though we couldn't beat their keeper."

Polcari did break through in the second half to avoid the shutout after "a run up the middle of the field and a nifty sidestep of the goalie" following a flurry of Lady Warrior tallies.

Lexi Pate was selected as player of the match "for her perseverance on offense even after taking a shot to the face and tumbling a-la Maria," laughed Marshall, noting, "It was a gutsy performance."

Murdock visited Fitchburg Wednesday and hosts new rival Pittsfield at noon tomorrow.



Morgan St. Pierre photo

Murdock's keeper Emily Kiberd-Pervier sets herself to stop a shot (a few seconds later, the stop was successful).



Courtesy photo

John Dansin (with ball) follows lead blockers Calvin Tenney (44) and Izayah Alcantara (55) into the end zone

BY BOB POLCARI  
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

BUCKLAND — The bus ride was long, the sun was shining brightly, the air was warm and the humidity was high, just the opposite of their opening game,

## Mini-Devils improve to 2-0

but the results were the same for the Mini-Devils as they improved to 2 and 0 with a 34 to 6 victory over Mohawk Trails on Sept. 20. The Mini-Devils opened on defense and quickly put the Warriors in the hole as Riley Kimball registered a 10 yard sack on the opening play. The Warriors were forced to punt after a short three and out on their first series.

The Mini-Devils took over on the Warrior 45 yard and only needed one play to score. Jack Polcari faked an inside dive to Quentin Pridgen and then pulled the ball out and streaked up the left side for the score. Excellent downfield blocks by Corey Fasulo and Justin Thira provided Polcari with an open path to the end-zone. Fasulo came on to kick the extra point to put Murdock up 7-0.

The Warriors came out and put together a 12 play drive and moved the ball to the Devils 17 yard before being turned away on a third and eight. Once again, Kimball put pressure on the quarterback as he dropped back to pass causing an errant throw that was intercepted by Fasulo at the 10 yard line and returned 90 yards for a pick six! Joey Marobella and Kimball threw key blocks along the way with a number of other Mini-Devils escorting

Fasulo to the end-zone just in case he ran out of gas. Fasulo attempted the extra point but it was blocked leaving the Mini-Devils with a 13-0 lead.

After another short three and out by the Warriors early in the second quarter, the Devils put together a six play scoring drive starting at 50 yard line. Polcari and Pridgen alternated running the ball picking up big chunks of yardage with Polcari taking it in from 20 yards out set-up by a crushing block by Pridgen at the 10 yard line. The Mini-Devils went for two on the extra point and were successful as Kimball ran it in to give the Devils a 21-0 half time lead.

In what must have been the fastest second half ever, the Devils had a touchdown run of 55 yards by Pridgen nullified by a penalty prior to surrendering a 66 yard score to the Warriors. The second series of the half, Pridgen carried twice for 40 yards and Polcari threw a short pass to Fasulo for a 15 yard gain and then Justin Thira capped off the drive with a one yard run. Fasulo kicked the extra point to put the Devils up 28-6.

The Mini-Devils final score of the game came on a one yard run by John Dansin making the final score Murdock 34 and Mohawk Trails 6.

The Mini-Devils hosted Narragansett on Tuesday at Alumni Field and then travel to Athol to play the Raiders at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

## The demise of not only athletes, but downtowns

One so young and full of potential. One old and revered. Sports lost two magnetic superstars last weekend when Miami Marlins ace Jose Fernandez, all of 24, was killed in an early-morning boating accident and then Sunday, Arnold Palmer, the King, passed away at 87.

Fernandez came to this country from Cuba. He once went to jail for trying to defect and it took him four tries before he made it, he was 15, by the way, and he even saved his mom from drowning along the way. Fernandez, already a star, was on his way to becoming one of

baseball's truly elite starters. But in a larger sense, the loss of a 24 year-old is tragic beyond words.

Palmer made golf matter. He's the reason I and millions others of began playing in the first place. We watched him on TV, black and white in those days and cheered his swashbuckling style and propensity for the dramatic. His all or nothing approach presaged Phil decades earlier. In post-war America, Palmer, modest and approachable, a cigarette tending to hang from his mouth, was the perfect sports hero, even though the scenario weirdly cast

Jack Nicklaus as the pseudo-bad guy. And for those of us who continue to follow the game, he's the man responsible for the Golf Channel. For that alone, he deserves thanks. The King is gone. Long live the King.

Last week, when the Red Sox were

in Baltimore sweeping the O's out of the division race and potentially putting them on life support for the playoffs at all (note to Dan Duquette - over the winter, maybe you can convince Peter Angelos to spend some of that money he's ripped off from the Nationals in the regional TV deal on starting pitching and guys who can run a little?), there was a lot of uninformed discussion around New England, including on NESN, about why there were so few people at Camden Yards. There were lots of theories but none of them suggested even a cursory understanding about Baltimore and the region.

Let's start with this — drive 15 minutes south of the Yards and you're in Nationals land. Drive 30-35 minutes north and you're in Pennsylvania. Baltimore City. Baltimore County. Maybe portions of Carroll and Howard Counties. That's it. That's where the Orioles draw from. A bit different from the Red Sox who have no MLB competition anywhere in the region. Some groups travel to the Yards

from York, PA once a year but only in summer.

The O's have historically been a good but never great draw. There have been a few years when attendance surged, once in the wake of so-called "Orioles Magic", which began during a Friday two-night doubleheader against the Tigers in June, 1979 and lasted about five years and then again after Camden Yards opened in 1992. Aside from those two brief periods, attendance in a largely blue-collar town was okay but nothing spectacular. To be sure, Balmer loved her O's, but mostly through Chuck Thompson and Bill O'Donnell on radio and the occasional road game telecast and later on cable's Home Team Sports

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TALKING SPORTS

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## Athlete of the Week

Maria Polcari scored a couple goals last week, one which put the Lady Devils ahead for the first time this season and another to avoid a shutout loss at Narragansett.

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**RECYCLE**

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time to be depositing both recycling and rubbish respectively. Extra help has been brought on scene to help first time users become familiarized.

Under the program, residents will deposit all recyclables in to the new compactor together, except for glass. Glass, which is more costly to dispose of, will still continue to be deposited in to its original container.

All other recyclables, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic, and more will no longer need to be separated by the consumer, and can now be tossed in together.

Rolland Rochon of Otter River Road was the new programs very first customer, entering the facility as soon as the gates opened at 9 a.m.. Rochon said with a smile, "I

am really in favor of this program and it really makes sense to me. My daughter has been living in the Washington, DC area, and has been on single stream for a long time. I am glad to see it here, and it makes good sense to me. I am a fan of recycling anyway, and have been happy to do it for years. So if this is an improvement in efficiency I am all for it!"

With customers quickly adjusting to the new traffic lanes painted on the ground and vehicles approaching, Richard Williams of Baldwinville Road and Peter Boulanger of Maple Street where the second and third new program users respectively. With more customers quickly pulling up and now emptying the majority of their recycling in to one place Wayne Patria also of Maple Street added, "As long as we are still recycling it all seems

good to me I guess. I have been a big recycling since I took ecology back in high school many many years ago, and if it saves the town money, than that is good also."

In just the first 15 minutes of the program, 10 customers has already passed through quickly showing that early projections for nearly seamless traffic flow where reasonably on target.

Town resident and BOH Chairman Lionel Cloutier who was passing through added, "If it is supposed to save us money and be good for the community, then I have to say yes, I would go for it."

When asked if he felt it would increase recycling efforts in town Cloutier said, "Yes, and hopefully it will increase use of the transfer station because that is what we need."

Station Foreman Leon "Lee" Rice was very pleased with the initial progress. Rice

who was the first to initially suggest the program to DPW Superintendent Al Gallant said, "The majority, almost all the people have been very receptive to the new process. It is going to be easier for the customers from this point forward because now the only recycling they have to separate is glass due to its larger disposal costs. They can just toss it in to a container now and not have to worry about it and just get rid of it. Just about every person I have spoken to said it was easier, quicker, and now that they know they don't have to separate so many things, they think its going to be a good thing!"

In addition to the new program, the new 2016-17 Transfer Station Recycling disposal price guides were also available on site. The new price lists are available at either the transfer station or the DPW office at the town hall effective immediately.

As the new program is now in effect, so will be the stations new hours of operation. As of Wednesday, Sept. 28, the station will now be open Wednesday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In addition to customers having less separation of products to worry about, they will now also reap the benefits of having longer hours of operation and one additional day to dispose of materials.

Gallant was also very upbeat about the program on its opening day.

"I have been by there several times today, checking up on how things were going, and how people were taking to it. I have been told nothing but good things by people I spoke to who were there for the first time under the new program. I think as more people become accustomed to how much easier this is for them, they are really going to like it."

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"These areas are managed with wildlife in mind," says Larson. "They're for people who are into the outdoors, but people visiting sites like High Ridge should expect a more rustic experience. We don't build buildings. We don't develop or mark trails."

Larson said High Ridge is one of 67 designated Massachusetts Wildlife viewing sites.

According to the division, much of the property was a working farm and many acres of agricultural fields are leased to local farmers for hay and crop production.

"We keep the fields open and mowed," Larson says.

Visitors will find three major beaver wetlands and trees that include white pine, oak, and

hemlock. Apple trees are also scattered throughout the area and, says division literature, "a row of Chinese chestnut trees lines the former Beech Hill Road."

If you're a bird watcher, "nesting boxes are maintained along roadways and in open areas to provide nesting cavities for eastern bluebird, tree swallow, black-capped chickadee, and house wren."

Because of its location between Mt. Wachusett and Mt. Watatic, the management area is popular during the fall hawk migration, with broad-winged hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, and other hawk species heading south in mid-September.

There are also opportunities for hunting at High Ridge. Larson says the Gardner Fish and Gun Club stocks the area with ring-necked pheasant, with birds released

as many as three times a week during the upland bird season. The mixture of field and forest attracts wild turkey, white-tailed deer, eastern coyote, and fox. Wood ducks and mallards can also be found in the beaver wetlands.

The area is not considered a prime fishing spot.

In addition to the Chapel Street entrance, there are two accesses located in Westminster at the end of Overlook and East Gardner roads, respectively. The Chapel Street entrance is marked with a "Wildlife Viewing Area" sign.

While many people may want to visit the area before the snow flies, Larson says the location is a popular spot for snow-shoeing.

Whatever your favorite season, High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, is a hidden gem that just begs to be explored.



Greg Vine photos

Craft items crowd the shelves and classes are offered at the new store.

**CRAFTY**

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farm on Baldwinville Road. Her goats provide the milk she uses to make soap, which is also available at the new store, and she raises the herbs used in creating skin care products.

Robillard and Lee are offering a variety of classes in crocheting and knitting, including how to knit mittens and socks and how to crochet sweaters. Classes range in price from \$20 to \$45. A class in beginner beading will soon be offered for \$20.

Also in the works are plans to offer drop-in kid crafts, offering a variety

of projects that kids ages 3 to teen can work on for a one-time fee of \$3 to \$5.

Residents are also invited to Friday night's "Stitch and B\*\*\*h." The weekly meeting takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. The event is BYOB and attendees are encouraged to bring their craft with them.

To sign up for classes or check out the new business go online to [thecraftycauldron.net/classes](http://thecraftycauldron.net/classes). Crafty Cauldron also has a Facebook page and can be reached by email at [thecraftycauldron@yahoo.com](mailto:thecraftycauldron@yahoo.com). The phone number is (978) 616-8630. Classes require pre-registration at least 24 hours in advance. You can also register in-store.

**DEDICATION**

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United Parish, a review of renovation highlights, and a solemn wreath laying at the Soldiers' Monument by the American Legion Post 193 Honor Guard.

A keynote speech and Gettysburg Address will be delivered by President Abraham Lincoln. Portraying Lincoln will be Steve Wood, named "Best Lincoln Look-Alike" by New Hampshire Magazine, and featured on television's "Chronicle." Matching Lincoln's height and beard, Steve bears enough of a resemblance to the 16th president to make heads turn even when not wearing black trousers, vest, frock coat, and stovepipe hat. He has traveled to West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Iowa for Association of Lincoln Portrayers (ALP) Conventions and took second place in the Lincoln Look-Alike Contest held in Hodgenville, Kentucky in 2000. At the 2004 convention he and his wife Sharon were awarded the "Best Abe and Mary Team Award" for 2003.

Following the Gettysburg Address and a few notes on the history of the park, will be selections by the Murdock Glee Club, a closing prayer offered by Father Michael Clements of Immaculate Heart of Mary, and more period music by the Shades of Gray band.

It is interesting to note that the original dedication of the Soldiers' Monument in 1889 was one of the biggest events ever held in the town. An area newspaper noted, "the town was early astir, residences and stores being decorated with flags and bunting before the arrival of the early morning trains." Those trains would bring in hundreds of GAR Post veterans from throughout the area, drum corps, bands, and dignitaries for a procession of some 600 men in line. There have been estimates of some 3,000 present when the dedication ceremonies got underway at the park on that Wednesday afternoon in October 1889. A Winchendon correspondent in attendance at the dedication wrote, "The monument is beautifully situated, is a handsome structure in itself, and G.A.R. boys as well as our citizens generally feel proud of it."

The 1889 Monument Committee consisted of John H. Fairbank, Charles J. Rice, John D. Howard, CPT Theodore K. Parker, and Nathaniel C. Matthews. The current GAR Park Restoration Committee is chaired by Janet Corbosiero with members Al Gallant, Fran Murphy, Burton Gould, Lorraine Fortugno, Rochelle LaFortune and Rick Ward.

The committee invites all to join this special event on Oct. 2 and enjoy the Civil War era music, visit and take a photo with President Lincoln, and, more importantly, help remember Winchendon heroes. If raining, the dedication will be held in the auditorium of the Old Murdock Senior Center across from the park.

**STUDENTS**

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Committee). We then met with Mr. Hickey to ask 'what can we do?'

She said it was decided if the group could help improve the town's economy then "we could improve the poverty situation long term."

"We have students in all grades from all over the world participating in this," said Jennings. "Some are local kids and we have students from just about all socioeconomic backgrounds taking part."

Short term, the school is planning to hold a monthly community dinner for residents of the town.

Jennings praised school Headmaster John Kerney.

"He's all about this. It's really a testament to his vision and the vision of the board of directors."

At last Wednesday's meeting, students discussed brochure and website design with Hickey.

"I'd love for you to help develop our ability to advertise what's going on in town," Hickey told the group. "Any ideas you may have to enhance that, I'm all ears."

"We need to make people aware of the resources that Winchendon has that people may not be aware of. We need to make this a destination; make people want to come to town. When that happens we increase sales at local business-

es and increase job opportunities."

"We need to make it more than a place people drive through on their way to someplace else," he added. "If you can help make people aware of what's going on here, what we have to offer, that would be great."

There seemed to be general consensus among the group that the town's website needed improvement, with Hickey characterizing it as "lousy."

"The website needs to be more friendly, more inviting," he continued. "The website in many ways is the gateway into the community. We want it to be as positive as it can be."

Also at the meeting with Hickey, along with Jennings, were faculty coaches Jared D'Arcy and Viral Sagar.

"This is an effort that's intended to carry over from year to year," said Jennings.

"The kids thought this would be an interesting project," she said. "It's not a typical school project, and it allows them to play to their strengths. They'll be getting together as a group once a week to brainstorm an action plan. I know that initially they're looking at developing a top-10 list of things to do in Winchendon."

Jennings said students also plan to meet with local service groups and veterans organizations to discuss their needs.

"I really believe this effort will be great for the students and for the town," she concluded.



# Classmates will miss school scorched by arson

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

FITCHBURG — Adults who attended B.F. Brown shared their fond memories of the school watching as firefighters battled flames in a four-alarm fire overnight on Monday.

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin D. Roy confirmed the fire at 62 Academy St. was intentionally set. The vacant building was the former school.

"If anyone saw or heard anything about 3 a.m. (Monday) morning or has any information about this fire, please call the confidential, toll-free arson hotline at (800) 682-9229," Roy said. "The arson hotline is part of the arson watch reward program, which provides rewards of up to \$5,000 that helps to solve the crime of arson. The property and casualty insurance underwriters in Massachusetts sponsor the program."

Jim Caton, of Fitchburg, was one of the people on-site at the fire.

A sixth-grader back then, he was sitting in Ms. O'Brien's homeroom when it came over the PA that former President Kennedy was shot in 1963.

"Old memories," Caton said. Caton was expecting that it would become a place for up-and-coming artists.

"They wanted to convert part of it into art studios for local artists," Caton said. "But they never could get the funding. That's why it's next to the Fitchburg Art Museum."



Firefighters continue to work on hitting wet spots throughout the day on Monday at B.F. Brown School, destroyed by arson.

Tara Vocino photos

Across the sidewalk, Sophia Bogdasarian said it is a sad day for the city of Fitchburg.

"It had gorgeous features," she said. "The granite alone on the front steps was worth a lot of money. There's a lot of history here."

The city sold the building to Community Development Corps.

Her son, Alex, attended sixth to eighth-grade there.

She said she heard there was music coming from there over the weekend.

Jeff Thomas called it the most unique school in the city.

"The seats for the gym were above and not on the floor level," Thomas said. "They weren't on floor level. It was

like you were watching a basketball game and looking down at the game."

His siblings, Danny and Kim, went to school there for grades six to eight.

Thomas called the fire tragic. "It's sad to see the school boarded up," he said.

His daughters, Sophia, and Lillian, were in tears, as their garden on the sidewalk near the school was probably ruined.

"My teacher, Rich Maynard, was helping me to get the garden ready," Lillian said. "It was fun to see the peppers."

Larry Laakso has good memories of walking to school.

His wife, Linda, went to 7th grade there.

"She still remembers her first day here," he said.

Laakso said making artists condominiums out of the building would have been a real benefit to the city.

"It would have helped the city to get on its new path," Laakso said.

Deputy Chief Thomas Dateo said at least 50 firefighters responded. The fire broke out around 2:30 a.m., and they got it under control at 8 a.m.

Firefighters were hitting wet spots around lunchtime on Monday.

"We're doing overhaul, checking to see if it's still in the walls, and extinguishing hot spots," Dateo said.

Due to the large size of the building, several mutual aids responded. Five ladder trucks and seven engines from Fitchburg, Leominster,

Lunenburg, Ashby, Devens and Gardner were on scene.

"It was a tough fire," Dateo said. "It was tough to gain access to it and to vent it. Water evaporated, so there was quite a bit of fire. But the guys did a fantastic job."

At times, firefighters were extinguishing 6,000 gallons of water per minute.

Dateo said a Leominster firefighter suffered minor foot injuries from ladder operations.

The building is about 100 years old, and it has been vacant for about 15 years.

The fire broke out on the first floor, advanced to the second and third, and took off across the attic in the four-story building.

Deputy Chief Gregg Normandin estimated the building is 25,000 square feet.

The smell that was evident across several towns throughout Monday was residual fire odor and the roofing material that was burning.

Normandin said when sunrise came, the winds increased the amount of fire that spread.

"The classrooms were damaged," Normandin said. "But the gym and auditorium were saved."

There were not any furnishings or school desks in the building.

According to Dateo's fire report released on Tuesday, the estimated property damage is \$700,000 with a content loss of \$25,000.

The building was worth \$2,105,000, the report states.

## TALKING

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and MASN. In theory, the latter is a joint Orioles/Nats network but in order to become an even (very) junior partner, Washington had to pony up quite the ransom for invading Baltimore's alleged territorial rights. Next time you make the mistake of thinking the real action is on the field, try being not so naive. Anyway, once the Nats arrived from Montreal, the Orioles' geographic monopoly was gone.

Unlike New England where professional team sports are sacred, down there that's not the case at all. Sure, the O's and Nats and Ravens and Redskins and Caps (and once in a while even the Wizards) are popular, but there's also intense passion for college sports, especially Maryland and Georgetown hoops. You know the old line about how

in the South there's football recruiting season, spring college football season and then college football season? We get it. Different sport but we get it.

Here's another thing — horses matter in Maryland where some 16,000 horse farms occupy nearly 600,000 acres and where the value of "equine related assets" is more than \$5.6 billion with a "b". Several million dollars are poured through the pari-mutuel windows at the state's racetracks every day. The market for the entertainment dollar only goes so far.

Of course the Orioles haven't helped their cause by jacking up ticket prices as much as \$10 from last year and have the 11th highest average ticket price across MLB, this in a struggling economic market. But hey, someone had to pay for Chris Davis' 200 strikeouts and Darren O'Day's trips to the DL after both signed long-term deals last off-season.

Most of all there's this — many, many, did I say many, people simply won't go into downtown Baltimore at night, not even the area around the stadiums. The ballpark wasn't there yet (the old one was in a residential neighborhood) but there was a halcyon time when people often wouldn't even consider leaving downtown until well past midnight, and yes, that frequently included me. Maybe you parked several blocks from whichever Inner Harbor attraction you'd spent the evening? No worries. You felt safe. Even in the first years after Camden Yards was built, downtown was still a destination. Not anymore. Not even close and the riots last year accelerated the flight. Yes, a lot of white people don't feel safe downtown and whether that's justified or not is besides the point. The discomfort is what it is. But that's not the whole story. A lot of African-Americans don't feel safe downtown either. Whether peo-

ple have a rational or irrational fear of other civilians or of the police, and in the latter case it's understandable given the Department of Justice's scathing report about the city, the bottom line is simple — downtown Baltimore isn't where a lot of people much want to be and a baseball team alone isn't likely to bring them back. The issue is a lot more complicated and the solutions even more so.

Knock attendance? It's easy to do reflexively without seeing the full picture and recognizing all the reasons why folks might be less likely to go to Camden Yards than Fenway Park. Regardless, you can't tell people how to spend their money. Besides, I sure don't see people flocking to Suffolk Downs despite it's great tradition. What's wrong with you people anyway? Ha. See you next week

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## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated as of June 18, 2007 (the "Mortgage") given by John Coderre, Trustee of School Street Trust to GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at Book 41339, Page 103, which Mortgage was assigned to Sutherland Asset I, LLC (the "Mortgagee") by a certain Assignment of Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement effective as of December 10, 2013 and recorded with the Registry at Book 51908, Page 133, of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 (the "Sale"), upon the mortgaged premises, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit: That certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of School Street, Rte. #12, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land Prepared for Pauline L. Coderre, Winchendon, MA, February 27, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA" recorded with the [sic] Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 704, Plan 60, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most southerly corner thereof, at an iron pin in the northeasterly line of School Street, Rte. #12, at a corner of other land now or formerly of Pauline L. Coderre, being shown as Lot "2" on the aforementioned plan; thence N 43-48'-05" W, 212.02 feet to a point of curvature; thence northwesterly and northerly by a curve to the right having a radius of 117.00 feet, a length of 151.92 feet to a corner of other land now or formerly of Pauline L. Coderre, being shown as Lot "1" on the aforementioned plan, the preceding two courses being by said road line; thence N 67-51'-31" E, 420.00 feet; thence S 64-11'-17" E, 174.04 feet to an iron pin at a corner of land now or formerly of the first mentioned Coderre and Lot "2", the preceding two courses being by said Coderre land and Lot "1"; thence S 43-04'-37" W, 160.00 feet to an iron pin; thence S 23-04'-37" W, 110.00 feet; thence S 48-04'-37" W, 200.00 feet to an iron pin in the northeasterly line of School Street, Rte. #12, and the point of beginning. Containing 2.640 acres or 115,000 square feet.

Shown as Parcel 2 in that certain deed recorded at Book 37063, Page 287. Property Address: 703 School Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475 Assessor's Plat/Lot: 1-0-237

The mortgaged premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that same are in force and applicable, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, existing encumbrances, and all other claims in the nature of liens, now existing or hereafter arising, having priority over the Mortgage, if any there be. The mortgaged premises will also be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

A deposit of **Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** shall be required to be paid to the Mortgagee by certified check or bank cashier's check (cash will not be accepted) at the time and place of the Sale, which deposit shall be increased to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the highest bid at the Sale, which increased deposit amount is to be paid within seven (7) days of the date of the Sale. The balance of the purchase price at the Sale is to be paid to the Mortgagee by certified check, bank cashier's check, or federal funds wire transfer such that it is actually received by the Mortgagee within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Sale, **with time being of the essence.**

The Mortgagee may, at its option, either sell the mortgaged premises to the second highest bidder at the sale

of the mortgaged premises or assume the highest bid should the highest bidder fail to fulfill the highest bidder's obligations under the sales agreement to be entered into with the Mortgagee immediately after the sale. In the event that the highest bidder defaults under such sales agreement and the Mortgagee sells the mortgaged premises to the second highest bidder, the Mortgagee may, at its option, assume the second highest bid should the second highest bidder fail to fulfill its obligations under such sales agreement. No such assumption of the highest or second highest bid or sale of the mortgaged premises by the Mortgagee to such second highest bidder shall relieve the highest or second highest bidder, as applicable, from its obligations under such sales agreement nor operate as a waiver by the Mortgagee of its rights and remedies against the highest or second highest bidder.

THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS" AND WITH ALL FAULTS, LATENT OR PATENT, AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR IMPOSED BY LAW AND SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to credit bid at the sale of the mortgaged premises and to postpone the sale by auctioneer's public proclamation. The Mortgagee further reserves the right to change terms of sale at the sale or to add additional terms and to qualify some or all bidders.

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

SUTHERLAND ASSET I, LLC,  
Present Holder of the Mortgage,  
By: Its Attorneys,  
Riemer & Braunstein LLP  
Alexander G. Rheaume, Esquire  
Riemer & Braunstein LLP  
3 Center Plaza  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-523-9000

September 16, 2016  
September 23, 2016  
September 30, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael L. Maghakian to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 23, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35410, Page 188 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 is the present holder by assignment from New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 dated May 31, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47468, Page 295; and corrective assignment from New Century Liquidating Trust successor-in-interest to New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 dated February 9, 2016 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54972, Page 283, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Munroe Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on October 20, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with buildings and other improvements thereon, situated on the southerly side of Munroe Street, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING: at an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street at land now or formerly of Merida O. Tardiff; THENCE: southerly on said Tardiff land, 129.5 feet to land or formerly of E. Murdock Company; THENCE: easterly on line of said E. Murdock Company land, about 83 feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly

of one Beals; THENCE: northeasterly on line of said Beals land and land now or formerly of one Spellman, 145 feet to an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street; THENCE: westerly on said southerly line of Monroe Street, 123.25 feet to the place of beginning.

For mortgagor, title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23330, Page 72.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Maghakian, Michael, 15-023812,  
September 16, 2016, September 23, 2016, September 30, 2016  
September 16, 2016  
September 23, 2016  
September 30, 2016

## (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 16 SM 002825 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
Daniel J. Berube  
Samantha J. Berube  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 *et. Seq.*: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 10-12 School Square, given by Daniel J. Berube and Samantha J. Berube to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Ally Bank, dated October 25, 2012, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49960, Page 208, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before October 24, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on September 12, 2016.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
16-025057 / Berube, Daniel J. and  
Samantha J./09/30/2016  
September 30, 2016

## (SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 2016 SM 008756 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:  
Roman Schwartz; Lev R. Shvarts  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 *et seq.*: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, Numbered 380 West Street, given by Roman Schwartz and Lev R. Shvarts to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated July 29, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36944, Page 366, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before October 31, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on September 15, 2016

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
201503-0382-PRP  
September 30, 2016

## (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 16 SM 008843 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
Richard T. Williams, Jr.  
Karen A. Williams

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 *et. Seq.*: Nationstar Mortgage LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 307 Spring Street, given by Richard T. Williams, Jr. and Karen A. Williams to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated April 25, 2012, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48937, Page 1, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before October 31, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on September 16, 2016.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
15-022953 / Williams, Richard  
/09/30/2016  
September 30, 2016



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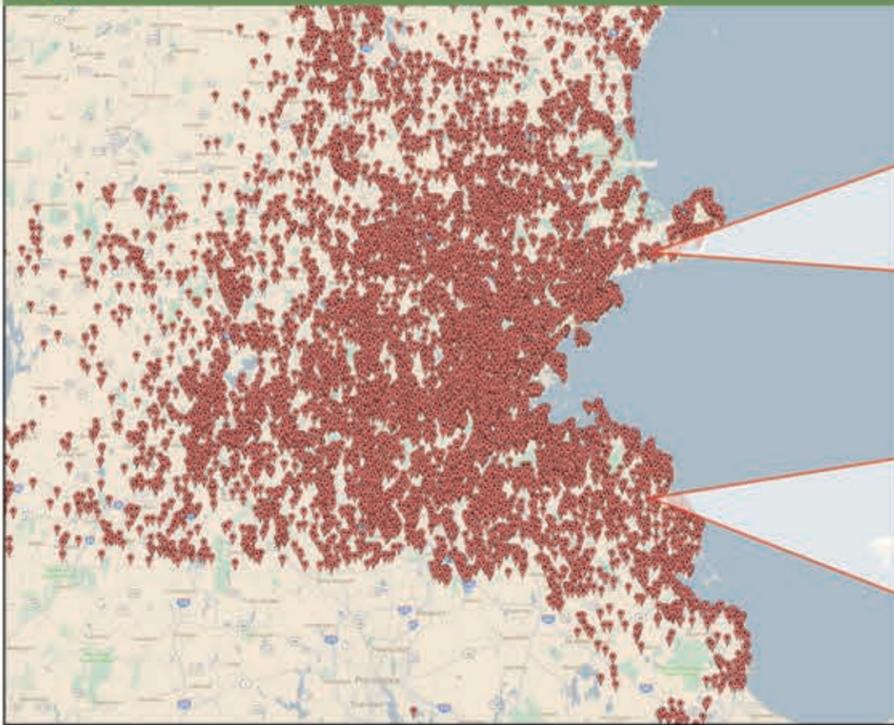
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