

# Pack 316 Scouts receive awards at Turkey Shoot

Courtesy photos

RUTLAND — On Saturday, Nov. 22, 18 Webelo scouts from Cub Scout Pack 316 in Douglas attended the Mohegan Council 5th Annual "Turkey Shoot" at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in Rutland. The Turkey Shoot is a shooting contest where frozen turkeys are awarded as prizes. This event is run by Boy Scout of America (BSA) trained and certified shooting sports instructors and volunteers. One hundred Webelo Scouts (4th & 5th graders) from central Massachusetts participated in the event and competed in archery, pellet rifles and slingshots. The frozen turkey winners were chosen by the three highest target scores of each shooting sport.

Pack 316 is proud to announce that four of their Cub Scouts earned frozen turkeys. Tyler Covell placed third in slingshot. Matthew Freeman and Luke Lightbown placed second and third in archery. And, Mason Salvias finished first overall in pellet rifles. Congratulations Scouts!

If your son is in the first through fifth grade and is interested in the outdoors, serving his community, or just having fun with the other scouts, please contact [info@douglaspack316.com](mailto:info@douglaspack316.com) for more information about the Cub Scout experience.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Animal Disaster Team helps pet owners affected by fires, storms

The Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team, Inc. (CMDART, Inc.) has been busy recruiting new volunteers in preparation for winter storms.

Also, the team has been working as a partner organization to the American Red Cross (ARC) of Central Mass to help pet owners who are victims of fires. The team held three trainings recently to strengthen response capabilities this winter across the Central Mass region. Approximately 25 new volunteers took CMDART's animal disaster training in the past two months ranging in an area from Leominster/Sterling to Oxford. The Sterling Animal Control Officer along with the Sterling Animal Control Advisory Board hosted a training session the week of Oct. 16. Oxford Animal Control and Oxford Emergency Management hosted one the week of Oct 30. One was also held in Leominster in October.

CMDART assists Emergency Management agencies, the American Red Cross, Departments of Public Health, and Animal Control officers with trained animal disaster responders when emergencies overwhelm a local community's ability to manage the incident. CMDART helped during the ice storm of 2008, the Western Mass tornado of 2011, and during multiple hurricanes and power outages that required setting up emergency shelters or warming stations. CMDART helps local communities comply with the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS ACT), a law first established in October 2006 following Katrina and recently passed into law in the State of Massachusetts. This law requires



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**Kelly Flynn, left, Oxford Animal Control, watches while CMDART volunteers practice safe handling of pets during stressful disaster events. More than 35 new volunteers have taken animal disaster training this year to help in the event of a large incident in Central Mass. More trainings are being planned.**

local and state emergency preparedness authorities to include household pets and service animals in their evacuation plans. Animals affected by disasters can include small and large animals such as pets, livestock and exotics.

Fires and pet owners have been in the forefront of one of CMDART's goals this year and remains part of their strategic plan for 2015. The team has helped the ARC by sponsoring a supply of cardboard pet carriers, leashes and bowls as well as offering emotional aftercare support for those pet owners whose pets have been compromised or perished in recent fires.

CMDART is taking registration for individuals who might be interested in becoming a volunteer animal disaster responder or helping out in other ways, including positions on the Board of Directors. Contact [training@cmdart.org](mailto:training@cmdart.org) to inquire about their upcoming training programs.

"We need to make use of the trained disaster expertise our volunteers can provide at a smaller incident, like a fire," said JoAnn Griffin, president and Team

Lead for CMDART. "We can aid information gathering about lost pets and the need for rescue, act as a liaison to pet friendly motels and to the pet owners veterinarian, provide pet bereavement support, and advocate for ethical handling of animals during or after a fire."

CMDART is seeking end-of-year tax-deductible contributions to help train more responders and develop this program to aid victims of fires. For those who might be government employees, CMDART encourages contributions through the

Combined Federal Campaign, ID # 22157. CMDART, Inc. is an independent, charitable, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c), providing information, training, support, supplies and personnel to help plan, prepare and respond to aid animals affected by man-made or natural disasters that affect public safety. CMDART depends solely upon grants and private contributions to fulfill its mission. For more information about CMDART or to make a contribution of any size contact [www.cmdart.org](http://www.cmdart.org) or call 508-476-3677.

### POLICE LOGS

#### NORTHBRIDGE POLICE ARRESTS

Nov. 22  
Marc Orozco, 24, 29 Lovelace Ln. Northbridge. Default warrant (MV violations).

Summary - Party was arrested subsequent to investigation at Walmart.

Nov. 23  
Miguel E. Balcazar, 18, 10 Linwood Ave. Whitinsville. Operating after suspension, failure to stop for a police officer, operating to endanger, disturb-

ing the peace, speeding, improper passing, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for a red light.

Summary - Party was arrested on Main St. on the above charges.

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**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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**DOUGLAS**

Monday, Dec. 8

Cable Advisory Comm., 7 p.m., Douglas Municipal Center  
Economic Development Comm., 7 p.m., Douglas Municipal Center

Tuesday, Dec. 9

School Commission Negotiations Sub-Committee, 4 p.m., Douglas Middle School  
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Douglas Municipal Center

Thursday, Dec. 9

Old Grammar School Disp. Committee, 7 p.m., Douglas Municipal Center

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Wednesday, Dec. 10

Planning Board public hearing, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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