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NEWS Brief

VOKE SCHOOL RECEIVES DONATION

Superintendent David DiBarri and Principal Carla Scuzzarella are pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech has received a \$500 donation from ExxonMobil and Global Partners LP.

The donation will support Northeast Metro Tech's STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program, and was received by the district yesterday.

"This is such a kind gesture to support our STEM programming and we really appreciate our local Exxon-Mobil station for this donation," Principal Scuzzarella said. "This funding will directly benefit students in our STEM program by supporting the robust, hands-on education we provide to help create skilled future employees in these high de-

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GREAT LOSS, ENDURING PRESENCE

Winthrop celebrates the lives of Dimes and McFarland

McFarland on police force for 48 years

It is with deep sadness that Chief Terence Delehanty and the members of the Winthrop Police Department announce the passing of Winthrop Police Special Officer (Retired Detective) Robert "Bob" McFarland. Detective McFarland passed away on Tuesday January 19, 2021 after a long battle with an illness.

Detective McFarland, 75, had served as a Winthrop Police Officer for 48 years. Detective McFarland was also a veteran who served in the United States Air Force for 4 years from August of 1964 to August of 1968.

Detective McFarland was hired as a reserve officer on September 1, 1972. He was appointed full-time on December 12, 1974. After several years in patrol Detective McFarland served as a Detective and Court Officer at East Boston District Court for the Winthrop Police Department for over 25 years. Detective McFarland retired from full time duty on November 11, 2010. Since retirement Detective Mc-



Robert McFarland

Farland served as a special police officer until his passing. He could always be seen at his favorite detail in the morning smiling and waving on traffic at the Belle Isle Bridge.

Detective McFarland was known for his big smile and positive attitude. He was a true conversationalist and loved people. He earned a reputation for always extending a helping hand to anyone in need. Along with his investigation duties Detective

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Dick Dimes was longtime public official

Richard D. "Dick" Dimes, who served in town government in many capacities in a career of public service that spanned more than 50 years, passed away last Wednesday, January 13, of natural causes. He was 94.

A native of Chelsea, Dimes served in the U.S. Navy in WWII from 1944-46. He and his wife of 73 years, Margaret, his high school sweetheart, moved to Winthrop in the 1950s.

Dimes soon entered public life. He was elected as a Town Meeting member and then to the Winthrop Planning Board. In the late 1960s he was elected to the Board of Selectmen, on which he served for two terms.

Dimes, a lifelong Republican, also was active in local GOP affairs. He was a member of the Town Republican Committee and was the Republican nominee for State Representative in the 1970s in an unsuccessful bid against Democrat Ralph Sirianni.

He continued to sit on various town committees well into his 80s, most notably as the chairman



Dick Dimes

of the DPW facilities construction committee, which was created by Town Meeting in the 1980s to address the need to replace the town's crumbling and outdated structure that housed the DPW's trucks and other equipment.

Despite encountering the usual setbacks because of a lack of funding and a suitable space for the project, Dimes continued to be the driving force for the new facility for more than a decade, displaying the same dogged de-

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State Rep. Race Highlight: Looking at the Candidates

Silvestri hopes to continue public service in bid for DeLeo seat

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere's Director of Veterans Services and Purple Heart recipient Marc Silvestri is hoping to continue his service to others as he seeks to be elected to the 19th Suffolk House of Representative seat vacat-

ed by longtime Speaker DeLeo. Silvestri said, "I have thrived from the privilege of serving others and changing people's lives. And serving as our next State Representative affords me the opportunity to serve a wider range of people and have an even greater

impact on our community. When Speaker DeLeo announced that he may be stepping down, I had some honest conversations with my family and friends and was met, time and again, with votes of confidence. Many peo-

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Council votes to join resilience agreement

By Laura Plummer

At its meeting on Jan. 5, council voted unanimously to approve Town Manager Austin Faison's request for Winthrop to join the North Suffolk Resilience & Sustainability Agreement.

The agreement forms a regional alliance between Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop, with a physical office located in Chelsea. Faison originally brought

the idea to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council before introducing it to the neighboring cities of Chelsea and Revere.

"I have been advocating for a regional approach to climate and energy since I have worked for the town," Faison told the Transcript. "A regional office could provide the resources necessary to treat these topics with the

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Boncore outlines 2020 successes

By Laura Plummer

During the Jan. 5 meeting of the town council, Council Pres. Phil Boncore delivered his annual State of Our Town Address, in which he detailed Winthrop’s accomplishments of 2020. Despite a year of unprecedented hardship, the town was able to achieve significant progress in a number of key areas.

The Town Council approved a new zoning map for the Center Business District, initiated a parking pilot program for Point Shirley, expanded outdoor restaurant seating, passed parking ordinances, reviewed town financials, reduced the town speed limit, and requested utilities discounts for all residents.

Town Hall continued its operations, conducted virtual meetings, avoided COVID outbreaks in municipal buildings, supported remote workers, received a grant for parklets and for climate resiliency, installed bicycle markings, introduced new street signage, and worked to envision the town’s future.

The Finance Department continued assessment of the town’s economic situation, spent over \$700,000 on COVID

relief from FEMA and the CARES Act, maintained its bond rating and town insurance coverage, implemented new financial policies and trainings, ended the year with a positive free cash balance, maintained payroll and vendor warrant processes, supported a national election, and added an assistant CFO.

The Department of Public Works completed the utility phase of the Center Business District project; retrofitted all town buildings for COVID; installed a bicycle lane network with pavement restoration; replaced over 3,000 square yards of sidewalk; removed 100 lead services; planted 50 trees; responded to 2,656 SeeClickFix work orders; installed new flooring at Senior Center; completed Miller Fieldhouse; improved roofing at the library, EBN and Senior Center; repaired 18 water main breaks, 30 water service leaks and 8 sewer breaks; replaced 10 gate valves, 15 fire hydrants, and rebuilt a pressure-reducing valve; emptied and inspected one million gallon water tank; rebuilt 80 storm drain and 40 manhole structures; cleaned and inspected 250 catch basins; and replaced 250 feet of storm drain on St-

urgis St. Winthrop Public Schools trained teachers to teach remotely; supplied students with learning materials; provided food services to students; implemented a safety plan and a safety response team; created reopening plans; upgraded certain technologies such as Chromebooks; purchased new boilers; purchased PPE, sanitizing machines, hand sanitizers and safety signage; installed new playground; successfully returned teachers to the classroom; and hired additional staff.

The Inspectional Services Department issued 13 percent more permits than in 2019 and inspected all restaurants for COVID compliance. The Fire Department hired four new members, and responded to over 2,000 emergency calls.

The Police Department managed political demonstrations, helped launch the food bank, installed security in town buildings, completed harm reduction training to prevent overdoses, welcomed a volunteer to assist with C.L.E.A.R. program, became a mentor site for recovery assistance, served over 70 individuals through C.L.E.A.R., replaced the old whaler

with a patrol boat, began retrofitting marina lights, and integrated new management software.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a summer park program, summer day program, after-school program, pumpkin painting, pictures with Santa and traveling basketball.

The Town Clerk’s Office realized two successful elections.

The Treasurer’s Office continued to mail out bills, processed tax payments, completed the tax title process, and launched the resident parking sticker program.

The Winthrop Public Library offered many remote services, including outdoor pickup and dropoff of materials, and expanded online offerings.

The Veterans Department provided seamless service to veterans in town.

Larsen Rink modernized its air systems and improved operating conditions, worked to improve accessibility, and did not exceed its budget despite a year of economic struggle.

The Winthrop Ferry implemented COVID-19 policies, retrofitted the ferry, saw increasing numbers weekly, and served residents for five months with no outbreak.



Frankie Costantino, decided instead of receiving birthday presents for his 11th Birthday, to ask for donations to our local Food Banks. The Winthrop Food Bank got multiple bags and boxes of food and the Winthrop Veterans Food Bank received \$365. in Gift Certificates! Awesomeness at its best. Pictured with Frankie is his mom, Crystal Costantino.

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termination that was typical of his zeal to finish what he had started for the betterment of the town, whether he was taking on Massport, the MDC, the MBTA, the Deer Island jail, or the MWRA.

After giving countless hours of his time and effort to the new garage project, Dimes’s dream finally was realized with the construction of the new DPW garage in the late 1990s. In 2012, the town’s Department of Public Works building was named the Richard D. Dimes Public Services Facility.

Those who spoke at the dedication of the building were effusive in their praise of Dimes.

“The town has had town government for 160 years and Dick Dimes has been part of that for over 50,” said master of ceremonies and former selectman Thomas Reilly, who served with Dimes on the Board of Selectmen in the 1970s. “I think everyone knows the diligence he brought to the office.”

Then-Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo said it was Dimes who

asked him to run for a position on the Board of Selectmen.

“It’s interesting to note that a Republican is responsible for a Democratic Speaker of the House,” said DeLeo. “I’ve nominated Dick Dimes every year for ‘Citizen of the Year’ recognition because I honestly felt that there was no one who’s done more for this town than Dick Dimes. He is what you call a true legend.”

DeLeo said he learned a lot from Dimes during their association in town government.

“What I learned from this man in terms of sincerity, loyalty, commitment, and knowledge can never be equaled,” said DeLeo. “He’s truly an amazing guy. Think about the fact that over all these years, Dick Dimes always had such a great love for this community that he continued to serve when other people would have walked away. I can’t thank him enough on behalf of the people of this community.”

Then-Town Council President Peter Gill told the gathering, “When

Dick Dimes believed in something, he believed in it passionately. I’m proud to present this town citation to you.”

“I really appreciate this,” Dimes himself said. “Everyone I see has always helped me and they are the backbone of this community because I don’t care what anybody says – we have the airport, we have Deer Island, but we are probably the best small town in the whole Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

Dimes asked young residents in the town to step forth and serve on committees. “If today’s generation can come forth and do the same as we did, we’ll continue to be a great town.”

Dimes also was involved in many civic organizations. He was an active sailor at the Cottage Park Yacht Club and was one of the founders of the Winthrop Youth Hockey program, both of which he enjoyed with his children.

In the Sun-Transcript’s special Millennium Edition in 2000, Dimes was named as one of the “100 people who made a differ-

ence” in Winthrop in the 20th century.

He is survived by his wife Margaret of Winthrop; daughter Deborah and her husband Frank Traniello of Amesbury; son Richard and wife Cami of Stanwood, WA; son Jonathan and wife Mia Ambata of Baltimore; and five grandchildren.

There will be no public service because of COVID-19 restrictions. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St, B-102, Danvers, MA.

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mand careers."

Global Partners LP has awarded grants to schools throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland for the past decade in partnership with ExxonMobil's Educational Alliance Program. The initiative awarded \$182,500 to 365 schools in 2020 in an effort to support STEM education.

"It really comes down to our local Territory Managers (TM's) working closely

with their local Exxon- and Mobil-branded station owners to choose the schools they feel would benefit the most from these innovative grants," said Louis Parison, Global's Brand Programs Manager. "A lot of our grants each year go to the same schools which helps them to truly develop a consistent STEM program. And our TM's are vested in their local communities, and the local Exxon- and Mobil-branded

stations in town also want to support these educational efforts."

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ON THE BALLOT



Jeff Turco and his wife, Melissa Carbone-Turco, are pictured outside the John W. McCormack State Office Building in Boston after receiving certification of his nomination signatures for the special election in the 19th Suffolk District that includes Revere and Winthrop.

Turco names Fiore director of field operations

Jeffrey Rosario Turco, candidate for state representative in the 19th Suffolk District, has named Stephen Fiore of Revere as director of field operations for his campaign.

A savvy political strategist, Fiore has worked on several campaigns both locally and statewide in the past six years. He also briefly worked on a Democratic Presidential campaign in the 2020 election.

“This is something that I am passionate about and that I love to do while fighting for what matters for my community,” said Fiore.

The former Revere High baseball star said he knew right away after meeting Turco that he wanted to be a part of his

campaign.

“Jeff is honest and extremely caring and also a man of strong conviction,” said Fiore. “Jeff stands by his beliefs and will not waver based off of popular opinion.”

Fiore also likes the fact that Turco has strong ties to both Revere and Winthrop.

Turco was a resident of Revere for 33 years before moving to Winthrop. His wife, Melissa Carbone-Turco, is also a Revere native.

“I believe Jeff is the right candidate for this district with his ties and deep roots in both communities,” said Fiore.

Turco has served as president of the Winthrop Town Council and is currently president of

the Revere Beach Partnership that coordinates the annual Sand Sculpting Festival on Revere Beach. Fiore believes that Turco’s experience and knowledge of local government makes him eminently qualified to be state representative for this district.

“In these trying times there is no time for on-the-job training,” said Fiore. “As a former staffer to the late Rep. William Reinstein, Jeff has the experience and knowledge to lead our community now and I am honored to be working in his campaign for state representative.”

“I am thrilled to have Steve Fiore on my team. He is a hard-working family man, grounded in



Stephen Fiore is the director of field operations for Jeff Turco's campaign for state representative in the 2021 special election.

faith, and committed to a better tomorrow. He joins a long line of Fiore family members who have served the City of Revere with distinction,” Turco said.

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ple remarked that it was a natural progression on the service I have already done.”

Silvestri grew up in Revere as part of a blue-collar family. He was one of four sons of parents who instilled a strong work ethic in their sons. A 1997 graduate of Revere High School, Marc resides in Revere with his wife Nicole, his 17 year old daughter Sienna, a Dental Technician student at Northeast Regional Vocational High School, and Saige, a Fifth grader at the Whelan School.

Currently, Marc has served as the Director of the Veterans Service Office for the City of Revere since 2017. Marc’s personal experience as a decorated veteran with the United States Army, including an overseas tour in Afghanistan where he earned the Bronze Star of Value and the Purple Heart, led him to his present position with the City of Revere.

“Fighting for our country in Afghanistan is certainly one of the greatest honors of my life. In 2006, I enlisted in the United States Army as a proud member of the Big Red 1. My time with Apache Troop First Platoon shaped me into a strong leader who will never compromise my integrity. I have lived through the terror and pain of warfare and its aftermath. I was stationed in the Nuristan Province of Afghanistan at Combat Outpost Lowell, which was known to locals as “Camp Hell”. During a patrol to disrupt the flow of Taliban movement, we walked into a complex attack on the Outpost and its observation posts, from a location to maintain watch from above. As things unfolded I remembered before we stepped off I was pulled out of line as the Squad SAW Gunner. If things went bad I was

going to have to step up. When air support was called to another location, it was clear it was up to us, and that taking it to the enemy was how I was getting home to my daughter. For my actions on that day, I was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor. A month later, I was awarded the Purple Heart when a rocket propelled grenade struck my fighting position. By the time we left Afghanistan in June 2009, our unit had been in over 400 TIC’s (Troops In Contact), and it is still the most attacked base in both Iraq and Afghanistan to this day.”

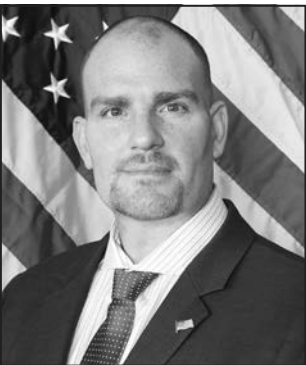
Silvestri’s service to the country did not come without sacrifice. “Due to the visible and invisible wounds of war, I was over-prescribed, under-treated, and struggled with substance misuse in the years following my retirement from the military. I learned that lives can be changed even in the darkest and most difficult times. The struggles I experienced and overcame remind me daily that faith, teamwork, and courage are the most crucial elements of any successful endeavor. With perseverance and determination & a strong support network, lives can be changed and improved. My experience re-ignited in me a passion for service. I resumed my education and earned my college degree in American Studies from Salem State University in 2018.”

As the Director of the Veterans’ Service Office (VSO), Silvestri has worked tirelessly with local, state and federal officials to ensure Revere veterans were never overlooked or short-changed. “During my five years as Director of the VSO, I am proud to report that we have established more programs and opportunities for our veterans than at any

time in Revere’s history. I worked with Councilor at Large Steve Morabito to implement a Veterans’ Work-Off Program that helps veterans save on their tax or water bills, with Mayor Brian Arrigo to establish August 7th as “Purple Heart Day” in Revere, and with Ward Six Councilor Rick Serino to create an option for Revere taxpayers to easily donate to the Revere Veterans’ Fund, and the money raised will help pay for additional services for the most vulnerable veterans in our community. I also partnered with Congresswoman Katherine Clark to facilitate the VA Home Loan application process for veterans working in the marijuana industry. Thanks to the effort that began in the Revere Veterans’ Service Office, Congresswoman Clark and other federal lawmakers are demanding that the Veterans’ Administration reform its current policies that impede the loan opportunities for these hardworking, entrepreneurial veterans. I worked to create reserved parking spaces at Revere City Hall for veterans and Purple Heart recipients. When the pandemic began, my dedication to the community was once again called upon when I was appointed to the Mayor’s Emergency Covid-19 Response Team. I created and implemented a pilot program to provide basic needs and shelter to our homeless population. Our homeless population can often be overlooked, but it was rewarding to serve some of our most vulnerable in an effort to help them and also further prevent the spread of the virus.”

Silvestri noted the many accomplishments of Speaker DeLeo which he said includes a legacy marked by his work on gun control, domestic violence, child welfare, wage parity, transportation, education, criminal justice and police reform. “Speaker DeLeo was always a champion for veterans in our district, and across the state. The sheer length of his accomplishments in and of itself is impressive and I can only hope to make a fraction of the impact that the Speaker has made during his career.”

As he seeks to succeed DeLeo, Silvestri sees the Covid 19 pandemic as one of the most import-



ant issues that need to be
Candidate for State Rep. Marc Silvestri.

worked on if elected. “At the forefront of everybody’s mind is certainly the Covid-19 pandemic, so it would be foolhardy to start anywhere else. The pandemic has had a direct impact on every single person, has halted life as we know it and caused us to rethink how we conduct our everyday lives. The pandemic has both brought to light and exacerbated many of the challenges that our community already faces, such as housing and food insecurities, increased substance misuse and mental health stressors, and the challenges of being a small business owner. We need to ensure that we have grants in place to keep the doors open of our small businesses and nonprofits. These are the backbone of our neighborhoods, upon which we have relied for years. We cannot turn our backs on them now. We must also ensure that those who lost employment during the pandemic are able to get back on their feet and live independently. As a person who knows how hard it is to overcome hardship, this is not the time to create further obstacles; rather we need to ensure that we all get through this to see the other side. Lastly and certainly not of least importance is the care that may be necessary due to any long-term effects of the virus on our health. This will take cooperation and coordination with our medical community and healthcare providers to ensure that we are informed and protected. Needless to say, there will be much work to do given how drastically our lives have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, both in the short and long term, and I am up to the task.”

Silvestri hopes to continue to lobby for legislation DeLeo enacted particularly related to climate change. “Our coastline is one of the most unique characteristics about our District.

It requires special attention and advocacy given the effects that climate change has had and will have on our communities. Winthrop has seven miles of coastline and Revere has three miles of coastline. Both cities have engaged in land use tools and policies to shift new development out of harm’s way, but there will be a continued need to secure funding and find ways to protect the already built structures. Speaker DeLeo worked hard on the House’s GreenWorks legislation – a 10-year, \$1 billion climate and clean energy initiative – which will give communities access to additional grants aimed at addressing the effects of climate change -but it won’t end there. In the years to come, there will be a continued need to make sure our communities have the funds to maintain the protections we have put in place and plan for the future. Some areas for improvement include: enabling and encouraging the use of green infrastructure to address climate impacts & to require and incentivize resilient building and design practices. This requires some education and commitment to changing our practices”.

Silvestri also looks to make some changes to current legislation. “There are a few areas where I would like to see greater protections afforded, including supporting our veterans with more consistent and accessible services; a recovery-oriented system of care for substance misuse and mental health & equal access to healthcare for all; and the proper coverage necessary for our first responders who contract an infectious disease while on the job -- all of which will benefit all Massachusetts residents. However, when it comes to our District specifically, I would like to hold MassPort accountable to the health and well-being of our communities. For far too long, we have been met with the mere minimum when it comes to what we deserve. It is more than just quality of life concerns such as noise abatement and soundproofing; there are real health concerns. Research has found that communities surrounding Logan Airport are exposed to harmful air

pollution. I have seen the frustration of our District’s residents when trying to get answers from MassPort and I will ensure we are getting accurate data based on science. I will also fight for stronger policy for our residents when it comes to policing aviation-related air pollution. This is an issue that is long overdue, and the health of our residents should always remain a top priority.”

When asked why he considers himself the best successor for DeLeo’s seat, Silvestri noted, “I consider political service to require the same values that were instilled in me in the military: the virtues of honor, dignity, courage, and selfless service. I bring these values to Revere through my duties as the Director of the Veterans Service Office and the Emergency Covid-19 Response Team. I will likewise bring them to the 19th Suffolk as a champion for all in our district on the issues that we are facing while keeping forward-thinking strategy and perspectives in mind. There is no doubt we face a tough road ahead to recover from Covid-19, and we need a leader who is committed to getting in the trenches and tirelessly fighting for all of us. I am that person Bob DeLeo set the highest example of service, and I believe I am the individual who can best attempt to fill Speaker DeLeo’s shoes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Speaker DeLeo for his thirty years of dedicated service to the 19th Suffolk and hope to make him proud with my dedication to our District. I am prepared to lead the 19th Suffolk District. My life experiences coupled with my strong work ethic set me apart from the other candidates. I know how to overcome hardship, and know what it takes to help others do the same. I will be a fierce advocate for all people who live and work in our District, and promise to listen carefully to help foster equality throughout the 19th Suffolk. As others in the race are getting ready to roll up their sleeves, mine have been rolled up, fighting on the frontlines in a foreign land and here at home during Covid-19.”



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CAMPAIGNING IN BEACHMONT



Above, Alicia DelVento (right), candidate for the Revere-Winthrop state representative seat, is pictured with supporters during a sign-holding event in Beachmont Square across from Torretta's Italian Bakery.

Right, Alicia DelVento, candidate for state representative, pictured with her supporters who joined her for a campaign standout event in Beachmont Square.



Richard A. Fucillo, Jr. announces candidacy for 19th Suffolk State Representative seat

Richard A. Fucillo, Jr., announced his entry as candidate for the 19th Suffolk State Representative seat earlier this month through social media. Fucillo, a Winthrop native, a product of Winthrop Public Schools, and former Viking athlete, is running as an unenrolled candidate, distancing himself from the crowded Democratic primary. “Transparency, integrity and perseverance are the three values that are the most important to me and I vow to work hard to earn the trust from the voters in the district, says Fucillo. The position is vacated by former Speaker DeLeo who “ has served this community tirelessly



Richard A. Fucillo, Jr.

for a long time, and I feel that now is the ideal time for renewed enthusiasm and a fresh perspective”, adds Fucillo.

Fucillo will run a campaign which focuses on issues that are important to all residents, and his platform includes invigorating our public schools, increasing internet access and speed

while decreasing costs through competition and innovation, address the rising costs of water, battling the crises caused by addiction and taking on other public health challenges that threaten the fabric of the community. Also important to Fucillo is the need to revitalize the business community that has suffered during the pandemic and restore support to small business. Fucillo is currently in his senior year at Emerson College and plans to pursue a law degree after graduation. For additional information, he can be found on Facebook (Richard Fucillo Jr for Rep), and on Twitter and Instagram @Fucillo-JR_4Rep.

Capobianco quickly qualifies for the ballot

On Thursday, January 14, Valentino Capobianco, candidate for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District, announced that his campaign is the first to qualify for the ballot in the Special Election.

Capobianco’s campaign easily crossed the required threshold of 150 people. The fact that Capobianco’s campaign is the first to qualify is a testament to the grassroots enthusiasm and support behind his candidacy -- the nomination signatures were gathered exclusively by volunteers and no paid staff was involved.

Upon qualifying for the ballot, Capobianco issued the following statement:

“I am humbled by the grassroots support that enabled our campaign to be the first to qualify for the ballot, and I look forward to fighting for every vote in Winthrop and Revere between now and March 2nd. But this race isn’t about me, it is about making sure every child receives a world-class public education, helping small businesses and workers get through the pandemic, and guaranteeing that everybody in Massachusetts has access to quality, affordable healthcare. That is what I am campaigning on, and that is what I will fight for on Beacon Hill should I have the privilege of being elected to represent the 19th Suffolk District.”

Capobianco currently serves as the Chief of Staff to State Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxboro). In addition to serving on the Winthrop School Committee for the past five years, Capobianco serves as an elected member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and as a member of the Shore Educational Collaborative’s Board of Trustees. He previously served as an aide to Middlesex Sheriff Peter Kotoujian and to former House Speaker Robert DeLeo. Capobianco, a graduate of Winthrop High School and Suffolk University, is 32 years old and resides with his dog Bernie at 53 Prospect Ave in Winthrop.

Information on special election provided

Town Manager Austin Faison and Acting Town Clerk Joanne M. DeMato wish to provide residents with information regarding the state special election scheduled for this spring.

The special election to fill the seat of State Rep. Robert DeLeo has been set for Tuesday, March 30. The primary election will be held Tuesday, March 2.

Eligible voters can register to vote up to 20 days before each election.

Candidate nomination papers can be obtained by contacting the Winthrop Town Clerk’s Office at 617-846-1742 and making an appointment.

To help candidates navigate the collection of signatures amid the restrictions and difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Winthrop Town Clerk's Office wishes to share the following guidelines:

- Multiple signature pages are allowed. Candidates are not required to fill nomination pages with signatures. Each signer may have their own nomination paper form.
- Electronic signatures are not allowed. All signatures must be in ink.
- Time extensions are not allowed. There are no extended deadlines approved by the state to

obtain nomination signatures.

• A reduction in the number of signatures is not allowed. The number of signatures required, at least 150, remains the same.

It is also recommended that candidates do not hold onto their papers in order to turn them in all at once. Any completed sheets may be submitted in order to start the certifying process.

Questions regarding the special election or obtaining/submitting nomination papers can be directed to the Winthrop Town Clerk's Office at 617-846-1742.



“Far too often during campaigns, candidates speak TO voters instead of LISTENING to them. Politicians try to dictate the issues instead of ASKING people what they are concerned about, what they would like to see fought for on Beacon Hill and how elected officials can work to make the lives of their constituents better. That ends now. I hope you will take the time to visit www.turcoforrep.com to let me know what issues you care about most and how they impact your daily life and the lives of your family.”

**JEFFREY
ROSARIO
TURCO**
for State Representative



Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health

Working to reform and improve the Commonwealth's failing mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs is something we can all support. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated an epidemic that has impacted us all. I'm no stranger to the devastating impacts that substance use disorder can have on families. I have lost 3 siblings to drug overdoses. Two of them in the past 3 months alone. We must do everything we can to stop the stigma of addiction, help those in need and work with the families that are often devastated and left mourning the loss of a loved one.



Healthcare

Everyone in this country deserves to have healthcare coverage. Seven years ago I received the phone call we all dread. The doctor informed me that I had cancer and it needed to be removed as soon as possible. With the love and support of my wife and family, I survived, but not without some harrowing moments. Far too many families don't have the happy ending I was able to have. Here in Massachusetts we have the best hospitals, doctors and nurses in the world. EVERYONE should have access to them without fear of bankruptcy, job loss or lack of coverage.



Education

Regardless of your background, your socio-economic group or your place of birth, education creates opportunity and hope. I realized early on in my life that a caring teacher can make all the difference in a child's life. While at the McKinley School in Revere, I needed what is called “speech therapy” today. The dedication and care my teachers showed follows me to this day. When in court arguing a case or speaking in public, I think back on the teachers that showed me anything was possible. We must do everything we can to ensure our schools, our teachers and our children have all the resources they need to succeed.



Affordable Housing

After my parents divorced, we fell on hard times. We had to move from the house I had known all my life on Reservoir Avenue in Revere, to public housing on Walnut Street. The staff at the Revere Housing Authority always treated us with dignity and respect. They told all of us that with hard work and determination, we could be or do anything. I took the lessons they taught me to heart and am a practicing attorney in no small part to their belief in me. Access to affordable housing is critical as gentrification and the cost of living continue to skyrocket in our area.

OUR Opinions

JOE BIDEN NEEDS OUR PRAYERS

With President Joe Biden taking the oath of office this week, America is ready to recover -- both physically and psychologically -- from the four years of “carnage” that has been left behind by the previous presidential administration.

It is fair to say that no incoming President ever has faced more challenges than those that are awaiting Joe Biden:

-- Washington, D.C. looks like a war zone for the inauguration, with 30,000 U.S. troops fortifying the city in the wake of the mob that stormed the Capitol two weeks ago. Similar threats of violence by anarchist, right-wing groups loom all across the country.

-- The COVID-19 pandemic is killing thousands of Americans each and every day, seven days a week, filling our hospitals to overflowing and overwhelming our healthcare system.

-- The nation’s economy is in tatters, even more so than during the Great Depression, with record-high unemployment, hunger, and small business failures.

-- America’s reputation in the world never has been lower in our entire history. Both friend and foe view us as an unreliable and unstable nation, rather than the moral and powerful leader that we have been since our founding.

-- And last but not least, the Russians have breached our national security with a massive cyberattack, the full scope of which still is to be determined.

The one saving grace for our country is this: No incoming president in the past 50 years has had more experience, and is better prepared for the job, than Joe Biden. The same too, goes for his key Cabinet members. They will be able to hit the ground running to get us back on track.

Still, the task ahead for Joe Biden is daunting -- and he will need all of the prayers we can send his way.

LET’S GO, TAMPA BAY!

It’s okay to admit it, Pats’ fans -- we were rooting for Tom and Gronk in their playoff game for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this past Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

It has been jarring to see No. 12 playing in a Tampa Bay uniform this season -- it’s like seeing your long-time ex- with someone else.

But with the Patriots’ dismal season relegating the Pats to the bottom third of the NFL (where they are destined to remain for a while), Tom and Gronk’s play-off run with the Bucs has given us something to cheer about.

True, both are only shadows of their former selves. Brady threw a lot of off-target passes and Gronk had trouble getting open. On the other hand, they connected for a key first-down deep in New Orleans territory late in the game that led to the Bucs’ clinching score.

Although it was nowhere as dramatic as that amazing catch that Gronk made late in the 2019 AFC championship game in Kansas City that propelled the Pats to another Super Bowl, it still was a vintage Brady-to-Gronk clutch play that brought a smile to the face of every New England fan. (We should note too, that Gronkowski played a huge role in the Tampa Bay running game with his blocking, just as he did with the Pats for a decade.)

Tampa Bay will face a stiff challenge in Green Bay this Sunday. The Bucs smoked the Packers in their regular-season meeting earlier in the year, but Aaron Rodgers and Co. are playing at an unreal level right now.

Let’s go Bucs -- we want to see Tom and Gronk in the Super Bowl!

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EVERYBODY CAN USE A SHOT IN THE ARM

GUEST OP-ED

Stating my priorities if elected your state representative

By Valentino Capobianco

Consider this my introduction if you don’t know me already: my name is Tino Capobianco, and I’m running to succeed Speaker DeLeo as your next State Representative.

Just as I worked to deliver results for families in Winthrop on its School Committee, I will fight hard for you in the State House. Working to make sure our communities thrive, and all of our residents’ voices are heard, is my life’s work.

My focus will be making sure everybody in this district has access to opportunity -- opportunity to make a good living; opportunity to start, restart, or grow a business; opportunity for our families to lead happy healthy lives; opportunity to give our children the education they deserve.

In short, our work at the State House must be focused on giving people the opportunity to have the American Dream.

I learned about what it means to make the most of the opportunities, because it’s the story of my family.

My grandfather Ralph Capobianco was a first-generation immigrant from Italy and set-

tled on Falcon Street in the Eagle Hill section of East Boston. He was a victim of child labor and was not able to attend school. “Noni”, as I knew him, went on to serve his country in WWII and when he returned became a small business owner and worked as a custodian until he was 85 years old. My grandfather instilled a set of values in me that made me the man I am today.

The communities of the 19th Suffolk District -- including all of Winthrop and Revere -- embody what it means to pursue and achieve the American Dream. That Dream has been achieved by so many of us and our neighbors, and we need to honor the sacrifices they made to get where they are while making sure the Dream is available to our neighbors for whom it is sadly out of reach.

The priorities of your next State Representative should be laser focused on how we create those opportunities for the people of the district.

From my time as Chief of Staff for State Senator Paul Feeney, a proud labor Democrat who I am honored to have supporting my candidacy, I saw up close what concrete

steps the State House can take to continue that work.

I believe that every child deserves access to the best public education possible. As a Commonwealth, we can work together to meet that goal by fully implementing the recently passed Student Opportunity Act, investing in vocational education, making college more affordable, and supporting students with disabilities.

We need to support working families by increasing our minimum wage to at least \$15 an hour, hazard pay for essential workers, and reinstating time-and-a-half on Sundays for retail workers.

The mental health crisis in our communities is one we have to tackle head on. We have to address the critical issues that are facing our veterans including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mental Health Issues, and working to eliminate homelessness for all Veterans. Once and for all we need to address the opioid epidemic and reform our justice system to treat addiction as an illness, not a criminal offense.

Above all, policy platform aside, I fundamen-

tally believe that the most important duty of a State Representative is constituent service -- to be responsive and active when they ask for help. To me, that means whenever a constituent calls it’s my job to take the call, listen to the concern, and then do everything I can to resolve the issue.

So my most important commitment is that I will be an open, honest, and accessible State Representative just as I was a Legislative Aide, Chief of Staff, and School Committee Member for the past five years.

We are proud of our community but right now we also know that trust in elected officials to do the hard work is at an all-time low. We were incredibly privileged to have Speaker Robert DeLeo’s service to our district for so long. Picking up that mantle will not be easy.

I am promising you now that nobody will outwork me, and I hope to talk with you in the coming weeks and prove it.

Valentino Capobianco is a Winthrop resident and Candidate for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District.

LETTERS to the Editor

WHAT WAS NEXT?

Dear Editor,

The frenzied mob that stormed our Capitol building, smashed windows, broke down barricades, and ransacked congressional offices. They wielded bats, chemical spray, and concealed weapons while attacking and injuring Capitol Police as they marched to the Congressional Chamber attempting to storm inside where members of Congress were instructed to shelter in place. Due to the heroics of the security staff who blockaded the entrance with furniture, the unruly attackers were held off until police reinforcements drove them away.

My question is this. What were these terrorists planning to do if they gained entrance to the Congressional Cham-

ber? Hunker down and occupy the chamber for an extended time making it impossible to hold the presidential certification vote? Hold members of Congress hostage? Possibly kidnap Democratic Congressional members and take them somewhere possibly to inflict harm. This would be similar to the plot of right-wing terrorists who planned to kidnap the Michigan governor and murder her. Plant bombs? Several Molotov Cocktails and weapons were later confiscated by police. Pipe bombs were found outside the RNC and DNC headquarters. What was this unruly mob going to do?

After the police and National Guard reinforcements arrived, I was appalled and enraged to see these criminals herded through the Capitol

Rotunda and escorted out the door like they were some unruly fans at a high school basketball game. They all should have been brought to a location secured by the police and arrested. They broke the law and should face the consequences rather than set free.

This was not a peaceful protest that got out of hand. It was an orchestrated attack planned in advance on social media by extreme Trump supporters and members of groups like the Proud Boys, QAnon, Murder the Media, Three Percenters, and Neo-Nazi groups as reported by the Boston Globe. The crowd was whipped into a frenzy at a rally held by Donald Trump, where they were incited by him to march on the Capitol and show their strength. The end result of

this horrific attack on our “Cradle of Liberty”, “Our House of Democracy,” left 5 people dead, numerous Capitol Police injured, and our country shocked and outraged.

I believe this is not the end of this example of domestic terrorism. Our country has to be vigilant and send a message to any terrorists (domestic or international). We will not tolerate attacks on our people or our democracy.

Ralph Tufo

SUPPORTS DELVENTO

Dear Editor

I fully and enthusiastically endorse the candidacy of Alicia DelVento for our vacant Representative seat, created by the retirement of Speaker Bob



THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

10 years ago January 20, 2011

The Winthrop Town Council voted by a 5-4 margin to approve Councilor-at-Large Philip Boncore’s motion to hold its own public hearing on the rezoning of the former Governor Winthrop Nursing Home on Pleasant Street. Councilors Nicholas DelVento, Linda Calla, Jeanne Maggio, and James Letterie joined Boncore in supporting the motion. Councilors Paul Varone, Larry Powers, and Russell Sanford and Council President Jeffrey Turco voted against the motion. The issue had been discussed previously at public hearings conducted by the Planning Board. The Council had sought a recommendation from the Planning Board on the proposed petition by the property owner (142 Pleasant Street Realty Trust), but the board submitted to the council a report of “no recommendation.” The Council had become frustrated by the Planning Board’s actions, resulting in a lengthy delay that prompted Boncore to ask his colleagues to assume command of the entire matter and conduct their own public hearing.

Local cake designer Amanda Oakleaf, owner of Amanda Oakleaf Cakes at 1 Pauline Street, has been getting quite a bit of national exposure lately. Last March, she and her husband Tyler flew to Denver to take part in The Food Network’s Cake Challenge show, competing against four other cake designers from around the country for a \$10,000 prize. She didn’t win that challenge, though the end of the show was quite exciting, and this year she and her Winthrop-based cake designing team are preparing to be showcased on the TLC network’s Fabulous Cakes.

No Strings Attached, The Green Hornet, and Tron: Legacy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago January 18, 2001

Winthrop High School Principal Jim Noiles has announced that he will be retiring at the end of this year. Noiles has served as a teacher and administrator at Winthrop High for 35 years, the last two as principal.

Former Chamber of Commerce President Myer Brill swore in the new officers of the Chamber for the coming year. Russ Sanford will be pres-

ident for the third straight year. Golda Zeltsar will be the vice-president, Jeanne Scarpa the Treasurer, and Jim Marr the Secretary.

The Elder Service Plan of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has been filling a need in the local area, servicing 350 frail senior citizens by helping them to continue living in their homes.

The Mass. Securities Division has filed an action against a local man and his business for failing to register with the Secretary of State’s office. However, there is no allegation that the firm has lost or misused any of the funds of the firm’s 53 investors.

Chocolat, State and Main, and Traffic are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago January 16, 1991

Freshman State Representative Robert DeLeo has received two committee assignments from House Speaker Charles Flaherty. DeLeo has been named to the Post Audit and Government Regulations committees.

Although the School Committee held two meetings this past week, the committee was unable to come up with a plan for budget cuts that are necessary in the current fiscal year in order to close an unanticipated budget gap of more than \$100,000.

Police Chief Angelo LaMonica told the selectmen that 132 cars were ticketed, of which 71 were towed, for violating the snow emergency regulations during the snowstorm last week. DPW Director George Safrine said that his crews were unable to clear some streets because of the illegally-parked vehicles.

The selectmen held a moment of silence to pray for the U.S. servicemen who undertook the bombing of Iraq this week to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein in Operation Desert Storm.

Lionheart, White Fang, and Kindergarten Cop are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago January 21, 1981

The School Committee, taking a calculated risk, voted to cut the School Department budget by only 15 percent instead of the 20 percent that has been requested by the selectmen in light of the coming implementation of Prop. 2 and 1/2. The School Committee approved a budget

of \$5,274,074, which now will be taken up by the Advisory Committee.

Retired Winthrop School Supt. Arthur Dalrymple is coordinating a team of volunteers to assist in collecting pledges of financial support during the second phase of the Winthrop Hospital’s major fundraising effort.

The latest chapter of Winthrop vs. Massport will take place when the issue of Massport’s proposal to expand Logan Airport’s cargo facilities at the Bird Island flats comes up for consideration.

More than 40 persons were on hand for the campaign kick-off of Robert Noonan, who is running for the Board of Selectmen.

Sam Corwin, Winthrop’s oldest resident, is still going strong at 104 years of age.

50 years ago January 20, 1971

Tom Connelly and Richard Giangregorio have announced their candidacies for the School Committee. Edward Conley has announced his candidacy for Town Constable.

Thomas Key, a former selectman and state representative who was appointed as a judge to the East Boston District Court in 1954 by Gov. Christian Herter, has passed away after a lengthy illness at the Quigley Memorial Hospital at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. Key first was elected to the Board of Selectman in the late 1930s, but then left office to serve in the war. He was elected to the Mass. House upon his return and eventually was appointed to a judgeship.

Winthrop taxpayers will be facing a big increase in the town’s assessment for its share of the expenses of the new Northeast Regional Vocational School, which opened this past fall. The new assessment will be \$193,000, compared to \$60,000 this past year. The reasons for the increase are that the first year’s assessment was only for half a year and salary increases for the school administrators.

The Rev. Robert Kirchmeyer will bid farewell to St. John the Evangelist Church, where he has been an assistant priest since 1956. He will assume his new post at St. Gregory’s in Dorchester on January 21. A reception will be held in his honor next Sunday after Mass.

Thieves smashed the windows at Brill’s Radio

and TV at 467 Shirley St. and made off with a table-model color TV set in a brazen early-morning robbery.

The students of the WHS drama program will present The Boyfriend next week under the direction of drama teacher Roger Wolf.

Winthrop police detective Arthur Floyd, speaking to the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Assoc., told the group of the local department’s battle against drug use.

Woodstock is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago January 19, 1961

Winthrop will be well-represented at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy tomorrow. Sun-Transcript publisher Andrew P. Quigley, the former state senator from this district who was a confidante of Kennedy’s from when Kennedy served as a congressman and senator and who was a Kennedy delegate at the 1956 and 1960 Democratic conventions, will be in attendance, as will George “Red” Hill, who will be a guest of the president’s brother, Robert F. Kennedy.

Hill was a teammate of Robert Kennedy at Harvard, where they played football together. Col. Arthur C. Murray will be Winthrop’s representative in the Army Reserve delegation that will march in the Inaugural Day parade.

Attorney Edward E. Boone, a distinguished Boston lawyer, will be the guest speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Ocean Lodge, B’nai B’rith on Sunday morning.

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be canvassing the town this weekend to raise funds for the Blue Crutch Fund, which is part of the March of Dimes effort.

The winter Viking Sale Days are in full swing this week at stores throughout the town.

Elizabeth Taylor, Laurence Harvey, and Eddie Fisher star in Butterfield 8 at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago January 18, 1951

The current March of Dimes fundraiser is being spearheaded by three young victims of polio as local canvassers go house-to-house in the town. The local police and fire departments will square off in a basketball game fundraiser to benefit the drive. Last year, Winthrop residents gave \$7500 to the March of Dimes, more

than double any previous figure.

A record number of candidates, 44 in all, are expected to seek elective office in the upcoming town election in March.

A group of seven men has been named to a committee tasked with revising the town’s building codes.

Ingrid Bergman stars in Joan of Arc at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago January 16, 1941

C.J. Thayer, who has served as the principal of Winthrop High School since March 21, 1939, has resigned his post to accept a job in his home state of Louisiana as an Instructor of Secondary Education at the Teachers College.

Several thousand volunteer workers from Winthrop and 45 other cities and towns, answering a call to the defense of the Greater Boston community, will gather in the Mechanics Building in Boston to inaugurate the 1941 Community Campaign.

Francis P. Madden of Thornton Park has been elected the Commodore of the Winthrop Yacht Club for 1941.

Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore star in Dr. Kildare’s Crisis at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago January 17, 1931

Former selectman Frank Whitman reports that he shipped a load of lumber from his company, Whitman Lumber, at the Winthrop Bridge via airplane to Newark, N.J. The lumber will be used for the repair of airplanes.

The matter of several highway improvements will come before the selectmen this week, including the laying-out of Highland Ave. from Sewall Ave. to Nahant Ave. and Cross St. from Shirley St. to Buchanan St.

Construction in Winthrop appears to have slumped, as the figures for 1930 were much less than for 1929. Real estate and construction prices are reported to be 10-15 percent lower than a year ago. Some contractors report that prices have not been this low since 1922.

Walter Huston stars in Abraham Lincoln at the

Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago January 15, 1921

Col. James F. Howell, the commanding officer at Ft. Banks, told a large gathering at Osborne Hall at the high school of the many educational opportunities that now are in vogue in the Army.

A leg of lamb is 43 cents at Benjamin F. Drew, Grocers, at 38 Woodside Ave.

Lon Chaney stars in Nomads of the North at the Winthrop Theatre.

110 years ago January 21, 1911

Townpeople are in shock over the sudden death of Mr. Edward B. Newton, who was stricken as he was taking the train home from Boston late Monday night. Newton had attended the annual dinner of the Winthrop Co-Operative Bank, of which he is president, in Boston. He had complained of faintness as he walked along Broad St., but told his companion that he was able to proceed. After taking the ferry, he was helped onto the train in East Boston by his son and brother. He seemed to fall asleep on the train, but when it was time to get off at the Centre station, he did not respond. Dr. O.E. Johnson was summoned and pronounced him dead. The medical examiner pronounced his death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Newton was 61 and had been a resident of Winthrop for 26 years, residing at 193 Pauline St. He was the chairman of the School Committee for 18 years and was a the Republican nominee for State Senate in the November election. The Edward B. Newton grammar school was named in his honor upon its completion several years ago. His picture was displayed in all of the town’s school buildings on Thursday and the schools were closed on Friday in tribute to him. The library was closed until after his funeral on Friday and the town’s flags were flown at half-mast.

The Winthrop Equal Suffrage League held a meeting at the home of Mrs. A.P. Downs on Cliff Ave., Winthrop Highlands, at which six special guests were entertained by the members.

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DeLeo who served Winthrop, Revere and Massachusetts with extraordinary distinction and honor for three decades. Alicia has been an effective advocate for a progressive public policy agenda including improved public transportation, climate change awareness and action, enhanced health care focusing on prioritizing immunizations for the COVID- 19 pandemic, and much more. Alicia DelVento possesses the vision, values, and commitment to lead Winthrop and Revere through the chal-

lenges which lie ahead.

John Vitagliano

TRYING TIMES

Dear Editor:

As we all know, our Federal government and thus our democracy, is experiencing trying times – times that will resonate long, historically. As such, it is a “teachable moment” for us all and particularly for our children. I believe that all involved in our Winthrop educational community could use this time to ex-

pose our children to current public events in an age- appropriate way. I think these events are particularly important for our high school students to discuss through our history and civics class curricula, perhaps through an extracurricular activity, and in their homes. I am confident, with the guidance of our faculty, this can be done without engaging the political passions and biases that many of us feel. But is this not the perfect moment for our students to learn about governance, its processes and its frail-

ties as we encourage them to become engaged citizens?

Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson, a well-known cultural anthropologist, passed away on January 2 of this year. The last line of her obituary is a quote from her. “We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn.” The time is now.

**Suzanne Swope, Ed.D.,
Winthrop School Committee Member**

Winthrop Police, Fire, first responders receive COVID-19 vaccinations

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop collaborated with the cities of Chelsea and Revere and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to hold a three-day COVID-19 vaccination clinic for 600 first responders last Friday and Saturday and yesterday (Wednesday) at the Rumney Marsh Academy, a middle school in Revere.

Police officers, firefighters, EMS professionals, 911 dispatchers, harbormasters, court officers, and FBI officers received vaccinations from medical personnel at the well-coordinated clinic. Cataldo Ambulance provided additional support to the medical teams present to administer the first doses of the vaccine.

Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty and Fire Chief Paul Flanagan joined Winthrop officers and firefighters in receiving the critical vaccines that are being adminis-

tered nationwide as the one-year battle against the coronavirus continues. The assertive leadership of President Donald J. Trump was vital in the U.S. Government’s “Operation Warp Speed” initiative and hastened the production of the vaccines for distribution to Americans.

Delehanty said he was extremely appreciative to the MAPC and Winthrop, Revere, and Chelsea officials for organizing the regional clinic.

“Today is a very good day for public safety,” said Delehanty. “The sooner we get our people safe, it will be safer for the workplace and safer for the community and the people we come in contact with. We’re anxious to see other people move up the list and get their shots done quicker, especially schoolteachers. I think this is the beginning of our decline [in the number of COVID-19 cases] in this



Police Chief Terence Delehanty gets the COVID-19 vaccine on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Rumney March Academy middle school in Revere.

crisis.”

Chief Delehanty said the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Public Health Department have been working together since the start of COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s such an easy process when you have a really, extremely intelligent health director in Meredith Hurley, who’s worked so hard and diligently over the last nine

months, said Delehanty.

Delehanty reported that 75 percent of the officers in the Winthrop Police Department opted to receive the vaccinations.

“We urge the public to all get vaccinated when it’s their time in order to bring safety to everyone in the Town of Winthrop,” said Delehanty.

Chief Flanagan expressed optimism that life will soon return to normal



Registered Nurse Susan Gaughan administers a COVID-19 vaccination shot to Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan at the regional clinic held last Friday at the Rumney Marsh Academy, Revere.

for everyone.

“It almost seems like it’s the light at the end of tunnel for all of us – that we can all start to come out and socialize again with one another,” said Flanagan. “I can’t say enough about my firefighters. We were faced with the first death in the state due to the coronavirus and they’ve never

slowed down. We’ve had five positive cases during the pandemic but they came to work and did their jobs and I’m very proud of them.”

The Revere-based coordinators of the regional clinic were Lauren Buck, director of public health, and Kim Hanton, chief of staff to Mayor Brian Arriago.



The First Responder vaccine clinic at Rumney March Academy was a collaboration between Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop. Many communities combined efforts in order to get the minimum number of 200 doses from the state. Here, Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright, Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, Revere Police Chief David Callahan and Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty.



First Responders from Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop were warmly welcomed to the Rumney Marsh Academy middle school in Revere on Friday for the first vaccination clinic to inoculate police and fire personnel from all three communities.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM SKATES TO A FAST START

The Winthrop High girls hockey team opened its season in strong fashion, winning both of its contests this past week against Northeastern Conference rivals Gloucester and Beverly.

The Lady Vikings traveled to Gloucester last Wednesday and made the long trek a worthwhile endeavor, coming home with a 5-1 triumph.

Captain Mia Martucci and Emma Holmes lit the lamp to give Winthrop a quick 2-0 lead in the opening period and the Lady Vikings never looked back.

After Mia Norris made it 3-0 in the middle stanza. Mia M. upped the count to 4-0 early in the third frame. Gloucester got on the board to cut the lead to 4-1, but Martucci answered that with her third goal of the evening for the hat trick and the 5-1 finale.

Martucci served notice that she will be a force in the NHL this season, leading the WHS offense with a four-point night (three goals and an assist). Emma Holmes also recorded four points with her goal and three assists.

The Lady Vikings' goalie, captain Summer Tallent, turned in a solid effort with 16 saves.

"It was a nice start for us, especially in a season of such uncertainty," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "It was a very good game. Gloucester was very young, but they worked hard, and they had two very good goalies.

"We got incredible leadership from our captains, juniors Summer Tallent and Mia Martucci," the coach added. "Summer made some highlight-reel saves. She is a great athlete and she is a competitor. You know what you are getting from her and it is 150% all the time.

"Mia scored her first career hat trick and, was on fire. She is a pass-first player and always is looking to set up plays, but on this night it was her positioning that translated into some great scoring opportunities and she buried pucks.

"Emma Holmes had a great game as well," Martucci continued. "She is a great hockey player and a true power forward in every sense of the word, but it is hard to downplay her skill set. She has great hands and can shoot the puck.

Martucci also lauded the performance of Mia Norris. "I have been singing Mia Norris's praises since the beginning of this season," said Martucci. "She has taken her game to another level. It was awesome to see her get rewarded for all her hard work with a goal."

On Saturday Martucci and his crew journeyed to Peabody and came back with a 3-1 triumph.

The teams battled evenly through most of the first period, but a breakaway

goal by the Lady Tanners' Paige Thibodeau made it 1-0 at the first buzzer.

"Summer almost had it, but it snuck through," Martucci noted.

However, the Lady Vikings came out after the intermission and took charge of the contest with three unanswered goals.

After Emma Holmes lit the lamp off a nice pass from Mia Martucci to even the count at 1-1, Amelia Spencer (an eighth grader from Lynn) notched her first career goal, assisted by Julia Holmes. Moments later, Emma Holmes made it 3-1 off a nice feed from Martucci.

The third period was an up-and-down battle. Peabody did its best to cut into the Winthrop lead, but Tallent and the Lady Viking defense held firm.

"Summer was on her game and our defense played tough the whole way," said Martucci. "We also got some great back-checking from our forwards and it translated into a big win for us. Peabody is a very strong and well-coached team. We will expect a war at Larsen in February in the rematch."

The final line score showed Emma Holmes with two goals, Mia Martucci with two assists, Amelia Spencer with a goal, Julia Holmes with an assist, and Summer Tallent with 19 saves.

Afterwards, Martucci had words of praise for many of his players.

"Mia Martucci was immense in this game with her leadership and team play," said the coach. "I have never seen her back-check like she did in this game. She wanted to win this game, not just for her, but for her team.

"All of the forwards had a hand in this one," Martucci continued. "Mia Norris was a beast. Hanna Parker, Sami DiMento, Lily Tallent, Jenna Lindinger, Talia Martucci, Julia Holmes, Emma Holmes, Izi Hain, and Gabby Buonapane have been working so hard and it is paying off.

"Amelia Spencer had her best game to-date," Martucci added. "She scored a beautiful goal -- she picked a great game to get her first career varsity goal -- and also made an incredible diving play in the third period to cancel out a Peabody 2-on-1 opportunity.

"Emma Holmes has had a great start to the season," Martucci said. "She now has six points in just two games. If she continues to play like this, she will cause trouble for anyone we play."

Martucci also praised his team's contingent of blue-liners.

"Our defense and goalie have been awesome every single day, both in practices and games," said the coach. "Elle English, Taya Schlichting, Adrianna Rizzotto, Amelia Spencer, Fallon Hurley, Casey Petersen, and Abby Holmes are all playing great hockey, as is our goalie, Summer Tallent. We have very high expectations for

Summer, and that is not always easy, but right now she is playing above those expectations.

"The entire team was the reason we won this game," Martucci concluded. "Everyone contributed something to the win. Everyone."

The Lady Vikings were scheduled to host Newburyport last night (Wednesday) and will travel to Beverly on Saturday. They will play at Masconomet next Wednesday.

WHS BOYS HOCKEY DEFEATS BEVERLY, 3-0

The Winthrop High boys hockey team turned in a strong performance at both ends of the ice to earn a solid 3-0 victory over Beverly on Monday afternoon at Larsen Rink.

The Vikings grabbed a 1-0 lead in the opening minutes with a 5-on-3 power play. Winthrop clung to their slim lead until 7:52 of the third period when the Vikings yet again took advantage of a power play opportunity to add an insurance goal.

Winthrop then put the game on ice with a lamp-lighter with 1:29 remaining in the contest.

The Viking defense proved to be the big story, limiting the visiting Panthers to few scoring chances in front of senior captain Ryan Hovermale, who earned the shutout in net.

Winthrop opened its

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The Winthrop High gymnastics team opened its season with a victory over Beverly this past Saturday. Front row (L-R): Alayna Ronan, Shannon Abbott, Mary O'Donnell, Megi Zogasi, Brandi DiCicco, Gabby Currier, and Julia Hurley. Back row (L-R): Captain Bella Giuffre, Captain Rachel Farley, Ellie O'Donnell, Isabella Rice, Captain Danielle Carter, Grace Armitstead, and Molly Girard.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

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It had been 35 years since the Winthrop High hockey team last played Springfield Cathedral. That memorable contest was played in the old Boston Garden for the 1976 State Division I hockey championship, a contest which every Viking hockey fan knows was won by that immortal Winthrop squad. Although the present-day Vikings were not even the proverbial twinkle in anyone's eyes at that time, they nonetheless played with the same degree of intensity for a full 45 minutes as did that team of almost two generations

ago and came away with a 3-2 victory at Springfield Saturday. "It was a total team effort," said WHS head coach Dale Dunbar. "It was one of those games where every boy who was on the ice made big plays for us throughout the entire game." Joe Scarfo gave Winthrop an early 1-0 lead, with assists going to Nick Clewer and Chris LeBlanc. A bang-bang power play goal, on which LeBlanc one-timed it after nifty passes from Scarfo and Jake Rand, made it 2-1. Clewer made it a 3-1 contest after LeBlanc took a long pass from Dylan Piwinski, rushed down the wing, and slid the puck perfectly over to

his teammate, who tapped it past the Cathedral goalie. Cathedral made a game of it, moving within 3-2, but outstanding goaltending by Viking netminder Steve Waites and fine defense preserved the victory. Dunbar and his skaters now stand at 4-2-3 on the season.

It was a mixed bag for the Winthrop High boys basketball team this past week. After easily handling the Innovative Charter Academy of Tyngsboro last Wednesday, the Vikings dropped a pair of contests in overtime to Peabody and Lynn Classical. The contest with In-

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season last Wednesday, dueling visiting Peabody to a 4-4 draw at Larsen.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew were scheduled to travel to Gloucester last night (Wednesday). The Vikings then will engage with archrival Marblehead in back-to-back games on Saturday at Larsen and then on Sunday at Cronin Rink in Revere. They will play at Masconomet next Wednesday.

WHS BOYS HOOP PLAY WELL IN CONTEST WITH BEVERLY

Although the Winthrop High boys basketball team dropped a 72-59 decision to Beverly last Tuesday, first-year Viking head coach Mike Triant saw encouraging signs in his team’s performance.

“We played them incredibly tough,” said Triant. “Last year, Beverly outscored us 47-0 in transition points in an 86-42 loss. As a team, our goal was to take away their transition opportunities and create our own, and I felt we did a tremendous job at that.”

The Vikings were up, 38-34, with three minutes left in the third period, but Viking captain Cam Conway picked up his fourth foul, sending him to the sidelines.

“Cam had a great take that was a bang-bang call, but the refs ruled it a charge and it was his fourth personal, so we had to take him out for the rest of the quarter,” said Triant.

With the Viking captain on the bench, the 38-34 Winthrop advantage turned into a 46-39 deficit heading into the fourth period.

“We kept battling, but Beverly got really hot from beyond the arc,” said Triant. “They made five three-pointers in the final period.

“It was a tough loss for

the boys, but we did a lot of good things,” Triant noted.

Conway and sophomore Zach Bogusz led the way offensively for Winthrop with 16 and 15 points respectively. Junior Luca Zanelli reached double figures with 10 points and Chris Cappuccio hit for seven, including a great 35-foot bank shot at the end of the first half.

Earlier in the week, the Vikings took on a strong Peabody squad in a contest in which the Vikings never were able to get on track.

“Peabody’s half-court pressure gave us fits all night,” said Triant, whose Vikings managed only three points in the opening period. “Our own defensive effort was almost as good enough to keep us in the game, but we trailed by 19 at the half. We fought until the end, but just couldn’t overcome their pressure and our shooting woes. We shot 18% from the floor as a team.

“0-3 was not how we planned on starting the season,” Triant added. “We just need to keep improving.”

The Vikings were scheduled to play at Masconomet this past Tuesday and will entertain Danvers tomorrow (Friday) night. They will trek to Gloucester next Tuesday.

WHS GYMNASTS IMPRESSIVE IN SEASON-OPENING VICTORY

The Winthrop high gymnastics team opened its 2021 season with a command performance to defeat Beverly, 136.5-125.9, last Saturday at the Winthrop Gymnastics Academy.

The Lady Vikings took control of the meet from the outset, taking the top four places on the uneven parallel bars.

Eighth grader Isabella Rice got the team off

with a clean routine to start the season and the meet. Shannon Abbott followed with a great routine, keeping the momentum going. Megi Zogasi then stuck her routine, with captain Danielle Carter doing the same. Junior standout Brandi Diccico hit a fantastic routine and last year’s bar champion, Mary O’Donnell, delivered a perfect routine, bringing all of her teammates to their feet.

“Uneven bars is our weakest event, so to start the season sticking 6-out-of-6 routines was incredible,” said WHS co-coach Daria Millerick.

In the next event, the balance beam, the Lady Vikings similarly took charge. First up for Winthrop was Julia Hurley with a 6.9, followed by O’Donnell and Zogasi, who both scored an 8.0.

Sophomore Alayna Ronan followed with an 8.1, good for fourth place. Senior captain Danielle Carter hit her routine to capture first place with the highest score of the meet, a 9.2. Not to be outdone, Brandi Diccico followed with a great routine to grab second place with a 9.0.

The vault was next and Winthrop continued its dominance, taking the top six places among the 12 girls who competed. Leading the charge was senior captain Rachel Farley.

“Rachel is coming back from getting a devastating diagnosis of Hodgkin’s lymphoma this summer and is a true inspiration for everyone,” said long-time Winthrop co-coach Pete Gobiell. “Finishing treatment in late November and then competing in a gymnastics meet in January is truly remarkable. I could fill every page of the newspaper with how special Rachel is to her family, friends, and teammates.”

Next on vault were Isabella Rice and Danielle

Carter, who took fifth and fourth places. Alayna Ronan hit her full twisting handspring to grab second place. Mary O’Donnell did her somersaulting vault to grab third place with a score of 8.5.

Brandi DiCicco hit both of her tsukahara vaults, scoring the second-highest score of the day with a 9.1.

The last event, the floor exercise, likewise was a strong suit for Winthrop. First up was freshman Ellie O’Donnell, who hit a clean routine to start the Lady Vikings on a positive note. Isabella Rice followed with an impressive 8.1. Senior captain Gabriella Guiffre hit her routine, scoring an 8.2, and a tie for fifth place.

Alayna Ronan, performing her well-known routine, scored an 8.7 for third place. Winthrop’s top two all-arounds, Carter and DiCicco, then hit both of their routines for identical scores of 8.9.

“Overall, we made very few mistakes,” said Gobiell. “The girls have been working incredibly hard this season. There is no individual state meet, no sectional team meet, no state team meet. It’s been hard for any high school gymnast in the state to be motivated. As a team we decided our goal was to set the Winthrop High School record which stands at 141.4, a lofty but attainable goal, especially after a great first meet.”

Gobiell and his crew will trek to two-time defending state champion Masconomet, a team that features senior Gracy Mowers, last year’s individual state champ, who is one of the best gymnasts the state has seen in a long time.

DORR HITS FOR 22 TO PACE WHS GIRLS TO VICTORY OVER MASCO

Senior Maura Dorr pumped in 22 points, including six free throws in the final 55 seconds, to lead the Winthrop High girls basketball team to a 46-37 triumph over Masconomet Regional Tuesday evening at the WHS gym.

The contest initially appeared as though it would be a romp for the Lady Vikings, who bolted to a 17-3 lead in the opening period. Dorr got Winthrop rolling with a pair of three-pointers and Maddie Stiglets sank three buckets to propel the Lady Vikings into a 12-3 advantage.

Jenna Dorr hit Lily Pulsifer with a nice pass in the lane for a hoop and Grace Galuris drained a trey to close out a dominating first period for the Lady Vikings.

When Galuris tossed an outlet pass to Pulsifer for a fast-break bucket to start the second period to make

it 19-3, the Lady Vikings appeared to be on their way to an easy “W.”

However, Masconomet refused to throw in the towel. The Lady Chieftains mounted a comeback effort in which they outscored Winthrop 16-2 to close the gap to 21-19 as the period came to a close. Dorr notched the lone basket for Winthrop in response to the Masco run and Maura added two more hoops in the final minute of the half to leave matters at 25-21 in favor of the Lady Vikings.

The contest turned into a defensive struggle after the intermission. The Lady Chieftains scored the first hoop of the second half to make it a two-point game, 25-23, but Pulsifer took a nice pass from Stiglets to restore the Lady Viking margin to four. A Masco bucket was offset by two free throws by Dorr (who was a perfect 10-for-10 from the charity stripe in the second half), but Masco scored the next five points to take its first lead of the game, 30-29, with 2:30 left in the third period.

Two more free throws by Maura D. and a solo FT by Galuris gave the lead back to Winthrop, 32-30, but Masco sank a trey with 10 seconds left in the period to take a 33-32 advantage entering the final eight minutes.

The lead continued in see-saw fashion to start the final period. Caroline Earl sank two free throws to start the quarter, but Masco responded with a bucket for a 35-34 edge. However, that would prove to be the last lead of the night for the Lady Chieftains. Pulsifer calmly drained a three-pointer with 6:23 to go, pushing Winthrop into a 37-35 advantage that the Lady Vikings never would relinquish. After Julia Marcoccio sank a key free throw with 4:00 to go to make it 38-35, the defenses stiffened on both sides, with Earl drawing a charge, but then Masco returning the favor on a drive by Pulsifer that took away a Winthrop bucket with 2:29 on the clock.

Pulsifer went to the line 40 seconds later and swished a pair of clutch free throws, giving Winthrop some breathing room, 40-35, Masco kept things interesting with a bucket with 55 seconds remaining to make it a 40-37 affair, but Dorr was clutch down the stretch with her six free throws to seal the deal for the Lady Vikings.

In addition to Dorr’s 22 points, Pulsifer hit for double figures with 11 points, followed by Stiglets with six, Galuris with four, Earl with two, and Marcoccio with a free throw.

The Masconomet victory proved to be a mirror image for the Lady Vikings of their contest last Thursday against Peabody. The Winthrop girls

overcame a disastrous start -- the Lady Vikings trailed 10-2 after the first period and 24-9 at the half -- eventually fighting back to take a 39-36 lead with 4:45 to go in the game, only to have all of their good efforts go for naught in a 42-39 loss to the visiting Lady Tanners.

Similar to the Masco game, the contest with Peabody was a story of three chapters. The first extended from the opening pass-in (there are no opening tips per the COVID rules) to the end of the third quarter, which was dominated by the Lady Tanners, who built a seemingly-comfortable 35-21 lead late into the third period.

However, with 1:20 left in quarter, the Lady Vikings went on a remarkable run that erased the Peabody advantage with a 14-1 surge over the next four minutes that boosted Winthrop into a 39-36 lead with 4:45 to go in the game.

Pulsifer started the Lady Vikings on the comeback trail, hitting a three-pointer and sinking a free throw to slice the margin to 10, 35-25, at the end of the third. Maura Dorr opened the fourth period with a nice drive to the basket and a foul shot for a three-point play, drawing Winthrop within seven, 35-28. After a Peabody free throw, Pulsifer grabbed a deflected teammate’s shot inside and banked it off the glass to make it 36-30.

Another drive-and-runner by Dorr cut the gap to four, 36-32, with 6:40 to go and the pressure squarely was being felt by the Lady Tanners, as the Winthrop man-to-man defense forced numerous Peabody turnovers.

Galuris then stepped up to take a bow, draining a trey from the corner, making it 36-35 with 5:40 on the clock. Earl did her part on Winthrop’s next possession, grabbing an offensive rebound that Caroline put back to give the Lady Vikings their first lead of the game, 37-36, with 5:14 to go.

Yet another Peabody turnover led to a 15-foot swisher by Pulsifer for a 39-36 Lady Viking advantage with 4:45 on the clock. Although the momentum clearly appeared to be on Winthrop’s side, that would prove to be the apogee of the Lady Vikings’ effort for the evening.

The third chapter of the contest -- the final 4:45 -- reverted to a reprise of the first half. Winthrop went ice cold while the Lady Tanners did just enough to outscore Winthrop, 6-0, to claim the win, 42-39.

The Lady Vikings, who now stand at 3-1 on the season, will travel to Danvers tomorrow (Friday). They will entertain Gloucester next Tuesday.

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novative Charter, which is in its first year as a varsity program, afforded WHS coach Dave Brown the chance to give all of his varsity and some JV players some playing time. Amar Zebic with 14 points and Jonathan Spinazzola with 13 points led the Vikings en route to a 63-33 triumph.

However, the twin losses to Peabody (58-55) and Classical (65-63) proved to be another story. The Vikings held the lead down the stretch in the closing seconds in both contests, but were unable to put the games away thanks to a technical foul in the Peabody game and missed foul shots against Classical that allowed those teams to tie the games in regulation. Taj Generazzo led Winthrop in the scoring department against Classical with 20 points. J.P. Doherty hit for 13 and Michael Griffin for 11 in that contest. Griffin popped in 15 against Peabody with Joe D’Amore also reaching double figures with 11.

Lauren Kostegan came off the bench in the waning moments to sink a pair of free throws, breaking a 38-38 tie, to give the Winthrop High girls basketball team an exciting 40-39 victory over Peabody Friday. Lauren entered the game when Lady Viking Angelina Favaloro had the wind knocked out of her, which resulted in a Peabody foul and the award of two free throws. However, with her injury preventing Angelina from stepping to the charity stripe, Kostegan was called upon by Coach Ignacio Oyola to take the shots. “Lauren has been shooting well from the free throw line for us and she really came through in the clutch,” said Oyola.

Johnna Fisher led the Lady Vikings with 17 points and Kostegan hit for 10. Temison Meggison added six, Liana Ferullo contributed five, and Niki Tsiotis came through with two important points. In a 46-43 loss to Lynn Classical, Fisher once again led the Lady Viking point parade with 20, including six-for-six from the free throw line. Favaloro had eight, Meggison and Kostegan added six apiece, and Ferullo dropped in a three pointer. Oyola and his crew now stand at 3-6 on the season.

The Winthrop Lady Bulldog hockey team turned in another pair of impressive performances with victories over Cambridge and Medford this past week and now stand at 6-1 on the season. In a 5-0 shutout of Cambridge last Thursday, Hannah LoPresti scored two goals and Nicole Pucillo, McKenzie Clark, and Chelsey Bartlett added a goal apiece as Winthrop out-shot Cambridge by a wide 46-16 margin. Clark also was credited with two assists on the night, as was Taylor Brown. Julianna Kennedy, Anna Fucillo, Amanda Cordes, Courtney McTague, and Kara Donati also earned points for assists. Two nights later the Lady Bulldogs took on a Medford team that had been rated among the top teams in Eastern Mass. However, the story once again was of Winthrop’s dominance, as evidenced by their shots on goal advantage of 49-23 and the 5-1 final score. Five Lady Bulldogs took turns lighting the lamp: Cordes (assisted by Caroline McKinnon), Brown

(assisted by McTague and goalie Katie Burt, who earned her second assist of the season), Clark (assisted by McTague and Kasey Harris), Donati (assisted by Brown), and McKinnon (assisted by Cordes and 7th grader Flora English). Martucci and his crew are rated number three in the Massachusetts Hockey poll.

The Winthrop High girls indoor track team earned its second straight victory with a 47-39 triumph over Lynn Classical. The Lady Vikings took five of the nine individual events en route to the win: Julia Wallace in the high jump with a leap of 4’-8”; Jessica Dowson led a Winthrop sweep in the 50 yard hurdles in 8.4; Jordan Griffiths in the 1000 in 3:43.6; Amy Sena in the mile in 6:31; and Kaitlyn Hersey in the two-mile in 13:40.5.

Paul Correale took first place in the shot-put for the Winthrop High boys track team with a heave of 39’-11.75” in last week’s meet with Lynn Classical. Jordan Ekidat was the leading scorer for the Vikings in the contest, taking second place in two events, the high jump with a leap of 5’-6” and the 50 yard dash in 6.0 seconds. Robert Pino grabbed a third in the 50 yard hurdles in 9.1 and Pat Brogan took third in the 600 in 1:49.5 to round out the Winthrop score-sheet.

20 years ago January 11, 2001

History was made this week in Winthrop High sports annals with the playing of the first game of the new WHS girls hockey program. State Rep. Robert DeLeo dropped the ceremonial first puck and delivered an inspirational message to the 10 members of coach Tara O’Neill’s team, comparing them to the All-American Baseball League women’s teams of WWII, whose story was immortalized in the movie A League of Their Own. Freshman Nancy Adler became the first Winthrop girl to score a goal in the program’s history. The Lady Vikings dropped the contest by a score of 6-1. O’Neill, who played hockey at Colby College, has volunteered her services. Among the team members who played well were Danielle Daunais and Kellie Higginbotham and goalie Nicole DiLorenzo. Other members of the team include Valerie Hughes, Meghan Costa, Brianna McCar-



Shown above are members of the Boy's Winthrop High Track Team from the late 1970's.

thy, Meghan Delehanty, and Nicole Bergeron. The Lady Vikings will play an eight-game schedule in their inaugural season.

The WHS boys hockey team remained undefeated at 6-0 with a 6-0 win over Lynn English. Bobby Kneeland scored the hat trick for the Vikings. Dan Wilson, Rob DeLeo, and Mike Eruzione also scored for Winthrop.

The WHS boys basketball team threw a scare into Lynn Classical, the No. 1 ranked team in Division 3 led by 6’-5” center Dorien Brown, but the Rams prevailed by a score of 71-61. Sean Burgess led the Vikings with 21 points, 11 rebounds, and four steals. Jeremy Jenkins scored 22 points for Winthrop, including 18 in the second half. Winthrop sank 19-of-23 from the free throw line.

The WHS girls basketball team came up short in losses to Salem, 59-26, and Lynn Classical, 42-25. Leah DeGregorio paced Winthrop with seven points vs. Salem and Kristen Costello hit for six points and snagged 15 rebounds vs. Classical.

Coach Pete Gobiell’s WHS gymnastics team opened its season with wins over Beverly and Gloucester. Sophomore Dani Milligan led the way for Winthrop in both meets. Soph Heather Lund also shone for the Lady Vikings.

30 years ago January 9, 1991

The WHS girls basketball team continued to roll through its NEC opponents, including a 60-17 runaway over Danvers in which Krissy Indresano dished out 11 assists and Joanna Saggese scored 15 points.

WHS track star Bil-

ly Perella tied the WHS school record with a clocking of 6.5 seconds in the indoor 50-yard high hurdles, equaling the mark set by Andrew Turransky three years ago.

Coach Henry McCarthy’s WHS boys basketball team defeated Lynn English 72-56, led by John Bentley, who scored 23 points. Mike Mason and Todd Sablone scored 17 points each for the Vikings.

Nicole Zedalis won the 50-yard high hurdles and the shot-put to lead the WHS girls track team to a 56-29 win over Salem.

40 years ago Jan. 14, 1981

Mike Norris scored two goals and Chuck Sullivan, John Tiano, and Jim MacDonald scored a goal apiece to lead the WHS hockey team to a 5-1 win over Gloucester.

Former WHS football star Tim Millerick has been named the captain of the 1971 Bridgewater State football team. Millerick was named to the All New England team as a defensive back this past season.

Sharon O’Connor scored 23 points, but the WHS girls basketball team dropped a 62-61 de-

cision to Danvers in triple overtime.

40 years ago Jan. 13, 1971

WHS basketball coach Henry McCarthy said he is contemplating changes in his lineup after his team dropped a 57-45 contest to Lynn Classical.

Chris Costonis and captain Eddie Rossi scored two goals apiece to lead the WHS hockey team to a 5-1 win over Peabody to improve to 6-0 on the season. Pete “Red” Fenlon scored the other goal for coach Paul O’Brien’s squad.

60 years ago Jan. 12, 1961

The Winthrop High basketball team remains in first place in the Northeastern Conference despite its loss to Woburn. Winthrop stands at 4-1 on the season. In a 50-30 win over Swampscott, Capt. Al DiPierro scored 18 points.

Coach Paul Connor’s junior high basketball team, winners of 16 games last year and losing only in the Class B state title game, is off to another great start with three straight wins. Leading the way thus far for Winthrop have been

Chucky Mullane, Al Saggese, Lee Spinney, and Art Rutledge.

A record turnout was on hand for the first Little League meeting of the season, promising a successful year to come.

70 years ago Jan. 11, 1951

WHS head basketball coach Gordon Connor told his team that “one game doesn’t settle the Northeastern Conference championship” after Winthrop opened its league competition with a 39-29 loss to Marblehead.

New junior high basketball coach Wilbur “Whip” Halliday enjoyed a successful debut with a 31-23 win over Stoneham, led by a 10-point effort by John Farren.

80 years ago Jan. 9, 1941

Bill Talcott was the hero for the Winthrop High basketball team in a 21-19 overtime victory over Woburn. The WHS captain hit the tying basket with 10 seconds left in regulation and then sank the winning basket in overtime. Earlier in the week, the team defeated the Alumni team, 26-15.

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1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

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STEP 2

Mix ground turkey, buttery round cracker crumbs, milk, onion, egg, salt, garlic, and black pepper in a bowl; shape into a loaf and place on the prepared jelly roll pan.

STEP 3

Mix ketchup, brown sugar, and Worcestershire sauce in a separate bowl; set aside.

STEP 4

Bake meatloaf in preheated oven for 30 minutes; remove from oven and drain liquids. Top meatloaf with ketchup topping. Return loaf to oven and continue baking until no longer pink in the center, about 30 minutes more. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

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Richard “Dick” Dimes

Dedicated husband and lifelong
Winthrop Public Servant

Richard “Dick” Dimes, 94, passed away peacefully of natural causes on January 13 at his Winthrop home.

A dedicated husband to Margaret, his high school sweetheart at Chelsea High School and wife of 73 years, he was born in Chelsea in 1926, his early childhood was spent in Winthrop before moving back to Chelsea.

In the 1950’s, he and Margaret returned to Winthrop to begin a long life together in “The Town by the Sea”. Besides raising three children here, the couple became lifelong public servants of Winthrop.

Using his engineering skills, Dick first entered Winthrop politics as a member of the Planning Board before serving several terms as Selectman. He continued to sit on various town committees well into his 80’s. In 2012, the town’s Department of Public Works building was named “The Richard D. Dimes Public Services Facility.”

He was always passion-



ate and (quite) outspoken about what he felt was in the best interests of his fellow residents. Dick was also an active sailor at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, and one of the founders of youth hockey in Winthrop. Both of which he enjoyed with his children.

Dick was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1946.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Winthrop, daughter, Deborah and her husband, Frank Traniello of Amesbury, son Richard and wife Cami of Stanwood, WA and son, Jonathan and his wife, Mia Ambata of Baltimore; adored grandfather of Marisa and Vanessa Traniello, Corianda and Tyler Dimes, Kimberly and the late Christopher Dimes.

Due to these uncertain times with the pandemic, there will be no public service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St, B-102, Danvers, MA. Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., WINTHROP. To

sign Dick’s guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Michael Reddy

Mechanical Engineer

Michael J. Reddy, born in 1957 in Winthrop, he was the son of James Reddy (deceased) and Fran Reddy.

Michael was a mechanical engineer working in the aeronautical sector, where he received distinguished recognition. He was a lover of music and the great outdoors, a terrific story teller and a kind spirit. He entertained us all during the family gatherings, especially his nieces and nephews.

He leaves his siblings: James Reddy, John Reddy and Donna Perry, Linda and Gary Young, Maureen Reddy and Chris and Kerry Reddy. Uncle



of Shane, Bridget, Jillian, Lindsay, Nolan, Shannon and Nick.

The Celebration of Michael’s Life will be privately held. In memory of Michael, please commit a random act

of kindness and listen to your favorite song.

Michael Prew

Of Clinton, formerly of Winthrop

Michael D. Prew, 61, of Clinton, formerly of Winthrop, passed away at home on January 17.

The beloved husband of Laurie J. (Nalewajko), Michael was born in Winthrop, the cherished son of Marjorie A. (Grady) Prew and the late Robert W. Prew of Winthrop.

Michael loved watching and cheering on the local professional sports teams including the Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots. He enjoyed many outdoor sporting activities including camping, skiing, golfing and boating. Michael liked playing pool and sitting down with friends in Clinton and playing a good game of cards.

He was the devoted father of Danielle M. Ross and her husband, Seth and Christopher M. Prew, all of Winthrop, the adored grandfather of Avery,



Brayden and Brielle Ross. Michael was the dear brother of Dianne Silverio and her husband, Gerard of Stoneham, Robert Prew and his wife, Paula of Lynnfield, Carolyn Rao and her husband, Attilio of Saugus, Dennis Prew and his wife, Sole of Winthrop, Denise Lemieux and her husband, Frank of Marshfield, Susan Prew of Winthrop and Cynthia Bellino and her husband, Paul of Tewksbury. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Michael’s Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Saturday, January 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Please go directly to church. Current Covid-19 guidelines must be followed inside the church and masks must be worn. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be madeto the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Division of Development/Jimmy Fund PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or to the American Liver Foundation, PO Box 299 WestOrange, NJ. 07052. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign the online guestbook, please visit our website at www.mauricekirbyfh.com

Petraq Xheka

Logan Airport retiree

Petraq Xheka, 79, of Governors Drive, Winthrop passed away at home on January 16.

Born in Albania, he was the beloved son of the late Dhorke and Spiro Xheka. A resident of Winthrop for over 24 years he was employed as a custodian at Logan International Airport.

He was the devoted husband of Marjanthi (Liko) and the loving father Piro Xheka.

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 20. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle



section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

Italo Freda

Proprietor of Freda Corp.

Italo S. Freda, 72, of Winthrop and Saugus passed away at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital on January 10.

Born in Avellino, Italy, he came to this country at an early age residing in Chelsea. A graduate of Chelsea High School he went on to become the proprietor of Freda Corp., a heavy equipment company building parks for the City of Boston.

He was the devoted husband of Gina (Campo) and the loving father of Italo Freda, Jr.and Gregory Freda, both of Saugus and Marissa Freda of Winthrop; dear brother of Joseph Freda, Anthony Freda, Gina Musto and Filomena Sellitto and cherished grandfather of Carli.



The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home , Winthrop on Friday, January. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Rita Panetta

Published author and former Sons of Italy
Woman of the Year

Rita A. Panetta of Winthrop passed away at home on January 14.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Rita (DeMaio) and Felice Bomarsi.

As a child, she was an avid rower. She enjoyed rowing along the beaches behind her home on Court Road. She attended Chamberlain Junior College earning an Associates Degree in Business Administration. She went on to work as Director of Operations for Fort Heath Apartments in Winthrop. She was also a licensed Real Estate Broker and notary public.

She was the Past President of the Ladies Lodge Son’s of Italy in East Boston and Vice President of the Son’s of Italy Winthrop Mixed Lodge. She was a former Deputy for the Grand Lodge Sons of Italy and was also named Sons of Italy Woman of the Year. She enjoyed reading and loved to dance. She received a diploma from The Institute of Children’s Literature and was a published author of children’s stories and poems. She also won an editors choice award for her poem entitled “A Special Request.”

She was the devoted



wife of the late Ralph J. Panetta and the loving mother of Ralph J. Panetta, III and his wife, Lynn of Saugus, Mark S. Panetta and his wife, Debra of Saugus and Dr. Karen Panetta Heller and her husband. Jamie of Rockport; cherished grandmother of Christine Panetta, Mark Panetta, Jr., Sabrina Panetta and Benjamin Heller; dear sister of Edward F. Bomarsi of Revere and the late Josephine Bomarsi, Viola Bomarsi, Mary L. DePierro, Leonora Eramo and Lillian Darcy. She is aAlso survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

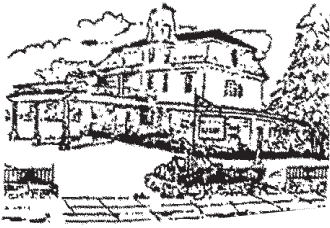
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APPRCIATION

I consider myself lucky to have known Dick Dimes

By Richard Honan

I along with many other Winthrop residents were saddened last week when we heard of the passing of Dick Dimes. I have to consider myself very lucky to have known Dick Dimes for such a long time, not only as a friend, but as a mentor, a boat skipper and an advisor. Little did I know, what began sixty years ago, when he picked me to be his regular crew on his 17'00" one design Snipe sailboat, it would be a friendship that would last a lifetime. Yes, much sadness, but the two of us had great memories sailing together all over New England in the early 1960's. My first date with my wife, Maryellen, fifty five years ago, was to take her sailing aboard Dick's boat.

He was a hockey coach and along with Mort Buckley, was one of the founders of youth hockey in Winthrop. I would be there with the regular gang, every Saturday morning at 5:00am as Dick taught us the fundamentals of ice hockey.

He was also a life long Winthrop Viking athletics fan, attending almost every hockey, basketball or football game through his 90's.

Long after our sailing together ended, we would remain close friends. He was a role model for me and many more in Winthrop as he moved into politics. He was like the character, Clarence in the movie, "It's a wonderful life". A true family man, with his wife Margaret and his children, Ricky, Jon and Debbie. He always kept the best interests of the town close to his heart. He was a great advisor to me when I was running the "Winthrop Cares" Proposition 2 1/2 over ride back in 2009. Dick and I had many lively discussions, and being his friend didn't mean we agreed on everything. Sometimes he was like talking to a rock.

He was an excellent wood worker, boat builder and handyman and one of the reasons that I began building wooden boats. Imagine how proud I was when he came to visit my shop with his son, Jona-

than and grandson, Tyler to view the Melonseed sailboat that I was building. I was beaming with pride as he looked on approvingly at my boat building project.

The past few years, he would join me as we did day trips up to Marblehead as we inspected the boats being built at Redd's Pond Yachts and then headed over to the Barnacle Restaurant for a lobster roll. Other days, we would drive up to Gloucester exploring the Gloucester Marine Railways, checking out my artwork at Gallery 53 on Rocky Neck and then over to the Causeway Restaurant for some fried clams and a big bowl of fish chowder.

Yes, I'm sad, very sad, but so, so very happy that I had Dick Dimes as a good friend in my life.

"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, The ships that sail the sea. But the best ships, are friendships, And may they always be."



Richard Honan (left, foreground) and Dick Dimes, (right foreground) look over a boat being built by Honan in his workshop.

Winthrop Senior Center News

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WHS sports COVID guidelines

As Winthrop High School is set to begin Athletic Contests for the 2020-2021 Winter Season, school officials wanted to make the parent/guardian's, staff and community aware of guidelines and limitations currently in place due to COVID-19.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Winthrop High School will be limiting the number of spectators allowed at the following athletic events:

Girls and Boys Hockey at Larsen Rink

Girls and Boys Basketball at Winthrop High School

Gymnastics at The Winthrop Gymnastics Academy

For Winthrop High School Athletic Events, we will only be allowing two household members

per student-athlete to attend athletic events/contests. No spectators will be allowed at away events or Winthrop High School practices. The events will not be open to the general public or any other person(s) who have not been authorized as event workers or Athletic Administrators or other essential workers related to the event.

Knowing the tremendous amount of support the staff, families and community members have shown over the years for Winthrop Athletics we understand this is not ideal however the safety of our school and community remains our priority. We are very excited to inform you that we have successfully implemented the ability to livestream the home events on our

High School YouTube page to give everyone the opportunity to watch and support our students!

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In addition to the Vikings Livestream option there will also be a list of all Northeastern Conference schools and ways to access their live streaming platforms to view away contests found on the WPS Athletic homepage. Please understand that livestreaming is a new feature to Winthrop High School. We will do our best to air the events as smoothly as possible, but unforeseen issues may arise that we will address as quickly as possible.

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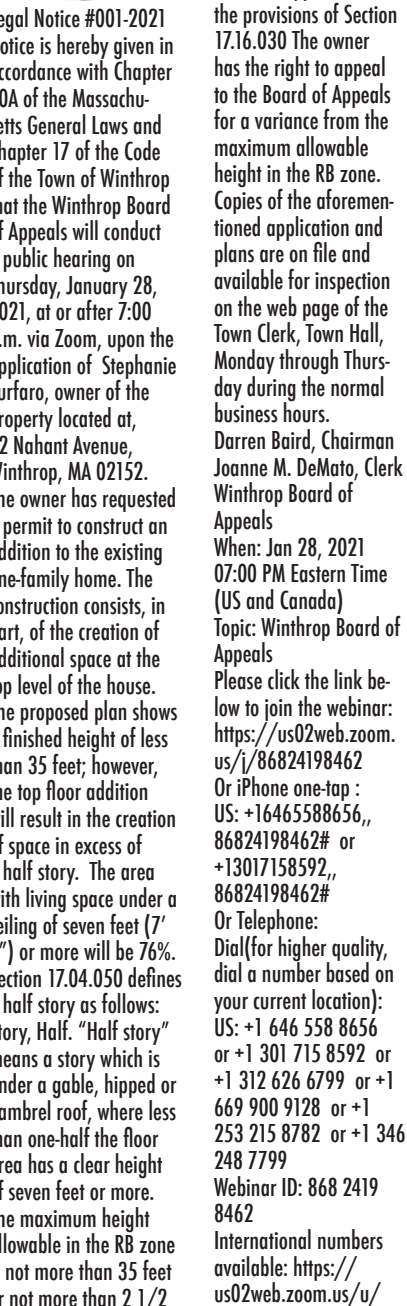


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Darren Baird, Chairman
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The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC) has received a KENO License application from:
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Estimated net income to be derived by sales of KENO products at this location: \$6,000
Written objection to the application, by the Local Licensing Authority, must be received by Gregory

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of Southborough, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: David L. Flynn of Southborough, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/04/2021.

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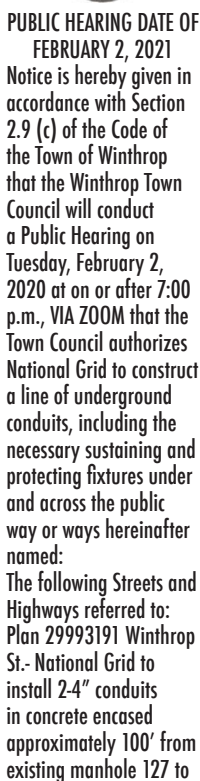
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Dunn, First Justice of this
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Date: January 12, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

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existing pole 561. install 2-4" conduits in concrete encased approximately 100' from existing manhole 120 to existing pole 233 Winthrop St. Plan 28198398 Madison Ave.-National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 220' northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Winthrop St. and continuing approximately 240' in northwest direction. Install 2-4" conduit from pole 1320 approximately 5' towards 30 Madison Ave.

Plan 29672409 Bowdoin St.-National Grid to install 1 JO Pole. Installing new pole #1311-50 on Bowdoin St.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each for said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) and Zoom information can be requested by email to councilclerk@town.winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034.

Zoom information will also be available on the Town Website under the Calendar.

Denise Quist
Council Clerk

cause of this virus,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “I’m grateful for the partnership with MGCC to provide this important assistance, and I look forward to the coming weeks when we can award even more support for the economic sectors that are most in need.”

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Mystic Valley Elder Services' 2021 Bellyful of Laughs Un-Event

For the eleventh year in row, ABC Home Healthcare Professionals, a Wakefield-based private home care agency, is the Lead Sponsor for the January 2021 "Un-Event" of Mystic Valley Elder Services' Bellyful of Laughs. Typically this event sells out each year and raises tens of thousands of dollars for older adults and those living with disabilities but due to COVID-19 protocols, there will be no show. But despite the pandemic, ABC Home Healthcare Professionals feel that it is still important, if not more important during these trying times, to support our neighbors in need.

Jeannette Sheehan and Joan Lepore, her daughter, founders and owners of ABC Home Healthcare Professionals, see the ability to live independently as critical to many older adults' well-being. And with seniors being most vulnerable to COVID-19, they want to make sure they are being

taken care of.

ABC Home Healthcare Professionals is a full-service home health-care organization, family owned and operated by Nurse Practitioners and Certified Geriatric Care Managers. Their home health aides, homemakers, companions, caregivers, nurses, and hospice professionals are dedicated to providing the highest quality and most comprehensive private home care services in northeastern Massachusetts. In collaboration with Mystic Valley Elder Services and other community organizations, ABC assists older adults in maintaining their independence within the comfort of their own homes. Special thanks to ABC Home Healthcare Professionals for their lead sponsorship of this Un-Event, as well as our supporting sponsors including Brookline-Bank, TRIO Community Meals, Melrose Coop Foundation and Natale Company & SafetyCare.

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Work-order response and Emergency repairs are necessary duties for this job, with occasional mandatory overtime, therefore local residency is preferred. The successful candidate will be professional in appearance, must possess empathy and understanding for the client base, as courtesy, tact and confidentiality are also required; must successfully pass a CORI background check and physical and drug screening. This is a full time position; Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Pay is set at Prevailing Wage Rate, currently \$29.93/hour. Benefits after probationary period include employer assisted health insurance, accrued vacation and sick time and more.

The Winthrop Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action employer. Posting will remain open until position is filled, with preference to applicants that submit resume including qualifications, experience and three references before 12:00 PM on Monday, January 25, 2021 to:

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history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the “Most Innovative” regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high

quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST
Jack Sicurella of Winthrop has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2020 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine’s largest private university, featuring two distinctive campuses in Maine, a vibrant campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of innovative offerings online. Our hands-on, experiential approach empowers students to join the next generation of leaders in their chosen fields. We are home to Maine’s only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts.

CURRY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FALL 2020 DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS
Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Fall 2020 Dean’s List. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher. Olivia Robson of Winthrop Michael Dichiara of Winthrop About Curry College Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based

institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 28 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, accounting, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of over 3,700 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and 1,700 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 1,575 of its students reside on the Curry campus.

TOWN PAWS

Learn from your Animals in 2021

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you ever read one of the many versions of “All I Really Need to Know I Learned from my Dog?” Or, as the case may be, “... from my cat?” Some of the lessons included in these collections are pure humor. Like the cat saying, “When you go out into the world, always remember, being placed on a pedestal is a right, not a privilege.” Or, the dog philosophy that “If it lands on the floor, it’s mine!” Others are life lessons for humans. Think about the things a dog or cat does each day that contributes to a better life for them (or for you) to see what you can learn.



When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Play, Rest, and Always Stretch
Every day our animals show us a pace of life we should emulate. Like them, we should “Run, romp, and play daily.” After that activity, they believe they should, “Take naps and stretch before rising.” Even when Penny entices Poppy out of bed in the morning with the promise of cookies, our food-obsessed Westie will pause for a long, complete-body stretch before racing for the promised treat.


creature comfort of cats and dogs. People cleared the animal shelters during the pandemic. They were seeking companions to lessen their feelings of isolation, distract them from constant anxiety, give them a reason to get out and walk their dog, or take time to play with their cats. While Westies as a breed are not lap-dogs, our Poppy is a loyal cuddler. She’ll sense when one of us needs her and hop up next to us on the sofa or chair. She settles in with a sigh and offers her presence like a balm for our sad moments. She’ll also celebrate when we’re happy. Some anonymous person describes this as, “The best thing about dogs is you can act like something really good just happened and they’ll instantly start celebrating. They have no idea what the context is, they’re just always ready to party.”

of us have to learn after an era of anger and confrontation. Humans often fail to give the early signals that might prevent a blow-up. They hold things inside far too long and then shock people when they lose control of their anger. Yes, some dogs will snap first and some cats don’t want anyone near them. However, these animals do use body language to ward off pushy people even in those cases. Years ago, we made business cards for our dog Sassy and listed her as Vice President of Security and Morale. She usually loved everyone but offered a soft growl and walked away when a certain man visited the office. Eventually, we learned we should not have trusted him and fired him as our client. We hope that in 2021 we’ll continue to learn from the animals who are a part of our community. They can be a form of continuing education and inspiration.

Provide Quiet Comfort
One of our favorite axioms from the dog list is, “When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.” Cats would say, “Curl up in their lap and purr away.” Throughout this challenging year, many of us have benefited from the unconditional love and

Provide Early Warnings
The dog version of this is, “Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.” Cats might say, “Arch your back and give a little hiss before you scratch.” This is a lesson so many

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