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**NEWS Brief**

## DOWNING RAISES \$227,712 IN EIGHT WEEKS

Former state senator, clean energy business leader, and gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing marked the end of the first quarter today by announcing that his campaign has raised \$227,712 since he entered the race on February 8. The campaign highlighted over 1,100 individual donors, with 80% of all donations coming from Massachusetts and nearly three-quarters coming in under \$100. Ben is not accepting any donations from lobbyists or corporate PACs.

"We're really excited by the number of people signing up to support our

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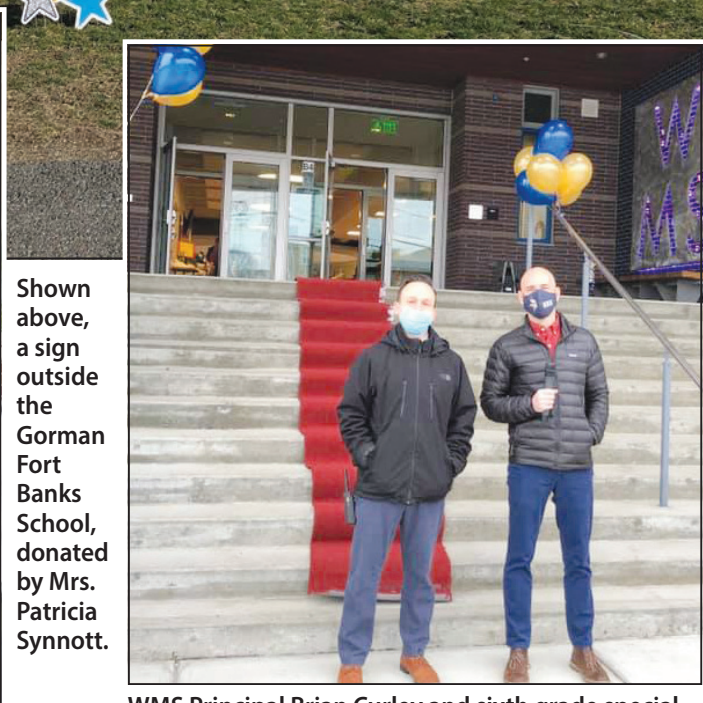
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Izi Hain is all smiles as she walks up the red carpet



Shown above, a sign outside the Gorman Fort Banks School, donated by Mrs. Patricia Synnott.

WMS Principal Brian Curley and sixth grade special education teacher, Adam Crombie, anxiously await the arrival of the students

## Winthrop Students Return A full first day of school

By Kate Anslinger

On Monday morning, 1,978 Winthrop students filed into the district's four buildings, marking what was the first full day of in-person learning for the 2020-2021 school year. After spending a year of mostly remote learning

and adapting to the hybrid learning model that commenced on January 4, 2021, teachers, students and staff were eager to get back in the classroom.

During Monday night's school committee meeting, Superintendent Lisa Howard shared her experience walking through the

different buildings earlier that day.

"It was breathtaking to see and I don't think I could give today the justice it deserves. It's hard to grasp what it's like to be a child or teacher in a classroom during a pandemic and it was amazing to see how each building orga-

nized the day's activities. Every single person had a job."

Howard compared the organization of the staff and students to an upbeat and energizing assembly line. While the majority of students were content,

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## Biden administration sends Easter eggs to EBNHC

By John Lynds

In lieu of this year's White House Easter Egg

Roll, President Joseph Biden and the First Lady gifted the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) with 800 commemorative Easter Eggs.

In return EBNHC administrators have distributed the eggs to staff and to patients receiving vaccines across its four vaccination sites in Eastie, Chelsea, Revere and the South End.

"Receiving the White

House Easter Eggs from President Biden and the First Lady was a bright light against the backdrop of the past year," said EBNHC president and CEO Manny Lopes. "We distributed the eggs to our hardworking staff who have remained caring and optimistic throughout the pandemic and to our patients receiving the vaccine across our vaccination sites. We would like to thank President Biden

and the First Lady for helping us to spread cheer during this spring season."

The Easter Eggs came with a special letter from Deputy Assistant to the President and Social Secretary Carlos E. Elizondo to Lopes.

"Dear Mr. Lopes, Greetings from the White House," the letter reads. "On behalf of the President and the First Lady,

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## Council hears rate study, COVID updates

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Tuesday, April 6, where it heard a water study proposal and updates on the pandemic. Around 25 members of the public attended.

Council President Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Michael DeGregorio, a Winthrop resident who passed away this past week after a battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Pres. Boncore congratulated resident Jeff Turco for his victory in the election for State Representative. He also issued a special citation to Winthrop's own Jillian Dempsey, the Captain of the Boston Pride in the National Women's Hockey League, calling her an inspiration to "athletes of all ages and genders."

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## CONSTRUCTION LOOKAHEAD

### Center Business District Project update news

The following is a summary of the work completed in the last week for the Center Business District project and the work P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. (contractor) has scheduled for the next two weeks. Please note, the anticipated schedule may vary due to unforeseen site conditions, weather conditions, or other factors out of the contractor's control.

Construction Updates and Schedule:

**Work completed to April 2.**

1. Construction of

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## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

*The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates:*

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

1523: A person came into the station to report the theft of personal property. The officer filed a report.

1940: An Ocean View St. resident reported that a roommate was playing music loudly and was refusing to turn it down. The officer spoke to both parties and the roommate who was playing the loud music agreed to leave for the evening.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

1230: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) from Governor’s Park at the request of the management.

1852: A resident reported that her motor vehicle (MV) was struck by a hit-and-run operator the previous day while her MV was parked on Bartlett Rd. An officer will examine video footage from nearby businesses. The officer filed a report.

2326: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil infraction of a headlight violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

0001: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Governor’s Drive for the civil infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0918: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Johnson Ave.

and arrested Oscar Tejada, 25, of Brighton, for the criminal offense of operating a MV with a suspended license.

1201: A Sargent St. resident called the station to report that a fencing contractor working for a neighbor was installing a fence on her property. The resident was informed that this is a civil matter.

1416: Officers responded to a report of a verbal altercation involving the Sargent St. resident from the previous call and the fencing contractor. The contractor will take up the matter with the Building Department in order to determine the property line before proceeding with further work.

1425: A resident reported that a fraudulent claim for unemployment was filed using the resident’s identifying information. The officer filed a report.

1958: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked at a fire hydrant on Forrest St. after having unsuccessfully attempted to contact the vehicle’s owner.

2328: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Morton and Fairview Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2350: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

0003: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shirley St. and Veterans Rd. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-

erator.

0016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Morton and Shirley Sts. for the civil infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0957: An officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle (MV) parked in a No Parking zone on South Main St. The operator, a high school student, came out to move the vehicle.

1238: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Central and Revere Sts. for the civil infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1328: An officer responded to a report of a pit-bull walking on Sagamore Ave. The officer located the dog and reunited it with its owner.

1505: An officer spoke to the operator of a MV who had pulled into the parking lot of a bank in the Centre about speeding in the Centre.

1706: An officer responded to a report of five youths smoking marijuana in Ingleside Park. The officer detained one of the youths until his parents arrived. The officer filed a report.

1749: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) with five persons in it at the Public Landing. The officer informed the operator, who has been in Mass. for three years, that he needs to obtain a Mass. license.

2255: An officer dispersed persons in a MV from Short Beach, which is closed after dark.

2305: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Nahant Ave. at Halford Beach for the civil

infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2318: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Read Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2323: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Hermon Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2358: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Wilshire Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

1219: A caller reported that a dog was on the loose and running along Revere St. The Animal Control Officer responded and returned the dog to its owner, a Locust St. resident.

1321: A resident came into the station to report a larceny by false pretenses. The officer filed a report.

1450: An officer dispersed a group of youths who were hanging out at the gazebo on Morton St.

1526: An officer stopped a MV at Washington Ave. and River Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator about his license status.

1623: An officer assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

2019: An officer responded to the report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Wheelock St. There were no injuries. The officer filed a report.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

(MV) at Shirley St. and Crystal Cove Ave. for a civil infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2338: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Cutler St. and Veterans Rd. and ordered the MV to be towed. The officer filed a report.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

0025: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Beal Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0050: An officer dispersed persons in a MV from Hannaford Park, which is closed at dusk.

0917: An officer responded to a report of a dispute between a male and female on Shirley St. The female alleged that the male threatened her with bodily harm. The male said that the dispute was over clothing. The male agreed to leave the premises and was advised not to return.

1415: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Walden and Pauline Sts. for the civil infractions of violating the hands-free law and a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator and advised her that children play in that area.

1732: An officer directed a Moore St. resident to clear the sidewalk of his junk that was obstructing the sidewalk in violation of the town by-law.

1744: An officer contacted the owner of a motor vehicle (MV) parked at the corner of Sea View Ave. and Winthrop St. to move his MV. The owner came out to move it immediately.

1838: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil infraction of not displaying his registration plates. The officer issued a citation to the operator. An officer who was assisting the first officer then stopped another MV and gave that operator a verbal warning for not yielding to an emergency vehicle.

2012: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walden St. for a civil infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2108: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Fairview Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation (a missing headlight). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

0030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Veterans Rd and Washington Ave. for the civil infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Hermon Sts. for the civil infraction of operating without headlights. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0145: Officers responded to a report of a serious motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Read and Main Sts. in which one of the vehicles struck a house. Both parties were transported to the hospital and both vehicles were towed.

1523: A caller who reported that water was backing up in her basement was advised that this is a matter for the DPW, which will handle the issue.

## Council //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

### Water Loss Study

The Town is working with the Abrahams Group and with Environmental Partners to realize a study of the town’s water loss and water rate. The aim of the study is to answer the community’s questions about the recent water/sewer rate increases.

The study is already underway and a full report should be delivered in early June in time for the FY22 budget. The full presentation will be available on the town’s website. A comprehensive overview will also be featured in next week’s publication.

### COVID-19

Winthrop is currently in the Yellow Zone with a

2.75 percent positive rate, slightly higher than two weeks ago. The town has had 2,155 cases with 35 deceased and 48 in isolation.

To date, 7,282 Winthrop residents have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine, or almost 40 percent of residents over the age of 18. Starting April 19, all members of the public age 16 and older will be able to get vaccinated.

The schools welcomed children back for in-person learning on April 5, in what Council Pres. Boncore called “a successful day.”

“Kids were fantastic and flexible,” he reported. “All the kids were happy to be back in school and

see their friends and teachers.”

Students can now be tested for COVID on-site using rapid testing technology.

Winthrop was allocated \$1.83 million in COVID relief funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. An additional amount was granted to Suffolk county, bringing Winthrop’s total to \$5.4 million, paid out in two installments. The funds must be used by the end of the 2022 calendar year. Rather than treating this as “found money”, Town Manager Austin Faison intends to “plug the gaps” leftover from 2020, and to boost the sustainability of ongoing health projects.

The town manager still

plans to open Town Hall to the public beginning on May 1. In-person business will take place Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12pm by appointment only. Sanitization and mask-wearing will be compulsory.

Faison is also working with technology experts to prepare the Harvey Room for in-person meetings for boards and committees. To date, it has been unable to accommodate both remote attendance via Zoom and live streaming by WCAT.

### General Updates

The Council for Apointments, Commissions and Committees has finished its reviews of town employees. A vote to accept the reviews will be

held at the next council meeting.

The Town will be installing four additional fully-accessible bus shelters on town sidewalks in the hopes of increasing bus ridership.

Work continues as scheduled in the Center Business District, with all utility due to be completed in the coming weeks.

The School Department approved a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year in the amount of \$23.5 million.

There are immediate openings on the Airport Hazards Committee, the Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee.

The juveniles responsi-

ble for the fire at Ingleside Playground earlier this year are being given the option to repay their debt to the community through a program that helps non-violent youth offenders avoid the criminal justice system.

### Upcoming Events

A public hearing of the Ordinance Review Committee will be held on April 8 at 6pm.

The Town Manager’s Office will present the FY22 Budget Proposal on April 20 at 6pm, followed by the Annual Spring Forum at 7pm.

The Middle School Zoning Committee and the Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on April 22 at 7pm.



## MWRA WORK WILL IMPACT PUBLIC ACCESS AT DEER ISLAND

On April 12, 2021, MWRA will be starting inspections of the sea wall that surrounds Deer Island. This work is expected to last about two weeks. During that time, portions of the public access pathway may be closed and detours required. Please contact Deer Island

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# Easter Eggs // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

it is my pleasure to notify you that East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has been selected as a recipient of the 2021 White House Commemorative Easter Eggs. As you may know, traditionally the wooden Easter Eggs are distributed to children at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn. Due to COVID-19, this year's Easter Egg Roll has unfortunately been canceled. Nevertheless, in the spirit

of the Easter season, the President and First Lady still want to share Easter cheer with Americans across the nation. We hope your site will assist their mission and share these Easter Eggs with frontline workers, volunteers, and members of your staff.”

The White House encouraged EBNHC to also give any additional eggs to community members who get vaccinated at the Health Center.

“Your organization’s

efforts are a testament to the hard work that needs to occur in order for our country to reopen safely,” the letter continued. “The health and wellbeing of Americans remain an utmost priority to the President and First Lady, and your efforts and dedication are truly appreciated. On behalf of the President and First Lady, we wish you and your family a safe and Happy Easter.”



EBNHC patients receive their COVID-19 vaccine and commemorative White House Easter Egg courtesy of President Joseph Biden and the First Lady.



EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes holds up one of the commemorative Easter Eggs sent to the Health Center from President Joseph Biden and the First Lady.

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storm drain improvements on Jefferson Street, between French Square and Putnam Street, and at the intersection of Putnam Street and Jefferson Street.

## Two-week Anticipated Schedule to April 16 Now Through April 9, 2021:

- a. Scheduled Work:
  - i. Construction of storm drain improvements on Jefferson Street, between French Square and Fremont Street, and at the intersection of Putnam Street and Jefferson Street.
  - ii. Construction of sewer improvements on Jefferson Street, between Putnam Street and Fremont Street.

## Traffic Management:

- i. The CBD can be accessed from Woodside Avenue and Somerset Avenue during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM). Hagman Road and Bartlett Road will be open during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM) to exit the CBD.
- ii. Road Closings (M-F; 7 AM to 4 PM):
  - 1. Putnam Street will be closed to through traffic. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses between Buchanan Street and Jefferson Street.
  - 2. Jefferson Street will be closed at Fremont Street. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses.
  - 3. Putnam Street will be closed at the Citizens

Bank. Access to Michael’s Mall and Citizens Bank will remain open. Access to businesses will be maintained.

## April 12 to April 16, 2021

- Scheduled Work:
  - i. Construction of storm drain improvements on Somerset Avenue, between Cottage Park Road and Pleasant Street.
- Traffic Management for Somerset Avenue work:**
  - i. The CBD can be accessed from Woodside Avenue and Jefferson Street during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM). Hagman

Road and Bartlett Road will be open during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM) to exit the CBD.

ii. Somerset Avenue will be closed at Pleasant Street. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses.

iii. Intersection of Cottage Park Road and Somerset Avenue will be closed. Access to the CBD from Pleasant Street will be from Woodside Avenue. The CBD can be accessed from Woodside Avenue and Somerset Avenue during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM). Hagman Road and Bartlett Road will be open during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM) to exit the CBD.

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fight for a fairer, stronger Massachusetts,” said Ben. “These early contributions help fortify our long-term campaign plan, allowing us to invest in the digital infrastructure, relational organizing strategies, and dynamic team that we need to win. We’re excited to put this support to work in the coming months as we share policy plans, activate a volunteer network and continue to build a 351-community campaign.”

As a state senator, Ben represented the largest district

in the state, comprising 52 cities and towns. Over a decade in office he led legislative efforts to accelerate our clean energy development and respond to climate change, rebuild our urban and rural economies, reduce poverty and hunger, strengthen our state ethics laws, and expand protections for transgender individuals.

Since 2017 he has served in a leadership role at Nexamp, a leading renewable energy company in Massachusetts. In that role, he led efforts to im-

prove accessibility within the green economy, expand to new markets outside of the northeast, and deploy cutting-edge energy storage solutions here at home. He served on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts and is a leading advocate for climate action in the Commonwealth.

Ben, 39, lives in East Boston with his wife, Michaela Morrill, and their two young sons Malcolm (3) and Eamon (11 months).

# WINTHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN AUTISM POLICE PATCH PROGRAM

Chief Terence Delehanty has announced that the Winthrop Police Department will be participating in the Autism Police Patch Program throughout the month of April.

The custom-designed patches will help to increase autism awareness throughout the community and raise money to be donated to the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. The organization provides financial assistance for families caring for a loved one with autism and educates the public about autism spectrum disorder

(ASD).

“We are proud to work with the Flutie Foundation and increase awareness in our community” said Chief Terence Delehanty.

Those interested can send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Winthrop Police Department with a check made out to the Flutie Foundation or can purchase patches by cash or check in the lobby of police station. Each patch cost a \$10 donation.

“We’re thrilled to be supporting the Flutie Foundation and the work they do in support of families and individuals with ASD” said Chief Terence Delehanty.

The Winthrop Police will also be selling

t-shirts. Announcement on purchasing t-shirts will be made soon .

Winthrop Police Department will also be hosting a hockey game featuring Winthrop All Stars facing off against the Winthrop Police/Fire team on Saturday, April 17 at 6:30PM. Fan viewing is restricted due to Covid-19 protocol, so the game will also be televised on WCAT for people to watch from the safety of their own home. Shirts and patches will be sold in drive by mode in the rink parking lot on the day of the game.

For more information, call 617-846-1212 or email Lieutenant Steve Rogers at [srogers@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:srogers@town.winthrop.ma.us)

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# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Registration for the Winthrop Public Schools 2021-2022 kindergarten school year is underway. Families with children who live in Winthrop and will be 5 years old as of September 1, 2021 are invited to pick up a registration packet at the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School (101 Kennedy Drive) on the following dates/times:


- April 14 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.,
- April 15 and April 16 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m.,
- April 27 from 8:30-10:00 a.m., April 28 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.,
- April 29 and April 30 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 12:30-1:30.

The packet can also be downloaded from the Winthrop Public Schools website (<https://www.winthrop.k12.ma.us/domain/2117>.) Appointments to return and review completed documentation will be scheduled for May 4, 5 and 6 and scheduled at the time you receive your packet. Families choosing to print the registration packet MUST also contact the school to schedule a date to return completed packets and documentation.


*Completed packets and required documentation must be provided at the scheduled appointment time for registration. (Students who are 6 years old as of September 1, 2021 are not eligible for kindergarten and will be placed in first grade.) For questions, please contact Ms. Sacco at 617-846-5509.*

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OUR Opinions

GET THE VACCINE

For the vast majority of people, getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible is a no-brainer. COVID-19 not only has a high death rate for older persons and those with underlying health conditions, but it also has been shown to have serious after-effects for young, healthy people who experienced only mild symptoms when they contracted the disease. The ramifications of the health consequences for the so-called COVID long-haulers promises to adversely impact the lives of millions of Americans, as well as burden our society and health care system, for years to come.

However, despite the obvious health risks posed by COVID-19, many of our fellow citizens say they will refuse to get the vaccine. No doubt many of those who tell a pollster that they will not get a vaccine are doing so just to be contrarian. In the end, they will get a vaccine.

But unquestionably there are segments of society on all sides of the political spectrum who are opposed to the idea of vaccinations.

In our view, vaccine-hesitancy in the face of a world-wide pandemic is both inexplicable and sad.

It is inexplicable because the benefits of vaccination are so clear. There is every reason to get it and absolutely no reason to oppose it.

But it also is sad because the vaccine-hesitancy movement shows that so many of our fellow Americans are susceptible these days to rumors, misinformation, and conspiracy theories to the detriment of their own health and that of their loved ones.

The COVID-19 vaccines are a modern scientific miracle. They represent the best avenue of protection for individuals, as well as the only chance for society to overcome the pandemic in order to return our economy to normal.

In addition, with early trials showing that the vaccines are 100 percent safe and effective for older children, a vaccination program for children will assure that our schools can reopen safely. In our view, a COVID-19 vaccine should be required for all children as a condition for returning to school, similar to the requirement that children be vaccinated against other diseases.

We urge all of our readers to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible under state guidelines.

And to those who have some degree of vaccine-hesitancy for themselves or their children -- please stop listening to those wacky and ill-informed opinions on social media.

ROYAL FAMILY, COMMON PROBLEMS

On a certain level, it is easy to dismiss the recent interview of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle as frivolous and irrelevant to the lives of the rest of us. To most Americans, the concept of a royal family is a joke to begin with, an anachronism of history.

On the other hand, there were certain aspects of the interview that made the travails faced by Harry and Meghan all too real -- and extremely relevant to the 21st century.

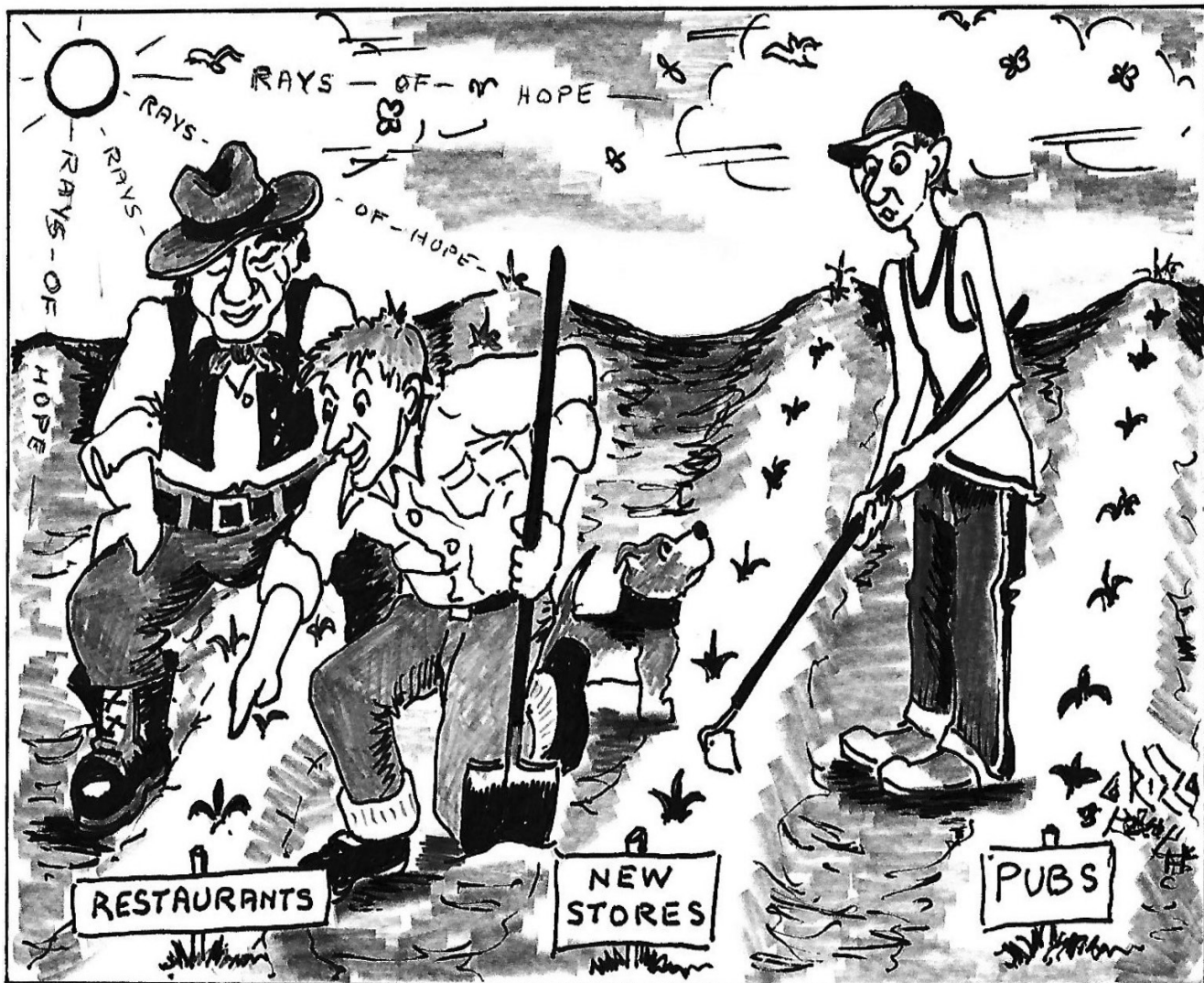
The revelation that Meghan contemplated suicide, but received no mental health support among the royal family because it would make them "look bad," was shocking, but it is something to which ordinary families can relate.

Mental health problems still carry a stigma in society at-large. If nothing else, Meghan Markle's willingness to discuss her issues hopefully will serve as an inspiration both to those suffering from depression (among other mental health illnesses) and their families to seek help in the same way that we do for physical health issues before it is too late.

Then of course, there was the discussion of race, which demonstrated just how deeply embedded racism remains in every strata of society across the globe in 2021.

The concept of royalty may be a bunch of nonsense, but the issues of mental health and racism are not and we are grateful that Harry and Meghan were willing to share their personal and painful experiences to shed light on these matters that bear relevance to everybody, regardless of social status.

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GUEST OP-ED

Cardinal O'Malley's Easter message

By Archbishop Sean O'Malley

Easter is the center and core of Christian faith. Christian faith is Resurrection faith; the Risen Christ, having conquered sin and death, remains with us across the ages. When we celebrate "the Triduum" — the great feasts of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Risen Vigil and Easter Sunday — we recall and present again through words and worship the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

The Lord's Easter gift to the Church and the world is the gift of hope. Because the Risen Christ remains with us personally and collectively, we never face the challenges of life alone. Christian hope teaches us that we are destined for eternal life, and hope also is meant to sustain us in the concrete realities we face each day. As we celebrate this Easter, no truth is more relevant than hope built on Christian faith.

The past year, lived in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, has

tried our sense of hope personally, socially, and as a country. The process of recovery and rebuilding our society will test us again in new ways. In some form, we have all been impacted by this silent and elusive but deadly virus. No community has been spared, and some communities have been devastated. Recovery will require a spirit of collaboration, cooperation and compassion. Easter tells us we will not be alone in this effort; the Risen Christ calls us to be very good neighbors to each other.

Throughout the past year, there have been multiple examples of what being a good neighbor means. We have seen health care workers risk their lives to save lives; we have seen front-line workers in stores, delivery agencies and police and fire departments show up every day, even at personal risk, so basic needs could be met and life could be sustained. These examples inspire hope in human terms; we will need this kind of generos-

ity on an even wider scale in the days and months ahead.

Nationally and locally, the pandemic illustrated again that, even when broad structural issues like a pandemic affect us all, they impact some in catastrophic fashion. African American and Hispanic communities suffered dramatically greater losses — of life and welfare — than the general population. Often, these communities have been where many front-line workers live; they kept faithfully serving others even as they suffered disproportionately themselves. National recovery should reward this service appropriately in gratitude and in public policies focused on these communities.

Any assessment of how we have responded to the pandemic will need to address two realities. There have been countless acts of charity and compassion offered quietly and effectively each day to those in need. And, by contrast, there have been intensified expressions of racism in our public life;

historic patterns aimed at Asian Americans, African Americans, and immigrants. Children and youth perceived as different are often the object of bullying that can push young people into depression, risky behaviors or suicide. There will not be lasting healing and recovery unless we are committed as a society to expand the circle of compassion and charity manifested by many and resist, by word and deed, by law and policy, the forces in our society which refuse to acknowledge the dignity of every person. Easter offers hope: it also calls us to be signs of hope, not hatred, on the road to recovery. This Easter is time to make clear choices to renew our common life."

*Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap is an American cardinal of the Catholic Church serving as the Archbishop of Boston. O'Malley is a member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, commonly known as the Capuchins.*

State officials award \$2.3 million in grants

Staff report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced approximately \$2.3 million in awards for 51 additional businesses in the latest round of COVID-19 relief grants administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC). As in prior

rounds, each grant recipient meets sector or demographic priorities set for the grant programs administered by MGCC.

With the addition of this round of grants, the Administration has awarded more than \$650 million in direct financial support to 14,402 businesses across the Commonwealth.

Grants for this round were awarded to 13 minority-owned, and 21 woman-owned, businesses; 17 recipients are located in Gateway Cities, and 21 businesses have not received any prior aid.

MGCC also recently announced the availability of funding to support non-profits that offer tech-

nical assistance designed to help existing small businesses recover and thrive post COVID-19, as well as community development financial institutions that will back the recovery, resiliency and growth of small businesses in underserved communities through matching capital.

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# WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard, Town Historian • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

## ARTICLE 961 - PLEASANT STREET MANSARD ROOFED HOMES



This week’s article features a pair of Italianate Mansard roofed homes built in Winthrop about 1874. This style roof line was popularized in France during the 1650’s as an easy way to utilize all the floor space on the top floor of a building. It was introduced into Massachusetts in the 1870’s for the same reason thereby minimizing real estate taxes and avoiding some of the zoning restrictions applying to third floor additions built on homes during the late 1800’s. See picture #1 for an example of this Mansard roof design. Approximately a dozen or so such homes

were constructed in Winthrop and, according to an excellent Community Survey Project Report by Edward Gordon in 1994, ten are still with us. Two of these remaining Mansard homes are at 282 and 288 Pleasant Street and are the principle subject of this article. Looking North up Pleasant Street from its intersection with Sargent Street, picture #2 depicts these two homes on the left as they appeared about 1900. These homes were built about 1874 by the Tewksbury family during the time when the entire Court Park area still consisted of only two estates, i.e. those owned

by the Hon. E.G. Loring and the Hon. John Lowell (formerly the G.E. Emerson estate). Picture #3 again shows the same two Tewksbury homes as they appear today. Picture #4 depicts John Tewksbury standing at the rear of his 282 Pleasant Street home about 1900. The back of the house shown at the right of the picture has the same roof line, chimney and dormer window designs shown in the previous picture. The large horse drawn sled, also shown in the photograph, was used to transport cut up fire-wood to other homes in town.



# 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 April 7, 2011

State Senator Anthony Petrucci has submitted a compromise casino gaming bill in the Senate that calls for three resort-style casinos and one racino in Massachusetts that would immediately bring millions of dollars in revenue to the state through licensing fees, capital improvements, and taxes. Suffolk Downs is seen as a likely site for one of the hotel-casino complexes.

The Winthrop School Committee will meet tonight to choose the next Superintendent of Schools. Committee members made site visits in the past week to the school systems where the four finalists presently are employed.

Winthrop police and their partners in the Revere-Winthrop-State Police drug task force concluded an investigation last week into the activities of a Governor’s Drive resident when they executed a search warrant for the man’s apartment and arrested him on charges of trafficking in cocaine over 28 grams, possession of class D (marijuana) with intent to sell, possession of a class B drug (Oxycodone) with intent to sell, distribution of marijuana, and school zone violations. The suspect has previous drug arrests on his record.

Winthrop police responding to a request for a well-being check after a 21 year-old Crest Ave. man threatened suicide following a break-up with his girlfriend, subsequently arrested and charged the heartbroken Romeo on a variety of drug charges after illegal drugs were found in the apartment.

Carmen Tracy, the No. 1-ranked student academically in the Winthrop High School Class of 2011, has been granted admission to Harvard University as a member of the incoming Class of 2015. Tracy first learned of her acceptance by email last week and has since received the official admissions packet and letter of congratulations.

Hop, Rio, and Soul Surfer are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago April 12, 2001

The Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee met Monday night to discuss options for cutting the town budget by \$2 million in the wake of the voters’ rejection of the recent Prop. 2 and 1/2 override referendum. Among the ideas brought forward were instituting a trash fee, closing the library, and eliminating overtime in the police and fire departments.

Former selectman Richard DiMento has announced his candidacy for selectman.

Along Came a Spider, Bridget Jones’s Diary, and Blow are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago April 10, 1991

The Advisory Committee has issued its annual Redbook to Town Meeting members and has recommended that Town Meeting postpone action on all budgetary and appropriations articles until June because of the uncertainty of the local and

state budget situation. The committee said the town is looking at a budget deficit of \$2.5 million.

The Planning Board voted 3-2 after a heated meeting to withdraw a controversial article calling for a zoning change that would permit the many so-called illegal apartments in town to become legal. The Mass. Atty. General’s office rejected a similar article two years ago on the basis that it constituted prohibited “spot zoning.”

Dr. Peter Ferrino, a member of the Winthrop Hospital staff, observed his 50th anniversary as a physician this week.

Sleeping with the Enemy, Good Fellas, and Misery are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago April 8, 1981

Absentee ballots proved the difference as Robert Noonan edged Ron Vecchia in the race for selectman by just 25 votes, marking the closest race for the Board of Selectmen in 16 years.

The Planning Board gave its unanimous approval to Article 18 on the town warrant that shortens from two years to one year the moratorium on condo conversions in the town.

A riot at the Deer Island jail brought dozens of police officers from Boston, the MDC, and State Police. However, until they arrived, Winthrop officers toting shotguns were the only line of defense on the Winthrop side of the jail.

The selectmen will hold a public hearing to take up the request of three local establishments to operate pinball machines.

Two vicious pit bull dogs were shot and killed by police after they attacked three women in the vicinity of Lewis Lake. Two of the women suffered severe bites on their legs, arms, and backs and had their clothing ripped off. The dogs had escaped from the yard where they usually are confined.

Seventy year old Walter Van Dalinda, a former selectman and long-time public servant, will be feted at a testimonial dinner-dance May 27.

Elizabeth Taylor stars in Mirror Crack’d at the Kin-cade Theatre.

### 50 years ago April 7, 1971

The State Department of Education has ruled that the apportionment of costs for the Northeast Regional Vocational School among its member communities must be based upon the number of students each community has at the school, rather than on the enrollment in its high school.

Local realtor Murray Fogel has been named chairman of the 1971 Cancer Crusade in Winthrop.

A 24 year-old local resident was arrested by detectives Michael McManus and Arthur Floyd and held on \$25,000 bond at the Charles St. jail on charges of selling marijuana to a 14 year old local youth.

Two James Bond movies, Thunderball and You Only Live Twice, are playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

### 60 years ago April 6, 1961

The prospect of a \$5.00

decrease in the tax rate was dashed by Town Meeting when it ignored the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on budget and appropriations articles. In addition, the discovery of a \$71,000 error in the school budget added to the overall budget figure. One of the issues that drew much discussion among members was whether the Winthrop Golf Club should pay taxes upon the land it leases from the town.

More than 200 volunteers will be on hand to greet Suffolk County Asst. Dist. Atty. Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the 1961 Massachusetts Cancer Crusade and brother of Pres. John F. Kennedy, when Kennedy visits here next week.

Local residents were readying for another rescue of a disabled Eastern Airlines Electra plane as it circled Logan Airport for two hours to burn off fuel before attempting to land. The airplane’s front tire blew out when it took off from LaGuardia Airport in New York. However, the plane landed safely.

WHS students will perform The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis at the Memorial Auditorium this weekend.

The maternity ward at Winthrop Community Hospital was one of the busiest hospital departments during March with 83 births recorded during the month.

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a charity show for underprivileged children that will feature the movie Five Pennies, starring Danny Kaye, at the Winthrop Theatre.

Audie Murphy stars in Hell Bent for Leather at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago April 5, 1951

Town Meeting concluded business Monday night in its third session on the final 23 articles of the record-breaking 80-article warrant. The highlight of the night was the unanimous denunciation by all speakers of the Navy’s plans to build 500 units of housing for military personnel at Ft. Heath. However, dreams of a decrease in the tax rate vanished when members exceeded the budget and appropriation recommendations of the Advisory Committee, including an appropriation of \$25,000 for a new roadway, parallel to Shirley St., to be known as Veterans Rd.

Brill’s Radio and TV is observing its fifth anniversary at its new location at 467 Shirley St.

Francis M. Cloran, a deputy master of the Deer Island jail and a 12 year member of the local Elks, is the new Exalted Ruler of the local lodge. He succeeds John F. Donovan.

Bus drivers for Rapid Transit Inc. have voted to go on strike May 1 if their demand for a 40 hour work week from the present 48 hour week is not met.

### 80 years ago April 3, 1941

The 1941 yachting season officially gets underway Sunday when the Cottage Park Y.C. holds its opening night festivities and 31st annual dinner.

The selectmen have announced that a seri-



# OBITUARIES

## Phyllis Palermo

Federal Reserve retiree

Phyllis F. (Geraci) Palermo of Revere, formerly of Winthrop, died on March 24.

She worked for many years at the Federal Reserve in Boston and after retirement, Phyllis enjoyed traveling, bus trips to Foxwoods and walking the neighborhood and Square One Mall. She took great pride in her home, spending many hours gardening and planting flowers.

The beloved daughter of the late Stephen and Torille (DeMaso), she was the sister of Mary Geraci

Tassinari and the late Jenny Anderson and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Phyllis's life will be held in St. Anthony's Church, Revere on Friday, April 9 at 12 noon. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Phyllis's name to the charity of one's choice. Interment will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are by the Buonfiglio Funeral Home, Revere.

## Eric Leach

Of Winthrop

Eric M. (Zona) Leach of Winthrop passed away on March 26.

The cherished son of Marie Zona and the late Michael and Eugene Leach and the late Kathy Hughes, he was the beloved father of Ella and Amelia Leach, loving fiancé of Jillian Passaro, dear brother of Rhonda Areniello and her husband, Tizziano, Mario Zona and his wife, Tara,



Vanessa D'Amelio and her husband, David, Joseph Leach, Katelyn Pumphret-Leach, Amy Hughes, Trinity Hughes and the late Kristy Hughes. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends as well as his best friend and beloved dog, Rocco.

Family and friends honored Eric's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Tuesday, April 6 and again on Wednesday morning, April 7 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop for a Funeral Mass in celebration of Eric's life. Services concluded with Eric being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). All services were held in accordance with the Commonwealth of MA COVID-19 reopening regulations. For more information please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

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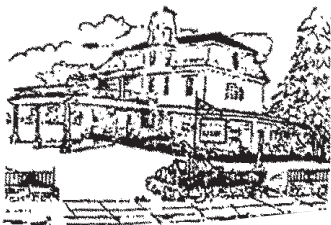


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## Carl 'Sandy' Bettano

Retired proprietor of Bostonian Business Forms and member of Winthrop Yacht Club

Carl W. "Sandy" Bettano of Winthrop passed away at the Salem Hospital on April 2. He was 74 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Helen (Hancharyk) and Roy Bettano, he grew up in the West End of Boston before moving to Winthrop. Prior to his retirement, he was the proprietor of Bostonian Business Forms for many years. He was also a member of the Winthrop Yacht Club.

He was the devoted husband of Juliet (Buonagurio) and the loving father of Matthew Bettano and his wife, Marianne of Stoneham, Mark Bettano and his wife, Staci, Luke Bettano and Peter Bettano and his wife, Jonilee, all of Winthrop; dear brother of Carla Bettano and her wife, Laurie of Jamaica Plain and the late Ann Bettano and cherished grandfather of Salvatore, Anthony, Juliet, Anabel and Robert.



The funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, April 8 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

\*Attendees must observe social distancing and wear masks in the funeral home, church and at the cemetery\* For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

## Joseph Mercier

Draper Laboratory retiree



Joseph W. Mercier of Winthrop passed away on March 26.

He was 89 years old.

Joseph was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving from 1951 to 1955 and worked as a technician for Draper Laboratory in Cambridge. He spent most of his life in Winthrop before retiring to Sarasota, Fla.

The beloved husband of the late Kathleen C. (Farrisey) Mercier, he was



born in Boston, the cherished son of the late Wilfred L. and Mary Josephine (Murphy) Mercier. He was the devoted father of Kathleen J. Houseweart and her partner, Paul Page of Sarasota, FL, Carol A. Mercier, Michelle M. Bernard and her husband, Robert and Mary T. Prentice and her husband, James, all of Winthrop; adored grandfather of Sandra and James Houseweart, Colleen and Thomas Bernard and Max and Allison Prentice and proud great-grandfather to Cooper Prentice. He was the dear brother of the late Josephine Smith and loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 7 in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop and Interment followed in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign Joseph's guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

### In Memoriam 1993 April 6 2021 ~ 28th Anniversary ~ JOHN SWEENEY



*Gone is the face we loved so dear,  
Silent is the voice we loved to hear,  
Too far away for sight or speech,  
But not too far for thought to reach.  
Sweet to remember him once here,  
Who, though absent, is just as dear.  
His charming ways and smiling face  
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## Pressley, Markey re-introduce legislation to fund public transit

Staff report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Edward J. Markey re-introduced the Freedom to Move Act, that is bold legislation to support state and local efforts to establish public transportation as a public good through fare-free services.

The lawmakers' bill introduction comes as transit agencies across the country, including the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), consider cuts to transit service—despite receiving over \$1 billion in federal relief over the past year. Earlier this month, Congresswoman Pressley and Sen. Markey joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts congressional delegation in writing to MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak expressing concerns regarding the MBTA's announcement that it would cut services this month.

"Public transportation is an essential public good, but for too long, we have not funded it like one. Far too many in the Massachusetts, and across the country lack reliable, safe, and affordable transit service," Congresswoman Pressley said. "As our nation begins to turn a corner toward our ongoing recovery from this public health and economic crisis, it is critical that we center the connectivity of all communities. The Freedom to Move Act invests heavily in our public transit systems so that states and localities can offer safe, high-quality, and fare-free

rides to all to ensure everyone in community can access jobs, food and essential services."

"Affordability and accessibility must define our public transit systems to ensure that they truly promote equity, economic growth, and community development," said Sen. Markey. "By supporting state and local efforts to implement fare-free public transit, we can provide low-income workers, families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities with improved access to jobs, education, medical care, and other critical services – all while simultaneously reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. I'm proud to reintroduce the Freedom to Move Act with Congresswoman Pressley and I look forward to fighting together for a just transit future."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, workers and families were spending more time and money commuting to jobs, education and other critical services than ever before. Data shows that low-income families in particular bear the biggest financial burden—spending nearly 30 percent of their household income on transportation expenses. At the same time, increased traffic congestion is contributing to growing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, exacerbating climate change and contributing to health disparities like asthma and lung cancer in communities already at

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ous effort will be made to regulate the parking of automobiles on Woodside Ave. in the business district. The action came after a meeting between the selectmen and Centre businessmen.

Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, and Jeannette MacDonald star in San Francisco at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 90 years ago April 4, 1931

Thanks to the change in the zoning laws to allow the newly filled-in lot owned by Mrs. Ballem to become zoned for business, the lot is being spruced up by her sons in anticipation of opening a service station on the site.

The Park Commission is receiving praise for cleaning up Lewis Lake in time for Easter.

Ronald Colman stars in Devil to Pay at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 100 years ago April 2, 1921

Thanks to a tip received from a woman, fireman Charles Flanagan was able to chase and capture a young boy who confessed to pulling alarm box 63 on three separate occasions in recent weeks. The youth gave two different names

and addresses when first questioned. He was taken to the school for boys, which hopefully will be a lesson for other boys in town.

The selectmen have been informed by the Narrow Gauge officials that the rail line will reinstate 15 minute service, which will be a boon for commuters and Boston-bound shoppers.

Two local men, M.J. Connelly and Roy Pigeon, have outfitted the new fisherman racing schooner with all of its rigging. The boat is reported to be a thing of beauty and is fit to compete with the Blue-nose and the Esperanto. The boat will be launched from T Wharf next week.

Humorist and author John Kendrick Bangs will give a lecture at the Winthrop Theatre entitled The Incurable Optimist.

### 110 years ago April 8, 1911

Town Meeting, with 150 members present, approved the budget for 1921 of \$232,889. The most discussion centered on raises for the school teachers when Mrs. Cook moved to increase the school budget from \$50,000 to \$51,000 to give each teacher a \$25 raise. Mr. Green opposed the motion, noting that Winthrop spends more per pupil than any other town in the state except for Milton. After some debate, the motion was approved.

Town officials and residents are mounting a campaign to change the grade crossing for the railroad at Orient Heights. The grade crossing impedes traffic going along the main thoroughfare into our town and requires trucks and automobiles to stop before crossing the track.

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# RMV announces April 30 conclusion of opportunity to qualify for Free REAL ID upgrade

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that Friday, April 30, will be the last day to qualify for the Free REAL ID Upgrade Promotion. Customers may still qualify prior to April 30 by renewing their Standard Massachusetts driver’s license or ID card online at Mass.Gov/RMV.

Customers who already qualified by renewing online since June 12, 2020, will be able to begin booking in-person upgrade appointments for their no cost REAL ID online starting Thursday, April 1, and will have ample time to take advantage of their free REAL ID upgrade. Those customers with a U.S. Passport are already in compliance with federal REAL ID requirements that begin on Oct. 1, and should not need a REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal buildings at that time.

“The RMV appreciates the public’s overwhelmingly positive response to this promotion and welcomes additional qualifying participation prior to April 30 for those who renew their license or ID online and defer their visit to a Service Center for a REAL ID to a later date,” said Acting RMV Registrar Colleen Ogilvie. “While federal REAL ID travel requirements won’t take effect until October 1, 2021, and customers with a valid U.S. Passport may never need a REAL ID, the RMV and our partners at AAA stand ready to accommodate and provide plenty of time for customers to take advantage of their free REAL ID upgrade.”

Customers are eligible to renew online up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, and up to two years after the expiration date. This means customers expiring now through April 30, 2022, can renew online for a standard license / ID prior to the conclusion of the promotion, and still take advantage of the free future upgrade.

Beginning Thursday, April 1, eligible customers who have already renewed their driver’s license/ID online since June 12, 2020, will now be able to book in-person appointments to upgrade their credentials at no cost at an RMV Service Center or a AAA location (if members). Appointments can be scheduled by RMV customers at Mass.Gov/RMV or by AAA members at [northeast.aaa.com](http://northeast.aaa.com).

Customers will not need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal buildings prior to Oct. 1, 2021, especially if they already possess a valid U.S. Passport which is already a federally complaint REAL ID document. The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or REAL ID license is \$50, while the fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID card is \$25. The typical \$25 upgrade / amendment fee will be waived under the

above qualifying circumstances.

The Free REAL ID Upgrade Promotion began by Executive Order on June 12, 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, offering customers the flexibility and time to renew their license / ID online and wait to get their REAL ID, which requires an in-person visit and document verification at a Service Center or AAA. This promotion supported the RMV’s pandemic-related efforts to implement social distancing protocols, reduce in-person Service Center traffic, prioritize critical in-person transaction and appointment capacity and ultimately keep customers and staff safe.

Customers should take the following steps to determine their online renewal eligibility and qualify for this offer prior to the April 30, 2021, conclusion:

- Visit [Mass.Gov/RMV](http://Mass.Gov/RMV), login to their “myRMV” account, and find out if they are permitted to renew online.
- Renew online – their new standard license or ID card will be sent via U.S. mail.
- The cost for renewing a driver’s license is \$50. The cost for renewing an ID card is \$25. These costs are the same for both a Standard or REAL ID license or ID card. The cost for upgrading or amending a license or ID card outside of their renewal cycle is \$25 – this fee will be waived for participating, eligible RMV customers upgrading to a REAL ID license/ID.
- Eligible customers who have renewed online will be able to make an appointment for a REAL ID at an RMV Service Center or AAA office (for members) beginning on Thursday, April 1, and have their \$25 upgrade / amendment fee waived.
- Customers can visit [Mass.Gov/ID](http://Mass.Gov/ID) to find detailed information on REAL ID including a helpful checklist that conveniently outlines the documentation needed to secure a REAL credential.
- Customers are encouraged to begin their transaction online by visiting [Mass.Gov/RMV](http://Mass.Gov/RMV), clicking on “Online Service Center,” selecting “Apply for a REAL ID,” and then following the prompts to verify their identity and start their transaction. Customers will be prompted to answer a series of questions to complete a summary document, which should be presented along with required REAL ID documentation during their in-person visit. REAL ID credentials are mailed customers within seven–10 days of a visit to RMV Service Center and/or AAA location.
- Anyone who holds a valid U.S. passport or other federally compliant form of identification may never need an RMV-issued REAL ID.
- As a service to its members, AAA continues to issue REAL ID credentials and will be offering free REAL ID upgrades to eligible members. Members should make an appointment before visiting a AAA location.

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**The Winthrop Department of Public Health** is offering assistance to those who may have difficulty registering for the COVID vaccine. Anyone in need can call 617-539-5837 or email: [eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us).

**The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center** is offering **COVID vaccine clinics**

in East Boston, Re-vere and Chelsea. To make an appointment, you can call them at 617-568-4870 or go to: [ebnhc.org/en/services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine](http://ebnhc.org/en/services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine).

**Mystic Valley Elder Services Offering Transportation Services to COVID Vaccine Sites for Adults 60 Years and Older.** There are three eligibility guidelines to get approved for your two roundtrips: you must be 60 years of age or older; do not have other means to get to a vaccination site; or do not have access to the vaccine in the building complex where you live. For more information, or to schedule a ride, call MVES at 781-324-7705. If you need a ride, please

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the margins.

Increasing access to free, safe, reliable and accessible public transit systems will help improve community livability and mobility, increase connectivity to critical services—particularly for low-income workers and families, seniors and individuals with disabilities—and address many of our nation’s most severe inequities.

The Freedom to Move Act would help to support state and local efforts to promote public transportation as a public good for all by:

- Supporting state and local efforts to implement fare-free public transportation systems. The bill establishes a \$5 billion competitive grant program, known as Freedom to Move Grants to offset fare revenues for transit agencies.
- Investing in efforts to improve the safety and quality of public transportation service, particularly in low-income and historically underserved communities, including by:

- o Covering operational

costs, including the hiring and training of personnel, fuel costs, and maintenance.

- o Investing in public health emergency response efforts, including personal protective equipment and administrative leave for operational personnel.

- o Improving the safety and accessibility of bus stops, pedestrian and bike shelters.

- o Redesigning bus routes to improve service, modernizing and improving the accessibility of signage; and

- o Modernizing surface infrastructure such as painted bus lanes and signal priority systems to alleviate traffic congestion and improve multi-modal accessibility.

- Requiring grantees to utilize funds with a particular focus on addressing transit equity gaps. Grantees would be required to work in partnership with community advocates and stakeholders to report on how resources will be used to improve the reliability of transit ser-

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**Meals on Wheels continues to operate.** Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program.

**Senior Phone Buddy Program.** Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email

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vice for low-income and historically underserved communities.

The Freedom to Move Act is endorsed by the Sunrise Movement, 350 MASS, A Better Cambridge, Action 4 Equity, Allston Brighton Health Collaborative, Alternatives for Community and Environment, Bikes Not Bombs, Boston Cyclist Union, Community Labor United, Green Newton, GreenRoots, The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, Inc, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, LivableStreets Alliance, Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, MASSPIRG, Massachusetts Sierra Club, Massachusetts Senior Action Council, Mat-tapan Food and Fitness Coalition, Riders Action Council, Transit Matters, WalkBoston.

“Public transit is oftentimes the lifeline for many of our residents, especially those who live in Environmental Justice communities,” said María Belén Power, Associate Execu-

tive Director, GreenRoots, Inc. “Many of our folks, the essential workers, have put their lives on the line during this pandemic, risking their lives and their families’ by continuing to go to work and keep the economy afloat. We have a moral obligation to treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve. We need robust investment into our public transit agencies for operational and capital improvements, so every single rider has access to reliable, affordable and safe public transit service. We applaud Congresswoman Pressley and Senator Markey for being leaders in the fight for transit justice!”

Congresswoman Pressley and Senator Markey originally introduced the Freedom to Move Act in June 2020. In July 2020, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, which included a fare-free transit pilot program modeled on the lawmakers’ Freedom to Move Act.

BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BY SERIES				
<b>1000 Series - Administration</b>				
	Salaries	\$507,781.00		
	Expenses		\$79,250.00	
	Sub-total			\$587,031.00
<b>2000 Series - Instruction</b>				
General Education	Salaries	\$11,743,822.00		
	Expenses		\$437,214.00	
Special Education	Salaries	\$4,970,054.00		
	Expenses	--		
	Sub-total			\$17,070,808.00
<b>3000 Series - School Services</b>				
	Salaries	\$245,774.00		
	Expenses		\$3,734.00	
	Sub-total			\$249,508.00
<b>4000 Series - Operations and Maintenance</b>				
	Salaries	\$646,177.00		
	Expenses		\$1,070,717.00	
	Sub-total			\$1,716,894.00
<b>5000 Series - Fixed Charges</b>				
	Expenses		\$99,232.00	
	Sub-total			\$99,232.00
<b>9000 Series - Programs with other systems</b>				
General Education	Salaries	\$470,547.00		
	Expenses		\$173,500.00	
Special Education	Salaries	\$567,897.00		
	Expenses		\$1,512,433.00	
Athletics	Salaries	\$107,025.00		
	Expenses		\$275,000.00	
Technology	Salaries	\$160,000.00		
	Expenses		\$408,820.00	
Maintenance	Salaries	\$39,000		
	Expenses		\$32,000.00	
	Sub-total			\$3,746,222.00
Sub-Totals		\$19,377,795.00	\$4,091,900.00	BUDGET TOTAL: \$23,469,695.00



## School return // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a few anxious ones were spotted by prepared adjustment counselors.

“Lunch staff, recess monitors, nurses, ESP’s, custodians, teachers and students worked together to direct traffic, continuously sanitize, and follow direction. It was like watching an Olympic sport. I want to thank every member of WPS staff, our students, the WPS administration, the school committee, and the parents for taking this ride with us. We’re one heck of a team.”

In the Commonwealth, Winthrop Public Schools is one of only a handful of districts that have students in grades K-12 in

full, in-person learning. While Howard admitted she doesn’t know what the future holds, she wants everyone to be mindful of what has been accomplished as a community.

“This marks the first week in over a year that our students were able to come into school for five days of in-person learning,” said WMS Principal, Brian Curley, who literally rolled out the red carpet for his students in grades six through eight. “We understand things have not been perfect, but we will keep trying our best to provide the safest and most positive learning environment for our students. I would like to thank the students,

WMS families, WMS staff, and the community for all their support during these challenging times.”

Students at all four schools were welcomed back in different ways. For the Gorman Fort Banks (GFB) students, a colorful sign donated by Mrs. Patricia Synnott, was front and center for students to see as they filed in masked and six feet apart.

“The GFB was excited to welcome students back with uplifting and important messages,” said Principal, Ilene Pearson. “We celebrate our students every day and in all ways. We are off to an energetic and enthusiastic start.”



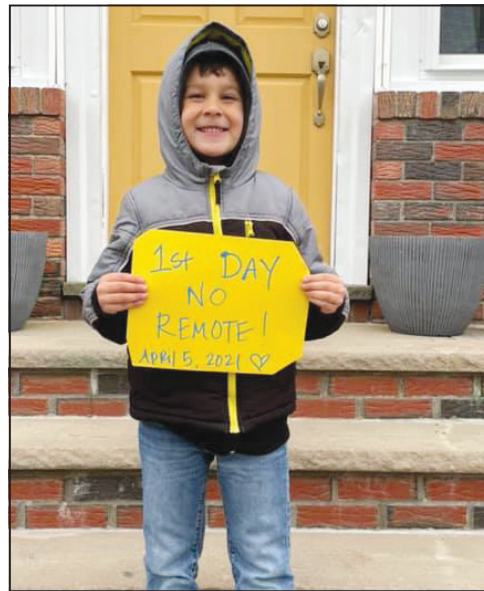
Nathan Previte gets ready to walk up the red carpet.



Custodian Steve Bigley and ESP Ellen Baxter inside WMS.



A group of middle school students get ready to start their first day of full, in-person learning for the school year.



First grader, Lorenzo Caraglia, is ready to get back to in-person learning



Bryan Guerra Duarte and Nick Pignato give thumbs up to being in the classroom

## State reports revenue collections total of \$3.061 billion for month of March

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for March totaled \$3.061 billion, which is \$402 million or 15.1 percent more than the actual collections in March 2020, and \$648 million or 26.8 percent more than

benchmark. FY2021 year-to-date collections totaled approximately \$22.588 billion, which is \$1.524 billion or 7.2 percent more than collections in the same period of FY2020.

“March revenue included increases in withholding and non-withheld income taxes, corporate and business taxes, “all other tax”, and sales and use taxes,” said Commission-

er Snyder. “Although C corporation returns are not due until April 15, some corporate return payments were received in March, resulting in an increase in that category relative to the benchmark and prior year collections. The increase in “all other tax” is primarily attributable to estate taxes, a category that tends to fluctuate. Income tax refunds are below benchmark due to

the late start of the tax filing season and recent tax law changes, including the extensions of the state and federal individual income tax filing deadlines from April 15 to May 17. However, those tax refunds may catch up as the filing season progresses,” said Commissioner Snyder.

The original benchmark for fiscal year 2021 was \$28.390 billion. On Jan. 15, as part of the fiscal year 2022 Consensus Revenue process, the fiscal year 2021 benchmark was adjusted to \$29.090 billion. The adjustment is reflected in DOR’s revenue releases beginning in January.

Historically, March is a mid-size month for revenue collections, rank-

ing sixth of the twelve months in eight of the last 10 years. Many corporate and business taxpayers are required to make estimated payments during the month. The tax-filing season is underway, and March is typically a significant month for refund payments (outflows), which reduce total net revenue.

### Preliminary March Revenue Collections

•Income tax collections for March were \$1.260 billion, \$178 million or 16.5% above benchmark, and \$173 million or 16.0% more than March 2020.

•Withholding tax collections for March totaled \$1.482 billion, \$91 million or 6.6% above benchmark, and \$154 million or 11.6%

more than March 2020.

•Income tax estimated payments totaled \$25 million for March, \$5 million or 22.1% more than benchmark, and \$5 million or 22.6% more than March 2020.

•Income tax returns and bills totaled \$152 million for March, \$63 million or 71.4% more than benchmark, and \$46 million or 43.0% more than March 2020.

•Income tax cash refunds in March totaled \$399 million in outflows, \$19 million or 4.6% less than benchmark, but \$31 million or 8.5% more than March 2020. The decline in refunds relative to the benchmark is due to the late start of this year’s income tax filing season and recent federal tax law changes, including the extension of the individual income tax filing deadline from April 15 to May 17.

•Sales and use tax collections for March totaled \$562 million, \$95 million or 20.4% above benchmark, and \$39 million or 7.5% more than March 2020.

•Meals tax collections, a sub-set of sales and use tax, totaled \$66 million, \$13 million or 23.9% above benchmark, but \$2 million or 2.8% less than March 2020.

•Corporate and business tax collections for the month totaled \$1.024 billion, \$274 million or 36.5% above benchmark, and \$147 million or 16.8% more than March 2020.

•Other tax collections for March totaled \$215 million, \$101 million or 87.8% above benchmark, and \$42 million or 24.3% more than March 2020.



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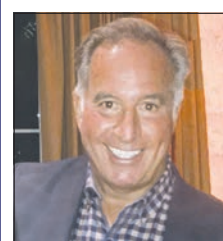
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## Vikings stun Flyers in 22-6 upset win

### Hubert stars in victory over Framingham

By Cary Shuman

Now do you believe? Taking a page from some of the greatest teams in Winthrop High School football history, the Vikings stormed to a 22-6 victory over Framingham last Thursday night at Miller Field.

Framingham arrived in Winthrop with a 2-0 record, having scored 76 points in big wins over

Brookline and Wellesley. They were a big, strong football team that was ranked the No. 1 public school in the Division 1 South sectional.

But senior fullback Bobby Hubert and his teammates shook off an early touchdown by Framingham and scored 22 unanswered points, some of which were of the spectacular variety.

As for Hubert, it was an exhibition of speed and power that was one-part Chucky Sullivan and one-

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## Mikey Chaves has ‘a game to remember’

By Cary Shuman

You wonder if junior Mikey Chaves considered in the pre-game preparations that he was going to do something that few Winthrop Vikings had ever done before in the game against Framingham.

I mean, did Jason Griffin or Vikings’ defensive coordinator James Fucillo ever return an interception for a touchdown and throw a touchdown pass in the same game? Okay, James did tie his brother Anthony’s single-season touchdown passing record and did have a Malcolm Butler-type moment in the state semifinals on the way to an undefeated Su-

per Bowl championship.

Mikey Chaves’ touchdown pass to Bryan Conceicao (off a lateral from quarterback Duke Doherty) and his interception return for a touchdown (known as a Pick-6) were something very special in the Vikings’ 22-6 victory over Framingham.

Chaves was the recipient of the Vikings’ defensive player of the game award.

Interestingly, the Vikings had worked in practice on a “challenge drill” where a defensive back or linebacker defends man-to-man against a receiver.

“Mikey Chaves was just outstanding during

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## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WHS BOYS WIN TWO MORE CONTESTS

The Winthrop High boys soccer team enjoyed a successful week, earning victories in both of its contests.

Last Wednesday coach Kye Gagin and his Vikings made their long trek to Greater Lawrence a worthwhile adventure, returning home with an 8-0 triumph.

Winthrop moved out quickly to assume control of the contest, grabbing a 5-0 lead in the first half on goals by Loert Mana, Eric Mendoza, Chris Nunes, Juan Guaque and Ben Prew.

Prew once again reached the back of the GL net after the intermission and teammates Joe Romano and Ari Hain provided added insurance.

For Hain, Mendoza, Prew, and Romano, the goals marked their first career varsity goals. Nunes and Guaque also registered assists, as did Zane Bower and Michael Soares.

This past Monday’s encounter with Whittier Tech at a windy Miller Field proved to be a 180 from the easy Greater Lawrence win for the Vikings, as they edged Whittier by a slim margin of 1-0.

The lone goal over the course of the 80 minutes of play was scored by Nunes, who neatly curled a shot into the corner. Aman Cherki got the assist.

WHS keeper Augie Cherico recorded his fourth shutout of the season.

“We outplayed Whittier

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## WINTHROP HIGH SWIM TEAM SENIOR NIGHT



Senior Captain Catherine Zuffante (left) was presented her flowers by Alyx Nelson.



Senior Captain Carlie Harris was presented her flowers by Audrey Valys.



Senior Conlan Petersen was presented his flowers by Erika Acevedo.



Senior Cody Wojcik (right) received his flowers from Adam Elqanoun. See more photos on Page 11.

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WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM DEFEATS WHITTIER TECH

Photos by Bob Marra

The Vikings rode a first half goal by Chris Nunes

to a 1-0 win over visiting Whittier Tech at Miller Field Monday afternoon.



HIGH KICK: Winthrop's Chad Bernstein (6) has a leg up on a Whittier defender as they vie for the ball during the Vikings' 1-0 win Monday at Miller Field.



WHO'S GOT IT? Mike Soares (5) and a Whittier forward seek control of a bouncing ball.



A RACE FOR CONTROL: Winthrop sophomore Eric Mendoza (12) is in a footrace along the sidelines.



SLIDING STOP: Loret Mana goes to the ground to put a stop to a Whittier advance.



PARDON ME: JD Parker is not deterred by a sprawled Whittier defender.



HOW ABOUT THAT? Winthrop junior Zane Bower (4) greets teammate Chris Nunes after Nune's scored the only goal of the game during the Vikings' 1-0 win Monday at Miller Field.



NO TRESPASSING: Auggie Cherico kept every Whittier attempt out of the net to secure Winthrop's shutout victory, 1-0, Monday at Miller Field.



QUICK FEET: Juan Guaque (9) changes direction as he moves toward the Whittier goal.



IN CONTROL: Zane Bower (4) makes a midfield pass.



WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL AND LYNN ENGLISH COMBINED SWIM TEAM HOLDS SENIOR NIGHT AT LYNN TECH POOL



Head Coach Lisa Trahant, with her team standing behind her, welcomes everyone to senior night at the Lynn Tech School facility pool.



The tradition of pouring the school colors into the pool was carried out by the seniors last Monday evening.

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for most of the game, but couldn’t finish our chances,” said Gagin. “Whittier’s goalkeeper did a great job to keep them in the game.”

The Vikings, who now stand at 5-2-2 on the season, were scheduled to travel to Methuen yesterday (Wednesday). They will trek to Greater Lawrence again on Monday and then will host Greater Lawrence next Thursday evening in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

WHS GIRLS BOUNCE BACK FROM FIRST LOSS

The Winthrop High girls soccer team bounced back from its first loss of the season last Thursday to record a 4-0 victory at Whittier Tech this past Monday.

Junior Mia Martucci led the Vikings’ offensive effort, earning three points with a goal and a pair of assists.

After Martucci, assisted by Grace Galuris, gave Winthrop a 1-0 lead, she played a key role in the next Viking tally. Mia dribbled across the 18 and delivered a beautiful pass to Galuris, who one-touched the ball to the center for a waiting Maura Dorr, who in turn struck her own one-touch into the back of the Whittier net.

“We had a lot of great passing yesterday throughout the team,” noted WHS head coach Tracey Martucci.

Lily Tallent, assisted by Martucci, made it 3-0 with a superb shot to beat the Whittier keeper and Maddie Stiglets, assisted by Emma Holmes, made it 4-0 before the end of the first half.

“We had a bunch of opportunities in the second half, but just couldn’t score,” noted Martucci. “Our passing has been great. We try to set each other up, but sometimes we can’t get the shots off. But I’m super proud of how the girls have been playing.”

Winthrop absorbed its first loss of the season last Thursday at Boston Latin,

7-0.

“That game was a big wake-up call for us,” said Martucci. “We faced a very skilled D-1 team in Boston Latin. Seeing the teams that we have this season from the Commonwealth Athletic Conference, I think we weren’t prepared for a talented and experienced team. Most of the games this season we didn’t have a lot of pressure when having the ball and they were on us right away, and unfortunately we just couldn’t adapt to the pressure being put on us.

“I have to give my goalsies, Miya Grein and Summer Tallent, who are both actually starting defenders, but who volunteered to jump in net this season, a lot of credit. We are thankful to have them,” added Martucci.

The Winthrop girls, who now stand at 7-1 on the season, were scheduled to play at Northeast Regional yesterday (Wednesday). They will entertain Boston Latin this coming Monday evening (6:30 kick-off) at Miller Field.

WHS GIRLS TRACK RACES TO FAST START

The Winthrop High girls indoor track has jumped out to a fast start to its delayed, turned-outdoor season with a pair of victories over Northeastern Conference rivals Saugus and Salem.

The first meet of the winter-spring campaign on March 25 saw the Vikings race past Saugus, 63-15, at Miller Field.

In the high jump, Izzy Mahoney came in first with a leap of 4’-6”.

In the shot-put, Sky-la Zappulla took first with a personal record (PR) throw of 24’-5.75.” Tatyanna Lewis came in second with a toss of 22’-11.” Also competing in the shot were Caroline Hickey, who had a throw of 22’-1/2”; Olivia Quigley, who threw 19’-3.5”; and Francesca Connors, with a toss of 18’-6.5”.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Zappulla earned her second first-place finish of the day with a time of 11.82.

Olexis Tallent grabbed second spot with a clocking of 12.1.

In the 55-meter dash, Mahoney sped to another first-place finish with a time of 7.8. Izzy was followed by teammate Sophia Munson, who came in second with a time of 8.3. Gianna Knapp ran a time of 9.2 in the 55 meter sprint.

In the 300 dash, Bridget Hickey ran a PR of 56.0 to earn a second-place finish.

In the 600 dash, Sage Calinda ran a PR time of 2:10 to earn her a second-place finish. Grabbing third place in the race was Adrianna Hester with a time of 2:50.

In the 1000-meter run, Beatriz Holzbach led the field with a very fast time of 3:44.8. Teammate Kailey Sullivan took second place with a PR clocking of 4:37.6.

The Vikings swept the mile, with Libby Carney coming in first with a time of 7:07.1, followed by Gianna Doherty with a PR of 7:23.7 and Heather Buccini with a PR of 7:43.6.

In the two-mile run, April Ferguson came in first with a time of 15:12.

In the 4 X 400 relay, Winthrop came in first with a time of 4:46.2. In the first leg Munson ran a 68.6 and handed it off to Mahoney, who sped away from her Saugus counterpart and opened up the gap even more with a split of 69.5. Izzy passed the baton to Tallent, who ran a 76.8, and Olexis in turn handed-off to Holzbach, who had a split of 71.2.

The Vikings next hosted the Salem Witches last Wednesday and ran away to a 67-13 triumph.

In the high jump, Izzy Mahoney took the top spot with a leap of 4’8”.

In the shot-put, Tatyanna Lewis came in first with a PR throw of 23’-8.5.” Sky-la Zappulla came in second with a throw of 23’-4.25.” Also competing for Winthrop were Caroline Hickey, with a toss of 20’-7”; Olivia Quigley, who threw 19’-9.5”; Francesca Connors with a heave of 19’-.5”; and Rachael Ramano with a throw of 19’-.5”.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Sky-la Zappulla came in first with a PR of 11.6 and

Olexis Tallent came in second with a PR of 11.7.

In the 55-meter dash, Izzy Mahoney earned another first-place finish with a time of 7.8, followed by Sophia Munson, who came in second with her PR of 8.0.

In the 300 dash, Beatriz Holzbach ran a PR of 46.4 to grab first place.

In the 600 dash, Bridget Hickey ran a PR of 2:18 to score three points for Winthrop with a second-place finish.

In the 1000-meter run, Gianna Doherty earned herself a first-place finish with a PR of 4:05. Coming in second was Kailey Sullivan with a PR clocking of 4:37.0.

In the mile, Winthrop had a sweep with Libby Carney coming in first with a time of 6:55.0, Sage Calinda taking second with a PR of 7:14.0, and Heather Buccini snagging third place with a PR of 7:41.6.

In the two-mile race, April Ferguson came in first with a PR of 14:19, followed by Adrianna Hester in second place with a time of 18:38.

In the 4 X 400 relay, Winthrop came in first with a time of 4:51.3. In the first leg Sophia Munson ran a 75.1 and handed off to Izzy Mahoney, who opened up a big lead with a split of 69.6. Izzy passed the baton to Olexis Tallent, who ran a 77.3, setting the stage for Beatriz Holzbach to run away from her Salem opponent with the fastest split of the race in 69.0.

“The girls have been working really hard this season to improve themselves,” said WHS heads coach Mark D’Amico. “They all wanted to run and compete after not being able to run track for more than a year.

“After winning the South Conference championship in the 2020 indoor season for the first Winthrop title since 1988, the girls were eager to get back to competing and pick up where they left off last year,” D’Amico continued.

“Because Indoor Track is in the Fall II season for other sports, we lost a number of our athletes this spring to soccer and some to volleyball and cheer-

Monday evening the combined school swim team of WHS and Lynn English held senior night at the Lynn Tech Pool facility.

Two of WHS’s team members are captains of the Bulldog swim team, Carlie Harris and Cath-

erine Zuffante. The other two senior members are Conlan Petersen and Cody Wojcik. The swim teams are required to hold isolated meets, turning in their scores to the opponent and taking the times remotely to determine the winners of each event.



Tradition holds that the seniors dive through a hoop to start the meet at senior night. Senior Captain Carlie Harris takes her turn.



Following school tradition, Senior Cody Wojcik dives through the hoop into the pool.



Senior Conlan Petersen follows his teammates and enters the pool through the hoop.



Senior Captain Catherine Zuffante goes through the hoop into the pool.

ing,” D’Amico added. “This team has a lot of new faces, but with the leadership of the many seniors on the team and with the help of lead captain Izzy Mahoney, the team has shown great determination to better themselves and it is showing up in meets. We are now 2-0 and working to improve on that record.”

D’Amico and his crew are scheduled to host Gloucester today (Thursday) and will trek to Swampscott next Wednesday.

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½ teaspoon onion powder

½ teaspoon dried thyme

½ teaspoon dried basil

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon honey

chopped fresh parsley or garnish

lemon slices for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Preheat oven to 425F.

STEP 2: Line a sheet pan with foil or parchment paper.

STEP 3: Arrange chicken thighs and asparagus on the sheet pan and season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

STEP 4: Place butter in a mixing bowl and melt in the microwave.

STEP 5: Pull melted butter out of the microwave and whisk in garlic, paprika, onion powder, thyme, basil, lemon juice, and honey or sweetener.

STEP 6: Grab a pastry brush and brush the buttery mixture all over the chicken thighs and asparagus.

STEP 7: Cook for 20 to 23 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and asparagus is tender.

STEP 8: Garnish with parsley and lemon slices and serve.

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WHS VIKINGS FOOTBALL CONTINUE THEIR STREAK WITH WIN OVER FRAMINGHAM

Photos by Bob Marra

Last-minute schedule revisions did nothing to

slow the Vikings as their dominating defense stifled the visiting 15th-ranked

Framingham Flyers en route to a 22-6 win Thursday night at Miller Field.



OUT OF REACH: Chris Ferrara (11) just misses Framingham's RJ Viele, who scored to give the visiting Flyers an early 6-0 lead. It was all Winthrop from there on as the Vikings remained unbeaten with a 22-6 win Thursday night at Miller Field.



TRICKERY AND CELEBRATION: Ricky Rosado (20), Mike Chaves (2), Bryan Conceicao (30) and Ryan Hovermale (14) celebrate Conceicao's 45-yard touchdown that came on a Duke Doherty-to-Chaves-to-Conceicao razzle-dazzle play.



BREAKING THE PLANE: Bobby Hubert extends the ball into the end zone to cap off a ten-yard run that gave Winthrop a 14-6 lead.



CHEERING KEEPS YOU WARM: It was cold at Miller Field but these cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about—which helped keep warm! Left to right Emily Roderigues, Caitlin Fobert, Ellie ODonnell, and Aj Delarosa



MEET MY BODYGUARD: Matt Hurley (57) clears the way for a Ryan Hovermale (14) run.



TAKEN DOWN: Bobby Hubert is stopped by a Framingham defender.

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part Jimmy Gillis. Hubert had 25 rushes for 154 yards and one touchdown. He also scored on a two-point conversion. There was some concern among the Viking faithful when Framingham scored on its opening

possession on a 33-yard touchdown pass to take a 6-0. Head coach Jonathan Cadigan wondered how his team would respond to allowing its first points of the season after two convincing shutouts. “I was intrigued to see if we did get down early, how we would bounce back,” said Cadigan. “And I think we answered that question pretty resoundingly.”

Assistant coach Bobby Nimblett went to the Vikings’ trick play book and a double-pass play from Duke Doherty to Mikey Chaves to Brian Conceicao produced a quick 45-yard touchdown. Hubert’s 9-yard touchdown made it 14-6 at the half. Ryan Hovermale’s interception stopped the Framingham offense on one drive before Chaves struck again with a 17-yard return of an interception for a touchdown. Chris Ferrara made a game-sealing interception in the fourth quarter. And the game ended with a fantastic class move by the Winthrop

coaching staff: Framingham had called timeout with 42 seconds left in one last attempt to get the ball and start a miraculous comeback. Yes, a team can score 16 points in that amount of time (see 1968 Harvard-Yale game). Instead, Hubert barrels inside the 5-yard line for a first down. Winthrop could have gone for another TD against the deflated Flyers, but Winthrop opted for the victory formation. There’s a terrific lesson there.

**Defense gets it done** The Winthrop defense clearly frustrated Framingham’s high-powered offense for the final three quarters. Stevie Perullo and Ian Harris led the tackles-made sheet with six apiece. Other contributors for the defense were: Bobby Hubert, Victor Marques, Mikey Chaves, Chris Ferrara, Ryan Hovermale, Ian Harris, and Pete Jurovich, who had five tackles and was a formidable presence all game.

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PICK SIX: Mike Chaves waits under a deflected ball at the 16-yard-line, then breaks a tackle and heads to the end zone for a Winthrop touchdown that made the score 22-6 late in the third quarter.



POWER DRIVE: Bobby Hubert keeps driving despite the effort of Framingham's Akye Boston (6).

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that drill,” recalled Cadigan. “He wouldn’t let anyone catch the ball. He’s very confident in what he does. He’s a very competitive kid and I think you saw it on that Pick-6 play.” Chris Ferrara had a game-sealing interception while Ryan Hovermale competed the defensive backfield’s trifecta with an interception of tipped pass.

“I was very happy with how our defensive backs played,” said Cadigan.

The trick play caught Framingham by surprise and Chaves delivered a strike to Conceicao for the touchdown.

“That was a great play call on the double-pass,” credited Cadigan. “It’s a great job by our offensive coordinator of just setting things up from the week before. You give a team something on film like the bubble screen (Chaves caught a touchdown pass versus Salem one game earlier) and then we throw the double-pass. It was a great call and obviously great execution by our guys.”

Bobby Hubert named Herald Star of the week

Bobby Hubert was named a Boston Herald “Star of the Week” for his electrifying performance against Framingham.

Hubert will gladly share the award with his offensive line, notably center and three-year starter Nick Shea, right guard and captain Stevie Perullo, right tackle Michael Carter, left guard and three-year starter Matt Hurley, and left tackle Pete Jurovich.

Tight ends Cam Conway, the NEC basketball All-Star, and Ian Harris, also deserve plaudits as honorary members of the Big Five up front.

Conway nearly had a touchdown reception on a well-designed play in the red zone, but it just missed connection. Cam is the son of former Savio basketball great Sean Conway, who played in a triple-overtime state tournament game at the old Boston Garden.

The Vikings break through  
The Winthrop High

football team was ranked No. 19 in the Boston Globe this week. Winthrop has yet to enter Danny V’s Sweet 16, but a win over a very good 3-1 Gloucester team (Friday at Newell Stadium) could vault the Vikings into the Herald poll.

The game against Gloucester will decide the Northeastern Conference South Division championship so there is a banner at stake for the Vikings.

A good point

Play-by-play announcer Anthony Fucillo, teamed with Alex Smith in the booth, made a good point on this week’s broadcast. Fucillo wondered why football referees -when there are non-nullifying penalties against both teams, for example, a 15-yard penalty and a 10-yard penalty – don’t just subtract the difference and walk off 5 yards, instead of walking off the 15 yards and then immediately walking 10 yards in the other direction?



YOU GOT THAT RIGHT: Cam Conway concurs with the official signal, touchdown Winthrop!



GOTCHA: Stevie Perullo has Framingham quarterback Cody Coleman in his grasp.



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ment, supplemental services and tailored supports for families.

For rich instruction, that includes \$3.75 million dedicated to starting to build up libraries, hiring Academic Response Advisors, implementing tutoring/mentoring, new ESL teaching positions, a K-8 STEM and Literacy manager and starting a new speaker series.

In health and safety, they have proposed \$1.48 million for Cataldo EMTs to do pool testing, COVID response safety liaison positions, and a new Social Emotional Team. The Integrated Supports features \$3 million for summer programs, a new City Year Fellows program, a new Supplemental Services Manager, and a new Re-Engagement Manager.

The Positive Relationship category – or Tailored Supports – includes \$355,658 for Learning Access for families, the Tech Goes Home program, and a Family Engagement Manager.

Jayanth said some of that will lay a foundation using temporary COVID dollars for the more long-term three-year investment plan.

“This is a fundamental and strategic departure from the historic way of doing the School Budget,” said Jayanth.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria gave positive reviews of the new approach, and said he looks forward to talking more about the details of the plan.

“I love it,” he said. “We’re all feeling it as parents. I especially like the three-year plan and not to have to take money mid-year and have to take

money from Free Cash... It’s good to have a complete budget.”

School Committee Chair Frank Parker said he was glad to see a new approach to the School Budget in what would be Supt. Tahiliani’s first real budget effort – given that last year she had only been in office a few months and COVID-19 had ravaged all normal budget cycles.

“We’re going to budget every school,” he said. “You’ll see actually what the budget is for in every school – how much the Webster School has and what the Devens School has allocated. We’ve not had that granularity in the past and we’ll see that now going forward.”

School Committee-woman Dana Murray said she liked the idea as well.

“As a taxpayer and a parent with kids in the system, I support the idea that they took the time to plan ahead and no go year to year...I’m grateful to be part of a City and school system that is taking the long view and not trying to patch things up short-term.”

School Committee-woman Samantha Lambert also applauded the new approach, but was especially happy to see that there was an effort to end opportunity gaps in the schools. As a long-time critic of different opportunities – such as field trips – in different schools, she said the Budget moved to end those inequities between schools with an active Parent Teacher Organization and those without such a structure.

“Just making the field trips equitable across schools and not putting it

on PTOs – that’s huge,” she said.

The presentation on Monday was a macro view of the School Budget and the first venture into the waters of Budget season. It will now be presented to the City Administration to negotiate the spending and agree upon a final number. Then it will come back to the School Committee for a deeper dive into the numbers and the programming investments, most of that being done in Lambert’s Finance and Negotiations Committee. If approved by the School Committee, it would then go to the City Council for discussion and deliberation within their overall City Budget process in May or June.

## OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS WILL BEGIN

EVERETT - The Everett License Commission met on March 24 and approved a plan to start outdoor dining in a no-frills process this spring, and also approved a package store license for a drug store inside Encore Boston Harbor.

Chair Phil Antonelli offered up a vote to allow the Planning Department to take over outdoor dining applications at there meeting, and called for businesses to begin applying for the permits.

Last year’s process eventually was moved to the Planning Department for an administrative process that didn’t require License Commission review, and now that process will start anew. The outdoor dining option was a saving grace for many

restaurants last summer and fall, and was popular with the public as well.

“We have opened up our outdoor dining program again,” said Antonelli. “Any licensee that serves alcohol and wants to have a fenced-in or roped off area in front of their restaurant needs to apply now. The Planning Department will be handling that in conjunction with City Attorney Keith Slattery.”

Antonelli said the Planning Department and Slattery will review applications for safety and completeness and adherence to regulations. Then, they will simply inform the Commission of the administrative approval. Any issues that arise afterward would potentially be reviewed by the Commission, though.

The program was approved 3-0 by the Commission.

- Encore Gets Package License

Encore Boston Harbor was approved in a 3-0 vote to get an All Alcohol Package Store license to allow it to sell alcohol seven days a week from the small drug store inside the resort.

The license was needed as the store could not be covered under any of the existing licenses administered by the Gaming Commission.

Commissioners at the February meeting did have concerns about the plan, which lacked key details like operating hours. They were also concerned about patrons purchasing single beers or single bottles and drinking them inside the resort and outside on the HarborWalk.

On March 24, Encore officials said they would be selling alcohol Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. They would use their existing security to enforce measures to prevent people from drinking the purchases alcohol in the resort or outside. Patrons could, though, drink the purchased alcohol if they were actively playing at a gaming station.

## EDWARDS ON MOST IMPACTFUL LIST

EAST BOSTON - Get Connected!, a local business networking organization, released its first ever list of Boston’s Most Impactful Black Women, and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards was on the list.

Get Connected! CEO Colette Phillips said the honors included two subgroups, the 25 Most Impactful Black Women in Health Care and Sciences, as well as the 25 Most Impactful Black Women Pioneers.

Edwards joined a distinguished list of female Black leaders that included City Councilor Andrea Campbell, WBUR’s Paris Alston, and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius.

“Black women rule right now,” said Phillips. “These women have forged trails as powerful and impactful as early Boston activists from abolitionist Elizabeth Riley to civil-rights leader and icon Melnea Cass.” It’s part of the mission at Get Connected! to showcase the contributions of people of color in the state, and the list is a logical next step to promote those achievements. To see the full list, take a look at the video below.

Edwards, who was elected as District 1’s first African American woman to serve the district, which includes East Boston, Charlestown and the North End, said that she was honored by being included on the impressive list.

“Obviously, I am humbled because I assumed would need to be a little bit more older and have some more victories under my belt,” said Edwards. “I just felt very much congratulated that people feel like I’m doing a good job and that makes me feel wonderful.”

Being part of a really impressive group of women, Edwards said that she was honored just to be nominated.

“To be in that group was really the honor because many of these women included busted down doors and barriers,” said Edwards. “This list has a lot of incredible women who have done some incredible so I took the nomination as an incredible compliment and now being listed among them is amazing.”

Edwards said the honor has inspired her to keep going, keep fighting, keep thinking and keep challenging.

“I hope I’m making a difference but sometimes you don’t see that,” said Edwards. “When you’re in the middle of some many different things sometimes you don’t know your true impact but I hope I’m making people’s lives better.”

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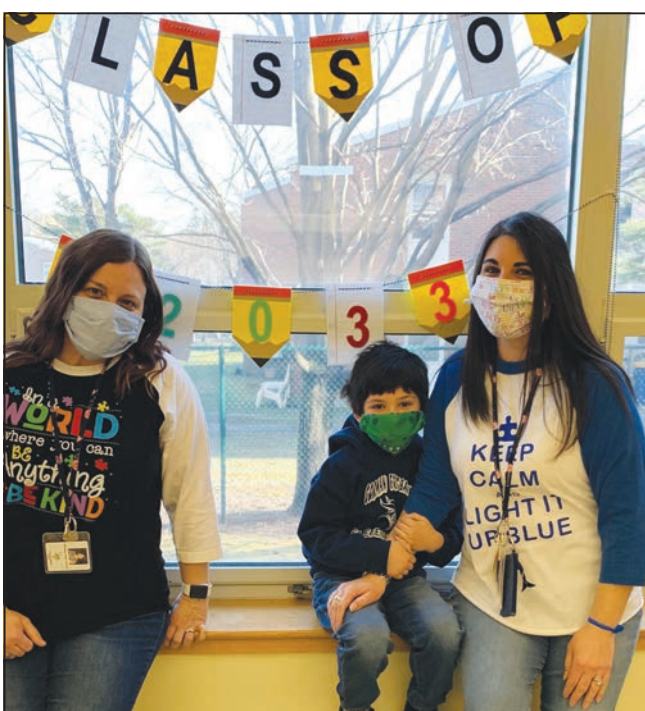
GORMAN FORT BANKS LIGHTS IT UP BLUE FOR AUTISM AWARENESS



Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month. Throughout the month, the focus is placed on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support. The return to in person learning at Gorman Fort Banks School (GFB) on Monday, April 5, overlapped with Autism Acceptance Month. In honor of this, GFB has posted many signs throughout the school, and on the first days back, staff and returning students wore blue for Autism Acceptance month.



One student shows off their shirt for Autism Acceptance month.



These teachers and student show off their blue attire.



'GFB LIGHT IT UP' reads one sign posted to an exterior window of the school.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST AT MCPHS UNIVERSITY

MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester:

- Khalid Ekaidat is a native of Winthrop, Mass. (02152) and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy. Khalid will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5

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RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The following local students were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester at Quinnipiac University:

- David Barry
- Kirsten Griffiths
- McKayla Norris
- Ryan Parker

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

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LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO DEANS LIST AT CCU

2,329 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. That's nearly a quarter of the student body with a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the fall semester. An additional 930 students were named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 GPA during the fall semester.

The local student student earning recognition on the Dean's List is:

- Nicole Newman a Undeclared - Undecided major from Winthrop.

Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees in 94 major fields of study. Among CCU's graduate-level programs are 27 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. The most popular undergraduate majors are marine science, management, exercise and sport science, communication and psychology. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as nu-

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