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NEWS Briefs

SEN. EDWARDS
RECEIVES GOLDEN
BRIDGES AWARD
FOR WORK ON
BOSTON-IRISH
PARTNERSHIPS

Senator Lydia Edwards was nominated by Donegal County Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council for Golden Bridges Award. The award is in recognition of the Senator's ongoing support and drive to deepen the connection and promote partnership between peers in Boston, and Ireland. The Senator received this award along with Boston City Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy, Micheál O hÉanaigh, Gene O'Flaherty, Jane Bickford, Richard Gormley, Joe Gillespie, & Mike and Colette Quinin. The Senator and the other awardees were recognized in a ceremony at the Irish Consulate on Thursday November 17th.

"I know when you look at me you're thinking, that's a proud Irishwoman. But truth is I'm not Irish & I am not originally from Boston. For many that should disqualify me from this award.

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FEEDING THE HOMETOWN CROWD: Winthrop fans and players celebrate the return of the Kiwanis International Trophy signifying the winner of the Thanksgiving Day game with rival Revere.

PHOTO BY BOB MARRA

Letterie's Italian Market celebrates its 20th anniversary

By Cary Shuman

Letterie's Italian Market in Winthrop Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary under the ownership of Jim Letterie.

The current president of the Winthrop Town Council, Letterie spoke about the history of his store.

"The store's been in Winthrop since 1956 with the Abbate's (formerly Terrie's Food Mart)," noted Letterie. "I bought it in 2002 and we're celebrating the 20th anniversary this month. It's been an incredible opportunity for my family and me."

Letterie's has been a popular lunch-time destination for Winthrop families throughout the store's history.

"I think what I get the most enjoyment out of is to see a whole genera-

tion of kids come through the store," said Letterie. "Basically, when I started, they were just born and now they've graduated from college. To see a whole generation of children grow up, it's really special. Winthrop is a unique town and a special place. And as I like to tell everybody, it's just a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Letterie's has a wide variety of specialties and submarine sandwiches, with the Italian and "Fig-glesworth" subs topping the list of favorites. As the Letterie's Italian Market website proudly proclaims, the store is known for "its continued tradition of quality cold cuts sliced to order, its famous in-store roast beef, the tremendous line of subs, wraps, and salads all made to order, and its increasingly popular catering business featuring Italian

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From left, Lorraine Letterie, Jim Letterie, Jake Letterie, Jenna Letterie, and Dawn Letterie, pictured at the inauguration ceremonies when Jim Letterie took the oath as president of the Winthrop Town Council.

USHERING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH TOWN TREE LIGHTING



Ben DiScipio, Abigail Bykova, Meghan O'Connell, and Rosemary Mahoney, of Big Smile Entertainment, singing, "Deck the Halls." See more photos on Page 12.

PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Winthrop fans give thanks

Vikings feast on Revere, 25-6

Special to the Transcript

For the first time since 2015, "Victory over Revere" was on the Thanksgiving Day menu for Winthrop High fans, who filled Miller Field on a picture-perfect morning for a high school football game to savor the Vikings' 25-6 triumph over their traditional archrivals from the Beach City.

Winthrop took control of the contest from the outset, stunning the Patriots with a pair of touchdowns within the first 6:11 to jump out to a 12-0 lead, and never looked back.

See FOOTBALL Page 7

It was a special day of football for the Vikings

By Cary Shuman

So many Thanksgiving Day memories were made in the Vikings' 25-6 victory over Revere last Thursday at Miller Field. Here are a few of the special moments and outstanding contributions:

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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. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, NOV. 14

0913: A resident came into the station to report a case of harassment. The officer filed a report.

1000: An officer directed the owner of a pick-up truck that was parked on the sidewalk on Washington Ave. to move his vehicle.

1436: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1508: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Bellevue Ave. for the civil moving infraction of using a cell phone in violation of the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning

to the operator.

1518: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Revere St. and assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1523: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle that was parked in a handicapped spot on Hawthorn Ave.

1934: A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls. The officer filed a report.

2050: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Governors Dr. for the civil moving infraction of failing to use headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

0620: A resident reported that the family dog had been let out of the house accidentally by the kids.

0934: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1104: A resident, who was at work, reported

that two unknown male teenagers had entered her apartment. The officer who responded reported that the caller's daughter had left school early with the two boys.

1205: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle on Underhill St. The vehicle did not have a resident parking sticker and had been placed on the 72-hour list on November 9. The officer filed a report.

1731: A resident came into the station to report a past larceny. The officer filed a report.

1920: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. and ordered it towed. The officer filed a report.

2102: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd, and Almont St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

0919: A person came into the station to report that a bronze veterans marker with an approximate value of \$300 had

been stolen from the cemetery on Cross St. The officer filed a report.

1217: A resident came into the station to report a verbal altercation with a neighbor. The officer filed a report.

1342: A resident came into the station to turn in rusted parts of a firearm and bullet casings. The officer filed a report.

1443: A person came into the station to report that she had been involved in a minor motor vehicle accident in a parking lot with a parked vehicle earlier in the day. The officer filed a report.

1700: A Vine Ave. resident reported that a scooter had been stolen from his front porch. The resident said he had been leaving the scooter there unlocked for many years without incident.

1857: A caller reported that a delivery vehicle was speeding around the town. The officer spoke to the driver, who said he was trying to make his deliveries on-time, and told him to slow down.

1956: A report of a dead raccoon in the middle of Harbor View Ave. was referred to the DPW.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

0632: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0801: An officer stopped a motor vehicle in the 500 block of Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1324: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Terrace Ave. and Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1330: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

at Crystal Cove Ave. and Shirley St. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who pulled into a parking lot to renew his registration on-line.

1349: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1616: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

0919: An officer ordered a tow for an abandoned vehicle with temporary New Jersey plates on Revere St. The officer filed a report.

0953: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Revere St. and filed a report.

1649: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a fraud. The officer filed a report.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

0708: An officer provided assistance to the operator of a disabled motor vehicle on Revere St.

1403: A Veterans Rd. resident reported that a grey pit bull was running loose in the area. The dog's owners said that the gate to their yard blew open, again. They were advised of the consequences if they do not fix the gate.

1511: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Summit Ave. to move her vehicle.

1936: A resident came

into the station to report that her social media accounts and computer had been hacked. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

0242: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles without resident parking stickers in the area of Circuit and Court Rds.

0647: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0920: A caller reported that two dogs were on the loose at Grovers and Cliff Aves. The owner retrieved his dogs.

1310: Officers pulled over a motor vehicle that had been reported as stolen out of Boston at the Public Landing on Shirley St. The operator fled the vehicle and escaped on foot in the direction of the water tower. The vehicle was towed and the officer filed a report.

1317: A resident came into the staton to report being the victim of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1337: A caller reported that a white dog was running loose in the area of the 1000 block of Shirley St.

1730: A Harbor View Ave. resident reported that her motor vehicle had been stolen out of her driveway. The officer filed a report.

MONDAY, NOV. 21

0639: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking zone in the 400 block of Shirley St. that would have impeded emergency vehicles.

Winthrop police arrest alleged drug dealer, seize illegal handgun

Chief Terence M. Delehanty reports that the Winthrop Police Department, after an investigation into drug distribution activity in the community, arrested a reputed drug dealer and seized weapons, drugs and an illegal handgun.

Lead investigator, Detective Andrew Biggio and members of the Winthrop Police Department, as a result of an investigation, obtained a search warrant for Shkamb Roka, age 29, of Winthrop and a vehicle registered to him.

On Wednesday, Nov, 23, at 2 p.m., Detective Biggio and other officers made a traffic stop of Roka and his gray Volkswagen

hatchback at the intersection of Bowdin and Buchanan streets. Roka was read his rights and detained during the search. Investigators found a folded up piece of aluminum foil with a white powdery substance later determined to be cocaine in the vehicle. Officers also found a bag on the passenger side of the vehicle containing a brownish powder believed to be Fentanyl as well as various other drugs including Xanax pulls, at least 16 oxycodone pills and a quantity of crack cocaine. Officers also found a scale, plastic bags, spoons, vials and other items used to package and distribute drugs.

Finally, officers found

a plastic garbage bag full of laundry. At the bottom of the bag, police found a loaded Springfield 9mm semiautomatic handgun. Roka is not licensed to own or carry firearms.

Roka is known to police.

Roka was placed under arrest without incident and charged with:

- Unlawful possession of firearm without FID
- Unlawful Possession of Ammo without FID
- Possession with intent to distribute a Class B Substance (Two Counts)
- Possession with intent to distribute a Class A Substance
- Possession with intent to distribute a Class E Substance

ROKA was booked and held at the Winthrop Police Department pending his likely arraignment Friday at Boston Municipal Court, East Boston Division.

The firearm's serial number and photos were sent to the ATF for further information on the weapon's origin and history.

These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Items seized by Winthrop Police Department.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

ROASTED PEARS WITH Caramel Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 pears, halved and cored
- ½ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped toasted pistachios (or your favorite nuts)

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Adjust the oven rack to the center position and heat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Place butter in a baking pan large enough to hold pears in a single layer; set in the heating oven until it melts.

STEP 2: Sprinkle sugar over melted butter, then place pears, cut-side down, on top. Bake until tender, about 30 minutes.

STEP 3: Remove pan from oven, turn pears over and baste with pan sauce. Return to oven; bake until golden and glossy, about 10 minutes longer.

STEP 4: Let cool slightly. Transfer pears to dessert plates or bowls. Top each with a dollop of sour cream, drizzle with caramel pan sauce, sprinkle with nuts, and serve.

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News Brief //

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But, I say to those people, you don't really know Ireland, Boston, or me." said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

"I loved visiting Donegal, I went to church there, learned about the Troubles in a border town, met young men and women at a trades school and I can tell you they are not much different than the folks I represented in Charlestown or the rest of Boston." said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

"We want the same things, to learn from the pain of our past and make sure our children have a better future." said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

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Brenton Crusinberry graduates from Firefighting Academy

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, acting director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), announced the graduation of 24 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

One of the graduates was Winthrop firefighter Brenton Crusinberry, who was joined by his proud family at the graduation ceremony. Fire Chief Paul Wiley and Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Calandra also attended the ceremony held Monday at the Academy in Stow.

“First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities, and these newest firefighters are needed now more than ever,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “The rigorous professional training they’ve received provides them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely.”

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational

Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today’s Firefighters Do Far More than Fight Fires

Today’s firefighters do far more than fight fires. They train to respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA, which marked its 50th anniversary last year, provides recruit and in-service training at three separate campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater.



Brenton Crusinberry (right) recently graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

BELLE ISLE ROTARY PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD



Members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club were on hand at the Danversport Yacht Club to applaud the efforts of the newest Paul Harris Fellow Geoff Wilson. Shown from left: Joe Steffano, Tom Hankard, President Carducci, Geoff Wilson, Steve and Amy Miliotis.



Geoff Wilson is the latest Paul Harris Fellow from the Belle Isle Rotary Club, Wilson received his award from President Vera Carducci at the Danversport Yacht Club.

Recently the district Rotary Hero Awards Dinner was held at the Danversport Yacht Club. 23 Hero Awards were presented from around the district to deserving members of local Rotary Clubs. From the Belle Isle Rotary Club, which covers Revere, Winthrop and

East Boston, Geoff Wilson from Win Waste, for his part in the Bear Creek Sanctuary Project was selected by his club members. Geoff was presented this prestigious award and is now officially a Paul Harris Fellow because of his outstanding community service.

Letterie's // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

specialties, homemade calzones, and our signature wrap platters, along with custom-made subs up to eight feet in length.”

Letterie has served in town government for 17 years. He is entering his second year as council president.

Jim’s wife, Dawn Letterie, has been a Winthrop schoolteacher for 35 years. Their son, Jake, is a 2020 graduate of George Washington University and now lives and works in the nation’s capital. Their daughter, Jenna Letterie, is a senior at Middlebury College, where she is the captain of the reigning NCAA Division 3 national championship women’s ice hockey team. The team was undefeated in the 2021-22 season. “That was an incredible experience and she’s now the captain of this year’s team hoping to defend the title.”

Letterie said he was grateful for the residents’ support and patronage of his business over the past two decades.

“I can’t thank the residents of Winthrop enough for their patronage over the past 20 years and all

the employees who have worked at the store. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Abbatesas for their 40-plus years owning the former Terrie’s and laying the foundation that I could build upon,” said Letterie.

Rep. Turco offers his congratulations
State Rep. Jeff Turco is

among the many residents who have stopped by the store to offer their congratulations to the business owner and long-time member of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.

“It is with great honor that I congratulate Letterie’s Italian Market on their 20th Anniversary. They have graciously fed the people of Winthrop

delectable Italian food for two decades. It is always a pleasure celebrating the success of small businesses in Winthrop. Congratulations and to many more years of achievement serving the great community of Winthrop,” said Rep. Turco.

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OUR Opinions

HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.”
-- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although economic uncertainty, spurred by record-high inflation, affects almost every American, most of us are doing okay, if not extremely well, thanks to record-low unemployment rates. However, the strong economy (from an employment standpoint) being enjoyed by the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable number of our fellow citizens, the lingering effects of the pandemic, as well as the fraying of the fabric of our social safety net in recent years, have come together to create an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially, even if they have a job. To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history. According to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, more than 34 million Americans, including nine million children, are food insecure.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for contributions to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are struggling just to get by, whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs (such as the Winthrop Food Pantry or the Police Dept.’s Toy Drive) or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas.

For those among us who are among the fortunate, there is no excuse for failing to do so.

THANK YOU, MASSPORT

While on the subject of helping those who are in need, we wish to take this opportunity to thank the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) and its dynamic Chief Executive Officer, Lisa Wieland, for once again lending a hand to Massport’s neighbors in East Boston, South Boston, Winthrop, and Worcester through their annual food drive to help feed families this holiday season.

Massport employees donated profusely to the drive that benefits several community organizations, including Crossroads Family Center in East Boston, East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, South Boston Community Health Center Food Pantry, Winthrop Community Food Pantry, and Veterans Inc. Food Pantry in Worcester. These organizations serve hundreds of local residents each month and provide critical assistance and support year-round.

Massport has long served as an economic engine for the entire Massachusetts economy and we are pleased to see that Massport recognizes its obligation to serve the communities most impacted by its operations.

CONGRATULATIONS COACH JON CADIGAN AND THE WHS FOOTBALL TEAM

We wish to take a moment to congratulate WHS football coach Jon Cadigan and his Viking team for their outstanding performance that resulted in a 25-6 victory over Revere on Thanksgiving Day at Miller Field.

From our perch near the Bob Remer press box, coach Cadigan’s crew played a complete game in which they displayed both outstanding skill and sportsmanship. The victory elevated the Vikings to a final record for the 2022 season of 7-4 and snapped a five-game Revere winning streak in their series (which dates back to 1913), thereby returning the Beachcomber Trophy to the WHS trophy case for the coming year for the first time since 2015.

We also wish to recognize the efforts of the WHS cheering squad, whose energy on the sidelines matched that of the Vikings on the field, as well as Athletic Director Matt Serino for coordinating the day’s events in outstanding fashion.

All in all, it was a great day for Winthrop football fans, who turned out in large numbers to fill the stands on a perfect morning for a high school football game -- and who truly enjoyed their turkey dinner later in the day.

MORE SANTAS DELIVERING HOPE AND KINDNESS... NOT PRESENTS

Dear Editor,

Even though it’s a few days after Thanksgiving, his image on the screen, in the stores and on the highway billboards is everywhere. He’s always smiling --whether selling car parts or tasting chicken wings from a famous chain left for him by smiling children shown snug in warm beds. He is supposed to make children all over the world smile. And for some that is a happy truth . But for too many his face just brings up loss, disappointment and even profound sorrow .

This is not against the jolly fat man with the long white beard.. I brought my own two children to visit Santa in Boston back when they were delighted to see him and put in their requests.. And for years we all stood and cheered in wonder and awe as he came down our street every Christmas Eve on a huge red fire truck in our town, Winthrop Massa-

chusetts. Those memories are personal treasures and bring forth happy tears.

But I have left over tears for other children , other Christmas Eves and other Christmas mornings than those portrayed on television. Where children sit in piles of presents and hug their shiny new toys that gleam on the screen. I’m speaking about and for the children who wake up to a different scene-one without presents or the commercial glow so promoted by our culture.

All these years later, 65 exactly I am still deeply saddened by stories my father shared of children he knew that woke up to a far different reality , He ran a small package store in a poor neighborhood of Pittsfield. The kids in that neighborhood often came in with their parents who were buying beer . Some of them would come in by themselves to buy penny candy and small plastic toys that my Dad kept on a rack beside the cash register. He enjoyed their visits all year long, except for the day after Christmas.

With more sadness than I ever saw in his eyes he would come home and tell about the kids walking in that day and quietly asking “ Why do you think Santa forgot me, Mr O’Malley ?” He would let them pick an extra small toy from the rack but he had no good answer for them,

I thought of them often years later when I was a teacher in Boston Public Schools.. My students were both middle and high schoolers . There was always a great sense of anticipation and many would talk about Santa bringing gifts to their younger siblings and what they had loved as younger children , But for too many, there was no joy recalling Santa but a memory of being left out and even forgotten. . After the Christmas holiday was over , too many would never bring up what they were missing or had longed for . But the silence when they returned in January was sometimes deafening.

My wish for them then and more so now remem-

bering their innocence and hopefulness years after leaving the classroom is the same. I wish that they are creating their own moments of joy and happy anticipation around Christmas and other religious holidays, celebrated this time of year. I wish that they are creating their own culture where sharing kindness is more important that giving presents.

Thinking back to the celebration in my former hometown of Winthrop I smile that there was something very right about that incarnation of Santa Claus and his special ritual that still continues today.

He rode around every street waving to every child and adult and was greeted with cheers.. What he was handing out to every one- was joy, shared anticipation and excitement ...He didn’t throw out candy or presents from atop the fire truck .. to believers and non, to children and senior citizens He threw out joy . And they all shared equally in that moment of giving ...

Nancy O’Malley

GUEST OP-ED

Christmas is in your heart

Back in that day ordering was tedious and arrival took weeks. Shipping back a dress that didn’t fit was a long ordeal.

As a child there was always much more that I saw, dreamed of and wished for than I ever received. Some Christmases were lean and others were more abundant. Life is like that most of the time. We have hopes and wishes that never come true and some that do. It’s nice when one or two come true.

We hope for good health and enough money to pay the bills. We hope for our children to have meaningful lives and to be independent. We hope for peace and to see positive results from our efforts in life. We would all like to be compensated well for the jobs we do. Being stuck in a job that is restraining with little hope of better wages is discouraging. Everyone deserves

a life where internal inspiration can lead to reward and a better life.

The hardest part of life is when we feel hopeless. A terminal illness. Hard work with little to no reward. An empty house that isn’t changing because you just buried a spouse. Failing when you may have tried hard or just decisions that didn’t work out too well. All of these and more can be heartbreaking. Heartbreak doesn’t do much for the Christmas spirit.

Those of us who have lived a few years know that Christmas doesn’t come in a catalog, nor never did. It doesn’t come on Black Fridays or cyber-Mondays. The multitude of Christmas programs don’t bring Christmas. Decorated houses and trees are delightful but they don’t create Christmas.

Christmas is an inside job. Christmas is in your heart and mind. The first

Christmas was a peasant couple giving birth to a baby in a barn with a cow’s trough for a crib. They were poor and just paying their taxes was about all they could afford. Yet, the child brought a joy they had never experienced.

In Luke chapter 2:19 we read “but Mary treasured up all these things and pondered in her heart...” Consider what and mainly who brings you joy and what really matters in your life and let there be Christmas in your heart during this season.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas once started for me when the JC Penny and Sears catalogs came in the mail. They came early in the Fall and I wore them out looking at the toy section. By December the catalogs where in shambles.

My mother used to order clothes and other stuff from those catalogs. I don’t remember her ever ordering toys. They usually came from the five and dime store in our town of Inez, KY or G.C. Murphy’s store in Paintsville. Yet, the catalogs were fun and gave me ideas of the latest items for which to wish and hope.

I think my mother would enjoy the Internet today. She could order online like many of us are doing. Having Internet in the country is like have an updated Christmas catalog every day. There is always a means to shop and order.

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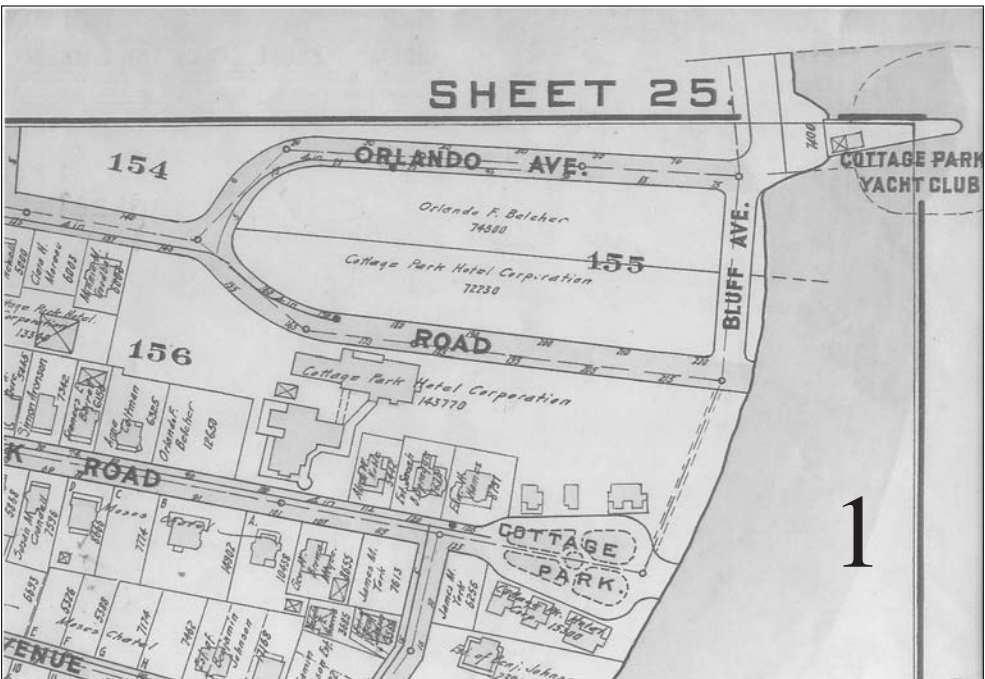
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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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ART 659 - COTTAGE PARK HOTEL - EXPANSION THRU 1895



Of all the fifty-six hotels, inns and resort establishments that have operated in Winthrop from 1880 to the present date, under no less than 75 different names, the largest and most luxurious was the Cottage Park Hotel complex located on Bartlett Road and Bartlett Parkway. As we stated in last week’s article, we have received a number of requests for more information or this resort Hotel and have therefore prepared this mini series of Then and Now articles devoted to describing first its establishment in 1880, then its expansion to its final configuration in the late 1890’s and finally the many amenities it had to offer its cliental in the early 1900’s. This article describes the expansion of the Cottage Park Hotel from its original layout outlined last week to its final configuration in about 1895 as shown on the 1906 map of picture #1. One can see the Main Hotel Building which has been extended from the originally modified Bartlett House over to Cottage Park Road. A side view of this facility is depicted in Picture #2 where, on the far right rear, the original Bartlett House can still be seen. Picture #3 shows one of the several cottages around the Cottage Park Circle that were built to provide private summer housing

for families who often stayed for extended periods of a month or even the entire summer season. This particular cottage was the third one up from the water on the right hand side just above the word “Cottage” on the map. The fourth picture shows the entire complex, again looking up Cottage Park Road, with the elaborate salt water swimming pool now installed. When low tide occurred in the evening, the water gates to the bay would be opened to rapidly drain the pool and then as the tide came back in, the pool would be refilled with fresh sea water to ready it for the next day. The pool was equipped with a slide and swing for the enjoyment of the bathers. Next week some of the accommodations and amenities provided for the pleasure of the vacationers will be discussed.

Many stories have been fabricated about Orlando Belcher, the gentleman who established the Cottage Park Hotel. One was that Orlando Florida was named after him. Historical research of the Florida community’s founding has revealed that it received its name some forty years earlier after Orlando Reeves, a sentinel who died guarding a military installation there in 1838.



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 November 30, 2012

The Independent Newspaper Group was the first to confirm on Monday with City of Everett officials that Steve Wynn would visit Everett to discuss developing a casino on a large tract of land west of Rt. 99 – a spot also being looked at by other casino developers and that had been viewed already by an employee of the Wynn Group. Wynn toured that site with Everett Mayor Carol DeMaria Wednesday and held a press conference to talk about the potential development of a casino/hotel project in the city. Suffolk Downs had been regarded as a shoo-in for a Boston-area casino hotel, but that scenario now is in doubt with Wynn’s interest in a site in Everett.

Winthrop residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the town’s future development plans at a public planning forum on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Cummings School multi-purpose room. Joseph Domelowicz, grant manager and assistant to Town Manager James McKenna, said the forum is a joint event of the town and the Metropolitan Planning Area Council (MAPC).

Belle Isle Seafood has moved just about the length of a football field from its previous spot at 1267 Saratoga Street to its new location at One Main Street in Winthrop.

Skyfall, Silver Linings Playbook, and Rise of the Guardians are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago December 5, 2002

The State Department of Education has given the Winthrop schools a passing grade after announcing the second round of assessments of school districts based on MCAS performance.

The Board of Appeals has upheld the stop work order by Building Inspector Ernest Gauthier for the property at 312-318 Shirley St. which the owner wants to convert into a 30-room inn. Gauthier issued the order because of pending court appeals by abutters to the property. However, the inn’s attorney, James Cipoletta, said his client has every right to continue work on the project as long as it does not violate use and occupancy codes.

Winthrop police arrested four Revere High students who went on a rampage in a pre-Thanksgiving Day game prank in which the foursome vandalized 25 cars parked outside of the high school with markers and then went into the school building during school hours and did the same in the hallways.

Adam Sandler’s 8 Crazy Nights, Extreme Ops, and Treasure Planet are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago December 10, 1992

Winthrop Middle School students and teachers dedicated a plaque and a tree at the Middle School in the memory of their classmate, Michael Cellucci, who passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. Students decorated the tree for the holidays as part of the ceremony.

The Board of Health

told the selectmen that 66 tons of waste material were collected in the first three weeks of the new curbside recycling program. At a cost of \$63 per ton to dispose of non-recycled trash, Board of Health Chairman Edward Hazlett said that every ton of waste that is recycled saves the town money.

A state-of-the-art chemical blood analyzer machine was installed at Winthrop Hospital last week. Hospital laboratory director Marty Klim said the new machine does its work 50 percent faster than the machine it replaces, which lead to an increase in efficiency and lower costs.

A Muppet Christmas Carol, A Few Good Men, and Aladdin are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago December 8, 1982

The Winthrop Fire Department arson squad is investigating two blazes of suspicious origin that broke out within 18 hours of each other this past week. The first was a two alarm fire that ripped through a rooming house on Shore Drive and caused \$30,000 in damage. The other resulted in extensive damage to a home at 157 Grovers Ave.

A demonstration of the new E-911 (Enhanced 911) emergency phone system will be demonstrated in the city of Newton this week. Although the technology for E-911 exists, there are many communities that do not have even the basic 911 service because of costs related to technical compliances.

Butterfly, Heidi’s Song, and The Empire Strikes Back are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago December 6, 1972

The selectmen have announced the appointment of Lynn resident William E. George as the board’s executive secretary. The post pays \$12,000 annually.

Winthrop Selective Service Board No. 156 has closed its doors at 221 Winthrop Street after 21 years of operation at that location. Its operations now will be moved to 150 Causeway Street in Boston.

60 years ago December 13, 1962

Town, school, and health officials met this week in the wake of the Cuban Missile Crisis to discuss emergency disaster plans in the event of a nuclear attack.

Maurice Burke is the new President of Temple Tifereth Israel.

Richard Cardinal Cushing presided over the funeral Mass for 17 year old Margaret Cadigan, who recently met an untimely death. Hundreds of local residents attended the Mass for Cadigan, a popular young lady, who was president of her class at Mt. St. Joseph Academy and vice president of the CYO at St. John the Evangelist Church.

A Winthrop serviceman, Peter Blomquist, has been killed in an auto accident. Blomquist was a 1940 graduate of Winthrop High School.

Gina Lollabrigida and Dale Robertson star in Fast and Sexy at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago December 11, 1952

Fred Baumeister, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, is urging all Town Meeting members to turn out for the Special Town Meeting Monday that will determine whether to keep the present system of electing all three selectmen every year to a one year term or to adopt a proposed new system of electing one selectmen every three years.

Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Wyman has warned local women that some brands of hair spray have been shown to be highly flammable. Many of these products are being ordered off the shelves in communities across the state.

Rabbi I. Kenigsberg will preside over the joint installation of the new officers of the Congregation and Sisterhood of Temple Tifereth Abraham. Harry Kaufman is the new Congregation President and Pearl Basch will head the Sisterhood.

Robert Ryan and Rock Hudson star in Horizons West at the Revere Theatre.

80 years ago December 10, 1942

Winthrop War Salvage Committee Chairman George Hamilton announced this week that the town contributed 68 tons of scrap metal during the recent scrap metal drive, which averaged out to about eight pounds for every man, woman, and child in town. However, the total was far below the 200 ton quota that had been set by federal officials.

Daniel MacAfee, a WWI veteran and a member of the French Foreign Legion until France’s collapse in 1940, will speak in the hall of St. John the Evangelist church on the subject of sabotage.

Street Supt. Lindsey reports that the completion of the extension of Jefferson Ave. to the square at Woodside Ave. should be accomplished shortly. He also said that the large, circular plot in Winthrop Centre will be available for one of the town’s beautification groups to adopt as one of its local projects.

Mickey Rooney stars in A Yank at Eton at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

90 years ago December 10, 1932

The Sir Knights of Winthrop Commandery were given a South Pole excursion in the Masonic apartments Tuesday evening when colored stereopticon views were used effectively to illustrate an informative talk by Frederick E. Crockett, who served as a ham operator and dog driver for Admiral Richard Byrd’s Antarctic expedition. Sir Knight N. Eliot Willis expertly operated the picture machine.

100 years ago December 9, 1922

Mrs. Marjorie R. Riley, a yeoman in the Navy in the world war, was claimed by death last Friday in City Hospital. Mrs. Riley gave birth a week earlier to a girl a week earlier in the Strong Hospital. It was a normal birth and she was getting along fine until early Tuesday morning when she suffered a chill. She did not improve and a specialist was called

Vikings // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

He wouldn't be denied
Winthrop High football coach Jon Cadigan said following the serious knee injury sustained by his star quarterback Robert Noonan in the Saugus game, he had remained somewhat hopeful that Noonan might return to the field.

"We both were pretty steadfast in the thought that until it's over, it's not over," said Cadigan. "Kudos to his parents for allowing him to play, to our trainer, Chris Mailhot, for getting him as prepared as possible and going through all the protocols that needed to happen, and obviously Robert for being able to mentally get over that hurdle of playing with a torn ACL. There were a few people that really played an integral part in that."

Noonan was 7-of-14 for 89 yards with two touch-

down passes in the game. Noonan's return to the field no doubt inspired his teammates, including his brother, sophomore Matt Noonan, who had filled in commendably at QB and led Winthrop to a win over NEC rival Swampscott.

The Noonan/Tallent Thanksgiving dinner was certainly an enjoyable one this year.

Acosta excels in his final game

Welvis Acosta completed his Winthrop High football career in impressive fashion. The senior fullback had 20 carries for 107 yards and appropriately enough, the final TD of his superlative season.

Acosta finishes his season with 963 yards rushing and 94 points.

Cappuccio scores two touchdowns

Nick Cappuccio can thank assistant coach Mark D'Ambrosio for being so wide open on his touchdown pass from quarterback Robert Noonan. The play clearly caught the Revere defense off guard, as Cappuccio had earlier turned on the jets for a 48-yard TD run along the sidelines. Nick made a nice catch right near the goal line and maneuvered into the end zone.

"Revere did a good job of taking away our No. 1 run play all year, which is jet sweep," said Coach Cadigan. "It did open up our jet pass which we executed a few times in the game. That was a good call by Coach D'Ambrosio in terms of seeing what Revere was giving us and then calling the play to counteract that."

Cappuccio's breakout year ("He really had a special sophomore season," lauded Cadigan) was rewarded with selection to the NEC All-Conference Team by the NEC coaches.

Cappuccio had running and pass plays measuring more than 50 yards in just about every game. "That's pretty impressive when you look at that," said Cadigan. "It proves the kind of weapon that Nick is in our offense."

Galuris receives top defensive player award

George Galuris had an interception in the game and also forced a fumble on a Revere kickoff return that led to a 12-0 advance-



Winthrop High's Northeastern Conference All-Star football players, from left, Ryan Harris, George Galuris, Donovan Cassidy, Welvis Acosta, Danny Guaque, and Nick Cappuccio. Missing from photo: Robert Noonan and Alessio Marcoccio.

ment. Galuris was the recipient of the team's outstanding defensive player of the game award.

Galuris played outside linebacker instead of his regular safety position.

"One of Revere's best pass plays during the season was the slant pattern," related Cadigan. "I don't think the Revere quarterback saw George and he just stepped underneath and picked the ball off."

Linebacker Phil Boncore also forced a fumble that was recovered by Ryan Harris.

The Winthrop defense nearly pitched a shutout. Apparently, the Winthrop coaching staff had read a story in the Revere Journal in which Revere head coach Lou Cicatelli hinted that he would go to a more pass-oriented attack.

The Vikings' secondary of Nick Cappuccio (interception), Mark Johnson, and Michael Holgersen

and linebackers George Galuris (interception) and Matt Noonan (interception) shut down the Patriots' passing game.

"I thought it was a total team defensive effort," said Cadigan, whose Vikings completed the 2022 campaign with a 7-4 record.

Holgersen had two big catches

Michael Holgersen delivered a key first down with a reception in the second quarter on fourth down. He also had a second reception on a slant pass near the goal line. Noonan delivered a strike to Holgersen in the middle of multiple defenders.

Holgersen will be a "player to watch" next season.

Eight WHS players receive NEC postseason honors

Eight players on the

Winthrop High football team were selected to the 2022 Northeastern Conference All-Conference and All-Star Teams that were announced Monday.

Six players, Welvis Acosta, Nick Cappuccio, Ryan Harris, Robert Noonan, Alessio Marcoccio, and George Galuris, were named the NEC All-Conference Team. Two players, Daniel Guaque and Donovan Cassidy, were named to the All-Star Team.

Lederman returns to the booth

Jim Lederman did the play-by-play for the Revere-Winthrop game for cable television.

Jim has been the Voice of the Vikings for 52 seasons. Jim is a WHS Class of 1960 graduate and played fullback for the Vikings.

"It's great to be back," said the Voice.

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After Winthrop took the opening kickoff at its own 41, the Vikings needed just five plays to reach the Revere endzone.

Speedy Viking X-back Nick Cappuccio -- who essentially fills the versatile role of the San Francisco 49ers' Deebo Samuel as a runner, slot receiver, and deep threat -- displayed his elite speed (Nick placed fifth in the state in the 200 dash in D-6 last spring) when he took a handoff from quarterback Robert Noonan on a third-and-nine from the Revere 48 and turned the corner on a jet sweep around right end.

Once Nick got to the next level of the Revere defense, it was "see ya' later," as the sophomore bolted past the remaining Patriot defenders to the endzone to bring the Winthrop crowd to its feet just 1:49 into the game.

The Vikings displayed some more thunder moments later when a Revere fumble on the ensuing kickoff was recovered by Michael Holgersen, putting Noonan and Co. back in business at the Revere 37.

After two running plays netted minus two yards, Noonan connected with George Galuris on third-and-12 for 16 yards for a first down at the Revere 23, the first of many clutch passes on the day by the Vikings' senior signal-caller.

A procedure penalty set Winthrop back five

yards, but a nine-yard run by Welvis Acosta got the penalty yardage back and then some. However, another procedure faux pas pushed the Vikings into a second-and-11 from the Revere 24.

Acosta powered his way for another nine-yard gain, setting up a third-and-two at the 15, from where Welvis (who was a workhorse all morning) earned three tough yards to pick up the first down to the Revere 12.

Despite their success on the ground, the Vikings returned to the passing game on first down. Noonan, standing calmly in the pocket, braved a Patriot pass rusher and delivered a perfect strike just as he was hit to the right corner of the end zone to Cappuccio, who made a fine grab to make it 12-0.

Revere handled the ensuing kickoff without incident, but just two plays later, Galuris picked off a Patriot pass at the Revere 27 and returned it to the Revere 15.

However, the Revere defense stiffened and, after throwing the Vikings for losses on two of the four downs, took over on downs at their own 25.

After Revere earned a first down to its 40, the turnover bug continued to bite the Patriots, who fumbled the ball yet again, with Winthrop recovering the loose pigskin at the Revere 37.

This time, the Vikings took full advantage of the



SWEET APPETIZER: Nick Cappuccio breaks away from Revere's Rafael Teixeira on the way to a 48-yard touchdown run on Winthrop's opening drive, giving the Vikings an early 6-0 lead on the way to a 25-6 Thanksgiving Day victory.

opportunity.

Acosta rumbled for 20 yards to the Revere 17. Welvis picked up two yards on his next carry, but an illegal shift cost Winthrop five yards to make it second-and-13 at the Revere 20.

After a one-yard loss on a running play, Noonan delivered a perfect strike to Holgersen for a 17-yard gain to the Revere three.

Acosta got the call on first down and barged into the end zone for an 18-0 Viking advantage with 9:36 remaining in the first half.

Revere finally managed to play a series without a turnover, but the Viking defense forced a three-and-out. Cappuccio returned the punt from his



IN GOOD HANDS: George Galuris (2) gets his hands on a sideline pass over the defensive effort of Revere's Maykin Funez Gonzalez. The catch set up Winthrop's second score of the morning.

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OH YEAH!: Head coach Jon Cadigan exults as he carries the Kiwanis International trophy after his Vikings topped Revere 25-6 in the Thanksgiving Day football game.



MAKE IT 18: Welvis Acosta steps into the end zone despite the effort of Revere's Chris Cassidy (5) to give Winthrop an 18-0 lead at the start of the second quarter.

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own 15 to the 42, setting up the Vikings in nice field position.

Winthrop moved the ball well behind its running game, primarily featuring runs up the middle Acosta and a 13 yard jaunt around end by Galuris that brought Winthrop to the Revere 25.

However, the drive fizzled on a fourth-and-five from the Revere 20 when a pass by Noonan was intercepted at the Revere 10 with 38 seconds left in the half.

To their credit, the Patriots fought gamely after the intermission and threatened to get back into the contest. Revere took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched 50 yards to paydirt to slice the Winthrop lead to 18-6 with 6:10 to go in the third period. The capper for Revere was a nine-yard TD pass from quarterback Carlos Rizo Jr. to Sami Elasri on which a Viking defender almost made an interception -- the ball glanced off his fingertips -- and the alert Elasri snared the ball in mid-air.

However, the Vikings put the game away with a 78-yard march of their own in which Noonan adroitly manned the helm of the Winthrop offensive longship. The senior QB completed passes of 15 yards to Galuris and 27 yards to Cappuccio, softening up the Revere defense for runs of 19 yards by Acosta and 16 yards by Cappuccio.

Still, the Vikings faced a fourth-and-goal at the Revere two, but Noonan delivered a strike to Holgersen in the end zone for the coup de grace with 1:56 remaining in the third. Galuris kicked the PAT for what would prove to be the capper of the 25-6 finale.

Any chance of a fourth quarter comeback by Revere was stymied when Cappuccio, who also plays safety on defense, made a diving interception of a ball that had glanced off the fingertips of a Revere receiver at the Winthrop 45 with 11:21 to play, marking the fifth turnover forced by the Winthrop defense.

The final minutes were a mere formality, setting the stage for a joyous on-field celebration by the Vikings and head coach Jon Cadigan, who hoisted aloft the Beachcomber Trophy that will reside in the WHS trophy case for the first time after a departure of six years, during which Revere had achieved a best-ever five straight wins in the series from 2016-21 (there was no game in 2020) that put an end to a Winthrop run of 28 wins in 31 games from 1975-2015.

Hopefully, for Winthrop fans and future Vikings, the 2022 triumph will begin a new skein of Thanksgiving Day victories over their Revere counterparts in their rivalry that dates back to 1913.



ROPHY RETURNS: Coach Jon Cadigan and the Vikings whoop it up after their 25-6 Thanksgiving Day victory over Revere. The win returned the Kiwanis International Trophy to Winthrop after a five-year absence.



MAKE A WISH: Nick Cappuccio scored his second touchdown of the morning after he went low to make the catch (above), sprang up and stretched into the end zone (below) to give the Vikings an early 12-0 lead on the way to a 25-6 Thanksgiving Day win over Revere at Miller Field.



FULL EXTENSION: Winthrop linebacker Evan Rockefeller (44) goes airborne to take down Revere runner Davi Baretto.



JUST MISSED: Winthrop's Mark Johnson (11) had a step on Revere's Maykin Funez Gonzales on Winthrop's opening drive but the pass was just out of reach.



IF YOU LEAD, I WILL FOLLOW: Nick Cappuccio (20) waits for teammate Alessio Marocchio to clear Revere's Ahmed Bellesieh from the path.



DRIVING FORCE: Nick Cappuccio sparked Winthrop's offense all season and led the way Thursday with a pair of touchdowns as Winthrop capped a 7-4 season with a convincing 25-6 win over Thanksgiving Day rival Revere at Miller Field.



Among the many Winthrop High alumni who were on hand to see the Vikings defeat Revere on Thanksgiving morning was Winthrop legend and Hall of Famer Steve Miles, WHS Class of 1952 (second from left). Miles led Winthrop to an 8-1-1 season in 1951, the best-ever record to that point in Winthrop grid history, in which he became the first Winthrop football player to score 100 points in a season. Miles also anchored the Winthrop defense as a ferocious middle linebacker, a position he played at Cornell University, where he took on the great Jimmy Brown when Cornell met Syracuse. Miles (who lives in Houston, Texas) is pictured (from left)) with his son Steve Jr., grand-nephew Jack Quigley, and son Edward.



FINDERS KEEPERS: Winthrop's Ryan Harris is about to pounce on fumble by Revere's Davi Baretto (6). The recovery set up Winthrop's third score of the first half.

The Art of the Brick

Story & photos by Marianne Salza

Nathan Sawaya shapes rigid, plastic LEGO blocks into intricate and dynamic figures in his exhibition, The Art of the Brick, on display in the Back Bay through Sunday, April 23. The contemporary artist is returning to Boston following sold-out shows in Faneuil Hall in 2014. Twice as large, this installation features over 90 of his newest sculptures assembled from nearly one million LEGOs that are individually glued together.

“I think the role of an artist is to inspire. I hope that by sharing this work with the community, they are inspired. I have found over time that art is not optional,” a message Sawaya emphasizes throughout the exhibition. “If you have a little art in your life, you’re going to be smarter.”

Visitors can explore three floors of original artwork and re-imagined

masterpieces. The collection includes a description and the number of LEGOs used in each design.

On the first floor, one can view a version of Van Gogh’s “Starry Night” (3,493 pieces), and a three-dimensional, full-scale, mosaic-like replica of Gustav Klimt’s oil and gold leaf painting, “The Kiss” (18,893 pieces), of a couple embracing on a bed of grass and flowers.

Stand beside “Dinosaur Skeleton,” (80,020 pieces), a 20-foot-long Tyrannosaurus rex, which took Sawaya an entire summer to construct; or peer into “Pop-Up Book” (19,822 pieces), in which a castle appears from the middle of an open story book.

The third floor is an interactive area. In “Pink Dreams” (102,938 pieces), sit on a pastel, wingback armchair that is surrounded by whimsical accoutrements like a heart-shaped pillow and giant soft serve ice cream cone. Families

can design cars to race on a track in the creative LEGO brick play stations.

Sawaya grew up in a small, Oregon town. He has loved playing with LEGOs since he was 5-years-old; even bringing the nostalgic toys to college and storing them beneath his bed as a source of comfort.

Later in life, Sawaya discovered LEGOs as an art medium. He still enjoys receiving sets as gifts, as he finds building according to instructions to be relaxing. The 1x2 jumper -- with one stud in the middle of a plate -- is Sawaya’s favorite LEGO brick to use because it provides him options for details.

“I don’t feel the passage of time when I’m building. I go into a trance; and I am building away. I’ll do 10-12 hours with no problem. Office work for 10

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Nathan Sawaya sitting in his interactive sculpture, “Pink Dreams” (102,938 pieces).



Contemporary artist, Nathan Sawaya, standing beside his 20-foot-long “Dinosaur Skeleton,” made of 80,020 bricks.



“Red Dress,” 62,750 pieces, part of Sawaya’s collaboration with photographer, Dean West.



“Little Dancer of Fourteen” (7,100 pieces), “The Scream” (3,991 pieces), and “The Thinker” (4,332 pieces).



The first floor of The Art of the Brick exhibition features art replicas such as, “The Kiss” (18,893 pieces), and full body statues like, “Venus de Milo” (18,483 pieces), “Augustus of Prima Porta” (22,300 pieces), and “David” (16,349 pieces).



Sawaya’s original designs on the first floor: “Pop-Up Book,” “Baseball Player,” “Ball and Jacks,” “Pointing,” and “Crayons.”

Boston Harbor Hotel announces lineup for 2023 Boston Wine and Food Festival

The Boston Harbor Hotel is continuing its celebrated tradition of presenting exceptional wine events and dinners with the return of its annual Boston Wine and Food Festival this January 2023. The nation’s longest-running wine and food festival will be directed by Boston Harbor Hotel Executive Chef David Daniels and longtime food and wine festival ex-

pert, Nancy Bean, along with Boston Harbor Hotel Wine Sommelier Nick Daddona.

Kicking off on January 12, this year’s Boston Wine and Food Festival will feature an all-star lineup of intimate wine-maker-hosted dinners, seminars, thematic receptions, and celebratory brunches at the iconic Boston Harbor Hotel. A portion of the proceeds

from this year’s festival will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank and the James Beard Foundation.

“This year we will bring some new and exciting events and programming to the three-month long Boston Wine and Food Festival, courtesy of the hotel’s Executive Chef, David Daniels, the hotel’s advanced sommelier Nick Daddona, and respected wine festival veteran,

Nancy Bean.”

Tickets are available online now for purchase and will make a perfect holiday gift for the oenophile in your life. The upcoming Boston Wine and Food Festival features an array of events that will ignite the senses to lure both novice and expert wine aficionados out of the house this winter. The five-star Boston Harbor Hotel’s 34th annual cele-

bration will continue the tradition of welcoming top vintners and personalities from the world of wine and food. Events will run on the waterfront destination from January through March, kicking off with the opening weekend on January 12, 2023.

The exciting lineup of wine dinners for 2023 will include Opus One (Napa), Staglin Family Vineyard, Far Niente (Napa Val-

ley), Battle of the Cabs, Hitchhiking through Napa with Kevin Zraly, a Wine, Dine, Divine Women’s Leadership Dinner, and many more.

Tickets to this year’s events are available on the website for pre-purchase. There is a special Boston Wine & Food Festival package for guests that will make a perfect holiday gift.

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in, who diagnosed her condition as scarlet fever. She was moved to City Hospital where the most eminent specialists attended her, but her fever had gained such headway that it could not be checked.

110 years ago December 7, 1912

The annual Memorial Services of the Elks in honor of their departed brothers was attended by 650 persons in the new Elks’ clubhouse. The Bazaar of the Sea-

son that was given by the Women’s Guild of St. John’s Episcopal Church proved a most artistic and financial success. One feature was Santa Claus, whose ears were filled with requests, and admonitions, for Christmas.

A horse was suffocated and the barn ruined in the amount of \$800 by a blaze at 34 Revere Street that turned the barn into a raging inferno.

The selectmen, once again playing the game of changing chiefs, suspend-

ed the Board of Fire Engineers and assumed the duties of that board themselves. They then restored Arthur Kimball as chief of the department. The selectmen were in session until 2:00 a.m. until all of the details were completed. The selectmen took their action in response to the appointment by the Fire Engineers of their chairman, Joseph T. Gallagher, as Fire Chief, even though he has no prior experience in the realm of fighting fires.

120 years ago December 12, 1902

Winthrop’s first park, to be known as Ingleside Park, will soon become a reality. The Winthrop Park Commissioners received a deed from Mrs. Ingalls and others for about 10 acres of land. The town has appropriated \$8000 for improvements to the former marsh area. The park will be named in honor of Samuel Ingalls, who was the founder of the summer settlement at Ocean Spray and who was a great benefactor to the

town for many years.

The schools were closed Tuesday on account of the extreme cold. The temperature in Winthrop Centre was recorded at 10 below zero. Our streets were difficult to walk upon on Wednesday because of the snow.

130 years ago December 10, 1892

Town Meeting members have authorized the selectmen to petition the General Court for the authority to establish cellar grades. In other matters,

members appropriated \$1000 for sidewalks and highways. The Committee on Water was instructed to make further search for a suitable water supply and to confer with the Revere Water Company with regard to a price for its plant.

The vestry of the Unitarian Church was filled by our townspeople Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the occasion being the annual sale of the Good Cheers at the Unitarian Fair.

OBITUARIES

Sandra Checkoway
Retired Winthrop Teacher

Sandra (Glazer) Checkoway of Winthrop passed away on November 16 in Atlanta, GA, at the age of 81 following a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Born in Chelsea in 1941, Sandi graduated from Winthrop High School and went on to earn a Bachelor’s degree from Tufts University and a Master of Education from Cambridge College. She spent more than 30 years teaching at the N.E. Willis Elementary School and Winthrop Middle School, where she served as treasurer of the Winthrop Teacher’s Association, before retiring in 2004. Sandi grew up in Winthrop and spent much of her adult life there. She loved long walks around town, dinner with dear friends, reading, watching the Red Sox, and solving every crossword puzzle she could get her hands on. Sandi is survived by her son, Michael Checkoway



and his wife, Denise; her son, Robert Checkoway and his partner, Chris and her brother, William Glazer. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Samuel Glazer, and her mother, Lee (Goldenberg) Glazer. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations in Sandi’s memory can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association and Friends of the Winthrop Public Library.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL SETS
TAX RATE

CHELSEA - The owners of single-family homes will likely see a slight increase in their residential property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2023, while owner-occupants of condominiums and owners of two- and three-family homes should see a slight decrease in their tax bills. The City Council held a public hearing last week to discuss the proposed 2023 tax rates, the minimum residential factor, and a 35 percent residential exemption for homeowners. Following the short public hearing, the City Council voted to approve the minimum residential factor and the residential exemption for homeowners. “I did a pretty detailed presentation to the council two weeks ago about the tax rate and its implications for the residents of Chelsea,” said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. “It’s generally good news for residential taxpayers in this particular tax year.” With the council approval and pending department of revenue certification, the residential tax rate will be \$12.41 per \$1,000 of valuation and the commercial rate will be \$24.92. “This will result in a reduction of the average tax bill for owner-occupants of condominiums, two family homes and three family homes, and a very small increase for owner-occupants of single family homes,” said Ambrosino. The 35 percent exemption on residential property taxes is the maximum amount allowed by statute, and will provide the fullest possible tax relief to owner-occupants in the city, stated Ambrosino. The residential exemption reduces the tax bill by excluding a portion of the residential property value from taxation. The residential tax shift is also the maximum allowed by law, and puts a greater burden on commercial and industrial properties. “The city has historically always voted, by virtue of adopting a minimum residential factor that results in a 175 percent shift, to transfer to commercial and industrial properties the maximum amount of the tax levy allowed by law,” said Ambrosino. “I recommend the same this year.” In a fairly brisk meeting on a holiday week, the only other business before the council was two letters from Ambrosino requisition residency requirement waivers for two new senior project manager hires in the Department of Housing and Community Development, Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang and Anna Bury. Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot congratulated District 5 Councilor for her state representative victory earlier in the month as the first city-wide state representative for Chelsea. Garcia thanked her supporters and volunteers and said she looked forward to working hard for the residents of Chelsea and Everett.

Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa as the Council’s liaison to the Planning Board and the Planning and Development Department at its Nov. 14 subcommittee meeting. In his new position, Costa said he will report back findings from Planning Board meetings to his colleagues on the City Council. He indicated that Ward 3 residents have approached him about “revisiting some of the business zoning” regulations that haven’t been modified in several years. Costa is a graduate of Fairfield University and holds an MBA degree from Suffolk University with a concentration in accounting and finance. Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith was named an alternate for the position.

WU OPENS NEW
SENIOR CENTER

EAST BOSTON - Mayor Michelle Wu, in partnership with Massport, announced the opening of a new city-owned senior center in East Boston, located at 7 Bayswater Street. Mayor Wu joined Massport, elected officials and community members involved with advocating for the new center at a ribbon cutting Wednesday, on the one year anniversary of her taking office as Mayor. The center will be operated by the Age Strong Commission and managed by the Property Management Department. “This new, accessible senior center in East Boston will expand opportunities for our older adults to connect and build community,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I’m grateful to all our City departments, local partners, and community members that have advocated for years to make today’s opening a reality.” The East Boston Senior Center, based on community input, will offer programs and services for older adults (Boston residents age 60+) starting December 1. The center will provide lunch on weekdays, as well as classes for wellness, entertainment, and more. Between now and December 1, the center will offer tours to interested community members, November 21-23 and 28-30, during regular hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. “This new senior center in East Boston will raise the bar for senior programming in Boston and is a great example of what can happen when the City partners with residents and entities like MassPort to serve a critical neighborhood need,” said Chief of Human Services, José F. Massó. “We’re excited to be able to offer programming that will resonate with all the diverse groups of older adults that make up East Boston.” “Socialization, connection, and community are vital to human wellbeing,” said Emily K. Shea, Age Strong Commissioner. “Research shows that people who have friends and participate in activities are more healthy and live longer. The new center will provide a place for our older residents to connect with each other and engage in a richer, healthier life.” “This was a great collaborative effort between PFD, Age Strong, and Property Management,” said Chief of Operations Dion Irish. “The renovation allows for additional

programming and services while the new addition enhances accessibility with respect to its existing urban setting.” Formerly serving as the East Boston Barnes Branch of the Boston Public Library, the construction of the new center site officially started in September 2020 and was led by the City’s Public Facilities Department. New additions and renovation of the site were initially delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain issues. This project, with a focus on accessibility for older adults, consisted of over 20 external partners, including the architect, Fennick McCredie Architecture (FMA), and general contractor, GVW Construction (GVW). Additionally, Lifespan Design was brought on as a consultant for their expertise in senior center features, which was noted in the RFP. The new center consists of two levels, with modern, accessibility features for older adults including an elevator (upgraded from a lift), wave/sensor door openings instead of push buttons, tables that wheelchairs can easily roll up to, bright lighting, a hearing loop system (hearing aids can connect to), and stairs with step-grippers. The center’s restrooms are large enough to include a care partner, wheelchair, or walker and include dual grab bars and toilet seats of different heights to accommodate older adults of varied heights. Light switches are installed at a lower height and electrical outlets higher to accommodate older adults as they bend. Outside of the center, there is a walking path in the backyard to cue folks with memory loss as well as raised garden beds, so older adults can participate in gardening either from a wheelchair or without steep bending. “The opening of this vital civic space for our seniors comes after decades of advocacy from many individuals,” said City Councilor Gabriela Colletta. “I am so grateful to the community members, former and current elected officials, and Massport for making this dream a reality. The center will be a hub of activity and bring people together for years to come.” “Supporting our seniors is one of the most important things we can do as a community and a city, thank you, Mayor Michelle Wu, the Age Strong Commission, Public Facilities, members of the East Boston Community, and MassPort for your work in bringing a new Senior Center to East Boston,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards. “I’m excited to see the long-awaited dream of the East Boston Senior Center finally realized,” said Representative Adrian Madaro. “This is something that I have advocated for throughout my time in office. Our seniors are the bedrock of our community, and this new state of the art center will provide East Boston’s elders with a dedicated space to gather, participate in enriching activities, and access supports and resources. Thank you to the city’s Age Strong team and Mayor Wu for helping us get the Senior Center across the finish line!” The City committed \$6.5 million in the capital budget for the design and construction of the new center. In partnership with

the City of Boston to improve the quality of life for residents, Massport contributed significant funding for the creation and operation of this center. “Massport is pleased to partner with the City of Boston and support the new East Boston senior center, which will deliver important services and programming,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “We are glad to see the community’s hard work and dedication over the years coming together in this terrific new asset for East Boston.” The new center will be led by Age Strong’s Lina Tramelli and Luz Leal, both bilingual in English and Spanish, to serve East Boston’s diverse community of older adults. Visit www.boston.gov/ebsc or call 617-461-3131 for more information.

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LYNN - John Hoffman can lay claim to being one of the most distinguished broadcasters in the history of Massachusetts interscholastic sports. The E Club of Everett, the Everett High sports booster organization, paid tribute to Hoffman’s 25 years of calling Everett Crimson Tide football with the presentation of its Citation of Achievement Award. With his proud granddaughter, CBS Sports writer Shanna McCarriston, in attendance, Hoffman accepted the club’s highest award at the E Club Dinner Nov. 17 at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield. Hoffman has been the Crimson Tide play-by-play announcer for 25 years, with Lynn resident Paul Halloran serving as the duo’s outstanding color analyst. The Hoffman-Halloran tandem was in the broadcast booth for Everett’s incredible run of state championships under the leadership of head coach John DiBiasio. Hoffman delivered a heartwarming acceptance speech that was followed by enthusiastic applause from the dignitaries and guests at the awards banquet. “I have a lot of great memories,” said Hoffman. “I made a lot of great friends with the coaches, the players, the fans in the stands. I got to watch the Crimson Tide band.” Hoffman recalled that “Bippy” Manuel was his early broadcast partner before Halloran became his longtime teammate in the booth. “They did a great job for me. They made me look good. They carried me and made sure I did what I was supposed to do,” Hoffman said humbly. Hoffman also thanked broadcast coordinator Josh Del Gaizo, the technical crew, and the videographers for their assistance during games, sometimes amid inclement weather conditions. “I have a lot of great memories of all the games and the great players and coaches,” said Hoffman. “This is like the cherry on the sundae for me, being here tonight and being honored in this way by Everett. Everett is a big piece of my family and I am very blessed to be a very small piece of the Crimson Tide football program who I consider to

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Additional information on our activities and programs can be found in our monthly newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Thursday, December 1

9:30am: Exercise
9:30am-2:00pm: Medical Pedicures (appointment required)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:15pm: Bingo

Friday, December 2

10:00am: Ceramics
10:00am: Line Dancing
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

Monday, December 5

9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
11:00am: Blood Pressures
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch
11:30am: Game Day/ Mahjong
12:30pm: Art with Dawn
1:00pm: Creative Writing with Gerard

Tuesday, December 6

11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:00pm: Senior Center Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 7

9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
10:00am: Bereavement and Caregiver Support Group

11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:00am: Zumba with Cindy
1:00pm: Legal Aide Group Q&A
1:15pm: Italian Class

Grab and Go Lunches are available for pick up Monday – Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight, they must be picked up on the day it was requested.

Senior Van. Van transportation is available on Tuesday – Thursday from 9am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center. Medical rides will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

Food Drive to Support the Winthrop Community Food Pantry. The Council on Aging will be holding a food drive in support of the Winthrop Community Food Pantry during the months of November and December. Nonperishable items can be dropped off at the Senior Center during our

regular hours. Accepted items include, but are not limited to: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tuna Fish, Soup, Personal items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant & shampoo), Household items (laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, paper towels, trash bags, sandwich bags). Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

Sign Up Now
Holiday Party: Tuesday, December 6 at 12pm. Join us at our annual holiday party for a Chinese food buffet and entertainment from Alan Labella. Tickets cost \$22 (checks only, please make payable to “Friends of WCOA”). Sign up at the Senior Center by November 29th.

Apple Pie Giveaway. The Council on Aging will be giving away a limited number of apple pies again this holiday season. To request a pie, call us at 617-846-8538. Pies can be picked up at the Senior Center on Tuesday, December 20 between 10am-1pm. *Limit of 1 pie per household

Dennis’ Holiday Light Tour Van Trip & Dinner at D’Parmas. Thursday, December 1 and December 15. \$10 (cash or check; make checks payable to “Town of Winthrop”); dinner on your own. The van will pick you up

from your home between 3:30pm and 4:00pm, and drive you to D’Parmas, where you can enjoy dinner before viewing the area’s holiday light displays. Please note that dinner is not included in the cost of the trip. Van trips are limited to 8 people. Sign up at the Senior Center.

Programming & Activities

A full listing of the Senior Center’s programs and activities is available in our newsletter and on our website.

Blood Pressures: First and third Monday of each month from 11am to 12pm. No appointment needed.

Bowling: Tuesdays at 10am at the Winthrop Elks.

Coffee and Conversation. Join us on the third Thursday of each month at

10:30am for an informal chat and some coffee and cookies too.

Computers are available for use Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm and Fridays from 10am-12pm.

Podiatry: Barbara Ullman, RN, a registered nurse, and pedicurist from Seen Your Feet will be at the Senior Center on the first Thursday of each month. Cost: \$20 (or \$25 to have toe and fingernails done). Cash only. Appointment required; to schedule, please call the Senior Center.

SHINE Counseling: Our SHINE Counselor, Charlie Randall, is available to help you with any health insurance questions you have. Charlie will be at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month from 12p-3pm. Appointments are required; to schedule, please stop by

the Senior Center or call us at 617-846-8538.

Technology Class: Volunteers will be available from 10am-12pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month to help you with any tech support you need. Bring your laptops, smartphones, or tablets, along with your questions. To register, call the Senior Center.

Senior Center Trips

More information, including trip flyers with detailed travel itinerary, is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Thursday, December 8: Christmas with Father*

Cost: \$118. Make checks payable to: All Around New England.

*All Around New England requires all trip participants to have had the COVID-19 vaccine to travel with them.

Sounds of Christmas Concert Program

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will once again assemble around the altar at St. Anthony’s Church for the Robert A. Marra Memorial “Sounds of Christmas” Concert Sunday, December 4, continuing a tradition that began in 1976. Admission to the concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry. Patrons are asked to bring their food in a sturdy box or bag. The concert begins at 4 p.m. The concert is principally sponsored by Bocchino Insurance Agency, Massport, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Xfinity, Astound Broadband, and Action Emergency Services.

The program includes a holiday essay written by Revere High School Se-

nior Madison Lucchesi. A talented writer and poet, her poem “Salutary Neglect” was featured last year in EmersonWRITES, a creative writing program by the Office of Enrollment and Student Success and the First Year Writing program at Emerson College.

The concert is named in memory of Robert A. Marra Sr., a violinist who was one of the original members of the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in 1948. A lifelong resident of Revere, he was instrumental in beginning the Christmas concert tradition, and the concert was named in his honor after his death in 2002.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra plays three classical music concerts each year at Swampscott High School. For more information and

concert schedules visit www.nspo.org.

The program is as follows:

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra
Robert Lehmann,
Music Director
Malinda Haslett,
soprano

Overture to The Gypsy Baron — Johann Strauss Jr., Gesu Bambino, Pietro Yon, arr. William Ryden
Malinda Haslett, soprano

Selections from “The Nutcracker” — Pyotr Tchaikovsky, March and Waltz of the Flowers

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Mass Humanities launches End of Year Giving Appeal

Mass Humanities, the statewide council that champions opportunities for communities in Massachusetts to share their stories through grants, launched its annual End of Year Giving appeal.

Since 1974, the council has believed that the humanities needs to include diverse authors, stories, and ideas. With a proven track record of championing the humanities, Mass Humanities amplifies the diverse ideas and stories that its grantees generate, through public events and media partnerships. Through these grants Mass Humanities aims to reinvigorate our democracy by telling, sharing, and reimagining the diverse stories and ideas of our citizens across the state.

“At Mass Humanities, we support the people and places committed to a better future. Our grantees and partners are the architects who can rebuild our democracy,” said Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. “Your contribution to our fundraising campaign directly supports this resilient, vibrant network.”

The past two years have been trying times for non-profits across Massachusetts. Many small organizations have been doing more with less, are understaffed and are in need of financial support to continue their work of providing meaningful access to the humanities.

In every region of Massachusetts, there are organizations and people who count on Mass Humanities to continue to tell their stories. A contribution to Mass Humanities--no matter how big

or small--is an investment in our people, our mission to reshape our democracy and our ability to uplift vulnerable nonprofits this holiday season and beyond.

“The future of our nation depends on people like you, who understand that change begins at the local level when we come together to learn, share, and imagine a better way,” continued Boyles. “This has been a time of separation and anger, but it has also been a time of renewal, of personal strength, and of earthshaking calls for a better way. In the face of rising intolerance, the humanities connect us to our place and to each other.”

Donations can be made at www.masshumanities.org/support/

“I hope you can make a contribution and I hope you can visit a local humanities organization to be a part of this rebuilding,” added Boyles. “Together, we can reimagine the stories of Massachusetts and fulfill the promise of a democracy led by and for the people.”

Why your support matters

This year, Mass Humanities committed to bringing more organizations and people into this statewide network.

In 2022, the council saw significant results of this commitment by:

- Supporting more organizations: Mass Humanities delivered \$1 million in direct funding to Massachusetts non-profits in 2022, part of \$5 million in grants awarded since 2019.
- Reaching new communities: 42% of Mass

Humanities 100 grantees were first-time grantees in 2022.

- Going to bat for grassroots organizations: 68% of Mass Humanities major grants went to organizations with annual budgets of less than \$500,000; 69% had five or fewer employees.

- Creating opportunities for diverse audiences: 73% of Mass Humanities 2022 Clemente Course in the Humanities students self-identified as people of color.

“Your contribution this month to our fundraising campaign directly supports this resilient, vibrant network,” said Boyles.

What your donation supports

From the local museum director who rallies a small town to read the words of Frederick Douglass on Juneteenth to the human services center that welcomes new immigrants to record and share their stories. From the documentary filmmaker chronicling the lives and heroic persistence of her neighbors to the librarian willing to host a difficult conversation in the face of hostile threats. From the single mother juggling two jobs to study history and improve her writing skills through the Clemente Course in the Humanities to the faculty members tutoring, mentoring, and encouraging Clemente students in six cities.

The future of the Commonwealth depends on these people, these voices and these stories.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P2655EA Estate of: Cynthia Erlinda Lipman Also known as: Cynthia E. Lipman Date of Death: 10/01/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gabriella N. Fujiwara of Myrtle Beach, SC requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Gabriella N. Fujiwara of Myrtle Beach, SC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/09/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administra-

tion directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 28, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 12/01/22 W

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Marilyn F. Dalton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MSA Mortgage, LLC, dated June 6, 2011 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 48008, Page 161, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

MSA Mortgage, Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., recorded on March 25, 2014, in Book No. 52785, at Page 55 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to LoanCare, LLC, recorded on July 12, 2017, in Book No. 58211, at Page 189 LoanCare, LLC to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, recorded on July 10, 2019, in Book No. 61397, at Page 261 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on December 19, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 36 Floyd Street, Winthrop, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The land in said Winthrop with the buildings thereon, being shown as Lot 17 in Block "F" on the plan entitled "Plan of Lands belonging to the Winthrop Shore Land Company, Winthrop, Mass.," dated May 1, 1889, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 1873, and bounded and described

as follows: NORTHEAST-ERLY: by Floyd Street, as shown on said plan, fifty (50) feet; SOUTHEAST-ERLY: by Lot 18 as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY: by Lots 27 and 28 as shown on said plan, fifty (50) feet; and NORTHWESTERLY: by Lot 16 as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 5,000 square feet of land. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 7743, Page 224. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in

the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 21634 11/17/22, 11/23/22, 12/01/22 W

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Notice The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC) has received a KENO License application from: Viking Pub 50 Putnam St. Winthrop, MA Estimated weekly traffic: (number of people):500 Current No. of Cashier positions selling Lottery products: 0 Percentage of floor space currently devoted to Lottery sales: 0% Percentage of floor space for KENO sales: 5% Estimated annual gross revenues of current Lottery products: \$0 Estimated percentage of gross revenues from sales of Lottery products: 7% Estimated net income to be derived by sales of KENO products at this location: \$6,000 If you object to these agent(s) receiving a monitor, you must do so, in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this letter. If applicable, please address your written objection to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Legal Department, 150 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125

40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday December 15, 2022, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Shirley Goodwin-Property Address: 45 Birch Rd. The applicant seeks a Special Permit to utilize his residence for the purpose of renting _____ bedroom(s) and operating as a legal Bed & Breakfast/Transient Lodging Business. The permit was denied in accordance to the Town of Winthrop Zoning By-Laws Chapter 17.49.020 requiring a Special Permit from the Winthrop Board of Appeals. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available for review at the Town Hall Clerk's Office room 5 Darren Baird, Chairman Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 12/01/22 W

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IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR — WPD CONDUCTS ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



Courtesy photos

This past Sunday (November 27), the Winthrop Police Department conducted its annual Toy Drive event for local families and children in need of assistance at the Cummings School. As the accompanying photos attest, the event was a great success and included a visit by Santa himself.

However, there is still time to donate. A drop-off box is located in the Winthrop Police Station lobby 24/7 from now through mid-December for Winthrop residents to drop off toys.

Last year, thanks to the community's support, the Winthrop P.D. was able to provide toys for over 80 Winthrop families (more than 300 children). The generosity of Winthrop res-

idents and businesses enabled the Winthrop Police to support the non-profits Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center and Harbor Cove Domestic Violence Center, as well as the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the Winthrop CLEAR Team, and the Winthrop public schools.

The holiday campaign also assisted 20 of our senior citizens with supplies for Christmas dinner.

"Santa and the Winthrop Police Department thank YOU for placing Winthrop always at the top of Santa's 'good' list!" said Winthrop Police Det. Samantha Ferrino.

If you (or someone you know) are in need of assistance this year, please email Detective Ferrino at Sferrino@town.winthrop.ma.us. (In the subject line please type: Toy Drive.)



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be the best program in the state.

"Thank you and God bless you all," Hoffman said in concluding his remarks.

Hoffman continues to serve as the TV-15 play-by-play announcer for Lynn high school sports. Hoffman's annual year-ending All-Star Awards Party, in which he and TV-15 honor the top student-athletes in the city, has become a much-anticipated and much-appreciated event on the Lynn sports calendar.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES AFFORDABLE HOUSING

REVERE - Ward 4 City Councillor Patrick Keefe wants to see what the city's new Affordable Housing Trust committee can accomplish before moving ahead with a motion he recently filed asking the city to look at using underutilized space to increase affordability options for senior citizens.

"I didn't get much of a formal response, but I did speak to some people in the mayor's office, as well as with the mayor himself in regards to their doing more with affordable housing in the city," said Keefe at a recent council economic development subcommittee meeting. "The Affordable Housing Trust and trustees are still getting their feet beneath them, so I think granting them some more time to get up to speed to research what type of funding they will need to make certain things happen."

Last year, the City Council approved the establishment of an affordable housing trust, which specifically sets aside money to establish and promote affordable home ownership and rental opportunities. Earlier this year, however, the council voted down an inclusionary zoning proposal that would have set aside a certain percentage of new development as affordable units.

"I also spoke to the director of Revere Housing,

and he gave some really good points on what they can and cannot do, and there are some hurdles to overcome when it comes to what the Revere Housing Authority can do," said Keefe. "But I think everyone has the right intentions, I would just like to see if there is a little more of that official collaboration on what we can control."

In regards to the proposed inclusionary zoning changes that failed several months ago, Keefe said he would like to see if the city can work to increase affordable housing opportunities with the boards it already has.

Council President Gerry Visconti noted that the Affordable Housing Trust Committee just recently held its first meeting.

"Once they get off and running, we can figure out what is the appetite there, and get more information from them," said Visconti.

In other business, the economic development subcommittee recommended the council accept a donation of land on

Revere Beach Parkway from Paul Ferragamo for conservation purposes.

The full City Council later approved accepting the half-acre parcel from Ferragamo.

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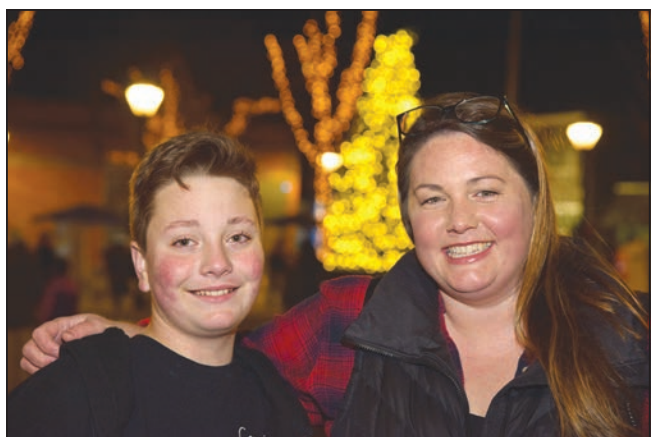
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