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CANDIDATES FORUM PLANNED ON OCTOBER 24

Mark your calendars. The Winthrop Republican Town Committee will be hosting a candidates' forum on Tuesday October 24, at 7:00pm at the Winthrop Senior Center on Harvard Street. This may be your only chance to meet the candidates for Winthrop Offices in person and ask them questions. In today's environment it is vitally important to understand your representatives' positions and policies.

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee has presented a candidates' forum since 2019, and it has always been a great event for the community. Although it is presented by the Republican Committee it is a nonpartisan event. All community candidates will be invited, and all candidates will be asked the same questions and treated equally.

After the hour long program candidates will be allowed to stay and speak to people in attendance individually.

Look for future announcements detailing event specifics as it gets closer to October 24. Also anyone can go to Winthrop Republican Town Committee on Facebook to look up details as they become available.

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Winthrop Police Department accepting applications for Civilian Police Academy

Chief Terence M. Delehanty is pleased to announce that residents can now sign up for the Winthrop Police Department's Civilian Police Academy this fall.

This free program is open to Winthrop residents age 18 and up. Classes will be held on Thursdays from Nov. 2 through Jan. 18, from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Lyceum Room at the E.B. Newton School Cultural Center, 45 Pauline

St. Classes will not be held the week of Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Members of the Winthrop Police Department will lead classes in their fields of expertise during the 10 weeks. Topics will include domestic violence, police exploring, motor vehicle law, patrol procedures, accidents, firearms, critical incidents, implicit bias, gangs, juveniles, as well as narcotics enforcement, prevention

and treatment. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend a ride-along with a Winthrop Police officer.

"We encourage all that are eligible to sign up for this great learning opportunity," Chief Delehanty said. "Participants will have the chance to receive first-hand experience from our department members on a number of public safety topics to gain a wide education on police

matters and criminal justice."

Residents are asked to drop off or mail a completed application to the Winthrop Police Department, 3 Metcalf Square. Mailed applications should be addressed to the care of Lt. Stephen Rogers. For those who prefer to complete the application virtually, please visit winthroppublicsafety.com/civilian-police-academy/.

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FHBC launches website for new Fire House

By Adam Swift

The Fire House Building Committee (FHBC) has been getting out the word online about the town's proposed new fire station on Winthrop Street.

The winthropfirestation.com site went live about two weeks ago and has already received about 1,000 unique visitors, according to members of the committee.

The site hosts a wealth of information about the proposed project, which will go before voters for a debt exclusion vote on Nov. 7, including the financial impact for homeowners, videos of past meetings, and a frequently asked question section. Residents are also able to ask questions about the project directly through the website.

Council President Jim Letterie said committee members aim to answer all questions about the project within 24 hours.

The total cost of the project, which is proposed for the site of the Wadsworth Building and Kirby Funeral Home, is expected to come in at between \$36-\$40 million.

The new fire station would replace the current two stations on Shirley Avenue and Pauline Street, both of which are more than a century old.

Letterie said the building committee is pleased with the traffic on the website, which has seen upticks in interest at certain times, such as when there is a Facebook post about the project, or when it is discussed in Town Manager Tony Marino's weekly blog.

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Sean Driscoll earns 100th career coaching victory

By Cary Shuman

St. Mary's head coach Sean Driscoll candidly told reporters after last Friday's game that he didn't think victory was a likelihood when his team was trailing by 14 points late in the third quarter.

But freshman Maxwell Parent led the way back with two touchdowns and the game-winning extra point, and the Spartans delivered a thrilling 15-14 victory over the Winthrop Vikings at Manning Field.

And with that stirring comeback, Sean Driscoll,

the former Winthrop head coach, had his 100th career victory. Sean's son, Dylan Driscoll, the former Winthrop star quarterback and assistant athletic director at St. Mary's, and Chris Beranger, the former Win-

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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, SEPT. 4

0919: An officer informed a construction crew at a residence on Beacon St. that the town by-law forbids such work on weekends and holidays. The workers went inside to paint for the day.

11113: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1311: An officer dispersed a youth with a BB or airsoft gun who was with his parents from Hannaford Park.

1643: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident at 46 Main St. in which a car struck a tree. The vehicle was towed and the officer filed a report.

2017: An officer retrieved a Golden Retriever with no collar from a backyard on Undine St. and returned it to the owner.

2111: Revere police requested that a Winthrop officer check out a motor vehicle reportedly involved in a hit-and-run in their city that is registered to a Fremont St. resident. The officer located the owner of the vehicle, which is a company van, who told the officer that the operator is a Chelsea resident, who had fled on foot from the scene of the accident.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

0250: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a parking permit on Locust St.

0928: A person came into the station to report that his motor vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator while parked at the Public Landing on Sunday.

1145: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a mi-

nor motor vehicle accident on Lincoln St.

1537: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the driveway of an Upland Rd. residence.

1724: A Governors Park resident reported that she had just returned from vacation and her parked motor vehicle had been struck. The officer filed a report.

2331: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at 308 Main St. in which a motor vehicle struck a utility pole. National Grid was called to the scene and the motor vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

0005: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. and issued a citation to the operator, a 42 year-old Salem man, for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and for the civil infraction of improper operation of a motor vehicle for wearing flip-flops. The vehicle was towed.

1038: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Harbor View Ave. in which a truck with a trailer struck a parked motor vehicle. The officer made contact with the owner of the parked vehicle and filed a report.

1123: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Cliff and Highland Aves. and arrested the operator, Jordy Joel Ramos Romero, 25, of Chelsea, for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class A controlled narcotic substance. The vehicle was towed and a narcotics K-9 was requested from the State Police.

1226: A resident came into the station to report that the driver's side mirror of her parked vehicle on Woodside Ave. was struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1606: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Upland Rd. and assisted the

parties with the exchange of papers. The officer filed a report.

1817: An officer directed youths jumping off the bridge at Belle Isle to cease doing so and sent them home.

1934: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main St. and Amelia Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

1008: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Waldemar Ave. and Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1117: A caller reported that her motor vehicle was struck on Main St. by a hit-and-run operator who fled toward East Boston. The officer filed a report.

1136: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Moore St. in which a parked vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1140: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1230: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Tewksbury Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1258: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cutler St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1308: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1317: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1343: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1417: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1430: An officer assisted at the scene of a clean-up of a gasoline spill at the Mobil station on Main St.

1433: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1443: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Shirley St. in which a parked vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1456: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1529: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant and Pauline Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1646: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a suspended registration at Shore Drive and Irwin St. The officer directed the operator to drive his vehicle home and leave it parked on private property. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense.

1732: An officer stood by as a tow company was called to the Public Landing to tow a boat trailer with a broken axle.

1925: An officer responded to the CVS for a report of a male and female causing a disturbance. Both parties were given No Trespass notices from the store. The officer filed a report.

2128: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cliff Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2136: An officer directed persons in a motor vehicle to leave Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

0715: An officer assisted the parties with the

exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Winthrop St. The officer filed a report.

0806: An officer directed the operator of an unregistered motor vehicle to park the vehicle in the parking lot on Crest Ave. until the registration situation is resolved. The officer filed a report.

1024: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1034: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1238: Harbormaster Hickey stopped a jet ski that was operating at a high rate of speed in the vicinity of the Public Landing and issued a citation to the operator for reckless operation.

1242: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1442: A Governors Drive resident called the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1726: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Franklin St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1826: An officer moved along two motor vehicles that were parked facing the wrong way on Douglas St.

2007: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Harvard Sts. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dusk. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Revere Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2116: An officer dispersed an unruly group of youths from the 7/11 after the football game.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

0257: An officer directed persons playing music loudly on their boat at the Atlantic Marina to turn it off for the night.

1006: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked on the sidewalk on Cliff Ave. to move the vehicle.

1030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. that had been reported as stolen out of Everett and arrested the operator (who asserted that he had permission from his neighbor to use the vehicle) and two passengers. The persons arrested were: Juan C. Osorio, 39, of Chelsea, for the criminal offenses of receiving stolen property with a value greater than \$1200 and larceny of a motor vehicle; Manuel Eduardo Berrios, 39, of Chelsea, for the criminal offenses of receiving stolen property with a value greater than \$1200 and larceny of a motor vehicle; and Robert J. Mazzeo Jr., 40, of Chelsea, for the criminal offenses of receiving stolen property with a value greater than \$1200, larceny of a motor vehicle; using a motor vehicle without authority, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

1423: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance among roommates at a Cliff Ave. residence. The officer restored the peace.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

0646: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a driveway on Revere St.

0801: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked on the sidewalk on Cliff Ave. to move the vehicle.

0839: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked on Wave Way Ave. that was making it difficult for vehicles to travel on the street.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

0730: A report of a person being bitten by a dog on Kennedy Rd. was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

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The Winthrop Police Department will conduct a background check on applicants to determine their acceptance into the academy.

Residents will be notified by email if they have been accepted into the

class. The class is limited to 20 participants.

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• 2 eggs, beaten

• 1 cup mashed bananas

• 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

• 2 cups all-purpose flour

• 1 teaspoon baking powder

• ½ teaspoon salt

• 1 (10 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained and chopped

• ½ cup shredded coconut

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour 12 muffins cups or line with paper liners.

STEP 2:

Beat sugar and margarine together in a bowl using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy; stir in eggs. Stir bananas into margarine mixture; stir in vanilla extract.

STEP 3:

Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl; stir into margarine mixture until just combined. Fold oranges and coconut into batter. Spoon batter into muffin tins.

STEP 4:

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean, 20 to 30 minutes.

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Local banks help in the fight against homelessness

A group of Massachusetts-based banks recently celebrated a campaign that raised awareness and \$300,000 for nonprofit Heading Home, which works to end homelessness.

During last Friday's Red Sox – Orioles game, bank representatives appeared on the Fenway Park baseball diamond to present an oversized check to Heading Home. The Boston-based nonprofit is one of the city's leading providers of emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing for extremely low-income families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

The campaign, "Heading4Home," launched in April 2023 with eight banks participating at various levels all united for the same goal.

"We are excited and proud to see community banks in Massachusetts come together in the fight against homelessness," said Northern Bank President & CEO Jim Mawn. "As community bankers, we represent a powerful force because of our collective commitment to the communities we serve. We are uniquely positioned to give back in a meaningful way. Thank you to all the

banks for your participation – we cannot wait to do this again next year!"

Before the teams took to the field, the following statement was read aloud to thousands in the Fenway crowd: "On the field today, we have local bank leaders who have joined together to support Heading Home in its tireless efforts to end homelessness throughout Greater Boston. This joint \$300,000 donation will support thousands of adults and children on their paths out of homelessness."

Participating banks included: Avidia Bank, Berkshire Bank, Brookline



Back row, left to right: Northern Bank President & CEO Jim Mawn, Cambridge Savings Bank President & CEO Wayne Patenaude, Avidia Bank Executive Vice President Nick Karmelek. Front row (L-R): Winchester Co-Operative Bank Vice President Katie Gatcomb, HarborOne Bank First Vice President Maureen Wilkinson, Heading Home CEO Danielle Ferrier, Heading Home Chief Development Officer Suzanne Picher, Heading Home Director of Major Gifts Joe Gravellese, Berkshire Bank Senior Vice President Maria Montgomery.

Bank, Cambridge Savings Bank, HarborOne Bank, Northern Bank, Salem Five Bank and Winchester Co-Operative Bank.

Planning is already underway for a larger "Heading4Home" campaign, which is set to launch in 2024.

Any bank that is interested in participating should contact Northern Bank's Michelle Arnold at marnold@nbt.com.

Fire House // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

On the financial tab of the website, Letterie said homeowners can calculate the tax impact from the borrowing for the project. However, he noted that it is likely that not all the borrowing will be done at once.

If the project and debt exclusion is approved in November, Letterie stated there could be some borrowing done next January for items such as hiring an architect or project manager that would hit the tax rolls about halfway through Fiscal Year 2025.

The majority of the borrowing would likely not hit the tax rolls until the middle of FY27, Letterie said. Some of that borrowing would also be offset by borrowing for projects

such as the Arthur T. Cummings School which will be coming off the books in the future.

The town will also be able to recoup money from the existing firehouse sites if the project passes, Letterie said.

"I think we've said and been pretty up front that the fire station on Shirley would probably be prime

for redevelopment," said Letterie, adding that there has been a lot of ongoing redevelopment in the Shirley Avenue area.

Letterie said the committee has also been steady in its commitment that whatever is done with the fire station on Pauline Street, the town feels a deep obligation to maintain that structure and the

physical appearance of that building for historical significance.

The next scheduled meeting of the Fire House Building Committee is for a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at the senior center.

At that meeting, Letterie said the building committee will be presenting initial plans for a phase II of

the project, which calls for the renovation and addition to the police station.

Fire Chief Scott Wiley also urged any residents who want more information about the project to contact the building committee to set up a smaller group meeting with committee members to discuss the project.

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SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH BBQ SUNDAY

All are welcome at the second annual Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Mass and Picnic on Sunday, September 24, in place of the 11:00 and 12:00 Masses, St. Michael's will have a special 11:30 Mass which will be followed by festivities, including: live music by John Polino, face painting, crafts, games and a bouncy house. Enjoy a barbecue with cold drinks, fresh popcorn, desserts, and a slush cart. Picnic tickets are just \$5 per person or \$20 a family.

The picnic will take place in the main parking lot at 320 Winthrop Street, but will be moved inside to the gym if it rains. Entrance is at Ocean View Street. Donations are gratefully accepted for drinks, such as water, soda, or juice boxes, which can be dropped off at the parish center cafeteria (Saint John the Evangelist school) in advance. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Come and enjoy fellowship, food and fun.

DAYTIME BRIDGE MACHINERY INSTALLATION AT CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE

The Massachusetts

Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be conducting work to install span guide roller machineries on the Chelsea Street Bridge in East Boston and Chelsea. This work is scheduled to take place Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This work is schedule to begin on Monday, September 25 and will conclude on Friday, November 17. There will be no weekend closures during scheduled Sumner Tunnel closures. The work will require off peak temporary lane and sidewalk closures. The bridge will remain fully operational during the installation of the new machinery and pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained at all times. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and is subject to change without notice.

Drivers who are traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com

to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

- Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

PASSENGERS URGED TO PLAN AHEAD AS DETOURS EXPECTED AT BOSTON LOGAN

Due to ongoing roadway work that will impact passengers using Terminals B, C and E roadways, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is urging departing passengers to plan for extra time if driving to the airport and/or utilize the various transit modes to get to and from Logan. Terminals B and C are Boston Logan's busiest terminals – B serves American, United, Air Canada, Spirit, Southwest, Boutique and Alaska, while C serves JetBlue, Aer Lingus, Cape Air and TAP Air Portugal. Ongoing roadway construction will revamp the current terminal roadway system to eliminate backups, enhance the passenger pick-up and drop off process, and get passengers to and from the terminals faster, improving the overall customer experience at Boston Logan.

During the 11-day period through September 25 (weather permitting), the roadway construction will require detours. Terminals C and E Departures traffic will be detoured to alternative roadways. Terminal C Departures level traffic will be re-routed to the Arrivals level roadway to the Terminal C Ride App area in Central Parking. Terminal E Departures level traffic will be detoured through Terminal B Departures. For one day on September 16, Terminal C and E Arrivals traffic will be detoured through Terminal B Arrivals. Additional signage is being installed and State Police and Massport Ground Transportation staff will be on site to assist drivers.

The roadway construction is replacing the aging roadway infrastructure along both levels between the terminals. When work is completed, Terminals C and E Departures traffic will be able to use the newly constructed roadway and will no longer have to merge with vehicles exiting Terminal B. The construction will also create more curb space at Terminal C – and reduce congestion on Boston Logan's roadways – by improving traffic flow and increasing traffic safety. This project is set to be completed this November. We strongly urge passengers to take advantage of the various transit modes to and from Logan, such as MBTA's Silver Line (FREE from Logan), Blue Line and water ferry, Logan Express, and private bus lines. Massport operates four suburban Logan Express services including Framingham, Braintree, Woburn and most recently Peabody at the North Shore Mall. For those picking up loved ones at Logan, we are encouraging the use of Boston Logan's two Cell Phone Lots, located on

Service Road and in the area adjacent to the Rental Car Center, to prevent congestion at the terminal curbs. Drivers should follow the signs to either of the Cell Phone Lots, and park until the person or party being picked up is ready at the terminal curb. Each location has approximately 100 parking spots. Additional customer benefits from this initiative include:

- Less queuing on roadways;
- Reduction of vehicle emissions associated with traffic delays;
- Increased infrastructure resiliency;
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TOUCH A TRUCK THIS SATURDAY



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The Suffolk Downs Third annual Touch a Truck event has been re-scheduled for Saturday, September 23. Touch a Truck will provide kids and kids at heart an up-close view of tractors, trucks, diggers, police cars, fire engines and more! Attendees will be able to sit in the seats, honk the horns, and take their picture on the front end. There will also be kids activities, face painting, games, bubbles, food trucks, and craft beer by Night Shift Brewery in the Paddock! Shown above, the scene at the Touch a Truck at Suffolk Downs event last year, where work vehicle admirers young and old were welcome at Suffolk Downs to Touch A Truck.

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OUR Opinions

GET YOUR COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

While we would all love to leave COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, the stark reality is that the virus is still circulating among us, with the elderly and persons with compromised immune systems the most vulnerable to becoming seriously ill and dying from the virus.

Even otherwise healthy individuals, especially if they are overweight, run the risk of becoming seriously ill from the disease in the short-term and potentially suffering the lingering and debilitating effects of long-COVID, which has been well-documented, though it remains poorly understood.

Fortunately however, the CDC has approved the updated COVID booster vaccine that has been proven to be an effective and safe preventative measure against both catching the disease in the first place and, if infected, mitigating its most harmful effects.

The reasons we need an updated booster are three-fold: First, the effectiveness of the vaccine diminishes over time. Thus, the shots we received last year are significantly less protective today than they were 12 months ago. Second, the virus has mutated in the past year and the updated vaccines will provide protection against this ever-changing virus. Third, as we enter the fall and winter months, families will be gathering, with many having traveled in airplanes and returning from school, which are breeding grounds for the virus, and therefore looming as potential threats for parents and grandparents. We would note that from January to July of this year, 88 percent of deaths from COVID-19 were among people who were 65 years or older.

We urge all of our readers, regardless of age, to get the latest COVID-19 booster as soon as possible, both for our own health and that of our friends, co-workers, and family members.

MITT COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT PRESIDENT

The announcement this week by Utah Senator Mitt Romney that he will not seek re-election in 2024 leaves a void not only in the Republican party, but on our national political scene.

When Mitt Romney was our governor, he showed that a person of integrity and dedication to office can get things done for the benefit of all citizens. His willingness to work with the Democrats to pass the landmark health care bill that guarantees health insurance for all Massachusetts residents served as a model for the historic Obamacare legislation a few years later at the national level.

In addition, Romney did not play politics (in contrast to governors both before and after)

with his government and judicial appointments. Mitt Romney was a straight shooter who held to the simple belief that excellence in government is attainable.

Unfortunately, Romney sold his proverbial soul to the devil when he entered national politics, changing his previously-held views on a woman's right to choose and even disavowing his own creation, dubbed Romneycare, despite its success in Massachusetts, in order to cater to the archconservatives of the modern Republican party.

However, after his unsuccessful run for president in 2012 in which he was defeated by Barack Obama, Mitt Romney became the de facto leader of the opposition to the ultra-Republicans whose modus operandi can only be described as anarchy.

"A very large portion of my party," said Romney, "really doesn't believe in the Constitution."

Even though we disagree with Mitt Romney on just about every issue, we nonetheless believe that he is one of the few politicians who would have made a great President. His departure from the U.S. Senate will leave a void that few, if any, will dare to fill.

Forum



LETTERS to the Editor

ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposal by Town Council President Jim Letterie to build a Recreation Center at the Old Middle School Site through a public private partnership. I think it is based on pie-in-the-sky projections about the interest in this type of facility among outside organizations willing to utilize such a facility if it is built, and unknown details about the costs of construction, length of a potential lease to a private entity, etc. I also have doubts about the economic stimulus it would provide to our community and concerns about the minimal revenue that it will bring to the Town's government.

Fortunately, there is an alternative that was developed by a Citizens' Committee in Winthrop six years ago: the Eruzione Community Center Initiative. It can be found on the Town's website under the Planning Board's CBD/Middle School Rezoning Documents.

This initiative would still provide youth and all residents with state-of-the-art recreational space in a new community center. It would expand program-

ming to reach residents of all ages. It would use the remaining space on the site for economic development to reinvigorate the downtown area and support our central business district.

For economic development, I would recommend 48-60 condominium units in a 55+ community. This would be similar to developments like Westbrook Crossing in Dedham, and Pheasant Hill in Northborough. More than 20% of the population of Winthrop is 65 or older according to the 2020 U.S. Census. This site would offer low-maintenance living at its best with excellent living options for active adults. The condos are adjacent to Ingleside Park and within walking distance of all the restaurants and stores in the Center Business District.

The Eruzione Initiative would utilize the entire site – middle school, auditorium, gymnasium, and skating rink. It calls for a phased demolition and new construction. It would provide a new hockey rink with improved ice sheet, expanded lockers, stands, etc. It would include an indoor swimming pool and gymnasium. It would have multiple multi-purpose rooms for programs serving residents of all ages. It

would create an adequate buffer for nearby homes.

The Citizens' Committee stated in the proposal that the first step is to demolish the area needed to build new facilities and make necessary infrastructure improvements. Second, the new rink/community center would be built, and the current rink would be demolished only after the new rink is opened. Third, an RFP for development of the 55+ community would be issued which would bring economic development benefits and revenue to the Town. A 55+ community would not burden our school system with additional students. Up to six residential townhouses could also be built along Waldemar Avenue as a buffer for nearby homes.

The purpose of this initiative and vision is to serve Winthrop residents of all ages and not be dependent on people coming from outside the community. Cost estimates for site demolition, rink construction and the community center need to be developed, and a variety of financing options need to be pursued. The whole Winthrop community needs to be engaged in this development.

It is my hope that our Town leaders will pursue

this alternative.

William Schmidt

IN SUPPORT OF TODD SACCO

Dear Winthrop Voters,

I have been a resident of Winthrop for 53 years and this is the first letter I am writing to support a candidate. That Candidate is Todd Sacco.

Todd has been a friend for most of these years, meeting up later as our children are in school together like we were.

Todd has always been a perfect gentleman with patience and kindness for all who cross his path.

Todd has always voiced what our town needs to move into the future safely, as well Todd is always available to all to shed light on our town's most urgent issues as well as any issue that is important to our voters.

Todd has insight and is willing to fight for what is right and touches the root of each obstacle with intelligence and heart.

On November 7th please take the time to vote for my friend Todd Sacco for Councilor at-Large

He has what we need to take our "little" town into the future so the future is as bright as it can be.

Sincerely,
Renee Ligotti

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 September 19, 2013

St. John's Episcopal Church is preparing for a Yard and Jewelry Fair this weekend with the aim of raising funds to defray Winthrop Food Pantry operating costs, including electricity and phone, plus a freezer and air conditioners to properly and safely preserve food perishables.

Coastal Community Citizens will host "A Conversation on Climate Change for Coastal Communities" on September 27 at the Robert DeLeo Senior Center in Winthrop, featuring Ellen Douglas, Associate Professor of Hydrology, Hydromorphology, Water Resource Management, School for the Environment, College of Science and Mathe-

matics at University of Massachusetts; State Representative Frank Smizik; and environmental experts from Harvard Medical School and 350MA.org.

Town Manager James McKenna announced at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night that Winthrop has \$1.5 million in "free cash," which is the amount of money the town had after paying all of its expenses from the previous year. That announcement is great news for Winthrop and represents another huge step forward for the town which was in a financial crisis just a few years ago.

Rush and Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago September 25, 2003

The selectmen approved a draft warrant for the October 27 Special Town Meeting that will be highlighted by articles calling for a Pay-As-You-Throw trash disposal program and replenishment of certain town budget accounts with funds that came through with additional local aid from the state when the state budget finally was approved in August.

The Citizens for Larsen Rink, headed by Dale Dunbar, Arlene Connors, Peggy Mederios, and Carl Bettano, is planning a fundraiser Thursday night at the Winthrop Arms to benefit the Larsen Rink restoration program.

A clean-up of Snake Is-

land, which has a unique spot in Winthrop's history, is set for this Saturday morning.

The WHS Drama Alumni presented an evening of music to benefit the Neil Shapiro Fund in memory of the long-time WHS drama teacher.

Heavy rains this week caused flooding in the area of Michael's Mall in the Centre.

Freaky Friday, The Italian Job, and The Fighting Temptations are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago September 30, 1993

School Supt. Joseph Laino told the School Committee that federal

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Sharing a Small Taste of Viking Culture with the Winthrop 5th Graders

By: Annabelle Giardino

Winthrop fifth graders had their own exploration of the High Schools Viking Longships Project. Last May, the students were able to learn and experience different aspects of Viking culture. The high school students in the Longships class set up hands-on activities and presentations for the fifth graders. They wanted the kids to learn more about their hometown mascot and be able to understand what the project is about.

This field trip used to be an annual thing up until a couple of years ago. It took a lot of hard work and planning but the field trip finally came back to life. Stella Osburn, a student in the Longships, was the one behind it all. She wanted to give this

year's fifth graders the opportunity to experience the Longships program just as she had. She ran the entire trip and made sure it went safely and smoothly. Her main priority was to make sure all the students had a good time, she is also planning on continuing the trip in the upcoming years.

They first had the fifth graders in the auditorium to get them organized into groups. They were then led to one of five different stations, where they stayed for twenty minutes before being escorted to the next station. The various stations consisted of Blacksmithing, Weapons & Armor, Timber Framing, Textiles, and Sports. High school students in the project stayed for the trip to either present to the students or work as marshalls to guide the stu-

dents to the different cultural presentations.

During the Blacksmithing presentation, the students were able to learn how blacksmithing was used in the Vikings era and were also able to participate in the process. The students stayed outside the blacksmithing shed as the high schoolers in that department explained to them how to use the equipment and safety precautions. Then one student would be taken in at a time to hammer down metal, the process used in the making of a nail.

Next, there was the Weapons & Armor demonstration. The high schoolers dressed in full Viking attire, either as Viking warriors or common Viking farmers. The armor consisted of a chainmail



byrnie and Viking helmets with chainmail attached. They demonstrated how different weapons were used. They showed the 5th graders axes, swords, and shields. All of the weapons shown and the different Viking attire was made by the students in the Longships class. The students were also able to hold and use some of the weapons while learning the different methods of Viking combat.

Timber Framing was also an interesting part of the trip. The students were able to see the bridge that is in the making for Winthrop's very own golf course. The 5th graders were also shown the different equipment the timber framers use to build the bridge and other projects. The students in the Longships class then split up the visitors into groups to have them use the woodworking tools. One of the machines they used is a one-hundred-and-fifty-year-old boring machine. This is a hand-driven ma-

chine that is used to bore holes into timbers to create a mortis. The next machine that they used was a shaving bench, this is a tool that makes the pegs that hold the timbers together. The last tool the kids used were chisels, which were used to shape the mortises and tenons on the timbers. The timber framers wanted to make sure the kids knew the basics of how to use these machines and have fun while doing so.

After Timber Framing the students were brought into a room to learn about textiles. They were shown our replica warp weighted looms and the high school students demonstrated how they were used. Then they learned more about the Viking's history with weaving and textiles. There was a lot to show the kids and they were able to learn how to weave themselves by using paper and different colored strips.

Last but certainly not least, the students were

able to participate in Viking sports. They were brought outside to the baseball field. The Viking game they played is called Kubb. The objective of this lawn game is to knock down wooden blocks by throwing batons at them. There is also a "king" that is the last one to aim for and knockdown. The Viking names of the wooden blocks are kubbar while the battens are called kastpinnar.

Thank you to all the teachers and chaperones for making this trip possible, we could not have done it without you! The trip was a major success and the Viking Longships Project looks forward to continuing it. We hope the 5th graders enjoyed it as much as we did. The high school students loved working with the kids and it was a great experience. We are thrilled we were able to spread our knowledge of Viking culture to them.



Driscoll // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

throp and UNH football star, are assistant coaches on the Spartans' staff.

Driscoll was asked to assess the significance of Win No. 100.

"This is right up there with our Super Bowl victory, because obviously the circumstances of having a young team and playing a very good team [Winthrop] and seeing how our kids were resilient and had every excuse in the book to just cash it in during the fourth quarter and give up – but they came back and fought hard and it's a good sign for the future," said Driscoll.

Driscoll said one of

the key plays in the game was Tyler Guy's tackle on Nick Cappuccio at the 1-yard line after catching a pass from Matt Noonan.

"We know Nick's skill and talent, and obviously on their big plays, they'll look for their big-play guy," said Driscoll. "So, I think it was a matter of Tyler's speed to the football and recognizing what was going on, and being able to make that play. It was a huge difference in the game."

Winthrop coach Jon Cadigan congratulated his former Viking coaching colleague on the 100th victory milestone.

"I wish it didn't happen against me," jested Cadigan initially. "No, I'm very happy for Sean. Coach [Tony] Fucillo gave me my first job coaching, and then Sean gave me a promotion when I was a very young coach and I don't know necessarily if I were ready for it, but he believed in me. I'm happy for his success at St. Mary's. There's no one who works harder at it than Sean. He deserves this milestone. I do hope we see St. Mary's down the road [in the MIAA playoffs]."

Winthrop captain Robert Rich made a nice ges-

ture when he approached Sean Driscoll and congratulated Driscoll as he was being interviewed by reporters after the game.

"Robert works on my [Winthrop Parks and Recreation] staff in the summer – he's a good kid and we like him a lot, and I know the family pretty well," said Driscoll. "Robert is a very good, hard-nosed football player and he probably doesn't get the credit he deserves."

But come next summer, Driscoll has the bragging rights – although the two teams could meet again this season.



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

St. Mary's head football coach Sean Driscoll talks to reporters following the Spartans' 15-14 victory over Winthrop last Friday night at Manning Field in Lynn.

AMY GALLAGHER FOREVER REMEMBERED AS MILLER FIELD TICKET BOOTH NAMED IN HER MEMORY

Amy Gallagher was lost to the community of Winthrop in November of 2020; she was best known for her dedication to ticket sales at Miller Field for over the past 10 years. Besides her never wavering love for everything Viking, she was dedicated to the students that she was in contact daily. Amy and her sister Ellen worked as team, keeping the fans and ticket sales pouring into Miller Field.



A large number of Winthrop's residents, both family and friends, as well as state elected officials turned out to Miller Field last Friday evening. Prior to the opening seasonal game of the WHS Vikings, the ticket booth was dedicated in memory of Amy Gallagher.



Superintendent of Public Schools Lisa Howard offered a heartfelt address about her friend, Amy Gallagher.



Asst. Principal of the Middle School, Brian Curley recalled many fond memories of Amy Gallagher and her influence on everyone she encountered.



Concluding the speaking portion, was Amy's brother, Jim Gallagher, also shown is Amy's nephew, Billy Hubert.



Amy's brother and sisters, Jim, Kathy and Ellen with town and state officials attending the dedication. From Senator Lydia Edward's office Eric Reidister, Superintendent Lisa Howard, AD Matt Serino, Town Manager Tony Marino, State Representative Jeff Turco, Winthrop's Memorial Chairman and Veteran's Agent Phil Ronan, and Asst principal Brian Curley



WHS AD Matt Serino was Master of Ceremonies, and had a first-hand experience with Amy, when he took over as AD, she was the first to reach out to him and make him feel welcome.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM TOPS ARLINGTON CATHOLIC, 4-0

The Winthrop High boys soccer team recorded its first victory of the season with a 4-0 triumph over non-conference opponent Arlington Catholic, a Division 3 team, last Wednesday..

Coach Phil Ronan's Vikings -- who did not post their first "W" in last year's rebuilding season until their 16th game of the year -- were led by senior Lucas Coelho, who scored two goals, and by senior goalkeeper and captain Mateo Martinez, who turned in a solid performance between the pipes to earn the shutout. Also reaching the back of the Cougars' net for the Vikings were Julian Alvarez and Noah Bayersdorfer.

Winthrop then hosted Gloucester at Miller Field Monday evening in the driving rain and gave the visiting Fishermen, an undefeated D-2 squad, all they could handle before falling by a final score of 2-0.

The contest was nil-nil at the intermission, with the Vikings having several good scoring chances. The Fishermen finally broke through midway through the second half and then added a late tally on a penalty kick.

"The boys are playing terrific soccer for a Division 4 team," said Ronan. "I know it's early, but if we can make the state tournament, we could make some noise against the smaller D-4 teams like us."

Ronan and his crew were scheduled to travel to Danvers yesterday (Wednesday) and will trek to Boston Collegiate Charter School today (Thursday). They will make the long journey to Salem next Wednesday and then to Saugus next Thursday.

WHS GOLFERS WIN TWO MATCHES

The Winthrop High golf team improved to 3-2 on the season with victories over Saugus and Salem this past week

In the match with Saugus last Wednesday at the Winthrop Golf Club (WGC), the Vikings cruised to a 46-26 victory.

"This was a great second win of the season for the team," said WHS head coach Jack Wallace. Ryan Murphy secured another round for qualifying for the state tournament, shooting a 39 for a 7-2 win over his Sachem counterpart. Sophomore Declan Howard, competing in his first varsity match, contributed four points to the Viking cause. Louk Belghiti came through with a big victory at the #2 spot.

On Tuesday, the Vikings moved over the .500 mark with a 48-24 triumph over Salem at the WGC. "The team handled the wind and wetness very well," noted Wallace.

Among the highlights for the Vikings were senior Joey Rich winning

this match, 6 1/2 to 2 1/2; senior captain Eli Wickham also securing 6 1/2 points; Nikita Rossi continuing his strong freshman campaign by posting another victory; junior Dylan Sykes with a 9-0 victory to wrap up the #8 spot; and senior Jake Galuris with a victory over his Witch counterpart.

"These two wins in a row give us a lot of momentum heading into our next matches," said Wallace, whose crew was scheduled to host Swampscott yesterday (Wednesday) and then travel to Peabody Meadows today (Thursday) and to Saugus at Cedar Glen on Monday. They will return to the WGC to host Marbelhead next Wednesday and St. Mary's of Lynn next Thursday.

WHS GIRLS SOCCER HOSTS SALEM WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Winthrop High girls soccer team will be playing under the lights on the turf at Miller Field when coach Stacey Martucci and her crew host Northeastern Conference South Division rival Salem at 6:00 next Wednesday evening.

Prior to the match with Salem, the Lady Vikings will have a pair of non-league encounters when they travel to White Stadium in Dorchester to take on Boston Latin Academy today (Thursday) and then will entertain Excel Academy Monday afternoon at 3:30 at Miller.

This past Monday Winthrop came out on the short end of a 7-2 decision at Gloucester.

"They came right out and scored, and from that point on we were on our heels," said Martucci. "We held them to 3-1 at the half with a nice goal by freshman Angela Coscia. In the second half we netted a second goal on a great cross by captain Hannah Parker and junior Talia Martucci was there to connect to make it 3-2.

"But we just couldn't find a rhythm long enough to hold them off," noted Martucci. "These girls are working hard and keeping it positive and energetic despite the scores."

WHS VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES TO WORK HARD

Although the Winthrop high volleyball team dropped its two contests this past week, head coach Lauren Kelly said her team is working hard to improve.

"It was a bit of a tough week," said Kelly. "But we're hopeful for the season ahead. We are working hard in practice and are looking forward to the rest of the week when we play Salem and East Boston."

Last Wednesday the Lady Vikings dropped a 3-0 decision to Marblehead. "Sophomore Anas-

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MEET YOUR 2023 WHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM



The WHS Viking Varsity Boys Soccer Team with Head Coach Phil Ronan and Asst. Coach Alex Brown. Front row: Juan Mendoza, Lucas Coelho, Naros Alebel, Drew McLaughlin, Timothy Vargus, Amaury Cardona, Kai Faber, and Julian Alvarez Serna. Back row: Fabiano Alcala Rodrigues, Nicholas Cirelli, Matthew Maddalone, Eron Muja, Noah Bayersdorfer, Mateo Martinez, Sebastian Yepes, Matthew DeCarney, Jack Osburn, Ian Camilo Belalcazar Ceron, and Cleison Sarnaglia.



Senior Captain Mateo Martinez with Head Coach Phil Ronan (right) and Asst. Coach Alex Brown.



Head Coach Phil Ronan with the WHS Viking Seniors, front row: Drew McLaughlin, Capt. Mateo Martinez, and Lucas Coelho. Back row: Nicholas Cirelli, Jack Osburn and Matthew DeCarney.

Vikings lose to St. Mary's, 15-14, in non-league showdown

By Cary Shuman

When Nick Cappuccio forced a St. Mary's fumble and Philip Boncore pounced on the football late in the third quarter and received a triumphant reception from his

teammates upon his return to the sidelines, all the momentum pointed to Winthrop protecting its 14-point lead and ending the Spartans' winning streak.

But some costly miscues hurt the Vikings

over the final 13 minutes and instead of leaving Manning Field last Friday night with a signature victory in the Coach Jon Cadigan Era, it was St. Mary's and head coach Sean Driscoll who had the memorable 'W', defeat-

ing the Vikings, 15-14, in a showdown of two of the top teams in the division. Driscoll recorded the 100th victory of his stellar coaching career (see story on Page 1).

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Winthrop was clearly in command for most of the first three quarters of football. The rushing attack, led by the Big Four of Nick Cappuccio, Robert Rich, George Galuris, and Demetri Koutsouflakis, gave Winthrop the upper hand over the St. Mary's defense in the first half. Cappuccio's 25-yard TD run opened the scoring before Galuris booted the first of his two PATs.

Winthrop threatened deep in St. Mary's territory in the second quarter, but Tyler Guy made a great 1-on-1 tackle on Cappuccio (receiving a pass from quarterback Matt Noonan) at the 1-yard line to deny the touchdown.

A 2-yard touchdown run by Koutsouflakis helped make it 14-0 with 7:02 left in the third quarter.

But following the Cappuccio-Boncore big defensive play at the Winthrop 9-yard line, as Coach Jon Cadigan said afterwards, "then the wheels came off."

A Winthrop fumble and high snap on a Winthrop punt (resulting in a St. Mary's safety for two points) opened the door to the Spartans' comeback.



SHIFTY MOVE: Nick Cappuccio avoids Tyler Guy's (5) tackle attempt.

St. Mary's freshman Maxwell Parent would score his second of two touchdowns with 2:21 left in the game to knot it at 14-14. Driscoll opted for the PAT attempt, and Parent booted the go-ahead point, despite Boncore getting a piece of the football which just made it way over the crossbar (the horizontal bar between the two uprights on the goalpost).

The Vikings were stopped on their final possession of the game on four downs.

It was a tough defeat for the Vikings, who were looking to establish themselves as the divisional frontrunner with a sweep of last year's Super Bowl champion (St. Mary's) and finalist (Stoneham).

"We had a lot of self-inflicted things happen, and I'm not trying to take anything from St. Mary's, but there were a lot of things that we didn't do in the game," said Cadigan. "We felt really good going into the game that we could be the better team, but I think there's always something to be said about a team that's coming off a championship in a sense they (St. Mary's) have a

championship mettle and they're not fazed by certain situations. In order for us to get there, we have to overcome those scenarios that we had in this game."

Near misses in the red zone

Winthrop Quarterback Matt Noonan fired the ball right into Nick Cappuccio's hands at the 1-yard line, but Tyler Guy met Cappuccio immediately to make the tackle and save a touchdown.

Winthrop's tall and talented tight end Daniel Thomai ran an excellent route over the middle on a terrific, fourth-down play call, but the pass just missed connecting on the Vikings' first possession of the game.

"I liked the call by Coach [Mark] D'Ambrosio. We just have to execute it better," said Cadigan.

George Galuris named Defensive Player of the Game

George Galuris received the Vikings' Black Shirt Defensive Player of the Game Award. It was Galuris' second consecutive game as the recipient. Galuris had 10 tackles and three assists on tackles.

"George has probably been our best defensive player throughout the preseason and now in the regular season," said Cadigan. "He put in a lot of work in the offseason in the weight room and it's starting to show up."

The Boncore Block on PAT

Coach Cadigan confirmed through a videotape of the game that Philip Boncore did, in fact, get a hand on the game-winning PAT by St. Mary's Maxwell Parent.



BOB MARRA PHOTOS

DE-FENSE: The Viking defense swarmed St. Mary's running game all night, and a team effort wraps up St. Mary's Maxwell Parent (13). Visible Vikings are Dimitri Koutsouflakis (5), Phil Boncore (50), and Ryan Harris (52).

"Philip gets a hand on the ball, blocks the kick, and the ball still goes through," said Cadigan. "I don't know how many times that happens in football, but it happened to us."

A road game with the Big Blue

Winthrop will head to Blocksidge Field in Swampscott Friday (7 p.m.) for a game with the Big Blue.

Swampscott (1-0-1) battled Auburn to a 15-15 tie in its opener before defeating Lynn English, 27-12 in week 2.



SHARING THE LOAD: Winthrop relied on the running-back trio of Robert Rich (4), Dimitri Koutsouflakis, (5) and Nick Cappuccio (20) for almost all of its offense. Here Rich (4) cuts behind a block by Mark Johnson (11) as a St. Mary's defender chases.



BOWLING BALL: Dimitri Koutsouflakis (5) rumbles past St. Mary's Nick Marks (17).



SECRET STRATEGY: George Galuris (2) confers with quarterback Matthew Noonan (6) as center Vasily Tsiotos (53) prepares the snap.



GOT HIM: Ryan Harris (52) has the St. Mary's quarterback (7) in his grasp as Mark Johnson (11) moves in to help out.



DISBELIEF: As the Spartans celebrate, Dimitri Koutsouflakis (5) can't believe the call after St. Mary's runner squeezed into the end zone to tie the game at 14 with two minutes left in the fourth quarter.

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tasia Gajica got us our two first points with a back-to-back block and kill, and Adrianna Ferrara helped us out in the third set with some great digs," noted Kelly.

This past Monday Winthrop came up short by a 3-0 score to Mystic Valley. "In the second set, Mira Ivanis had a suc-

cessful serving streak of four serves," Kelly noted. "In the last set, junior Samantha Correa and senior Emily Maddalone helped tremendously with great passes and digs."

Kelly and her crew have a busy week ahead with five matches in nine days. They were scheduled to host Salem yes-

terday (Wednesday) and East Boston tomorrow (Friday). They will have a chance for revenge against Mystic Valley on Monday at the WHS gym and will travel to Masconomet next Tuesday. They will return home to entertain Saugus next Thursday.

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WHS VIKING BOYS SOCCER DEFEATS ARLINGTON CATHOLIC 4-0 AT MILLER FIELD



Senior Captain and Goal Keep Mateo Martinez recorded his first shut out last Wednesday evening at Miller Field, as the Vikings won 4-0 against Arlington Catholic High School



Juan Mendoza brings the ball into play.

Last Wednesday evening the WHS Varsity Boys Soccer Team took the field against Arlington Catholic High School and when the final whistle blew, it was Vikings 4, Arlington Catholic 0. This was a huge win

for the boys, from their start from last season, and despite the rainy weather, the Vikings put it all together for the win. Senior Captain and Goal Keep, Mateo Martinez recorded his first shutout for the Vikings.



Fabiano Alcala Rodrigues intercepts a long pass.



Cleison Sarnaglia making a play deep in AC territory.



Head Coach Phil Ronan sends in Eron Muja from the bench.



Jack Osburn takes the ball from deep in his own end.



Eron Muja races after a loose ball.



an Camilo Belalcazar ceron dives for the ball to make a play.



Julian Alvarez serna send the ball into the net for the first and winning goal, the Vikings went on to score three more.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Glazier

Of Saugus

Phyllis I. (Donovan) Glazier of Saugus passed away on September 16. She was 92 years old.

Born in Boston, the cherished daughter of the late William Donovan and Frances Theresa (Hoey) Vincent, Phyllis was the devoted mother of Robert T. Glazier and his wife, Pastora of Huevar del Algarafe, Spain, Dianne T. Burns of Ayer and the late William M. Glazier and James E. Glazier; the adored grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of two. She was the dear sister of the late William J. Donovan, Helen Murray, Inez Green, Elizabeth Roberson, Nancy Curran and Pauline

Vincent. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was the former wife of the late David Glazier.

Phyllis's funeral will be held from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, today, Thursday, September 21 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church (St. Michaels Parish)-Winthrop at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Burial will follow in Winthrop Cemetery-(Belle Isle Section).

To sign Phyllis' guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

John Joseph Silva, Jr.

Taught at Winthrop Middle School for 40 Years

John Joseph Silva, Jr. of Revere passed away surrounded by his family on September 13 at the age of 77.

John was a retired Lt. Colonel of the United States Army Reserves of Massachusetts. He was a teacher for 40 years at the Winthrop Middle School and a Professor at Cambridge College for 30 years, a life member of the Association of the First Corps of Cadets and a member of the Sons of Italy Renaissance Lodge.

Born in Boston on March 25, 1946 to the late John J. Silva Sr. and Julia (Vacca), he was the beloved husband of the late Arlene (Kelly) and the loving partner of 17 years to Stephanie DeRosa of Revere; devoted father of Michelle Silva-Reed and John J. Silva III and his life partner, Holly Luck, all of Revere; cherished grandfather of Natalie and Nathan Reed and dear brother of Robert Silva and his life partner, Jeanise Bertrand of Revere.



A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St, Revere today, Thursday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. (Everyone to meet directly at church). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A Visitation was held on Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's name can be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St, Revere, MA 02151 or to First Corps of Cadets Fund c/o the Treasurer, 227 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02116. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Helen Barbaro

Retired Winthrop School Cafeteria Aide

Helen Barbaro of Winthrop and formerly of East Boston passed away at the Advocate Healthcare of East Boston on September 7. She was 90 years old.

Born in East Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Helen (Baldwin) and Albert Barbaro. A resident of Winthrop for over 30 years, she worked as an aide in school cafeterias.

She was the loving mother of Rhonda Mariano, Michael Anacki, Mark Anacki and the late Walter Anacki, Jr.; dear sister of Marie Rodriguez, Anne Brown and Ruth Sulli-



van and cherished grandmother of Gina and David Mariano.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the funeral home today, Thursday, September 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

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Bernard F. Kelly

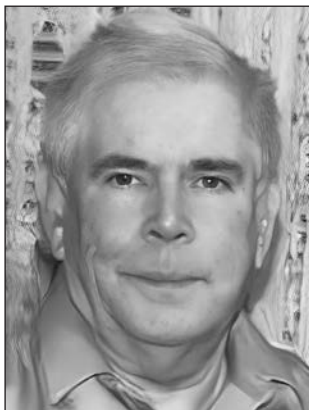
Regular contributor and longtime book review critic for the Winthrop Sun Transcript

On September 17, Bernard F. Kelly was called home by his Heavenly Father. Bernard is survived by his wife, Maureen Kelly of Winthrop. He was loved by his brothers, Daniel and Robert, his sisters, Linda and Kathleen and his nieces, nephews, in laws and extended family. Bernard leaves behind many close friends in the Winthrop community and far beyond.

A devout Catholic, Bernard was member of Michael's The Archangel Parish in Winthrop; he also served as an altar boy at St. Patrick's Church in Roxbury. Bernard was a 1968 graduate of Boston College High School and distinguished Latin Scholar. He was fluent in several languages including Russian, Spanish, Latin and Greek. He was awarded a full scholarship to Holy Cross College in Worcester Massachusetts where he graduated with High Honors.

Beloved by his longtime customers at The White Hen Pantry, he would often engage customers in conversations ranging from literature to world events.

Bernard was passionate about politics and social change and worked on several major politi-



cal campaigns, including that of the late Robert F. Kennedy. Bernard was a voracious reader and prolific writer. He was a regular contributor to the Winthrop Sun Transcript where he was a longtime book review critic.

Most importantly, Bernie was a loving husband, brother, uncle and caring friend who will be missed beyond measure. His kind and gentle nature and generosity of spirit was unparalleled. He was a compassionate man and he endeared himself to all he met. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. The family asks only that you remember Bernie warmly and keep him in your hearts.

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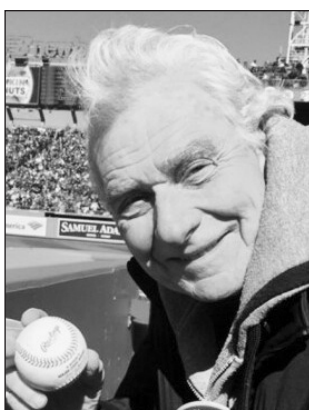
Felix F. Albano, Jr.

Member of Knights of Columbus and the Cottage Park Yacht Club

Felix F. Albano, Jr. of Winthrop passed away at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston on September 15. He was 77 years old.

Born in Boston, he was the beloved son of the late Mary E. (Musco) and Felix F. Albano, Sr. A life-long resident of Winthrop, he enlisted in the Navy and served during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge, he went on to work as an administrator in Nursing Homes. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Cottage Park Yacht Club.

He was the devoted husband of the late Maureen (Weker) and Letteria M. (Barresi; loving father of Felix F. Albano, III and his wife, Shari of Bedford, NH and Melissa Dolen and her husband, Sean of Winthrop; dear brother



of Bette Conley and her husband, Ted of Winthrop and Fr. Vincent Albano of Corpus Christi, Texas and cherished grandfather of Jordyn, Jake and Sean, Jr.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier funeral home on Wednesday, September 20 followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Rev. Peter Graziano celebrated the service and offered prayers at the interment in interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Anthony Capobianco

Retired Director of International Taxes at the Bank of Boston

Anthony R. Capobianco of Winthrop died at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on September 15. He was 85 years old.

He was born at the Strong Hospital on Eagle Hill in East Boston to Ralph and Raffiella Capobianco of East Boston. Tony and his former spouse, Judith Lubell, had two children they adored, Anthony R. Capobianco (deceased) and Andrew R. Capobianco of Winthrop. He is survived by his sisters Angeline Cortez and Margaret Capobianco, both of Newton, brothers, Jimmy of Las Vegas and Gino of Winthrop. He was the nephew of Robert Giarla of East Boston, cousin to Anthony Giarla of Revere, Ronnie Damico of Winthrop and many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tony grew up in the Maverick Projects in East Boston and worked at his uncle Tony Giarla's store on Chelsea St. He moved to Winthrop in 1971, called it home and remained there until his death.

A summa cum laude graduate of Boston University, he worked at Arthur Anderson, Boston, as an accountant before joining the First National Bank of Boston, where he eventually became the Director of International Taxes (Bank of Boston) as a Certified Public Accountant.

In this position, he acquired a taste for business travel to the UK, France, West Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Australia. His favorite places were Rio de Janeiro, Zürich and all of Italy.



Tony was a huge fan of Music, becoming a massive Bob Dylan fan as early as the Greenwich Village folk music scene and seeing the Rolling Thunder Revue multiple times in the 1970s. He was famous for being the first in Winthrop to own a VCR, often recording early Saturday Night Live episodes and the birth of MTV.

He was also a big fan of Boston Sports, famously attending Ted Williams's last Red Sox game (he had a ticket stub) in 1960, watching Bobby Orr in the 70's, Larry Bird in the 80's, Tom Brady in the early 2000's, and eventually seeing the Red Sox win the World Series in 2004.

His later years were made possible by the Winthrop PACE Center on Sturgis Street, Winthrop, where he received care for over ten years.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the graveside service in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery on Friday, September 22 at 10 a.m. Following, there will be a reception at the Beachmont Yacht Club, 168 Pearl Ave, Revere.

For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

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Barbara Serina

Retired legal secretary

Barbara V. Serina of Winthrop passed away on September 12. She was 81 years old.

The loving longtime companion of Edward J. Zeigler of Winthrop, she was born in Boston, the cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Bette (Blumenstein) Serina.

Prior to her retirement, Barbara worked as a legal secretary.

Barbara was the dear sister of Annette Woodman of Lynn, the adored

aunt of Cheryl Dutra of Maine and the great aunt of Kristen and John Dutra.

Visiting hours were held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Friday, September 15 followed by a Graveside Service in the Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section) 100 Kennedy Dr., Winthrop.

To sign Barbara's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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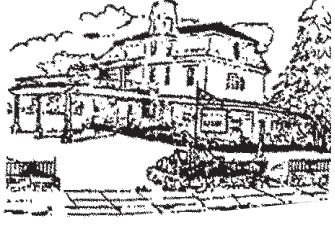
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Additional information on our activities and programs can be found in our monthly newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Thursday, Sept. 21
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:00am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:30am-12:00pm: Coffee & Conversation
12:00pm-12:30pm: Lunch-Dine In / Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, Sept. 22
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)
10:00am-12:00pm: Ceramics (\$3)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:00am-12:30pm: Creative Writing Workshop

Monday, Sept. 25
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day/Mahjong
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art

Class with Dawn (\$6)

Tuesday, Sept. 26
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-12:00pm: Technology Class
11:00am: Grab and Lunch Pick-Up
12:00pm-2:00pm: Police/Fire Summer BBQ
4:00pm-8:00pm: Flu Clinic

Wednesday, Sept. 27
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi/Qi Gong (\$5)
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Please note: There will be no exercise class on September 19th or 26th

Bowling resumed at the Elks on Tuesday, Sept. 12th

Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm. Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday – Fri-

day 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 that it was requested for.

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Tuesday, Wednesday and 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.

Upcoming Activities and Programs

Coffee & Conversation: September 21st (10:30am) Join us on the third Thursday of each month for an informal chat, and some coffee and cookies too!

Summer BBQ sponsored by the Winthrop Police & Fire Department:

September 26th (12:00 pm)
Cost \$1 (sign up at the front desk; space is limited) Join us for our annual Police & Fire BBQ. Entertainment will be provided by John & Lori Watkins.

Technology Class: September 26(10:00a12:00PM) Volunteers will be available to help you with any tech support you need. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the front desk, or call the Senior Center.

Programing and Activities

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

Know the signs of Stroke and Be Fast: October 25 (12:30) Speaker: Gwen Larsen PT, DPT. Community Outreach Coordinator for Tedy's Team Center of Excellence in Stroke Recovery, MGH Institute of Health Professionals. Acting fast at the first symptoms of stroke for yourself or someone you know is critical. People who arrive at the emergency room within

three hours of their first symptoms often have less disability three months after a stroke than those who have received delayed care. Through this interactive educational session learn what a stroke is, how to recognize initial symptoms, and what emergency treatments are available. Be informed and be fast-it might even save a life!

Mass General Hospital Blood Pressure Clinic: October 10 (10am-2pm) MGH will be offering a blood pressure clinic at the Senio Center. No appointment necessary, just stop by!

Legal Aid Q&A Session: October 4 (1pm) Attorney Amy G. Ofrias, from Gelineau & Kline, will be at the Senior Center to discuss Elder Law issues. Questions must be submitted in advance by emailing Attorney Ofrias at amy@gelineaukline.com; please put "Winthrop Senior Center" in the subject. Questions can also be dropped off at the front desk.

Suffolk County Sheriff-Senior ID Program: October 10 (10:30am-12pm) The Senior ID

Program provides seniors with a free medical identification card. This card provides important information to emergency first responders when the holder is unable to communicate. The ID cards include a photo of the cardholder, their name, address, blood type, emergency contact and other information as the holder requests, which might be important to an EMT or other First Responder. Sign-up at the front desk.

Upcoming Trips
Flyers, with additional trip information, are available at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023: New Hampshire's Turkey Train: Join us as we travel to central New Hampshire and Lake Winnepesaukee on a deluxe motorcoach for a day of fun and the wonderful sights of Fall Foliage. Arriving in Meredith, NH, you will board the Turkey Train and head to the dining car for a turkey luncheon provider by Hart's Turkey Farm. Space is limited; sign up now!
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Community groups from across Commonwealth form Plastic Free Mass

Special to the Transcript

Over a dozen community and environmental groups have joined forces to form Plastic Free Mass, a new coalition dedicated to ending the use of polluting plastic. The group will push for new policies to protect our Commonwealth's residents and natural resources by ending our plastic addiction and moving us toward a cleaner future.

The data couldn't be clearer. Nearly 40% of the plastic produced annually is for single-use plastics and packaging. Very little plastic – between 5-6% in the United States – is actually recycled. Plastic is toxic and polluting at every stage of its lifecycle – from extraction and manufacturing, to use, recycling, and disposal. Many single-use plastics can be easily reduced, redesigned for reuse, or replaced with nontoxic alternatives.

"The Friends of the Malden River have sponsored many cleanups around and in the Malden River. The Malden River, a typical urban river, is inundated with plastic pollution due to its physical connection with the city's stormwater system. Volunteers have removed thousands of single use plastic items and pounds of degraded polystyrene from the waterway. It is distressing. We have witnessed the contamination of the collected recycling at our local single stream recycling system. Typically, over 65% of Malden's collected recyclables are contaminated with plastic bags, household waste, and nonrecyclable plastics and metals. This contaminated recycling is incinerated at the Wheelabrator Saugus Plant. The Plastic Blight needs to end with

Healey announces a plan to ban state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles

In a New York Climate Week speech, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey announced a plan to ban state agencies from buying single-use plastic bottles. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) released the following statement in response.

"Single-use plastics are a scourge on our environment and our communities," said CLF zero waste attorney Mara Shulman. "These products hasten the climate crisis and endanger the health of people and wildlife. Governor Healey's ban is a great step towards making Massachusetts a leader in fighting the plastics crisis."

CLF and our partners in the Plastic Free Mass coalition and Zero Waste Caucus are pushing for the legislature to ban all sorts of single-use plastic, modernize the state's antiquated beverage container deposit system, and pass an extended producer responsibility for plastic packaging law.

state legislation and public awareness, " said Karen Buck, Friends of Malden River.

Accordingly, we support legislation, policies, and programs that: phase out and avoid the production and use of any unnecessary single-use plastics, reduce and eliminate plastic packaging whenever possible, and modernize our state's beverage container deposit system to include reuse and refill targets.

The members of Plastic Free Mass include Berkshire Environmental Action Team, Berkshire Zero Waste Initiative, Beyond Plastics, Clean Water Action, Conservation Law Foundation, Container Recycling Institute, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Friends of the Malden River, Just Zero, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, MetroWest Climate Solutions, Mothers Out Front, Oceana, Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts, Seaside Sustainability, Slingshot, and Story of Stuff.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an environmental leader in so many ways, so it's particularly disappointing to see us fall behind in the area of solid waste. For example, our state is one

of the only states in New England without a statewide plastic bag ban, and our bottle bill has one of the lowest redemption rates in the country. We must move quickly and decisively to remedy these

shortcomings or we risk falling even further behind in the fight to curb the climate crisis," said Kirstie Pecci, Executive Director, Just Zero

Mara Shulman, Senior Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation added, "It's time to finally address the plastics crisis in Massachusetts. From modernizing our antiquated beverage container deposit system, to banning single-use plastic bags at checkout, to making producers of plastic packaging responsible for reducing packaging and managing plastic waste at its end of life, there are several pending bills that will take us in the right direction. We stand with our elected officials and pledge to keep up the momentum because there is no time to waste in taking a bite out of waste."

STATE SEN. LYDIA EDWARDS ENDORSES MAX TASSINARI



State Sen. Lydia Edwards has endorsed Max Tassinari for Winthrop Town Councilor-at-Large

"I've known Max, Tonia and their families for many years. Commitment to community and activism is in their blood. Max's experience and perspective will greatly benefit the community. His relationships will amplify Winthrop's voice in the region.

Max believes we are stronger together. He knows that community consists of different viewpoints and he will set a table where all are welcome.

These are just a few examples of why I am endorsing Max Tassinari for Winthrop Town Councilor at Large." - State Senator Lydia Edwards

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MC hires Director of Alumni Relations and Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving

Special to the Journal

Malden Catholic hired alumnus, Ryan Layton '02 as the Director of Alumni Relations and advancement professional, Greg Maynard, as the Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving.

Ryan Layton '02 has joined MC as the Director of Alumni Relations and in his role will work to strengthen relationships with Malden Catholic and Girls Catholic alumni/ae. Layton was inducted into the Malden Catholic Brother Dan Cremin C.F.X., Athletics Hall of Fame in 2022 for his achievements in hockey, football and lacrosse. Ryan spent 8 years working in fund administration at State Street Corporation

and at JP Morgan Chase before he joined the City of Somerville Fire Department and for the past 9 years has served as a firefighter in Somerville. The Layton family has a strong Malden Catholic legacy with his uncle, John W. Layton '85, having been inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame for football and his brother, Sean Layton '03, also being inducted in 2022 for football, hockey and lacrosse. Layton has a Master of Public Administration from Anna Maria College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Wagner College.

Greg Maynard has also joined the Malden Catholic team as Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving. Maynard has 18 years of

advancement experience and for the last 5 years has been the lead fundraiser for Invest in Others Charitable Foundation in Andover where he increased the organization's total fundraising 200% in 5 years. Prior to this position, Maynard was a Major Gifts Leadership Officer at Bentley College for 7 years and was also the Director of Annual Giving at Lahey Health. Before his career in advancement, Maynard had a 10-year career in software sales at Dimension Data and Linguistic Systems. Maynard has a Bachelor of Science in Business Communications from Bently College.

According to Malden Catholic President, the John K. Thornburg, "Malden Catholic has become the fastest-growing Cath-

olic high school in New England and as we grow, we are thrilled to have Ryan and Greg join our team and further advance the connection we have with our expansive alumni base and work with existing and new benefactors."



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John Munson announces candidacy for election to Precinct 2 Council position

Special to the Transcript

Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson hosted a campaign reception Sept. 14 at his Beacon Photography and Framing business located at 196 Winthrop Street.

The Town Council selected Munson to fill a vacancy for the Precinct 2 position in January, 2022. Munson is now seeking a four-year term in the general election on November 7, 2023.

Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero introduced Munson for his remarks.

“I’m here to introduce my good friend, John Munson, who’s running for re-election,” said Ruggiero.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan Munson thanked his many friends, Council colleagues, and family for their support. He also spoke about his many accomplishments in office and his goals for the future.

Munson told the large gathering that he is “an ideal candidate to stay on board” on the Town Council.

“Part of it is that I’m not just a regular politician, that’s not what I ever wanted to do,” said Munson. “I’m actually a family

man. I’m a businessman here in town. [My service] on the Council is more about giving back to the community. I do like giving back, and it’s something I always wanted to do.”



Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson delivers his remarks at a campaign kickoff reception Sept. 14 at his Beacon Photography and Framing business on Winthrop Street.

Munson has resided in Winthrop since 2004. He has been the owner of Beacon Photography since 2007. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Park Yacht Club, and the Winthrop Art Association, and has coached in various youth sports programs in town.



Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson and his family. From left to right, are daughter Sophia Munson, son Owen Munson, John Munson, mother Fatima Munson, father Henry Munson, wife, Angie Munson, brother Michael Munson, mother-in-law Sandra Sprouse, father-in-law James Sprouse, niece Lana Ryan, sister Nadia Ryan, niece Ella Ryan, and brother-in-law Tom Ryan.



Shown in the photo to the left, Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson, pictured at his campaign kickoff reception with colleagues, from left, Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero, Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher, and Town Council President James Letterie.



Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson, with former Winthrop Council President Phil Boncore and Councilor-at-Large Tracey Honan.

Shown in the photo to the right, Bill Schmidt, Frank Costantino, John Munson, Maureen MacAdams, and Michael Murphy.



CITY PAWS Settling in with Pets

for your pets when you travel, groom your critters, and provide routine and emergency veterinary care. In addition, you need to obtain the local licenses your municipality requires and update your contact on the microchips and tags identifying your animals.

Recommendations
To find excellent dog services, try a two-pronged approach. First, gather recommendations from your new neighbors and those you meet while walking around your new neighborhood. If they’re a pet guardian, ask what they like and dislike about the professionals they use. It’s good to ask which dog walkers, groomers, pet-sitters, and veterinarians they’ve used in the past and why they may have stopped using them.

In some cases, a person with dogs might be a dog walker. Don’t hesitate to ask for their company’s contact information, even if you’re not impressed with their dog-walking style. This will help you avoid services that are not up to your standards.

Dog Walker and Sitter Considerations

We recommend asking

some specific questions to find a reliable dog walker. Inquire about their availability throughout the year and if they have coverage when ill or on vacation. Do they have specific training in animal care and pet first aid? Do they carry professional insurance?

Is the dog walker willing to meet you and your dog before scheduling appointments? This allows you to determine if the person is a good fit for your furry friend. Inquire about the number of dogs they usually handle. You might even request to accompany them on a walk to observe their handling of your dog within a pack.

If you have specific needs or requirements, make those clear from the beginning. A close friend hired a dog walker for her dog with the condition that the dog should never be tied up outside. She told us that if we ever saw her dog tied up, we were to take him home and notify her immediately. One day, Penny found him in a group of dogs outside a building and did as requested. That was the last time that person walked that dog.

Veterinarians and Groomers

While dog walkers come to your home, you must take your dog to the Vet and groomer. Location and transportation can be deciding factors. We recently changed veterinarians to one we could get to without a car.

In addition to a great location, we had already had a good experience with this Veterinary group in an emergency during the pandemic and were impressed. They offered certified fear-free care, which was important for our anxious little dog. They fit our specific needs. Your decision should be based on how well a practice fits your wants and needs.

Don’t Wait for Holiday Pet Care!

Now is the time to reserve the holiday season transportation, lodging, and pet care you’ll need for your pets and guests who might be coming for a holiday visit. Fortunately, the Greater Boston Area has many pet-friendly hotels. Finding a place for your sister and her dog to stay (if your building does not allow pets) should be easy.

Finding someone to groom, pet sit, or dog walk during the holidays is more complex. If you have a regular service, ask about boarding, sitting, or if you will have a visiting dog to walk over the holidays. As much as they’d like to accommodate regular customers, there’s a limit to how many animals a pet sitter can accept.

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