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## CUMMINGS AND GORMAN FORT BANKS SCHOOLS PTOS HOST TRUNK OR TREAT



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Shown counter-clockwise from top, everyone had a great time at the Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Cummings and Gorman Fort Banks PTO organizations.

Michael Esposito and Remi Rose Esposito, along with Alexandra and Samantha.

Front row are Rhys Robinson, Giuliana Pizzicannella Murphy, Dylan Robinson, and Logan Emanuele. Back row are Dominic Pizzicannella Murphy, Brady Emanuel, and Jayven Harris. See more photos on Page 6.



**INDEPENDENT**



Newspaper Group

**DEATHS**

Colin J. Cash  
Kathleen MacLean  
Marie Monteleone  
Joseph S. Pergola  
Shawn Daniel Stairs, Sr.  
Obituaries Pgs. 10 +11

## Town Manager provides update on Yirrell Beach management plan

By Adam Swift

Town Manager Tony Marino provided the town council on the beach management plan required by the state for Yirrell Beach at Tuesday night's meeting.

"We did have a meeting with the residents out at Point Shirley with regard to Yirrell Beach and the beach management plan," said Marino. "It was well attended and we had a good debate about it, we talked about next steps. We are going to be signing shortly the administrative consent order (ACO) with the DEP to enforce and implement the beach management plan."

Marino said there is a benefit to the ACO in that it allows the town to work directly with the DEP over

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## Council says no to 3A citizens' petition Schedules special meeting on planning board recommendation

By Adam Swift

The town council voted not to support a petition that would change the town's zoning laws and force a town-wide ballot vote every time there is a decision to be made on the MBTA 3A Communities Act.

The council voted 6-1 to support the recommendation from the planning board not to back the petition submitted by the Winthrop Says No to 3A Committee.

Precinct 4 Councilor Suzanne Swope cast the lone vote not supporting the planning board recommendation.

"This is adding a section to the zoning bylaws; it had to go to the planning

board first, the planning board held its hearing," said Town Manager Tony Marino.

Several councilors said they supported the planning board's reasoning for not supporting the petition.

"I just want to echo a couple of the comments for anyone who didn't have a chance to go to the planning board meeting ... I jotted down some quotes from members of the planning board," said Precinct 6 Councilor John DaRos. "Chris Boyce, the chair, 'This petition would essentially carve out the treatment of 3A in perpetuity as a town meeting, that is not the form of government that exists

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## Polls open for Election Day on Tuesday; presidential race, school override top ballot

By Adam Swift

Polls are open in Winthrop from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The presidential election tops the ballot, with Democratic nominee and Vice President Kamala

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## REGISTRATION AND EARLY VOTING AT TOWN HALL



Precinct 5 Warden Karin Chavis (left) and Assistant Town Clerk and Election Specialist Marilyn Puopolo are pictured at Winthrop Town Hall as they conducted a registration clinic and early voting session Saturday, Oct. 26. The state and U.S. Presidential election is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

## Dr. Pramodchandra Shah announces retirement

Special to the Transcript

After more than 50 years of dedicated service, a beloved and well respected physician in Winthrop, has retired, marking the end of an era. His contributions at Winthrop Community Hospital and his own primary care facility have left an indelible impact that will be cher-



Dr. Pramodchandra Shah

ished for generations.

Dr. Pramodchandra Shah began his exceptional journey of service to others from an early age. He graduated from high school in Ghatkopar, Mumbai in April 1958 and entered Ramnarain Ruia College in Matunga, where he completed his

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## Winthrop readies for Halloween night

Special to the Transcript

Winthrop resident, Andrea Singarella, this year, introduced a Halloween and Christmas house dec-

orating contest to bring Winthrop residents together and rekindle the community spirit of classic Trick-or-Treating. The

Halloween decorating contest ran through midnight of Halloween night,

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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.

on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1531: An officer served an "immediate threat" notice from the Registry upon a local resident, which means that the person cannot operate a motor vehicle.

1912: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2355: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

0023: 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.

0048: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0323: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles without resident parking stickers at Cross and Almont Sts.

0648: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Sea Foam Ave. to move his vehicle.

0649: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

1037: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance between neighbors arguing over a trash barrel. The officer restored the peace.

1137: A Mermaid Ave. resident reported the theft of approximately 25 lobsters. The officer filed a report.

1444: A resident reported finding a puppy on Orlando Ave. The Animal Control Officer took possession of the puppy and located the owner.

1810: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at

Crest and Grovers Aves. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1833: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1907: A person came into the station to turn in an I-phone that he had found on Winthrop Beach.

1921: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Brookfield Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a lights violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1949: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1959: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2300: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

2350: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 17

0028: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0209: An officer issued parking tickets to 17 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Somerset Ave.

1342: A person came into the station to report that her parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run driver the day before on Winthrop St. The officer filed a report.

2046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Locust Sts. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 18

0100: A tow company

reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0946: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1031: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1054: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1129: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pauline and Pleasant Sts. that was unregistered and uninsured, the latter of which is a criminal offense. The officer issued a citation to the operator. The vehicle was towed.

1318: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1603: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Hermon St. Neither vehicle was towed.

1739: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lincoln St. that was unregistered and uninsured, the latter being a criminal offense. The officer issued a citation to the operator. The vehicle was towed.

1840: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Putnam St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1938: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 19

0148: An officer issued

parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Tafts Ave. and on Shirley St.

0153: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Thornton Park.

0238: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for those offenses, as well as for the civil offense of not having his registration in his possession.

0254: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

0317: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1702: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1753: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a driveway on Coral Ave. The vehicle was about to be towed, but the owner came out to move the vehicle.

1825: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Pauline Sts. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

2032: 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.

2042: 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.

2058: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and Belcher Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2222: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 20

0131: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers at Belcher and Cora Sts.

0136: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Chester Ave.

0910: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0955: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1014: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1029: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1245: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Summit Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1434: An officer

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## Winthrop Police Department shares Halloween safety tips

Special to the Transcript

Police Chief John Goodwin and the Winthrop Police Department would like to share safety tips so residents can stay safe while trick-or-treating.

Winthrop will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, Oct. 31. From sunset to approximately 9 p.m., the Maze area will be closed to public traffic, allowing for resident vehicles only. There is public parking along Ingleside Park on Walden Street.

"We hope that everyone has a safe and happy Halloween," said Chief Goodwin. "To accomplish this, it is imperative that parents and children review and adhere to safety practices. Everyone plays a role on this holiday to ensure a safe and fun evening of trick-or-treating."

The Department would like to share the following safety tips to help keep community members safe this Halloween:

#### Costume Safety

Below are some tips from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help you and your loved ones enjoy a safe and happy Halloween.

• All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant. If you make your costume, use flame-resistant fabrics such as polyester or nylon.

• If children are allowed out after dark, they should fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags or be given flashlights or glow sticks.

• When buying Halloween makeup, ensure it is nontoxic and always test it 24-48 hours in advance in a small area first. If a rash, redness, swelling or other signs of irritation develop where the makeup was applied, that's a sign of a possible allergy.

• Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

• Don't decorate your face with things not intended for your skin.

• Don't wear decorative or colored contact lenses that appear to change how your eyes look due to the risk of eye injury unless you have seen an eye care professional for a proper fitting and have been given instructions for how to use the lenses.

• Ensure costumes properly fit and are not too long. Long costumes could result in accidental falls or tripping.

• If wearing a mask, make sure you can see clearly out of it to avoid

injuries such as falling or walking into things.

#### Trick-or-Treating Safety

According to the National Safety Council, children are more than twice as likely to be struck by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. To help prevent such a tragedy, parents and trick-or-treaters are urged to consider these tips before heading out:

• A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.

• If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable for you.

• Agree on a specific time children should return home.

• Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.

• Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.

• Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.

• Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep their heads up, and walk, don't run, across the street.

#### Driving Safety

The following tips, courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration, can help keep the roads safe on Halloween:

• On Halloween, there will likely be more pedestrians on the roads and in places where they are not expected. Slower speeds save lives. Continue to scan the road in areas where they are likely to be or where sight distances are limited.

• Be alert for pedestrians who may emerge from between parked cars or behind shrubbery. Stop and wait for them to pass.

• Don't drive distracted. Keep your eyes on the road, your mind on driving and your hands on the wheel.

• Don't drive impaired. Designate a sober driver or use a taxi or rideshare service. Contact law enforcement if you see a potentially impaired driver on the road.

• Remember that social host liability laws may hold you responsible for parties where underage people drink, regardless of who furnishes the alcohol. You could be held legally accountable for your guests' behavior after they leave.

• Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

Winthrop Police wishes all a happy, fun and safe evening of trick-or-treating on Halloween!



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# SPIRITS of New England at the Deane Winthrop House

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Stranded in an inoperable car on the Southeast Expressway, Ellen MacNeil and her passengers felt helpless. They were invisible, huddled without lights in a heavy rainstorm; and could have easily been struck from behind by an oncoming vehicle. Instead, they were nudged to the side of the highway, safe.

"It was a horrible experience," remembered MacNeil, who believes that it was the spirit of her late Vietnam War veteran brother who protected them and guided a State Trooper to their aid. "He [the officer] says, 'I don't know what happened here. You've got a guardian angel that just saved you. I had no idea you were there. Something made me get right behind you.' Crying, he said, 'I never felt anything like that, but I had to be there.'"

Although MacNeil has never seen her brother's apparition, or felt his hand on her shoulder, she senses his love all around her. His spirit is what sparked her curiosity in the paranormal.

"I held onto grief for over 50 years because I had no one to talk to, and didn't know where to reach out. Weird things happened after he died that I can't explain," shared MacNeil, who buried her brother on her 18th birthday. "I couldn't talk to my parents because they were grieving. Each one of us grieved separately, which is the worst thing you can



Ellen MacNeil, Founder of SPIRITS of New England, explaining what started her interest in the paranormal.

do." The story was one of the phenomenal encounters that Winthrop Improve-

ment & Historical Association member, MacNeil, described during her October 19 ghost lecture in the Deane Winthrop House barn. For 15 years, MacNeil and her paranormal investigation team, SPIRITS of New England, have been examining abnormal activity, predominantly in residential homes.

"We've been on many TV shows. We've had incredible experiences," said MacNeil, Founder. "Nothing makes me happier - except The Rolling Stones tickets - than to share these experiences with you. We have had amazing cases. I want to help people figure out what is going on in their house. I want people to feel comfortable with us."

SPIRITS of New England has appeared on programming such as "Haunted Case Files," "Paranormal Survivor," and "A Haunting;" and maintains friendships with their clients, like Winthrop resident, Dawn Mahoney, who contacted MacNeil describing a full-bodied apparition of a Native American in the living room of her Bartlett Road home.

SPIRITS of New England were able to validate Mahoney's claims after town historian, Dave Hubbard, revealed that a Native American burial site had been located in French Square; and that the bones had been relocated to Harvard University.

"They found a friend in you. They trust you," MacNeil recalled about her report to Mahoney. "We have Indian souls walking around here. They walked up and down your street, probably on the land your house is on. They know they're welcome. I was happy to be able to help her. Dawn is one of the most loving people that I have ever met."

Psychic, Terri Jamros, described a cordial encounter with a Civil War soldier, who she sensed was hiding in the crawl space of Mahoney's attic, where Civil War instruments were being stored. Jamros noted that the soldier was standing behind her, calling, "Miss, miss, I'm over here."

"In the moment, when you're trying to connect and communicate, you don't really hear anything with your ears," explained



SPIRITS of New England team: Ellen MacNeil, Founder, and lead investigators Sarah Campbell and Beck Gann



Skyla D'Amico wearing her homemade "Ghost Bait" t-shirt.

Jamros, who helped the spirit cross over. "But when you play it [the voice recording] back, you can pick up voices in a different sound spectrum."

Voice recorders are one of the main tools the SPIRITS of New England utilize during paranormal investigations. MacNeil's daughter, and lead investigator, Sarah Campbell, explained other equipment used, such as a K-II EMF reader, which detects electrical emissions, radar, cameras and video recorders, a laser grid, and motion-activated, illuminating cat ball toys.

"We try and do science-based investigations. We don't go in and present what we felt in a place. We like to present tangible proof that something is going on," said Campbell, who is sensitive to electro-magnetic frequencies, which can cause nausea, headaches, and dizziness.

Campbell asserted that their job is to prove or disprove of paranormal activity in a home. She believes that a person is the most important piece of equipment because he or she can sense if a space does not feel right. Trust one's instincts, Campbell insisted.

"When you start getting multiple devices interact-

ing, that is compelling evidence that we're interacting with something you can't see," said Campbell.

SPIRITS of New England presented audio and video recordings from the USS Constitution, the Deane Winthrop House, private homes, and the Fairbanks House, built in Dedham, around 1641. The video recordings revealed shadow figures running past windows, with one, tall figure, moving slowly.

"What's fun about this video is we tried debunking it," exclaimed Campbell. "A few nights later, we went back, driving our cars up and down the street, highbeaming ourselves, shining light through the window and walking by it, trying to disprove the video."

The house's caretaker described the figure as likely being Clarence, the first caretaker of the house in the 1800s, who stood at 6'7" tall.

Following the presentation, SPIRITS of New England conducted a paranormal investigation of the Deane Winthrop House. Proceeds from tarot readings, as well as ticket, Halloween accessory and decoration sales benefited the 17th century home.



Barbara Burns, Alba Frasco, and Mary Crisafi.



Caitlyn Caramello, Claire and Kelly Rhodes, and Angelina Favalaro.



Taylor Malkus, Ari Dumas, Michelle McKee, and Al Reynolds.



Paranormal investigators, Michele Rosner and Louis Calagni, of Greater Boston Paranormal Associates.

## Police // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

stopped a motor vehicle on Morton St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1443: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident between a Tesla and a Volkswagen on Hagman Rd. The Tes-

la was towed. The officer fled a report.

1604: Officers responded to a report of a loose Doberman attacking another dog at Maryland and Tafts Aves. The owner of the Doberman said he was unaware that the dog had gotten out of the house.

The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

1718: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident on Main St. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1747: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in a handicapped spot on Washington Ave.

1749: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1801: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infractions of a number plate violation and excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1839: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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## OUR Opinions

### EARLY VOTING ENDS THIS FRIDAY — ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

In-person early voting for the 2024 Presidential election is underway and will continue through this Friday, November 1. If you are unable to make it to your local city or town hall for early voting (the hours vary in each city and town), then you will have to cast your ballot on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 5.

The past few Presidential elections have been hectic, down-to-the-wire contests, and this year's contest between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump promises to be the same.

In addition, this year we have a contested U.S. Senate race, with incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren facing a challenge from Republican newcomer John Deaton. With control of the Senate being crucial for the parties and for the incoming president, the choice we make for our U.S. Senator will be significant -- and that alone is a reason to vote.

Voting is the only obligation that the status as a citizen of the United States imposes on any of us. The vast majority of people on this planet live in countries where they do not have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their elected officials.

Every citizen should take advantage of the privilege we have as Americans -- and get out to vote.

### THE FIVE BALLOT QUESTIONS

There are five questions on this year's ballot. All five of the questions involve complex changes to state law. We urge all voters to study the ballot questions and read the pros and cons of each. In sum, the questions are as follows:

-- Question 1 would change state law to permit the State Auditor to perform an audit of the state legislature. The proponents say that the change will enhance transparency of the state legislature's internal spending, while the opponents contend that the measure will violate the concept of the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. In addition, it should be noted that a "Yes" vote almost surely will result in the matter being taken to the State Supreme Judicial Court to determine its constitutionality.

-- Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS test as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma in Massachusetts. The MCAS, which requires students to pass tests in English, math, and science in order to receive a high school diploma, has been in existence since 1993, when the landmark Education Reform Bill (which was spearheaded by the late Tom Birmingham when he was the State Senator from Chelsea, Revere, and Everett) became law. The proponents of this question assert that the MCAS is a one-size-fits-all test that does not really measure whether a student has achieved sufficient proficiency to merit receiving a high school diploma. Conversely, the opponents of the measure argue that the MCAS represents the only means for objectively evaluating every student. In addition, the opponents of eliminating the MCAS assert that the MCAS has raised educational standards in Massachusetts, which annually is ranked among the best public education systems in the country.

-- Question 3 would give Transportation Network Drivers (such as Uber and Lyft drivers) the right to form a union. Under the law as it stands presently, those drivers are considered to be independent contractors, not employees.

-- Question 4 would permit individuals to possess and grow their own psychedelic mushrooms and would provide for the sale of these substances at "licensed facilitators." In addition, the proposed law would establish a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission that would regulate the sale of psychedelic products. Proponents cite the growing body of research that indicates that treatment with psychedelics provides benefits for those suffering from depression and PTSD. The opponents note that treatment with psychedelics needs to be highly-supervised by medical professionals, but the proposed law does not do so.

-- Question 5 would alter the compensation for tipped workers. The change in the law would affect workers most notably in the restaurant industry.

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# Forum

## 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 October 25, 2014

A group addressing heroin and opioid addiction in several communities, including Winthrop, updated the Town Council on its next steps to help reduce the number of overdoses in town and help get addicts into recovery. According to the Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC), there has been a 25 percent increase in fatal overdoses in Winthrop from 2003-2012. In addition, a risk assessment survey found that five percent of Winthrop High School students have admitted to trying heroin.

Winthrop High School's 8th grade class will be organizing a Halloween dance fundraiser on Oct. 30, from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Winthrop Yacht Club to raise money for their class trip to Washington, D.C.

### 20 years ago November 11, 2004

The School Committee

voted 3-2 to offer the position of Supt. of Schools to former Brookline Supt. Richard Silverman. Voting for Silverman were committee members Nancy O'Malley, Mary Lou Osborne, and Pat Milano. Gus Martucci and Frank Daloia opposed the appointment.

The Chamber of Commerce said this week it will ask the selectmen to remove the article slated for the Special Town Meeting warrant which would address the issue of storage containers on private property and ask the selectmen to impose a temporary moratorium on enforcing the by-law which forbids the use of such containers.

The Board of Health has announced that it will hold a lottery of high-risk residents to determine who will receive flu shots because of a shortage of flu vaccine.

The Winthrop Lodge of Elks kicked off its annual Drug Awareness Program which is aimed at teach-

ing children in grades 3-5 about the dangers of drugs.

### 30 years ago November 17, 1994

Judge Domenic J.F. Russo, a Winthrop resident, was sworn in as the new Presiding Justice of the East Boston District Court. He succeeds Neil Colicchio in that post. Judge Russo first was appointed to the bench of the Milford District Court in 1980 by then-Governor Edward J. King.

Road repairs to Winthrop's 47 miles of washboard-like streets is underway. The town has \$3 million in available funding from Chapter 90 money, MWRA mitigation funds, and two grants.

The Winthrop Rotary Club's annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Rotary's scholarship programs is set for this Saturday.

Former Governor John A. Volpe, who also served as U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Ambassador to Italy under President

Richard M. Nixon, passed away this week at the age of 91.

### 40 years ago November 20, 1984

Kathy Lane, the chairman of the Concerned Citizens Committee, said that although the group favors the immediate clean-up of Boston Harbor, they will consider acts of civil disobedience to stop construction of a new sewage treatment plant on Deer Island.

Residents of Fremont St. told the selectmen that the board should deny the request of Caron's Restaurant at 54 Putnam St. the use of the E.B. Newton School for parking for patrons and employees.

Thieves of automobile stereo systems are doing their Christmas shopping early with breaks into four cars reported around the town this past weekend.

Police Chief David Rice has received a citation from President Ronald

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## Dr. Shah // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Intermediate Science studies by April 1960. His academic excellence gained him admission to the prestigious Grant Medical College at the University of Mumbai, where he earned his medical degree in December 1964. Dr. Shah completed his internship at the renowned Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals in Mumbai by January 1966, followed by a house surgeon role in general surgery and related specialties. His pursuit of surgical expertise led him to the position of registrar (chief resident) in June 1967. After meeting his future wife, Devila, during their surgical exam preparation in 1967, Dr. Shah successfully passed his Master of Surgery exam in October 1968, ranking third. In 1969, Dr. Shah applied for a residency program in the U.S., choosing the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, Connecticut, where he began in July. During this period, he purchased his first car and married Devila in December 1970. By July 1971, he had advanced to chief resident at Norwalk



The primary care office staff - Bianca Diangelis, Madeleine Butters, Dr. Shah, Georgeann McGeorge, Jeanne Holgersen.

Hospital, contributing to the development of their surgical program. Dr. Shah and his family relocated to Massachusetts in 1972, where he joined Boston Medical Center and later Somerville Hospital as Director of Emergency Services. His career continued to thrive when he was recruited by Winthrop Hospital in 1973 to establish their Emergency Room and outpatient services. Opening his private practice on Main Street in Winthrop, Dr. Shah soon became a pillar of the local medical community, serv-

ing as a general surgeon at Winthrop Hospital and neighboring facilities for decades. Throughout his career, Dr. Shah was committed to patient care and innovation, from expanding his practice to include physical therapy services to being granted surgical privileges at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. His leadership extended beyond the operating room, as he was elected president of the Independent Physicians Association and served as a trustee and chair for the Indian Medical Association of New

England (IMANE). Dr. Pramodchandra Shah is leaving behind a legacy of compassionate care, medical expertise, and community impact that will be remembered for generations. For those concerned about the future of their care, Commonwealth Primary Care will continue to offer high quality care, located at the same familiar address 365 Main Street under the leadership of Nurse Practitioner Jeanne Holgersen, who has worked alongside Dr. Shah for 4 years.

For those who wish to personally thank Dr. Shah for his remarkable service, he will be speaking at the upcoming Winthrop Community Health Forum on November 13, 2024 6PM - 8PM at The Arthur T Cummings School at 40 Hermon Street Winthrop MA 01252. This special event will include free health care giveaways, flu shots, and refreshments, making it an ideal time for the community to come together in celebration and gratitude. All in the community are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Dr. Shah and Devila Shah with children and grandchildren.

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## BIKE WINTHROP'S 7TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BIKE PARADE AND FUN RIDE

Courtesy Photos

On a postcard perfect fall Saturday in Winthrop, over 100 children and their grownups came out to ride their bikes & scooters (and some strollers!) in the 7th Annual Halloween Bike Parade at Ingle-side Park, followed by a group costume ride around town ending at Drop Zone Brewery. Hosted by Bike Winthrop, this year's event featured free bike repair, yard games, pumpkin decorating, music with DJ Cuzzi, a food truck, raffles and more. The judges panel, consisting of Town Manager Tony Marino, Winthrop Public Library Assistant Director Mary Lou Obsourn, CASA's Aaron Williams and Lantern Real Estate's Leighann Eruzione, had a challenging task selecting winners for the trophies in



categories such as "scariest", "cutest" and "best decorated bike" as they watched well costumed parade participants roll by on the path around the park several times. Congrats to all the winners!

Each year, Bike Winthrop presents a special

award to a local business or community partner who has been particularly supportive of their events and mission and were proud to present this year's award to Ace Woodside Hardware. "From donating hundreds of bike lights each year to helping us find great deals on supplies for our bike



repair kits to always putting our events up on their public message board, Ace has always been there to support us, and we are so happy to recognize owner Lauren Murphy for that support!" said Bike Winthrop co-founder Julia Wallerice. More photos from the event can be found on the Bike Winthrop Facebook page. The group looks forward to offering more free bike repair clinics, community events and rides, and opportunities to make Winthrop safer and more accessible to people walking and biking. If you have other ideas or want to get involved, email bikewinthrop@gmail.com.



## Election // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Harris facing off against former President Donald Trump.

In Winthrop, voters will also be asked to determine the fate of a \$4.95 million school override. The proposed override would help fund the school budget for the next three years.

In addition, there are a number of contested races for state and local office, as well as five state ballot questions.

Information about where residents are registered to vote is available on the city's website at [revere.org](http://revere.org).

In the 19th Suffolk district, incumbent Democrat state Representative Jeff Turco is running unopposed.

Incumbent Democrat state Senator Lydia Edwards is facing a challenge from Republican Jeanna Marie Tamas.

Incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren is being challenged by Republican John Deaton.

There is a race to fill a vacant Register of Probate position between Democrat Stephanie Everett and Independent Mohamed Bah.

The state ballot questions include giving the state auditor the ability to audit the legislature, eliminating the MCAS test as a graduation requirement, allowing rideshare drivers

to unionize, allowing the medical use of psychedelic drugs, and increasing the state minimum wage for tipped workers.

With the exception of Precinct 4, all voters in Winthrop vote at the Old Middle School on Pauline Street. Registered voters in Precinct 4 vote on Golden Drive.

At Tuesday night's town council meeting, Council President Jim Letterie thanked the town's election workers and volunteers, noting that 4,500 of Winthrop's roughly 14,500 registered voters have already cast their ballots thanks to mail-in and early in-person voting.

Several councilors also voiced their support for the school override.

"I don't want this to be a kind of tucked under the rug thing and the people that care the most are the only people who are voting yes," said Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson. "Everyone needs to realize this affects everyone; so just because you don't have kids in the school system anymore doesn't mean it doesn't affect you. Your value of your home will go down proportionally with the region as our school system goes down the tubes."

"You can't have 33 kids in a classroom and expect to learn anything."

## 3A Petition // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

in Winthrop. There is a separate path available to put petitions on the ballot, special elections are costly and time consuming, especially holding them every time there would be a change to 3A."

DaRos and several other councilors noted that it is extremely likely that the initial 3A decision will go to a referendum vote in the town.

The MBTA 3A Communities Act requires municipalities with or adjacent to MBTA transportation to zone for increased multi-family housing.

The planning board is scheduled to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 to make a recommendation on 3A compliance. The town council scheduled a special meeting for Thursday, Nov. 14 to take up that recommendation from the planning board.

Council Vice President Hannah Belcher said she fully intends to present a motion to move the planning board's recommendation, when it does come before the council, to a town-wide ballot vote.

"Whatever happens with this (zoning) petition, does not mean that there is no way that the voters (aren't) going to have a chance to say what they are going to say about 3A," said Belcher.

Council President Jim Letterie also noted that while the zoning petition from Winthrop Says No to 3A was not approved, the group can file a supplemental petition that could possibly get the question on the ballot.

In voting against the planning board recommendation, Swope said that the people have a right through the town charter to call for a vote on the 3A issue.

"The people should be allowed to say what is on their minds, given that we are following the charter," said Swope.

Letterie said the vote on the petition was not a vote on 3A, but on the zoning petition and the recommendation made by the planning board. The council president thanked the board for its work on the recommendation, as well as its work on its potential 3A recommendation to the council.

"The planning board was tasked with bringing to the council a plan that complies with 3A, they weren't tasked to say no, they were tasked to come up with a plan," said Letterie. "It is our job, that's why we were elected, to think of if that is the best thing or not for Winthrop. I've made my decision perfectly clear; but our job is to decide on their plan, is their hard work right for Winthrop?"

Diana Viens of the Winthrop Says Not to 3A Committee said the petition was not so much about zoning as it was about giving people a voice on the issue.

"Once there is a plan to comply on the table, this petition says that decision goes to the people at the ballot because that is the mechanism we have," said Viens. "If it is a different mechanism like an online

survey, we don't care, because at the end of the day, everyone should have a vote because ... this affects everyone in a very profound way. That's all it is, we are not looking to reinvent the wheel here, we're looking to have the final say on something that will impact the entire town, which is proper and appropriate in this case."

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### CUMMINGS AND GORMAN FORT BANKS SCHOOLS PTOS HOST TRUNK OR TREAT

Cary Shuman Photos

Schools.

The Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) of the Cummings Elementary and the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School held Trunk or Treat Oct. 25 behind the Cummings

Students in their Halloween costumes and families enjoyed stopping at the various stations for candy and other items.

The PTO groups raised funds for families in need during the holiday season.



Representing TWCFTIN, Kayla Romich, Julie VanKooiman, Jodee Harris, and Cassie Witthaus.



Christina Hoomis, with Theo Hoomis and Alex Hoomis.



Sara Gaughan, Michael Gaughan, Bennett Gaughan, and Penny Gaughan.



Fort Banks PTO President Rita Mansfield and Beth Caraglia of Milano's Deli.



Marilyn Goldberg, with her grandchildren, Catalina Flores and Santiago Flores.



Police Officer Ron Carter and his daughter, Kaitlyn Carter, Legislative Aide to Rep. Jeff Turco.



Talin Durkee and Rab Durkee.



For Kids Only distributed free books at their mobile station during the event. Pictured, front row, are Chris Crombie and Nick Jean-Baptiste. Back row Iryna Silk, Julie Forster, and Serena Page.



The Mighty Ducks, former Winthrop High hockey NEC All-Star Nick Martino and Danielle Martino, with Kennedy Martino (Winnie The Pooh costume), and (front row) Benny Martino, Tate Martino, and Jacob Martino.



Winthrop's public safety departments, Police and Fire, lent their support to the event. From left are Rob Carter, Carlos Dutra, Mike Moru, and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Calandra.



In a League of Their Own, this group of students, including a Racine Belles baseball player, pictured at the Halloween celebration.



## Winthrop Community Health Forum

Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
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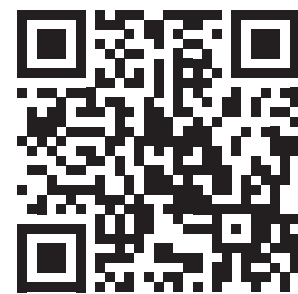
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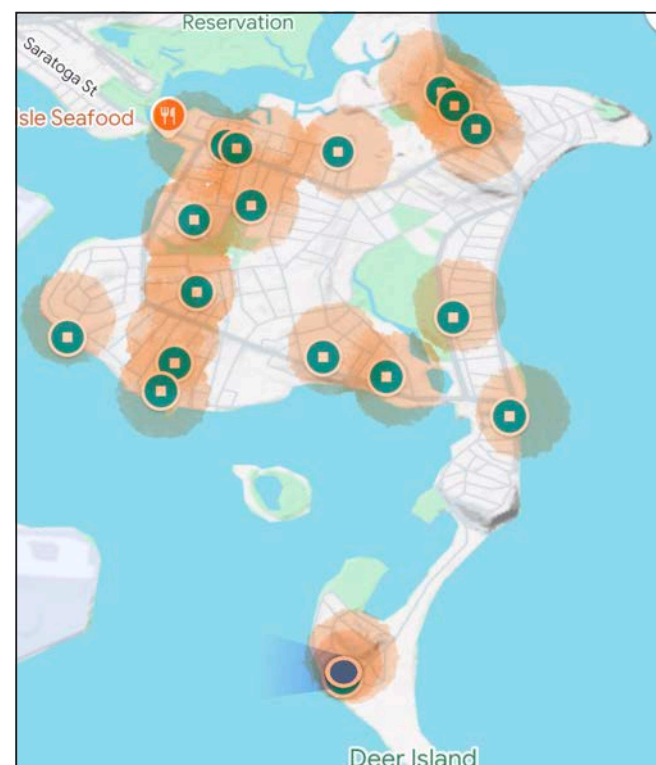
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with Winthrop Nice Discussion group members voting on their favorite decorations by "liking" the posts. Check them out on the Facebook page. Additionally, Andrea shared a Trick-or-Treating map for the community to help families plan their Halloween routes. Winners will be announced today, Thursday, Oct. 31.

Keep an eye on the group for similar holiday activities coming soon.



Scan this code to see the interactive map of decorated houses which participated in the inaugural decorating contest, to Trick-or-Treat at.

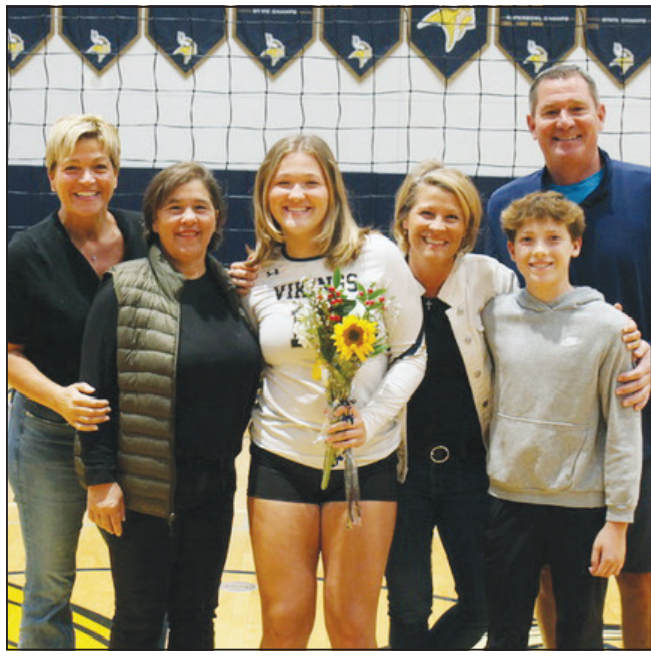


A screenshot of the map available by scanning the QR code above.

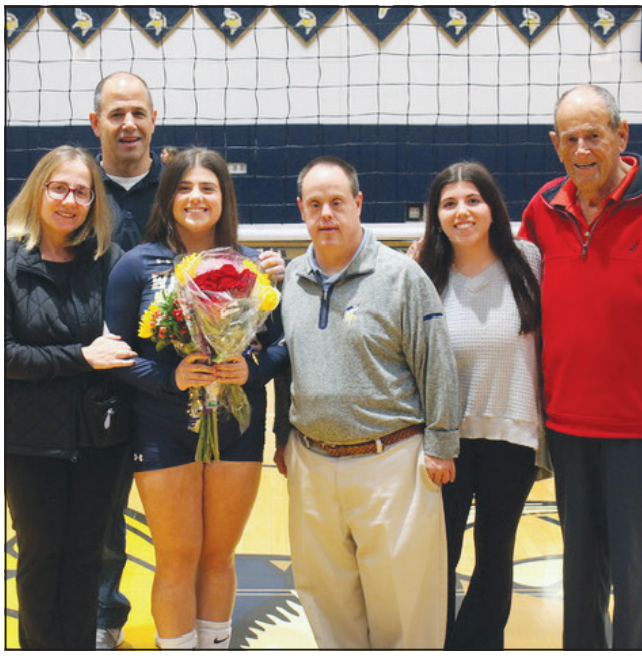


# Sports

## WHS VIKING VOLLEYBALL HONOR THEIR SENIORS AT PRE-GAME CEREMONY



Senior Captain Lily Conway with her parents, Kelli and Sean, Aunt Kristine and family.



Senior Captain Tina Fabiano with her parents, Tanya and Jimmy, sister Frankie, Uncles Frankie and Anthony, and Grandfather Joe.

Last week the Winthrop High School Varsity Volleyball Team honored their seniors at center court before the final match of the regular season.



Senior Sebastian Echeverri with his parents, John and Luz.

### WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### BOYS SOCCER DEFEATS ARLINGTON CATHOLIC; RANKED 29TH IN D-4

The Winthrop High boys soccer team punched its ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a 1-0 victory over Arlington Catholic last Wednesday night. Eron Muja (who scored the game-winner in a recent victory over Swampscott) reached the back of the AC net on what WHS head coach Phil Ronan termed "an absolute cracker of a goal from 20 yards out."

Although the Vikings came out on the short end of a 7-0 decision this past Monday to Manches-

ter-Essex, which came into the contest ranked #9 in Division 4, Winthrop maintained its ranking as the #29 team in D-4. The top 32 teams in the MIAA's power rankings automatically qualify for the post-season state tourney.

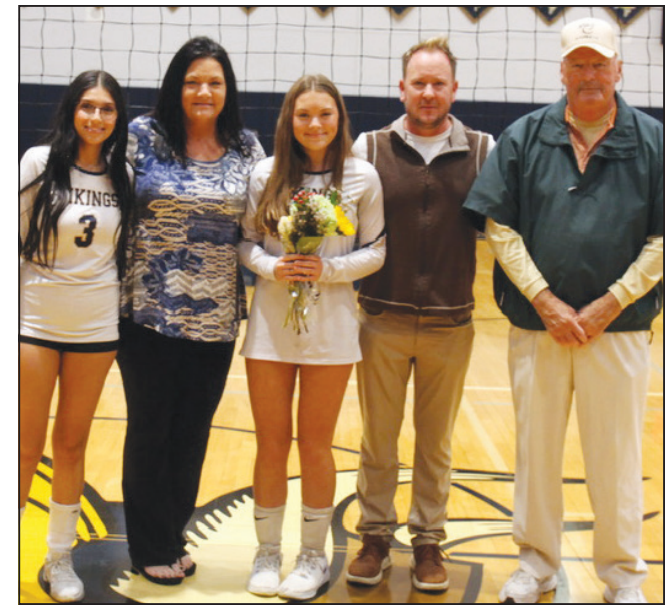
"Manchester Essex is a solid team," said Ronan, "but we played our worst game of the season. We defended horribly, ball-watched, and came out in a trance. Conversely, the Manchester coach said they played their best game of the season by far."

Ronan and his crew, who finished their regular season with a 7-10-1 record, now await the announcement tomorrow

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Senior Captain Samantha Correa with her Aunt Zoraida, Uncle Joe, with cousins Max, Maya, and Zoey.



Senior Captain Zoey Bogusz with her parents, Tom and Julie, and Grandparents Ron and Sam.

## The Road To The Playoffs

### Will Murphy leads the way in Vikings' crucial 25-13 win over Salem

By Cary Shuman

The week before Halloween, the City of Salem can be a bewitching place to visit.

But Winthrop senior captain Will Murphy took the Witch City by storm, turning in a career performance to help the Vikings defeat Salem, 25-13, at Bertram Field. Winthrop (4-3) improved its chances for a playoff berth and is currently ranked No. 13 in the division. A win over Gloucester Friday night would lock up a playoff berth.

Murphy, who is having a superb campaign after being sidelined for much of the 2023 season, cer-

tainly "filled up the stat sheet" in only the Vikings' second road game of the season.

Murphy compiled 214 total yards of offense with 18 carries for 119 yards and a touchdown and three catches for 95 yards and 43-yard TD pass from quarterback Matt Noonan. He also made a key fourth-quarter interception and had more than 50 yards in return yardage on special teams.

"I'm extremely proud of Will because he is a player who has done nothing but work extremely hard in the weightroom for the

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Head Coach Jerry Wein with his seniors and the WHS Viking Varsity Volleyball Team.

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## WINTHROP VIKINGS FOOTBALL HONORS THEIR SENIORS AT MILLER FIELD



Senior Sam Lent Darcy with parents Nancy Lent and James Mahoney, Robert Darcy and brother George.



Senior Captain Matt Noonan with his parents, Megan and Robert, brothers Robert and Michael and family.



Senior Captain Gabe Grein with his father, David.



Senior Captain Phil Boncore with his parents, Jen and Robert, sisters Skylar and Lucy, and family.



Senior Matthew Semenza with parents Randee and Mark, brother Zack and family.



Senior Jake Teehan with his parents, Kristin Van Dilinda and Dom Sanzone, Matt and Susan Teehan, brother Matt and family.



Senior Stephen Lindinger with his parents, Miki and Stephanie, sisters Jenna and Sophia and family.



Senior Captain Matthew Reardon with his parents, Danielle and Paul, sister Bella and family.



Senior Captain Nicholas Cappuccio with his parents, Kathleen and Gerry, brother Chris, sister Arianna, and family.



Senior Captain Will Murphy with parents, Jen and Joe, brothers Connor and Brendan, and family.

## Football // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

last four years,” credited head coach Jon Cadigan. “Pound for pound, he’s been one of the strongest kids. Last year he was derailed in the preseason when he suffered an injury in a 7 on 7 Tournament. I don’t think he was on a lot of people’s radars at the beginning of the season, but his work in the weight-room has translated to the field in a big way.”

Murphy had a key interception in the second half, which Cadigan termed “a big play in the game.”

Cadigan said the offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage, allowing Murphy, Sean Dolen (5 carries for 71 yards, TD), and Seth Sacco (15 carries for 60 yards, TD) to accumulate more than

200 yards on the ground.

### Romano wins Black Shirt Award

Winthrop led by two points (15-13) at halftime but shut out the Witches in the second half.

“It was a great defensive performance, and I thought our coaches coached an excellent game,” credited Cadigan.

Nick Romano was the recipient of the team’s defensive player of the game award. Romano has been playing for the Vikings with a cast on his right hand.

### ‘A ‘gutsy’ overall performance’

The Vikings’ coaching staff was forced to make adjustments in the second

half due to injuries to key players.

“I think it was one of the gutsiest wins we’ve had in the last few years,” said Cadigan. “We had injuries going into the game, and then we lost CJ Cifuni, our starting safety, [two-way performer] Sean Dolen before halftime, and we lost Charlie Ferrara, the top backup, so we were really scrambling at halftime to piece it together, but the kids were excellent filling in certain roles and doing what they had to do to win.”

Cadigan singled out sophomore Desmond Cassidy for his substitute role in the Winthrop backfield following Dolen’s exit due to an injury.

“Desmond had a terrific block on Will’s sec-

ond-half touchdown,” said Cadigan. “Desmond sprung him on our buck sweep play. For a sophomore to step up there, I thought it was excellent to see.”

Nathan Previte also contributed well in a reserve role as the high safety. “He did a terrific job of not allowing any receivers to get behind,” said Cadigan.

### Viking captains showing leadership

With All-Scholastic running back Nick Cappuccio sidelined by an injury, Cadigan has looked to his other captains for on-field leadership, “and our captains [Matt Reardon, Matt Noonan, Gabe Grein, Philip Boncore, and

Will Murphy] have led the team with a steady hand.”

“They don’t say a lot – they just go out and do it and play hard,” said Cadigan. “Our captains are leading by example.”

### Noonan’s Numbers

Senior quarterback Matt Noonan was 6-of-9 for 126 yards and one touchdown.

For the season, Noonan is 29-of-56 for 468 yards.

Most importantly, Matt Noonan brings confidence and poise into the Winthrop huddle, and the other players believe in his leadership of the offense and respect his work ethic off the field.

### ‘Take It To The River’

If you’re a Viking fan,

and you’re sitting in the stands at Newell Stadium Friday night, you can expect the Fishermen rooting section to offer its “Take It To The River” cheer. Newell Stadium sits on the Annisquam River, which is located just beyond the east end zone.

### Winthrop-Gloucester will kick off at 7 p.m.

“Gloucester is always a tough place to play, and it’s certainly been a tough place to win over the years,” said Cadigan. “We’ve had success recently, but I think Gloucester is one of the up-and-coming teams in our league. They’re young, they’re tough, and they have a lot of skill players.”



## WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 years ago October 30, 2014

The undefeated Winthrop Vikings (7-0) captured the NEC South Title with a comeback victory over the Danvers Falcons (3-4, 3-2) at Dr. Deering Stadium in Danvers. The Vikings will play host to Hamilton-Wenham on Friday night in the quarterfinal round of the MIAA Northeast Division 4 Playoffs. The Vikings scored the first touchdown in the first quarter. Jake Chiudina scored on a 4-yard run to culminate a long drive. The Vikings had a long drive and scored with 28 seconds left in the second quarter. Driscoll connected with co-captain Zach Deeb (three catches for 58 yards) on a beautifully-executed screen pass. Deeb made three cuts and found the end zone from 30 yards out and the Vikings held a 13-8 lead at halftime. After Danvers scored to make it 16-13, the Vikings drove 84-yards for the winning touchdown. The clock showed 2:40 to play when Jon Gonzales scored from 4 yards out. Dylan connected with Jake Chiudina (36 yards) and Zach Deeb (12 yards) to key the winning touchdown. Matt Feeley's interception led to the final touchdown by Dylan Driscoll.

The Winthrop High volleyball team, in just its second year as a varsity sport, will make its debut in the MIAA state tournament this evening when the Lady Vikings travel to Essex Tech for a 6:00 encounter in the opening round of the Division 3 North Sectional. Coach Christy Scott's squad finished the season with an 8-8 record during the regular season. In a 3-0 shutout over Saugus (25-16, 25-17, 25-22) last Thursday, junior Nina Bartlette was a force at the net with 10 kills and seven blocks. Maddie Finga'a and Haley Holden turned in tremendous defensive efforts with 14 digs apiece. Allie Love contributed seven digs on the night. Freshman Lacey Scott led Winthrop in assists with 20 from her setter position and served a team-high four aces.

The Winthrop High girls soccer team won a pair of contests this past week against the only Division 4 opponents on its schedule to qualify for the MIAA post-season state tournament.

Coach Tracey Martucci's Lady Vikings defeated St. Joseph's Prep 2-0 on goals by Regina Garufo and Holly Benson last week to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney. The Lady Vikings then delivered their second straight shutout, 3-0 over Mystic Valley. Though Winthrop dominated play in the first half, the Lady Vikings could not find the back of the MV net. However, Winthrop burst out for three goals after the intermission: English, assisted by Holly Benson; Heidi Benson on a free kick; and Holly Benson unassisted.

### 20 years ago November 11, 2004

The Winthrop High football team, standing at 7-1 coming into the game, saw its hopes for a Northeastern Conference title come to an end with a 14-7 loss to undefeated Gloucester on a windy and frigid Miller Field Friday evening. Winthrop's lone score came on a 39-yard TD reception by sophomore Anthony Giuliano from quarterback Anthony Fucillo that brought the crowd of 2000 fans to their feet in the first quarter. Sophomore linebacker Dom LaMarra was the defensive star of the game for the Vikings.

### 30 years ago November 17, 1994

The 3-5-1 Winthrop High football team almost pulled off the upset of the season, but ended up losing to unbeaten Salem in heartbreaking fashion, 22-21. Winthrop held a 21-6 lead with four minutes to play and a 21-14 advantage up to the final play of the game. A Salem recovery of a Winthrop fumble set up Salem's last-ditch scoring effort, but Winthrop still clung to a 21-14 lead with 0:04 to play. An intentional grounding by the Salem quarterback stopped the clock, though the call was questioned by WHS head coach Tony Fucillo, who said that the rules do not allow for an illegal pass to stop the clock. Salem then made good on a last-gasp pass for the touchdown and then successfully made the two-point conversion. Fucillo said the defeat was the most heartbreaking of his 23 years of coaching football. Winthrop touchdowns were scored

by Michael Palmer on a 13-yard run, Paul Ferrara on a two-yard burst, and a 14-yard reception by Todd Doherty from Viking quarterback Keith Gorman. Chris Butler (12 tackles) and Matt Wollenhaupt (nine tackles) led a strong Winthrop defensive effort that contained a potent Salem offense for most of the game.

Katharine Spinney has been named to the NEC girls all-star soccer team. Vikings Luis Bonilla and Brian Macrina have been named to the boys' team.

### 40 years ago November 20, 1984

The 0-9 WHS football, which had been undefeated for the past three seasons, will seek its first win in the final game of the year against 2-7 Revere on Thanksgiving Day.

### 50 years ago November 20, 1974

The frustrations of the WHS football team continued with a 14-6 loss to Lynn English. The Vikings lost four fumbles and had a 62-yard TD run by quarterback Dom Marino called back. English tied the game with just 30 seconds to play, sending the game into overtime in which Winthrop gave away its chance to tie with a fumble at the English two-yard line.

### 60 years ago November 9, 1964

The Winthrop High football team completed an undefeated season in the Northeastern Conference with a 14-0 win over a tough, second-place Andover squad. Winthrop running back Steve "The Tank" Adamson leads the NEC in scoring with 56 points and has rushed for 769 yards on 92 attempts, an average of 8.4 yards per carry. Winthrop now will meet an equally-undefeated (though once-tied) Revere squad, which features a potent passing attack with lefty quarterback Jim DelGaizo, with the Class B title at stake in the season finale on Thanksgiving Day.

However, Revere officials have refused to move the game from Revere to Winthrop or a neutral site such as Everett Stadium, even though the bleachers at Paul Revere Stadium have been condemned and an overflow crowd is expected for the titanic

battle. The Revere School Committee has rented temporary bleachers seating 3200 persons for what promises to be an epic battle between the two ancient rivals.

### 70 years ago November 18, 1954

Former Winthrop High teammates and stars Steve Miles and Tom Trainor hooked up in a classic college football battle in Ithaca, N.Y., Saturday in which Miles's Cornell team met Trainor's Dartmouth squad. Cornell emerged victorious, 41-20, thanks in large part to a ferocious defensive effort by Miles, who was credited with 26 tackles, causing two Dartmouth fumbles and intercepting a Dartmouth pass. For his part, Trainor scored the final Dartmouth touchdown and kicked the extra point. Among the members of the Miles family on hand for the game were his dad Fred, a local car dealer, mother Josephine, little brother Ron, and sister Carol.

The WHS football team fell to 0-8 on the season after a 41-0 loss to Saugus Saturday. "It's been a long season," declared WHS head coach Ed MacFarland, who said his team will be looking forward to an upset of heavily-favored Danvers on Thanksgiving.

### 80 years ago November 18, 1944

On a puddle-dotted field, Winthrop fell by a score of 7-0 to a strong Melrose team Saturday. Talcott, Neal, and Capt. Howard played well for Winthrop. However, the loss was considerably better than the Winthrop effort the previous week in a 45-0 defeat to Chelsea.

### 90 years ago November 17, 1934

Another monster crowd of football fans watched Saturday's game between undefeated Winthrop and Chelsea at Ingleside. Every seat in the bleachers and every parking space were filled by the large crowd. Unfortunately for Winthrop, the home team dropped their first game of the year, 14-6, to the visitors from Chelsea.

### 100 years ago November 22, 1924

The Winthrop High football team dropped a

## A mistake, a correction, and a nice chat with John Tipping

Two weeks ago we placed this item in our "Winthrop Sports Through the Years" column:

"60 years ago  
November 5, 1964

"The undefeated Winthrop High football team will be seeking win number seven when coach Ed MacFarland's squad meets Saugus this week. Winthrop, which already has clinched a share of an NEC title, defeated Marblehead, 34-20, this past week. The contest never was in doubt as Winthrop jumped out to a 32-0 lead at the half and cruised the rest of the way. Steve 'The Tank' Adamson, Winthrop's 215-pound halfback, ripped through the Marblehead line for big gains all day, while fullback Ed Tipping bolted 47 yards for a touchdown."

A few days later, our office received a phone call from John Tipping, who politely informed us that he, not Ed Tipping (who is no relation), is the former Viking who scored not only the touchdown noted in the news item, but two others as well, all three of which came in the second quarter in that big victory over Marblehead.

So we (i.e., the sports editor) called John to express our apologies for the mistake. And as things go for us these days, we also asked John what he's been up to over these past six decades, which led to an hour-long conversation.

John's journey since then is as follows: He married the former Ann Mosca of East Boston. The couple moved to Woburn, where they raised their two daughters, Jennifer and Stephanie, both of whom have become incredibly successful in the business world. Jennifer, 49, was recruited to play soccer out of high school and played at Bentley (where she came to know the late Bob DeFelice) and now works for a large international company. Stephanie, 46, also was a superb athlete who gradu-

ated from Phillips Andover Academy and the University of Pennsylvania and works in the financial services industry in San Francisco.

Both Jennifer and Stephanie have three children -- which makes John and Ann the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

After living in Woburn for 37 years, John and Ann bought a condo and returned to Winthrop nine years ago. John, who retired after a 41-year career as a sales manager with United Airlines, told us that he plays every Saturday and Sunday at the Winthrop Golf Club with a foursome that includes Alan Graham (WHS '64), Donald Milano (WHS '64), and Nick Rozantes (WHS '63).

Interestingly, Alan Graham would become the brother-in-law of one of John Tipping's teammates, Ron Miles (WHS '66), from that 1964 football team. (Ron's oldest brother, the late Al Miles, married Alan's sister, Carol. They raised four children in Winthrop, Alan, Norreen, Craig, and Darren Miles.)

We also reminisced about Winthrop in the 1960s and how much the town has changed since then, though much still remains the same.

As we noted to John, after more than 50 years in the newspaper business, this mistake was not our first, and we know it certainly will not be our last.

However, sometimes mistakes can be a good thing, and in this case, it resulted in a nice conversation that brought back a lot of happy memories from our youthful days growing up in our little seaside community -- and we have to admit that as much as we always strive for accuracy in the Sun-Transcript, we wouldn't mind if we were to make a few more similar "mistakes" in the future.

21-0 contest to Marblehead Saturday. The Marblehead squad is rated as one of the best in that school's history.

The girls field hockey team won its fourth straight game, 3-2 over

Stoneham.

### 110 years ago November 21, 1914

Talcott and Howard played well for the Winthrop High football team in a 26-6 win over Norwood.

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(Friday) of their final ranking and first-round opponent in the tourney. Based on the rankings as of press time yesterday (Wednesday), the Vikings will play a home game, most likely on Sunday against Tri-County Regional Vocational Tech, in the first round. If Winthrop is victorious, their likely foe in the Round of 32 will be #4 Lynnfield.

### WHS GIRLS SOCCER HOLDS SENIOR NIGHT

The Winthrop High girls soccer team held Senior Night festivities last week to recognize the members of the Class of 2025 for their contributions to the Lady Viking soccer program.

The 12 seniors who were honored were goalie Tori Bates, Melissa Cash, Emily Hoxhaj, Izi Hain, Charlotte Holmes, Marian Alvarez-Restrepo,

Sophia Bocchio, Marwa Jaafar, Hannah Barrett and Captain Marwa Mimiouni, captain Gabby Buonopane, and captain Talia Martucci.

Winthrop took on Northeast Regional in the Senior Night contest, but came up on the short end of a 2-1 decision.

"We had a good battle with Northeast," said WHS head coach Tracey Martucci. "We dominated play, but just couldn't connect."

Winthrop's goal was scored by Stella Osborn, assisted by Angela Coscia.

The Lady Vikings wrapped up their 2024 campaign with a makeup home game vs. Swampscott this past Monday in which Winthrop dropped a 6-0 decision.

### VIKING RUNNERS COMPETE AT NEC MEET

The Winthrop High

boys and girls cross-country teams competed in Sunday's Northeastern Conference meet that was held at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester.

The top five finishers for coach Eric Ferguson's boys' squad were Owen Nargi, Liam Natareno, Liam Kenney, Sean McGoiloin and Miguel Rabuske. Nargi and Natareno posted their best times of the season, running 19:44 and 19:58 respectively.

JV runners Eli Lawton and Pedro Albuquerque also recorded personal-best times.

On the girls' side, the Lady Vikings had only one finisher, Aitana Bartolome, because of some injuries that prevented the other members of the team from running. Aitana turned in a strong performance, finishing with her best time of the season.

"We will be focused on training and recovering over the next two weeks in

preparation for the MIAA Divisional Meet on November 9," said Ferguson.

### VIKING VOLLEYBALL WRAPS UP SEASON

The Winthrop High volleyball team wrapped up its 2024 season last Friday at Salem. Although the Vikings came out on the short end of a 3-2 decision, first-year head coach Jerney Wein saw some good signs from his squad.

"We came out of the gate a little slow to start," said Wein. "As the match went on, we found a rhythm and started to hustle a little more. We had been swept by Salem a little while ago, so it was progress to take two sets from them this time."

"A loss is a loss and there is no way around it," added Wein. "None of them ever feels good. Overall, we said this season was about progress

and we saw it. We are trying to build year after year and I think we have a solid

foundation. I keep telling myself, 'Oh, what the future holds.' We shall see."

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# OBITUARIES

## Colin J. Cash

He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, integrity, and a deep appreciation for the beauty of life



nature.

Colin J. Cash will be remembered for his kindness, his commitment to his community, and his unwavering love for his family. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, integrity, and a deep appreciation for the beauty of life. May he sail on peaceful seas and rest in eternal serenity.

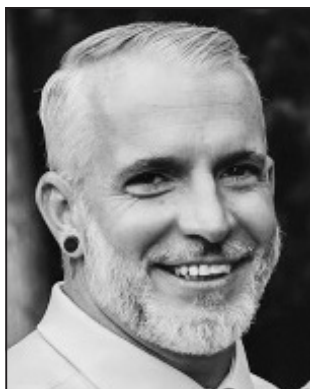
He was the devoted husband of Jeanne C. (Hines) and the loving father of Jeanine Cash and her fiancé, Eric Rapchuck and Colin Cash and his wife, Margaret; dear brother of Peggy Riley and her husband, Leonard and the late Tom, Danny, Buddy and Eddie Cash and cherished grandfather of Courtney, Ethan, Aidan, Nicholas, Gabby and Isabella.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, November 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, November 2 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

## Shawn Daniel Stairs, Sr.

Nothing will ever fill the void of his loss



Shawn Daniel Stairs, Sr., 47, passed unexpectedly on September 4, 2024.

The son of Roberta (Coakley) Stairs and the late Eugene B. Stairs, Sr., he is survived by his daughter, Victoria (Stairs) King and her husband, Andrew and grandchildren: Holden, Palmer and Willa and his son, Shawn Stairs Jr. and siblings: Jesse Stairs, Elaine Stairs, Christine Rutina, Gene Stairs, Kelly Stairs, Shannon Stairs-Eaves, Caitlin Stairs, Meghan Mailloux and Colleen Samayoa. He was predeceased by his sister, Jillian Stairs and his brother, Patrick Stairs. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and close friends.

Shawn was born in East Boston on September 18, 1976 and he often referred to himself as a bicentennial baby as if he were talking about an action character. As a young boy, his parents moved to Revere and relocated to Winthrop when he was a teen, where he remained living for more than a decade.

Growing up, he excelled at sports but, much to his dismay, his dream of being a professional soccer player never came true. Known for his mischievous personality, wicked smirk, and devilish smile, he had a special charm that captivated others. Those who knew his soul, understood best that he could be a stubborn wild man, who overindulged in life at times, but at his core he was a caring, intelligent, sensitive human being who was frequently teased by his siblings for being a secret mamma's boy.

Shawn became a dad at a young age which was one of the most exciting blessings of his life. Despite challenges along the way, he created bonds with his children that could withstand any storm, an unconditional love that never wavered. Moreover, he had the joy of becoming a grandad in his early 40's, although his white hair and achy joints would suggest otherwise. Additionally, anyone that knew him, knew, he loved animals and almost always had a dog at home.

His initial passion was in culinary arts which he was fortunate enough to secure several fulfilling jobs in that field over many years. Having a clean and organized kitchen with the best knives was something that stuck with him throughout his life. He took other career paths since then but always very much enjoyed cooking, especially for others.

Shawn also possessed an innate ability to learn just about anything he set his mind to, regularly teaching himself new

things that, eventually, he could do remarkably well.

Much of his adult life was spent moving around, most importantly living with his young family in Georgia for several years before ultimately ending up in southern Florida where he resided the last few years and met his wife, Amelia. After being away from New England for quite some time, he lost his tolerance for the cold and the mere thought of visiting would induce a shiver. One of his most favorite places to be was at the beach because he loved the sun and ocean. He found it particularly entertaining to flaunt his year round tan in the family group chat. Aside from his fondness for the beach, he really enjoyed hitting the gym to work out as much as possible.

Shawn was also a self-described adrenaline junkie who was always seeking the next thrill, from sky diving to rocking out at Woodstock '99 to 4-wheeling with his son to being covered by the lingering smell of burnt rubber after racing his buddy's car down Shore Drive to tearing things up with the heaviest weights he could lift at the gym to adding new ink to the little bit of open space he had left on his body, and so on.

Shawn was so very proud of his kids and he loved them more than he could ever express in his lifetime. Some of their most nostalgic memories are of him playing baseball with his son and watching his daughter dominate the lacrosse field and any of the many activities they did outdoors together. His family will forever miss his calls and visits that usually started off with "what's up ugly" followed by his silly laugh. Nothing will ever fill the void of his loss but there can be some solace found in the thought that he may be at rest with his dad, sister, brother, cherished uncle, Danny and niece, Michaela.

Services will be private but the family invites all to join them to celebrate Shawn's life at Pleasant Park Yacht Club, 562 Pleasant St., Winthrop, on November 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Light food and refreshments will be available.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

## Marie Monteleone

Her kindness, humor and zest for life leave a lasting legacy



Marie Monteleone of Winthrop, a beloved daughter, wife, friend, and community member, passed away on October 24, 2024.

She was born in Boston on September 16, 1945, to the late Vincenza "Frances" (Foti) and Joseph Amentola. Marie was a resident of Winthrop since 1965.

She was a dedicated worker who stood alongside her husband at Curtains Plus, showcasing her strong work ethic and commitment to their business. She also lent her talents to the Metropolitan Credit Union, where she made a lasting impact on colleagues and clients alike.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Marie found joy in various hobbies and social activities. She had a passion for reading the bible, dancing, playing cards, and bowling, where her vibrant spirit shone through. Her Thursday night club with the girls was a cherished tradition that brought her laughter and camaraderie.

Marie Monteleone will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her kindness, humor, and zest for life leave a lasting legacy that will be fondly remembered by her family, friends, and community. Rest in peace, Marie. Your memory will forever live on in our hearts.

She was the devoted wife of the late Frank Monteleone and the loving mother of Lisa Ferrara and her husband, Frank, Frank Monteleone and his wife, Kathy, Joey Monteleone and his wife, Courtney and Gina Edgett and her husband, Billy; dear sister of the late Ralph, Vincent and Joseph Amentola; cherished grandmother of Nicole and her fiancé, Taylor, Janelle and her husband, Chris, Giana and her husband, Ricky, Frank and his fiancé, Flora, Gen and Joe, Talia, Ella, Kaitlyn, Nolan, Sloane and Piper and great grandmother of Emmanuel.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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## Kathleen MacLean

Known for her unwavering work ethic, strong family values and quick wit



Kathleen (Sweeney) MacLean, born on July 27, 1931, in Newton, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on October 15, 2024 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She was 93 years old. Kathleen was a beloved member of the community, known for her unwavering work ethic, strong family values, and quick wit.

After spending years in Jamaica Plain and Somerville, Kathleen settled in Winthrop in 1985 where she touched the lives of many as a hostess and waitress at the Winthrop Arms and Joseph's Aquarium. Her dedication to her work and her customers left a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Kathleen was not only admired for her professional demeanor but also for her advocacy of women's rights, particularly in promoting voting rights. Her sassy personality and quick wit brought joy and laughter to those around her making her a cherished friend to many.

In her moments of relaxation, Kathleen found solace in simple pleasures like enjoying a bowl of vanilla ice cream, watching Family Feud with her grandchildren Max, Ella and Christina, and sun tanning. Her love for these small indulgences reflected her appreciation for the little joys in life.

Kathleen MacLean will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of crossing paths with her during her remarkable life. May her memory be a blessing and may her legacy of hard work, laughter and advocacy continue to inspire us all. Rest in Peace, Kathleen

MacLean. You will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

She was the beloved wife of the late Malcolm E. MacLean and the loving mother of Deborah Laham and her late husband, Gregory of Westwood, Jean Pontikas and her late husband, Nicholas of Winthrop, Malcolm E. MacLean, Jr. and his wife, Barbara of Walpole, Daniel T. MacLean and his fiancé, Claudia of California, Linda A. Horblit and her husband, Brian of Winthrop, Christina MacLean of Winthrop and the late John R. MacLean; dear sister of the late Marguerite Gilmore, Alfred, Robert and Edward Sweeney and sister-in-law of Ann Sweeney. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, October 19, 2024 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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# OBITUARIES

## Joseph Pergola

Retired Letter Carrier and member of Winthrop Lodge of Elks

Joseph S. Pergola, a cherished member of the Winthrop community, passed away peacefully at his home on October 25th. He was born in Boston to Petrina (Salvaggio) and Phillip Pergola and has been a resident of Winthrop since 1979.



Joseph served his country with honor and dedication, spending two years in the US Army and achieved the rank of Private First Class. After his honorable discharge, he continued his service by working as a dedicated letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. He was also a member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.

Ernie of Wilmington; dear brother of Nina Giacchino and cherished grandfather of Matthew, Nicole and Erin.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, October 29 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

May he rest in peace. He was the devoted husband of Kathleen (Buonopane) and the loving father of Joseph Pergola of Winthrop and Donna Botte and her husband,

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## GIRL SCOUT TROOP 70227 HOLDS ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP AT METCALFE SQUARE

Cary Shuman Photos

Displaying is commitment to community service projects, Girl Scout

Troop 70227 held its annual Fall Cleanup of Metcalfe Square Saturday, October 25.

Pictured right, DAR Member Jean Paradis and Regent of the Boston Tea Party Chapter of the DAR Susan Gerow join community leader Diana Viens (center) and Girl Scout Vada Vencil (left) in cleaning up the area in front of the Winthrop Public Library at the annual Fall Cleanup in Metcalfe Square.



Volunteering their services to help beautify the Town Hall Lawn are the members of Girl Scout Troop 70227, Troop leaders, and parents.

## Winthrop Senior Center News

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A full list of the activities, programs, trips, and services offered at the Senior Center can be found in the newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Hatters  
12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine -In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick Up  
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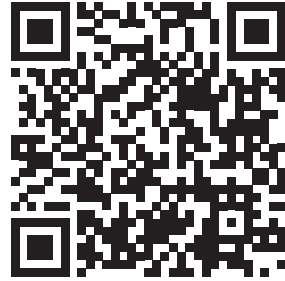
### Friday, November 8

**Monday, November 4**  
9:00am-3:00 pm: Computer Usage  
10:00 am - 11:00 am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30 am - 2:30 pm: Game Day / Mahjong

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Computer Usage  
9:00am-10:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Creative Writing Workshop

### Tuesday, November 5

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)  
9:30 am - 11:00 am: Friends of WCOA Meeting  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Blood Pressures  
11:00am-12:00pm: Exercise for Arthritis  
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)



### 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 - 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 that they were requested for.

### Wednesday, November 6

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group  
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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If you've ever followed a Corgi down a sidewalk and enjoyed the sight of their adorable gait, you'll understand why so many people adore this breed. Following one such experience, we began a quest to learn more about these dogs.

### Two Different Breeds

The AKC recognizes two similar yet different breeds: The Cardigan Welsh Corgi and the Pembroke Welsh Corgi. The AKC explains the historical distinctions "...the Cardigan, one of the oldest breeds in the British Isles, being older by over two thousand years." "Their ancestors were brought to Wales by the Celtic tribes of central Europe ...in roughly 1200 BC."

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi "...arrived in Wales with the Vikings and are descended from the Nordic Spitz breeds." The relatively younger breed's appearance can be traced back to 1000 AD. Except for a brief period in the 1930s, the two Corgis have never been interbred."

You can tell them apart by the length of the tail and the shape of the ears. The Cardigan's ears are rounder and have a longer "foxlike" tail, and the Pembroke has pointed ears and a short tail close to the body. Cardigans are the slightly larger and heavier of the two.

### Working Life

Both Corgis are herding dogs and excellent all-around farm dogs. Their short legs allow them to nip at the heels of cattle while avoiding kicks. They are also excellent guard dogs and have been used for vermin control. Some farmers joke that these little dogs can do any job they can reach with their short legs. Their intelligence makes them capable of learning to master many jobs, but they also require proper training.

## CITY PAWS

# Corgi Fun Facts!



This Pembroke Welsh Corgi exhibits the breed's charming smile, sparkling eyes, and can-do attitude.

Today, in this country, most Corgis are companion animals. They master this role with proper training that makes the most of their affectionate, loyal, and social nature.

### Genetics

The word "Corgi" means "dwarf dog" in Welsh. The National Institutes of Health has reported, "Disproportional dwarfism, or chondrodysplasia, affects more than a dozen domestic dog breeds, including the dachshund, corgi, Pekingese and basset hound. It's caused by calcification of growth plates, which curtails long bone development and results in short

legs with a curved appearance." In Corgis, this is a dominant gene.

Some Pembroke Corgis carry a natural bobtail trait, the T locus, which results in a short tail. This was an advantage in their herding role.

### Personality

Charming is a great word to describe either Corgi. They were extremely popular dogs in the Provincetown community for years, and we had the pleasure of meeting many of them. Today, we see more and more of these in the Boston area.

While both breeds are

intelligent and great farm or family dogs, there are some personality differences. Pembrokes are more outgoing, and Cardigans are more laid-back and may be reserved with strangers. Both can be barkers since those upright ears hear everything; however, Cardigans are more likely to need some training with this issue.

### Corgi Butts

Online there is an obsession with Corgi butts. Reddit has a Corgibutt subreddit with thousands of members. Online retailers supply fans with mugs, pillows, bottle openers, socks, pants, and even neon signs. Click-bait headlines declare, "15 Corgi Butts That Might Break The Internet."

With their smiling faces and winning personalities, it's possible to forge that these are intelligent, hard-working dogs capable of fulfilling many roles successfully, all the while loving being part of a family and enjoying time with their people.

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# Winthrop Foundation shines a light on town projects

Special to the Transcript

Since its founding in 2019, the Winthrop Foundation has been proud to award over \$625,000 in grants to dozens of groups throughout the town, shining a light on the many terrific projects being done locally.

For the third year in a row, the Winthrop Foundation has been proud to fund the holiday tree lighting. The Foundation's Trustees know how important economics are in the community, and how important the holiday tree lighting is to our community. They are pleased, once again, to sponsor the tree lighting throughout the town.

Led by Chairman Russ Sanford and the Board of Trustees, the Foundation's goal is to help fund positive and impactful work done by local nonprofits, volunteer groups that serve a public purpose, and other public-serving entities. "Each year, the Trustees and I commit to working

together to make good on the promise of supporting a variety of local projects, large and small, that make a meaningful impact on the town." says Chairman Sanford.

Over the past year, the Trustees have awarded nearly \$145,000 in grant funding to local, public-serving projects including:

- Friends of the Winthrop Public Library, to celebrate the Library's 125th Anniversary
- Parks & Recreation Dept to replace and install new playground equipment at Crest Ave.
- Winthrop High School youth sailing program, for sailboats and related equipment
- Trades scholarships to graduating seniors as they further their training and education in the trades
- Winthrop Youth Football for replacement helmets, shoulder pads and practice gear
- Support for the Rise & Shine infant drop-in

program

- Winthrop Little League field dugout replacement funding
- Department of Health funding for its November 2024 Community Health Forum
- Funding to the Chamber of Commerce for the tree lighting, to support the Chamber's November 2024 holiday event
- Support for the WHS Class of 2025 graduating seniors' May 2025 event

Generously funded by the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), the Winthrop Foundation will continue to support public, local initiatives that meaningfully benefit the town while addressing socioeconomic and environmental impacts of Logan Airport. To apply for a grant from Winthrop Foundation visit [www.winthropfoundation.us](http://www.winthropfoundation.us).

The Foundation accepts grant applications from local nonprofit organizations, public-serving entities, and volunteer



Annual Meeting of the Winthrop Foundation (from L to R): Trustee Vasili Mallios, Chairman Russ Sanford, Trustee Gus Martucci, State Representative Jeffrey Turco, Foundation Treasurer Brian Leslie, Trustee Chrissy D'Ambrosio, Foundation Administrator Betsy Rueda Gynn, Eric Reidister, Aide to Senator Lydia Edwards. (Trustees not pictured: Secretary Vinny Crossman, Trustee Terence Delehanty.)

groups that serve a public purpose. Applications are

reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a rolling basis.

Help keep the light shining.

# Top Healey environmental leader calls for reform at Massport

Special to the Transcript

In a letter to the state's top environmental leaders earlier this month, AIR, Inc. (Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated) a local community airport environmental activist group, claimed that Massport, the agency which runs Logan Airport, is not doing enough to reduce the airport's environmental impacts. The group says that state lawmakers created Massport in the 1950's to run the airport and promote the economy, but that

today Logan has grown to become a mega-airport which causes pollution and traffic impacts. They want the state and Massport to do much more to address these impacts.

In a recently concluded review of Logan's operations, the state's top ranking environmental official Secretary Rebeca Tepper, head of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) agreed. Now, she is directing Massport to step up its efforts to reduce Logan's impacts.

Pointing to rising passenger levels and pollution at Logan, the Secretary issued a strong directive to Massport to improve its environmental performance. Calling for improved reporting, community engagement, transparency, and performance, Tepper turned up the pressure on Massport, asking the Authority to address the health, air quality, and community impacts of Logan's operations.

The Secretary also ordered Massport to plan additional pollution reduc-

tion strategies to address the growth of environmental impacts if passenger or flights outpace forecasts. This idea answers community requests for Massport to stop using inaccurate planning forecasts.

Secretary Tepper gave Massport an extensive list of actions to take within the coming year to improve their future environmental performance:

- Identify additional pollution cutting measures for neighborhoods near the Airport
- Develop metrics to

measure pollution and report levels in real-time

- Identify additional strategies to address increased pollution if passenger and operations grow more than their forecasts predict
- Participate in a working group which her office will create to:
- Identify ways to reduce Logan's public health impacts
- Develop air quality monitoring and pollution reduction programs
- Form partnerships to distribute air filters
- Create an idling reduc-

tion plan

- Simplify and improve the pollution reporting process

The Secretary also made helpful suggestions about how she would like to see Massport enhance public transparency and tracking of its environmental programming in their next report by presenting all of their pollution reduction programs in a single table which updates the program's status and estimates their effectiveness. Air, Inc. believes this proposed sys-

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Reagan declaring the town as the safest community in America. The citation was presented by Gov. Edward J. King.

### 50 years ago November 20, 1974

More than 300 residents attended a meeting at Memorial Auditorium to discuss whether Winthrop should participate in the METCO program that will bus inner city students from Boston into Winthrop and other suburban schools. Many of those in attendance who opposed Winthrop's adoption of the program cited the lack of space in Winthrop's schools as the chief reason to reject the program for Winthrop. The Sun-Transcript editorializes that any decision on the issue should be based on the facts; otherwise, it is sheer bigotry to reject the METCO program.

Authorities have recovered more than \$200,000 worth of counterfeit food stamps in the Pico Beach area after a group of youths had found them and attempted to use them at the Richdale store on Pleasant St. However, a store clerk alerted police.

A large number of breaks into homes were reported to police this week.

Vandals using an ax or crowbar-type of instrument caused more than \$3000 worth of damage to a green at the Winthrop Golf Club.

The Playmakers are presenting Hello, Dolly! at the Memorial Auditorium Nov. 21-24.

Juggernaut is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

### 60 years ago November 19, 1964

A dozen concerned parents met with the selectmen and members of the Recreation Commission to discuss changes in the town's recreation programs in wake of the arrests of 26 youths by Sgt. Paul Abely because the youths were playing football at Miller Field. Police also reportedly have been taking away footballs from boys who have been playing in the streets. Police Chief Perrone said his officers had no choice but to arrest the youths who were playing at Miller Field after the youths had refused to follow requests by Officers Crawford and Northrop to leave. Perrone also cited the recent rash of vandalism that has occurred at the field and at the Little League field in recent months.

The selectmen have taken the first step toward allowing for the repeal of the Tenement Housing Act by signing the draft of proposed legislation that will allow Town Meeting to vote on the issue.

Divorce Italian Style is playing at the Winthrop Theater.

### 70 years ago November 18, 1954

Selectmen Harold Katz and William Pierce have explained their vote of last week in which they ordered Winthrop Police Sgt. John Van Dalinda to return to duty with the local department from an assignment with the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. They said they had not been informed that the town would still be paying Van Dalinda's salary

at the time the board first allowed him to work with the DA's office.

Dr. Harvey Kelly, of 200 Pleasant St., one of the town's best-loved and best-known citizens, has been named as the recipient of the Massachusetts Doctor of the Year award. Dr. Kelly is 71.

Winthrop Jewry has written a brilliant chapter in Greater Boston philanthropy by going over the top in its 1954 activities for the combined Jewish appeal under the direction of local resident Max Yorks.

A special Mission for local teenagers will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church beginning Sunday evening.

The Board of Assessors is not required to impose a tax on the Winthrop Golf Club, according to Town Counsel Peter Princi. Rather, since the club is a quasi-public course. He said it is up to the discretion of assessors whether to assess a tax.

Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman star in Notorious and Tyrone Power stars in King of the Khyber Rifles at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 80 years ago November 18, 1944

A Special Town Meeting will deal with 11 warrants Monday evening at the junior high school gymnasium. Among the items to be taken up are requests for additional funds for Assistance to Old Age residents and for Aid to Dependent Children.

War Fund Chairman Norman J. Horrigan reports that the town has reached only 60 percent of its \$7100 quota.

James Stewart and Carole Lombard star in Made for Each Other at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 90 years ago November 17, 1934

At impressive exercises held by the Board of Park Commissioners, Cook's Beach on Pleasant St. was renamed Simon Donovan Beach in honor of the Winthrop lad who gave his life on the battlefield of France in the world war just two weeks before the Armistice was signed.

Because a quorum of Town Meeting members was not reached last Monday, the postponed Special Town Meeting will take place this coming Monday.

The Winthrop Unemployment Committee will hold a smoker and boxing exhibition in Wadsworth Hall to raise funds for the Thanksgiving baskets.

A recount has been requested on the referendum question regarding the sale of beer and light wines in the town in package stores. The measure passed by a slim majority of 3198-3023 and the head of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union has requested a recount.

Cecil B. DeMille's Cleopatra starring Claudette Colbert is playing at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 100 years ago November 22, 1924

The entertainment put on at the Winthrop Theatre by the Winthrop Woman's Club was one of most exquisite artistry and beauty with special music, an exhibition of paintings, and the performance of a

show.

Principal Edward R. Clarke has announced that 137 students at Winthrop High School have been named to the Honor Roll for the first quarter.

The Winthrop Players' production of the American comedy, The Three Wise Fools, was attended by a capacity crowd at Winthrop Theatre Friday evening.

Winthrop joined with communities across the country in observing National Education Week during which time the attention of all residents was drawn to our public schools.

### 110 years ago November 21, 1914

The School Committee unanimously has named Edward R. Clarke as the new Principal of the high school. Clarke is a graduate of Williams College and previously served as principal of Leominster High School.

Winthrop's Civil War veterans enjoyed a fine banquet at War Veterans Hall Thursday. Fully 200 were in attendance from Winthrop and throughout Greater Boston.

A congregation of 700 attended vespers at St. John the Evangelist Church this past week.

### 120 years ago November 19, 1904

More than 200 voters attended the Town Meeting this week. Among the articles they approved was one calling for the contract with the Suburban Gas and Electric Co. to be amended to provide for the electricity to light the town's streetlights from 4:30 a.m.

until daylight for the next four months.

A New York syndicate reportedly has purchased the marshland near Thornton Station, land formerly owned by Dr. Al Watts. The group intends to build a fine hotel and cottages, dredge the channel, and put in a line of steamboats between Winthrop and Boston.

### 130 years ago November 17, 1894

The great plans for Metropolitan Park development are being studied in the offices of Messrs. Olmstead and Elliot. A recent visitor to Franklin Park and Back Bay marveled at the primitive naturalness that prevails.

The natural method likewise will be adopted for the ocean shores of Revere and Winthrop.

### 140 years ago November 21, 1884

The 50th anniversary of the building of the first church in Winthrop was celebrated appropriately at the Methodist Church Sunday with an old-fashioned love feast. The history of the church dates back to 1817 when the first preacher's service was held. In 1834 the church building was constructed at a cost of \$960 for the 30' x 30' structure. At the time, there were 13 houses in Winthrop and six on Pt. Shirley. The town was a part of Chelsea known as Chelsea Point, or Pullen Point, and had 21 landowners.

Many residents raise chickens in town, but they should be aware that dampness causes 90 percent of their problems, either directly or indirectly.



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tem would make it easier to compare Massport's success at reducing negative environmental impacts with their stated goals. They say this system could also be used to trigger additional requirements if impacts aren't brought down.

"Our technical experts believe this sort of system is totally feasible and we are eager to work with the Secretary's staff to help Massport implement the full slate of the Secretary's requirements," said Chris Marchi, AIR, Inc.'s long-time vice president.

Marchi adds, "If these changes are implemented, opportunities for significant environmental improvements will be unlocked."

Sonja Tengblad, an East Boston resident and mother who leads the local chapter of Mothers Out Front, a group which has been leading the call for air quality improvements in and around East Boston since 2017, says there's a lot of work to do, but she's also eager to get started. She and other volunteers with AIR, Inc. and a coalition of local environmental and community services groups calling itself the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition have been researching air quality testing and filtration programs since 2017.

"Our coalition which includes Mothers Out Front, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, and many other community-serving not-for-profits, has been working on airport air quality solutions for years," said Tengblad. "We've monitored air quality in homes and classrooms and tested the effectiveness of air purifiers at removing pollutants. Our work shows that an air quality improvement campaign could protect us from exposure to emissions which cause low birth weight, childhood asthma, learning disabilities, COPD, heart disease, cancer and many more public health problems. Asthma costs the average family in the US over \$3,000 annually. On top of the economic costs, a 2022 Boston College study shows a decrease of 3 IQ points amongst Boston students due to air pollution. We know from decades of research done around Logan that the impacts are far worse the closer you are to the source."

Tengblad continues, "We are literally stifling every aspect of our children's future. We see patterns of health impacts amongst residents who have grown up around Logan Airport.

To think that our kids might face the same - or worse - should give anyone pause. But Governor Healey has made climate and environmental justice a big part of her agenda, and elevating local perspectives and ideas as Secretary Tepper has proposed in state planning processes is the right thing to do. Honestly, it's about time that Massport starts helping out. This is definitely a big step in the right direction."

Although activists are encouraged that Secretary Tepper has acknowledged and embraced their suggestions, Gail Miller, the president of AIR, Inc. urges continued caution. "We're closer to our goals today. But we're still miles away." Miller says that the Secretary's requirement for Massport to work collaboratively with community stakeholders holds incredible promise, but it flies in the face of what Massport has actually done over recent decades. Miller continues, "I wholeheartedly embrace the Secretary's mandate that a Logan working group be created so that the serious issues be addressed such as mitigating air and noise impacts which are tremendous burdens on the communities close to the airport. We need to look

at the health costs, not only the perceived economic benefits of the airport."

When asked about the history of Logan's treatment of adjoining neighborhoods, Miller said, "Back in the day, Massport had a horrible reputation. They just smashed their way through the community in the 1960's and 1970's, taking hundreds of homes and businesses by eminent domain, leveling three harbor islands and two urban parks including East Boston's Wood Island Park, an 83 acre Olmsted Park which anchored the northern side of Boston's Emerald Necklace. They also destroyed 2,000 acres of Boston Harbor to build the airport. Later administrations, mostly in the 1980's, tried to make amends by conducting sound insulation programs, building parks, and starting programs like Logan Express to cut traffic. And they got a global reputation for environmental leadership due to all that. But in the 1990's state politics shifted and a movement to curtail regulation and shrink government took root. Massport abandoned their commitments and reverted to their old ways. They stopped listening to community perspectives, stopped pushing

the envelope and began to avoid accountability. So today we're still far from where we need to be."

John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots, a not-for-profit and long time leader in environmental justice and member of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition agrees. "It's been a long road to get to the point where we are today, with the Secretary of EEA requiring Massport to finally enter into a true collaboration with surrounding community stakeholders. This is exactly what we have always wanted. Now we need to get it done and Massport needs to act in good faith, which is some-

thing we haven't really seen from them for a long time. But they have new leadership over there. The Governor and Massport Board appointed Rich Davey as the new Massport CEO just a few months ago. So we'll need to give him a chance to turn things around."

It remains to be seen whether community groups and Massport can make progress. But with Massport's most recent environmental filing reporting that passenger and operational levels at Logan are slated to rise significantly over the next ten years, the state's environmental brass are pushing them together to try, and activists say we can't afford to fail.

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## WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 HOLDS 60TH REUNION

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The Winthrop High School Class of 1964 enjoyed its 60th reunion Oct. 5 at the Lodge of Elks. The guests enjoyed a

buffet dinner and dancing, along with some joyful reminiscing about their years growing up in the town and attending Winthrop High School.

Master of ceremonies Al Saggese thanked the members of the reunion committee for their outstanding efforts in organizing the reunion.



The members of the Winthrop High School Class of 1964 60th Reunion Committee are pictured at the reunion held Oct. 5 at the Lodge of Elks. From left, are Mary Feeney, Susan DeFelice, Alice Daly-Lally, Al Saggese, Grace Fullerton-Riley, Gerry Ogus, Paulette Sirois O'Brien, Richard Cawthorne, and Alan Graham.



Linda Perrone Higgins, Carla Mulry Famolare, George Triglio and Christine Triglio.



Pictured on the dance floor are Don Milotte and Elaine Cohen.



Front row are Andy Karnakis and Tom Furlong. Back row are Jerry Smith, Alan Graham, Richard Staff, Al Saggese, and Barry Kepnes.



Front row are Harry Holgersen, Arlene Gordon Freed, Susan DeFelice, and Sandy Needleman Ryter. Back row are Kathy Holgersen, Angie Viaene, Ron Stiller, Elaine Cohen, Don Milotte, and Alan Pike.



Front row are Paul Riley, Arthur Rutledge, and Sharon Ehrenwald Scobert. Back row are Grace Fullerton Riley, Richard Cawthorne, Barry Kepnes, Domenic Paci, Chuck Mullane, and Lisa Paone.



Front row are Gerry Russo, Arline Bernabei Broberg, Marie Ardita, and Paulette Sirois O'Brien. Back row are Steve Feeney, Mary Amico Feeney, and Alice Daly Lally.



Andy Bisignani, Joel Hamlin, Linda Mele, and Sal Mele.



Seated is Christine Ogus. Standing are Al Saggese, Waldo Cargill, Andy Bisignani, and Gerry Ogus.



During Winthrop High's 1962-1963 Tech Tournament state championship season, there were juniors on the basketball team. That group was in attendance at the Class of 1964 reunion. From left, are Andy Karnakis, Chuck Mullane (whose clutch jump shot near the top of the key (off a Lenny Riley inbound pass) helped the 19-1 Vikings defeat Natick in the final seconds in the semifinals at the Boston Garden before besting Framingham in the finals, also at the Garden), Al Saggese, Jerry Smith, and Alan Graham. It was Winthrop's first-ever state basketball title.

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the next five years to get work done at the beach.

"It does involve putting a coastal dune in up along the seawall, which we will start to get pricing for in the springtime," said Marino. "The reason we wait until the spring is because we don't want to put it in now, have the material we size out put up against the wall and have it wash away in the winter time. You want to be able to plant it, by having the plantings there you've got a better chance of surviving the storms; and if we do it in the springtime, it will have the entire

spring season and summer season and fall to take and then be ready for the following winter."

Marino said there will be more update meetings with the neighbors near Yirrell Beach, and that the town's primary concern is the protection of their homes.

"There will be some reduction in the number of staircases out there," said Marino. "There will be what are called Mobi-mats, new staircases put in, Mobi-mats put out to the beach area."

Part of the ACO also in-

volves cleaning up part of the beach where the town can in the areas that are not in the coastal dunes.

"Once we do get the finalized beach management plan, I will ask the consultant to come in and present it to the council," said Marino.

Council Vice President Hannah Belcher said that one of the questions that came up with the Yirrell Beach neighbors was about the possibility of more staircases and Mobi-mats, and Marino said he would check into it.

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