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AMY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Shown above, the Gallagher Family enjoying their time together during Amy's Breakfast with Santa.



Shown right, youth volunteers serving pancakes and scrambled eggs at the St. Michael the Archangel Parish on Sunday, Dec. 8.

See more photos on Pages 5 and 6.

School Comm. to continue discussion of possible override at Monday meeting

By Adam Swift

There will be another chance for public input on a proposed school budget override at the school committee's regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 16.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. in the Harvey Hearing Room at Winthrop Town Hall.

In November, voters rejected a \$4.95 million override that would have included money to fund an expected budget shortfall for the FY26 school year, as well as place about \$1.4 million in an educational stabilization account.

Since the early November vote, the school committee and the district have been working to bring another override vote forward to the public, either in the late winter or early spring.

Late last month, the school committee's fi-

nance subcommittee recommended moving forward with the \$4.95 million figure once again.

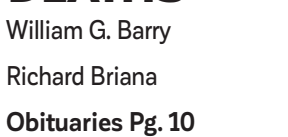
During a public meeting at the high school on Monday night, the school committee heard from residents regarding a potential override vote and the figure they would like to see.

While some said they would like to see the school committee back out the \$1.4 million for the educational stabilization fund and move forward with a \$3.55 million override, there were also many at the meeting who supported moving forward with the full \$4.95 million figure again, according to School Committee Chair Jennifer Powell.

Powell said the \$3.55 million figure is the number needed just to get the schools operational near

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COFFEE AND COATS FOR VETERANS

On Saturday from 8 to 10 AM at the EB Newton School, Rep. Jeff Turco and Phil Ronan are hosting a Coffee and Coats collection to benefit veterans. Veterans Services Office will distribute the new winter jackets to the veterans.

WARM HEARTS, WARM COATS: BERAKA JUICE LAUNCHES WINTER COAT DRIVE

Beraka Juice is launching for the first time a Winter Coat Drive to help keep our community warm during the cold winter months. From December 9 to January 31, 2025, gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, and scarves should be brought to Beraka Juice located at 46 Woodside Ave, Winthrop. All sizes are welcome! This coat drive is in partnership with Mi Amore, a local non-profit dedicated to provide relief to struggling families in Winthrop.

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Santa walking through a crowd of St. Michael the Archangel parishioners to the stage for pictures.

Action Ambulance, Town offer wrap around mental health services during the holidays

Special to the Transcript

The holidays can be the most difficult time of the year for those struggling with mental illness. Ac-

cording to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, 64% of people with mental illness say the holidays cause additional stress and impact their mental health

negatively. The Town of Winthrop's CLEAR Program, Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery, is committed to helping residents struggling with mental health, substance use and domestic violence challenges by connecting them with wrap-around services. The team is comprised of public health personnel, EMS, police and fire. CLEAR team members proactively reach out to individuals to offer help, connect them

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Chelsea in talks to join Winthrop and Revere in regional dispatch operations

By Adam Swift

Chelsea could soon be joining the Metro North Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) alongside neighbors Winthrop and Revere, according to a joint letter from the leaders of the three communities.

"This initiative, which has been in the works for nearly a decade, aims to combine our 911 dispatch operations into a shared, state-of-the-art facility at the McKinley School in Revere," stated the letter from Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This move follows a growing trend across Massachusetts and represents a strategic effort to enhance public safety for our communities."

According to the letter,

it is still early in the process for Chelsea to join Winthrop and Revere in the RECC, but it did highlight several potential benefits to Chelsea if it joins the partnership.

"By consolidating our dispatch teams, we will improve our ability to respond to emergency calls, particularly during high-demand periods. Instead of relying on smaller, individual teams, the RECC will house a centralized group of up to 16 dispatchers, more efficiently providing our public safety personnel with the critical support they need," the letter states. "We will be able to share resources, reduce response times, and standardize protocols for a more consistent level of service. The RECC will offer a more robust mutual aid

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, NOV. 25

0752: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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erator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his registration in his possession.

1327: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Coral Ave. and Shirley St. involving a Toyota Tundra and a Honda Civic. The operator of the Toyota and a passenger in the Honda were transported to the hospital. Both vehicles were towed. The officer filed a report.

1340: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road on Centre St.

1346: A person came into the station to report that a vehicle registration plate had either been lost or stolen. The officer filed a report.

1521: A resident came into the station to report that she had been tricked into giving her Social Security number to a person who had called and said they worked for Social Security. The officer filed a report.

1803: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2339: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cross

St.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26

0057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0134: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0323: An officer issued parking tickets to 18 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bellevue and Johnson Aves. and Cottage Park Rd.

1037: An officer responded to a report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident on Bates Ave. The officer filed a report.

1300: A Floyd St. resident reported that a person operating a pick-up truck came into his driveway and stole a rim and a tire from his motor vehicle. The officer filed a report.

1331: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Pauline Sts. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1458: A Revere St. resident reported that their cat had gone missing.

1549: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1701: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Irwin Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1708: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1710: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1721: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1741: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cutler St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

1430: A Walden St. resident reported that his motor vehicle had been vandalized. The officer filed a report.

1435: Officers responded to a multi-vehicle accident on Revere St. at the Cumberland Farms. One vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1444: An officer responded to a report of two women arguing over the vacuums at the car wash on Main St. The officer filed a report.

1752: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane on Woodside Ave.

2018: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a larceny. The officer filed a report.

2257: An officer stopped a motor vehicle in the 400 block of Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

0240: An officer responded to a report of a loud group in an apartment in the Oceanside Apartments on Shore Drive. The officer restored the peace.

0936: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. with traffic control in the vicinity of an over fire in a Lincoln St. residence.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

1815: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving in-

fraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- 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.

-- 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.

2238: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of a red light violation and operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was not from this area.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

1547: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Locust St.

1615: A Circuit Rd. resident reported that the hood of her motor vehicle had been vandalized. The officer filed a report.

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0833: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Revere St. The officer filed a report.

0920: An officer ordered a construction crew performing roofing work on an Upland Rd. residence to cease working per the town by-law which forbids work on Sundays.

1209: A Summit Ave. resident reported the theft of a package from her front porch two days previously.

2051: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Almont St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator. When the officer discovered that the operator did not have a valid driver's license, which is a criminal offense, the officer issued a citation to the operator for both offenses. The officer directed a passenger with a valid license to take control of the vehicle.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

0126: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Coral Ave.

0133: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers in the municipal lot on Crest Ave.

Town manager, fire chief address EMS issues

Special to the Transcript

Town and fire department officials recently took part in a recent Boston Globe story on EMS staffing in the region.

In the story, the local officials discussed the tragic death of a child in the community.

The Globe investigation detailed the death of 2-year-old Yuna Feeley from cardiac arrest in January. Firefighters responded quickly to the scene, but Action Ambulance did not have an ambulance nearby to transport the toddler to the hospital. Fire Chief Scott Wiley ended up transporting the child in his vehicle.

On Dec. 6, Wiley and Town Manager Tony Marino released a joint statement regarding their participation in the Globe story.

"The Town recognizes that, despite a national shortage of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, we cannot sit back and wait for the national picture to improve," the statement reads. "In Winthrop,

we have been engaged in an urgent effort to modernize and expand our emergency medical services at a municipal level.

Marino and Wiley stated that Winthrop has made significant strides on EMS training and expanding the capabilities of the fire department.

"All Winthrop firefighters are required to hold an EMT certification, and in partnership with our firefighters' union, we have several firefighters enrolled in paramedic training. This is a significant financial investment by our town and an investment in time and effort by our dedicated first responders," they stated. "We have also consulted with a software vendor to develop an asset tracking program to monitor fire and EMS apparatus locations, status, and availability in real-time. We believe that technology can assist communities in being as efficient and responsive as possible in the delivery of all services, emergency and non-emergency.

"Winthrop has also

worked directly with our contract ambulance service, Action Ambulance, as well as nearby Cataldo Ambulance to bring them into this tracking program."

Marino and Wiley said they have also brought Action to the table to rethink the current patient triage system, and are in the process of implementing paramedic supervisor "chase vehicles" where fast-response EMS SUV's can augment an EMT-staffed ambulance or even assess patients before ambulances arrive to determine of an Advanced Life Support ambulance is needed on a particular call, saving that invaluable asset for the most critical calls when needed.

"No one should experience delayed paramedic service in Winthrop or anywhere else due to the unavailability of ambulances or emergency medicine, and in Winthrop we are taking strides to ensure that residents receive the proper care when it is needed most," Marino and Wiley continued.

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MBC annual hearing focuses on climate adaptations and access for all to state's recreational beaches

Special to the Transcript

On Monday Nov. 18 at 10am, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted their annual hearing on the state of the beaches at the Massachusetts State House. The hearing featured testimony from Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Brian Arrigo on the progress the agency has made toward infrastructure, maintenance and equity recommendations by the Commission, as well as a discussion of the vulnerability of the recreational beaches to storm surge and sea level rise.

"I have really appreciated the responsiveness from DCR over the past year under Commissioner Arrigo," said MBC Co-Chair, Senator Brendan Crighton. "While we continue to make progress on our water quality issues on the North Shore, our district regularly sees the impact of storms on

our coasts, seawalls and beaches. MBC looks forward to supporting DCR in understanding the vulnerabilities our beaches face."

I've seen first-hand how much people in my district in East Boston rely on Constitution Beach for recreation, especially in the hottest summer on record," said MBC Co-Chair Rep. Adrian Madaro. "I know East Boston residents are eager for infrastructure updates to this critical natural resource, so I look forward to learning about the progress that DCR has made under Commissioner Arrigo. In addition, I am interested in their accomplishments towards the equity recommendations in last year's Breaking Barriers report and hearing about goals for the coming beach season."

Arrigo testified to the Commission, highlighting the actions DCR took in 2024 to address the MBC's recommendations for improved beach access for non-English speakers,

people with disabilities and people of color.

"Having access to beaches, parks, and green spaces is a matter of equity," Arrigo affirmed. "As we experience more and more periods of climate-change driven extreme heat during our summers, it's vitally important that all of our residents and families feel welcome at and can safely enjoy our beaches to cool off. These spaces build healthy communities. We are grateful to the Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for their continued partnership in our work to break down accessibility barriers to our Metro Beaches."

To that end, in the past two years, DCR has introduced new water safety and shorebird protection signs, featuring QR codes that offer translations into nine additional languages. Additionally, every Metropolitan Beach now hosts welcome signage in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean

Creole, Arabic, Mandarin, Traditional Chinese, and Russian. DCR will also be installing new easier to understand English and Spanish beach rules signs at all beaches, ahead of the 2025 summer season. The new signs, which will be available in the nine

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DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo showcases new multilingual signage to be posted on Metropolitan Beaches to more clearly communicate beach rules and regulations.

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system than what currently exists."

According to the community leaders, this means that when one community experiences a surge in calls, others can more easily assist, ensuring that no town or city is overwhelmed, and nobody is left behind. This collaboration would also reduce risk and improve safety for everyone, the letter states.

For our dedicated 911 dispatch staff, we want to emphasize that all current employees will remain in their roles and will receive comprehensive training to ensure smooth operation at our new facility," the letter states. "While we look forward to meeting with our employees' unions to hear their concerns and proposals about the impacts of regionalization, our goal and expectation is that negotiations will result in employees carrying over their seniority, pay rates, and benefits. Additionally, the RECC will feature modern amenities, including a lunchroom, training center, and fitness center, ensuring our staff continues to work in a positive

and supportive environment."

Maltez, Marino, and Keefe stated that they also wanted to reassure residents that the individual communities' public safety personnel—police, fire, and emergency medical teams—

will remain in their respective communities and that the change solely involves the relocation of dispatch operations to the new RECC, which is 1.6 miles away from Chelsea City Hall.

"Regionalization reflects our commitment to prioritizing public safety and ensuring that our communities are equipped to respond to emergencies as efficiently and effectively as possible," the letter states. "We are confident that this initiative will strengthen our region's ability to protect and serve you, and we look forward to keeping you informed as we move forward with this important project."

At a Winthrop Town Council meeting earlier this fall, Marino informed the council about the potential of Chelsea teaming up with Winthrop and Re-

vere.

"Part of the agreement with Revere, and what we signed off on probably 15 or 20 years ago now was to eventually add a third community," said Marino at the time. "When you add a third community, we become a Tier 1 dispatch center, which allows us to get additional grant money. We get moved up the list for more money for communication equipment, capital upgrades, and things like that."

Currently, The Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center receives over 30,000 911 and other emergency calls and alarms annually and manages the coordinated dispatch of police, and fire services for Revere and Winthrop, according to its website. It also transfers to other agencies for emergency medical services (EMS) and other resources. The staff also handles over 100,000 non-emergency calls annually regarding quality-of-life issues related to noise, traffic, lost property, and after-hours information for the communities it serves.

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with resources and offer non-clinical peer recovery support.

Meredith Hurley, Director of Public Health and Clinical Services in Winthrop, said the goal of the program is to get people help at a time when it's difficult to connect with primary care doctors and while the EMS industry and emergency rooms are strapped. A 2023 Winthrop Community Health Needs Assessment showed when respondents were asked "what barriers were encountered when trying to access mental health support," nearly 60% said either availability of providers and/or the wait times to be seen. The town has strategically built this public health and public safety partnership to address non-criminal matters which includes calls for emergency services that involves mental health crisis, substance use disorder and social needs such as homelessness and food insecurity.

Mike Woronka, President and CEO of Action Ambulance Service, said the partnership is helping residents during a time of crisis and helping patients get the resources they need. "We're seeing patients getting much needed treatment which makes them less reliant on emergency services and hospital emergency rooms. This is at the very core of our company's mission of people helping people."

The program is vital at a time when hospital emergency rooms are backlogged with patients

causing EMS providers to sit stagnant at ER's for hours while waiting for their patients to be seen. There is also an increase in demand for EMS services and staffing shortages industry wide. Meredith Hurley said knowing the demands on the healthcare system locally, people are defaulting to emergency rooms for care. "We aim to cross-train all sectors of public safety to equitable mental health response," said Hurley.

Additional Resources Available:

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of kindness. Dr. Portman understood that a key element of patient care was customer service. Action Ambulance holds true to this philosophy today.

During each employee orientation, the company expresses this ingrained ideology and expects all team members to embrace the importance of the "little things" in customer service.

The Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (CLEAR) Program was formalized in 2017 as a partnership between the Winthrop Department of Public Health & Clinical Services and the Winthrop Police Department. At the same time, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor through Boston Medical Center was brought on to offer additional support services to the community.

The team continues to evolve and is currently comprised of police, fire, and public health personnel who use police data to find and help people struggling with substance use, mental health, and domestic violence challenges. CLEAR remains committed to growing its partner network in Winthrop and surrounding communities to ensure accessible wrap-around services for Winthrop's residents.

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the current level for FY26. Including the money for the stabilization account would help create consistency within the budget for several years beyond that, she said.

"It's crucial for the community to understand that we need the \$4.9 million to stabilize the schools for the coming years," said Powell.

Powell said there was also some discussion about exploring a split ballot question with different budget figures, but that the school committee needs more guidance be-

fore moving forward with that possibility.

While the \$4.95 million override failed in November, Powell said she is hopeful that residents will be able to understand and see the need for the funding as a second override vote becomes a reality.

Powell said she also encourages residents to have their voices heard on the issue before a potential school committee vote on Monday night by either attending that meeting or getting in touch with the committee prior to it.

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OUR Opinions

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

THE SCOURGE WITHOUT END

When we heard the news last Friday morning that a 32 year-old woman had been shot and killed in broad daylight on a busy Chelsea street, the first thought that immediately crossed our mind was: The husband or boyfriend did it. Just a few hours later, police announced that they had arrested a suspect, the victim's 31 year-old estranged husband who, according to news reports, had called police to turn himself in.

We've been in the news business for longer than we care to remember and the world has changed in ways that were unimaginable when we began our career in journalism more than 50 years ago. But despite the changes in technology and societal attitudes regarding countless issues, the one constant that has remained is the pathology of domestic violence.

It still is the case today, just as it always has been, that a woman is more likely to suffer violence by a partner than from any other source. The statistics tell the tragic story: Nearly half of all women murdered in the United States are killed by a current or former intimate partner; 1 in 4 women will experience physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime; 1 in 3 women will experience some form of sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime; and 1 in 6 women will experience stalking from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

It also has remained true that the most dangerous time for a woman in a relationship is the period when she first decides to leave her partner. The victim in the shooting this past week had been married to the suspect for 10 years, but they had become estranged only within the past two weeks.

In addition, an article in this week's New York Times has highlighted another dangerous time period for women: According to the Times, the second-leading cause of death (other than from the pregnancy itself) for women who are pregnant or recently postpartum is domestic violence.

What also was not surprising about Friday's tragic event is that a gun was used by the perpetrator. The mere presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500% and more than half of intimate partner homicides are by firearm.

Fortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court recently let stand laws that exist in every state that require a person with a domestic violence restraining order to turn in his guns. However, there had not been a restraining order between the parties involved in Friday's tragedy.

Domestic violence cuts across all racial and economic lines. Just the week before Friday's incident (in which the victim and the suspect, both of whom are Haitian immigrants and are Black), it was announced that the Cohasset man who allegedly murdered and dismembered his wife -- both of whom are white -- at Christmas time two years ago will stand trial next year. We also would note that today's Massachusetts domestic violence laws stem from the 1970s after an incident in that wealthy suburb of Cohasset in which the husband shot and killed his wife and then shot and wounded his children before turning the gun on himself.

We generally conclude our editorials by offering our view on what lawmakers or individuals can do in order to bring about societal change. However, when it comes to domestic violence, we have no ready solution to this long-standing problem. We can only recommend to women and anyone who is in an abusive relationship to end it immediately and seek help from law enforcement, the courts, and the many services available to victims of domestic violence in our communities. (In Chelsea, HarborCOV offers services for victims of domestic violence. Its 24 hour hotline number is 617-884-9909.)

ANOTHER DICTATOR BITES THE DUST

The demise of the dictatorship in Syria this weekend that brought to an end 50 years of brutal rule by the Assad family -- Bashar al-Assad had succeeded his father, Hafez al-Assad -- was startling to most observers. The Assad regime had successfully fought off a rebel army more than a decade ago, and though Syria had been divided into areas of control by various rebel groups and the government, the Assad regime, bolstered by the Russians and the Iranians, seemed secure.

However, the denigration of Iran's military capabilities by Israel this past year and Russia's weakened position because of its war in Ukraine left the Assad regime vulnerable to the rebel factions who never had gone away over the past decade.

What caught everyone by surprise, including Bashar al-Assad himself, was the rapidity of the rebels' advance from their stronghold in a tiny portion of northwestern Syria in the city of Idlib to the capital of Damascus, hundreds of miles away.

The images of Syrians rejoicing in the streets amidst the toppled statues of Hafez al-Assad were reminiscent of what happened in the immediate aftermath of the fall of so many other Middle East dictators, including Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Muammar al-Gaddafi in Libya.

The quick end to the al-Assad regime brought to mind a phrase by a character in the novel, *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway, about how bankruptcy befalls someone: "Gradually and then suddenly."

We join with the Syrian people in their joy and pray that their future, whatever path it may take, will be peaceful.

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to personally express my gratitude and recognition for Town Council President Letterie, Councilors Swope, DeMarco, and Costigan for your vote of "NO" on the Planning Board's 3A recommendation. Your decision reflects true leadership and courage, as you stood firm against the state's pressure.

Unlike others who have wavered, you four have demonstrated integrity. You listened to the concerns of our residents, thoroughly examined the law, understood the broader implications, and did not succumb to the influence of lobbyist groups like the MAPC or Winthrop Working Together. Your commitment to doing what's right is commendable.

Please continue to stand strong. Over 25 other communities have also said "NO" or postponed their votes until after the December 31 deadline. We can only hope that Senator Edwards will now support the people of Winthrop and introduce legislation to repeal this law, which was initially championed by former Senator Boncore.

To date the following communities have rejected 3A proposals:

Dracut
 Duxbury
 East Bridgewater
 Freetown
 Hanson
 Marblehead
 Marshfield
 Middleborough
 Middleton
 Millbury
 Milton
 North Reading
 Norwell
 Rowley
 Seekonk
 Tewksbury
 Weston
 Wilmington
 Winthrop

The following communities have postponed until after the December 31st deadline:

Ashland
 Billerica
 Georgetown
 Hamilton
 Hanover
 Holden
 Ipswich
 Norton
 Wenham

Thank you all for your dedication and service to our community!

Vasili Mallios
 Precinct 1
 #WinthropsaidNOto3A

DISSAPOINTED IN COUNCILORS

Dear Editor,

I was present at the Winthrop Town Council meeting on December 3, 2024. Vice President Belcher made a motion to discuss Fire Station, next steps. This was on the agenda under Old Business. Not one of the other 6 councilors present seconded that motion. The motion was only for next steps, not site

or cost.

The shock and disappointment at this non vote of the council is appalling. When you need the WFD they come to you, but when WFD needed you to at least open a discussion on next steps/Fire station, you chose to ignore the request.

As for needing more financial information, the architect hired by the town, Kaestle Boos, have provided the most updated numbers. They are the professionals and only deal with designing Fire and Police Stations. These numbers are real, not just guessed at. The council will make the final decision on what the Debt Exclusion will be. This will be done with the assist of the professionals.

I will not repeat what has been said about the conditions that exist in both stations. Our firefighters need and more than deserve better working and living conditions. I have challenged the members of the Winthrop Town Council to look at each and every Firefighter and tell them why not one would second that motion.

I hope the citizens of Winthrop will contact their respective Councilor and ask them why this project has once more been put on hold.

Karin Chavis

TOWN COUNCIL'S NO VOTE ON PROPOSED 3A ZONING PLANS IS A WIN FOR WINTHROP

Dear Editor,

We applaud President Letterie and Members: Swope, Costigan, and DeMarco who voted not to accept the Planning Board's recommended plan for 3A zoning compliance in Winthrop. These Councilors demonstrated the responsible leadership expected from a representative form of government -- protecting the integrity of our community and the rights of its citizens. The future of Winthrop, its quality of life and self-determination over zoning and development, has been affirmed by the Council's "No" vote. These councilors did not succumb to the intimidation, fearmongering, and falsehoods promulgated by the Proponents of 3A -- "Winthrop Working Together," working together for whom? Whose interests are they fighting fiercely to protect, clearly not our residents? The Councilors who voted No to the 3A recommended plan placed the interests of residents above those of developers, lobbyists.

Meanwhile, proponents of 3A continue to spew the same old misrepresentations and falsehoods; therefore, we are compelled to refute them, yet again.

1. MISREPRESENTATION: Proponents of

3A state that: the Recommended 3A plan will result in "no new housing development, no increased occupancy, and zero impact on our community."

REBUTTAL: Are these proponents that naïve or do they really think that our residents can be so easily duped? The very purpose of 3A -- a densification law -- is for the State to intrude upon our community, take control of our zoning laws, eliminate most local regulations and processes for development, and strip local property rights of our citizens; all for the purpose of more housing (either new units or reconfigured ones) in order to increase occupancy and overpopulate our town. In fact, just this week, Attorney General Andrea Campbell stated in an interview: "If you have the T in your community, as a public good you have an obligation to build more dense housing." Meanwhile, Winthrop remains one of the most densely populated communities in the nation? So what does it mean for existing residents if we further densify?

For compliance to the 3A Zoning Act, Winthrop is required to zone for a MINIMUM of 882 units. The law does not specify the MAXIMUM number of units that are allowed to be built or reconfigured in these zones. From the State's perspective, the more the better! If the State secures a "Yes on 3A" from our town, nothing in this law prohibits overdevelopment with very little regulation. Its' goal of more housing and occupancy is achieved, regardless of the cost to our residents.

Contrary to statements, there is no "credit" for existing units under 3A. The EOHLIC has been abundantly clear on this point. In addition, both the Attorney General and the EOHLIC refused to issue a statement that 3A doesn't supersede condo documents. In fact, quite the contrary. In response to our request for a statement, the agency updated their FAQ section to include language CONFIRMING that 3A's version of "multi-families" (i.e. No minimum bed-

room size, No maximum number of bedrooms, and No occupancy limits) could be "developed as of right should a property owner choose to develop it" in the 3A zoning district. Is anyone aware of condominium documents that included the words, "No occupancy limit"? Yet, 3A prohibits an occupancy restriction.

Proponents who claim "no impact from 3A" most likely don't live in a proposed designated zone, and are all too eager to relinquish the rights of Winthrop's "zoned residents." Don't get too comfortable -- Your neighborhood could be next! Will you still claim "no impact from 3A"? The State has the power to change the rules, require more zones, and add more required units, all at its whim and without local input or control. Do proponents of 3A really expect us to believe that the State will be satisfied with "no new development" in Winthrop?

2. MISREPRESENTATION: Proponents of 3A state that: Winthrop will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding needed to cover all our fiscal expenses, unless the town approves 3A.

REBUTTAL: This is the height of irony! Do proponents really believe that Winthrop will build "zero new units" and yet the State will "reward" the town with huge grant funds for "doing nothing"? In what fantasy land are these proponents living? Reality check: there are 350 communities in Massachusetts, all vying for the same limited grant money from a State with its own fiscal woes and few available resources! If the State had money and wanted to incentivize communities to increase housing, then it would have "guaranteed funding" within 3A. Yet not a dime has been guaranteed. The State is shifting the financial burden of over-densification onto the MBTA/3A communities and its residents.

To proponents of 3A,

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Correction

Due to a reporting error, it was incorrectly stated in last week's paper that Town Council President Jim Letterie made the motion to move forward with a site selection for a new fire station in the article headlined *Council Fails to Move Forward with Fire Station Site Selection*.

The motion was put forward by Council Vice President Hannah Belcher. We apologize for the error.

AMY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH



Parishioners gathering for Amy's Breakfast with Santa at St. Michael the Archangel Parish on December 8.

Photos by Marianne Salza
Amy's Breakfast with Santa was held on December 8 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish to benefit the church's Youth Ministry and Amy's Washington, DC, fund. Families enjoyed a pancake breakfast, took chances on raffle baskets, and had their pictures taken with Santa. "So many people have

given; especially from her school, where she worked as a teacher's aide. We couldn't do it without them," said Kathy Hubert, who, along with the help of her family, organized the event in memory of her late sister, Amy Gallagher. "The people of the community who came together from St. Michael's church have outdone themselves."



Nash, 6, and his brother, Beau Bradshaw, 2, eating pancakes and sausages.



Madison Stevens, Vivian Rota, Emily Stevens, James Stevens, and Mason Mayer.



Matt Chicos and his daughters, Isabella, 6, and Francesca, 3, placing chances in raffle baskets.



Camryn Conley, Ellen Baxter, Patti Brugman, and Judy Teixeira, family of Amy Gallagher.



Hilary, Olivia, 5, and Ezra Borgatti.



Kaleb Hayes, 20-months-old, playing with balloons. See more photos on Page 6.

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good luck promoting the fantasy that Winthrop will get "a lot of something for nothing"! Our residents are not as gullible as you would hope! Regardless of 3A, our town remains eligible for federal funds and state funds not on the 3A grant list.

3. MISREPRESENTATION: Proponents of 3A state that a Special Master will be appointed by the State to decide 3A compliance for us.

REBUTTAL: This flagrant inflammatory fear-mongering comment derives from an early brief by the Attorney General in the Milton case. The Attorney General had asked Justice Georges to allow her to appoint a special master to create a

zone in Milton after their election overturning the 3A plan. The single justice not only refused to grant this request, he sent the case along to the full panel of justices for them to determine whether 3A was enforceable at all and whether the Attorney General had any authority to enforce this zoning mandate. To suggest that some outsider is going to come into Winthrop (and into the approximately 30 other towns rejecting 3A) is misleading.

4. MISREPRESENTATION: Proponents of 3A state that: Winthrop will be sued by the State and it will be very costly for the town.

REBUTTAL: There are now over 30 communities

refusing to comply with 3A and more are joining this list every day. There is safety in numbers. The suit with Milton, in which they chose to challenge the State's action against them, has yet to be decided by the Mass SJC. Will the State spend its scarce resources in suing all these communities and risk its political good will with citizens? Even if the State attempted to do so, what more could it do to these non-compliant communities, other than withhold eligibility for specified grants! In addition, our town need not spend any money to challenge the State's punitive withholding of non-guaranteed grant funds. The town can just accept this ineligible status for funds,

which in fact may be negligible or non-existent. The associated costs to our community for over-density will most likely far outweigh any meager "grant bone" tossed to us.

In conclusion, the Town Council's "No Vote" on the Planning Board's "3A Recommended Plan" is a win for the good people of Winthrop in preserving our quality of life and protecting our citizens' rights! This is within the purview of the Town Council, and not the authority of the presently appointed Planning Board members. We should be proud that the Town Council upheld our democratic process and did not succumb to the tactics or pressure from those parties who want to

subvert this process and protect their own selected interests.

**Carol A. Facella
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AMY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH



Santa with Stevan, Gabriella, and Joseph Blamer.



The Pizzicarella and Borriello Families.



Youth volunteers serving breakfast during Amy's Breakfast with Santa.



Sean Campbell with his son, Colton, 7-months-old, and brother, Shane Campbell.



Kathryn Clark, Holly Niblett, and Isabella Schirripa.



Michael, Marilyn, and MJ Hurley.



Dominic Turco, James Morrissey, Gianna Streeter, and Thomas D'Amico.

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languages via a QR code, feature logos reminding beachgoers not to engage in certain activities for their safety.

DCR also invested more than \$300,000 on new beach wheelchairs and over 1,000 feet of mobility mats. Over the last two years, DCR has added 44 new beach wheelchairs to the Metro Beaches. The DCR Universal Access Program, tasked with providing adaptive and accessible recreation opportunities, worked alongside Save the Harbor staff to conduct an accessibility audit of public beaches in 2023, and this data is being used to plan future capital projects. Save the Harbor also established the Beach Accessibility Advisory Committee to help update DCR lifeguard training.

Finally, Save the Harbor's Executive Director Chris Mancini commended Commissioner Arrigo's continued support for the Better Beaches Partnership, which aims to give decision-making power directly to community members over communi-

ty spaces. This year, Save the Harbor distributed \$315,000 in grants to 83 community groups, artists, and coalitions to host free events all summer long on DCR beaches. "72% of our 2024 Better Beaches grantees are led by or directly serve people of color," Mancini reported.

Following Commissioner Arrigo's testimony, Save the Harbor Policy Manager Jason Rundle presented an update on the Commission's work around coastal resilience, which featured 11 community climate workshops in 2024. "Understanding that the vast majority of community members value their beaches as spaces for rest and recreation emphasizes the importance of preserving these resources," said Rundle. "We need to take a look at both short-term vulnerabilities to storm surges and long-term beach migration and sea level rise so that we can support the state in developing interventions that can protect our beaches."

Finally, the hearing

opened to public comment during which residents from across the region brought attention to instances of poor water quality on some beaches, improvements to bathhouses and public bathrooms, and the need to reevaluate the state testing and flagging protocols that communicate when beaches are open and closed to the public.

Looking ahead, the MBC intends to prioritize better understanding of the beaches' vulnerability, consistent efforts to improve equity and accessibility, as well as ongoing maintenance and infrastructure improvements to playgrounds, seawalls, plantings and other needs as identified by beachgoers in each community. The MBC Commissioners agreed that each of the 13 Metropolitan beaches needs its own vulnerability assessment to plan adaptations in the face of increasing climate impacts. Save the Harbor is looking forward to supporting DCR in this effort in 2025.

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Sports

The Martucci Milestone Talia always scores a hundred

By Cary Shuman

The stage is set for Winthrop High School senior Talia Martucci in the girls hockey season opener Saturday at 1 p.m. versus Medford High at Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center.

Martucci has been sitting on 99 career points since her two-goal performance in the Vikings' 3-2 loss in the MIAA State Tournament in February. After the hockey season came to an end, Martucci wasn't looking ahead just yet to next season as she had other milestones to accomplish, such as scoring her 100th career point

in May for the WHS girls lacrosse team.

There will be much excitement and loads of anticipation for Martucci's magic moment inside Larsen Rink. Scores of Talia's classmates, friends, and former teammates - and of course, members of her own illustrious sports family - including her mother Hall of Fame athlete Tracy Gigliello Martucci, her sister, Mia Martucci (who scored 93 points in her brilliant hockey career) and her uncle, Super Bowl champion Gus Martucci - will be in attendance.

"We're excited for her, and we're excited for the

program to have another 100-point scorer," said Talia's father, head coach Butch Martucci, jesting that he purposely scheduled 14 home games this season, "to ensure she does it at home."

With the historic point (which can be a goal or an assist) Talia Martucci would join former Vikings Mackenzie Clark, Emma Holmes, Julia Holmes, Taylor Brown, Caroline McKinnon, and Mia Price in the 100 Career Point Club. Talia would also become the second WHS athlete to score 100 points in lacrosse and hockey, standing with former teammate Emma Holmes



Winthrop High hockey star Talia Martucci (right) is pictured with her father, head coach Butch Martucci, following a team practice last Friday at Larsen Rink.

"I'm not sure if it was a reachable goal when I first started playing, but I always wanted to get to that goal."

Talia said she was thankful to all of her current and former teammates, including past linemates Emma Holmes and Julia Holmes (part of the fabulous Holmes triplets that includes Abby Holmes), Mia Norris, and Hannah Parker.

"I'm grateful to the players and the coaches," said Talia. "And my parents are my biggest supporters. They're the reason why I am where I am today, all thanks to them."

Talia will take the ice for the 2024-25 as a returning captain, sharing

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Back on Home Ice

Harvard star Jillian Dempsey earns a role on the PWHL's Boston Fleet team

By Cary Shuman

After one season of playing for the Montreal team in the Professional Women's Hockey League before record-setting crowds, Winthrop Jillian Dempsey is back in familiar surroundings.

Following pre-season training camp in November, Dempsey was selected to a reserve role on the Boston Fleet's 2024-25 team.

"I'm at all the training, all the practices, the meetings - I'm at everything except not in the lineup

or on the road when we have away games," said Dempsey. "If there are injuries, short or long team, the team would activate one of the reserves and you would be under the standard player contract. I'm still thrilled for this opportunity, especially

because playing back here and representing Boston was my main goal." The PWHL season has been expanded to 24 to 30 games this season. Dempsey said she wants to be ready when the opportunity presents itself. "I'm just showing up

every single day, working hard, and I want to be ready if an opportunity to be in the games comes," said Dempsey. "I'm doing what I can on daily basis in practice to help the team be better and ready for each game."

Dempsey has enjoyed tremendous support from hockey fans since her record-breaking career at the Rivers School (she was named to the Boston Globe All-Time Team) and later at Harvard where she was a captain and a

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS HOCKEY HOSTS MEDFORD SATURDAY

The Winthrop High boys hockey team, the defending Northeastern Conference (NEC) champions who attained the number one ranking in Division 4 and advanced to the semifinals of the D-4 state tournament before falling in a heartbreaking 2-1 shootout loss to eventual state champ Dover-Sherborn, will open their 2025 season this Saturday when coach Dale Dunbar and his crew host Medford.

The season-opening face-off at Larsen Rink with the Mustangs is set for 3:00.

The Vikings will be led by a trio of senior captains: Mike Donahue, their returning NEC all-conference goaltender, who last season allowed just 1.88 goals per game and had a save percentage of 97.5; NEC all-star Mike Holgersen, who scored 11 goals and had 22 assists; and fellow NEC all-star Phil Boncore, who scored 12 goals and had 18 assists.

In addition, senior Luke Githinji, who tallied eight

goals and eight assists, will serve in the role as the Vikings' assistant captain.

Winthrop's 20-game schedule will consist of two games each with NEC North rivals Danvers, Gloucester, Marblehead, and Masconomet and single contests with NEC South foes Peabody/Saugus and Beverly. Non-league opponents include Medford, Essex Tech, Norwell, Lynnfield, Lexington, Grafton, Nantucket, and Wakefield.

In addition, Dunbar and his crew will play two opponents in a Christmas vacation tournament at Murphy Arena in South Boston.

After Saturday's opener with Medford, they will trek to the Essex Sports Center next Wednesday evening to meet Essex Tech.

The full Viking roster for the coming season is as follows:

- # 1 Mike Donahue ... SR/G / Capt
- # 2 Joe Pumphret.... SO /F
- # 3 Luke Githinji.... SR /F/ Asst Capt
- # 4 Tomas Babine ... JR/D
- # 5 Nick Romano ...JR/F

- # 6 Dom SpinaleSR/F
- SO/F
- # 7 Phil Boncore ..SR/F / Capt
- # 8 Bert Kline ...JR/F
- # 9 Nikita Rossi ... SO/D
- # 10 Nolan Upton
- # 11 Paul Ferrara ... SO/D
- # 12 Aidan Survilas ..SR/F
- # 14 Charlie Ferrara ... SO/F
- # 15 Jay Fotiadis ...SR

- # 16 Mike Holgersen ..SR /F / Capt
- # 17 Nate Previte ..SO/D
- # 18 Dylan Fife ..SO/D
- # 19 Rick Mackenzie ..SO/D
- # 20 Tony Bordanaro ..SO/F
- # 21 Braedon Lounsbury ..FR/F
- # 22 Steven Calla ..JR/D
- # 23 Mike Dambrosio

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Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer:

A season of success, teamwork and community spirit

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Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer is a wonderful 501c3 organization rooted in our community for the last 6 years. Our board of directors and coaches are comprised of 20 volunteers that bring a positive experience to over 120+ cheerleaders in grades K-8. We foster teamwork, confidence, pride in our town, and a love for the sport. Through hard work and dedication, our cheerleaders are well-prepared for both game days and competitions, and we are proud to watch them flourish both on and off the mat.

Although our cheer season is only 12 weeks long, our board of directors meet year round to plan ahead for the season. Our cost per cheerleader is more than 2.5 times what our organization charges

for tuition. By effectively managing expenses and through the generosity of our sponsors, and a grant received this year from Massport, we were able to keep tuition prices flat while purchasing new, elite uniforms for our 7 & 8th grade teams. Many of our cheer families are also amazing supporters of our program.

Our Coaches work tirelessly to prepare their teams for game day and competitions. Our game day cheerleaders attend football games in all weather conditions and were very appreciative of Winthrop Youth Football providing each cheerleader with a flower to thank them for cheering on the football players.

Competition cheerleading is unlike any other sport where we do not have anyone waiting on a bench to substitute in. Ev-

ery cheerleader plays an important role and therefore there is a high level of commitment required, including mandatory practice attendance. We are grateful to be able to hold our practices locally thanks to the partnerships we have cultivated with the Pleasant Park Yacht Club and Saint Michael's Parish. Last year we received funds from the Winthrop Foundation to purchase a set of mats which allows us to have two locations to practice and accommodate the increasing interest in cheer. Without their dedicated support, we would not have a reliable and safe place to practice for our cheerleaders. We are proud to partner with the Winthrop High School Cheerleaders who graciously volunteer their time to support and guide our youth cheerleaders in developing various cheer-

leading skills and being amazing role models.

All four of our competition teams participated in two different competitions this Fall. On October 19th, our teams headed to Pentucket Regional High School to participate in the Cheer For A Cure, an amazing event that donates a portion of their proceeds to Breast Cancer research. Our A Team placed 2nd, our C Team placed 3rd, our D Team placed 4th and our E Team placed 3rd. On November 9th, our teams headed to Boston to participate in the New England Cheer and Dance competition. Winthrop swept the competition with both E and D Teams placing 2nd, and C and A Teams placing first! We could not be prouder of our girls and the hard work and dedication they put into this season.

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that honor with defenseman an Amelia.

"We're a really young group, but we have a great set of leaders for the upperclassmen, and I think we're going to do really well this season. It's a tough schedule, but we're ready."

Looking ahead to the season opener, Butch Martucci, having played ice hockey, understands the enormosity of 100 points, a true barometer of greatness. "We're hoping she gets it done early," said Martucci. "You're going to have about 5 million of the family here, the Tianos, you'll have some Ferraras, and the Martuccis - it will be a mess over there in the stands."

Butch Martucci said the game will be stopped at Point No. 100, Talia's feat will be acknowledged, and the puck will be collected for posterity.

"We'll move on from there," said Butch. "It's more about the team and

winning the game."

Meanwhile, Winthrop hockey legends Mike Eruzione and Jillian Dempsey both offered their congratulations to Talia Martucci on the eve of the season opener.

"It's just a tribute to her dedication and hard work to continue to get better every year and lead her team," said Eruzione.

Dempsey, who was Talia's fifth-grade teacher at the Cummings School said, "I want to say to Talia, congratulations to my former student and hockey star. It's hard to believe that you're already in your senior year, but I'm incredibly proud of you and everything that you do in the classroom, helping in the community and in athletics, and I can't wait to follow along and see your college hockey career at Salem State. Have a phenomenal senior season. Enjoy it. Soak it up. And go, Vikings."

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..SO/F
30 Robbie Biancardi
..SR/G
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..SR/G
Coaching Staff:
Head Coach Dale Dunbar
Asst Coach Mike Norris
Coach Mike Eruzione
Coach Phil Lundberg
Coach Chris Finn
Coach Dan Lynch
Head JV Coach Ryan Skoczylas

WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL PREPARING FOR SEASON-OPENER

The Winthrop High girls basketball team will open its 2025 season this Tuesday when coach Anthony Hatzisavas and his crew travel up the coast to take on fierce Northeastern Conference South rival Swampscott.

"This week we had try-outs on Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday was our first official practice," said Hatzisavas. "I am very happy with the number of girls who tried out for this upcoming season. The numbers definitely have gone up in the past couple of years.

"Right now we have 11 girls on the varsity team," Hatzisavas continued. "Our practices have been running very smoothly and the girls have been working extremely hard. One of the biggest things you

worry about is how long it will take to be in game-shape, and I can already see a huge difference in one week and I expect it to only get better and better as the week keeps going."

The Lady Vikings will be led by a trio of returning senior captains, Sophia Lindinger, Zoey Bogusz, and Lily Conway.

"All three did a tremendous job during the off-season leading us through our captains' practices, weight room sessions, and summer league as well," noted Hatzisavas. "They are a perfect example of what you look for in a student-athlete because they are also great in the classroom and are very respected by their peers."

Junior Bailey Ferguson is another returnee who was the team's starting point guard last season as a sophomore. "Bailey is poised to have a big junior year, as she has gotten better and better," said Hatzisavas.

Another returning junior is guard Poli Tsiotos. "Poli had a really big second half of the season for us last year with her ability to knock down a shot, especially in clutch situations."

Other members of the junior class are Amina Barry, Giada Gergerian, Josie Barry, and Jenna Whitehead. "They are great student-athletes and will have an impact for us

this season," noted Hatzisavas.

The Lady Vikings' lone returning sophomore is Angela Tshowa, who started as a freshman. "Angela has worked on her game a ton in the off-season and is poised for what I call 'the sophomore leap'," said the coach. "We are expecting big things from Ang' this season."

Freshman Helena Gajica rounds out the varsity roster. Joining Hatzisavas behind the bench will be returning coaches Kevin Adamson, Andrea Martucci, Michael Griffin, and Peg Bailey. "They are all key members of this coaching staff and each brings something different every day that really helps the team," Hatzisavas said. "We have a new JV coach in Bobby Nimblett, who is doing a tremendous job and we are very excited to have him on board."

The Lady Vikings engaged in their first scrimmage this past Saturday when they traveled to Bourne High School and stayed overnight, returning on Sunday.

"When I was in high school, coach Dave Brown always brought us to Falmouth the first weekend of every season and it was really a great team-bonding experience, which helped us a ton, so I am trying to install this tradition and it seems like the girls really enjoyed it," Hatzisavas

said. "On Saturday we got to Bourne and were involved in a tri-scrimmage with Bourne and Plymouth South. We started off a little slow but that's to be expected, as we'd had only three days of practice.

"We turned it around though, and got better as the day kept going. Poli Tsiotos, Lily Conway, and Sophia Lindinger really got us going in the beginning with our scoring from the outside," said Hatzisavas. "Bailey and Zoey both did a great job bringing the ball up the court and controlling our offense.

"After every scrimmage game, we hand out a 'Top Dawg' award and the Top Dawg Saturday was Amina Barry," Hatzisavas said. "She controlled the day underneath on the offensive and defensive end. She must have had four blocks and at least 10 rebounds. We were very impressed with what she brought. Overall, it was very good to see what we have against someone other than ourselves in practice. The girls really enjoyed the trip, and it makes me proud

to see that this tradition is something they will look forward to every season."

Hatzisavas and his crew are scheduled to travel to Arlington Catholic for a scrimmage tomorrow (Friday) and will participate in a Jamboree on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at Lynn Classical, taking on Lynn English.

After Tuesday's opener at Swampscott, they will trek to Danvers next Friday.

The Lady Vikings' 20-game schedule will consist of two games each with Northeastern Conference South rivals Swampscott, Gloucester, Saugus, and Salem and single contests vs. NEC North foes Peabody, Danvers, Beverly, Masconomet, and Marblehead. Non-league opponents include Hamilton-Wenham (2), Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Revere, Cathedral, and Manchester-Essex. In addition, the team will compete in the David Green Memorial Tournament over the Christmas break in which they will meet another non-league opponent.

WHS BOYS HOOP HOSTS ARLINGTON CATHOLIC IN SEASON-OPENER TOMORROW

The Winthrop High boys basketball team will open its 2025 season tomorrow (Friday) when the Vikings host non-league opponent Arlington Catholic. The season-opening tip is set for 7:00 on the Chris Tsiotos Floor at the WHS gym.

Winthrop next will entertain Northeastern Conference (NEC) South rival Swampscott on Tuesday at 7:00.

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William G. Barry

He leaves us with sweet memories

William G. Barry of Winthrop passed away peacefully December 1, 2024 at The Don Orion Home.

Born in 1938, Billy helped his father operate The Colonial Inn and later The Governor Winthrop Motel.

He attended the Don Bosco School and was

a faithful member of the Holy Rosary Church.

He was the son of William H. Barry and his step mother, Leah Barry, loving brother of Fulton, Dan and Virginia and the late John. He also leaves many cousins.

He will be missed by everyone.

Richard Briana

Retired Executive Director of the Chelsea School System

Richard W. Briana of Winthrop, passed away in Winthrop on December 8, 2024.

He was born in Boston on November 9, 1930 to the late Mary (DeLuca) and Thomas Briana. Richard was a devoted son and a cherished resident of Winthrop since 1952.

After enlisting in the US Army and serving at the end of the Korean conflict, Richard pursued higher education at Boston University, where he obtained his master's degree. His dedication to education led him to a fulfilling career in the Chelsea school system, where he served as the Executive Director.

Richard will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to his community and his passion for education. He touched the lives of many as a mentor, colleague and friend. His legacy of service and compassion will forever be cherished by those who knew him.



He was the devoted husband of the late Norma M. (DeStefano) and the loving father of Joanne Jackmauh and her husband, Paul of Winthrop, Richard W. Briana, Jr. and his partner, Renee Richards of Revere, Mark Briana and his companion, Wendy of Burlington and the late Stephanie Briana; dear brother of the late Thomas Briana, John Briana, Frank Briana, Theresa Trappasso and Catherine Merchant; cherished grandfather of Paul Anthony, Brittany, Rachel, Tayla and Richard, III and great grandfather of Alice.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, December 12 at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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The Platters return to the Regent Theatre with acclaimed Very Merry Christmas Show!

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The Rock n' Roll, Vocal, and Grammy® Halls of Fame culture icons, The Platters® (theplatters.com), defacto members of the Marvel® Cinematic Universe® (MCU) music family, bring their critically acclaimed Very Merry Christmas Show back to The Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street in Arlington for one show only on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The Platters, founded and named by Herb Reed in the mid-50s, continues today with Lance Bernard Bryant, Omar Ross, Jovian K. Ford, and Brittney Necole Bellamy. Collectively, they lend their harmonically smooth voices to taking audiences on a festive holiday-themed soiree via a magical, interactive, sonic-driven sleigh ride fueled by music from across the decades. The Platters weave many of their major evergreen



Left to right, Jovian Ford, Omar Ross, Brittney Nicole Bellamy, Lance Bernard Bryant.

hits, including "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," together with family fun holiday classics geared toward a night of joyful memories and family fun accompanied by their band Sonic Evolution.

At the invitation of former East Boston and Revere native Frederick

J. Balboni, Jr. (bcg-hre.com), the successor to Herb Reed, asked Everett Public Schools national award-winning

Music Director Gene O'Brien to join the group on stage during their only Boston area date. Accepting the invitation, Everett High School choral director Corey Crofoot was tasked by O'Brien to cre-

ate an all-inclusive school and community choir to showcase the diverse talents of the students of the performing arts community. Members of the choir from the First Parish in Lexington will also be joining the choral ensemble.

According to Balboni, Jr., Reed's hand-picked, direct successor and international keeper of his legacy, "We look forward to involving talented students and community members to come together and share the stage with us to showcase their talents. It helps us entertain the greater community so they can take time out of their busy lives to enjoy the season's spirit. " He continued, "Our family show will have plenty of surprises, including a special guest appearance by Santa himself.

Winthrop-based classic rock and soul group Smokin' Joe and The Henchmen will open the holiday show.

CITY PAWS

Suddenly, your dog is a senior!

checklist to communicate how your dog is aging.

Maybe It's Not Old Age

Some things we consider old age can also be signs of pain. Changes in appetite, routine, getting up slowly, heavy panting, grumbling, and being a bit grumpy can happen as pets age, but these are all signs of pain as well. If a dog changes her sleeping position, has more accidents in the house, doesn't want to play, or avoids jumping up on a chair or sofa, you should note the behavior and report it to your vet.

Most veterinary practices suggest twice-yearly checkups for seniors. Discuss weight, exercise, feeding, supplements, and medications at these sessions. Weight control is even more critical in seniors. It takes teamwork to help a dog lose weight. Make sure you have every

member of your household on the team. Discuss your specific guidelines to anyone who will be pet sitting, providing daycare,

or boarding your senior dog.

Improvements in veterinary science, nutrition, and pet guardian education are helping our

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New sights and sounds can stimulate an older dog's brain. Try walking in new places with new paths, smells, sights, and sounds.

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The ASPCA says, "Most dogs enter their golden years between seven and 10 years of age, with large/giant breeds becoming seniors earlier than small breeds." The signs of aging are subtle and usually include a bit of a slowdown. Your dog may be sleeping more and showing signs of stiffness when moving.

Our Westie Poppy is now twelve. At this point, she shows no signs of loss of vision, hearing, energy, muscle tone, skin elasticity, hair, immunity, arthritis, or other joint problems.

And Poppy's mental acuity is excellent. She quickly learns new things, remembers her favorite people and places, responds to the same words, and reacts to the same things. You and your veterinary team can use this

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finalist for the Patty Kazmaier Award. Because of her hometown-hero status and being a schoolteacher and role model for young hockey players, Dempsey became an instant sensation for the Boston Pride, captaining the team to four championship cups. Fans often waited in line for her autograph following games.

Dempsey will be wearing jersey No. 14 for the Boston Fleet, the same number she wore at Harvard and for the Pride.



Jillian Dempsey acknowledges the loud ovation from the crowd as she is introduced at the Boston Fleet's season opener at Tsongas Center.



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Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-3:30p.m. / Friday: 8:30am-1p.m. Phone: 617-846-8538

Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

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.

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
 10:00am: Bowling at the Winthrop Elks (\$15.00 annually)
 10:00am-12:00pm: Technology Class
 11:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures
 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
 12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)
 1:00pm-2:00pm: Winthrop Police Senior Partnership: Suffolk County D A's Office – Fraud Fighters

Wednesday, December 18

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
 9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-12:00pm: Be-reavement & Caregiver Support Group
 10:00am-12:00pm: Charlie Card Workshop
 10:00am-12:00pm: Low Vision Support Group
 10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
 11:30am-12:30pm: Mystic Valley Elder Services Office Hours
 11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)
 1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Thursday, December 19

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
 9:30am-10:30am: Exer-

cise Class (\$1)
 10:30am-12:00pm: CAPIC Fuel Assistance
 10:30am-11:30am: Coffee & Conversation
 11:45am-12:30pm: M V E S Nutrition Education
 12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine-In / Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
 12:45pm-3:00pm: Bin-

Friday, December 20

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



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.

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center at least two weekdays prior to the desired date. Rides to medical appointments will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

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dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives. After treatment for something other than old age, that old dog may bring you a leash or a favorite toy.

tioning and weight control. However, more and more research tells us that exercising the brain is important to prevent dementia and improve dogs' quality of life. In dogs, dementia is called canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD). Many lifestyle habits that help human brain health also

apply to dogs. Think about how tired highly-activated brain cells make you when you take a class, learn a new skill, read up on a new topic, or spend time in a new setting or with new people. It can be exhausting. Remember this when deciding on the proper brain

workout for your dog. New sights and sounds may stimulate an older dog's brain. You can try walking in new places, training new behaviors, and playing games appropriate to a dog's age and physical abilities. Old dogs might enjoy a food puzzle toy that rewards

their efforts to get at the food with a steady flow of treats. (Ensure those treats are healthy and part of your dog's daily food intake.) Knowing your dog is vital. A devoted sniffer may love a good game of find-the-snack. More time with other dogs and peo-

ple may stimulate a social butterfly. A shy or anxious dog may prefer to sit back and watch or play a quiet game of "push that ball to me."

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

2024-2025 FIRST QUARTER STUDENTS OF THE TERM

| Name | Subject | Designation |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Hincman, Jenna | Pre-Calculus Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Hurley, Julia | AP Environmental Science | Academic Achievement |
| Sacco, Seth | Advanced Personal Fitness Wellness | Outstanding Effort |
| Kosenchuk, Mariia | Exploration in Drama | Academic Achievement |
| Levin, Mark | Comprehensive Intro to Art | Outstanding Effort |
| Ripley, Regan | English Language Arts II Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Echeverri Londono, Sebastian | Italian II Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Montgomery, Tate | Geometry Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Montgomery, Tate | AP Biology | Academic Achievement |
| Cappuccio, Nicholas | English Language Arts IV Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Ibarra Betancourt, David | Algebra 2 Accelerated | Academic Achievement |
| Armistead, Aaron | Digital Media II | Outstanding Effort |
| Ghidetti, Ludovica | Modern U.S. History | Academic Achievement |
| Leal, Nicole | Geometry | Academic Achievement |
| Montgomery, Tate | Chemistry Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Zoe Rey | AP Statistics & Accelerated Pre-Calculus | Academic Achievement |
| Theberge, Jacob | Algebra I | Outstanding Effort |
| Cash, Mellissa | Child Growth and Development | Outstanding Effort |
| Solis Rodriguez, Melanie | Early U.S. History | Outstanding Effort |
| Fawzi, Zaineab | Spanish III Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Yassine, Nour | Chemistry | Academic Achievement |
| Fawzi, Zaineab | AP Language and Composition | Outstanding Effort |
| Barry, Safiatou | English Language Arts II Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Ibarra Betancourt, David | Modern World History Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Rockefeller, Brady | Early U.S. History | Outstanding Effort |
| Heal, Mary | AP Statistics | Outstanding Effort |

| Name | Subject | Designation |
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| Buonopane, Jillian | AP Psychology | Academic Achievement |
| Fontes, Isabel | Spanish I | Outstanding Effort |
| Brody, Nicholas | Modern World History Honors | Outstanding Effort |
| Louali, Lydia Heba | Spanish I Honors | Academic Achievement |
| Currier, Mia | Algebra II | Outstanding Effort |
| Monzon-Restrepo, Giselle | Biology | Academic Achievement |
| Kosenchuk, Mariia | ESL II | Academic Achievement |



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 Fotiades, James
 Ghidetti, Ludovica
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 Howell, Amelia
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 O'Mara Gomis, Monica
 Pinet-Flores, Dezeray
 Pulsinelli, Parker
 Raneri, Shannon
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 McEvoy, Theodore
 McHugh, Sean
 Montalban, Alexandra
 Murphy, Vivianne
 Nimblett, Holly
 Paiva Santos, Julia
 Petruccelli, Kayla
 Rey, Lucas
 Schettino, Joseph
 Tallent, Kelsey
 Theberge, Jacob
 Torres, Aaron
 Tufa, Mia
 Viera, Audrea
 Werstak, Macy
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GRADE 12

Acero Montoya, Samuel
 Alvarez, Jairo
 Armistead, Aaron
 Bocchio, Sophia
 Brazier, Zachary
 Brodin, Kate
 Buonopane, Gabrielle
 Cappuccio, Nicholas
 Clancy, Iris
 Conway, Lily
 Correa Betancur, Samantha
 Eaton, Tyler
 Echeverri Londono, Sebastian
 El Amrani, Khalil
 Grein, Gabriel

Hain, Izi
 Harrison, Emma
 Holgersen, Michael
 Hoxhaj, Emily
 Hoxhaj, Eric
 Lindinger, Sophia
 Mendieta, Milena
 Murphy, William
 Noonan, Matthew
 Parco, Spencer
 Rice, Isabella
 Rodriguez, Sky
 Sykes, Dylan
 Teixeira, Wyatt
 Waqas, Muhammad

GRADE 10

Bettano, Juliet
 Buchman, Jacob
 Bytyqi, Dora
 Cassidy, Desmond
 Chavarria, Carlos
 Crocker, Christopher
 DeLucia, Vincent
 Farnsworth, Eloise
 Ferrara, Michael
 Gonzalez, Sofia
 Indrisano, Francesca
 Janjar, Nora
 Kajo, Kiara
 Leal, Edward

MacKenzie, Richard
 McCurdy, Grace
 Mota Pena, Alejandra
 Nee, Deanna
 O'Mara Gomis, Patrick
 Previte, Nathan
 Raddi, Emily
 Raddi, Grant
 Sarnaglia, Cleison
 Spinale, Domenic
 Tshowa, Angela
 Yassine, Nour
 Yepes, Sara

GRADE 11

Aitouhmane, Adam
 Alebel, Naros
 Barrientos Restrepo, Maribel
 Belghiti-Alaoui, Loukmaan
 Buchman, Annalise
 Cappuccio, Arianna
 Cirelli, Christopher
 Comeau, Hailey
 Conley, Maggie
 Correa, Nicolas
 Disney, Joseph
 Ferrara, Reese
 Freeman, Elaina
 Jurovich, Leila
 Kenney, Liam
 Kerns, Christopher
 Lovasco, Luke

Lynch, Mackenzie
 MacMullen, Marissa
 Maid, Faris
 Mercado Yacsvilca, Jordan
 Munson, Owen
 Pinheiro, Nicole
 Rockefeller, Brady
 Romano, Nicholas
 Shea, Avery
 Sweeney, Brian
 Taylor, Madison
 Towse, Bentley
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 Viscio, Adrianna
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Arango Taborda, Valery
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 Caliinda, Phoebe
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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 December 11, 2014

The Winthrop High School Drama Society presented the full-length play *It's a Wonderful Life*, this past weekend. "We had a large cast and crew and everyone worked really hard," said Karen Calinda, WHS Drama Teacher and Director.

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) has been approved to sell major retailer gift cards. Under a special program for qualified Non-Profits, the Great Lakes Scrip Center has approved WIHA to take orders for gift cards with many major retailers such as LL Bean, Bath & Body Works, and Aeropostale as well as selected supermarkets and restaurants.

American Sniper and Into the Woods are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago December 23, 2004

The Town Charter Commission has voted 7-1 to adopt a preliminary charter to present to residents next month. G. David Hubbard was the lone dissenter, voting against eight of the nine articles to be presented to residents, though he favored the idea of a Town Manager.

Santa will ride his sleigh atop a Winthrop fire truck on Christmas Eve throughout the town's streets.

The Planning Board held a final meeting with the developer of the proposed Atlantis Marina project and will schedule a vote for January 6. The plan calls for 44 residential condos on floors 2-5 and commercial/retail space on the first floor.

Century 21-Seacoast Real Estate held its annual Holiday Decorating Contest, with the Flanagan home at 21 Loring Rd. winning the top prize.

Ocean's Twelve, Finding Neverland, and The Polar Express are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago December 29, 1994

Winthrop has been awarded a state grant of \$26,262 to bring the DARE program to the local schools. Police Chief Angelo LaMonica said he was pleased with the town's receipt of the grant, which will bring drug education programs to the schools. The DARE program originated in Los Angeles in 1986.

St. John the Evangelist Church was filled with mourners for funeral services for Winthrop native Louise Leandro who passed away last week after a battle with cancer at the age of 61. Leandro had been active in the Emblem Club for many years, serving as a district deputy and as the first vice-president of the state Emblem Club. She had been slated to be inducted as State President in June.

The Land Court has entered a preliminary injunction that forbids the town from enforcing an order of the Zoning Board of Appeals shutting down Active Automotive and Bodyworks on Pauline St. in the Centre.

The home of Patricia DiBenedetto of 31 Cross St. is the winner of the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Residential Decorating Contest.

Legends of the Fall and Little Women are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago December 26, 1984

Although pleased with the prospects of a cleaner Boston Harbor, Winthrop residents are concerned about the implications of what the new Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, created by an act of the legislature and signed by Gov. Michael Dukakis this week, will mean for the town and the sewage treatment plant on Deer Island.

Although work on the \$1.5 million town sewer project for Revere St.



DO YOU REMEMBER? On January 24, 1991, at ceremonies honoring the 26 Winthrop men serving in the Gulf War, 4-month-old Matthew Newton is attended to by her grandmother, Mrs. William Starrati.

and adjacent streets has stopped for the winter, the project is ahead of schedule.

The possible future uses of the Chase elementary school on Shirley St. will be discussed at a public hearing in January.

More than 100 residents who have not paid their fines for parking tickets and other citations face possible arrest.

The Cotton Club, Dune, and Beverly Hills Cop are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago December 30, 1974

A lone gunman is being sought by police after two armed hold-ups at the Crest Market & Liquor Store and the Quik Stop on Shirley St. last week.

Local resident Alphonse St. Pierre was honored by 300 fellow workers and friends at the Winthrop Elks at his retirement party in honor of his 36 years of service with American

Airlines. The Trial of Billy Jack is playing at the Kincaid Cinema.

60 years ago December 30, 1964

Town Counsel Joseph Harvey told the selectmen this week that 20 persons have filed lawsuits against the town for sidewalk and road defects that allegedly resulted in injuries, though none are serious.

A fire in a two and one-half story structure at 18 Neptune Rd. caused three persons to flee their home. Fire Capt. Ed Hazlett estimates the damage at \$18,000.

The School Committee voted 3-1 to appoint Dr. Nathan Caplan to the post of part-time school physician. Local veterans groups have protested the appointment because Caplan was chosen over a local veteran.

More than 200 new members enrolled in the CCD program at St. John

the Evangelist Church last week.

Peter Ustinov, Maximilian Schell, and Melina Mercouri star in *Topkapi* at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago December 23, 1954

The local Congregational Church is making plans to celebrate its 200th year in Winthrop in the coming year. The Congregationalists started a small church on Pt. Shirley in 1755, the first church to be established in Winthrop.

Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera Ellen star in *White Christmas* at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago December 30, 1944

Winthrop's Edward Rowe Snow once again visited lighthouses along the New England coast, playing Santa Claus to lightkeepers and their families by small airplane. Mal Guidi of Winthrop is reported to be fighting in France with the famous 712th Tank Battalion, the armored spearhead of the famed 90th Division, which was one of the first to land on the European continent.

Roy Rogers and Trigger star in *The Yellow Rose of Texas* at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago December 29, 1934

Many local residents were on hand to watch approximately 100 cows make the trek across Shirley Gut at low tide from Deer Island to the mainland at Pt. Shirley, where they were herded onto trucks to be taken to the slaughter house. It was thought to be easier to take the cows by motor car to Boston than by boat across Boston Harbor.

James Cagney stars in *The St. Louis Kid* at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago December 27, 1924

Arctic explorer Donald B. MacMillan will come to the Winthrop Theatre next week to give a talk on his travels.

The East Boston District Court was crowded with local residents Monday afternoon, the attraction being the arraignment of 14 Winthrop men who are charged with being on the premises where gaming implements were found, specifically for poker games.

120 years ago December 26, 1904

Winthrop residents were shocked by the suicide of a local businessman last week who walked into his Boston office and shot himself there with a revolver he had just purchased.

120 years ago December 29, 1894

We hope there is no truth to the rumor that when the Metropolitan sewer plant goes into operation next year on Deer Island, we will be the recipients of some awful odors. We hear that the residents of the Squantum section of Quincy get plenty from the Moon Island sewer plant.

The Rev. W.S. Key and his family were the victims of a daring housebreak on Christmas Eve between 7:00 and 8:00. The break occurred when Rev. Key and all of the little Keys were at a Sabbath service for children.

Rumors are flying around town that the selectmen will give the electric railroad a permit to operate in the town. However, all residents should keep in mind that state law requires a public hearing on such matters.

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December 19, 2024:
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board

of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person

requesting:
* 50 Somerset Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152-Continuance File #015-2024
o Faretra Family Trust
46 Bellevue Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152

This meeting is a continuation of a prior proposal. The Applicant proposes a four-story mixed-use building in the CBD with construction of 20 residential units and a

retail space. The project is within ten (10) feet of a residential building and will require a variance for elevation.
* 91 Veterans Road/203 Shirley Avenue-Extension

request for variance given. File #02-22
The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application

and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
Darren Baird, Chairman
Denise Quist, Town Clerk

Winthrop Board of Appeals
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