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## Nimblett named new assistant principal of Gorman Fort Banks

By Adam Swift

The Gorman Fort Banks School welcomed a new assistant principal this week who may already be familiar to many in the town.

Winthrop resident Robert Nimblett has three decades of experience in education, including in special education and administrative leadership, according to Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard. Nimblett is also an assistant football coach and JV girls basketball coach at Winthrop High School.

The assistant principal position at the Gorman Fort Banks opened up after former vice principal Kristen Reynolds moved up to the principal's position.

"We have been searching for what we want, which is the ultimate perfect fit as an assistant principal in that building, and I think the stars are aligned and I'm happy to report Mr. Robert Nimblett as the assistant principal at the Gorman Fort Banks beginning on Feb. 3," said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard at last week's school committee meeting. "He has many unique qualities to navigate the challenges and opportunities working with our youngest students."

Howard characterized Nimblett as a visionary leader who has a strong background in special education as well as dealing with students at multiple grade levels.

"Bobby lives in Winthrop with his wife and his daughter Holly, and his wife also works here, so we love to have that connection," said

Howard.

Having someone like Nimblett in a leadership role with his strong background and diversity in the field will be beneficial to students and staff, Howard said.

"He is a good person to bounce questions off of," said Howard.

In addition to his current coaching and educational experience, Nimblett was an outstanding receiver during his time on the Winthrop High football team, winning the prestigious Irving P. Alexander Award following his senior season. His dad, Jim Nimblett, was a long-time loyal assistant coach on Ron Spinney's girls basketball coaching staff.

In other business at last week's school committee meeting, Howard updated the board on the latest enrollment figures in the district.

"There are 2,017 registered Winthrop Public Schools students," said Howard. "That is a much larger number than in the past, and certainly larger than the Oct. 1 report."

Howard said there are 59 Winthrop students attending the Northeast Regional Vocational high school, and another three attending Essex Tech.



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With an official signaling the goal, Phil Boncore (7), Luke Githinji (3) and Winthrop fans behind the glass celebrate Boncore's second goal of the third period that gave Winthrop a 3-1 lead over Marblehead. See page 7 for more photos.

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## New Firehouse Building Committee gets down to business

By Adam Swift

The town's newest Firehouse Building Committee held its first meeting Monday night in preparation for a debt exclusion vote for the construction of a new fire station at the old middle school site on Pauline Street on Saturday, April 5.

The members heard from architects from Kaestle Boos on the conceptual plans for the three-story, 27,000-square-foot building and the potential cost of the project.

In addition, the members discussed the length of a potential debt exclusion for

the project.

The members sworn in for the new building committee included Fire Chief Scott Wiley, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Calandra, Council President Jim Letterie, Jill Door, Karin Chaviz, Shannon Poulos, Kim Dimes, Joe Hanlon, Marc Wallerice, Paul Flanagan, and honorary member Richard Bang.

Larry Trim from Kaestle Boos reviewed the current conceptual plans for the building and the site.

"We have kept the gymnasium, the related locker rooms, and some mechanicals to keep the functional-

ity of the rink as well as to keep that facility alive for the town," said Trim.

The site plan also preserves the existing parking for the gymnasium.

The concept for the fire station itself calls for a main apparatus bay with four doors and an auxiliary bay with two doors. The main entrance would be to the right of the building and the watch/radio room would be near the entrance. The entrance would also be near the elevator which would access office and living spaces on the second and third floors.

The area for turnout gear,

decontamination, and other essential services would be to the rear of the first floor. A mezzanine area with a three-story training tower would separate the main bays from the auxiliary bays. The main bays would be drive-throughs so fire apparatus would not have to back into the bays from the road, but be able to access the bays from the parking lot.

The bunk rooms would be on the second floor over the apparatus bay doors with access to the kitchening,

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## Talks continue on regional dispatch center

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea City Council is continuing subcommittee meetings on the proposed regionalization of the city's E911 dispatch center.

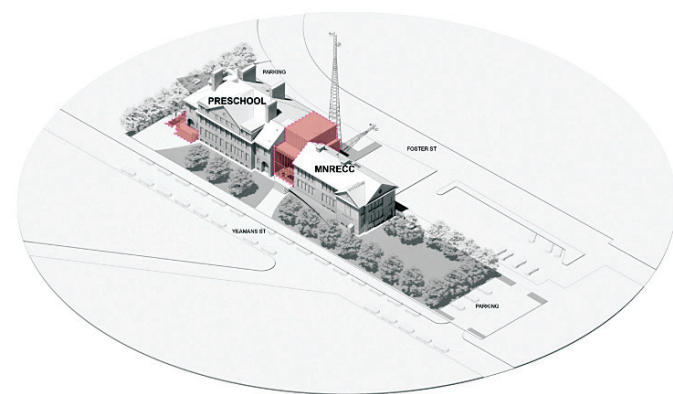
If Chelsea elects to join the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC) alongside Revere and Winthrop, it could further help pave the way for a new regional dispatch center at the McKinley School.

"Over the past year, Chelsea has engaged in

discussions with Revere and Winthrop to explore the benefits and logistics of consolidating E911 dispatch operations into a regionalized system," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This partnership aims to create a robust, state-of-the-art dispatch system that addresses the unique needs of each participating community while leveraging shared resources for maximum efficiency."

In Chelsea, current members of the city's E911

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Conceptual rendering of a proposed MNRECC regional dispatch center and early childhood education preschool at the McKinley School.

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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, JANUARY 20

0923: An officer ordered a tow and issued a parking ticket for a motor vehicle blocking traffic on Beacon St.

0947: Officers responded to a minor two-car motor vehicle accident at Shirley St. and Veterans Rd. There were no injuries. The officer filed a report.

1050: An officer put back in place a manhole cover that was lying in the roadway at Pico Ave. and Francis St.

1321: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden St. and Walden Place for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1841: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1857: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1901: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a window obstruction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1926: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. 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 registration in his possession.

1953: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2001: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2103: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2107: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infrac-

tion. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2116: Officers responded to a report of a noise disturbance in an apartment building on Shirley St. The officers spoke to all parties involved and restored the peace.

2129: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Moore Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

0722: An officer ordered a tow for a disabled motor vehicle that was obstructing traffic at Magee's Corner. The officer gave a courtesy ride home to the operator and filed a report.

1013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of a number plate violation and impeded operation (both the registration plate and the rear windshield were covered with snow) and issued a citation to the operator.

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

1415: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1458: An officer ordered a tow for a parked motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation, which is a criminal offense. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1539: A local restaurant reported the repeated larceny of food orders by means of fraudulent/stolen credit cards. The officer filed a report.

1626: A person came into the station to report being defrauded of \$2850 for the first/last month rent for a local apartment that was listed on Craig's List. The officer filed a report.

1702: An Overlook Drive resident reported that her dog ran out of her yard.

1718: An officer reported finding the runaway dog from the previous call on Locust St. and returned it to the owner.

1815: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Woodside ave.

2059: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veter-

ans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

0004: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0022: 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.

0204: An officer issued parking tickets to 15 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

1229: An officer ordered a tow for an unregistered motor vehicle that was parked at Larsen Rink. The officer filed a report.

1616: A Governor's Park resident came into the station to report a stolen package. The officer filed a report.

1744: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Veterans Rd. involving a police cruiser and a Dodge Ram pickup truck. The officers arrested Joseph Clemens, 22, of 33 Myrtle Ave., for the criminal offenses of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. He also was cited for the civil moving infractions of speeding, a marked lanes violation, and having an open container of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle. Both vehicles were towed.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

0142: An officer issued nine parking tickets to vehicles at the Public Landing.

0808: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

1116: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1132: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a

citation to the operator.

1143: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infractions of operation of a motor vehicle with an expired registration and violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator and ordered the vehicle to be towed.

1219: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1240: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Hermon and Lincoln Sts. Neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1338: An officer ordered a tow for a tractor-trailer on Main St. When the officer discovered that the operator did not have a valid CDL license, he issued citations both to the operator and the company for that offense.

1403: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1512: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an expired inspection sticker. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

0127: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance among three persons in the middle of Hutchinson St. The officers spoke to the parties, who were on their way home.

0151: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governor's Park.

1249: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Cross and Almont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. When the officer discovered that the vehicle was unregistered, which also is a civil infraction, he ordered the vehicle to be towed and issued

a citation to the operator for both infractions.

-- An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with an expired registration, which is a civil infraction, on Main St.

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

1402: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. When the officer discovered that the vehicle's registration was revoked for insurance cancellation, which is a criminal offense, the officer ordered the vehicle to be parked in a driveway on Ingleside Rd. The officer gave the operator, who was driving for an elderly man, a verbal warning for the one-way infraction.

1507: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the handicapped spot at Plummer and Woodside Aves. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid license, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to her. A person with an active license was able to take over operation of the vehicle.

1539: A person came into the station to report a hit-and-run accident on Woodside Ave. The officer filed a report.

1619: A resident called the station to report an identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1818: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

0918: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation that was parked at the Public Landing.

0924: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of impeding traffic flow. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1049: An officer ordered tows for two parked vehicles on Veterans Rd. for the criminal offense of attaching plates that were not registered to those vehicles.

1102: A report of a possible water main break on Siren St. was referred to the DPW.

1133: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2041: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark.

The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2102: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, informing him that he is not allowed to have off-colored lights on the front of his vehicle.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Highland Ave.

0730: An officer directed a person who was loading trash into a truck on Sea View Ave. that such work is not permitted on Sunday per the town by-law.

0851: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle blocking a driveway on Cliff Ave. to move the vehicle.

1040: The Animal Control Officer corralled a dog running around at Winthrop and Lincoln Sts. and brought it home to its owner on Centre St.

1217: A person came into the station to turn in a gold ring with diamonds that she had found at Ingleside Park. The officer filed a report.

1930: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Banks and Morton Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2251: 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.

2313: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infractions of, speeding, a red light violation, and excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2335: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding, after-market lighting, and excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2358: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

0028: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

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Last Saturday was a typical winter's day in New England, cloudy, rainy, snowy and cold. This was the day members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club (which covers East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop) along with

members of the East Boston Yacht Club dove into the icy waters of Boston Harbor, raising funds to fight Polio worldwide.

A huge turnout made the event a big success, all enjoyed a great day together,

a tasty buffet luncheon and many wonderful memories.

Many thanks to the East Boston Yacht Club for its continuing hospitality, hosting many community events, and making a difference for everyone.



Sharknado in Boston Harbor. Members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club along with members of the East Boston Yacht Club dove into the icy waters of Boston Harbor, raising funds to fight Polio worldwide.



"The Captain", complete with cape and bike hits the freezing Boston Harbor waters.



The ever, diving eggplant.



Rotary District Deputy Tom Hankard (center) was at the plunge last Saturday afternoon, supporting the cause. Shown with President Joe Steffano, Maryann Russo, President of Parkway Rotary Club Ray Fitzgerald, and President of the Salem Rotary Carolyn Shapiro.



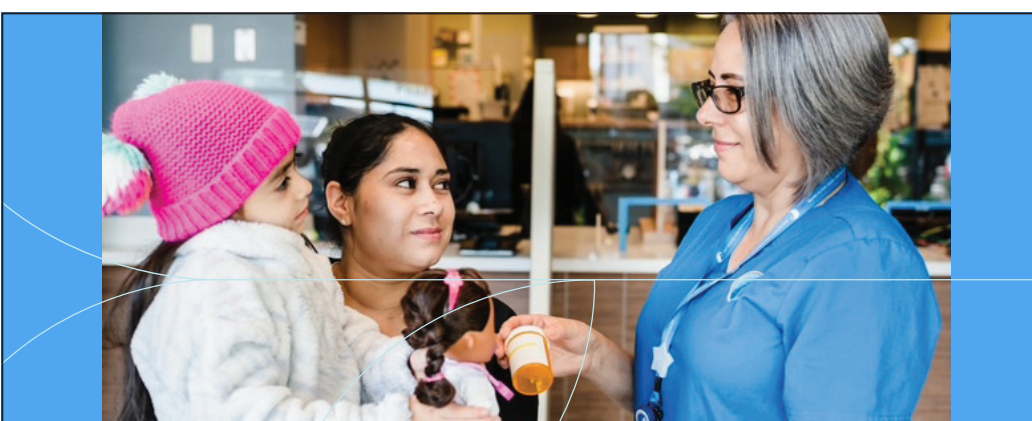
From Salem Rotary Club, Carolyn Shapiro and Natalie Blue.



A swimming banana at the EBYC.



Fr. Nieme Lambert arrived for the blessing and to jump into the icy waters of Boston harbor, joined by Vera Carducci, Jack Walsh and Rotary President Joe Steffano.



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## OUR Opinions

### 10 YEARS AGO, WE WERE AMIDST SNOWMAGEDDON

Yes, time does fly, and for those of us who lived through the Snowmageddon, it's hard to believe that 10 years have passed since we were in the middle of that epic winter season of 2015.

Major snowstorms just kept rolling in, week after week, from January through the end of February, eventually burying the Metro Boston area under a record total of 110 inches of snow for the season.

Even for those of us who enjoy a brisk snow-shoveling workout, the non-stop barrage of major snowstorms that barreled through our area at the rate of twice per week was overwhelming. Our driveway resembled a tunnel, with the snow piled 8-9 feet on either side, which made shoveling the snow extra hard because we also had to throw it up high just to clear the wall of snow to get it out of the way.

We also recall clearing our roof of snow (because of warnings that the snow could become too heavy and cause a collapse). We actually fell off the portion of our roof that -- fortunately -- was not too high off the ground. We plunged into a cushion of eight feet of snow that was only a few feet below the roofline and climbed back onto the roof to finish the task. No harm, no foul.

For those who park their cars on the street, the Snowmageddon was sheer torture. No sooner had you shoveled out your space, then another big storm came in and reburied your vehicle. Some folks eventually just gave up and their cars remained entombed for weeks at a time.

Cities and towns were overwhelmed in their efforts to keep up with snow removal. Not only did they exhaust their entire snow removal budgets by mid-January (the state and federal governments eventually reimbursed communities for some of their snow removal costs), but they could not find any place to put the tons of snow that had to be trucked away.

In Revere, National Guard units brought in heavy equipment just to make the city's streets passable. Some communities ended up dumping the snow onto their playing fields. In Winthrop, the mountain of snow that was piled high onto the high school baseball field still obstructed the field into late-April.

There were so many snowstorms and so many declarations of states of emergency by then-Governor Charlie Baker, that it seemed as though we were in one long State of Emergency.

So while we acknowledge the truth of the proverb that all of us tend to look back at the past through rose-colored glasses, we have to admit that we hope the Snowmageddon of 2015 was a one-and-done sort of event that we never will have to deal with again.

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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Did you keep your New Year Resolutions? No? Add a New One with a Lasting Value

By Wendy L. Millar-Page

The New Year is a time for fresh starts and setting intentions. Have you been able to keep your 2025 resolutions? Typically, by the middle of February many of us have already broken our resolutions. However, this year, why not make a February resolution that benefits not just yourself but also the planet? The urgency of environmental issues like climate change, pollution, waste disposal and resource depletion has become impossible to ignore. The warnings and outcomes of the consequences due to our past and continuing inaction are evident. Yet the power and potential of individual and collective change remains immense. By adopting sustainable practices, we can significantly reduce our ecological impact and inspire others to do the same. Every action counts—from reducing waste and increasing recycling, conserving energy, to choosing eco-friendly products.

Baby steps make BIG changes! One of the biggest misconceptions about sustainable living is that it requires a radical lifestyle overhaul. Small, consistent changes can create a ripple effect of big and positive impacts. Here are a few practical resolutions we can adopt:

**Reduce Single-Use Plastics:** Commit to using reusable bags, bottles, and containers. Don't buy products like single serving beverages, get yourself a reusable container to use daily. Single serving water bottles are a huge source of pollution. Get a set of utensils for your daily use at the office. Bring your lunch and snacks in washable, reusable containers. Use recyclable aluminum foil instead of plastic sandwich and snack bags. Simple switches like these can prevent countless plastics from ending up in our landfills and oceans.

**Conserve Energy:** Pledge to turn off lights when leaving a room, unplug devices when not in use. As you need to replace electronics and appliances commit to energy-efficient models. Explore renewable energy options for your home and community.

**Support Local and Environmentally Friendly**

**Businesses:** Choose to shop from companies that prioritize sustainability practices. Many local coffee and tea shops encourage bringing your own travel cup to get your daily beverage. Businesses who use recyclable take out containers for their products. Buying local also reduces the carbon emissions associated with transportation.

**Minimize Waste:** Embrace the R's: Rethink, Reduce, Refurbish, Repair, Refuse, Reuse, Recover, and lastly, Recycle. Rethink is using mindful consumption practices. It will help create a balance between objects and our earth. Reduce by lower consumption of energy and materials. Refurbish outdated or damaged items. Repair damaged items. Refuse to consume or accept what you don't need. Reuse items by sharing one time or less often used items with others or find new uses for items. Recover items no longer wanted or needed by others and gift, donate or share items before purchasing new. Recycle means to close the loop and help turn something old into something new. Increase Recycling: Resolve to recycle more materials by understanding your local recycling guidelines and ensuring items are cleaned and sorted properly. Visit the Town of Winthrop website at [www.winthropma.gov](http://www.winthropma.gov) to find information on our trash and recycling ordinances and ways to lower our trash tonnage. Encourage others in your household or workplace to do the same. Remember just because you throw it away, and it never really goes away. It will still be on our planet, in a landfill or as incinerator ash.

**Reuse Items:** Before discarding items, think about how they can be repurposed or reused. Old jars can become storage containers, worn-out clothes can be turned into cleaning rags, and furniture can be refurbished instead of replaced. Creative reuse helps reduce waste and gives items a second life. Reducing the waste sent to our overflowing landfills and incinerators.

**Repair Instead of Replace:** When something breaks, consider repairing it rather than immediately buying a replacement. Many items, from electronics to clothing, can be fixed with a little effort, saving money and reducing waste.

**Recover Items:** Look for opportunities to recover and reclaim resources from used or discarded materials. This could include refurbishing old furniture, repurposing salvaged wood, or participating in community programs that collect and restore usable goods.

**Donate Clothing and Textiles:** In Massachusetts, textiles are banned from trash collection. Instead of throwing away clothes or linens you no longer need, donate them to local shelters, charities, or textile recycling programs. In Winthrop, the textile collection bins at The DPW, The Public Landing, and Walden Street Basketball courts are part of the Town's waste reduction policies. This helps reduce landfill waste and supports those in need. CMRK is our textile recovery partner. They sort everything from that one mitten who lost its mate, a tattered sheet to a beautiful shirt or dress that has a second life. Clothing and items which can be worn or used again go to establishments for a second wearing. All other items are repurposed into all kinds of cleaning rags, insulation, rug padding and the like. Unless they are soiled with flammable contents, human waste or wet and moldy, they go to the textile recovery bins not in your trash.

**Compost Food Scraps:** Start a compost bin to turn food waste into nutrient-rich soil for your garden or plants. Composting reduces the amount of organic waste sent to landfills, where it would otherwise release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Black Earth works with Winthrop as our weekly compost collection service for a fee per household.

**Skip Utensils, Napkins, and Packaged Condiments with Takeout Orders:** When ordering delivery or takeout, opt out of disposable utensils, napkins, and condiments. Use the items you have in your home instead. This small step can significantly cut down on unnecessary waste, keep the carbon footprint for the delivery of these items to the restaurant lower and help reduce costs for your favorite establishment. Many places offer the opt-out option on their

website when ordering. If you call in an order, let them know you'd like to opt out of the unwanted items.

**Ask Yourself: Do I Really Need This Item?** Before making a purchase, take a moment to consider whether you truly need the item. This practice can reduce impulse buys, save money, and lower the demand for resource-intensive production.

Living sustainably is not a journey we undertake alone. Yet, making small changes in our daily practices can make big changes. Engaging with our community can amplify mutual efforts and create a sense of shared purpose. Join local clean-up events, start a swap shop for unwanted items, create a repair day with local electricians, woodworkers, upholsterers, crafters, and seamstresses, start a carpool with family and friends to bring kids to school or to get to work, and participate in environmental advocacy groups. By working together, we can build momentum for broader understanding of these issues and support the need to change societies' mindset toward sustainability.

New Year's resolutions often fizzle out by February. However, committing to baby steps toward sustainability can enrich your life and the planet for years to come. Beyond reducing our waste and environmental impact, sustainable living often leads to increases in financial savings, improved health, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

It's a resolution that pays dividends in every aspect of life. Like any resolution, success lies in setting achievable goals and tracking your progress. Start small and keep building from there. Celebrate your milestones, no matter how small and let them motivate you to do even more.

As you toast to the new year, consider raising your glass to a cleaner, greener, more sustainable future. Together, we can make 2025 a year of meaningful change—for ourselves and for the planet we all call home.

*Wendy L. Millar-Page, is the Town of Winthrop Solid Waste and Recycling Manager.*

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department have expressed concerns about how the regionalization push would affect their jobs.

Maltez has stated that the city has started conversations with the unions representing the Chelsea E911 employees, and that those employees are guaranteed a position in the regional center. He further noted that Chelsea works with Winthrop on other regional initiatives, such as public health and climate resiliency.

In addition to the regional dispatch center, concep-

tual plans for renovations to the McKinley School also include an early education preschool and a food hub.

"I am hopeful that the Chelsea City Council will vote to enter in the municipal agreement for a regional 911 dispatch center," said Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe. "This has been a conversation for over a decade, and I'm confident that our collaboration with City Manager Maltez and (Winthrop) Town Manager (Tony) Marino will bring one of the largest and most efficient 911 call center in

the Commonwealth to Revere in the next two years, this will be a long overdue collaboration to benefit each community with strength in numbers and shared best practices for all."

Several Chelsea city councilors have commented that they need more information and time before taking a vote to enter into a regional agreement with Revere and Winthrop.

Currently, the MNRECC provides public safety communications and serves as the E911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point)

for the City of Revere and the Town of Winthrop, also answering police and fire department business lines including after hours calls.

It is also Chelsea's secondary PSAP answering all overflow 911 calls. The MNRECC serves a population of approximately 81,000 residents and is budgeted for 30 telecommunicators. MNRECC support staff includes a Deputy Director, Accounting Manager, Administrative Assistant, and is supported by an Operations Consultant.





## 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 February 6, 2015

Town Hall has been closed for two days, the schools have had five snow days, people are walking in the streets, others are shoveling and snowblowing, huffing and puffing until their faces turn red and there is still more snow to come. Last week the Blizzard of 2015 dumped over 24 inches of the white stuff and late Sunday night into Monday the area was hit again with over a foot of snow and town officials went into action issuing a state of emergency for Monday.

No doubt the busiest people in town over the past two weeks have been DPW Director Steve Calla and the hard-working DPW employees who have been working non-stop to clear streets of the piles of snow that Mother Nature has dumped on us. If the Blizzard of 2015 didn't dump enough snow on streets, sidewalks, parking lots, and public ways, then the second major snow-storm certainly did, bringing another foot of the white stuff this past week.

Jupiter Ascending and The Wedding Ringer are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago February 10, 2005

New House Speaker Sal DiMasi announced this week that Winthrop State Rep. Bob DeLeo has been named the new chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

The Winthrop High School Mock Trial team of Tiffany Skinner, Brittni Page, Kristina Lessard, Vincent Capone, Amanda Pratt, and Esmerelda Sema have won their first two matches and now are one win away from qualifying for the state competition. The team's faculty adviser is Maria Flanagan.

Eugene McCollom, 40, of Winthrop has pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the 2001 murder and beheading of John "Jackie" Leyden of Revere. McCollom also is expected to plead guilty to the murder and dismemberment of an unidentified prostitute whose body was dumped at the Chelsea Soldier's Home where McCollom attended AA meetings.

Channel 5 news personality Ed Harding will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club's senior luncheon March 7.

The first grade classrooms of the William Gorman-Ft. Banks elementary school raised \$1374 for the relief fund for the victims of the Christmas tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

Are We There Yet?, Coach Carter, and Hotel Rwanda are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago February 16, 1995

The Chamber of Commerce held its second annual awards banquet this past week. Among the honorees were State Rep. Robert DeLeo for Town Service; WHS students Rachel Gray and Terrence McNeil as Youth Leaders of the Year; and Bonnie and Rick Beach for Community Service. Helen Lanagan was installed as the Chamber President for 1995.

An article calling for a \$25,000 appropriation for a feasibility study to look at construction of a new elementary school figures to be a major issue on the Town

Warrant to come before the annual Town Meeting in April.

The ongoing trial of O.J. Simpson continues to captivate Americans across the country.

Gov. William Weld this week signed landmark welfare reform legislation.

The Quick and the Dead, Billy Madison, and Boys on the Side are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago February 20, 1985

State Environmental Secretary James Hoyte said this week that Deer Island probably will be chosen for construction of the new sewage treatment plant for Boston Harbor. His comments caused much dismay among local residents and town officials, who are urging the plant to be sited on Long Island.

Terrie's Food Market is holding a grand reopening to celebrate its relocation to Woodside Ave.

The town has received a \$5 million state grant for improvements to the Pico Ave. and Pleasant St. sewer lines.

Mrs. Soffel, Nightmare on Elm St., and Witness are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 50 years ago February 19, 1975

The issues of a proposed \$178,000 solid waste disposal program and 100 percent valuation were the prime topics of discussion at the Advisory Committee's annual public hearing on the articles that will appear on the Town Meeting warrant.

A program to honor the town's Spanish-American War veterans will be held this week in Metcalf Square.

Burt Reynolds stars in The Longest Yard at the Kincade Theatre.

### 60 years ago February 18, 1965

Ten members of the Winthrop Veterans Council appeared before the School Committee to express their displeasure with the committee's selection of a doctor who is not a veteran over a doctor who is a veteran for the post of the public schools' doctor.

Tony Conigliaro, the young star slugger for the Boston Red Sox, will appear at Fullerton Chevrolet's Washington's Birthday Open House.

Rotary Club charter members Ab Deroo and Curtis Hicks were on hand for the club's honoring of its past presidents at the weekly luncheon meeting Monday. The Winthrop Rotary Club was founded in 1939.

George Hamilton stars in Your Cheatin' Heart at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago February 17, 1955

Hundreds of local residents attended Sunday's Open House and dedication ceremonies of the expansion of Winthrop Community Hospital.

The Rev. Dewey A. Peterson, minister of the Union Congregational Church since 1953, will be ordained into the Congregational Christian Ministry Tuesday.

Local and area auto dealers will be holding their traditional Washington's Birthday open houses this week.

The dedication of Winston Square in honor of Capt. John F. Winston

will be held on the holiday.

The First National Bank of Boston announces its first check-credit account which will allow users to borrow money from a pre-approved line of credit simply by writing a check.

Frank Sinatra and Doris Day star in Young at Heart at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 80 years ago February 15, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ambrose received word from the War Department this week that their son, Pfc. Louis M. Ambrose, has been missing in action in France since January 21.

A satisfactory way to alleviate the deplorable condition of the town dump and its effects on the residents of Ocean Spray, which has provoked anger for years, was proposed by Board of Health Chariman Dr. John Vaughan at a meeting in Town Hall Monday night.

He said that the method of making the area a sanitary landfill, similar to what the Army does, would solve the problem. A hole is dug eight feet deep and the garbage deposited down the hole and then compacted down to prevent rat holes. The dirt from the hole is then placed over the garbage. The only additional expense to the town would be for the purchase of a digging machine. Children who play in the area have been treated for rat bites and the area also could become a breeding ground for mosquitoes that could spread malaria in the summer.

Two children and three others were carried to safety by firemen after a two-alarm fire swept through their residence at 19 George St.

The Winthrop Music Service, 50 Somerset Ave., announces that it now has the season's number one hit record, Rum and Coca Cola, the song everyone is talking

about.

Bob Hope, Virginia Mayo, and Walter Brennan star in The Princess and the Pirate at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

### 90 years ago February 16, 1935

Town Meeting voted to appropriate sufficient funds for Winthrop's share of federal government ERA programs that will put local men to work on park and sewer projects.

Republican headquarters in town were busy last week now that the candidates for the upcoming town election, having filed their nomination papers, are known.

The state tax man will make his third and final visit to Town Hall this week to accept returns and provide assistance. Every resident of the state who earned more than \$2000 last year must file a tax return.

Joan Crawford and Clark

Gable star in Forsaking All Others at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

### 100 years ago February 21, 1925

Suburban Gas and Electric Co. advertises that it will make your home "a truly modern home" by wiring it for electricity with just \$5.00 down and the balance to be paid over the next year.

There will be four contests for town offices in the upcoming town election. Six candidates are vying for the three selectmen seats.

State Rep. Edgar J. Power escorted a large number of state officials to look at the water tower and the base of Cottage Hill. Power has filed legislation that would have the state pay for a seawall and terracing on the hill facing the ocean to prevent further erosion of the hill which is threatening the town's water tower.

## OBITUARIES

### William Zedalis

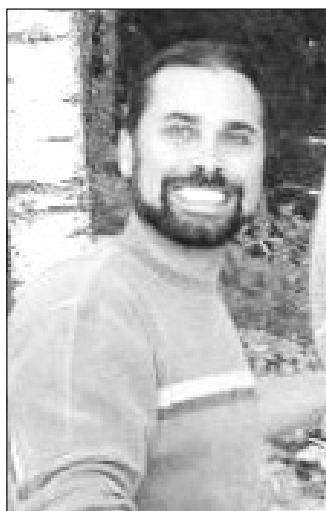
Brilliant Scientist, talented craftsman, very artistic and avid outdoorsman

William E. Zedalis, 49, of Fitchburg passed away on January 23 at the North Shore Medical Center, Salem.

William was born and raised in Winthrop, the son of George E. and Estelle M. (Woytaszek) Zedalis. He was a graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1993 and furthered his education at U Massachusetts Lowell earning his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. For several years he was employed at Alnylam Pharmaceutical Company in Cambridge as a Research Biochemist.

William was not only a brilliant scientist but he was also very artistic and an avid outdoorsman. A talented craftsman he was a Blacksmith and leather artisan creating leather sheaths for knives. He loved music; he played the guitar and actually made guitars. As the outdoorsman, he went mountain biking, fishing, and boating.

A devoted father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, William is survived by his two children; Ilias O. Zedalis and Olivia E. Zedalis, both of Leominster, his parents, George E. and Estelle M. Zedalis, of Tuftonboro, NH, a brother, Michael G. Zedalis, and his partner, Alicia Vieira, of Mason, NH, two sisters, Lorraine "Lori" Care of Haverhill and Karen L. Blumsack



and her husband, Peter of Amesbury, aunt Christine Zedalis, of Tuftonboro, NH, nephews: David, Jacob and Benjamin Blumsack and Nathaniel Care and niece, Elisha Care and cousins: Joseph, Jeffrey and Gregory Zedalis and Nicole Siganoretti and Nicholas Woytaszek. He was predeceased by his grandparents: Adolph and Anna May Zedalis and Henry and Priscilla Woytaszek and uncles, Dale and Henry Woytaszekas well as uncle Adolph (Joe) Zedalis.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, February 8, from 1 until 3 p.m. followed by a funeral home chapel service at 3 p.m. at the Kevin B. Comeau Funeral Home, 486 Main Street, Haverhill. Please visit [www.comeaufuneral.com](http://www.comeaufuneral.com) or Comeau Funeral Home on Facebook.

### Rosalie Stern

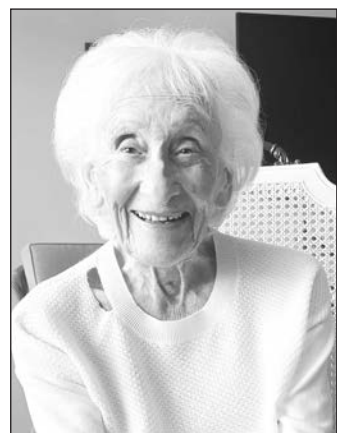
Of Winthrop

Mrs. Rosalie Stern died peacefully at the age of 101 in her home on January 17, 2025.

Born on August 15, 1923, she was raised in East Boston. From 1954 to 1976, she and her husband, Jacob (Jack) raised their family in Winthrop. Rosalie and Jack retired to West Palm Beach, Florida in 1976.

Rosalie was a devoted mother and grandmother. She embraced life with a passion for sharing meals with her family, reading, writing, listening to music and dancing. Her sweet personality and matching smile endeared her to everyone she met. She was well known for her giving nature. She was active in her community, volunteering at the Veterans Hospital of Palm Beach and raising funds for several organizations including the Cancer Foundation and Hadassah.

Mrs. Stern is survived by her children, Marcie Stern Plummer and Michael Stern; her grandchildren,



Denelle Shemesh, Jessica Plummer, and Joshua McHugh and her great-grandchildren, Asha and Jaden McHugh and Shilee Shemesh.

The family especially thanks Marie Mezidor, Rosalie's devoted caregiver, for her years of love, care, and companionship.

Rosalie was interred at The Star of David Cemetery of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach, Florida, with her late husband, Jack Stern, daughter, Evelyn Stern, and daughter-in-law, Susan Stern.

May Rosalie rest in peace.

### Robert Allen Lerner

Of Winthrop

Robert Allen Lerner of Winthrop died peacefully on January 31.

The beloved husband of Phyllis (Bernhardt) Lerner, he was the devoted father of Lauri Lerner, Sheryl Lerner, and Scott Lerner and his wife, Michelle; dear brother of the late Harold Lerner and loving grandfather of Nicole and Jillian Lerner.

Graveside services were held on Monday, February 3 at 12 Noon at New Tifereth Israel of Everett Cemetery, 232 Fuller St., Everett. Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of your choice. For online guestbook, please visit the funeral home website at: [www.torffuneralservice.com](http://www.torffuneralservice.com).

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# Sports

## WHS VIKINGS BASKETBALL VS. SWAMPSCOTT

Photos by Bob Marra

The Vikings' struggles on the basketball court continued in a Big Blue blitz as Swampscott cruised to a 75-29 win that left the Vikings at 2-13 entering the sea-

son's home stretch. Coach Dale Quinton's young team showed no quit against the 7-3 Big Blue but could not get their shots to drop against Swampscott's blanketing defense.



Captain Matt Reardon (left) dribbles away from Swampscott's Teddy O'Neil.



Nick Correia splits Swampscott's Chase Groothuis (5, left) and Connor Chiarello (0, right) as they vie for a loose ball.



Junior Nick Correia (5) fends off Swampscott's Gabe Tripp as he tries to find a path to the basket.



Sophomore Nico Ruggieri is guarded by Swampscott's Jay Domelowicz in the key.



Nick Correia (5) is surrounded by Big Blue as he tries to bounce a pass to a teammate.



Matt Reardon finds himself stuck between the baseline and a Big Blue defender.



Freshman Joe Schettino keeps the ball away from Swampscott's Mike Lutko.



Junior Noah Bayerdofer (2) flips a pass to a teammate as Swampscott's Noah Bascon defends.

### WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### VIKINGS TIE GLOUCESTER, HOST DANVERS NEXT WED.

The Winthrop High boys hockey team maintained its slim lead for first place in the North Division of the Northeastern Conference

(NEC) with a 3-3 tie with Gloucester this past Saturday afternoon.

As expected, the contest featured a fast-paced and physical battle between the NEC North foes. After the visiting Fishermen seized a 1-0 lead early in the first period, senior captain Phil

Boncore brought the Vikings back to level before the period ended, assisted by sophomore defenseman Paul Ferrara.

Winthrop came out on fire to start the middle stanza and soon took a 2-1 lead with a goal by sophomore Joe Pumphret, assisted by

senior captain Mike Hølgersen and senior Aidan Survilas. Although the Fisherman reeled the Vikings back in with their second goal of the day, Pumphret got Winthrop off the hook

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## BONCORE NETS TWO GOALS AS VIKINGS DEFEAT MARBLEHEAD, 3-1



Michael Holgerson (16) knocks Marblehead forward Jim Ryan to the ice as the two chase a loose puck.

*Bob Marra Photos*  
Phil Boncore scored twice in the third period to carry Winthrop to a 3-1 come-from-behind win over archrival Marblehead in a crucial Northeastern Conference game Saturday at Larsen Rink. Winthrop trailed 1-0 until sophomore Joe Pumphret tied the game with 9:46 left. Barely 90 seconds later Boncore flipped a backhand from the bottom of the left face-

off circle that beat Marblehead goalie Leo Burdge on his stick side to put the Vikings ahead 2-1. Boncore added another when he swept a loose puck from a prone position behind the net that deflected off Burdge's skate and into the net. The win boosted the Vikings (6-0 conference, 9-4 overall) past Marblehead (5-1 conference, 10-2-1 overall) to the top spot in the Northeastern conference Dunn Division.



Winthrop goalie Mike Donahue emphatically clears Marblehead's EJ Wyman from Donahue's goal crease.



Phil Boncore (7) breaks toward the net as he is checked by Marblehead's Andrew Watson.



Luke Githinji is sandwiched between Marblehead goalie Leo Burdge and defenseman James Mackenzie in front of the Marblehead net.



Bert Kline fires a slapshot from the right wing.



Dom Spinale (6) upends Marblehead's Will Sullivan along the boards.

### Ferrara, Martucci, Towse star in big win over Peabody

Full coverage of the Winthrop High School girls hockey team's big 2-0 win over Peabody will appear in next week's edition.

Reese Ferrara and Talia Martucci scored goals while goaltender Riley Towse made 25 saves to help the Vikings move into a first-place tie with Peabody in the Northeast Hockey League.



Jay Fotiades (15) wrestles Marblehead's Jimmy Ryan for a loose puck near the Marblehead net.



Joe Pumphret (2) drives toward the Marblehead net but his shot went wide.

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## WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 years ago February 5, 2015

The Winthrop High boys hockey team claimed an undisputed Northeastern Conference North Division title in fine fashion this past week, defeating Saugus 5-1 last Wednesday at Larsen Rink and then avenging their lone NEC North loss of the season with a 4-2 triumph over Beverly at Salem State College Saturday. The Viking's dominance this year in the NEC North is evidenced by their 29 goals-for and 11 goals-against statistic against their North rivals. In the win over Saugus which officially clinched the NEC North crown in front of the hometown fans, Mike Norris, assisted by Dylan Driscoll and Henry Brooks, gave the Vikings a 1-0 lead in the first period. Charlie Page (unassisted) and Brooks (assisted by Page and Pat Todisco) made it 3-0 in the second. Alex Anzuoni (assisted by Brooks and Todisco) and Marc Ferullo (assisted by Todisco and Tyler Mignosa) completed the WHS scoring. In the Beverly encounter, Matt Tarantino, assisted by Gene August, lit the lamp for Winthrop that left matters at 1-1 after the first period. Norris (from Noah Hodgkins) and Driscoll (from Norris) scored in the middle frame and Page (from Anzuoni) added an insurance marker in the third.

The Winthrop High girls

basketball team earned a pair of victories in its two games this past week, defeating Revere, 40-32, and Danvers, 33-19. Sunday's encounter with the Lady Patriots at the Winthrop High School gym was a classic heavyweight battle between two of the top teams in the Northeastern Conference. Revere, which plays in the North Division, entered the fray with an 11-1 record, while Winthrop came in at 9-4. Both teams left it all on the floor, with the Lady Vikings proving just a bit tougher down the stretch to hold onto the victory. Nina Bartlette, who was playing only her second game after sitting for two weeks with an ankle injury, ended up as Winthrop's high scorer with 13 points on six-of-eight shooting from the field. Nina also turned in a solid, two-way game with six blocked shots, seven rebounds, and four steals. Lady Viking Niki Tsotis reached double figures with 12 points, hitting on four-of-five attempts from the free throw line, including some key FTs down the stretch. Twin sister Poli was a perfect six-for-six from the charity stripe, while also contributing four steals and making some nice assists to Bartlette in the final minutes.

The Winthrop High Lady Bulldawgs hockey team will be seeking to claim an undisputed Northeast Hockeyleague (NHL) title this

week when they face Beverly/Danvers Tuesday at Kasabuski Rink in Saugus and Peabody the following night at Peabody. Coach Anthony Martucci's squad, which was snowed out of its games the past week, stand atop the NHL with a 7-1-0 record (9-3-0 overall), just ahead of Masconomet and Beverly, both of whom have one loss and a tie.

Holly Benson brought home a fifth place medal for the Winthrop High girls indoor track team in the Northeastern Conference Meet held last week. Holly took fifth in the 600 meter dash in a time of 1:46.60 in a very competitive race in which the winning time was clocked at 1:44.03.

### 30 years ago February 9, 1995

The WHS boys basketball team bounced back from its tough loss to top-ranked Salem with a 74-49 rout of Gloucester. Four Vikings scored in double figures for coach Peter Grimes's squad.

Michael Palmer scored two goals and Brook Geraghty scored the game-winner for the WHS hockey team in a 3-2 win over Marblehead.

Lady Viking gymnast Elizabeth Lally took home a fourth place medal in the uneven parallel bars and teammate Kim Russo took third in the balance beam at the Northeastern Conference meet Monday.

### 40 years ago February 6, 1985

After absorbing a dismal 7-1 loss to Danvers for its first defeat of the season, the WHS hockey team bounced back with wins over Saugus and Swampscott. Steve Acone scored a goal and assisted on two others in the rout of the highly-touted Sachems, while Acone and Sean Magee each notched a hat trick in the win over the Big Blue.

The NEC champion WHS girls indoor track team took fourth place in the Class C state relays held at the Commonwealth Armory Saturday. The highlight for the Lady Vikings was a first place in the shot-put by the trio of Helen Balaouras, Diane Gallo, and Andrea Stathopoulos with a combined distance of 88'-6".

### 50 years ago February 5, 1975

Despite the support of a jam-packed crowd at Larsen Rink, the WHS hockey team dropped a thrilling 4-3 contest to Lynn English in the battle for first place in the NEC. Jackie MacDonald, Brian Crosbie, and Paul Plakias scored the Viking goals. English won the game with a goal with 8:14 to play.

The WHS boys basketball team kept alive its hopes for a state tourney bid with an 80-61 win over Gloucester. Bob Lundberg, the team's leading scorer with 14 ppg., pumped in 24 points.

The WHS girls basketball team's 11-game winning streak came to an end with a 48-28 loss to Salem. Patty Hansen scored 11 points for the Lady Vikings and P.J. McGrath turned in a fine, two-way effort. Winthrop bounced back with a 48-26 triumph over Gloucester in which Hansen netted 20 points.

### 60 years ago February 4, 1965

The basketball team officially is out of the running for an NEC title after two losses this week. John Conway tossed in 20 points in a loss to Swampscott and Tom Conley led the way with 11 points in a defeat at Woburn in which Winthrop hit on just 12 of 72 shots from the field.

The sport of tumbling is expected to make a return to the high school after a few years' absence. Peter Coon will bring the tumblers, who have enlivened many half-time football shows, back into existence.

### 70 years ago February 8, 1955

The WHS basketball team dropped its second game in a row with a heart-breaking, last-second 35-33 loss to Immaculate Conception of Revere, which is led by its ace player, Bob McCarrick. Charlie Rand scored 14 points for Winthrop. In a 49-40 win over Amesbury, Bobby Usseglio led the way with 15 points.

### 80 years ago February 1, 1945

The high school basketball team continued its uninterrupted drive for a Northeastern Conference title with a 39-29 win at Danvers. Capt. Billy Countaway led the way with 16 points. In a non-league win over Malden, Countaway netted 24 points.

### 90 years ago February 2, 1935

The Winthrop High basketball team's six game winning streak ended with a 36-22 defeat to Rindge Tech in Cambridge Tuesday.

### 110 years ago February 6, 1915

Winthrop defeated Reading High by a score of 51 to 14 in a basketball game Saturday evening. Wilson scored 11 goals from the field and Talcott scored six. In a contest with the Horace Mann School of Franklin, Winthrop won by a score of 19 to 17. Capt. Wilson scored eight goals from the field, many from difficult angles.

Winthrop High and Swampscott played to a 2-2 tie in a hockey game Saturday on ice that was in excellent condition. Although hockey is a new sport for Swampscott, they played a clever game against our boys.

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with his second marker when he deflected a shot by sophomore defenseman Nikita Rossi from the blue line late in the period to provide Winthrop with a 3-2 lead heading into the final frame.

Both teams came out aggressively in the period. The Vikings had numerous chances to notch an insurance goal, but could not capitalize on their opportunities. With two minutes to go, Gloucester pulled its goalie in favor of a sixth skater and the move paid off, as the Fisherman notched the equalizer with

less than 40 seconds to play after the Vikings were unable to clear the puck from their zone, sending the game into overtime.

The teams then played five minutes of the 4-on-4 OT session, which the Vikings dominated. Boncore and Holgersen both had chances for the game-winner, but their efforts to reach the back of the net were thwarted by some outstanding play by the Gloucester goalie.

WHS captain Mike Donahue turned in another strong effort in the net with

22 saves.

The tie left the Vikings with a 6-0-1 record in the NEC (9-4-1 overall) and set up a winner-take-all battle with second-place Marblehead last night (Wednesday) at Salem State. The Magicians have only one loss in the conference, that having come at the hands of the Vikings two weeks ago. Winthrop needed a win or a tie to stay atop the NEC North, while a loss would propel the Magicians into sole possession of first place.

The Vikings, who are ranked #5 in the MIAA Di-

vision 4 power ratings, will travel to NEC South foe Beverly on Saturday for a 7:00 face-off at Endicott College and then will host NEC North rival Danvers next Wednesday evening at 6:10 at Larsen.

### BOYS HOOP HOSTS GLOUCESTER, BEVERLY

The Winthrop High boys basketball team will host a pair of Northeastern Conference rivals this week. The Vikings will entertain Gloucester tomorrow (Fri-

day) evening and Beverly next Tuesday.

Both contests will tip-off on the Chris Tsiotos Court at Winthrop High at 7:00.

### WHS GIRLS HOOP TO HIT THE ROAD; RANKED #29 IN D-4

The Winthrop High girls basketball team will be on the road for three contests in the coming week. The Lady Vikings will make the long treks to NEC foes Gloucester tomorrow (Friday) and to Beverly on Tuesday. They will travel into the

South End of Boston next Thursday to take on non-league opponent Cathedral.

Coach Anthony Hatzisavas's crew, who stand at 4-11 on the season, still are in the chase for a berth in the post-season state tourney. The Lady Vikings were ranked #29 in Division 4 as of this past Tuesday, a rating that would qualify them automatically for the tourney. Teams either must finish in the top-32 in the MIAA power rankings or achieve a .500 record to qualify for the tourney.

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dining, and shower areas. The fire prevention office would also be on the second floor.

The third floor would include the administration and command offices and some conference space.

Wiley said the apparatus bays would be sufficient to store and handle the department's current apparatus, as well as allow for possible expansion.

The long-term plan, Wiley said, is to provide medical services through the fire department. The auxiliary bays would provide room for an ambulance, he said.

"This is a concept, and we are looking for feedback from the building committee to help us shape this as we make it more of what you are looking for," said Trim.

Michael McKeon of Kaestle Boos reviewed what he referred to as the opinion of probable costs. Taking into account construction costs, owner's indirect costs such as design and owner's

project manager fees, and equipping costs for furniture, technology, and other items, McKeon said the total estimated cost was just under \$41 million.

However, Letterie noted that the estimate included \$3.69 million for the relocation of a stormwater pipe that was later determined to be under the gymnasium. He said that pipe relocation would not be part of the fire station project, but that there should be a \$1 to \$1.5 million line for other drainage-related costs.

Letterie said he estimated the total project cost would be around \$38.5 million.

"These numbers are going to be finetuned and we are going to feel comfortable about them when we are going out for the debt exclusion," said Letterie. "We are trying to make as conservative an estimate as we can."

Letterie said there have also been discussions about the potential length of the debt exclusion.

"We are looking at approximately \$38 million of borrowing at 25 years versus 30 years," he said. "We have usually been borrowing for 30 years."

At 30 years, Letterie said the property tax bill for a homeowner, based on the average home assessment of \$689,000 in Winthrop, would see an increase of \$445 per year.

"At 25 years, this \$445 would go to about \$475," Letterie said. "It would be an extra \$30 per year."

But Letterie said the shorter borrowing window would save the town and taxpayers between \$8 million to \$9 million because of the shorter period of time and slightly lower interest rates.

"The other thing that is important with the debt exclusion is we have another debt exclusion, Miller Field, which is coming off the tax rolls in Fiscal '31," he said.

Because all of the borrowing for the fire station would not be done at once

but as needed, Letterie said the full assessment of \$445 per year would not hit the tax rolls until Fiscal '27. By the time Miller Field comes off the tax roll, Letterie said the increase would effectively be about \$300 per year for the average homeowner.

Committee members also discussed the campaign to get out the word for the debt exclusion vote.

"Everybody knows how desperately we need a fire station," said Wiley.

The fire chief pointed to a study from 1993 that outlined the need for a new station. Wiley added that even more than 30 years ago, the study showed that rehabilitating the town's two existing fire stations would not provide the room needed for a modern fire department.

"The entire footprint of both of those stations compared is about 12,000 square feet," said Wiley. "We are looking at a 27,000-square-foot building."

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### ZONTA INTERNATIONAL 2024 AMELIA EARHART FELLOW

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore and the Zonta Club of Malden recently celebrated the remarkable achievements of Zonta's District 1 Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipients. Amelia Earhart Fellowship is a unique and prestigious award program started in 1938 in honor of Amelia Earhart the famed pilot and Zonta member.

This \$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women internationally pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievements, research proposals and leadership potential. Women who demonstrate a superior academic record conducting research applied

to aerospace engineering or space sciences are eligible.

The Fellowship recipients honored at this event were Kierra Wilk a Ph.D. Candidate at Brown University studying Planetary

Science, Mennatallah Hussein is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT and Madelyn Hoying's Ph.D. research is in the Tearney Lab at MGH investigating aero-

space physiology leading to novel medical devices for long duration space flight.

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ering women worldwide through service and advocacy. For more information, please visit the website; Zonta.org.



Barbara Lawlor winner of a raffle basket.



Shown from left to right: Lee Farrington, Barbara Lawlor, Mary Jane O'Neill, Diane Cambria, Diane Raycraft Zonta 1 District Governor, Sheila Arsenaault, Janice Tatarka Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, Georgia Green, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo-Haheisy, Janice Sikorski.



Shown (from Left to Right): Kierra Wilk Fellowship Recipient, Janice Tatarka Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, Diane Raycraft Zonta's District 1 Governor, Maria Luise Zonta Club of Malden President, Mennatallah Hussein Fellowship Recipient, Madelyn Hoying Fellowship Recipient.

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# Winthrop Senior Center News

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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 our newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

## Monday, February 10

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

## Tuesday, February 11

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)  
10:00am: Bowling at the Winthrop Elks (\$15 annually)  
11:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures  
11:00am-12:00pm: Exercise for Arthritis  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)

## Wednesday, Feb. 12

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group  
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)  
12:30pm-2:30pm: Charlie Card Workshop  
1:00pm-2:00pm: Legal Aid Q & A  
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

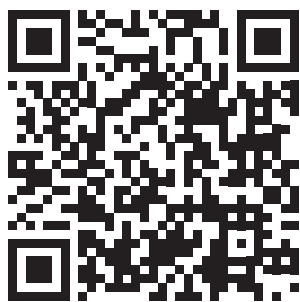
## Thursday, February 13

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:00am-3:00pm: Medical pedicures  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$5)  
10:30am-1:30pm: Hearing Screenings  
10:30am-12:00pm: Red Hatters  
10:30am-11:30am: Seaside Tappers (\$5)  
12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine-In / Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

## Friday, February 14

9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:00am-10:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)  
11:00am-12:00pm: All Around New England Trip

Talk  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30am-12:30pm: Journaling Workshop



**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 and Fridays 8:45am-12:15pm. 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.

**Senior Van Schedule Updates:** Beginning in February, the Senior Van will run on Fridays from 8:45am to 12:15pm. Rides will be limited to Winthrop, Revere and East Boston destinations only. Return trips must be completed by 12:15pm.

**Senior Van Shopping Schedule** (beginning February 1, 2025)  
Mondays: Market Basket Chelsea at 8:45am  
Tuesdays: Market Basket Revere at 8:45am  
Wednesdays: Stop & Shop/Target at 12:30pm  
Thursdays: Stop & Shop/Target at 8:45am  
Fridays: Market Basket Revere at 8:45am

Rides may be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but must be scheduled at least 2 weekdays in advance by calling the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. A full list of destinations/pricing is available in our newsletter and online at www.winthropma.gov/council-aging.

# National Grid encourages customers to take advantage of energy programs that can help manage energy bills

In preparation for colder temperatures, National Grid encourages its Massachusetts customers to take advantage of energy programs that can help manage their energy bills and keep their homes comfortable.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), commonly referred to as Fuel Assistance, provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. Enrollment for LIHEAP is free and open through April 30, 2025.

LIHEAP is open to homeowners and renters, including households whose cost of heat is included in rent. Eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual income of every household member 18 or older. Household income cannot exceed 60% of the estimated state median income. The program provides assistance through a fixed benefit amount for the cost of the primary source

of heat, which includes, but is not limited to, electricity, oil, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood, and coal.

“National Grid recognizes that energy bills can be a real challenge for many customers – especially in the colder winter months,” said Bill Malee, Chief Customer Officer at National Grid. “The LIHEAP program can provide much-needed assistance for customers struggling to keep up with their energy costs and helps cover energy usage dating back to November 1, 2024. We also encourage customers to visit us at one of our Customer Assistance Events, where attendees can meet with National Grid assistance program experts in person and explore options to manage their energy bills and ways to save money.”

To apply for LIHEAP:

- Apply online at <https://www.toapply.org/MassLIHEAP>
- Visit and apply at an agency in your area.

For more information concerning LIHEAP:

- Visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap>.

- Customers may also call the Cold Relief Heatline at (800) 632-8175.

LIHEAP is funded by an annual federal grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, and administered by a network of local agencies, in many areas the same agency that administers the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP or fuel assistance).

“Thousands of families across Massachusetts depend on LIHEAP assistance to keep their homes warm during the winter,” said U.S. Representative Lori Trahan of Massachusetts. “That’s why I’ve always encouraged anyone in need of help to check their eligibility, connect with their local community action agency or National Grid, and ap-

ply for home heating assistance as soon as possible.”

Along with LIHEAP, National Grid customers have access to several programs designed to help reduce energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance. Programs include but are not limited to:

- Discount Rates where qualifying income-eligible customers may receive a discounted rate on electric and gas service, as well as no-cost energy efficiency upgrades.

- The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is available to income eligible Massachusetts resident who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month’s energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance.

- Home Energy Assis-

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 113 Upland Road Winthrop, MA 02152

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Julia B Dillon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, and now held by TH MSR Holdings LLC f/k/a Matrix Financial Services Corporation, said mortgage dated December 20, 2016 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57336, Page 1, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation to Matrix Financial Services Corporation by assignment dated June 11, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 70294, Page 190; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on March 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, situated in Winthrop, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot marked "4279 sq. ft.", on a plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Lots, Highlands-Winthrop, Mass." dated May 1954 by Whitman and Howard, Civil Engineers, recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 7014, Page 471 bounded as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY By Upland Road, 31 feet; NORTHWESTERLY On land of owners unknown 127.73 feet; NORTHERLY By Sewall Avenue, 347.21 feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY By land of McCormick, 148.32 feet; For title see deed recorded in Book 19310, Page 222. The third bound in the above description has a typographical error and should be 37.21 feet. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 4, 1998 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 22438, Page 119. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles,

municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price will be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for TH MSR Holdings LLC f/k/a Matrix Financial Services Corporation Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701 B&S File No: 24-07333 FCO1 B&S File No: 24-07333 FCO1

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 25 SM 000244 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Sharon M. Ciampa and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Carrington Mortgage Services LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winthrop, numbered 200 Shirley Street, given by Sharon M Ciampa and Edward M Siciliano to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Peoples Bank, dated June 23, 2017, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58178, Page 1, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 17, 2025 or you may lose the

opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 28, 2025. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P0181EA Estate of: Elizabeth M. Wilder Date of Death: 02/15/2008 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Russell J. Wilder of Alton Bay, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Russell J. Wilder Alton Bay, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly

from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 28, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 02/06/25 W

this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 30, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 02/06/25 W

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU24P0333GD In the Interests of: George Burbine Of: Winthrop, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/27/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may file

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P1871EA Estate of: William A. Benker Also known as: William A. Benker, Jr. Date of Death: 04/23/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nicole Rizzotto of Winthrop, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Nicole Rizzotto of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/04/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 20, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 02/06/25 W

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National Grid sets customers up with an energy specialist who will walk through the home, create a customized energy report, and provide no-cost energy-saving products, such as advanced power strips, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and programmable thermostats for installation in a home. Interested Massachusetts customers can call 1-866-527-SAVE (7283). More information is available at: ngrid.com/assessment.

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# Democratic officials hold press conference at NeighborHealth PACE in Revere

### Criticism directed toward proposed federal funding freeze that has since been rescinded

Special to the Journal

In an impressive display of unity at a press conference in Revere, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark joined Mayor Patrick Keefe and U.S. Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Jim McGovern in addressing the President Donald Trump Administration's Jan. 27 memo calling for a freeze on federal spending.

Clark, whose office hosted the media event, chose the NeighborHealth PACE facility in Revere – a national model in the field of healthcare – as the site for the press conference.

Jim Cantwell, state director for U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, and Janice Rottenberg, state director for U.S. Senator Liz Warren, also appeared at the event.

The officials expressed their displeasure with President Trump's proposed action that would have affected the funding for "critical public services, including Medicaid, Head Start, and community care centers."

Keefe delivered the opening remarks, respectfully introducing his colleagues in attendance including City Council President Marc Silvestri, City Councillors Joanne McKenna, Ira Novoselsky, and Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and School Committee member Anthony Caggiano.

Congresswoman Clark told the assembled media and supporters that if there hadn't been a ruling against the action (calling for a freeze on federal funding), "this healthcare center (NeighborHealth PACE, Revere) would have lost its funding."

"Nurses and doctors would stop getting paid. Appointments would be canceled. Seniors wouldn't have a place to turn. And 80 million people around this country would lose access to Medicaid, access to healthcare," said Clark. "Donald Trump thought he

could get away with something so brazen, but the American people spoke out, and we have uplifted those stories and put this Administration into retreat. But we know this is Round 1. House Democrats are ready to keep fighting alongside the American people."

Representatives McGovern and Pressley joined Clark in a pledge to stay united against any of Trump's policies that would be detrimental to the nation's well-being.

"We were able to get him to withdraw at least for now his order stopping things like Meals on Wheels, HeadStart, veterans' care, police, firefighters, and funding for health centers," said McGovern.

Pressley continued the negative tone toward the Trump Administration.

"On Monday [Jan. 27], Donald Trump attempted to cruelly and unlawfully halt federal funding and grants across the entire federal government, impacting vital services," said Pressley. "His actions created chaos, misinformation, and stoked fear for folks in my district, across this country, and across our commonwealth (Massachusetts) fear for our babies' education, for our elders' heating assistance, for our families' ability to access childcare and more."

"This will not be the last time they try to rip away essential resources from our communities," concluded Pressley. "But there is always something we can do."

Hollis Graham, RN BSN, Assistant Vice President, Strategy and Innovation, NeighborHealth, also addressed the media.

"We're here to strengthen the health of our communities," said Graham. "The majority of our patients are low-income, hard-working individuals, families, and vulnerable older adults who depend on government funding for their healthcare.



Democratic Whip Katherine Clark responds to a question from the media during the press conference.



A delegation of Revere elected officials attended the press conference. From left, are Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, City Council President Marc Silvestri, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim McGovern, Jim Cantwell, State Director for Sen. Edward Markey, and Janice Rottenberg, State Director for Sen. Liz Warren.

"Today, we're happy to host this press conference at one of our PACE programs which stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly," continued Graham. "Our ability to provide these critical services depends on stable federal funding. We are proud to say that the health centers across Massachusetts are one of the most cost-effective solutions in our healthcare system. Without stable,

predictable funding, health centers face real risk, fewer services, fewer providers, and longer wait-times for healthcare. Our community remains strong to provide high-quality care, reduce health disparities, and strengthen communities, but we need stable funding to do it. When we invest in community health, we invest in healthier communities, stronger neighborhoods, and a more just

healthcare system for all." The conference concluded with questions from the media. A reporter asked Mayor Keefe about what the City is doing to ensure that agencies such as NeighborHealth stay connected to federal resources.

"We're going to rally our community together regardless of what their political affiliation is and make sure they're going to feel secure and not go to bed ev-

ery night afraid if a funding source they rely upon isn't going to be arbitrarily eliminated," said Keefe. "We owe this to our seniors, our first responders, and to our veterans who rely upon many different funding sources."

Clark thanked NeighborHealth for "not only hosting the event today, but more importantly, for the work you do every single day."



Mayor Patrick Keefe delivers his welcoming remarks at the press conference.



PACE Vice President and Executive Director Calay Ip, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, Congressman Jim McGovern, Mayor Patrick Keefe, NeighborHealth Assistant Vice President Hollis Graham, and NeighborHealth Director of Communications Emily Martin.



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