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Town manager provides regular update to council

Staff Report

Town Manager Tony Marino's report to the town council this week provided updates on several ongoing projects and issues in Winthrop.

"The last two weeks have been filled with resident meetings to review their water/sewer bill concerns as we work towards installing new meters and addressing the estimated water bills due to the meter reader devices not communicating with our billing software.'

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Santa with Star Richards and Cynthia Steg, Colleen Murphy, Maureen Macadams, Sandra Joneck-Schiff pictured at the annual Festival of Wreaths hosted by Winthrop's Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows . See more photos on Page 12.

Major demolition of old middle school to begin soon

The Firehouse Building Committee held a neighborhood meeting last week focusing on the upcoming demolition of the old middle school and auditorium.

Currently, there is rodent control ongoing at the site, as well abatement activities that will prepare the build- and auditorium. The heavy

Demolition laid out the schedule for the major demolition of the middle school

ings for the full demolition. equipment needed for the At last week's meeting, demolition is expected to representatives from SMI arrive on site on about Dec.

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Santa Claus is Coming to Town

2025 parade route is set

Staff Report

Get ready, Winthrop! The Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 are thrilled to announce the 2025 Santa Parade Route. Santa will begin his journey at Deer Island around 4:30 PM and make his way through town, spreading holiday cheer before heading back to the North Pole. New for this year, keep an eye out for a link to a Google Maps LIVE tracker on Christmas Eve, so you can follow Santa's location in real-time and know exactly when to run to the window! The live tracking link will be available on the Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 Facebook page.

Please note: All times listed below are estimated.

4:30 PM

- · Leaves Deer Island to Tafts Avenue.
- Tafts Avenue to Elliott Street.
- Left on Elliott Street to Church Square.
- Left on Shirley Street to
- Triton Avenue. • Down Triton Avenue to
- Bay View Avenue.
- Bay View Avenue to Shirley Street.
- Left on Shirley Street to Crystal Cove Avenue.

- Crystal Cove Avenue to Park Avenue.
- Left on Park Avenue to Beacon Street. • Right on Beacon Street
- to Beacon Circle. • Left on Shore Drive to
- Tewksbury Street. • Left on Tewksbury Street to Shirley Street.

4:45 PM

- Right on Shirley Street to Cutler Street.
- Continues down Shirley Street (wrong way) to Veterans Road.
- Right on Veterans Road to Locust Street. • Left on Locust Street to
- Revere Street. • Right on Revere Street
- to Sagamore Avenue. • Right on Sagamore Av-

5:00 PM

- Sagamore Avenue to Grovers Avenue.
- Left on Grovers Avenue to Cliff Avenue.
- Right on Cliff Avenue to Seal Harbor.
- Seal Harbor to Pond Street.
- Right on Pond Street to Highland Avenue. Right on Highland Ave-
- nue to Nahant Avenue.

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Eruzione, 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team honored at White House ceremony

By Cary Shuman

President Donald Trump honored Winthrop resident Mike Eruzione and the members of the 1980 United States men's Olympic hockey team during a Dec. 12 ceremony in the Oval Office.

Eruzione was captain of the team and scored the winning goal in a 4-3 upset of the Soviet Union. Two days later the U.S. team defeated Finland, 4-2, to win the gold medal in Lake Placid, N.Y.

President Trump presented prestigious Congressional Gold Medals to the

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PHOTO COURTESY OF WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Mike Eruzione (fifth from left), shown with members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team pictured in the Oval Office of the White House where they were honored by President Donald J. Trump.



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, DECEMBER 1

1201: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating with an expired inspection sticker. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law (cell phone use). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the handsfree law (cell phone use). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Underhill Sts. 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 Main St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the handsfree law (cell phone use). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law (cell phone use). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1337: The owner of a liquor store reported that a male party shoplifted a bottle of vodka. The owner had a photo of the suspect, whom the owner said had done this before. The officer was able to identify the suspect and filed a report.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

0106: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Court Rd.

0152: An officer issued parking tickets to 21 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0153: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Somerset

0226: An officer issued parking tickets to 14 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

1110: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1338: An officer directed the operator of a delivery vehicle parked in the Fire Lane at Twist and Shake on Shirley St. to move the ve-

1643: 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.

1900: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2208: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2232: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sargent St. for the civil moving infractions of excessive window tint and a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2322: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

0110: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0835: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of unsafe violation (a sheet of ice was on the windshield). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0838: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0905: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (35 in a 20 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the op-

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0953: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

1114: A Pleasant St. resident reported missing items from his home. The officer filed a report.

1800: 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.

1921: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2254: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Girdlestone Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2351: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

0102: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles in the town parking lot on George St.

0107: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hawthorn Ave.

0113: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Neptune

0125: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Coral Ave.

0134: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Trident Ave.

0158: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pearl Ave.

0211: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Nevada

0217: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cutler St.

0222: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Ocean Ave.

0247: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Charles St.

0259: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beacon St.

0921: A resident turned in a firearm that had belonged to her recently-deceased husband.

1336: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1425: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1643: Boston Police issued a BOLO for a vehicle that had been stolen and was involved in a hit-and-run in Boston. Winthrop officers located the vehicle on Quincy Ave. The suspect was transported to the hospital and the BPD had the vehicle towed.

1839: A resident reported that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator while it was parked in the George St. parking lot the night before. The officer filed a report.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

0115: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Grovers Ave.

1028: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle on Shirley St. with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation.

1125: A Main St. resident reported a breaking and entering into his basement. The officer filed a report.

1340: An officer stopped a motor vehicle being operated by a person who has lived in the town for more than a year, but has yet to change the vehicle's registration

to Mass. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator and directed her to change the registration.

1430: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of an expired registration. The officer followed the operator to his home, where his son will assist him in renewing the registration online.

1956: A resident called the station to report that she had received a phone call informing her that a warrant was issued for her arrest and that she needed to purchase a Visa card for \$700 to clear the warrant. The officer advised her this was a scam.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

1405: An officer stopped a motor vehicle being operated by an unlicensed operator, which is a criminal offense. The officer ordered the vehicle to be towed and issued a citation to the operator.

1414: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a fire hydrant on Taylor St.

1454: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Morton St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1753: A resident called the station to report that her Christmas tree had fallen off the roof of her motor vehicle somewhere on Washington Ave. The officer located the tree and the owner came to retrieve it.

2036: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident on Pleasant St. One vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

2354: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in their apartment on Shirley St. to turn it down for the night.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

0103: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles in the George St. town parking lot.

0130: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Read St.

0136: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beal St. 0512: An officer direct-

ed a person playing music loudly in their residence on Bowdoin St. to turn it down.

0842: A Nevada St. resident reported that their parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator during the night. The officer filed a report.

1000: 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. 1509: An officer stopped a

motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator. 1639: An officer issued a

parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a fire hydrant on Cross St.

2045: An officer directed a group of noisy persons in an apartment in

Governors Park to keep it down for the night.

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Marino stated. "We are in- mented," he said. vestigating each complaint and will adjust as warranted. We continue to find that some of these increases are attributable to water leaks in homes and irrigation systems, as well as to increases in the number of occupants in homes and apartments."

Often, meter reader devices stop working due to work on homes or apartments, inadvertent wire cuts, or normal wear and tear, Marino added.

"We also offer payment plans to our residents, allowing them time to get caught up once their water usage is accurately docuThe town manager said

the Revere Street TIP project will continue as the work is now focused on switching over to the new traffic lights and installing solar controls on the streetlights so they go off during the daytime hours. "The curb and concrete

work will resume in the Spring of 2026," Marino stated.

In other business, Marino said he and Town Council President Jim Letterie hosted a meeting with the four new Town Councilor-Elect members last week.

"At this meeting, we pre-

sented the new Town Councilor handbook and had them complete the new employee paperwork we need to process their Town Councilor salary payments," said Marino. "This was a productive and well-received meeting with the new Town Council members. Assistant Town Manager Cheryl Mc-Cormick and HR Director Stacy Calla were also in attendance."

Marino added that work continues on the new dispatch center for the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC) at the McKinley School in Revere.

"We expect the bids for the upgrades and construction of this new facility to be in over the next two weeks, and look forward to construction work beginning during the upcoming winter and spring months," he said. "This work and the new dispatch center will host our dispatch services for Revere, Winthrop, and our recent addition of Chelsea. MNRECC continues to use State 911 grant funds to pay for our portion of the construction costs, and we anticipate long-term savings with the addition of Chelsea to our Regional Dispatch Center."

• Left on Pleasant Street

• Right on Bartlett Road

• Jefferson Street to Put-

• Right on Putnam Ave-

8:30 PM

• Left on Buchanan Street

• Right on Winthrop

• Washington Avenue to

• Left on River Road to

• Left on Chester Avenue

• Right on Bowdoin

• Left on George Street to

• Left on Winthrop Street

• Jefferson Street to Put-

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to Bowdoin Street.

Winthrop Street.

to Jefferson Street.

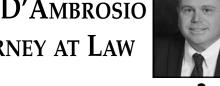
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to Bartlett Road.

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- Nahant Avenue to Grovers Avenue.
- Left on Grovers Avenue.

5:30 PM

- Grovers Avenue to to Atlantic Avenue. Highland Avenue.
- nue to Cliff Avenue. • Cliff Avenue to Quincy
- Left on Quincy Avenue. • Quincy Avenue to Up-

land Road.

- Left on Upland Road to Revere Street.
 - Left on Revere Street. • Right on Revere Street Street.
- at Crest Avenue. • Continues down Revere Pleasant Street.
- Street to Harvard Street.
- to Franklin Street.

• Right on Cross Street. 6:00 PM

- Right on Main Street to Bowdoin Street.
- Left on Bowdoin Street to Centre Street.
- Right on Centre Street to Hermon Street.

- Left on Hermon Street to Belcher Street.
- Belcher Street to Winthrop Street.
- Left on Winthrop Street
- Left on Atlantic Avenue • Right on Highland Ave- to Hermon Street.

6:30 PM

• Right on Hermon Street to Main Street.

• Left on Winthrop Street

- Right on Main Street to Winthrop Street.
- to Banks Street. • Banks Street to Main
- Right on Main Street to
- Left on Pleasant Street • Left on Harvard Street to Lincoln Street.
- Left on Lincoln Street • Franklin Street to Cross to Brookfield Road.
 - Road to Pleasant Street. • Left on Pleasant Street to Waldemar Avenue.

· Right on Brookfield

7:00 PM

- Left on Waldemar Avenue to Pauline Street.
- Right on Pauline Street to Sunnyside Avenue. to Lowell Road.

- Lowell Road to Maple to Pleasant Street. Road. • Maple Road to Loring
- Right on Loring Road to Court Road.
- Court Road to Johnson Avenue.

• Johnson Avenue to

Somerset Avenue. • Left on Somerset Ave.

7:30 PM

- Somerset Avenue to Pleasant Street.
- Right on Pleasant Street to Cottage Park Road.
- Right on Cottage Park Road to Bartlett Parkway.
- Left on Bartlett Parkway to Orlando Avenue.

• Orlando Avenue to Bartlett Road.

8:00 PM

- Right on Bartlett Road to Pleasant Street.
 - Right on Pleasant Street
- to Plummer Avenue.
- Right on Plummer Ave- nam Street. nue to Frances Street.

 - Right on Putnam Street • Left on Frances Street to Pauline Street.
 - Right on Pauline Street • Left Sunnyside Avenue to Winthrop Fire HQ.

Three school committee members serve at last meeting

Three school committee members served at their last meeting on Monday night.

Committee Chair Jennifer Powell and members Julie Barry and Suzanne Leonard did not run for reelection in the fall. The new incoming members in January will be Kaitlin Burroughs, Leslie Darcy, and Shannon Kubik.

"Serving on a school committee requires an extraordinary commitment of time, energy, thoughtful reflection, and a continuous focus on making decisions that are in the best interest of our children, staff, and families," said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard. "Your work is often taking place in long meetings, many of the long ones are not on TV; through complex and sometimes difficult decisions, and always with an understanding that the choices you make would shape the future of our students and the strength of our district as a whole. You have all approached that responsibility with integrity, diligence, and a clear commitment to our town."

Howard

throughout their service, the school committee members have helped guide the district for important moments of growth and challenges, from rewriting how to deliver public education during the Covid pandemic to multiple contract negoti-

"I've been honored to work with each one of you throughout your time on the committee," said Howard. "You have all asked thoughtful questions, balanced competing priorities, and remained focused on what matters most, providing high quality, equitable education for every one of our students."

The superintendent said she was also thankful for the personal relationships she has built with the school committee members.

"Not all superintendents are fortunate enough to create unique bonds with committee members, and I value the personal relationships and friendships that we have all developed over the course of your service," Howard said. "Thank you for your leadership, your participation, and your dedication to public education. It has been an honor to work

alongside you in servicing our students and our community."

Town Council President Jim Letterie thanked the outgoing committee members for their service.

"People don't understand, I think, the time commitment and the sacrifice that are required for people who have turned out for an office," he said. "It's greatly appreciated, and sometimes everybody doesn't agree on everything, but everyone agrees that the best interests of Winthrop are with each and every one of you, so I thank you for the years of service."

Powell thanked the voters of Winthrop for allowing her to serve on the school committee.

"It has been an incredible privilege to be a part of promoting the school system and keeping things moving," she said. "I am incredibly grateful for the override support that we had and I know that we are working incredibly diligently with the teachers' union and that work is going to continue. I also want to say thank you to each and every one of the members of this school committee, you have been supportive that you have altion and make this commitlowed me to be in this positive the incredibly collegiate

powerhouse that it is."

Susan Murphy-Perrotti celebrates 35 years in child care and receives major state grant

Special to the Transcript

Susan Murphy-Perrotti, devoted owner and provider of Young Minds at Work Family Child Care, has been awarded a \$25,000 MassDevelopment Family Child Care Capital Grant, presented in partnership with MassDevelopment, the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, and with the support of Governor Maura Healey.

This recognition comes during an extraordinary milestone year, as Murphy-Perrotti celebrates 35 years of dedicated service in the child care field. For more than three decades, she has opened her home and heart to the children of Winthrop, providing a nurturing, safe, and educational environment for families across the community.

Murphy-Perrotti credits much of her strength and success to the love and support of her family. She has been married for 30 years to her husband, Jeff Perrotti, and together they have raised four children. Today, they are blessed with six grandchildren.

"Child care has been my lifelong passion", said Murphy-Perrotti. "After 35 years, my heart is still fully in this work. Every day is truly a gift, and I am deeply grateful for this grant, which will allow me to continue improving the environment for all of the children in my

Her grant-supported project includes essential facility upgrades such as a new mini split system and new appliances, designed to enhance comfort, safety, and daily operations.

MassDevelopment officials noted that this grant was part of a highly competitive process and recognized Murphy-Perrotti's long-standing commitment, leadership, and positive impact on early education.

"I'm honored and humbled by this recognition", she added. "My goal has always been to give children a warm and joyful start in life, and I look forward to continuing this mission for many years to come."



Susan Murphy-Perrotti.

Eruzione // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

players "representing a fitting commemoration of that incredible achievement."

A tremendous sports fan and the best golfer among all U.S. Presidents, Trump called the Olympians' success, "a great achievement and an amazing event."

After signing the bill, President Trump turned to Eruzione and said, "Here you go, Mike, take it.'

"Thank you, sir," said Eruzione, who was standing a few feet away from the President.

"We're delighted to be joined today by true legends of American sports history, heroes for the entire nation - the 1980 U.S. Olympic ice hockey team," said Trump. "It was one of the biggest

moments that I've ever seen in sports, and I like sports. These are the men who gave us one of the most storied athletic wins of all time. It's called the "Miracle of Ice," and I guess that's what it

President Trump asked each of the players and representatives of players to introduce themselves and deliver individual remarks.

During his remarks, Eruzione made a special presentation to the President. "On behalf of the team, we have a replica [cowboy] hat that we wore in the opening ceremonies in Lake Placid and I'd like you to have that," said Eruzione. "And more importantly, I don't think words can explain

how proud we are for what you've done for our team. Thank you very much."

Upon accepting the hat and trying it on, President Trump said, "We've got to take a picture."

Interestingly, Eruzione was scheduled to be in Lake Placid Friday with the Winthrop High School boys hockey team of which he is an assistant coach. Eruzione had helped coordinate the team's trip to Lake Placid where the Vikings swept a two-game series versus Marblehead High School and had the opportunity to skate in the same rink where Eruzione became an international hockey legend and the chants of "USA," "USA," still ring proudly.

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28, with the overall heavy demolition taking about four weeks before the buildings are taken down to their foundations, according to Charles Smith of SMI.

Once the aboveground structures are gone, crews will begin foundation demolition and initial site grading, followed by the site cleanup and releasing the site for the next phase of the project.

Town Manager Tony Marino said the shovels should be in the ground to begin construction of the new fire station some time in the late summer of next year.

"What we are going to do is to commence the demo the 26th, or that following Monday, which I think is the 28th, that is when we are going to start taking down the actual middle school," said Smith. "I like to get through the holidays ... and then we will start taking down the main building, which is the middle school. Once that is being done, we are going to be in the auditorium finishing up some of the minor asbestos removal that has to be done."

Once the middle school building is down, then demo will proceed to the auditori-

um, Smith said. Smith said the company will be making extra efforts with equipment to suppress the dust caused by the demolition.

"Instead of blowing the water onto the process, we are pressing it down, which stops the dust from flying," said Smith. "If you do happen to see something like that, you pick up the phone and call Tony (Marino) or reach out to one of my guys, we will take care of it.

The main machine the demolition team will be bringing in to take down the buildings is a 750, a highreach demolition excavator.

"It's able to reach up over the building, and the way we are doing this structure, because of the neighbors, and because of the complexity of this demo, it has a shear like a pair of scissors - and it takes the beam, crosses them up, just kind of munch them and lower them to the ground," said Smith. "With typical construction, they come in, they are hammering, they are pounding on the building; we're not going to do that. This process mitigates noise, not that you aren't going to have any."

The demolition activity will get underway at 7 in the morning and go through the afternoon.

The trucks removing the demolition debris will use Pleasant Street and Brook-

field Road in and out.

SMI representatives noted that the loudest part of the demolition efforts will likely be dropping the debris into the trucks.

Dan Pallotta of project owner's manager P3 said once the construction gets underway, the project will probably take about 16-20 months.







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OUR Opinions

THE MASS SHOOTING IN **AUSTRALIA: SHOCKING, BUT** SADLY, NOT SURPRISING

This past weekend's tragic shooting in Australia at a Hanukkah festival once again has demonstrated to the world the pernicious and evil effects of anit-semitism, which is the world's oldest form of prejudice.

Anti-semitism may have reached its peak with the Holocaust in Nazi Germany in the 1930s and '40s, but it still remains the number one source of hate in the world today.

In the United States, acts of anti-semitism have spiked exponentially in the past 10 years (long predating the war in Gaza). According to the Anti-Defamation League, there were 9,354 anti-semitic incidents in 2024, the highest number since it began tracking the data in 1979, representing a 344% increase over the past five years and an 893% increase over the past decade.

The stark nature and depth of anti-semitism in our country was on full display in the August, 2017, white nationalist demonstration in Charlottesville, Virgina, when a group of white supremaciasts marched with candles chanting, "The Jews will not replace us."

New York City's Police Commissioner, Jessica Tisch, speaking on Sunday about the shooting in Australia, unequivocally stated the extent of the scourge of anti-semitism: "This is not an isolated incident. It is part of a wider assault on Jewish life. Jewish communities are being forced to confront a threat that is persistent, adaptive and, as evidenced yet again today, global in scope."

Every synagogue and temple in our country now has armed security guards, something that would have been unimaginable even 10 years ago.

Up until this past weekend, Bondi Beach in Sydney had been a world-famous destination, known for its surf and long stretch of beautiful beach. But now it will be forever remembered as a place where scores of innocent people were gunned down for one reason and one reason only: They were Jews.

A LONG, HARD WINTER LIES **AHEAD**

We didn't need a weatherman to tell us that the first part of December has been unusually cold. So it was not at all surprising when we recently read that this has been the coldest start to December in our area in 17 years.

We've been pretty fortunate in our part of the world to have had mild Decembers for quite a while. Winter isn't that tough to take when it's only the months of January and February that dish out wintry weather.

We recall that even the Snowmageddon Winter of 2015 was not really all that bad. We had about six weeks of record-breaking snowfall (115 inches), but that was it (although the mounds of snow lingered until well into the spring on playgrounds and parking lots).

Last winter was oppressive for most of January and February. The daily high temperatures barely broke 30 and the wind chills every morning were in the single digits. But we had plenty of sunshine and that made our daily run on the sandbar near our home (at low tide) easy-enough to take.

We would even go so far as to say that enduring six or seven weeks of blustery winter days makes us feel alive and truly appreciative of the nicer weather when it arrives.

But these last three weeks of below-normal temperatures since Thanksgiving have broken the recent pattern of easing us into winter. Winter's grip already feels oppressive, thanks to the cold and the constant winds that have sent the wind chills dipping into the low single (and even below zero) digits. In addition, the sun has been absent more often than not.

And with our heating bills already going through the roof, spring seems like a long, long time away.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just a week away. We realize that the compressed holiday shopping season has put even more pressure than usual on all of us, but we hope that all of our readers can find the time to remember those in need this holiday season.

The stock market may be booming and unemployment may be near an all-time low, but there was the depressing news this past week that homelessness among Americans once again has increased in the past year and millions of American children (1 in 8) face food insecurity on a regular basis.

The cold, harsh reality for many Americans in 2024 is that the promise of benefitting from a booming economy still is only a dream, where even those who are lucky enough to work full-time are barely getting by thanks to the crushingly-high cost of housing.

And for those who cannot find a job, or who are unable to work -- and especially for their children -- the holiday joy that most of us take for granted is just an illusion.

We recognize that in our hurry-hurry world where we barely have time to think, the Christmas season brings with it the onslaught of last-minute shopping and holiday preparations. But we urge all of our readers who have the means to do so to take a brief "time-out" in order to consider doing something to make the holiday season a bit brighter for those who are less fortunate.

We can assure our readers that any gift of charity that we make, whether it be to a Toys for Tots program or to a Salvation Army Santa (the Salvation Army provided services to 27 million Americans last year) or a food bank donation, will be the most meaningful — and most satisfying — act that we can make this holiday season.

Forum

LETTER to the Editor

WINTHROP'S TREE GRANT WAS NOT "LOST" — **ELIGIBILITY WAS IMPROPERLY DENIED**

Dear Editor,

Readers of the Winthrop Transcript were recently told that Winthrop lost eligibility for a state tree-planting grant due to non-compliance with the MBTA Communities Law (M.G.L. c. 40A §3A). That claim requires clarification-because it is incorrect.

The grant at issue, administered by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), is not a 3A-related program. It has no connection to zoning, housing density, or by-right multi-family development. Its purpose is purely environmental: planting trees to reduce urban heat islands, improve air quality, and protect public health. EO-EEA's ad hoc conditioning of eligibility for this grant on compliance with an unrelated housing statute is not authorized by law. Nor does EOEEA have the authority to make law. Trees, quite plainly, bear no relationship to unlimited-occupancy development or to addressing a purported "housing cri-

The selective administration of the Cooling Corridors grant makes this denial even more troubling. In the same grant cycle, Greenfield—an MBTA-exempt community not subject to §3A-received \$95,240. Boston, an MBTA community that has not complied with §3A and has effectively self-exempted, received \$136,600, exceeding the program's stated \$100,000 cap. Winthrop, meanwhile—an officially designated environmental justice community disproportionately burdened by air and noise pollution from Logan Airport—received nothing. This is not neutral enforcement; it is arbitrary and inconsistent application untethered from environmental goals or legislative intent.

Context matters. Massachusetts is experiencing a significant contraction in state grant funding, with local aid and environmental programs increasingly squeezed. EOEEA's FY26 budget was sharply reduced, consistent with cuts across most state agencies following Governor Maura Healey's \$130.2 million in line-item vetoes prior to final enactment. Communities statewide are now feeling the effects, reflected in a surge of override votes approximately 170 between 2023 and 2025—and even fire stations struggling to

fund baseline, acceptable working conditions. Against this backdrop, the incentive to justify withholding municipalities' own tax-funded grants, even through contrived reasoning, is difficult to ignore.

This is not an isolated incident. Similar mischaracterized grant denials have been reported in Holden and Marblehead, raising serious concerns about a broader pattern of agency overreach and continued disregard for the Administrative Procedure Act.

The bottom line is simple: Winthrop did not "lose" a tree grant-it was improperly denied eligibility. Residents should know the matter is being actively addressed, and the Town remains vigilant in protecting Winthrop's legal rights, environmental health, and fiscal interests.

Diana Viens

School officials remember Peter Finn

By Adam Swift

The school committee held a moment of silence for former superintendent of schools Peter Finn at its meeting on Monday night.

Finn died at the age of 84 last week. Among other roles, Finn also served as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Superintendents of Schools Association.

"He was a devoted staff member here, and devoted to our community and our students," said School Committee Chair Jennifer Powell. "We would like to extend our condolences to his wife, Marie Finn, a retired phys ed teacher who remains committed and devoted to our students, working and volunteering at the Cummings School. We thank you for your service."

Current Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard noted that even after he left as superintendent in Winthrop, he came back to the system to fill in for some athletic directing help, as well as helping out with refereeing some sports.

"He was just a special guy, and when I took over as superintendent ... but he took the time out of his life and talked to me and told me he was proud of me, which was kind of cool, because I was always afraid of him," said Howard.

Howard said Finn was very smart about getting kids to do what they needed to do, whether it was on the athletic field or in class.

"He was a coach as a superintendent," said Howard. "I know you've heard talk about that before, superintendency, there is no school for that. However, coaching leads you to success, no matter what. If you are a strong coach and you have a good relationship with your team and you expect the most, show up to practice, work together, and train hard; and that was Peter Finn."

Howard also praised Ma-

THE MORE Things Change ...

rie Finn for the work she has done with students, even after her official retirement.

"The kids relate to her, and they do things for her that they wouldn't do for our staff on a good day," said Howard. "She comes in in the morning and she controls the chaos in the Arthur T. Cummings cafeteria, where students are dropped off and we have support and supervision in that room. Marie is going to take a little bit of time off, but she knows that she is welcome to come back and continue with the support with the families she does have here in the Winthrop Public Schools."

10 years ago **December 17, 2015**

Town Council President Peter Gill presided over his last council meeting Tuesday night, marking the end of his successful four-year tenure as the leader of the nine-member board. Gill is credited with unifying the council and getting everyone in the town to work together to make Winthrop a better place. Improvements to the town's parks, sparked by his idea of establishing a Town Parks Committee, and the re-developments of the former Winthrop Hospital site, the Temple Tifereth Israel property, and the former Dalrymple School, all happened with Gill at the helm of the Council.

The State Senate special election — expected to be held this spring — for Senator Anthony Petruccelli's seat is drawing a lot of interest and publicity. In Winthrop, popular attorney Joseph Boncore has told his many supporters that he will be a candidate and is

announcement soon.

The town is ready for a new athletic facility and on Tuesday night, plans for a new Miller Field and the repair of Lewis Lake drainage were unveiled in front of the town council. While on the surface the projects may look like separate ones, they are not. The drainage issues affect both the lake and the sports field.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip and Star Wars Episode 7: The Force Awakens are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago **December 22, 2005**

Winthrop residents are reminded that there are many opportunities to buy last-minute gifts at local stores.

Santa will make his annual visit through the town's streets, escorted by the Winthrop Fire Dept., on Christmas Eve.

WCAT will inaugurate its

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

> July, on Christmas Eve. owned by Jim Kalogeris, will be honored as the Winthrop Business of the Year at the Chamber of Com-

expected to make an official new studio, which has been merce's annual Kickoff under construction since Dinner set for January 27.

> Chronicles of Narnia, Expert Auto Repair, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, and Walk the Line are playing at the Revere

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Courtney Finn of Waltham,

Paul Finn and his wife, Sa-

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Patrick Finn and his wife,

Andrea, of Methuen, Pame-

la Wood and her husband,

Gary, of North Andover

and Lorraine Finn of Sa-

lem, New Hampshire. Pe-

ter was a proud grandfather

to: Hannah, Gillian, Ryan,

Thomas, Grace, Riley, and

JP. He is also survived by

his sister, Maryann Finn of

Saugus, his sisters-in-law,

Marion Finn of Melrose and

Connie Doto and her wife,

Debra Ciardello, of York,

Maine; his brother-in-law,

Martin Doto and his wife,

Karen Doto, of Melrose and

many beloved nieces and

nephews. He was prede-

ceased by his brother, Paul

Finn, formerly of Melrose.

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Peter Roy Finn

He had a long and distinguished career in education

Peter Roy Finn, born August 8, 1941, in Malden, Massachusetts, to Roy and Lorraine Finn, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2025, after a long battle with dementia.

Peter was a proud graduate of Malden High School, Class of 1959, where he was a standout athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He went on to attend Bowdoin College, Class of 1963, where he played on the basketball team and served as captain of the baseball team.

Peter had a long and distinguished career in education, beginning at Reading High School, where he taught Latin and French, baseball, coached and served as an assistant football coach. Over the years, he held many positions in various school districts throughout Massachusetts, including Vice Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. He later served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Superintendents of Schools Association (MASS) and as Vice President at Harcourt Learning Direct, leaving a lasting impact on the state's education system and, more importantly, on the lives of his students and colleagues.

In addition to his work in education, Peter was a dedicated college football referee for many years, sharing his love of sports and fair play with countless student-athletes. A lifelong Boston Red Sox fan, he followed the team faithfully and would proudly proclaim, "Happy New Year," every year on Opening Day at Fenway Park.

Peter had been a resident of Winthrop for the past 40 vears and was a loval member of the Winthrop Golf Club. An avid golfer, reader and walker, he could often be seen strolling around town, enjoying the outdoors and greeting friends and neighbors. Family was most important to Peter, and he especially loved watching his children's sporting events, cheering them on and supporting their pas-

He is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Marie Finn of Winthrop and is lovingly remembered by his

OBITUARIES

Robert Edward Furniss

His greatest joy was found in being a husband, father and grandfather



away on December 4th, 2025. He was born on October 15th, 1947, in Cambridge, Massachusetts to William F. and Mary G. Furniss (Donovan) of Winthrop. Robert graduated from Cathedral High School in Boston in 1965 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

In 1970, Robert enlisted as an Officer in the United States Air Force and served as a 1st Lieutenant and Missile Launch Officer for Strategic Air Command in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Robert was responsible for monitoring and launching nuclear missiles as part of the U.S. nuclear deterrence strategy during the height of the Cold War. Following his military service. Robert continued his education at Harvard University where he earned a master's degree in urban planning.

Robert spent over 40 years working in the transportation industry, starting with consulting for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Connecticut Department of Transportation. He later worked for CACI Inc., Urban Transportation Development Corp. (UTDC), and he created and led UTDC Transit Services Inc. Robert championed a new start private commuter rail operation, South Florida's Tri-Rail, serving as President and CEO from 1988 to 1994. Robert's visionary leadership and accomplishments contributed to a renaissance in U.S. passenger In lieu of flowers, the rail, and his services business model soon had a long tions to the Peter Finn Me-string of imitators in other

> From 1994 until 2017, Robert worked at Bombardier Transportation, serving as Vice President for North America, where he led the strategy and sales process for large vehicle orders. His success resulted in record numbers of vehicles being produced by Bombardier, allowing them to become the largest manufacturer in North America under his



tenure. Robert will be remembered for his integrity and dedication to excellence. He loved the relationships he built with custom-

His greatest joy was found in being the husband to Joy, father and grandfather. Above all, Robert was a follower of Jesus Christ. His faith in God directed all his steps and he loved studying Scripture. Robert was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church in Hampton Cove, Alabama.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Joy L. Furniss (Belcher), son, Shawn M. Furniss and his wife, Natasha, son, Brian R. Furniss and his wife, Nicole, daughter, Heather J. Dragash and her husband, John, three grandsons, Noah, Caleb and Gabriel Dragash and two granddaughters, Fiona and Amber Furniss, brother, William F. Furniss Jr., sister, Carol A. Furniss; brothers-in-law include the late Richard Belcher and his wife, Isabel, David Belcher and his wife, Carol, sisterin-law, Jean Scarpa and her husband, Frank and cousin, Katherine M. Furniss, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on December 15, 2025. Services concluded with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: Christ Presbyterian Church, 288 Old 431 Hwy South, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763 or to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Arlyne R. Sampson

Dedicated Registered Nurse who embraced life with joy and warmth

Arlyne R. (Cullinane) Sampson of Peabody and Naples, Florida, formerly of East Boston and Winthrop, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2025

Arlyne was the beloved wife of the late Stanley M. Sampson, with whom she shared 51 years of devoted marriage.

Born in East Boston to the late James and Rita Cullinane (Dunn), she graduated from St. Rose High School in Chelsea, Class of 1954, and earned her nursing degree from Chelsea Memorial Hospital in 1957.

A dedicated Registered Nurse, Arlyne served her community with compassion and skill at Chelsea Memorial Hospital, Governor Winthrop Nursing Home, East Point Nursing Home, and Suffolk Downs Racetrack. She also worked alongside Dr. Jacob Burke, MD, in his Chelsea OB/ GYN practice.

Arlyne was the cherished mother of Mark Sampson, Pamela Scranton and her husband, Dave and the late S. Michael Sampson, Jr. She was a loving "Mamie" to Jordan, Kaitlin and Michael Sampson and Samuel "Sam" Scranton and a proud great-grandmother to Elyza, Fynn and Jaycob. She was the dear sainted sister of James Cullinane and the late Helen Frazier, and sis-



ter-in-law to the late Ellen Cullinane and Joe Frazier. Arlyne is also survived by many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Arlyne embraced life with joy and warmth. She loved traveling, bowling, bingo, ceramics, and spending time with her walking group. She had a fondness for a little gambling and a deep love for her family and friends. Her bond with Sally and Tim Leary spanned over 80 years, and she treasured all those who stood by her.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier neral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 followed by A Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

James Charles Davie

He was the personification of a "good guy"

James Charles Davie, 71, of Lynnfield, formerly of Winthrop, died on December 8th at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers after a long illness.

Born May 20, 1954 in

Cambridge, he was the son

of the late Charles J. and Ernestine P. (DeFalco) Davie. He is survived by his wife, Marcia (O'Neill) Davie of Lynnfield; his children, James J. Davie of Lynnfield and Nicole M. Davie of Brookline and his granddaughter, Grace M. Davie of Lynnfield and is also survived by his best friend and twin brother, John L. and Cheryl Davie of Reading. He was predeceased by his sister, Julie (Davie) Quinlan and his daughterin-law, "Julie (Bates) Davie. He was uncle to Edward J. Ouinlan, Jr. of Summerville, SC; Elizabeth Straub, Pembroke; Melissa O'Karma of Reading; Evan Davie of Reading; and Reilly McNamara of Wakefield; nephew of Angela Sylvester of Winthrop and cousin of Sandra Sylvester Donovan of Hamilton and the brother-in-law of Edward J. Quinlan, Sr. of Marshfield, Sheryl and Richard Pesce of Georgetown, Sandra and Anthony Pesce of Lynnfield and Patrice and John Mc-Namara of Wakefield; lifelong friend to Denise M. Mahoney of Winthrop and Dad to his dog, Baylee, and his cats, Rambo and Mabel. He also leaves many cousins and extended family and numerous good friends.

Jim was the personification of a "good guy," he was loving and loyal to all of his family and friends. Always willing to lend a helping hand to everyone in need, all those who received his love, friendship and sup-



port were better because of it. Jim's family and friends were very important to him and he leaves behind a legacy of love.

A 1972 graduate of Winthrop Senior High School, Jim was an outstanding three-sport athlete, he was captain of the varsity football team, with an 8-1 record and a starter on the Northeast Conference Championship varsity basketball and baseball teams. Jim attended Boston College where he played baseball and transferred to Bentley University on a baseball scholarship. He graduated from Bentley in 1978 with a BA and teaching certificate. After teaching and coaching for a few years, he joined his brother in the family electrical business, Davie and Sons Electric Co.

Visitation for relatives and friends was held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield on Monday, December 15. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Maria Goretti Church, 112 Chestnut St., Lynnfield on Tuesday, December 16 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Jim's name to the Northeast Animal Shelter in Salem, MA (https://www.mspca.org/ adoption-centers/northeast-animal-shelter/).

To place a memoriam in the Winthrop Transcript, please call 781-485-0588

Lorraine A. Carroll

Graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1974



Section, Winthrop. their many cousins. She Lorraine was born on was a graduate of Winthrop April 16th, 1956, in Cam-High School, Class of 1974. bridge to her parents, Wil-Following high school, Lorliam and Christine Jacques. raine attended secretarial Lorraine was raised in Winschool and began her long throp, alongside her brothand fulfilling career as an ers, William and Paul, and administrator, most recent-

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She also pursued a part time career in real estate, taking great pride in assisting families in finding their homes all along the North Shore.

Lorraine was known for her kindness, generosity, and her deep belief in the Christian faith. She was a longtime member of First Congregational Church of Revere, where she participated in the women's bible study, prayer groups, and volunteered at the food pantry. Within the church, she made incredibly meaningful and fulfilling lifelong

lived their lives together in Winthrop, enjoying their shared love of music, mov-

friendships. Lorraine was married to her childhood sweetheart, David Carroll and they

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ies, and their weekly television shows. She will be remembered for her love and commitment to her family and friends.

She is the loving wife of 47 years to David J. Carroll of Winthrop; cherished daughter of the late William E. and Christine A. (Sepe) Jacques; dear sister of William Jacques of Winthrop, and the late Paul Jacques. She is also lovingly survived by her children: Cynthia Carroll, Jonathan (Ashley) Carroll, Stephanie (Scott Hamilton) Carroll, Thomas (Tiffany) Carroll, as well as four sweet grandchildren. She will also be missed by her many dear cousins, as well as her nieces.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Lorraine's memory to the Food Pantry at First Congregational Church of Revere, 230 Beach St., Revere, MA 02151.

To send online condolences, please visit www. vertucciosmithvazza.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

HOLIDAY JAZZ BRUNCH AND ART MARKET



Carly Corbett-Frank, Gail Paris, and Merill Frank, holding one of her handmade functional pottery pieces.

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Winthrop Art Association (WAA) and Winthrop Cultural Council (WCC) presented a Jingle Jazz Holiday Brunch and Holiday Art Market on December 13 at the EB Newton Cultural Center. Guests enjoyed music from "The Great American Songbook" performed by John and Lori Wadkins, and Steve Thorsen in the Lyceum Room. Unique gifts items, such as resin and beaded ornaments, potpourri and soaps, quilting,

cards, and pottery, were on display in The Clock Tower Gallery.

"The Winthrop Cultural Council partnered with The Winthrop Art Association to bring a festive event to the Cultural Center. We tried a different approach this year with the Holiday Market and it was very well received," said Joanne Hillman, Curator, The Clock Tower Gallery. "The music, brunch, makers, and Santa made for a delightful day. Thank you to all who supported our local talent."



Jeff, Devin, Mel, and Susan Gerow.



Guests enjoying jazz music during the Jingle Jazz Holiday Brunch.



Bead and Cotton Company: Heidi, Carlos, and Mateo Carvalho, and Erik and Carol Mietzsch.



Kevin Mahoney, standing beside his repurposed driftwood design, "USA," and a holding a menorah.



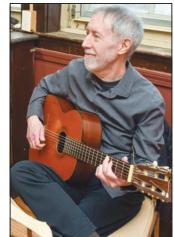
Holly and John Petersen, holding a homemade potpourri.



Michael Bacon, of Jangles Jewelry, holding vintage resin beaded necklaces.



Susanne Mahoney, of Sudsies Designs, holding hand-sewn and quilted creations.



Steve Thorsen on guitar



John Wadkins, keys/vocals.



Moe MacAdms with her mixed media pieces.



Lori Wadkins, vocalist.



Barry and Cynthia Steg.



Artist, Michael Bacon, and Joanne Hillman, The Clock Tower Gallery curator, at the December 13 Holiday Art Market.



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Members of the Winthrop Art Association gathering with Santa during the Holiday Jazz Brunch on December 13.



Sports

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL COMPETES IN PAUL DUCHANE JAMBOREE

Cary Shuman Photos

The Winthrop High girls basketball team defeated the host Lynn Classical team in

the Paul Duchane Memorial Jamboree Saturday in Lynn. Winthrop bested Classical, 21-19, in the 16-minute scrimmage.



Winthrop High's Alex Ross (assist) and Holly Nimblett (basket) are pictured after the scrimmage in which the duo combined for the winning hoop in the final seconds on a perfectly executed inbounds play.



The Winthrop High School girls basketball team is pictured at the Paul Duchane Memorial Jamboree Saturday at Lynn Classical High School. Front row, from left, are Alex Ross, Sofi Sarnaglia, Molly Titemore, Bailey Ferguson, Ana Clara Freitas, Holly Nimblett, and Sara Yepes. Back row, from left, are head coach Anthony Hatzisavas, Polixeni Tsiotos, Josie Barry, Grace McCurdy, Jenna Whitehead, Safi Barry, Jacki Antonelli Janey, Amina Barry, team manager Peg Bailey, assistant coach Kevin Adamson, and assistant coach Bobby Nimblett.

A Winning Experience Vikings sweep Marblehead in Lake Placid

By Cary Shuman

defending champion Winthrop High School boys hockey team Marblehead in a two-game series on successive days in Lake Placid by scores of 3-0 and 4-1.

Winthrop goaltender Jimmy Lyman turned in two stellar performances, limiting Marblehead, a perennial NEC and state title contender, to one goal.

"Jimmy played well and our defense played well in front of him," said Winthrop head coach Dale Dunbar. "Any time you only give up one goal in six periods, you

Grocery

have to be doing something right defensively and we got some timely goals when we needed them."

Dunbar said defensemen Paul Ferrara, Nate Previte, Nikita Rossi, Thomas Babine, and Ricky Mackenzie were outstanding in the

two victories.

In the season-opening game Friday, captain Joe Pumphret netted the first tally of the new campaign in the middle of the second period, assisted by assistant captain Nick Romano and Dom Spinale.

Tony Bordanaro's unassisted goal gave Winthrop a 2-0 lead early in the third period. Pumphret delivered his second goal of the game, assisted by Breadon Lounsbury and captain Paul

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PHOTO COURTESY OF AC PRODUCTIONS A scene from Winthrop High vs. Marblehead at Lake Placid.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

VIKING BOYS OPEN WITH VICTORY OVER EAST BOSTON.

55-43 The Winthrop High boys basketball team opened its 2025-26 season in superb

fashion with a 55-43 victory at East Boston this past Friday evening. Playing in front of a

packed gymnasium, coach Quinton Dale's Vikings relied on relentless defense and efficient scoring to take control from the outset. The aggressive Winthrop defense grounded the Jets' offense in the first half, enabling the Vikings to take a 34-25 lead at the intermission.

Senior Nicolas Correa drew the difficult assignment of guarding East Boston standout Kai Lau Quan and delivered a lockdown performance. Correa held Quan scoreless for the entire game, setting the tone defensively and disrupting the Jets' offensive rhythm.

Senior captain Noah Bayersdorfer led the way for Winthrop with a dominant performance, pouring in 30 points while shooting an outstanding 9-for-11 from the field. Noah's clutch

shooting and high efficiency kept East Boston from gaining momentum and allowed Winthrop to maintain control throughout the second

Junior Desmond Cassidy added nine points, while senior Liam Natereno contributed eight points and made his presence felt on the boards. Freshman Lucas Dos Santos also provided a spark on defense with timely rebounds at both ends of the floor, helping the Vikings secure extra possessions and limit East Boston's second-chance opportunities.

After the game, Dale praised his team's effort and focus.

'Opening the season on the road in an environment like this isn't easy," said Dale. "Our defense set the tone and we played unselfish, disciplined basketball. This was a great team win and a strong way to start the season."

Dale and his crew were scheduled to take on a pair of tough Northeastern Conference rivals this week, traveling to Swampscott

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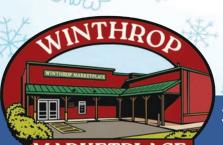
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10 years ago **December 17, 2015**

Winthrop High athletes are primed to get their winter sports season underway this week. Boys hockey head coach Dale Dunbar, whose team is the defending NEC champs, will be led by

high-scoring junior Charlie Page, a two-time NEC all

20 years ago **December 22, 2005**

Winthrop's Rick DiPietro, currently a goaltender with the New York Islanders, has been named to the U.S. Olympic team that will compete in Turin, Italy in February. The 24 year-old played briefly with Winthrop Youth Hockey and attended St. Sebastian's School. He played for a brief time at Boston University, but was drafted in the first round of the NHL draft by the Islanders in 2000.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Coach Peter Grimes's WHS girls basketball team ran its record to 5-0 with wins over Lynn Classical and Danvers this past week. In the 49-43 win over the 20th-ranked Lady Rams, freshman Courtney Finn hit for 20 points of which 12 were free throws. In a 66-46 triumph over Danvers, Finn hit for 17 points, Meredith Soper scored 12, Nicole Giaquinto scored 12, and Kristen Finn added nine.

In a 5-2 win for the WHS hockey team over Lynn Classical, Ricky Boudrow scored two goals and Paul Eruzione scored on a penalty shot for the Vikings.

After a 59-38 loss to undefeated Lynn Classical, the WHS boys basketball team rebounded for a 64-40

rout of Danvers. Jason Griffin led Winthrop with 16 points, Vasily Mallios added 12, Anthony Giuliano hit for 11, and Dan Mahoney

chipped in 10. Kareem Thompson blazed to victory for the WHS boys indoor track team in the 50 dash with a time of 5.8 seconds to defeat all rivals in a tri-meet against Gloucester and Lynn Classical. Thompson's time is the fastest thus far this season in the NEC. Winthrop, which has only a handful of athletes, dropped an 80-6 decision to Gloucester and absorbed a

30 years ago December 28, 1995

54-27 loss to Classical.

Lawone Bennett led Winthrop with 17 points in a 55-48 win over Salem, marking the first home loss for Salem since 1990 and the first time Winthrop has defeated Salem at home since 1987. WHS captains Anthony Poto and James Buono had 14 and 13 points respectively for coach Peter Grimes's squad.

The WHS hockey team defeated Pope John, 7-2, in a contest in which seven Vikings scored goals.

Tony Ferrara won the mile, Matt Passaro won the hurdles, Carlos Bonilla took the shot-put, Albie Maggio captured the 50 yard dash, Mike Zedalis won the 300, Chris Welsh won the 600, and Russell Howell took the high jump as the WHS boys track team defeated Lynn English, 59-26. WHS coach Pat McGee said she is pleased with the performance thus far of her 37-member WHS boys indoor track team.

Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

this past Tuesday and to Danvers tomorrow (Friday). D'AMICO TAKES FIRST IN 600 AT **NEC MEET**

Winthrop High junior Thomas D'Amico captured first place at the Northeastern Conference's pre-season invitational meet that was held last Friday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Thomas's clocking of 1:34.50 was 1.2 seconds faster than his closest rival (Osama Mishal of Peabody) among the 19 boys who competed in the 600.

Senior teammate Liam Kenney also shone in the 600, coming across the line in fifth place in a time of 1:38.27.

Freshman Owen Harty established himself as one of the top middle-distance runners in the NEC this season with a second-place performance in the 1000 with a clocking of 2:57.73.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY **OPENS SEASON** WITH 4-1 VICTORY

The Winthrop High Lady Vikings hockey team skated into its 2025-26 season with a 4-1 victory over Northeastern Hockey League (NHL) rival Medford Saturday afternoon on the Lady Mustangs' home ice at LoConte Rink.

Four Lady Vikings lit the lamp for coach Anthony Martucci's squad: freshman Norah Zaffini (assisted by senior captain Reese Ferrara) scored the first goal of the season in the opening period; eighth-grader Lola Ferrara (assisted by Fran Indresano) notched her first career goal with what would prove to the the eventual game-winner and senior captain Chloe Couture (unassisted) scored in the middle stanza: and Reese Ferrara (assisted by Zaffini and Indresano) added some extra insurance in the final period.

The Lady Vikings dominated the contest from the outset, pouring 24 shots on the Lady Mustang goal in the opening period, though only finding the mark once to leave matters tied at 1-1 at the first buzzer.

"It was a good win in a very physical game," said Martucci. "It was 1-1 after the first period despite a huge shot advantage by us, 24-8. The Medford goalie played very well. We took over in the second period, once again outshooting them heavily, 22-10, and in the final period we once again had a distinct shot advantage to end the game with a 56-20 shots-on-goal advantage in our favor."

Winthrop goalie Riley Towse made 19 saves on the night, and in the midst of those 19 stops, Riley reached the milestone of the 1000th save of her superb high school career.

Martucci and his crew were scheduled to host non-league opponent Grafton last night (Wednesday). They will entertain NHL foe Newburyport at Larsen Saturday afternoon for a 1:00 face-off. Non-league rival Arlington Catholic will come to Larsen next Tuesday at 6:10.

WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL HOSTS **DANVERS TOMORROW**

The Winthrop High girls basketball team, which opened its season this past Tuesday with a contest against Swampscott, will entertain Danvers tomorrow (Friday) evening. The opening tip is set for 6:00 in the WHS gym.

Coach Anthony Hatzisavas's 2025-26 edition of the Lady Vikings will be led by a trio of senior captains. Polixeni Tsiotos, Bailey Ferguson, and Amina Barry.

The Lady Vikings' next encounter is set for next Tuesday with a home match with non-league opponent Arlington Catholic at 5:30.

Hockey // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

After a scoreless but physical first period in the second game Saturday afternoon, Dom Spinale opened the door to victory with the first goal in the second period. Romano and Pumphret earned assists.

As Winthrop continued to control the play, senior assistant captain Bert Kline broke in and scored, assisted by assistant captain Tomas Babine, giving the Vikings a 2-0 advantage.

Spinale netted his second goal of the game and Pumphret completed the scoring

with less than five minutes to go in the game.

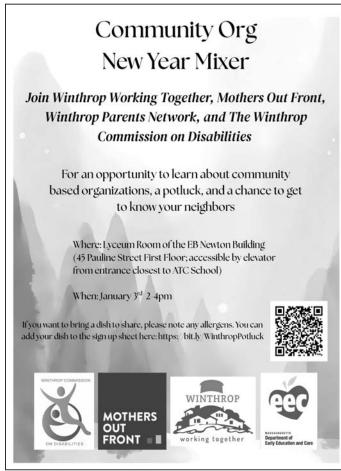
Marblehead its five-period scoreless drought with less than one minute to play, denying Lyman in his bid for a second shutout.

"We had a great experience [in Lake Placid]," said Dunbar. "We dressed in the U.S. Olympic team's lockerroom, played in the Herb Brooks Arena, the old Olympic Center. The rink is gorgeous. It brought back a lot of memories from back then and watching it, when Mike [Eruzione] scored the winning goal to beat the Soviet Union and the team won the gold medal."

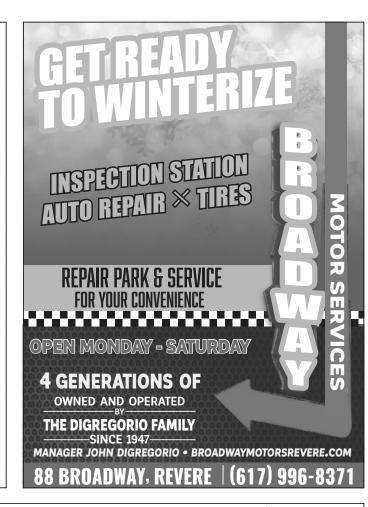
The players also visited the Mike Eruzione Team Shop in Lake Placid.

Winthrop (2-0) was set to play Lynnfield High Wednesday night. The home opener at the Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center is Saturday, Dec. 20 versus Dover-Sherborn/Weston, the team that defeated Winthrop in a shootout in the 2024 state semifinals in

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Superintendent updates school committee on negotiations and budget

During the last school committee meeting of 2025 on Monday night, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard provided updates on several topics, including contract negotiations, a new district website, and the schedule for the FY27 budget.

The school committee is currently in negotiations with four bargaining units – the teachers, school nurses, education support professionals, and secretaries.

"Our last negotiation was last week with the teachers' unit," said Howard.

With three new school committee members taking office at the beginning of January, Howard said she will be emailing the teachers' union and all four bargaining units with potential dates for further negotiations, likely beginning the second week of January.

"Ideally, the school committee has made it known that they would like to meet more than one time per week, scheduling different

units on different days, or different aspects of subcommittees where the school committee can meet," said Howard. "The union has not been open to that."

Currently, Howard said the school committee has only been meeting with one of the four groups per week, which she said is making the process longer.

"The school committee has communicated to me, you have all communicated to me ... you wish to move this process along faster," said Howard, adding she will let the committee know the feedback she gets from the teachers. "Hopefully, we can do two (bargaining groups) in one week, then that doesn't cause us to have to wait an entire month to see another group."

As for the budget schedule, Howard said one of the biggest challenges of the budget season will be predicting any potential compensation associated with the contract negotiations.

"I will be in next week working on the budget," said Howard. "We have had several meetings with the principals already. We are doing a little bit more identification of items that we are purchasing under curriculum and instruction this year; I've gotten feedback from Fincom and they are looking for a little bit more detail.'

Howard said the heavy duty work on the budget will begin in January, and that there will begin to be subcommittee meetings to discuss the budget progress and where the process is headed over the next sever-

Howard also discussed the new school district website, which has gone live with the help of many staff members within the district. She noted that the company that had created the school website was going out of business.

The new website is easier to navigate and will provide more real-time information to students, staff, and families, Howard said.

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Monday, December 22

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

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10:00am-11:00am: Yoga

with Trish (\$5) 11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day / Mahjong

Tuesday, December 23

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class

10:00am-12:00pm: Technology Class

10:30am-11:30am: Span-

12:30pm-2:30pm: with Dawn (\$6)

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Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago **December 28, 1995**

Grace Corrigan, the mother of teacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe, who perished in the explosion of the spaceship Challenger shortly after takeoff on January 28, 1986, visited the Winthrop Middle School last week. Corrigan keeps her daughter's spirit alive by visiting schools to maintain the interest of the nation's schoolchildren in

space exploration. The recent heavy snowstorms already have depleted the town's snow removal budget of the \$40,000 allocated in the town budget, with a \$2500 deficit at hand, according to Acting DPW Director Ray Rice, thereby assuring that a request for a transfer from the Reserve Fund will be made to the Advisory Committee.

Sgt. Joseph Ryan has topped the list on the Civil Service exam for promotion to lieutenant and patrolman Sal Femino has topped the list for promotion to sergeant. Police Chief Thomas Shamshak said the department should have four lieutenants instead of the present number of three.

The MWRA has an-

nounced the completion of the excavation of a tunnel 25,160 feet in length from Deer Island to Nut Island in Quincy. MWRA Exec. Dir. Douglas MacDonald said the MWRA's Boston Harbor sewage plant now is 75 percent complete.

Nixon, Tom and Huck, and Grumpier old Men are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago **December 28, 1985**

Board of Assessor member Mort Buckley, who has served on the board for 17 years, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the April town election.

Deer Island sewage treatment plant employees are protesting the work conditions being imposed on them by the MWRA.

Two East Boston men have been charged with breaking and entering into a Coral St. home and assaulting three persons on Christmas Eve. The incident stems from a domestic matter.

A Chorus Line, Out of Africa, and Back to the Future are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago **December 31, 1975**

Winthrop streets finally have been cleared of snow after the storm last weekend that dumped 18 inches of the white stuff locally. The snow removal effort was made more difficult by the failure of residents to obey the no-parking order on town streets and by the breakdown of half the town's snow removal equip-

Town Clerk John A. Clark has been elected the new President of the Winthrop Rotary Club.

House Speaker Thomas McGee was among the more than 400 persons in attendance at a recent testimonial dinner honoring Winthrop State Rep. Alfred Saggese.

Jaws is held over for another week at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago December 29, 1965

Vandals smashed windows and doors to force their way into the new Winthrop High School, causing several hundred dollars worth of damage.

Park Commission Chairman William DiMento has announced that Massa Playground will be open for nighttime parking for area residents. DiMento said that fire trucks are unable to access Cottage Hill during snowstorms because of onstreet parking by residents.

The Winthrop Yacht Club hosted a holiday party for 100 orphans from the Chelsea-Revere-Winthrop area.

Negotiations are underway between town officials and Northeast Airlines for the rental of space in the former Winthrop High School by the airline to be used as a training facility for its employees.

Teen suicide has become an increasing problem at both the state and national levels.

Alain Delon, Ann Margaret, and Van Heflin star in Once A Thief and Connie Francis stars in When the Boys Meet the Girls at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago December 29, 1955

A letter to the editor suggests that a roadway across Belle Isle Marsh to connect Winthrop and East Boston is impractical and could prevent the marsh from being reclaimed for industrial use.

Vandals broke the large plate glass windows at Ham's Store and Donn Hair Stylist at 75-79 Jefferson St. in the Centre over the week-

The water commissioners have announced the first reduction in water rates in 10 years. The 1956 rate will be \$13 per household plus 20 cents per 100 cubic feet consumed. This is a reduction of \$1.00 in the minimum rate and \$0.01 in the usage rate.

Errol Flynn and Joanne Dru star in The Warriors at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago December 27, 1945

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warns that subversive forces in this country "may seek to use the returning veteran as the new front behind which they can hide."

Joan Crawford and Jack Carson star in Mildred Pierce at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago **December 28, 1935**

Winthrop's homes and businesses are reflecting the Yuletide spirit with many festive lighting displays.

Winthrop's chances for obtaining grants from the federal government for work projects in the town could be in jeopardy after the failure of Town Meeting to reach a quorum last week.

for a quorum were on hand for the meeting. Basil Rathbone stars in A Feather in Her Hat at the

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140 years ago **January 1, 1886**

Town Meeting established a committee last week to draw up a petition to be presented to the legislature to grant a charter for the establishment of an elevated electric railway in the town. The Town Meeting was attended by 200 members who had been expecting a lively session, but matters turned out to be far

from sensational. The town has received notice from the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad that it will cease operations in Winthrop effective today, January 1,1886. The selectmen have been quick to criticize the action, citing mismanagement as the reasons for the railroad's financial problems. The selectmen said they will ask the state to order the railroad not to cease its operations in the town, which would leave Winthrop without transportation.

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Last weekend the Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows in Winthrop hosted its annual Festival of Wreaths. Local vendors and craftsmen offered their very best of holiday projects and decorations for sale to the public.

Santa also was on hand to take photos with children of all ages, and Noble Grand Terri Vendetti kept everyone well fed with the many food offerings from the kitchen.



Past President of the Rebeccas Kerri Roward (right) is shown with Past Grand Masters John and Doreen Slaney.



Massachusetts Grand Master of Odd Fellows Susan Needle with her family Marie Santana and Daniel Nagle were in attendance last Sunday afternoon at the Festival of Wreaths.



Noble Grand of Zenith Lodge Terri Vendetti welcomes Massachusetts Grand Master Susan Needle, also shown is the event committee co-chairs Joanne Rivieccio and Sandra Joneck-



Jangles Jewelry by Tim Burgers and Mike Bacon.



Delicious treats by Noble Grand Terri Vendetti.



Vendor Barbara Fritz-Elliot with her delightful holiday selections for sale.



Event organizer Sandra Janeck-Schiff with Marblehead VSO. and former US Army MP Investigator Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli.

Police offer tips to help prevent holiday package theft

Staff Report

As the holidays approach, residents should be aware that the number of package thefts will increase, according to the Winthrop police.

Residents should consider the following tips from livered to the workplace. the Better Business Bu-

reau to help safeguard their packages:

Install a security camera or video doorbell on your porch, or wherever you have packages delivered to.

Consider getting a P.O. box or having packages de-

Make use of delivery

pickup locations.

Set app/email alerts or text messages to track your packages.

Provide drop-off instructions for where a package should be left.

Ask a neighbor to grab and protect your packages until von return home.

Require a signature upon delivery.

Reschedule delivery or ask for a package hold while on vacation.

If you witness a package theft, do not approach the thief. Instead, note their vehicle and license plate, if possible. If they are not

disguised, get a physical description for the police.

Certain delivery services contract independent carriers to help deliver items during the holidays. Residents should be mindful of these individuals, who can be mistaken for thieves.

If you believe you are

a victim of package theft, first check with the delivery service to make sure your package isn't still in active transit. If it isn't, contact the police immediately to report your package as stolen/missing. Also, contact your courier and report your nackage missing

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AS THE DAYS GROW SHORT AND THE CALENDAR YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, OUR COMMUNITY SHINES BRIGHTLY WITH SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS. THIS TIME OF YEAR REMINDS US OF THE SHARED VALUES OF LIGHT, PEACE, AND HOPE THAT ENRICH OUR CITY/COUNTY/DISTRICT. WE WISH ALL OF OUR READERS A HOLIDAY SEASON FILLED WITH JOY, AND WE THANK THOSE FEATURED BELOW FOR EXTENDING THEIR OWN WARM WISHES TO THE COMMUNITY.







