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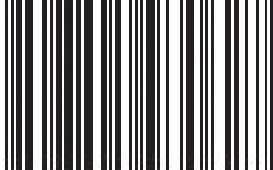
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Board of Health discusses restaurant safety grading system

By Adam Swift

The town will soon start implementing a letter grade system for food safety compliance at local restaurants.

The new letter grade system was approved about a year ago, but had not been put in place yet, although the inspectional services department has been completing its regular restaurant inspections for food safety over the last year as it has done in the past, according to inspectional services director Al Legee.

Legee and health inspector and clerk Sharon Sicurella met with the Board of Health at its regular meeting last week to discuss the grading system, as well as provide an update on inspectional services department activities.

Legee, Sicurella, and board members agreed that

there should be an education campaign conducted through local media, social media, and the town manager's blog to alert restaurant owners and the public about the grading system.

Sicurella said one of her concerns was that people would think the letter was a judgement on the food and other issues at the restaurant, and not just food handling and safety compliance.

It was also noted that in a small town, a restaurant with a less than stellar grade on its window could face serious business repercussions.

However, board member Christine Reilly noted that under the system, restaurants have several opportunities to fix any food safety issues, and should be able to maintain an A grade.

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WINTER WEATHER BLANKETS WINTHROP IN SNOW



A drive along the streets of Winthrop shows signs of the January snowfall.



Early morning at Winthrop's Town Hall (shown above) on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday shows the covering of a recent snowfall.



The Winthrop Upper Cemetery on Bowdoin Street (right) is covered with the first true snowfall of 2026.

Latest updates from Town Manager's office

Staff Report

Town Manager Tony Marino provided updates on several ongoing projects in Winthrop to the town council this week.

Marino said the Revere Street TIP project continues as they work on switching over to the new traffic lights and installing solar controls on the streetlights so that they go off during the daytime hours. The curb and concrete work will resume in the spring, he added.

Work on the new fire station continues as architectural firm Kaestle Boos continues to work on the design plans, and the demolition has begun on the Old Middle School and the auditorium.

"We have received two resident concerns over vi-

bration, and the contractor has been monitoring the seismic sensors and they have been within acceptable limits to date," said Marino.

The town has also taken steps to look at state budget earmarks for the old middle school demolition.

"As promised at the last meeting, the letter to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance requesting that the State fund the two budget earmarks in the Affordable Homes Act and the Mass Leads programs ... be used for the demolition of the old middle school and auditorium and infrastructure improvements," Marino stated. "The Affordable Homes Act earmark was for \$2,000,000 and the Mass Leads earmark was \$1,000,000. We will follow up our contacts

at the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to find out if our request is approved."

In other news, Marino said the administrative office has begun the initial work on the Fiscal Year '27 Budget and has started to receive budget and capital plan requests from the town's department heads.

"We look forward to working with the Town Council and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance during the upcoming FY27 budget cycle," Marino stated.

Finally, Marino noted that dredging work continues at Fishermen's Bend. The work is being done by Northeast Mosquito, and the dredging material will be hauled away by town public works crews.

Planting Trees for Winthrop's Future

Special to the Transcript

Winthrop Working Together is raising funds to support a spring tree plant-

ing. These funds are necessary to fill the gap caused by a grant lost this year. We hope you can support this green initiative.

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RMV unveils redesigned disability placard to improve efficiency

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced today the introduction of a newly redesigned Disability Placard, created to improve security, curb fraud, and

expedite delivery. Current placards will remain valid until their expiration date.

The updated placard features several key improvements:

- A modern design incorporating the widely accepted universal accessibility

- Durable material embedded with security features to deter fraud
- Bilingual instructions in both English and Spanish

"This redesign reflects our commitment to improving services for residents with disabilities while modernizing our operations," said Interim MassDOT Secretary and MBTA General Manager Phil Eng. "The new placard is not only easier to read but also reflects current design standards nationally. I want to thank Registrar Colleen Ogilvie and the entire RMV team for their leadership on behalf of the people we serve."

The RMV's Medical Affairs division issues approximately 140,000 disability placards annually to qualified residents on a temporary or permanent basis. Previously, the placard production process was a multi-step, labor-intensive process. The new placards eliminate the need for individual lamination, cutting processing time by 25%.

"The updated design of

the disability placard reflects the RMV's ongoing commitment to accessibility and safety," said Registrar Colleen Ogilvie. "I'm pleased that we can get the placards to customers sooner using a new and innovative process. As a reminder, disability placards are issued to an individual and are not transferable to family members or friends."

While the disability placards will feature a new design, the application process, certification requirements, and parking benefits have not changed, and the placard remains valid for the time it is medically necessary. Residents will continue to provide medical certification of health condition(s) with their application. Once approved, residents will be able to park in designated accessible parking spaces and meters without paying fees or penalties when displaying the placard until such time as it is no longer medically necessary.

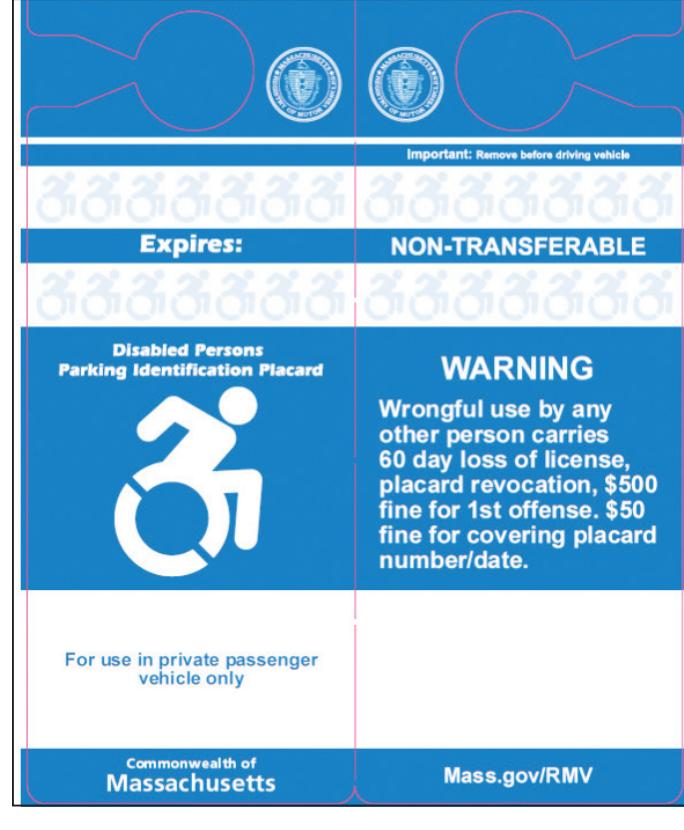
For more information, please visit mass.gov/RMV.

Statements of Support:

"Disability placards allow people with disabilities who need them to better access and independently navigate their communities. The words and images used in these highly visible placards matter. We applaud our colleagues at MassDOT for updating these placards to address concerns raised by the disability community and more efficiently provide the access to daily life that people with disabilities deserve." – Allan Motenko, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD)

"It's a huge honor to have this public domain icon now official in Massachusetts."

– Sara Hendren, Associate Professor, Art + Design and Architecture, Affiliate Faculty, Health, Humanities, and Society, Northeastern University.



Tax Bills //

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"It's written in the regulations that there are specific things, you are not going to give someone a C because there is dust on the refrigerator," she said. "Under the way it is written and you go in to do an inspection and you say to them - we find you to be at a C, they are allowed to have you come back (within 48 hours). You can give them a chance to fix the problem before they have to post anything on their window."

Reilly said that if the issue is still not fully corrected after the second inspection, the restaurant can have a third inspection at its own cost.

"So that means they have three chances to do it right before a C or a B would go up on their window," she said. "You tell them, if you are going to do an inspection, you tell them what you found wrong, so they know. They have an opportunity twice to fix the problem, if

they don't fix the problem, I think the public has the right to know that that restaurant isn't abiding by the regulations that they should be."

Board member Jeanne Maggio asked what the current procedure is if there is an inspection and a restaurant owner does not take care of issues that were written up by the town.

Legee said that in the past if a restaurant had an inspection issue, he asked the restaurant to close for a day

or two to address the issue, but did not post that it was closed for health violation.

"If I found it was in bad shape again, then the gloves would be off, then they would not be opening up and there would be a conversation in front of you with the restaurant owner," said Legee.

Legee and the board of health agreed to hold a follow-up discussion on the implementation in three months.

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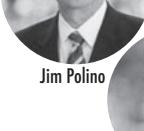


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OUR Opinions

LET'S GO PATRIOTS!

For those of us who are longtime fans of the New England Patriots, it seems like it was only yesterday that the Pats of Brady and Belichick were the dominant team in the NFL.

We were around in the early days of the AFL when the Boston Patriots were run (and eventually run into the ground) by the Sullivan family and their immediate successors, culminating with the depressing late '80s and early '90s before Bob Kraft bought the team.

But time flies (even when you're NOT having fun) and the reality is that it's been seven years since the Pats have had even a reasonable chance of reaching the Super Bowl. After two decades of our Pats grabbing the spotlight during the Brady era, we've been on the outside looking-in for these past six seasons.

But after two of the most dismal seasons ever, head coach Mike Vrabel has turned the team around, along with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels and 23-year-old, second-year quarterback Drake Maye, into a legitimate Super Bowl contender that unexpectedly is one game away from reaching the big game.

The Pats are back, bringing our region together (even for the non-sports fans among us) in a way that only a shared passion for a sports team can do.

As fans across the country have witnessed during all of the exciting playoff games these past few weeks, the difference between winning and losing often (actually, usually) comes down to one or two outstanding (or freaky) plays.

Some might call it luck -- and whether the football gods have aligned the stars (Josh Allen was eliminated and Bo Nix got injured on the second-to-last play of their game) to create a path for the Pats to reach the big game will not be known until Sunday evening's final score is posted.

But regardless of the outcome of the big game with the Broncos, we'd like to congratulate the Patriots' players and organization for a great season that made our fall Sundays a bit more fun once again.

AS WE'RE SHIVERING NEXT WEEK, REMEMBER, WE'RE HALFWAY THROUGH WINTER

When the National Weather Service issued its long-range forecast for this winter last fall, it was a good news/bad news scenario. They were predicting warmer-than-normal temperatures for our region, which was the good news (after all, who likes cold weather?), but the bad news meant that this was further evidence of climate change and global warming. Our recent winters in Eastern Mass. had been the warmest on record and that trend seemed poised to continue.

However, Ol' Man Winter had other ideas. Instead of spinning his polar vortex in a nice tight loop around the North Pole (which keeps the cold air contained around the pole), he's been playing a sort of yo-yo effect with the vortex, allowing it to dip south and bring that frigid air to us. December was the coldest December in our region in 25 years.

The chronic instability and disruption of the polar vortex has been a relatively recent phenomenon. Climatologists tell us that the colder air that we experience when the vortex dips south ironically is a sign of overall global warming. The Arctic region has been among the fastest-warming places on the planet (four times faster than the rest of the world, which is why the polar bears don't have enough sea ice for hunting seals in the summer months).

The warming of the Arctic, according to these scientists, is causing a weakening of the vortex and ultimately sending cold air much further south than usual, resulting in the record cold waves of the sort that the weatherman says is coming our way next week.

For those of us who have oil heat, prices thankfully are the lowest they've been in a few years. Users of natural gas have not been so lucky, with prices much higher than in the recent past. Many low-income families are having trouble paying their heating bills, especially with the elimination of the federal energy assistance program.

So yes, it would be nice if this winter were warmer. But as cold as the weather has been, our wintry conditions could be a lot worse (and yes, we're thinking of the Snowmageddon we experienced 11 years ago!).

On the bright side, we've already passed the halfway point of meteorological winter (the three months of December, January, and February) and the sun has been setting later and later every day (sunset is now 30 minutes later than it was on December 1), noticeably lengthening our days amidst the cold.

Hopefully, the worst of the winter of 2026 will be behind us after next week -- and we'll be on a path to glide through the month of February en route to warmer days ahead.

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Forum

LETTER to the Editor

WHAT'S NEXT????

Dear Editor,

People need to pay close attention to what is unfolding in the Massachusetts State Legislature. Senate Bill S.2246, currently moving through the Senate, was introduced by Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (D-Norfolk and Middlesex) and is titled "An Act aligning the Commonwealth's transportation plans with its mandates and goals for reducing emissions and vehicle miles traveled." While the title sounds benign—even technical—the implications are anything but. It is in my humble opinion, leading to state oversight and ultimately control over how many miles you will be allowed to drive your car!!!!!!

In my view, IF the Commonwealth's true objective is merely to offer guidance

or encourage voluntary, self-imposed reductions in driving and emissions, one has to ask a fundamental question: Why is a statute necessary at all? Guidance does not require legislative force. Laws do.

This bill represents the opening move toward regulating—not suggesting—how much, how often, and eventually whether you will be allowed to drive your own vehicle. Today it is "alignment." Tomorrow it is limitation. Beware of what is being normalized!!!

As an attorney, I am increasingly alarmed by the steady erosion of individual rights and personal freedoms through broad, vaguely drafted legislation that delegates sweeping authority with little constraint.

What begins today as a "recommendation" quietly

becomes tomorrow's mandate. There is a well-known parable about a frog placed in boiling water—it will immediately jump out. But place that same frog in cool water and slowly raise the temperature, and it will not recognize the danger until it is too late. That is precisely how freedoms are lost: not suddenly, but incrementally.

We have already seen this playbook in action with the MBTA Communities (3A) zoning law—where sweeping requirements were imposed, enforcement authority was handed to another state agency, and municipalities were left with little recourse, few guardrails, and no meaningful local control. These policies advance step by step, cloaked in technical language and bureaucratic process, making it difficult for the public to fully grasp

their long-term consequences until compliance is no longer optional.

I find myself moving closer to a libertarian perspective not out of ideology, but out of necessity and concern. Government is increasingly intruding into nearly every aspect of our lives—how we live, how we travel, and how our communities must grow—often without robust debate, clear limits, or genuine accountability.

These measures may be well-intentioned, but intention does not excuse overreach. If we fail to recognize the rising temperature now, we should not be surprised when "alignment" quietly becomes coercion, and personal choice is replaced by state-mandated compliance. So, what's next????

Thank you,

Brian J. Perrin Esq.

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 January 20, 2016

For years CASA (Community Against Substance Abuse) has typically received funding to combat underage drinking and it still does, but one thing that's apparent is that while underage drinking is still an issue, the opioid crisis is even bigger. Over 60 people attended a meeting at CASA, which was the third community meeting CASA has held and the one with the largest turnout. According to CASA statistics, Winthrop is 17th in the state for opioid overdoses, with 43 overdoses happening in 2015. The age group most impacted by the opioid epidemic is 45-64 year old males. Yet, at Winthrop High School eight percent of students report prescription drug use in the last 30 days (the state average is three percent using daily), which is often a stepping-stone to opioid abuse.

Police Chief Terence Delehanty has mailed out a letter to all legal Winthrop gun owners reminding them to make sure their guns are secured. "Thirty-five percent of shootings in Boston come from stolen or mislaid firearms," Delehanty said. "This is our effort to reduce and prevent illegal gun crimes."

The Town Council approved several expenditures totaling \$927,175 during their Tuesday night meeting, including \$25,000 for a study for a new fire station. Councilor Paul Varone said the town has been talking about this for more than 30 years. The current fire station on Pauline Street has problems with the roof, floors, and windows. In addition, some of the equipment cannot fit through the fire station's garage doors.

The 5th Wave and Ride Along 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago January 26, 2006

School Supt. Steven Jenkins announced this week that he will be forming a screening committee to search for a new high

school principal to replace current WHS Principal Steve Chrabaszcz, who has announced he will be leaving February 10 for a new post in Rhode Island.

The federal government's new prescription drug plan for senior citizens, which has been a bipartisan effort with the full support of Pres. George W. Bush, has resulted in a great deal of confusion for seniors because of the complexity of the new law.

State Rep. Robert DeLeo has been given a 100 percent rating by the Mass. Audubon Society for his support of environmental issues.

Memoirs of a Geisha, Fun With Dick and Jane, and Syriana are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago February 1, 1996

The town's Retirement Board has voted not to take away the \$38,000 pension of former Police Chief Angelo LaMonica, who presently is serving a 14-month sentence in a federal penitentiary in Pennsylvania after he pled guilty to numerous counts of tax evasion for not reporting as income the payoffs he had accepted to look the other way in connection with the installation of video poker machines in local fraternal clubs.

The Lombardo family announced this week that its Liberty Market grocery stores in Winthrop and East Boston will remain under their ownership for the foreseeable future.

School Supt. Joseph Laino told the School Committee this week that the School Dept. has been hit with an unexpected bill for \$166,000 for an early-retirement plan accepted by the town in 1994 which the schools had anticipated would be paid for by the town, not the School Dept.

Water Commissioner Tom McCarthy, who has served on the board for 15 years, has announced he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Holland's Opus,

Sense and Sensibility, and Jumanji are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago February 5, 1986

Selectmen Chairman Ron Vecchia told Massport officials at a recent public hearing that Massport should impose even stricter noise control measures than those being proposed. Massport has said it will ban the noisiest jets by 1988, but Vecchia said Massport should do so forthwith.

Although the MWRA Board of Directors has voted to reaffirm its decision to build the new Boston Harbor sewage treatment plant on Deer Island, the board said that the removal of the Suffolk County House of Correction from Deer Island is a necessary precondition to the start of construction.

The Police Department reported this week that it made 561 arrests in 1985, a large increase of 198 above the figure for 1984.

Runaway Train, Jewel of the Nile, and White Nights are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago February 4, 1976

The members of the Board of Fire Engineers, departing from custom, have announced that they are removing themselves as the head of the Winthrop Fire Department and have named Deputy Fire Chief Edward Hazlett as the officer in charge of day-to-day operations. Winthrop is one of only a few communities in the state that still retains a Board of Fire Engineers, which was created in the 19th century and whose members are named by the Board of Selectmen.

Arthur G. Soper has been re-elected the President of Winthrop Community Hospital.

The Winthrop Bicenten-

nial Committee has been meeting to map out plans for the arrival of the Tall Ships this summer in Boston Harbor.

Earthquake is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago February 3, 1966

A joint meeting of the Advisory Committee, the Planning Board, and the Ft. Banks Study Committee has resulted in a consensus that the site of the former Ft. Banks is an ideal location for residential construction. One of the plans shown at the meeting envisioned the construction of 150, single-family homes, each on a lot of 6000 sq. ft.

Kenneth O'Donnell, who served as a personal aide to former President John F. Kennedy, will be the guest speaker at the Temple breakfast Sunday.

Police towed 32 cars from the town's streets that were hindering snow removal efforts during the recent storm.

John Canavan Jr. has announced his candidacy for a third term on the School Committee.

After two years of study, the Army Corps of Engineers has determined that reopening Shirley Gut is not practical and would not serve to reduce the pollution levels in Boston Harbor, as many have suggested. The Corps said that the new MDC treatment plant, which is close to being completed, will alleviate the pollution problems presently plaguing Winthrop's inner harbor waterways.

Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin star in Robin and the Seven Hoods at the Suffolk Downs Drive In.

70 years ago February 2, 1956

The School Committee

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OBITUARIES

Lucille Limone

Former proprietor of Lucy's Coffee Shop, also worked with Winthrop's Public Schools and Housing Authority

Lucille M. "Lucy" Limone, of Winthrop passed away on January 13, 2026 leaving behind a legacy of warmth, friendship and community spirit. She was 83 years old.

Born in Boston, Lucille was the beloved daughter of the late Josephine (Pepicelli) and James Scopa. She made Winthrop her home for more than 81 years, where she was well known for her friendly presence and dedication to those around her.

Lucille was the former proprietor of Lucy's Coffee Shop, which she owned and operated for several years, welcoming neighbors and friends with conversation and care. She later continued her service to the community through her work with the Winthrop Public Schools and the Winthrop Housing Authority.

Lucille found joy in the simple and meaningful parts of life. She loved cooking and baking, and she especially enjoyed spending time with friends at the senior center. Always active and social, she also took pleasure in bowling and bingo—pastimes that reflected her upbeat, engaged approach to each day.

She will be remembered with affection and gratitude by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

She was the devoted wife of the late Richard C. Lim-



one and the loving mother of Susan Brace and her late husband, David and Richard P. Limone of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Paul Scopa and his wife Louise, Anthony Scopa and his wife, Joanne and Mary Feeley and her husband, Patrick. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, January 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, January 20 at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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

Lorraine Ruth Yaffe

Former President of the Sisterhood of Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop

Lorraine Ruth (Byne) Yaffe of Winthrop, passed away on January 19 at the age of 83.

Born on April 28, 1942, Lorraine was raised in Winthrop and remained deeply connected to the community throughout her life. She was actively involved at Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop, where she served as a former President of the Sisterhood, and was also a dedicated member of the Winthrop Band Parents. Lorraine especially enjoyed traveling to national parks with her beloved husband, Barry.

Lorraine was the beloved wife of Barry Yaffe with whom she shared 61 plus years of marriage; devoted mother of Michael Yaffe and his wife, Trish, Stuart Yaffe, and Scott Yaffe and his wife, Laurel; loving grandmother of Blake, Lyra, Nicolai, Isaac, and Estelle; dear sister of Larry Byne and Charles Byne; and cher-



ished aunt to Melissa, Rebecca and Sara. She was the loving daughter of the late Morris and Beatrice Byne.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 23 at 11 a.m. at Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Ave., Chelsea. Interment in Everett.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop.

For online guestbook and directions please visit the funeral home website, www.torffuneralservice.com.

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



Edward Francis McGrail

Former President of Winthrop Golf Club

Edward Francis McGrail, 72, of Winthrop passed away peacefully, at his Florida home, on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

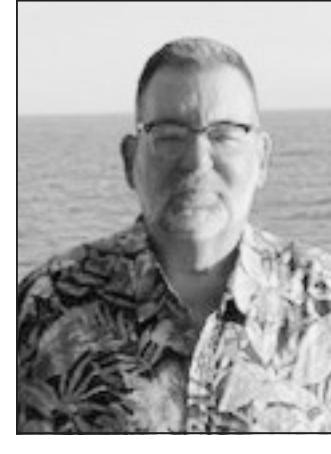
Beloved father, pa, and brother. Eddie's greatest joys in life were his family, his career, and driving his golf cart in places he wasn't supposed to.

Born October 3, 1953 in Dorchester, Massachusetts to James and Kathleen McGrail, Eddie was the fifth of seven children and was a devoted brother, willing to do anything to help his siblings.

Ed holds the current record for longest employee of Loomis Sayles, where he worked for 52 years and retired as Vice President of General Services in 2023.

In 1991, soon after moving to Winthrop, Eddie joined the Winthrop Golf Club. There he built a lasting legacy, serving on the board for years and serving as President for three terms. He taught all three of his sons to golf there, even leading them to a family sweep in last summer's Crackpot. He knew everyone down the club and everyone knew him. He went out a champion, and would want everyone to know it.

Eddie is survived by his five children: Matthew McGrail and his wife, Karen, Ryan McGrail and his partner, Kristine, with their mother, Gail Dwyer, Brittany Mondi and her husband, David, Lilian McGrail and her fiancée, Caitlin and Andrew McGrail and his



partner, Ellen, with his dear friend and co-parent, Jackie McGrail.

He is survived by his three grandchildren, Natalie, Olivia and Henry, who were his favorite thing about getting older. Being "Pa" was his best title.

Eddie is preceded in death by his parents, his oldest brother Jimmy, and his bud, Koda. He is survived by his siblings: Billy, Mindy, Theresa, Bobby and Kitty and by many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and step-grandchildren.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop, today, Thursday, January 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the St. John's Episcopal Church, 222 Bowdoin St., Winthrop on Friday, January 23 at 10 a.m. (Please go directly to church) Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

George Zedalis

Retired Master Electrician

George E. Zedalis, 81, passed away on December 25, 2025 at home lovingly surrounded by family in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire, after a brief illness.

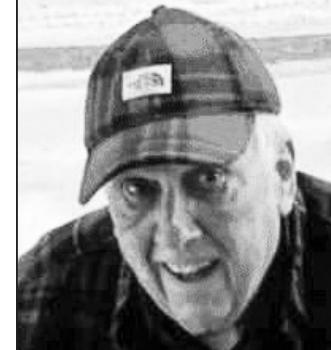
George was born and raised in Nashua/Hudson, New Hampshire, and later had ties to Swampscott, Massachusetts. He was the son of the late Adolph 'Pete' Zedalis and Anna May (Hurd), and brother to the late Adolph 'Joe' Zedalis.

George was a Navy veteran who served his country proudly and steadfastly. He was a long-time member of Local 103 I.B.E.W. as a Master Electrician and leaves behind many adored and esteemed friends. He raised his family in Winthrop.

George loved to tell stories and was as smart as they come. He lived his life for his family. He brought knowledge and poise to all he met. Intelligence and insight was his legacy to his children.

He was a beloved member of the Tuftonboro United Methodist Church where he served as a Trustee and helped cook the monthly dinners. George loved to hunt and fish, and was a true outdoorsman. He especially loved ice fishing on the lake he called home, Winnipesaukee. A do-it-yourself kind of person, he taught his family everything they needed to know to take care of themselves.

A devout and loving husband and father, George is survived by his wife of 57 years, Estelle (Woytaszek) and three children, Lorraine



A. Care of Haverhill, Karen L. Blumsack and her husband, Peter, of Amesbury, and Michael G. Zedalis, and his partner, Alicia Vieira, of Mason, New Hampshire.

He is predeceased by his son, William E. Zedalis in this same year of 2025. He leaves his grandchildren; David, Jacob and Benjamin Blumsack, Nathaniel and Elisha Care, Olivia and Ilias Zedalis, as well as Great Grandchildren, Cora and Graham. He was a cherished and endearing uncle to Nicole Signoretti and Joseph, Jeffrey and Gregory Zedalis.

Visitation will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Lord Funeral Home, 23 Club Lane, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 03894.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Tuftonboro United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 206, Melvin Village, New Hampshire 03850.

Lord Funeral Home of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire is assisting the family with arrangements. If you wish to express a condolence or leave a fond memory please visit, www.lordfuneral-home.com.

Virginia Wilder

Former educator, she served in many Winthrop administrative offices and was longtime member of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

Virginia (Ginna) Wilder, 77, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, died peacefully at home on Friday, January 16, 2026 surrounded by love after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ginna was born in Winthrop to the late Forrest and Virginia (Cawthorne) Wilder. She grew up in Winthrop and attended St. John's Elementary School in Winthrop, Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Brighton and graduated with a degree in History from Salem State College.

She leaves behind Catherine Murphy and her husband, Charles (Jay) of Andover, Patricia Doherty and her husband, Bernard of Saugus, William Wilder and his wife, Chloe of Winthrop, Denise Casey and her husband, Paul of Groveland, longtime, devoted friend, Mary McAdam of Winthrop and her sister-in-law, Barbara Mullins of Weymouth. Ginna's sister, Margaret (Peg) died in January of 2020. Ginna is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ginna worked as a history teacher and later as assistant principal at the now closed St. Mary's School in Lawrence, MA from 1970 to 1977.

Hired in 1977 to be Winthrop's grant administrator, she later became director of the town's Office of Community Development. She was laid off during the budget crunch in 1981 and then spent about 18 months as grant administrator in the Town of Ipswich before returning to Winthrop for a part time position as community development director in 1982.

In 1989, the Winthrop selectmen appointed Ginna to a second part time position as executive secretary. She filled both positions until 2001, when the executive secretary position became full-time. Chief Administrative Officer was added to her title, reflecting her growing duties.

In January of 2007, Ginna became the first Town Administrator for the Town of Topsfield. She served in that position until her retirement in 2013.

Ginna was a longtime member of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical



Association and served for a time as a member of the board of directors.

In her spare time, she loved reading and taking long walks around Winthrop and Deer Island with her beloved dogs. She was an incredible artist and loved painting watercolors of lighthouses and the many beautiful vistas of Winthrop and surrounding seaside communities. Her greatest love was spending time with her family and being a loving sister and loving aunt to her many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all the friends and neighbors who have been so supportive.

The funeral mass was conducted from the St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Services concluded with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In memory of Ginna, please consider a donation to the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Society, 34 Shirley St., Winthrop MA 02152.

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Local Catholic Schools offer well-rounded education beyond traditional academics

By Journal Staff

For parents seeking a well-rounded education, which along with a traditional academic curriculum, also emphasizes good citizenship and religious faith, the Greater Boston area offers a number of top-notch Catholic Schools.

Located at 20 Winthrop St. in Charlestown, Good Shepherd School is an independent, nonprofit Catholic preschool serving children ages 20 months to 4 years old.

"Good Shepherd School prepares its students for a life of joy by growing in the love of Jesus. We seek to integrate this belief into all aspects of our educational programs," the school's mission states.

Good Shepherd, which opened in October of 2009, was "formed through the leadership of Father James Ronan Ph.D., former Pastor of St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena parish, and a Board of parents, citizens, and friends who saw a great need for a Catholic preschool in its Charlestown neighborhood," according to the school's website.

Applications are open now through Jan. 31 for the '26-27 school year. Visit gsscharlestown.org for more information.

East Boston Central Catholic School, located at 69

London St. in East Boston, has encouraged students in kindergarten through Grade 8 to "Go Further with Faith" through its education offerings. EBCCS, which is the only parochial in East Boston also offers an Early Learning Center for ages 3-4, since it opened in 1974 as a multi-parish, collaborative elementary school serving Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Most Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Parishes.

"East Boston Central Catholic School is committed to strong basic skills development within a solid Christian framework. The curriculum at all times is geared to foster the growth of individual self-worth; to develop a love and commitment to our faith; to encourage knowledge and pride in one's heritage; to develop an appreciation and respect for cultural diversities; and to develop a commitment of service to others," the school's mission states.

EBCCS conducts an ongoing enrollment for the next school year starting in the month of January. Students, new to the school, will be required to take an entrance test. Enrollment is not finalized until the school has the results of its screening test and the most recent report card from the child's

current school.

Visit ebccs.org for more information.

Located at 9 Moon St. in the North End, St. John School serves students in kindergarten through the sixth grade (as well as in PK) and is a self-described "Catholic value-centered learning community dedicated to fostering the growth of each student in spirit, mind and body."

St. John, which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and was established in 1873, offers "a strong ELA and math program coupled with a collaborative STEM program" while also offering a variety of "enrichment activities," such as yoga, pottery, chess, and Italian language study.

"St. John School exemplifies our rich history and traditions while embracing a rigorous standards-based curriculum that prepares our students for today's world while remaining strongly tied to our Catholic values," the school's mission states in part.

Visit www.sjsne.com for more information.

BC High, located at 150 Morrissey Blvd. in Boston, is a private, Jesuit, Catholic school for boys in Grades 7-12.

BC High's mission since its founding in 1863 has

been "to form leaders of competence, conscience and compassion who seek to do all things ad majorem Dei gloriam – for the greater glory of God," according to the school's website.

"We strive to challenge our students to become young men of integrity, educated in faith and for justice, committed to academic excellence and service to others. As a Jesuit, Catholic school, we strive to reflect the diversity of our church and community."

The Arrupe Division at BC High, which was named in honor of Father Pedro Arrupe, SJ, "provides a values-driven middle school experience for boys in Grades 7 and 8, according to the school's website. while students in Grades 9-12 are "encouraged to explore their passions while deepening their understanding of justice and purpose."

Visit bchigh.edu for more information.

Located at 99 Crystal St. in Malden, Malden Catholic High School is a private Catholic School serving students in Grades 7-12.

Malden Catholic was founded by the Xaverian Brothers in 1932 and "guided by their spiritual values of simplicity, humility, compassion, trust and zeal," the school's mission states.

"Malden Catholic is a co-divisional, college preparatory high school. Sponsored by the Xaverian

A POWERFUL SYMBOL OF SERVICE NOW DISPLAYED AT MALDEN CATHOLIC



Malden Catholic is proud to announce that David King, M.D. P '24 '28 donated his kit flag to Malden Catholic recently. Kit flags are carried by Special Operations Operators in combat and can be used to cover the body of a service member who was killed in action during a mission. They are grateful that this flag and Dr. King returned safely home and that Malden Catholic can display it proudly on campus.

Plaque inscription reads:

Be it known by all, this flag was flown in the face of the enemy on the 10th anniversary of 9/11 by COL David R. King, US Army, Joint Special Operations Command, illuminated in the dark by the light of justice, and bears witness to the removal of terrorist forces threatening the freedom of the United States of America. It was flown with great honor and pride over a secret special operations forward operating base in Afghanistan in remembrance of all who lost their lives. This secret forward operating base was instrumental in the eventual identification and elimination of Osama Bin Laden.

Brothers and guided by their spiritual values of simplicity, humility, compassion, trust and zeal, we inspire all students to lives of service, leadership and excellence. An inclusive community of faith, Malden Catholic nurtures enduring personal relationships and life-long learning," the school's mission states.

In addition to its outstanding academic curriculum, Malden Catholic, a member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), is also renowned for its superior athletic offerings.

Visit maldencatholic.org for more information.

Located on Main Street in Hingham, Notre Dame Academy (NDA) is an independent, all-girls Roman Catholic school serving Grades 6-12.

Visit ndahingham.com for more information.

"The Hallmarks of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur shape our school as we prepare our girls to lead a life of purpose. Our students are critical thinkers and lifelong learners. They are leaders who respect and care for others. They use their voices to speak up on behalf of those in need, looking to create a world of peace and justice. We welcome students of all religious traditions, guiding them in personal faith formation and inspiring them to see the goodness of God," according to the school's mission statement.

As the first all-girls day school in Massachusetts, NDA, which was established in 1853, strives to recognize each student's promise.

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EBCCS celebrates Catholic Schools week

Special to the Journal

EBCCS will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a focus on our faith, our students, our families, and our staff. Throughout the week, parents will be invited into their child's classroom to take part in a variety of activities, such as our Young Authors event, where every student in the school will have a book on display, our 7th and 8th Grade Science Fair, and engaging classroom lessons.

The events of the week highlight what makes EBCCS so special: a welcoming atmosphere, an excellent faith-based education, and a safe, loving environment. Yet when families and community members are asked what they love most about EBCCS, one word is mentioned time and again, "family."

There is no better example of what "family" means at EBCCS than this year's Legacy Gala Honorees.

On May 1st, EBCCS will honor Carol Baglio, Maryellen Punch, and the Pizzicannella Family at our annual Legacy Gala at Spinelli's in Lynnfield.

The Pizzicannella women have been a beloved staple of the EBCCS Christmas Fair for more than 20 years, generously sharing their time and talents by providing delicious homemade Italian food for our



East Boston Central Catholic School Principal Robert Casalotto (left) congratulates Business Manager and Development Director Carol Baglio on being one of honorees at the school's Legacy Gala that will be held May 1.

community.

Maryellen Punch served the students of EBCCS for over 25 years in the school kitchen, all while sending her three children and later her grandchildren to the school. Her dedication and care nourished generations of students, both literally and figuratively.

Carol Baglio has been the backbone of EBCCS for more than 30 years. Through her leadership, the school has remained financially sustainable, while many Catholic schools in and around East Boston were forced to close. Working tirelessly behind the scenes, she has run countless fundraising events and served as the school's Business Manager, Advance-

ment Director, and IT specialist. Carol's two children are proud graduates of the school, and today four of her grandchildren are continuing the legacy as current students.

Through times of celebration and challenge alike, Carol has been a steadfast presence for the EBCCS family and her own family. She is a true example of faith, leadership, and service, and embodies the very heart of what it means to be part of the EBCCS community.

We invite you to call the school (617-567-7456) to arrange a personal tour to make your family a part of our family. You can also visit us at www.ebccs.org.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL STUDENTS EARNING THEIR GREEN THUMB



Students at St. John's School of the North End work on their gardening and growing skills in the classroom. These are just one of the many activities St. John's offers to their students.



Good Shepherd School: Nurturing young hearts and strengthening the Charlestown community

By Theo Marston
After School Director / Community Outreach Coordinator

At Good Shepherd School, located at 20 Winthrop Street in Charlestown, we believe that Early Childhood Education is about far more than academics. It is about nurturing the whole child while strengthening the community we serve. Good Shepherd School has been a trusted partner to families in the Charlestown community, offering a safe, welcoming, and faith-centered environment where children can grow, explore, and thrive.

Community members who wish to support our outreach initiatives are welcome to drop off donations during our hours of operation, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those interested in learning more about our programs and daily life at Good Shepherd School can follow us on Instagram @gsscharlestown or visit our website at www.gsscharlestown.org.

For additional information, questions, or to get involved, please contact Theo at t.marston@gsscharlestown.org or call 617-242-8800.

At Good Shepherd School, we are proud to be growing young learners while strengthening the bonds that make Charlestown such a special place to call home.

We also proudly maintain ongoing outreach efforts throughout the year. Our Diaper Drive, conducted in



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Rethinking learning for a new generation at BC High

Special to the Journal

As classrooms evolve, BC High's Alison MacDonald shows how schools are adapting teaching to meet modern students without lowering standards

The traditional classroom is changing. Across Massachusetts, educators are adjusting how they teach as they confront a new generation of learners shaped by technology, shifting attention spans, and post-pandemic challenges. At Boston College High School, Alison MacDonald is leading that work.

As Vice President of Educational Strategy, a newly created position at BC High, MacDonald helps teachers rethink how students learn while keeping expectations high. "We may want the same outcomes for our students," she said. "We want them to be deep thinkers and critical readers, but it might be that we have to change how we get them there."

Her approach reflects a growing reality for schools. Students today are digital natives who read on screens, write in shared documents, and receive constant feedback from the world around them. "Kids are just very different today," MacDonald said. "Traditional classroom models that worked for many years really need to be adjusted."

At BC High, that adjustment means reshaping both classroom design and teaching methods. Desks are no longer locked in rows. Teachers move among stu-



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Alison MacDonald

dents rather than lecturing from the front. "If we want students to construct their own knowledge and really slow down and find their own answers, then we need to give them some power in the classroom," MacDonald said.

Project-based learning is also expanding. Students are asked to explore subjects that connect to their lives and to demonstrate what they know through research and collaboration rather than memorization. "We still expect an extremely high level of academic rigor," MacDonald said. "What students are doing for homework may be very different than it was in the past, but the commitment is the same."

We want them to be deep thinkers and critical readers, but it might be that we have to change how we get them there, said Alison MacDonald.

A 2021 report by the Buck Institute for Education found that students in U.S. high school Advanced Placement courses taught using project-based learning outperformed their peers in tradi-

tional AP classes by about eight percentage points, with gains rising to ten points for teachers in their second year of using the approach.

Technology has become both a challenge and a tool in this new model. Teachers now review essays in real time, leaving comments and feedback as students write. "Technology is not the enemy," MacDonald said. "We can use it to help students think better and more deeply."

Artificial intelligence, though, presents a more complicated test. MacDonald supports its use for brainstorming and early research but draws a clear line against allowing it to replace thinking. "Anything that takes over the thinking from the student and has someone or something else do it for them, that is not acceptable," she said. "If teachers help students wade through that, they can become more critical thinkers."

As the pace of change accelerates, MacDonald says schools must also address the emotional and social pressures that students face. "We are seeing a rise in anxiety, depression, and school avoidance," she said. "Kids today are coping with more than most of us had to because there is no escape from it. Social media and messaging apps mean that home is still an offshoot of school."

Her response has been to promote authenticity and recognition based on real effort, not superficial praise. "Students can sense when someone is being genuine," she said. "When kids are getting awards for things they do not actually deserve,

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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

TWO BIG WINS FOR WHS GIRLS HOCKEY

The Winthrop High girls hockey team recorded a pair of important victories this past week, defeating Northeastern Hockey League (NHL) rivals Beverly/Danvers and Gloucester by identical scores of 2-1.

Last Wednesday's triumph vs. Beverly, which is in first place in the NHL, was a huge win for the Lady Vikings, keeping them in the chase for the 2026 NHL title, leaving them just one point behind the Lady Panthers.

Winthrop received goals from Reese Ferrara and Angela Coscia, and goalie Riley Towse turned in a superb effort.

"Riley was excellent in this game, making some monster saves," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "Chloe Couture had one of the prettiest assists on Reese's power play goal, just a great play from behind the net that got us on the board first."

"Angela's goal made it 2-0 and Riley was immense in keeping Beverly from getting the equalizer after an iffy goal call that made it 2-1 late in the third. It was a big conference win for us, and kept us in the hunt for the conference title," Martucci added.

The Lady Vikings then trekked to the Dorothy Talbot Rink in Gloucester this past Saturday and came home with another 2-1 victory. Reese Ferrara scored a great goal off a rebound from a shot by Amelia Serino and Angela Coscia netted the game-winner on a power play.

WHS goalie Riley Towse recorded her 56th career victory, tying Riley for the Lady Viking program's all-time record with Summer Tallent.

"This was a special game because it was coach Chris Palmer's head coaching debut," said Martucci. "The girls played an inspired brand of hockey at a very tough place to play, O'Malley Rink in Gloucester."

This past Monday, the Lady Vikings earned a tie with non-league opponent Weymouth.

"This was a tough game on the road," said Martucci. "Weymouth was a scrappy team. However, it was one of the absolute worst-officiated games that I have ever been a part of. We were given 12 penalties to their three. In the 17 years that I have been coaching this team, I have never seen such a one-sided officiated game."

Weymouth scored on one of their four, 5-on-3 power plays to make it 1-0, but the Lady Vikings knotted

the score in the third period when Serino reached the back of the Lady Wildcat net on a perfect redirection off a shot from the point.

Winthrop had to kill two more penalties to send the game into overtime.

Martucci and his crew, who now stand at 6-2-3 overall (5-1-1 in the NHL) and are ranked 19th in the MIAA's Division 1 power ratings, have a bit of a lull in their schedule. Their next contest is not scheduled until next Wednesday (January 28) when they will travel to Peabody.

VIKING BOYS HOCKEY DEFEATS MASCO, 4-1

The Winthrop High boys hockey team turned in a solid two-way performance to defeat Northeastern Conference (NEC) rival Masconomet Regional, 4-1, last Wednesday at the Haverhill Valley Forum.

After a scoreless first period in which the Vikings outshot Masco, 13-5, and carried the play, junior captain Joe Pumphret got Winthrop rolling (with a beautiful assist from Dom Spinale) with a top-shelf shot that zipped under the crossbar.

The Vikings then took advantage of a power play opportunity with two minutes left in the period to make it 2-0 on a shot from the point by junior Captain Paul Ferrara, with Spinale earning the assist.

The Vikings continued to control play over the final 15 minutes. Sophomore Braedon Lounsbury lit the lamp with another power play goal (assisted by Nick Romano and Pumphret) to make it 3-0.

Masco scored a marker with about five minutes to play, but Lounsbury sealed the game on an empty-netter, with Spinale recording his third assist of the evening, for the 4-1 finale.

Viking goalie Dax Sabin picked up the "W" with a solid effort in the net.

This past Saturday afternoon the Vikings hosted NEC rival Gloucester and came up on the short end of a 4-3 decision to the Fishermen in a contest that was decided in overtime.

After a scoreless first period in which the Vikings played well, captain Joe Pumphret gave Winthrop a 1-0 lead, assisted by Nick Romano and Dom Spinale, early in the second period.

However, the Fishermen struck back, scoring two goals later in the period to take a 2-1 advantage into the second intermission.

Spinale, assisted by Pumphret, brought the game back to level midway through the third period. Gloucester pulled ahead with five minutes to

play, but the never-say-die Vikings responded with a lamplighter from Pumphret, assisted by Spinale and Braedon Lounsbury, with two minutes to go.

That sent the game into the 4-on-4 overtime period. Winthrop had the better of the chances in the OT session, but the Fishermen scored with less than two minutes to play to come away with the victory.

Winthrop now stands at 6-5-0 overall and 4-2-0 in the NEC.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew, who were ranked fifth in Division 4 in the MIAA's power ratings (and second by Hockey Night in Boston) as of last Friday, were scheduled to meet Beverly last night (Wednesday) and will host Peabody next Wednesday for a 6:00 opening faceoff.

WHS BOYS BASKETBALL RANKED 19TH IN D-4

The Winthrop High boys basketball team, which is ranked 19th in the MIAA Division 4 power rankings, will host Northeastern Conference (NEC) rival Swampscott next Tuesday evening. The opening tip-off on the Chris Tsiotos Floor in the Holland gymnasium is set for 7:00.

Coach Quinton Dale and his crew won two of their three contests this past week, defeating NEC rival Peabody, 63-59, last Tuesday and non-league opponent Rockport, 63-39, this past Saturday. The Vikings came up short to Gloucester, 45-42, last Friday.

The Vikings, who stand at 4-6 on the season, will travel to Marblehead tomorrow (Friday) before returning home for Tuesday's encounter with Swampscott.

WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TO HOST MARBLEHEAD THIS FRIDAY EVENING

The Winthrop High girls basketball team, which is ranked 25th in the MIAA's Division 4 power ratings, will entertain Northeastern North Division rival Marblehead tomorrow (Friday) evening. The opening tip-off is set for 6:00.

Coach Anthony Hatzivas's squad stood at 3-7 entering their contests earlier this week vs. non-league opponents Ipswich this past Tuesday and Triton yesterday (Wednesday).

After Friday's encounter with Marblehead, they will trek to Swampscott next Tuesday and to Saugus next Thursday, concluding a busy stretch of five games in 10 days.

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tee has submitted a budget of \$742,259 for 1956, an increase of \$39,804 over 1955. State aid is estimated to be \$103,407. Salary increases account for the budget increase, according to school officials.

Harold R. Winter is the new President of the Pt. Shirley Associates.

Anna "Grandma" Gorman, Winthrop's oldest citizen at 103 years of age, passed away this week.

Seven-year old Winthrop resident Nancy Lou Johnson will participate in a roller-skating exhibition with contestants from around

New England this weekend.

Frank Sinatra and Debbie Reynolds star in The Tender Trap at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago

January 31, 1946

State Rep. Arthur Verney is urging all Winthrop residents to attend a public hearing of the State DPW to voice their support for the addition of more breakwaters along Winthrop Shore Drive.

Another large group of 21 WWII veterans became members this week of the local American Legion Post

at a meeting of the Legion this past week in the group's Dugout on Hermon St.

A 50 year old Grovers Ave. man was slapped and robbed of \$81 at gunpoint by an unidentified assailant when the victim got off the bus near the victim's home Sunday night.

As of January 1, the real estate and insurance firm of Eliot and Whittier will be known as Eliot, Whittier, and Hardy.

Fred Astaire stars in Yolanda and the Thief at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

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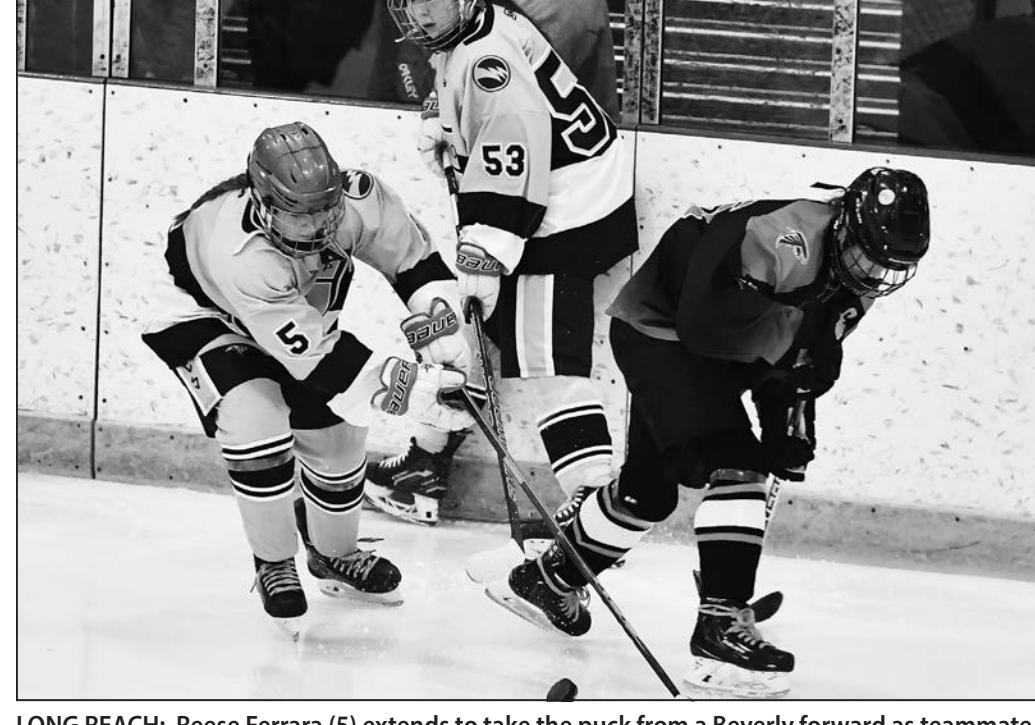
WHS GIRLS HOCKEY VERSUS BEVERLY

Photos by Bob Marra

After two scoreless periods, Reese Ferrara and Ame-

lia Serino scored on back-to-back third-period goals as Winthrop came from behind to defeat Northeastern

Conference leader Beverly, 2-1 in a showdown January 14 at Larsen Rink.



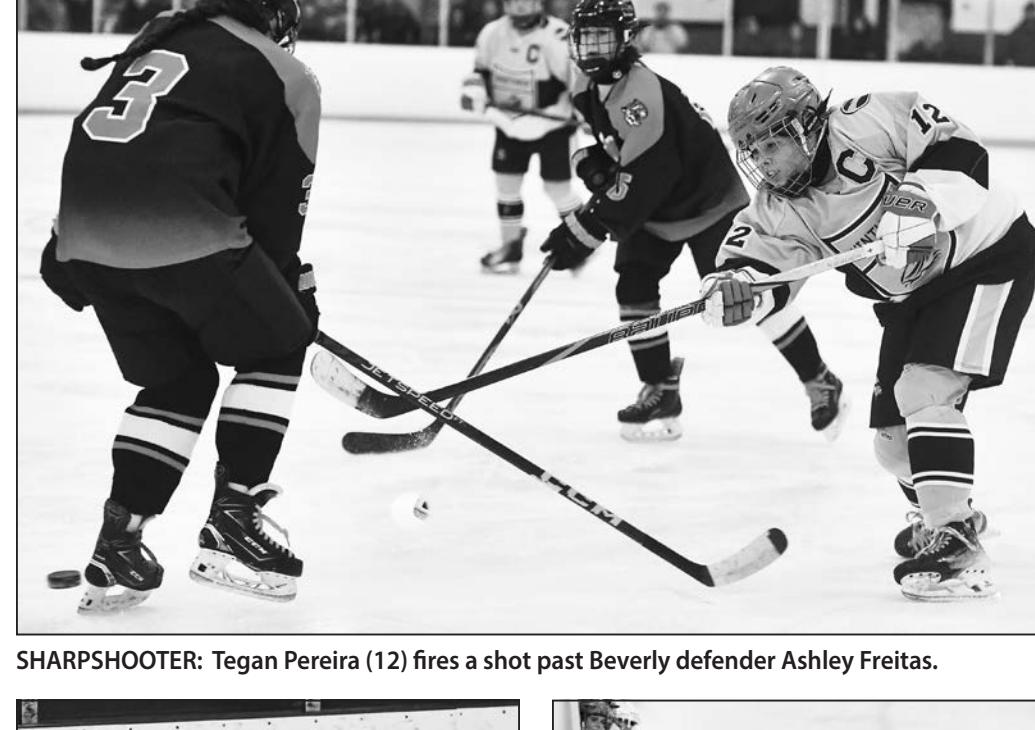
LONG REACH: Reese Ferrara (5) extends to take the puck from a Beverly forward as teammate Amelia Serino helps out.



TIE GAME!: Reese Ferrara (5, left) and Chloe Couture (8) celebrate Ferrara's goal that tied the game at 1-1 midway through the third period. The puck is in the net behind Beverly goaltender Avery Mason.



CREASE SCRAMBLE: Reese Ferrara (5) battles a trio of Beverly defenders but Beverly goaltender Avery Mason kicks away the shot.



SHARPSHOOTER: Tegan Pereira (12) fires a shot past Beverly defender Ashley Freitas.



HONOR ROLL: Amelia Serino (53) skates the line of teammates after her goal with 4:07 left in the game led Winthrop to a 2-1 win over Northeast Conference rival Beverly January 14 at Larsen Rink.

PACKED HOUSE AT WINTHROP ELKS FOR BRIAN SHORTSLEEVE GUBERNATORIAL VISIT



Former councilor-at-large Robert DeMarco, pictured with candidate for governor, Brian Shortsleeve, at the reception at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.



Attorney-at-law Diana Viens and gubernatorial candidate Brian Shortsleeve.



Brian Shortsleeve and Elaine Casamassima.



David Buckley welcomes Brian Shortsleeve to Winthrop at the campaign reception.



Candidate for governor, Brian Shortsleeve greets fellow U.S. veteran, Bill Kutner, a campaign supporter, at the campaign reception.



Candidate for governor, Brian Shortsleeve, delivers a speech to the large crowd at his campaign reception at the Lodge of Elks.

Special to the Transcript

Despite a Verizon outage earlier in the day, a packed house gathered at the Winthrop Elks Club on January 14 for a visit from gubernatorial candidate Brian Shortsleeve. The event was hosted by Winthrop residents Rob DeMarco and Diana Viens and drew strong attendance from local residents concerned about housing policy, state spending, and the direction of Massachusetts.

Shortsleeve is currently the only candidate in the governor's race calling for a full repeal of the MBTA Communities Act, also known as Chapter 40A Section 3A. He pledged that repealing 3A would be a Day One action of his administration and said he agrees with State Representative Jeff Turco's statement that the law "should be relegated to the dustbin of history."

Shortsleeve congratulated Winthrop residents on their recent local election results and praised the town for pushing back against what he described as a "bad law, administrative overreach, and a one-size-fits-all approach that is not going to

solve the housing problem." He noted that immediately after the law passed, Boston was effectively exempted, saying Beacon Hill's rationale was, "We have our own stuff in Boston." Shortsleeve added, "Well guess what — there are about 170 communities who feel the same way."

He also criticized the regulatory framework behind the law, pointing out that his opponent in the race, Mike Kenneally, served in the Baker administration and was responsible for issuing the regulations that the Healey administration now uses to withhold grant funding from non-compliant communities.

Brian's Background: Supporting Small Businesses and Serving as a Marine

Shortsleeve currently runs a Boston-based firm, M33 Growth, which invests in small software and technology services companies. He said his entire career has been spent in the private sector working with smaller businesses and emphasized that small business has always been "the backbone of Massachusetts' economy

and the American Dream."

Before entering business, Shortsleeve served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from Harvard College, which he attended on an ROTC scholarship. He thanked the veterans in the room for their service and said the Marine Corps taught him honor, courage, commitment, teamwork, and leadership. "Marines are the first in and last out," he said, adding that this kind of leadership is "desperately missing in Massachusetts today."

"Numbers Guy" Critiques State Direction

Describing himself as a "numbers guy," Shortsleeve summarized what he called troubling trends under Governor Maura Healey:

#1 — Massachusetts is now at or near the top of national lists for cost of living, including housing and electricity.

5,000 — More than 5,000 businesses closed in Massachusetts in 2024, making it the only state where more businesses closed than opened.

12,000 — Massachusetts has lost 12,000 jobs under the Healey administration,

while under Governor Baker the state added roughly 300,000 jobs. Shortsleeve said Massachusetts now ranks 50th out of 50 in private-sector job growth.

1 in 3 — A Boston Globe poll found that one out of three residents are considering leaving the state.

"We have incredible universities, innovation, and talent," Shortsleeve said. "There is no reason we should be dead last in job growth."

Budget, Audits, and Local Aid

Shortsleeve said he would demand full audits of state agencies and programs, including MassHealth and SNAP. He pointed out that the state budget has grown by roughly 50% over the past five years, while population and wages have not increased at the same pace. When Healey took office, the state budget was approximately \$52 billion; it finished last fiscal year at \$64 billion, an increase of \$12 billion.

He cited major cost overruns, including billions spent on the emergency shelter system and significant MassHealth overruns,

while unrestricted local aid has not kept pace. He noted a record number of Proposition 2½ overrides — about 160 in recent years, far above historic levels — saying municipalities are being forced to raise property taxes while state revenues grow.

MBTA Experience and Utility Costs

Shortsleeve also discussed his prior role leading the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board at the request of Governor Baker, where he implemented audits and financial controls that recovered tens of millions of dollars. Both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald editorial boards later agreed that the MBTA had achieved its lowest operating expenses in years under Brian's leadership, and that it hasn't been able to balance the budget since he left almost a decade ago.

"Don't let anyone ever tell you that you can't control costs in state government," Shortsleeve said. "It can be done."

He also criticized state energy policy, holding up his own Eversource bill and noting that roughly half of

the charges are state-mandated fees. He said two-thirds of utility bills are driven by state policy and blamed the cancellation of pipeline projects for high energy costs.

Day One Agenda

Shortsleeve closed by outlining what he called his Day One priorities:

Repeal the MBTA Communities Act (3A)

Back the audit of the State Legislature and Order comprehensive state audits to identify and cut waste, fraud and abuse

Advance energy infrastructure, including pipelines

Prioritize homeless veterans in housing programs

Reform the emergency shelter system and prioritize U.S. citizens

The evening concluded with questions from residents and informal discussions, with many attendees citing housing mandates, taxes, and state spending as top concerns heading into the 2026 election cycle.

The Republican primary election takes place on September 1, 2026 and the winner goes on to face Maura Healey in the November



Paul Caruccio, Brian Shortsleeve, candidate for governor, and Gina Fiandaca.



Brian Shortsleeve, candidate for governor, pictured with Suffolk University students Anthony Boyd (left) and Anthony Cutler (right).



Vera Carducci of the East Boston Republican Committee, candidate for governor, Brian Shortsleeve, and Republican State Committeeman Paul Ronukaitus.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago

January 20, 2016

The Winthrop High boys hockey team earned three of a possible four points this past week in contests against Danvers and Peabody, a pair of rivals from the North Division of the Northeastern Conference. In the 4-2 win over Danvers, 4-2, Junior Charlie Page lit the red lamp twice in the opening period and freshman right wing Sam Yarrow (assisted by Page) and sophomore left-winger Henry Brooks added an insurance goal. In the contest with once-beaten Peabody, which came into the game ranked eighth in Division 2 (the Tanners' lone loss of the season came at the hands of the Vikings in the teams' season-opener), the rivals battled to a 1-1 standoff, with Page scoring the lone goal for the Vikings.

The Winthrop High girls indoor track team fell to Swampscott by a score of 53-33. Holly Benson took first place in the 600 meter dash in a time of 1:49.5. Sister Heidy Benson won her event, the 1000 dash, with a clocking of 3:34.8. Camila Miranda-Llovera also captured first place in her event, the mile, in 6:23.6. For the boys, Taylor St. George took the lone first place for Winthrop in the 300 dash with a sprint of 42.8.

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The Winthrop High boys

the tie with a goal on which she was assisted by Sophie Leray. The Lady Bulldogs continued to have the better of the play, as they had for most of the game, up until the fateful, final two minutes, when Masco capitalized on a scramble in front of the Winthrop goal to tie matters, and then with one minute to play, lit the red lamp again to notch the winning tally.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE JEFF TURCO VISITS WINTHROP'S VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE FOR COFFEE HOUR AND BRINGING #COATS4VETS

Last month Winthrop's VSO Phil Ronan greeted State Representative and Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs Jeff Turco. Representative Turco is certainly no stranger to the VSO or the veterans that reside in Winthrop. This morning, Rep. Turco came with boxes of hot Joe and a couple of dozen of freshly baked donuts from Dunkin's for all to enjoy.

After the coffee hour was over, the Orange Buckets supplied by Home Depot were distributed filled with a new winter coat, as well as other needed supplies provided by Ocean State Job Lot and the NE Patriots Foundation. This yearly donation comes from #Coats4Vets and the generous network who look out for the best interest of our Nation's veterans. And thanks to Home Depot for their contribution. Any veteran in need of a coat please contact State Representative Jeff Turco at his office in the Massachusetts State House.



State Representative Jeff Turco, Winthrop VSO Phil Ronan and Revere's VSA Al Terminiello Jr. with the veterans that received coats from #Coats4Vets. Ralph Collins, VSO Phil Ronan, Al Bell, Paul Hrad, Bill Brown, Bob Indersano, Dave Mazzachelli, Richard Gay, Jim Guilfoyle, Tick Tewksbury, Dave Kennedy, Representative Jeff Turco, Dave McDonald, Andrew Guilfoyle, and Revere Veterans Service Agent Al Terminiello Jr.



Winthrop Veteran Andrew Guilfoyle holds up a winter jacket.



Ralph Collins with his new jacket from #Coats4Vets.



During coffee hour, State Representative and Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs Jeff Turco had a conversation with Winthrop veteran Paul Hrad.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 10:00am-11:00am Indoor Walking @ St. Michael's Parish Gym (pre-registration required) 10am-1pm Reiki Sessions (appointment required) 10am-11am Yoga with Trish (\$5) 11:30am-3pm Game Day (Mahjong, Cards and Cribbage) 1:15-2:15pm Office Hours with Rep. Turco 3:00pm-5:30pm Broken Jewelry Workshop (\$10. Pre-registration required) | 10:00am-2:00pm National Grid Customer Assistance Event/Energy Fair 10:30am-11:30am Spanish with Pete 12:30pm-2:30pm Art with Dawn (\$6) | 9:15am-10:15am Yoga with Trish (\$5) 10:00am-11:00am Indoor Walking @ St. Michael's Parish Gym (pre-registration required) 10:30am-11:30am Zumba with Cindy (\$5) 11:00am-12:00pm Office Hours with Mystic Valley Elder Services 11:45am-12:45pm Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5) 12:15-1:45pm Italian with Michael 1pm-3pm Smartphone Photography (pre-registration required) | 9:30am-10:30am Exercise (\$1) 10:30am-11:30am Seaside Tappers (\$5) 12pm-12:30pm Dine-In Lunch (must order by 11am Wednesday) 12:45pm-3pm Bingo | 9am-10am Yoga with Trish (\$5) 10:00am-11:00am Indoor Walking @ St. Michael's Parish Gym (pre-registration required) 10am-11am Line Dancing with Diane (\$5) For more information on Senior Center programs and trips, as well as lunch menus and resources, go to our website  |

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TUESDAY-THURSDAY (8:30AM-3:30PM)



VSO Phil Ronan has a discussion with State Rep. Jeff Turco.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Eric F. Dubuque to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, dated July 28, 2017 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58315, Page 1, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, its successors and assigns to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of NYMT Loan Trust 2024-CP1,

recorded on February 11, 2025, in Book No. 71074, at Page 116 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on February 13, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 800 Governors Drive, Unit 28 a/k/a Unit 800-28, Governor's Park Condominium, Winthrop, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The dwelling Unit referred to as Unit No. 800-28 in Master Deed dated July 10, 1986 and recorded on July 11, 1986, at Book 12658, Page 189, in accordance with the layout of the Unit, its location, dimensions,

General Laws Chapter 183A, all as shown on the plan recorded with first Unit Deed, being a portion of Governor's Park Condominium, which stands on land described in said Master Deed, which land is located at Governor's Drive, Winthrop, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Said Unit contains the number of square feet, more or less, and is laid out as shown on said plan, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided for in General Laws Chapter 183A, Section 9, certifying that the plan fully and accurately shows the Unit designation of the Unit and immediately adjoining units and that it fully and accurately depicts the layout of the Unit, its location, dimensions,

approximate area, main entrance and immediate common area to which it has access and which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans recorded with said Master Deed. Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of as the case may be:

(a) An undivided percentage interest of .25457% in the Common Areas and Facilities described in said Master Deed;

(b) The exclusive right out use any patio or balcony adjacent to the Unit and to which there is direct access from the interior of such Unit;

(c) All easements, rights, reservations, restrictions, agreements, provisions and obligations to pay common expenses contained in the Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust and the By-Laws contained therein (as the same may from time to time be amended by instrument duly recorded with the said Registry of Deeds) are hereby incorporated by reference and constitute

Park Condominium Trust, and the By-Laws contained therein, all duly recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, on July 11, 1986, at Book 12658, Page 236 and the Rules and Regulations from time to time promulgated thereunder, as authorized therein and including, without limitations, the restrictions set forth in said Master Deed that this Unit may be used only for residential purposes except as prescribed therein. The provisions of said Master Deed, the plans recorded therewith and of said Declaration of Trust and the By-Laws contained therein (as the same may from time to time be amended by instrument duly recorded with the said Registry of Deeds) are hereby incorporated by reference and constitute

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(d) Such taxes attributable to these Units and its undivided percentage interest in the Common Areas and Facilities for the current fiscal year and the following fiscal year as are not due and payable on the date of this Unit Deed, all of which taxes the Grantee, by acceptance and recording of this Deed, covenants and agrees to pay;

(e) Provisions of the existing building and zoning codes and laws;

(f) The title exceptions listed in Exhibit A of the

Master Deed; and

(g) Rights of other Unit Owners of exclusive use of certain common areas and facilities as set forth in the Master Deed.

This conveyance is also made subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of said General Laws Chapter 183A as now in force and as from time to time amended.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58314, Page 341.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer

liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Sofjola and Meda Medical Aesthetics had their grand opening Saturday January 17. Joining in the celebration were many friends, family, Winthrop Chamber, local businesses and dignitaries. Sofjola and Meda showed their to-

tally newly renovated spa and talk about all of their services that are available. Sofjola and Meda Medical Aesthetics is located 16 Revere St. Winthrop MA.

They can be reached at sofjolaandmeda.com.



Owner Meda Kraja with her husband, Sokol Kraja.



Owners Sofjola Thomai and Meda Kraja with their certificates from State Rep. Jeff Turco.



Owner Sofjola Thomai, Victor Pelatere from Lydia Edwards Office, and owner Meda Kraja.



Shown at the ribbon cutting on Saturday, January 17, with family friends and dignitaries, are owners Sofjola Mino Thomai, Meda Kraja, State Rep. Jeffrey Turco, Victor Pelatere from Lydia Edwards Office and Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Owner Sofjola Thomai with her children, daughters Vanesa, Era and son Daniel.



Owner Meda Kraja with her sons, Kaylen and Arley Kraja.



Patrick Keefe, Meda Kraja, Sofjola Thomai, Stacey Castadoro, Donald Boudreau, Domenic Boudreau, and Victoria Robertson.



Owner Sofjola Thomai with husband, Odise Thomai.



Owner Meda Kraja with her parents, Adem and Adriana Barci.



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