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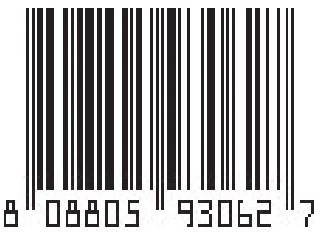
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**WINARC FUNDRAISER SET FOR MAY 3**

WINARC's tenth annual Walk, Run, or Roll Fundraiser will be held on Sunday May 3rd at Deer Island. Registration starts at 9:30 AM. The rain or shine event will start at 11:00 AM. For registration information go to [winarc.org](http://winarc.org). Proceeds from the event support WINARC's social and recreational activities that enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities living in Winthrop, Revere, East Boston, and Chelsea.

**NATIONAL GRID URGES CUSTOMERS TO BE AWARE OF RISING SCAM CALLS**

National Grid is alerting customers to be aware of scam calls targeting residents and businesses across its service territory. If contacted by someone claiming to represent the company, National Grid recommends

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## Town leaders present proposed 2027 budget at spring forum

By Adam Swift

Town Manager Tony Marino and Finance Director Sarah Johnson presented a proposed balanced budget of just over \$68.3 million for Fiscal Year 2027 at last week's spring forum.

The largest chunk of the town manager's proposed \$68,361,037 operating budget is the \$41,259,738 for the schools.

Overall, the budget is just under a \$2 million increase from the \$66.4 million budget that was approved for FY26.

During the spring forum, held at the Neil Shapiro Center at the high school, Marino and Johnson reviewed the expected revenues and expenditures for FY27. They also outlined the next steps in the budget process.

The town's finance com-

mittee began reviewing the proposed budget by department earlier in April. The final proposed budget will be approved by the town council on or before June 16, at least 15 days before the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1.

"The department heads have put a lot of work into these budgets," said Marino. "We use what is called a GFOA, Government Finance Officer's Association, format; it's designed to be a more transparent budget. It gives out more information for the departments, it lists the missions for the departments, goals and objectives, a lot of stats in there in regards to things they have done over the year."

The 270-page proposed budget book is available for the public to view on the

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## Butch Martucci named new women's hockey coach at Salem State

By Cary Shuman

Anthony "Butch" Martucci, the local legend who built Winthrop High School girls hockey into one of the state's most successful programs, will be standing behind a new bench next season.

Martucci has been named as the new head coach of the Salem State University women's hockey team and is set to sign a contract this week. Interestingly, Butch will be reunited sports-wise with his daughter, Talia Martucci, who just completed a record-setting freshman season as a left winger for the SSU Vikings following her All-Scholastic career in Winthrop.

"I'm extremely excited to be the new coach at Salem State," said Martucci. "I'm happy to be back coaching



Anthony "Butch" Martucci.

my daughter again, because it's great to be with her."

Martucci, 50, has other connections to the university as well. His wife, WHS Hall of Famer and coach Tracey Gigliello Martucci, and his sister, Maria Martucci Hodgins, are SSU alumnae. Several nephews

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## WINTHROP LODGE OF ELKS 1078 HOSTS ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



The officers of Winthrop Lodge of Elks 1078 take their oath of office.



Flowers all around for outstanding service to the lodge and the community from PER Michael Fuller, Roberta DiPierro, PER Bettie Dalton, Doreen Gillis, Kathy Haskell, and PER-HLM Jane Leonard. See more photos on Page 6.

## Teacher contract negotiations could be headed to mediation

By Adam Swift

Contract negotiations between the Winthrop Teachers Association and the school committee could be headed to mediation.

School committee members stated they are committed to continuing to meet with the Winthrop Teachers' Association while the mediation process is initiated.

At Monday night's school committee meeting, dozens of teachers and parents attended. During the public speaking portion of the meeting, a number of those urged the school committee to head back to the negoti-

ating table, noting that the financial position between the two sides is not that far apart.

Four bargaining units – teachers, nurses, educational support professionals, and secretaries – have been without a contract for nearly a year during the negotiations between the two sides.

The school committee held an executive session at the end of Monday night's meeting to discuss negotiations, but did not return to a public session.

On Thursday, April 23, the Winthrop Teachers' Association was informed that the School Committee in-

tended to file for State mediation, rather than agreeing to the Union's request to return to the bargaining table. According to a statement from the WTA, this move by the School Committee is not in the best interest of the district or the educators.

"From the beginning of this process we've been clear about the things in our district that need to change," said Alexis McEvoy, a member of the Union's bargaining team and a teacher at Gorman Fort-Banks and a WPS parent. "Our veteran teachers are leaving.

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## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

0111: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Payson St.

0119: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hutchinson St.

0124: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Circuit Rd.

0440: An officer responded to a report of a small but noisy gathering in an apartment on Siren St. The officer restored the peace.

0530: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Bowdoin St.

0555: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle in a crosswalk and in the No Parking Here to Corner section at Bowdoin and George Sts.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

0122: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Grovers Ave.

0141: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Lincoln St.

0805: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lincoln St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

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

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

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erator.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. When the officer discovered that the operator's license was suspended, which is a criminal offense, the officer issued a citation to the operator for both offenses. The operator's girlfriend came to take possession of the vehicle.

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

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

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1021: The manager of a local business reported that a credit card was used fraudulently for the purchase of a takeout food order. The officer filed a report.

1412: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1620: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident on Pauline St. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1654: The Animal Control Officer took possession of a loose dog that had accidentally been let out by workers in a home on North Ave. The officer returned the dog to its owner.

1832: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident on Main St. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insur-

ance cancellation, which is a criminal offense, on Pauline St. The officer issued a citation to the owner and ordered the vehicle to be towed.

1935: An officer directed a work crew at a Palmyra Ave. residence to finish it up for the night.

2123: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

0152: An officer responded to a report of a car alarm going off on Winthrop St. The officer contacted a tow company, which disconnected the battery.

0757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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-- 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 for that offense, as well as a warning for playing YouTube on a phone in her lap.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. 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 hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of not having a child between the ages of 8-12 wearing a seatbelt. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of impeding operation (the operator had a dog on their lap). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0958: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Highland Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1255: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1258: A report of a branch hanging from a tree in the roadway on Walden St. was referred to the DPW.

1512: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. and arrested the operator for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and larceny of property less than \$1200 by a single scheme. The motor vehicle was towed.

1733: An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Fairview and Main Sts. in which both airbags deployed. Both motor vehicles were towed and one person was transported to the BMC. The officer filed a report.

2254: A Bowdoin St. resident came into the station to report that his dog had been attacked by another dog. The officer filed a report.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

0008: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0104: An officer issued parking tickets to multiple vehicles without resident parking stickers on Tileston Rd.

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to several vehicles without resident parking stickers on Birch and Circuit Rds.

0757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. 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. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of impeding operation (the operator had a dog on their lap). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both offenses.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of impeding operation (the operator had a dog on their lap). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of improper operation and a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

1141: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who is new to town and was unaware of the town-wide speed limit of 25 m.p.h.

1235: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crystal Cove Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2141: The high school

Athletic Director was called to Miller Field to unlock the gate to allow two youths who had been locked inside the field to exit.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

0105: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Lincoln St.

0152: An officer issued parking tickets to 13 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Woodside Ave.

1026: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Irwin St.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

0105: An officer issued parking tickets to multiple vehicles without resident parking stickers on Brookfield Rd.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Quincy Ave.

1528: Hockey players from Suffolk Univ. reported that seven hockey sticks were stolen from Larsen Rink. The office filed a report.

2116: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said they were lost.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

0052: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

1110: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Cross St. and River Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1132: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. and arrested the operator on an outstanding warrant and for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subseq. offense). The operator also was cited for the civil infractions of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal and for not having his license in his possession.

1227: A person came to the station to report a forgery on a motor vehicle document. The officer filed a report.

1251: An officer directed persons playing music loudly at a Sea Foam Ave. residence to turn it down.

1827: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from a Pleasant St. address.

2132: An officer directed persons playing music loudly at a Winthrop St. residence to turn it down.

2247: An officer dispersed persons in four motor vehicles from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

## Councilor Dimes holds Precinct 2 town hall

By Adam Swift

Precinct 2 Town Councilor Kim Dimes held a special town hall meeting last week where she updated residents on a number of projects in her precinct and across the town.

Dimes also addressed questions about the town joining a private court case for an MBTA 3A Communities Act exemption, and the prospect for economic development in town, among other issues.

In addition to Dimes, Town Council President Jim Letterie, state Representative Jeff Turco, and representatives from the office of state Senator Lydia Edwards.

Edwards' aides highlighted the approximately \$500,000 the senator was able to help Winthrop receive through the supplemental budget. Those funds include \$150,000 for school security upgrades, \$50,000 for CASA, \$10,000 for roof and other repairs at the schools, \$17,000 for new basketball hoops at the schools, and \$200,000 for Neighborhood Health corporations to expand education and workforce training programs for high school students. In addition, an environmental bonding bill that was recently passed by the state senate included \$1 million to permit and construct the new seawall at Pico Avenue as well as

\$250,000 to the town's tree committee to plant trees and combat heat islands in the town.

Town Tree Warden Tom Derderian also gave a brief update on current tree activities in Winthrop, noting that volunteers recently helped plant 24 new trees, mostly around the Gorman-Fort Banks School along Kennedy Drive. Derderian added that there is money for a large capacity watering tank for trees included in the proposed FY27 town budget.

"My longtime goal is to enhance the tree canopy in the town of Winthrop for the next hundred years," said Derderian.

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## MICHAEL CABRAL HONORED AT ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS



Michael Cabral (above right), executive director of Winthrop Community Access Television (WCAT) was the recipient of the Chamber Champion Award at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner. Making the presentation was Chamber Vice President Marc Chapdelaine (left). In the photo (right), Cabral shows his dedication to his job at the event, expertly handling the camera and video production of the event for broadcast on WCAT. "Mike, your dedication, innovation, and generosity have made a lasting impact," said Chapdelaine.



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• Callers who cannot verify account details

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ny directly using the phone number listed on their bill. Customers should never provide personal or financial information to an unsolicited caller.

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## School committee approves budget figure

By Adam Swift

The school committee approved a \$42,518,153 budget request for the 2026-27 school year at its meeting on Monday night.

That figure will now go before the town's finance commission for review later this month before a vote by the town council as part of the overall town budget in June.

Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard presented a \$45,268,511 budget to the school committee for a public hearing on Monday night. However, Howard

estimated that about \$2.75 million of that level services operating budget will be paid for through grants and other revenue offsets, resulting in the \$42.5 million budget requested from the town.

The figure represents a level services budget for the 26-27 school year, with no cuts to staff or services.

The superintendent also presented figures for a "beyond level service" salary request budget that included salaries for positions that building principal and district staff would like to see in the budget to raise

the level of services in the schools. That figure came out to just under \$49.5 million, according to Howard.

"A lot of costs are fixed costs in our district and required expenses," said Howard. "Those increase annually between 4 and 7 percent, some a little lower and occasionally some a little higher."

Revenue growth is based on Proposition 2-1/2, the state law limiting property

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town website on the town manager's page.

"We started this work back in the November/December timeframe, all the way up until the last couple of weeks," said Marino.

Johnson noted that the budget process begins by looking at the revenues that are expected to come into the town for the next fiscal year.

"Once we determine our revenues, then we determine how we are going to share the budget," said Johnson.

The base budget document begins with the \$66.4 million that was allocated for the town and school operating budget for FY26, Johnson said.

For FY27, Johnson said there is just under \$1.7 million in new revenue that is being shared between the town and the schools.

"We have to back off our debt exclusions from the prior year, and add in the new debt exclusions and then it comes down to what the schools are going to get for their budget, which is \$41,259,738, and then \$27,101,299 for the town," said Johnson.

The bulk of the money for the budget comes from Winthrop's property tax levy, Johnson said.

Under Proposition 2-1/2, the town is able to increase the tax levy by 2-1/2 percent, plus add in the estimated new growth for the town.

"Last year, we did very well; we estimated \$350,000, and we actually brought in \$349,398, so we were close," said Johnson. "We are estimating \$350,000 again for FY27."

Johnson said that because the schools had a successful \$3.5 million Proposition 2-1/2 override vote, the town wanted to be fair and gave it the 2-1/2 percent growth on that override for a total of \$87,500.

The next largest piece of revenue for the town is

from state aid. Johnson said Winthrop is anticipating the governor allotting just under \$16.3 million in state aid for FY27. After state charges and offsets, she said the net number comes down to just under \$14.8 million.

"The next largest piece that we collect ourselves and from the town and all the residents from the various departments is local receipts," said Johnson. "The largest piece of that is motor vehicle excise ... that we pay on our cars here in Massachusetts."

Motor vehicle excise taxes are expected to bring in about \$2.3 million to the town, she said.

"Basically, when you add up all of that (property tax) revenue, the levy, the debt service - because that gets taxed outside the levy if it ... is a debt exclusion like the new fire station, some of that is the new debt for the fire station," said Johnson. "And then that \$22 million that we talked about before was the state aid and the local receipts, and add all of those pieces together, it equals \$68,361,037, which is the exact amount of money we are sharing with the town and the schools. Our balance is budget, which is a good thing, and that is not easy, it's difficult because whenever the department heads ask us for money, there are always more asks than the money we have to go around."

In the introduction to the budget book, Marino noted that annual increases in our health insurance, charges from Northeast and Essex Technical Schools, union contracts, building and vehicle insurance, and retirement and pension funding take up most of the town's 2.5% tax increase per year. As a result, it is challenging to honor new staffing requests, new software and upgrades, and other new initiatives, he stated.

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## OUR Opinions

### AT LAST, COMMON SENSE REGARDING MARIJUANA, PSYCHEDELICS

The recent actions by the Trump administration to re-schedule marijuana and certain psychedelics has brought a measure of common-sense to the regulation of these substances.

Federal policy for more than 50 years has classified marijuana and psychedelics as Schedule I drugs, placing them into the same category as truly-dangerous drugs such as heroin and opioids, which never has made any sense.

Schedule I drugs are defined as substances with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse which have never been applicable to marijuana and psychedelics.

The placement of marijuana and psychedelics into Schedule I occurred during the Nixon administration, which did so with the express intent (as was revealed 10 years ago with the release of Nixon-era documentation) of using the drug laws as a weapon against minority communities and college students who opposed Nixon's policies.

The Nixon-era drug laws led to the "war on drugs," a battle that America has been fighting -- and losing -- for more than five decades.

And as with any war, the war on drugs has had numerous casualties, measured not only in the lives directly lost and the trillions of wasted dollars spent at the federal, state, and local levels on ill-conceived enforcement, but also in the damage to communities, families, and individuals throughout our country, as well as the destabilization our war on drugs wrought in foreign countries.

In addition, the war on drugs has altered the way in which our nation fights crime at a basic level. All too often, the methods employed by authorities in their zeal to enforce the drug laws have conflicted with the Fourth Amendment (which protects citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures by the government) and has led to entrapment.

However, the biggest loss to our nation because of the ill-conceived war on drugs has been the decades lost to the potential for research into these substances. Both marijuana and psychedelics had been used for thousands of years by mankind for the treatment of maladies of all sorts.

Recently, psilocybin has been shown to be of benefit to veterans suffering from PTSD and marijuana has benefited patients undergoing cancer treatment. In addition, studies have shown that patients using marijuana for the treatment of pain have reduced their use of opioids significantly.

But the placement of these substances into Schedule I in the early 1970s effectively eliminated research into their potential uses for most of the past 50 years.

The recent actions by the Trump administration bring us a step closer to a day when these substances can be studied thoroughly and then regulated at the federal level (similar to alcohol), eventually allowing medical providers at long last to prescribe them to treat patients safely.

# Forum

## LETTERS to the Editor

### FORWARD-THINKING INVITATION: SHARE YOUR VISION AT LISTENING POST

Dear Editor,

As a resident who cares deeply about Winthrop's future, I want to encourage my neighbors to participate in our "Listening Post" sessions. These sessions occur on the last Wednesday of each month through June from 6:00-7:00 pm. in the Harvey Hearing Room. They offer a place for us to gather, either in person or via Zoom, to discuss the road ahead for our community. Our fourth session is May 27.

This is not a venue for rehashing Town Council debates or dwelling on old grievances. Instead, it is an invitation to be forward-thinking. We want to hear your freshest ideas:

What could we do differently? What new concepts would truly invigorate our town?

Most importantly, how can we, as residents, be more helpful in making those visions a reality?

Winthrop's potential is best unlocked when we step

back from the day-to-day friction and look at the bigger picture. Whether you've lived here for decades or just moved in, your perspective is vital to building a vibrant, energized future. All ideas are welcome. If one out of 20 are further considered, I would call that a success.

When I think about examples of interesting ideas--Should we seek a sister town in Italy or Spain? Do we want to have an architecture group in Winthrop consider envisioning what we want our town to look like? How can we better leverage our "seaside charm" to attract small-scale tourism or leisure activities? Who knows what we come up with?

Please join us to share your "what-ifs" and your "why-nots". Let's focus on the possibilities and work together to help Winthrop thrive.

**Suzanne Swope, VP Winthrop Town Council, Precinct 4 Council Member**

### SUPPORT FOR HARVARD WORKERS

Dear Editor,

The following is a letter

sent to Harvard University leadership regarding the ongoing contract negotiations with its academic and student workers from 34 elected across the state of Massachusetts.

"Dear President Garber and Provost Manning,

We, the undersigned political leaders of Massachusetts, call on the Harvard administration to bargain in good faith to come to fair agreements with the Harvard Academic Workers-UAW (HAW-UAW), the union of non-tenured teaching faculty and researchers at Harvard University, and the Harvard Graduate Student Union-UAW (HGSU-UAW), the union of graduate and undergraduate student workers, that sufficiently address their workplace concerns and attend to the high cost of living in the region.

Unions everywhere fight for safe working conditions, and HAW and HGSU members deserve the industry standard protections of grievance and arbitration procedures for issues of discrimination and harassment in the workplace, as well as codified protections for their

international workers. It is also crucial that the democratic rights of members are respected and that these workers are not arbitrarily carved out or excluded from participation in their union.

We understand that both unions have been negotiating a contract with Harvard University for 20 months and 13 months, respectively, and have each called for a strike authorization vote and potential strike action in the event a resolution to negotiations cannot be found. As one of the largest private employers in the region, Harvard has a responsibility to the workers in Massachusetts to treat them with respect and dignity. These workers are the backbone of education and research at Harvard, and they deserve fair recognition of their work that sustains the critical mission of the University.

We urge you to do everything in your power to ensure that these workers receive the contract that they deserve.

**Lydia Edwards  
State Senator**

## 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 April 29, 2016

The Town Council has voted in favor of holding a debt exclusion override election for the proposed Miller Field /Lewis Lake Project. The election will be held on June 21. The project includes tide gate improvements, lake dredging and expansion, and additional stormwater storage within the drainage area of Lewis Lake, as well as the demolition and removal of existing facilities at Miller Field and the design engineering, permitting, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a new track and field and related facilities.

The School Committee has agreed to change the school start times for the 2017-2018 school year, with the middle school day running from 8:30-2:55 and the high school from 7:55-

2:20. The new times will curtail the overlap between high school and middle school students entering and exiting the building.

After hearing residents' complaints that there hasn't been enough community input on the proposed changes to the Summer Tunnel Toll Plaza as MassDOT moves to implement All Electronic Tolling (AET) in Eastie, officials came back with some changes. At a community meeting Monday night, MassDOT presented a plan that tweaked the original design. The new design restores the current turn on to Havre street from Route 1A, eliminates the traffic light for cars attempting to enter tunnel-bound lanes from Porter Street and replaces it with a yield sign, and the green space has been reconfigured from a hilled landscaped area to a flat grassy

area.

Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising and The Secret Life of Pets are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago May 4, 2006

Town Manager Rick White submitted a budget of \$41.6 million for FY 2017 and told the Town Council Monday night that the town's budget constraints will require the elimination of jobs at Town Hall as well as two police officer positions and three workers at the DPW.

The Town Council voted to approve three of Town Council President Tom Reilly's nominations to town boards, but voted 5-3 against the nomination of long-time public servant Richard Dimes to the Planning Board.

The DPW has announced

a monthly street-sweeping program that will begin May 22 and extend through October.

The Chamber of Commerce held a successful \$10,000 dinner with three ticket holders eventually agreeing to split the \$10,000 grand prize.

A group of 10 boys and girls received their First Holy Communion at St. John's Episcopal Church from pastor Rev. Don Milligan recently.

Mission Impossible III and The Haunting are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago May 9, 1996

The selectmen have named former selectman Robert E. Noonan as the new Town Counsel, suc-

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Dimes provided a brief update on stormwater improvements in the Tileston and Girdlestone area.

"I spoke with (public works) Director (Steve) Calla today and he informed me that the design of the stormwater improvements is complete," said Dimes. "There was a meeting today with Pleasant Park Yacht Club to finalize the easement language; once that language is finalized, that easement document will be reviewed by the town of Winthrop general counsel (James) Cipoletta. Once that easement is recorded, we can begin the permitting

process for that project."

Dimes also noted that meetings and work continue on the construction of the new centralized fire station at the old middle school site. In addition, she highlighted improvements that have been made at Ingleside Park so the park can be used by the high school softball team.

"Some of you might have noticed the great improvements that were made to the Ingleside Park softball fields for the varsity girls," said Dimes. "The field looks great; there were some delays in getting things wrapped up with that field

due to wet weather, but things are squared away."

Dimes also said she is going to help organize a clean up at Donovan's Beach in the near future.

"It's a small beach, definitely overlooked," said Dimes. "There are some floating docks up there that have been dislodged and we'll have to have the harbor master come and take a look at that and see what they are going to do with those floating docks."

The Precinct 2 Councilor said Massport, as part of the sound mitigation project, recently announced that it will kick off its replacement window program with 30 homes on Point Shirley this year with plans for additional homes next year.

Dimes was asked about the town's citizens' climate advisory commission, and said that she hoped to see the commission become active again in the near future. She added that she hopes to have a future town hall meeting focusing on Belle

Isle Marsh and environmental issues in the area.

She was also asked about the 3A exemption court case and potential costs to the town.

Dimes noted that at the most recent town council meeting, Town Manager Tony Marino stated that there would be no additional costs to the town because the legal action would be handled by Cipoletta, who is already paid by the town.

"The town manager spoke to that and said, as of now, he does not anticipate any town expenses," said Letterie. "Now, there is a cost of time for any lawyer that works ... but as of now, we cannot see a need for any request to the council to add funds ... we think that the salary of the attorney is going to be sufficient to represent us in this case. Again, there is the cost of the time when he could be doing other things for the town, but there isn't going to be a request for money because of this."

The Revere Journal welcomes letters to the editor.

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## OBITUARIES

### Katherine Hubert

She was a woman of unending Christian faith who will always be known for her Irish Spirit

Katherine B. (Gallagher) Hubert, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, entered peacefully into rest surrounded by loved ones on April 21, 2026.

The loving wife of Daniel, she was the beloved mother of William and his girlfriend, Rachel Janielis, Robert and his fiancé, Sarah Austin, Christine, Rebecca, Jessica, Courtney, Timmy and the late Daniel; devoted sister of Judith Teixeira and her husband, Timothy, Ellen Baxter and her husband, Mark, James P. Gallagher and his partner, MaryBeth Hetherington and the late Amy Gallagher; devoted cat mom to Tater the Great and a cherished aunt, loving cousin, loyal friend to many and lifelong friend of the Delehanty family.

Kathy was first and foremost, a woman of unending Christian faith. She was a caretaker to her mother and also to so many children in the town of Winthrop beginning with Sunshine School and Kathy's Daycare which formed many lasting friendships. Whether she was cooking at Larsen Rink, setting up the chairs at the Seagull beach circle or for the Cape Cod St. Pat's parade, cheering on her boys at the Vikings games or hosting epic Fourth of July parties at Otis Street, Kathy



was steadfastly there for us all.

She will surely be watching over us in heaven especially her beloved husband, Dan and his unwavering devotion to every second of her care especially in her final months. Together they raised Billy and Bobby to become the extraordinary men that they are today. Kathy will always be known for her Irish spirit. Her Facebook friends will miss her way with words that uplifted everyone's day.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, April 28 followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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

### Patricia Delorey

Retired educator remembered her for her commitment to her students, her passion for the arts and her spirited love of life

Patricia Delorey, 95, of Winthrop, passed away on April 26, 2026. Born in

Somerville, she was the beloved daughter of the late Veronica (O'Halloran) and Cy Wentworth. Pat lived in Winthrop for more than 30 years and dedicated many years of her life to education. As a graduate of Regis College, she went on to teach math, science and English.

A person of great warmth and curiosity, Pat cherished the arts. She loved the

theatre and musicals, and she found joy dancing at the dance halls on Revere Beach. Pat's family, friends, and former colleagues remember her for her commitment to her students, her passion for the arts, and her spirited love of life. She was always one to look on the bright side of life, with a quick wit and great sense of humor.

She was the devoted wife of the late Leonard Delorey and the loving mother of Patricia Delorey of Sarasota, Florida, Christine and David Chiasson of Westwood and Leonard Delorey Jr. and



his wife, Jima of Winthrop; dear sister of the late John Wentworth and cherished grandmother of Veronica.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, May 4 from 4 to 7 p.m.. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 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 Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

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

### Gerald Garber

Of Winthrop

Gerald Garber, 86, of Winthrop, died on April 20, 2026 of natural causes. Born on January 25, 1940 to the late Peter and Anna Garber, he is survived by brother Lawrence Garber (Carol), niece Karen Garber (Ransom Stephens) and nephew Steven Garber (Bill

Bonnet). Graveside services will be held at Roumanian American Cemetery in Danvers on Wednesday, May 6 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

### Jayne Marie Romano

A woman of deep faith and multi-time world champion equestrian

Jayne Marie (Ellis) Romano, lovingly known as "Nonie," passed away on April 23, 2026, at the age of 88.

Born on February 25, 1938, in Boston, Jayne was raised in the Mission Hill neighborhood, where she formed the strong foundation of family, faith, and resilience that would guide her throughout her life.

Jayne is survived by her daughter, Paula Jayne Percoco; her granddaughters, Alexandra Jayne and Nicole Marie; her son, Dean Peter Romano, and his wife, Carol Anne; and her grandsons, Dean Peter and Zachary Charles. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Peter Joseph Romano, and her son, Peter Joseph Jr.

In the fall of 1960, she married the love of her life, Peter, with whom she shared a devoted partnership until his passing. Together, they built a successful real estate business and raised their children first in Belmont and later in Weston, Massachusetts. Jayne was deeply committed to education and took great pride in her children's academics, serving on the boards of Saint Sebastian's School and Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Much of Jayne and Peter's life was centered on Cape Cod, where they created a gathering place for their family — boating, biking, running — establishing traditions that grew into a lasting legacy.

Jayne and Peter shared an enduring fervor for travel, journeying across the world—from Egypt to multiple Olympic Games. They spent significant time throughout Europe, immersing themselves in museums and churches. Jayne and Peter had a deep love of art and art history and were avid collectors.

Affectionately called "Nonie" by all who knew and loved her—a name she chose as a grandmother simply because it rhymes with "pony"—Jayne had a lifelong passion for animals. She was a multi-time world champion equestrian, and created treasured memories alongside Paula, Allie, and Nicky, spending summers in Kentucky competing and sharing their love of the sport. Later in life, Jayne lived in Kentucky full-time,



where she immersed herself in her love of horses and built lasting relationships with her closest friends in the horse community.

A woman of deep faith, Jayne was a devoted Catholic who found strength and comfort in her beliefs. She and Peter were deeply involved in St. Joseph's parish in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Together, they attended many pilgrimages, and she was rebaptized in the Jordan River.

Jayne will be remembered for her strength, intellect, clever sense of humor, and her unmistakable sense of grace and polish. Jayne carried herself with dignity and purpose, and her generosity touched all who knew her. Her legacy will be that of a matriarch with an exemplary devotion to her family and to all who were fortunate enough to call her "Nonie."

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, April 30 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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### School Budget // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

tax increases to 2-½ percent per year.

Howard noted that the successful Proposition 2-½ override last year did bring the base budget for the schools from \$37 million to \$40 million for the current school year.

"That allowed us to open this school year with a level service, no cuts to staff and no reductions in programs," said Howard. "The FY27 outlook, the base budget is predicted to increase by about 2-½ percent."

The superintendent said that some people have the perception that with the override, the schools will be getting an additional \$3.5 million per year.

"That's not the case; you get it one time, that's \$3.5 million to improve your base budget, and then you get an annual percentage rate above that which is normally 2-½ to 3 percent," said Howard.

Salary costs and expenses, such as healthcare, are typically much higher than 2-½ percent, according to Howard. Last year, healthcare costs increased 19 percent, she said. While the increase is predicted to be smaller this year, Howard said it will still be around 7 to 8 percent.

"The school budget continues to rely on money from the town, which is the allocated budget from the town, the town's appropriation," said Howard.

The district also looks at its stabilization fund, grants, and state and other earmarks when determining the budget for the coming school year, she said.

The presentation to the school committee did not include the FY26 and FY27 contractual increases because contracts with the teachers, educational support professionals, nurses, and secretaries bargaining units have not been settled.

Using increases for steps and lanes, as well as longevity, the budget for salaries for 26-27 is slated at just under \$25.4 million, according to Howard.

"I'm anticipating that we'll be able to charge \$1.8 million of that to grants, so that is the Title I grant, special ed 240 grant, early childhood grant; those are entitlement grants and on average they stay the same," said Howard.

The superintendent noted that this year and last year there was a contingency line in the budget for potential salary increases as a result of contract negotiations.

"When we don't know what the salary increases are going to be, you have to show the money somewhere; the commitment to improving the salaries of all the staff in the school district especially during contract negotiation years, so that line item is in the current school budget and is called the contingency line item," said Howard. "It doesn't live in the salary lines, which is a little bit deceiving, so I wanted to point that out."

The contingency line can be easily moved to a salary line.

"It's not an exact amount of money but it covers salaries and it also covers expenses, so it's a figure that is a prediction of what the school district may need moving forward," Howard said.

Howard is expected to present the school budget to the finance commission on Monday, May 18 in the Harvey Room at town hall beginning at 6 p.m., with a second session if needed scheduled for Wednesday, May 20.

### Geraldine "Gerry" Cash

She was a woman of unwavering faith known for her warm heart, infectious laugh, and her famous brownies

Geraldine "Gerry" Cash, of Winthrop, passed away peacefully at home on April 21, 2026, at the age of 81 surrounded by and under the loving care of her three daughters.

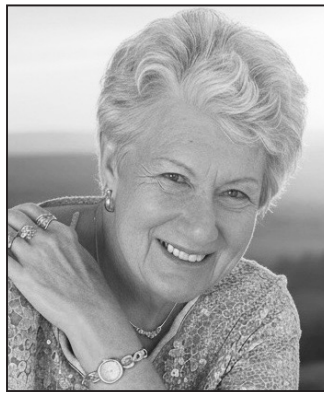
Born and raised in Jamaica Plain, Gerry was the cherished daughter of Byron A. Aldridge and Mary T. (Diggins) Aldridge, and the devoted wife of the late Walter J. "Buddy" Cash. Together, they built a life centered around family, laughter, and unwavering faith.

She was a loving and dedicated mother to Christine Chavis and her husband, Michael of North Andover; Carolyn Gagnon and her husband, Michael of Winthrop; and Danielle Cash-Halderman of Boston. Gerry's greatest joy was her family, and she took immense pride in the lives and accomplishments of her children.

Gerry was a cherished grandmother to Corey Elizabeth and her partner, Kevin Witkum, Meghan Elissa and her husband, Griffin Dalton, Michael John, Katie Elise, and Ryan Joseph. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she treasured every moment spent with them.

She was the dear sister of Nancy Buckley and her husband John of Westwood and Billy Aldridge and his wife, Elizabeth of Walpole. She was predeceased by her sister, Kathy McDonough and her husband, Emmet, and her brother, Bobby, who she missed dearly. She was also the beloved Auntie Gerry to 41 nieces and nephews and a dearest sister-in-law, holding a special place in the hearts of her extended family.

Gerry was known for her warm heart, infectious laugh, and her famous brownies, which brought joy to all who knew her. She had a passion for spend-



ing time with family and friends, sharing meals in the company of her loved ones, and enjoying the simple pleasures of life. Gerry loved reading—rarely without one of her three Kindles close by—and cherished vacations, including a memorable trip to Puerto Rico and many special days spent on Deer Cove Road at Ossipee Lake surrounded by family. She treasured traveling, including many Boston-to-Bermuda cruises, even when no one else was available to accompany her.

Gerry was a woman of deep faith and a devoted member of St. John the Evangelist Church, where she found comfort, strength, and a strong sense of community throughout her life. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Winthrop Senior Center, where Gerry enjoyed playing cards, socializing, day trips, and participating in many activities with her dear friends who brought immense joy into her life.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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

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

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### WINTHROP LODGE OF ELKS 1078 HOSTS ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Recently, the Winthrop Lodge of Elks installed their new officers for the 2026-2027 year, thanks to the Revere Lodge 1178 for their assistance in the ceremony. Lodges from around the

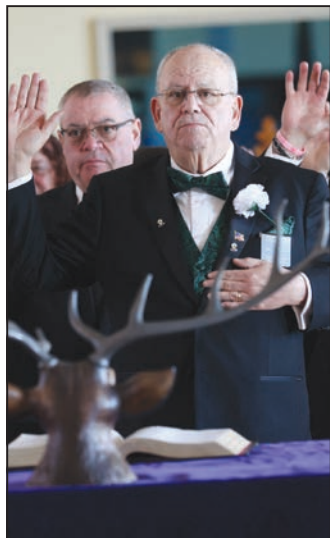
community of Winthrop were on hand to support and wish good luck to the incoming officers and enjoy the wonderful hospitality of the Winthrop Lodge 1078.



The Winthrop Lodge of Elks 1078 newly installed officers: Seated Debra Inacio-Esquire, Roberta Daly-Treasurer, Bettie Dalton-Secretary, Kathy Haskell-Trustee, and Lori Bergerson-Trustee. Standing: Charlie Quint-Chaplin, George Lescaj-Loyal Knight, Michael Westcott-Leading Knight, Paul Dawson-Exalted Ruler, George Lescaj Jr.-Inner Guard, Steven Belmonte-Trustee, Michael Maio-Trustee.



Revere Elk Exalted Ruler Gene Hannon was the installing officer.



Exalted Ruler Paul Dawson takes his oath.



Exalted Ruler Paul Dawson receives the jewel of his office from ER Gene Hannon.



Addressing the lodge members and guests, Exalted Ruler Paul Dawson.



District Deputy Jenny Caputo with her greetings and remarks.



2nd Vice President of the Massachusetts Elks, William Gardner congratulates the officers that were installed and thanked the outgoing team for a job well done.



PER Michael Fuller presents Roberta Daly with a plaque and flowers as Officer of the Year.



PER Michael Fuller presents Brenda Kowalczuk with flowers and a plaque as Elk of the Year.



Dennis Boudrow received a certificate for being an outstanding member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.



PER Michael Fuller presented Patricia Brugner flowers and a certificate for being an outstanding member of Elks Lodge 1078.



Installing Esquire Kimberly Fall receives flowers from PER Michael Fuller for outstanding help during the ceremony.

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ceeding Joseph Harvey, Caruccio passed away Sunday. He was 75. Caruccio operated Michael's Clothing store in the Centre for almost 40 years and was the developer of Michael's Mall. He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club and a charter member of Winthrop Lodge 2057, Order Sons of Italy. He was a veteran of WWII.

School Supt. Joseph Laino told the School Committee that funding the pay raises for teachers pursuant to the new contract will result in the layoff of teachers for FY 1997. Laino also reported that shortfalls in the Special Education account have forced him to take funds from other areas of the school budget.

Local poet E.J. Laino will give a reading of her recently-published book of poetry, Girl Hurt, at the Winthrop

Long-time local business and civic leader Michael

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## Sports

### WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### WHS BOYS LAX AT 9-1 AT HALFWAY MARK; RANKED #4 IN D-4

The Winthrop High boys lacrosse team stands at a sterling 9-1 at the midpoint of their 2026 season and sits atop the standings of the Lynch Division of the Northeastern Conference with a 4-1 record.

The Vikings are ranked fourth in the MIAA's Division 4 power ratings, which came out for the first time this season on Tuesday.

"We had some strong games against Gloucester, Essex Tech, and Salem," said Donnelly. "Our offense has been clicking, and Seth Sacco and Ace Daigneault continue to lead our offense. Seth has an impressive 51 goals on the season with Ace sitting at 46. They can be a truly dominant force on the field, especially when both are rolling."

"Matt Maddalone is back from a short injury and has been battling at faceoffs. Senior attackman Tomas Babine is also adding a lot to our offense and facilitates some excellent play from the X position. Our young guns Tyler Smith, Alex Correa, Mike Ferrara and Tony Bordonaro are also really starting to play with some confidence. Once we get everyone healthy and running on all cylinders, I am hoping they can all really start to see some goals falling," said Donnelly.

"Our defense has been playing excellent lacrosse as well, with Paul Ferrara and Sean Dolen leading the squad," the coach continued. "They are excellent communicators and can find a ground ball in traffic super well. Declan Howard has had some impressive stops and is really growing into an excellent close defender, with fellow senior Chris Beshere continuing to gain confidence and looking good."

Nick Romano remains excellent in net and even got the season's first shut-out in our 12-0 win against

NEC competition Salem."

The Vikings' lone loss came to NEC Dunn Division rival Danvers last Friday, 13-11.

"We had our first loss of the season after traveling to Danvers," Donnelly said. "They were a good squad who matched us pretty well. We were going into the end of the game leading by three, but just couldn't hold on for the win."

"I told the guys it is not about this game, but how we respond to the loss that will make the difference this season. Our players have a lot of fight and if our leaders continue to push themselves and the players around them and some younger guys continue to improve every day, we are going to make some waves in the second half of the season," Donnelly added.

The Vikings, who defeated Malden Catholic this past Monday, 13-2, were scheduled to meet NEC Dunn Division rival Peabody yesterday (Wednesday) and will host Swampscott tomorrow (Friday) in a contest for supremacy of the NEC's Lynch Division.

They will trek to Shawheen Tech on Monday and to Masconomet next Thursday.

#### WHS BASEBALL TEAM WINS TWO OF THREE

After a 12-2 loss last Wednesday to an undefeated (11-0) Gloucester squad that is ranked among the top teams in the state, the Winthrop High baseball team bounced back for a pair of victories over Salem on Friday and Ipswich on Saturday.

In the Gloucester contest, Joseph Dalton got the start for the Vikings, with Danny Connolly and Carmen DePrisco also seeing time on the mound. Joseph Pumpfret had two hits and a run scored, Dominic Spinale added two hits, Ricky Mackenzie chipped in with a hit, and DePrisco hit a home run late in the game,

#### WHS LADY VIKING SOFTBALL FALLS IN HOME OPENER TO DANVERS

The varsity softball team of Winthrop High School had their home opening game last Monday after-

noon at Ingleside Park. Taking on Danvers High School the Lady Vikings were defeated by a score of 13-1,

bringing their 2026 season record to an overall 4-5-1, and a league standing of 2-1. The WHS Softball has

a 3rd place standing in the league. They will be away until May 2nd at 11am vs. Bishop Fenwick.



Head Coach Erin Vercryusse, Asst. Coaches Steve Indrisano and Robert Boncore with the 2026 WHS Softball Team.



Sophie Boncore warms up before the game last Monday afternoon at Ingleside Park, where the Winthrop Lady Vikings took on Danvers High School for their home opener for the 2026 season.

one of the few bright spots for Winthrop on the day. Braedon Lounsbury also had an RBI for the Viking nine.

"Gloucester is undefeated and has a very, very strong team," said WHS

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Head Coach Erin Vercryusse with her Viking Captains, lucky 7/11 Sofia Gonzalez and Francesca Indrisano.



Senior Jenna Whitehead with Head Coach Erin Vercryusse.



Captain Sofia Gonzalez fields a ground ball.



Kylie McFarland grabs a fly ball.

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are also graduates of the school.

"The school has a history in our family, so I'm very excited to go there and continue that tradition," said Martucci. "Salem State has excellent facilities with its hockey rink right on campus. The athletic director (Nicole Wood) is a very, very nice person with whom my wife played college soccer. It's a great situation for me. It's tough to leave Winthrop, but this is a position I was offered in the past, and I felt now was the right time."

Martucci's record at Winthrop High was superb, leading the Vikings to seven conference championships and 17 state tournament berths. He guided Winthrop to back-to-back undefeated seasons in 2022 and 2023, a streak of 36 consecutive games. His career record was a superlative 227 wins,

89 losses, and 28 ties. Several of Martucci's players went on to compete and excel in college hockey.

Martucci said he was grateful to the Winthrop athletic directors for whom he worked, including Rob O'Leary, who appointed him as head coach, Peter Gobiell, and Matt Serino, and current AD Mark DeGregorio.

#### Praise from Winthrop leaders

DeGregorio said, "I've had the pleasure of knowing Butch for a very long time. I've known him on a business level and a personal level. I consider him one of the better coaches to have come through here. It's honestly a very tough loss for Winthrop High School. Any time you lose a good coach, it's tough, but someone who has given as much time and dedication as he has to our

girls hockey program and providing any resources they ever needed – he's basically what you look for in a coach. I'm very excited for him being able to move on to the next level because I know that's something he's wanted to do for quite some time. And it's not very often that you get to continue to coach your daughter the way he's going to be able to do. I think this opportunity was too good to pass up."

WHS boys hockey coach Dale Dunbar congratulated Martucci on his new position.

"I think it's awesome for him," said Dunbar. "He started a program here in women's hockey that really flourished under his coaching. He put his heart and soul into it, and now he's getting rewarded for it. I think it's going to be a great fit for him and a great fit for Salem State. They're lucky

to have him, and I wish him well. He built Winthrop into a great program, and I'm sure he'll do the same at Salem State."

#### Recruitment efforts begin

Martucci has begun recruiting efforts for his 2026-27 team. One of the entering freshman players is Winthrop High's All-Star goaltender, Riley Towse. Players from North Dakota and Canada are also committed to Salem State as well as a talented senior from Newburyport.

Martucci has announced his incoming assistant coaches, former Winthrop and Salem State elite player Bella Perrotti, and former Malden Catholic and Wentworth star Dana Price, whose daughter, Mia Price, played at Winthrop High School.

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## WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 years ago April 29, 2016

The Winthrop High boys tennis team won two matches and narrowly lost a third this past week to raise its record to 5-1 with victories Peabody in the morning and Malden Catholic in the afternoon in an unusual doubleheader last Wednesday. The Vikings warmed up for its afternoon contest with a total shutout of Peabody in the AM. Winthrop did not lose a set to the Tan-ners in four matches and

won the second doubles match by forfeit to claim a 5-0 win. Noah Hodgkins (first singles), Mike Norris (second singles), Jake LaFratta (third singles), and Robbie Miles/Matt Sennott (first doubles) all won their matches by scores of 6-0, 6-0. The tandem of Corey Cherico and Kyle Dalton were the entrants at second doubles. A few hours later, the Vikings claimed a 5-0 shutout victory over Malden Catholic. Hodgkins once again dominated his foe at

first singles, 6-0, 6-0. Norris was a 6-3, 6-0 winner at second singles and LaFratta cruised 6-1, 6-0 at third singles. The combo of Miles/Sennott triumphed 6-0, 6-2 at first doubles and the tandem of Cherico/James Forster claimed a 6-0, 6-2 win at second doubles.

Jack Wallace spun a masterful four-hitter and his teammates provided plenty of support to power the WHS baseball team to a 9-2 victory over Gloucester this past week. Wallace went all

seven innings, fanning eight opponents, in a dominating performance against the Fishermen. At the plate, the Vikings were led by Matt Feeley, who went 2-for-4 with three runs scored and an RBI, and Jaiden Brown, who was 2-for-4 with two RBI and one run scored.

The Winthrop High girls lacrosse team claimed a pair of victories this past week. Abby Carleton scored four goals to pace the Lady Vikings to a 7-5 win over Malden. Julia Duplin added

a pair of goals and Alyssa Ferrara potted a solo tally. Coach Bridget Dullea's crew then rolled past Saugus, 16-4, in which Carleton accounted for half of the Winthrop scoring output, reaching the back of the Saugus net for eight goals. Duplin pumped in five goals and had five assists.

The Winthrop High softball team is off to a slow start, but WHS head coach Dave Guffey and his crew are hopeful of turning their season around in the days

ahead. The Lady Vikings' lone victory came in a wild 17-15 shootout at Nantucket during the vacation week. The Lady Vikings were cruising with a 16-2 lead when starting pitcher Taylor Thomas, who had allowed just six hits in five innings, was struck by a line drive and had to leave the game. Gabbie Kenniston led the WHS offensive output — in which every Lady Viking

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head coach Tom Capasso. "We just could not stop their offense."

In the 10-2 romp over Salem at Veterans Field, Dominic Spinale started for Winthrop and beat Salem for the second time in a week. Dom pitched five strong innings, allowing only two hits and an unearned run while striking out seven Witches and walking none.

Jimmy Lyman came in for the final two frames, yielding only one earned run while fanning two.

Bradeon Lounsbury led the Winthrop offense with two hits, a run scored, and three RBI. Also contributing to the Viking output, their best production at the plate since the season-opener, were Danny Connolly with a hit, a run scored, and an RBI; Carmen DePrisco with a run scored and an RBI; catcher Braylen Ancillo with two hits and two RBI; Lyman with two runs scored; and Charlie Ferrara with a run scored.

Capasso's Vikings once again were aggressive on the base paths. Winthrop stole six bases, two each by Ferrara and Lyman and one apiece by DePrisco and Steven Barron.

The Vikings made the long trek to Ipswich on Sat-

urday and returned home with what Capasso termed, "arguably the most exciting game we have played this year."

Lounsbury went the full seven-inning distance on the mound, allowing three earned runs, striking out three, and throwing over 100 pitches (105) for the first time in his career.

The contest was a seesaw affair throughout. After the Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the opening inning, Winthrop took the lead with three markers in the third and added two more in the fifth for a 5-1 advantage.

Ipswich scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to close the gap to 5-3, setting the stage for a dramatic bottom of the seventh. The Tigers opened the inning with a pair of base hits to place runners at the corners, and a subsequent steal of second placed both runners into scoring position with none out.

Lounsbury then made one of the biggest plays of the season, picking off the Tiger runner at second base on a great tag by Joe Pumphret. A ground-out to Pumphret brought in the runner from third, leaving two out and none on.

The next Tiger hitter

drilled a ball into the gap between center and right, but Viking center fielder DePrisco came out of nowhere and made an incredible diving catch to end the game.

"Last year I saw Timmy Vargas throw a no-hitter against Swampscott and I did not think I would ever see a more exciting game (Winthrop won that contest last year, 2-0), but today's game was just as, if not more, exciting and entertaining," said Capasso. "The kids really performed under pressure. The coaching staff was extremely proud of how they showed up to play."

Offensively for Winthrop, Pumphret had a hit and two runs scored; Spinale had a hit and a run scored; Ferrara also had a hit and a run scored; Connolly added a hit; Joseph Dalton had an RBI; and Lounsbury helped his own cause with a hit and three RBI.

Winthrop again was able to cause mischief on the bases with four more steals, one each by Pumphret, Ferrara, Spinale, and Michael Barron.

Capasso and his crew, who stand at 5-6 at the midpoint of their season, will host Revere this Saturday at 2:00. They will entertain

Saugus next Monday and Swampscott next Wednesday.

### TOUGH STRETCH FOR WHS SOFTBALL

The Winthrop High softball team encountered a bit of a rough stretch during the vacation week, dropping three contests.

Last Monday, the Vikings absorbed their first mercy loss of the season, 13-1, to perennial Northeastern Conference power Danvers on Winthrop's new field at Ingleside Park.

Fran Indrisano and Norah Zaffini accounted for the Vikings' only hits. Jenna Whitehead was awarded the Viking of the Game award for a couple of great catches out in right field.

Two days later the Winthrop bats again were silent in a 6-0 loss at Gloucester. The contest stood at a 0-0 deadlock through four innings until the Lady Fishermen, who are ranked seventh in the state, finally broke through.

"It was a great all-around effort by the team," said WHS head coach Erin Ver-cruysse. Molly Titemore earned Viking of the Game honors for her outstanding work in centerfield where she made seven catches on the day.

This past Friday the Vi-

kings came out on the short end of a 9-6 decision at Salem. The loss was a heart-breaker for Winthrop, with the outcome decided by a three-run walk-off homer by a Witch in the bottom of the seventh.

Junior captain Sofia Gonzalez enjoyed a strong day at the plate. Sofia doubled in the first inning and singled in the third and fifth frames. Fran Indrisano and Lucy Boncore each drove in two runs, and Boncore had 10 strikeouts in the circle.

Junior Brianna Rizzotto earned Viking of the Game honors with five put-outs in left field, including a diving catch.

Ver-cruysse and her crew, who stand at 4-7 at the half-way mark of the season, were scheduled to travel to Peabody yesterday (Wednesday) and will host Bishop Fenwick Saturday afternoon at 2:00. They will trek to Saugus on Monday and to Swampscott next Wednesday.

### KEY STRETCH FOR GIRLS LACROSSE; RANKED 24TH IN D-4

The Winthrop High girls lacrosse team, which had the week off, will return to action with a busy stretch of five matches in 10 days.

Coach Anthony Hatzis-avas's squad is ranked 24th in the MIAA's Division 4 power ratings.

The Lady Vikings, who stand at 4-3, traveled to Peabody this past Tuesday and will stay on the road to Swampscott today (Thursday), to Georgetown on Friday, and to Revere on Monday before returning to Miller Field next Thursday to take on Masconomet.


### D'AMICO SHINES AT NEC MEET

Winthrop track standout Thomas D'Amico turned in a strong performance at last week's Northeastern Conference Spring Challenge that was held at Newell Stadium in Gloucester.

Thomas placed in three events: fourth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:04.84; fifth in the triple jump with a final landing of 36'-3"; and sixth in the 400 dash with a clocking of 55.54.


Teammate Sean Mcgloin also turned in a nice effort at the meet, coming across the line in eighth place in the 2-mile with a time of 12:26.70.

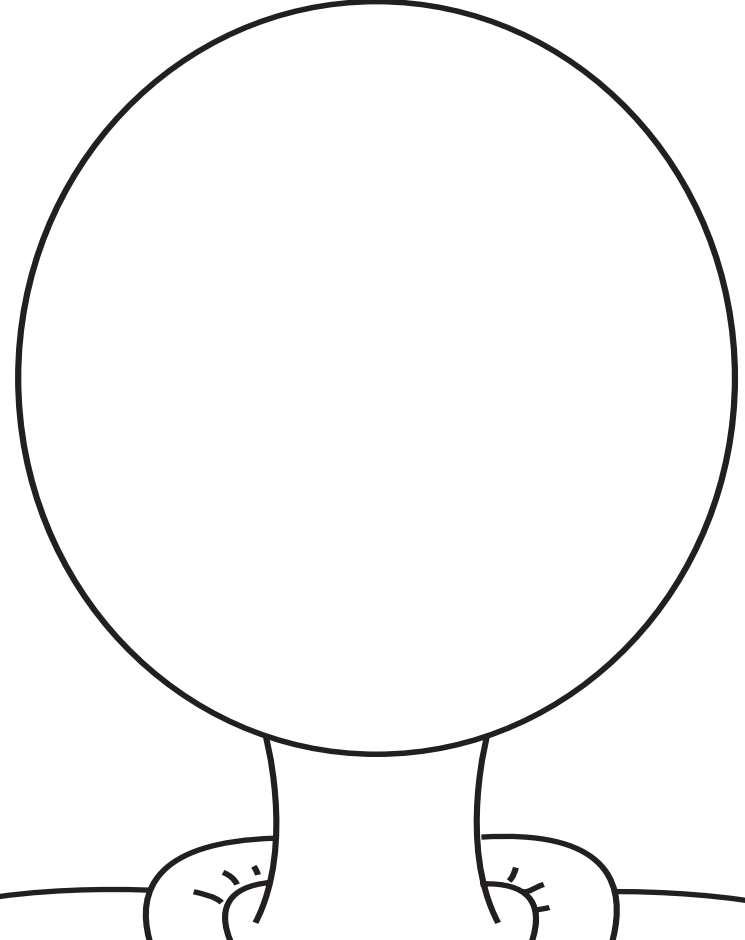
Both the Viking girls and boys outdoor track and field teams will be back in action today (Thursday) with a meet at Miller Field.



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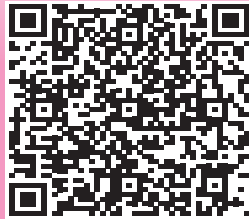
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## Contracts // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Our lowest paid workers are struggling to make ends meet. Our special education staff are stretched to their breaking point. Instead of getting back to the table to fix these issues, the School Committee leadership is giving ultimatums and using the law to avoid talking to Winthrop's educators."

In a statement, WTA leaders said they feel like agreements for the four contracts could be within reach, and are confused as to why the School Committee abruptly refused to continue negotiations.

"The idea that this crisis can't be resolved by continued negotiating, collaboration, and creative thinking is ridiculous," said John Cross, the Union's Vice-President and a WPS parent. "We have held seven bargaining sessions for our teachers over 12 months, far fewer than that for our support staff units. We've held a total of two bargaining sessions this calendar year."

While the School Committee continues to say that the hurdles to agreements are solely budgetary, Union members stated otherwise.

"Our Union thinks these contracts could be resolved for \$40,000-\$50,000 total over the three year contract not the millions of dollars that the School Committee would have the public believe," said Daniela Foley, a teacher at the Arthur T. Cummings. "The reality is it does not cost a dollar to give every worker a copy

of their job description. It doesn't cost any money to give special educators a voice in how their days are scheduled. There is no cost to treating educators with respect, dignity, and trust."

The WTA encouraged educators and the public to visit the WTA Bargaining Headquarters for information related to bargaining at <https://bit.ly/WinthropHQ>.

On Tuesday afternoon, the school committee released its own statement on the negotiations process, stating it remains committed to reaching an expedient resolution to the collective bargaining process with the Winthrop Teachers' Association.

"The Committee's goal is for a resolution that results in a fair contract for our school staff while meeting our obligation to provide a quality education for our students, ensuring the long-term financial stability of the district, and avoiding any cuts to staffing and/or programming," the statement read. "After almost a year of bargaining, including 20 in-person bargaining sessions and numerous proposed dates for additional bargaining sessions, emails, and phone calls with Winthrop Teachers' Association leadership and bargaining team, we hold the position that obtaining fair and impartial outside mediation is the best way to bring this process to a swift conclusion."

The school commit-

tee stated it was grateful to the teachers, staff, and members of the community who attended the April 27th School Committee meeting.

"Their voices were heard," they stated. "In an effort of continued good faith, the School Committee will continue to meet with the WTA while the mediation process is initiated, and dates have been proposed to the WTA for the next bargaining sessions to WTA leadership."

The School Committee maintains that the April 14 proposal to the Winthrop Teachers' Association, inclusive of 47 new benefit/contract language change Tentative Agreements across the four WTA units, reflects a significant investment in overall compensation and addresses key priorities raised by the WTA during negotiations and is the maximum level of sustainable investment without impacting staffing, programs, or services

"We will continue to provide transparent, detailed, and accessible information to our negotiation partners and the public about the projected costs and financial impact of our proposals, including salaries, benefits, and other contract changes," the school committee statement read.

The school committee has its hub for information on the collective bargaining process on its page of the Winthrop Public Schools website.

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in the lineup had a base hit — with a prodigious day at the plate, going 4-for-5 with two homers, three runs scored, and four RBI. Nina Bartlett went 2-for-5 with a roundtripper, an RBI, and two runs scored.

### 20 years ago April 20, 2006

The WHS baseball team improved to 2-3 with a 9-7 victory over Matignon Tuesday at Veterans Field. Chris Carew had two hits, including a 350-foot triple to center. Shortstop Vin Eruzione, who is hitting a sizzling .444, had a base hit and a sacrifice fly. Jarrett Herdt struck out nine and allowed just three hits over five innings to pick up the win.

Junior left-hander Sarah Carroll struck out eight No. Quincy batters in three innings of relief to preserve a 10-4 victory for the WHS softball team, which now is 3-1 on the season. Su-

zanne Martucci led the 13-hit Lady Viking attack with four hits, scoring three runs and adding an RBI from her lead-off spot. Kristen Finn was 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

### 30 years ago April 25, 1996

The WHS baseball team reeled off three straight wins this week, 5-3 over Danvers, 10-5 over Gloucester, and 17-0 over Marblehead, to improve to 4-2 on the season. Stephen Chicos, John Dowd, and Tommy Reilly, all southpaw hurlers, were credited with the wins.

The WHS boys track team is 2-0 after wins of 84-42 over Beverly and 89-33 over Danvers. WHS head coach Pat McGee's outdoor track teams are an amazing 125-12-1 since McGee took over the boys' program in 1981.

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## Walsh earns GOP nomination for Massachusetts AG office

Special to the Transcript

On Saturday, April 25, Michael Walsh secured the GOP's nomination for Massachusetts Attorney General, setting up a general election contest this November against incumbent Andrea Campbell.

Walsh, an attorney with more than a decade of litigation experience, has positioned his campaign around themes of government accountability, transparency, and adherence to the rule of law. Supporters point to his ongoing legal work and engagement with municipalities across the Commonwealth as evidence of his commitment to those priorities. He is a fierce advocate for the Legislature audit in which 72% of the Commonwealth's residents voted for.

In Winthrop and across the Commonwealth, Attorney Walsh has drawn particular attention for his

involvement in legal challenges related to the state's MBTA Communities Act. The law, which requires certain municipalities to establish districts allowing ultra high-density residential development by-right, has been the subject of litigation brought by Andrea Campbell against several communities, including Winthrop. Walsh has supported efforts opposing the mandate, emphasizing local control and Home Rule in the face of what supporters describe as state overreach.

Winthrop resident Diana Viens formally nominated Walsh at the convention. Viens, who has worked alongside Walsh on local issues, described him as a dedicated advocate for communities navigating state-level policy challenges.

"Across Massachusetts, he has consistently shown up, engaged with residents, and taken on complex legal



Gregg Richards (Shrewsbury Selectman), Attorney Diana Viens (Winthrop), Attorney Michael Walsh (Lynnfield).

issues affecting cities and towns," Viens said.

As the campaign moves toward November, Walsh's supporters say his legal background and focus on municipal concerns resonate with voters seeking a change in the Attorney General's Office and a renewed

focus on protecting the public rather than political interests.

Viens gave the nomination speech. Richards then seconded the motion and gave his speech. Walsh then gave his speech and was very well received by the crowd.

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library this week.

Last Dance, The Great White Hype, and Barb Wire are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago May 14, 1986

More than 200 residents presented a petition with more than 2000 signatures to the School Committee demanding that the committee name long-time WHS Asst. Principal Matthew Boyle as the new principal at the high school. The selection committee named by the School Committee had submitted the names of four finalist candidates for the post, all of whom are from out of town. After a tumultuous meeting, the School Committee voted to add Boyle and three other candidates to the list of finalists.

Governor Michael Dukakis announced this week that the Suffolk County House of Correction at Deer Island, long a thorn in the side of Winthrop residents, will be moved to a site on the Southeast Expressway in Boston to make way for the MWRA sewage treatment plant on Deer Island.

JoJo Dancer, Saving Grace, and The Money Pit are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 50 years ago May 12, 1976

Residents are mourning the passing this week of Winthrop native and long-time police officer Charles DeMinico. DeMinico made his last appearance in public two weeks ago when the baseball diamond at Ingle-side Park was dedicated in his honor. DeMinico, a left-hander, was a star pitcher at Winthrop High in 1939 and 1940 and later played professional baseball. He was a roommate of Boston Brave star pitcher Warren Spahn when the duo were in the minor leagues.

Town Meeting members initially approved a request by the selectmen for an appropriation of \$120,000 to renovate Ingle-side Park, but then defeated the proposal upon reconsideration. Town Meeting last week also defeated a proposal to renovate all of the town's parks. In another controversial matter, members defeated an article submitted by the Planning Board that would have halted the construction of new apartment buildings in the town.

Former resident Paul La-Camera has been named the Director of Community Services at WCVB-TV.

Ryan O'Neal and Marisa

Berenson star in Barry Lyndon at the Kincade Theatre.

### 60 years ago May 12, 1966

The School Committee approved a motion by member John Canavan Jr. to reopen the former high school building on Pauline St. after the committee had met with the State Inspector of Buildings and agreed to make certain repairs to the building to make it safe and up to code. The committee now will go to the Advisory Committee to request a transfer from the Reserve Fund for the repairs. The new Winthrop High School building has solved only one-third of the overcrowding problem in the town's schools, with classes being held in make-shift classrooms in the basements of the Dalrymple and Chase elementary schools and the Willis junior high school.

Civil Defense Director Jerry Wyman was honored at a testimonial dinner by state and local officials at the King's Grant in Danvers.

Boston Patriot star defensive end Bob Dee will be the guest speaker at the Father and Son Communion Breakfast Sunday at the Holy Rosary Church.

Sean Connery stars in Thunderball, the latest James Bond movie, at the Revere Drive In.

### 70 years ago May 10, 1956

The Mass. House will take up reconsideration of a bill that was filed by State Senator Andrew P. Quigley that was passed by the Senate to have the state pay Winthrop's \$22,000 share for the cost of rebuilding the Belle Isle Bridge.

Elphie St. Pierre is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

The Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club has presented a portrait of Msgr. Richard J. Quinlan, the late former pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, to the church.

Audie Murphy stars in To Hell and Back at the Revere Drive In.

### 80 years ago May 9, 1946

Police Officer Edward Van Dalinda, one of three brothers with the Winthrop P.D., recently was thanked by a motorist from Providence, R.I. who had lost his way in

town, but was escorted to the Reynolds Funeral Home by Off. Van Dalinda.

The town is mourning the

passing of one of its foremost citizens, William J. Cawthorne, who died suddenly this week when he was stricken with a heart attack at the annual ball of the Winthrop Community Hospital last week at the Cottage Park Y.C. Cawthorne was 49.

Claudette Colbert and Orson Welles star in Tomorrow Is Forever at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

### 90 years ago May 9, 1936

Parents of children in grades 1-3 at the Shirley St. School are up in arms that their children now must walk to the Highland School, where they have been moved for afternoon sessions, because the Shirley St. school is being renovated.

Charles H. Barrett, Winthrop's last surviving Civil War veteran, passed away this week at the age of 91. Barrett, who had been living at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea for the past five years, enlisted in the Union Army as a drummer boy at the age of 16.

The massive Boulder Dam on the Colorado River officially opened this week.

The assessors have announced that the tax rate for 1936 will be \$28.00, an increase of \$1.00 over 1935.

### 100 years ago May 8, 1926

John McNaught, a veteran of 109 engagements in the Civil War, passed away this week at the age of 85. McNaught was one of our best-known residents and had served as the custodian at Town Hall for 33 years.

The Rev. John T. O'Brien will lead a retreat for men this weekend at St. John the Evangelist Church.

The high school orchestra gave its annual concert before a large crowd Friday evening at the Winthrop Theatre. Miss Ruth Howard rendered soprano solos.

### 110 years ago May 13, 1916

The Winthrop High School Congress took up and debated many issues recently. Among the matters adopted by the students were: compulsory military drilling for all high school students; the teaching of the Spanish language in the high school; a call for military intervention in Mexico; the creation of a global army drawn from all nations to keep world peace; a single term of six years for the President; the reduction of the weight of final exams on the final grade at the high school from 1/3 to 1/5; and the introduction of boxing at the high school.

Townpeople are mourning the passing of a local 13 year-old girl who had developed a blister on her heel that resulted in blood poisoning.

### 120 years ago May 12, 1906

Although state and local officials agree about the need to fortify Deer Island for the military protection of Boston Harbor, questions have been raised about the potential for damage to property in the town when the guns are fired at practice.

The Mothers Jewels of the House Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held its annual mite box opening and May Basket party in the vestry Wednesday afternoon. Handsome May baskets were presented to 103 little ones.

The Winthrop California Fund for the victims of the San Francisco earthquake has reached \$1789.

### 130 years ago May 9, 1896

The Winthrop Beach Hotel has made numerous improvements to its premises for the coming summer season.

A movement has started in town for the construction of a golf course, probably consisting of only nine

holes, to be laid out on the beautiful Emerson-Lowell estate at Court Park. A course already has been staked out and the first round of golf may be played on Memorial Day.

### 140 years ago May 14, 1886

The new wharf at Cottage Park, extending 600 feet into the harbor, will make for a grand promenade.

Mr. Cutter is keeping a nice supply of vegetables. Asparagus is 20 cents for a bunch and radishes are 10 cents. All vegetables may be delivered.

Dr. Buswell has all of the modern appliances on hand for first-class dentistry. All manner of plate work can be furnished or repaired.

The electric railroad question should be settled shortly. Many in town feel that the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad Co., which recently assumed operation of the so-called Peanut Train line, will do right by the town and it is hoped that the company will extend the steam line tracks to encircle the town without disturbing the town's roads. However, selectmen Smith and Irvin recently returned from New Jersey, where they observed an electric train line in operation and marveled at it.

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# DCR advises the public on fire safety as camping season kicks off

Special to the Journal

As camping season gets underway across the state park system, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is urging residents and visitors to take precautions to prevent wildfires, as new data shows a continuing trend of longer periods of time each year when fires are likely to occur. DCR's 2025 wildfire data also shows wildfire activity has returned to more typical levels following unusually high numbers of wildfires in late 2024.

"As more people head outdoors this time of year, it's important to understand that the risk of wildfires in Massachusetts is increasing and we're having longer fire seasons than in the past," said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. "The vast majority of these fires are caused by human activity -- and it's on all of us to help prevent them.

By taking simple steps, we can protect our parks, forests and communities from damage."

In 2025, Massachusetts experienced 1,161 wildfires burning a total 925 acres. Those numbers are down from 2024, when 1,300 fires burned 4,623 acres -- a spike driven by an extended drought, dry soils and dry windy conditions. Late in 2024, several factors made fires more likely, including multi-day wind events, low humidity, and fallen leaves that added more fuel for fires.

Despite the year-over-year decline in wildfires, the data continues to show a broader trend of fires occurring earlier in the year, extending Massachusetts' wildfire season. In the past decade, Massachusetts has continued to see consistent fire activity in earlier months of the year, when winter snowpack has historically helped reduce the chance of fires. Shorter win-

ters with less snow have allowed for dryer conditions, which have contributed to longer windows of wildfire risk across the state.

"Since nearly all of the wildfires we are experiencing are caused by some form of human behavior, we can have a good chance of bringing our numbers down through educating the public," said Chief Fire Warden Dave Celino. "We want the public to understand that wildfires indeed happen in Massachusetts and that humans are the main cause. If we all take responsibility, we can prevent a lot of damage and potential injury."

Less than 11 percent of last year's wildfires were due to natural or undetermined causes. More than 89 percent were caused by human activity, the vast majority of which were accidental. Improper brush burning, open burns, illegal debris burning and failure to fully extinguish fires are among the most common causes of

accidental wildfires.

Below are tips for preventing some of the most common causes of wildfires:

- Always fully extinguish a fire by pouring water on the site and stirring the burned materials until there is no sound of hissing and they feel cool to the touch.

- Clear fallen leaves, dry grass or any other flammable vegetation or material within a radius of at least 10 feet of the fire prior to lighting it.

- Avoid lighting fires during stretches of dry weather, or on particularly windy days.

- During burning season, obtain a permit from your local fire department.

- Have extinguishing materials on hand at all times, including water, shovels and rakes.

- Burn one small pile of material at a time and add to it slowly.

- When using a charcoal grill, properly dispose of

coals using a metal container with a lid once they have fully cooled. Do not dispose of coals outside.

- When using a propane grill, check tanks for leaks months ahead of use.

- All grills should be positioned away from structures and deck railings, and out from under building eaves or overhanging branches.

To reduce the risk of fire damage to your house, homeowners are recommended to:

- Regularly clear leaves and pine needles from roofs and gutters.

- Clear leaves from under decks and stairs, as well as within a 5-foot radius of all structures.

- Maintain lawns and native grasses to a height no higher than four inches.

Additional guidance for fire safety, as well as a list of requirements enforced by the state's open burn law, can be found online.

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- 12:30-2:30pm Mahjong Lessons (pre-registration required)
- 3:30pm-5:30pm Movie Day: The Pelican Brief (pre-registration required)

#### TUESDAY

- 9:30am-10:30am Exercise (\$1)
- 10:30am-11:30am Spanish with Pete
- 11:00am-12:00pm Blood Pressures
- 12:30pm-2:30pm Art with Dawn (\$6)

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:15am-10:15am Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 10:00am-12:00pm Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group
- 10:30am-11:30am Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
- 11:45am-12:45pm Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)
- 12:15-1:45pm Italian with Michael
- 1:00pm-2:30pm Senior CharliCard Sign Up (appointment required)

#### THURSDAY

- 9:00am-3:00pm Medical Pedicures (\$30; cash only. Appointment required)
- 9:30am-10:30am Exercise (\$1)
- 12:00pm-12:30pm Dine-In Lunch (must order by 11am Wednesday)
- 12:45pm-3:00pm Bingo

#### FRIDAY

- 9:00am-10:00am Yoga with Trish (\$5)
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LEGAL NOTICE  
Library Air Conditioner Replacement

The TOWN OF WINTHROP invites sealed bids from Contractors for "Library Air Conditioner Replacement". Bids will be received until: 10:00 AM on May 14, 2026 at the Procurement Office, Town Hall Room #12A, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Immediately following the deadline for bids all qualified bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149. Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the

contractor to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. The TOWN OF WINTHROP reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so.  
TOWN OF WINTHROP  
Dylan Cook  
Procurement Officer / CFO

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WINTHROP ZONING BOARD OF

### APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at or after 6:30 p.m., held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting:

Project Address: 54 Otis Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Applicant Name/ Address: Otis Street Realty Trust 2025, 54 Otis Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

The Applicant seeks a permit

to construct a two and a half story single family structure to be constructed on a lot that consists of 4000 square feet. This is in noncompliance with respect to minimum lot size requirement. In the alternative, a request for a variance pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, §10 or any other relief that the Board finds necessary.

The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chair  
Denise Quist, Town Clerk  
Winthrop Planning Board

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Docket No. SU24P0944PM  
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Date: April 17, 2026  
Stephanie L Everett, Esq  
Register of Probate

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# MBTA and MassDOT celebrate Earth Day with Blue Line station cleanup

Special to the Journal

In honor of Earth Day 2026, dozens of employees from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) volunteered to cleanup eight stations along the MBTA Blue Line: Maverick, Airport, Wood Island, Orient Heights, Suffolk Downs, Beachmont, Revere Beach and Wonderland Stations. This year's focus on the Blue Line reflects the MBTA's rotating, systemwide approach to Earth Day service efforts. Now in its fourth year, the employee-led cleanup initiative has previously focused on stations and corridors along the Orange Line, Red Line, and Fairmount Line, ensuring that communities across

the network benefit each year.

"MBTA and MassDOT employees take pride in the communities we serve, and these cleanup efforts along the Blue Line reflect our shared responsibility and desire to keep the environment clean and our system welcoming for all," said Interim Secretary General Phillip Eng.

Sustainability is a core priority for the MBTA. Initiatives like the annual Earth Day cleanup support broader efforts to reduce environmental impact and build a more resilient transit network. Through its strategic planning and climate work, the MBTA is focused on modernizing infrastructure, improving sustainability, and supporting mode shift to public transportation. In September 2024, the

MBTA released its Climate Assessment, which outlines progress to date and identifies next steps to advance sustainability and resilience across the system.

In addition to its climate planning work, the MBTA is advancing sustainability through major fleet modernization and mode shift investments across bus and commuter rail. The agency continues to deploy hybrid and battery-electric buses and invested in supporting infrastructure like the fully funded Arborway battery-electric bus facility.

The MBTA is in the midst of the Better Bus Project, which will help to make riding the bus a first choice for more riders by improving accessibility, reliability, safety, and the overall experience.

The MBTA is also mov-

ing forward with Regional Rail modernization, including a new joint procurement for battery-electric and Tier-4 low-emissions locomotives that will support quieter, cleaner, and more reliable service, building on investments already underway such as battery-electric service on the Fairmount Line.

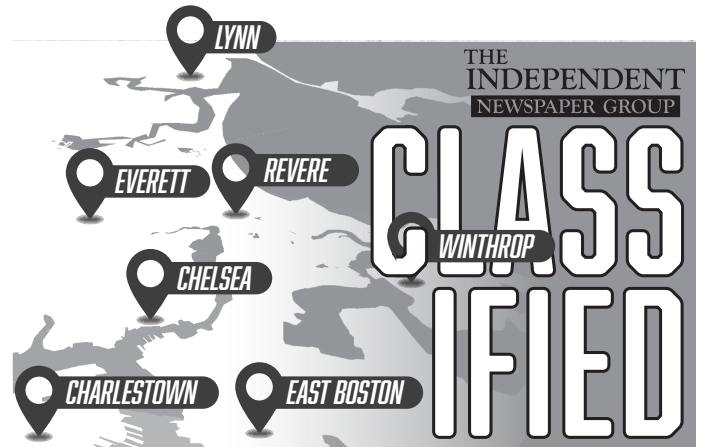
The MBTA also thanks its riders for doing their part. Whether choosing the bus, subway, commuter rail, ferry, or paratransit, public transportation helps to reduce traffic congestion and lowers greenhouse gas emissions. Public transportation in the region produces significantly fewer emissions per passenger mile than single-occupancy vehicles, and as ridership increases, the environmental and sustainability benefits are anticipated to grow.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include



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Shown (above and below) are some of the employees from the MBTA and MassDOT who volunteered to cleanup eight stations along the MBTA Blue Line



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RICHIE SCANNELLI



Richard Scannelli recently celebrated his 72 Birthday. From all of us at the Winthrop Transcript, happy birthday, and here's to another year of health and happiness!

# Shirley Street paving to be completed by beginning of summer

By Adam Swift

Work on Shirley Street in connection with gas line work done by National Grid last summer should be completed by the beginning of the summer.

At last week's town council meeting, Precinct 3 Councilor Joseph Romano said he has received a number of questions from residents about the roadwork. "National Grid did a gas line project last summer,

(and) the gas line work ... has been completed," said Town Manager Tony Marino. "What they are doing now is making repairs to the sidewalk."

Marino said the town received money from National Grid that was put into the town's paving account.

"Through our paving contractors, we will be making sure the roadway gets what is called a mill and overlay," said Marino. "They will grind the road down and put

new pavement down."

The town manager said the work should be done by the end of June.

"That is the process, and we will have it done before the summertime kicks off," Marino said.

In other business, there were several new firefighters sworn in at the beginning of last week's meeting, and several current firefighters who were promoted.

Jean Suazo Diaz, Derek Goodwin, and Chris Be-

ranger were officially sworn in as Winthrop firefighters.

Kevin Gorman, Eric Cusack, and Phil Lundberg were officially promoted during the council meeting.

"This is one of the best things we get to do and this is real, these people help give us security when we go to bed at night, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, so I thank them with my sincere gratitude and appreciation," said Council President Jim Letterie.

## Local leaders visit center to learn about severe flooding threats

Staff Report

State legislators visited the New England Produce Center in Chelsea last Friday to learn more about increasingly severe flooding that threatens the food supply for more than nine million people in New England and beyond.

The New England Produce Center is the largest wholesale produce market in the region and a cornerstone of the food supply chain, distributing fresh food to grocery stores, restaurants, schools, hospitals, and institutions across Greater Boston and throughout New England and the Canadian Maritime provinces.

The produce center sits in the floodplain of Island End River, a tidal tributary of the Mystic River that frequently overtops its banks. Flooding is growing more severe each year and will become catastrophic as sea levels rise.

Disruption to the produce center due to flooding would have consequences far beyond Chelsea and Everett, threatening regional food access, economic activity,

and supply chain stability.

Officials used the visit to highlight the importance of the Island End River Flood Resilience Project, which has been under development by the Cities of Chelsea and Everett for more than a decade to address this critical vulnerability. Developed in response to growing risks from storm surge and sea level rise, the project is designed to protect the produce center, thousands of residents in surrounding neighborhoods, and interconnected transportation and utility infrastructure.

The project includes a linear flood barrier, underground tidal gates to prevent and manage storm surge, and new public access improvements, including an elevated riverwalk, a new Island End Park, and restored wetland habitat.

The tour gave legislators an opportunity to hear directly from Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, Everett Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, and other local leaders about the urgency of advancing the project and the importance of sustained state and federal support to

protect this critical regional asset.

"This visit made clear that protecting the New England Produce Center is not just a local priority, but a regional imperative," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "For more than a decade, Chelsea and Everett have been advancing the Island End River Flood Resilience Project because we understand what is at stake. This project protects critical food infrastructure, strengthens supply chain resilience, safeguards surrounding communities, and represents the kind of forward-looking investment we need to meet the challenges of climate change."

Everett Mayor Robert Van Campen said the flooding we see along the Island End River is not just a future threat.

"It is happening now, and it is getting worse," Van Campen said. "Residents, businesses, and critical regional infrastructure like the New England Produce Center are all at risk. Chelsea and Everett have been driving this project forward for more than a decade, and



COURTESY PHOTO

Local legislators and city leaders visiting the New England Produce Center last Friday, April 24

we are grateful for the opportunity to show our state partners firsthand why this investment matters so much to our communities and the region."

Participants in the tour

included Senator Sal DiDomenico and members of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management and the Joint Committee on Federal Funding and

Accountability. Committee members in attendance included Representatives Kathy LaNatra, Kate Donaghue, Steve Ultrino, Estela Reyes, and Jeffrey Turco.

## MBTA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like

the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, the Better Bus Program, and the Rail Modernization Plan, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the

MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

## Sports Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

40 years ago  
April 30, 1986

The WHS boys track team captured the Class D State Relay championship with four first-place finishes. Coach Pat McGee's squad, presently undefeated in dual-meet competition, scored 83 points to easily outdistance the competition and claim the Class D title, the first for the Vikings after many close calls in recent years. Jimmy Ezekiel anchored the winning 4 x 1-mile relay; the quartet of Steve Holgersen, Rolf Beutel, Dave Westcott, and Chris Sirianni captured the 4 x 110; and record-setting hurdler Andy Turransky paced Winthrop teams to victories in both the hurdles and the high jump.

Southpaw Larry Thomas tossed a mesmerizing two-hitter, but the WHS baseball team fell to 1-7 on the season with a 2-0 defeat to Salem.

50 years ago  
April 28, 1976

The WHS boys track team captured second place

in the Class C State Relay Meet in a 32-team field. The long jump trio of Fred Tape, Tim Kelly, and Paul Murphy took home second place ribbons, as did the high jump threesome of Kevin McGee, Frank Hinckley and Eugene Flaherty. The triple jump team of Flaherty, Tape, and Murphy set a new state record with a combined distance of 124'-4".

The WHS baseball team's frustration continued with a 10-4 loss to Danvers. Rick Lessard went 3-for-4 to highlight the Viking offense.

60 years ago  
April 28, 1966

The WHS baseball team won two games this week to improve to 3-0 in the NEC. Billy Kneeland tossed a two-hitter in a 2-1 win over Newburyport in which Billy Dooley knocked in both runs. In a 9-6 triumph over Swampscott, Capt. Charlie McDermott, Billy McGillicuddy, and Paul LoConte all had two base hits and two RBI.

70 years ago  
April 26, 1956

Ted Conley is set to take the mound for the WHS baseball team in its season-opener this week against Woburn.

80 years ago  
April 25, 1946

The WHS baseball team is set to open its season tomorrow. The tennis, golf, and track teams, all of which were inactive during the war years from 1942-45, will swing into action this week.

100 years ago  
April 24, 1926

The WHS baseball team ended up with a 2-2 tie against Lynn English in a game halted after 11 innings because of darkness. Carnicelli tied the game for Winthrop when he walked, stole second, reached third on a ground out, and came home on a wild pitch. Trainor scored the other Winthrop run. McLaughlin pitched for Winthrop.

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