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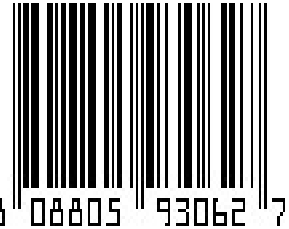
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PHOTO HUNT FOR BANNERS

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce is conducting a photo hunt for our upcoming street banner program! We are looking for your photos of the Winthrop scene.

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If your photos are selected for the Street Banner Program, you will get credit in future communications!

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IT'S A POLAR PLUNGE



Polar Plungers charge toward the cold Atlantic Ocean after a countdown, led by an animated John Merlino. The 10th Annual Point Shirley Plunge took place once again on Tuesday, Jan. 1, with neighbors converging on Yirrell Beach for the chilly dip. See more photos on Page 6.

PHOTO BY KATE ANSLINGER

Winthrop officials issue guidelines regarding State 911 outage

Fire Chief Paul E. Flanagan and Police Chief Terence M. Delehanty report that the Massachusetts state 911 system is currently experiencing intermittent interruption of service related to problems with a nationwide internet service provider. This is a national problem also impacting most of Massachusetts, including here in Winthrop.

As a result, residents are temporarily urged contact the police or fire department for assistance by dialing the following direct numbers:

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Fire and Medical Emergencies: 617-846-3473

Motorists or those on state property/highways needing

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WINTHROP YEAR IN REVIEW

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

JANUARY VECCHIA SWORN IN AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The town of Winthrop swore in its newly elected officials Tuesday night in the Neil Shapiro Auditorium at Winthrop High School.

Newly elected Town Council President Ron Vecchia took the oath from Town Clerk Carla Vitale as his family and friends watched.

Vecchia spoke about where the town has come from in the last 12 years and where it can go in the future.

"Through good leadership, highly qualified and dedicated town workers and dedicated Citizens Advisory Committee, Winthrop is better prepared financially for changes in the economy, with good reserves and well-maintained stabilization fund," Vecchia said.

"I'm looking forward to watch what Ron brings to the table," said Linda Vecchia, his

wife. "He is passionate about the town."

Vitale also swore in members of the Winthrop Housing Authority, Peter Gill and Frederick Silck III.

Sworn in as library trustees were Gillian Teixeira and Betty Nicolas Peabody. Virginia Wallace was slated to be sworn in but could not make the event. She will be sworn in at a later date.

School Committee members James F. Fabiano, Jennifer J. H. Powell and Brian J. Perrin were also sworn in by Vitale.

Also sworn in were Precinct 1 Councilor Michael McDuffee, Precinct 3 Councilor Nick LoConte and Precinct 5 Councilor Peter Christopher. Councilor-at-Large Michael Lucerto was also sworn in.

DELEHANTY'S TIME AS TOWN MANAGER EXTENDED

In one of its first orders of business the Town Council

voted to extend the contract of Interim Town Manager/Police Chief Terence Delehanty on Tuesday night during a brief meeting after the inauguration.

Delehanty has been wearing both hats for the past four months, one month of which he was temporarily made full town manager so some end of year business could be attended to.

Delehanty became interim town manager after Town Manager James McKenna decided not to renew his contract, and finish his final year of the contract, which runs out in May, as a consultant to the town. McKenna had been town manager for nine years, the longest since the town went to a Town Manager form of government 12 years ago. At that time there had been 25 applicants.

A nationwide search was made for new town manager but yielded only 12 applicants. Three of those applicants were interviewed by the search committee.

The town council and the search committee have opted to extend the search in the new year.

WICKED WEATHER SLAMS WINTHROP

With over 13 inches of drifting snow, the last thing Winthrop needed was a tidal surge that flooded over 70 buildings in town, and shut down access to the town from

both ends.

"We were definitely surprised to see the level of surge come into the state so quickly and rise so rapidly, and the images were pretty shocking,"

said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito in the Winthrop Fire Department garage, where she visited Friday before touring Pico Ave-

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PHOTO BY CHUCK FLANAGAN

During the height of the Bomb Cyclone, a Winthrop firefighter James Fucillo carries a woman on his back in knee-deep ice water to bring her to safety.

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nue. Polito did say the affective communities will gather information on public infrastructure damage to determine if Massachusetts could qualify for federal disaster aid. Certain criteria has to be met, including that damages exceed \$9.6 million across the Commonwealth.

“I pledge to get Winthrop on the path with FEMA,” Polito said, with Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and state Sen. Joseph Boncore behind her.

Soon afterwards, Polito toured Pico Avenue where she meet with residents impacted by the storm.

Town Manager/Police Chief Terence Delehanty said about 70 buildings were flooded in town and power had to be cut. Vikings Football Coach and head of the Parks and Rec Sean Driscoll, his wife and three daughters went among many who had to go to a hotel for a place to stay.

SMOKING REGULATIONS

The Board of Health was the first board to officially appear before the new Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night, and presented its draft regulations to restrict the sale of tobacco products in Winthrop.

A public hearing on the draft regulations will be held Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. in the EB Newton School on Pauline Street.

Some of the new regulations propose to raise the tobacco buying age from 18 to 21, limit the sales of flavored tobacco products to adult-only stores, ban the sale of blunt wraps, ban sales within in 500-yards of a school (current establishments would be grandfathered) and ban the sales of tobacco in a health institution.

Board of Health member Susan Maguire said the e-cigarettes are a big concern, especially with high school students. The new regulations would also apply to them. Currently, there are 101 communities that restrict e-cigs.

Precinct 3 Councillor Nick LoConte, the former Board of Health chairman, said he had a problem with the impact on businesses and taking people’s rights away.

“CVS no longer sells tobacco,” Maguire said. Brown’s Pharmacy on Winthrop Street does sell tobacco. “One hundred-sixty communities in the state ban the sale of tobacco in a pharmacy.”

FEBRUARY

CENTER BUSINESS DISTRICT

Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty will appear before the Town Council at it’s Tuesday meeting with a center business district zoning law history that will include the zoning law changes that have taken place over the years.

“During several meetings with community members, business owners and other interested parties on the Center Business District infrastructure project, a growing concern was identified about the development and build out of existing buildings in the Center Business District,” Delehanty said. “Concerns included whether or not residential properties are located in the Center Business District (CBD) when were zoning laws amended; how were the laws amended, and why residents of abutting streets weren’t notified of zoning changes.”

To gather the information, Delehanty and his team researched the zoning changes using advertisements, minutes, postings and news articles. They also used prior code books, town meeting articles, assessors maps, his-



A photo taken during the days following the Blizzard of '78 in Winthrop.

torical information and past annual reports.

LOOKING BACK ON THE BLIZZARD OF 78

Even though 40 years have gone by since the Blizzard of '78, the memories of what happened are fresh in the minds of those who lived through it.

The blizzard, actually a historic nor'easter, formed on Sunday, Feb. 5, 1978 and broke up on Feb. 7. It covered all the New England states and the New York metro area. It left \$520 million in damage with 100 fatalities and 4,500 people injured. Boston received just over 27 inches of snow. Route 128 was a sea of abandoned cars.

The area had already been hit in early January when a storm broke a record for the most snow ever in a 24-hour period.

Winthrop Shore Drive was battered in the storm, tearing a hole in the wall and an even larger one in the street. A fire truck was station at the Point. The water melted away much of the snow and tossed around a cars.

HOWARD NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Lisa Gill Howard has been named the next full-time superintendent of schools. Details will be finalized when negotiations with the School Committee concludes.

The School Committee met and member Gus Martucci made a motion for the word “interim” to be removed from Howard’s title and that she now be known as the full superintendent. The committee voted unanimously to make Howard the new superintendent.

“In the past seven months Superintendent Howard has demonstrated a solid understanding of the school district’s strengths and areas of needed growth,” said School Committee Chairman Tino Capobianco. “She has fully engaged in the management

and leadership of our schools as evidenced by detailed reports to the school committee regarding budget updates and planning and facilities, student and staff updates, policy and procedure recommendations, leadership team progress, community engagement happenings and student safety.”

Howard had previously worked in the Winthrop School System as the pupil personnel director and assistant superintendent of schools. Prior to coming back to Winthrop, Howard worked in the Saugus School System in a similar position. A lifelong Winthrop resident, Howard was also a standout athlete.

OVERRIDE SUGGESTED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE WORK

In a report given by Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty at Tuesday night’s Town Council meeting he pointed to a deficit in the water and sewer account and the need for a potential \$5.1 million debt-exclusion override to fund the Center work.

The average homeowner could see their annual tax bill go up by an additional \$59.73 per year if a debt-exclusion override passed.

If water and sewer rates could be increased by an additional \$2 to \$2.25 per year. In addition there would be an additional increase of 66 cents to cover the center project. The current combined water and sewer rate is \$16.90. A rate increase to fund the deficit would range from \$18.90 to \$19.15 and a rate increase to fund the Center project could range from \$19.56-\$19.81.

News of this prompted freshman Councilor Michael Lucerto to request that former Town Manager James McKenna be called in to explain the increased cost in the project.

MARCH

COUGHLIN PARK FIX MOVING FORWARD

Plans for repair of the shoreline at Coughlin Park are moving forward. Officials from MEPA (the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act) came to Winthrop to begin the permitting process to address the erosion that has happened at the park’s shoreline.

Assistant Town Manager Joe Domelowicz explained that a couple of years ago it was noticed that the west bank



PHOTO BY SUE ELLEN WOODCOCK

Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo swaps a congratulatory hand shake with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito over the \$261,680 grant given to the town of Winthrop as State Sen. Joe Boncore looks on.

was eroding into the channel. “We’ve lost almost 20 feet of the park in the last eight to 10 years,” he said. “We’ve tried to look for opportunities to stabilize the bank.”

Domelowicz said two years ago a grant was obtained to study the possibilities of a green infrastructure solution. Right now the project is in the permitting and engineering stages. He noted that a “living shoreline” is the best approach for the town. The permit will be reviewed by Coastal Zone Management, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

The process is expected to last six months.

CASA SEEKS SUPPORT

Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA), has been a fixture in town for more than 20 years, and while it has helped thousands of residents it is now time for CASA to ask for help.

CASA is facing the end of a \$125,000 on Sept. 30, 10-year grant, and the agency needs to find another funding source to continue to carry on its mission.

CASA was founded in May 1997 by a group of concerned parents who saw a need to work to reduce drug use among their children’s peer group.

“We have launched a fundraising campaign,” said Amy Epstein, executive director.

Youth services, the Diversion Program with Winthrop Police, the advisory board,

the Q Club for LGBTQ youth, and the Winthrop Youth Providers Network (the Parks and Recreation Department, 21st Century Afterschool, For Kids Only and the Winthrop Public Library teen programs.)

A P R I L

60 PEOPLE WILL GATHER IN MWRA MEETING ROOM TO PLAN AND DISCUSS RESILIENCY

Given previous and ongoing events like the January and March coastal storm events, like many other Massachusetts communities, Winthrop now finds itself in a new

era of more unpredictable and severe weather that can potentially cause more damage to our community. Town officials are working on a planning project that is designed to help identify the strengths and vulnerabilities and list projects or programs that could the Town of Winthrop more resilient to natural hazards including coastal flooding and other weather related threats.

In addition to completed plans and assessments for hazard mitigation and critical infrastructure vulnerability, the town is currently working on a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness project with assistance from the state and our engineering consultant.

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SO FAR....SO GOOD

With the rush and hub-bub of the holiday season now over, we'll all be settling in for another long New England winter.

Up to this point, we have been fortunate. We have yet to feel the wrath of any truly wintry weather. A cold day here or there -- including a chilly Thanksgiving -- has not been hard to take. Indeed, the temperatures have been quite moderate since the Winter Solstice on Dec. 21, with the New Year's Day temperature rising into the mid-50s, making it quite a nice day for a walk or a run outside, despite the strong breeze.

However, we know that Mother Nature typically saves her best (or worst) for later in the season. In just the past few years, we had winter storm Nemo in February of 2013, the Snowmageddon winter of 2015 (in which there was no snow in December), and last year we had those crazy storms in early January and early March that knocked out power throughout the region and brought coastal flooding to places along our bayside areas that never had experienced it to that extent before.

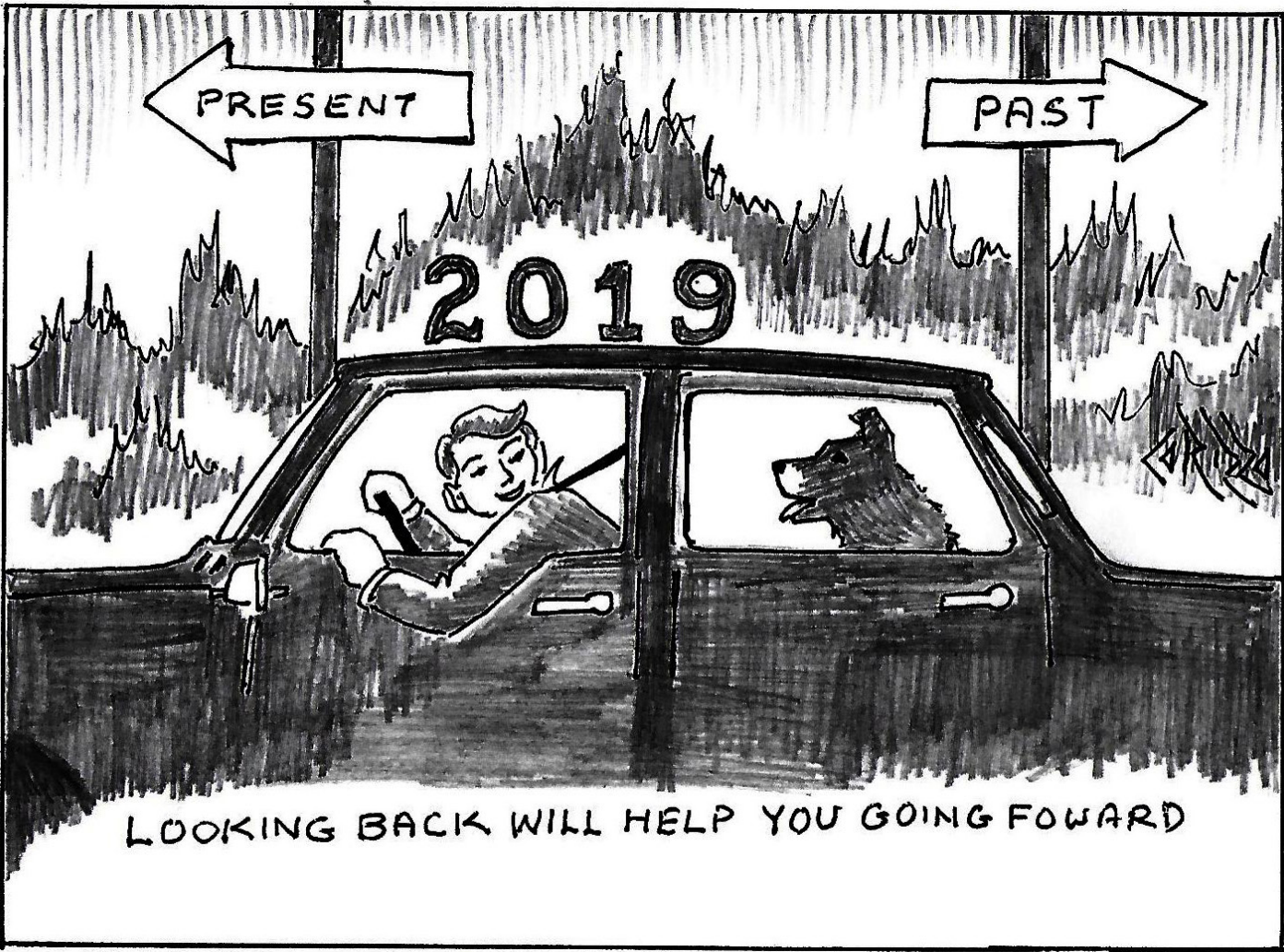
The images of Boston Harbor flooding into the Seaport District and water pouring into the Aquarium T stop were something we never had seen in our entire lives as residents of this area -- and that includes the Blizzard of '78 and the No Name Storm of 1991. The highest-ever high tide (exceeding the Blizzard of '78) and the third-highest tide in Boston Harbor were recorded in those two storms last year.

As we are writing this, the 10-day forecast is pretty nice, especially considering that it is the first part of January. However, the models for the long-range forecast indicate that February will be colder, snowier, and stormier than usual in our part of the country.

But as any longtime New Englander knows, all that we can do is to take winter one day at a time and be grateful for the nice days when we get them. When it comes to the weather, especially in this era of climate change, we are at the mercy of the vicissitudes of Mother Nature.

We can hope for the best, but we must expect the worst.

Forum



A YEAR IN REVIEW AND THE FUTURE AWAITS

LETTERS to the Editor

Thank You from Santa,
Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the people of Winthrop, and their out-of-town visitors, for their great turn out, support, and well wishes on Christmas Eve. It is such a great tradition that this Town has, and the people are what make it special. I would also like to

thank Chuck Flanagan for his assistance, and the Winthrop Fire Fighters Union Local 1070, the Winthrop Fire Department, the Winthrop Police Department, the Winthrop Auxiliary Police, the Winthrop DPW, and anyone else that I may have left out, for their help in making our ride through Town go as smoothly as possible.

Most of all I would like to thank and recognize two of Santa's best Elves, Richard Swartz and Dennis Boudrow. These two men have given up their Christmas Eve for as long back as I can remember to make everyone else in town have a special Christmas Eve with their friends and families. None of this would happen without their hard work

and dedication. They are truly two of Winthrop's finest.

Santa is also not foolish. That's why he would also like to thank Mrs. Claus for her help and support. In closing I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,
Santa
North Pole

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This will involve an eight-hour workshop, which must include input from community members like yourself. This eight hour workshop is required by the state.

DELEHANTY
WON'T TAKE TOWN
MANAGER 'S JOB

The search for a new Town Manager is already underway, after Terence Delehanty, who has acted as the Town Manager and the Police Chief for the past nine month, informed Council President Ron Vecchia that he wants to be the police chief only.

"After a long hard consideration it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that I need to withdraw from consideration to become the next Town Manager for Winthrop," Delehanty wrote in an email. "I look forward to continuing my service to the town as police chief."

This announcement comes a week after a Suffolk Superior Court after a jury found in favor of a female Winthrop police officer in a gender discrimination case against the town and Delehanty. The jury awarded \$2.3 million. There is no word yet on whether or not there will be an appeal.

Vecchia said Delehanty "has brought new respect for town government and new positive direction and atmosphere in town hall."

DOG PARK
SUPPORTERS PUSH ON

Many residents thought a dog park on the Winthrop/Revere line on DCR property next to the marsh would be a good choice but the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) thought it was too close to the Belle Isle Marsh, an area of environmental concern.

Residents seeking to have a dog park in town will met in the Harvey Hearing Room at Town Hall to discuss potential new locations. Dog park pro-

ponents met with the Town Council DPW Subcommittee and DPW head Steve Calla about finding a suitable place two weeks ago. Calla said he supports the idea but he also have questions about maintenance.

The dog park group has been working for four and a half years to find a place for a park.

Also looking into the matter are Town Councilors Michael McDuffee, Mike Lucerto, and Nick LoConte.

TOWN TO APPEAL
DISCRIMINATION
CASE

The town of Winthrop will appeal a jury's decision in favor of a female Winthrop police officer who was awarded \$2.3 million gender discrimination case.

Officer Judy Racow filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination case with claims of being looked over for various assignments.

Racow filed a discrimination case with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) in 2006 after then police chief David Goldstein put her back in the patrol division for "budgetary concerns". In 2008 she was placed back in the detective unit after entering into a settlement with the town. In 2009, Terence Delehanty was appointed the police chief in 2009 by Town Manager James McKenna.

Town Council President Ron Vecchia said the town has begun the appeal process. The Town Council met in executive session prior to their regular meeting to discuss the appeal.

MAY

TENNIS COURTS
WON'T BE
DEMOLISHED, YET

About a year ago the Town Council voted for a moratorium that would prevent

the tennis courts at the high school from being demolished and used for parking. During the year, many people wanted to observe the traffic flow around the school and study the findings.

On Tuesday night, tennis coach Marie Finn came to the council to lift the moratorium, to keep the tennis courts where they are and to fix them. A year ago one of the biggest concerns was parking around the high school. Finn and others claim that there were no problems, but Police Chief Terence Delehanty is still not convinced.

WATER RATES UP 17
PERCENT

It is not news that anybody wants, but when water and sewer bills go out next week ratepayers will see a 17 percent increase in the water and sewer rates.

The Town Council heard from consultant Dick Kingson, who analyzed the new rates.

The current rate is \$16.90 per cubic foot for FY 18 and the new rate, effective immediately will be \$19.90 per cubic foot for FY 19..

Not only have the rates gone up for fiscal year 2019, there is also a \$479,000 deficit in the FY18 budget that led to the higher rates.

In addition to the deficit, other factors contributing to the increase were principal and interest on new debt issues for Contract 5, MWRA center project work and Winthrop Shore Drive Water Meters all totaling over \$435,000. There is also \$38,999 in a new salary that also resulted in need to raise the rates, and a purchase of a dump truck for \$121,000.

Kingson said a large impact for the new rate was a \$272,282 assessment increase from the MWRA, a direct charge to the town. The extra assessment is linked to how much extra water the town uses in a fiscal year.



David Cressman.

COUNCIL APPOINTS
PART-TIME TOWN
MANAGER

It's been one year since former Town Manager James McKenna stepped down from his position and the Town Council appointed a part-time Town Manager to help with the transition until a full-time manager is found.

David Cressman, 65, is a resident of Merrimac, MA was appointed to a 90-day term with 30 day additional terms if needed. His contract stipulates a 19-hour work week at \$80 an hour.

Cressman does not desire to become the full-time town manager. The Town Manager Search Committee is accepting applications until May 20 and will meet on May 30.

The search began last year when McKenna resigned and was supposed to act as a consultant to the town for a year. He received his last paycheck on May 15. Police Chief Terry Delehanty took over as interim Town Manager in November. He was later offered the full position but turned it down, opting to remain as the Police Chief.

FINANCE COMM.
NOT HAPPY WITH
BUDGET

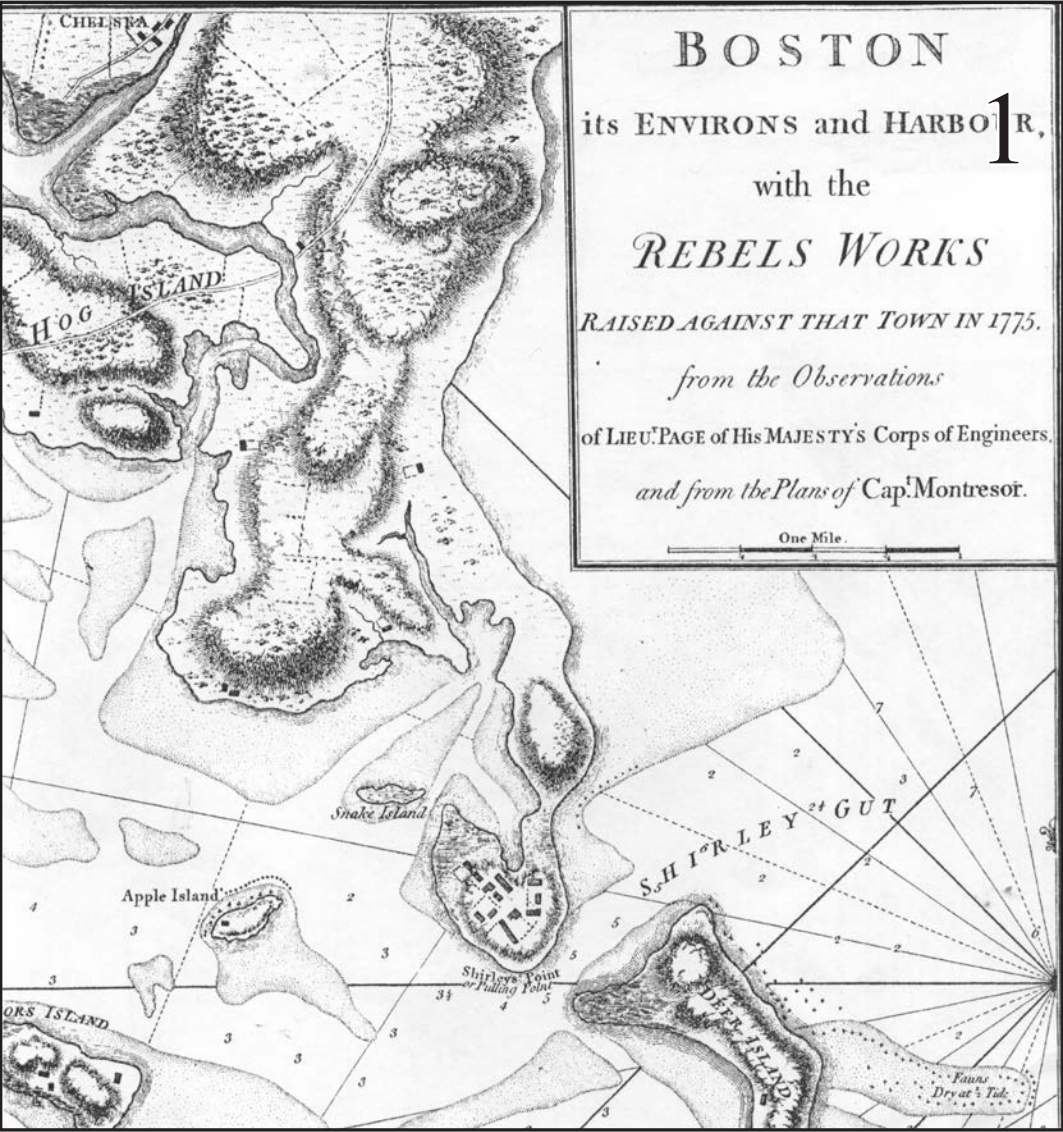
It was very clear that Finance Commission was not happy with the recommended \$50 million town budget pre-

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association
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ARTICLE 860 - REMEMBERING APPLE ISLAND

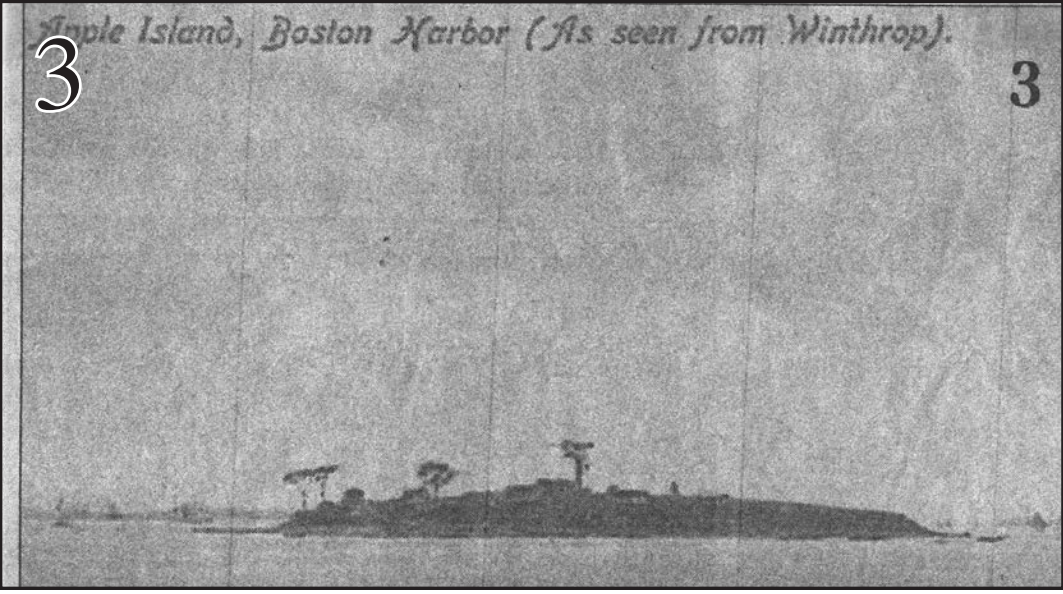


Islands often remind us of romantic tales related to the past. Their isolation, with beaches washed by the water that surrounds them, sparks our interest in their history. Such are the many islands within the Boston Harbor, four of which were located close to our peninsula's southern shore i.e. Apple, Deer, Governors and Snake. Today we are focusing on Apple Island which is identified on the map printed here as picture one. A careful look at this 1775 map also shows the only four houses then on our peninsula, north of Cottage Hill, along with the numerous buildings constructed at Point Shirley for the fishery industry that was established there in 1753. Picture two depicts Apple Island as it appeared about 1900 from the southern end of Winthrop Street near the Thornton Narrow Gauge Railroad Station. The post card, shown as picture three, provides a closer view from the same direction. Before its incorporation into Logan Airport, Apple Island existed approximately halfway between Governor's Island and Snake Island. This Island was noted for its perfect shape, rising gracefully from the green and blue waters with a mix of Apple and Elm trees planted there in its early days. Originally

belonging to Boston, its 10 acres were chiefly used for pasture as were many of the other harbor islands. During the early 1700s, it was owned by Thomas Hutchinson the father of Governor Hutchinson. In 1822, a Mr. William Marsh bought the island for \$550. While he was considered a "gentleman, a scholar and a friend of the prince-regent who then became George IV" he was an unusual and mysterious Englishman who spent the rest of his life on the island and was subsequently buried there in 1833. Edward R. Snow recorded that Oliver Wendell Holmes visited the island some years after Marsh's death and a short time after his residence burned down. Holmes is reported to refer to Marsh in a poem titled "An Island Ruin" as follows:

They said strange things of that mysterious man;
Believe who will, deny them such as can;
They said his house was framed with curious cares,
Let some old friend might enter unawares;
That on the platform of his chamber's door
Hinged a loose square that opened through the floor;
Touch the black silken tassel next the bell,
Down with a crash, the

flapping trapdoor fell;
Three stories deep the falling wretch would strike,
To writhe at leisure on a boarder's pike.
Why tell each idle guess, each whisper vain?
Enough; the scorched and cindered beams remain.
He came, a silent pilgrim to the West,
Some old world mystery throbbing in his breast;
Close to the thronging mart he lived alone;
He lived: he died. The rest is all unknown.
The island was repurchased by Boston in 1867 for \$3,750 with the intent of using it for recreational purposes but this was not accomplished and lots were then leased to fishermen for huts. In picture four, the old elm tree shown in the previous pictures as standing in the center of the island is seen in 1934 just four years before vandals cut it down. In 1946 Apple Island disappeared as an entity when it was leveled and became part of Logan Airport. Only one of the four originally named islands above, Snake Island, remains as an island completely surrounded by water, and is now referred to by its nickname "Snakey".



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

20 years ago
Dec. 31, 1998
Year to-date real estate transfers through November in Winthrop are 242, compared to 209 in 1997. The median sales prices is \$175,000 this year, compared to \$148,000 in 1997. Many who invested in real estate at distressed prices have made a nice profit after "flipping" their property. Recent transfers include 900 Governor's Park, Unit 3, for \$50,000, with a previous sale of \$32,000 in April, 1996; a two bedroom condo at 229 Washington Ave., Unit 1, for \$105,000, with a previous sale in December of 1996 for \$68,000; and 36 Nevada St., \$221,000, with a previous sale in July, 1994, of \$143,500.
A second round of layoffs looms for the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, which made layoffs for the first time in its 25-year history last summer.
Local boat owners, both in water and on land, were in the holiday spirit, as they decorated their boats with holiday lights at the Pleasant Park Y.C. "You've Got Mail," "A Bug's Life," and "The Rugrats Movie" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
January 4, 1989
Well-known local resident Al Leandro returned home this week after receiving a heart transplant at the end of October.
"The Accidental Tourist," "Die Hard," and "Working Girl" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
Jan. 3, 1979
The home of a local doctor was broken into over the weekend and \$5000 in valuables were reported stolen. Police also were kept busy with numerous housebreaks and auto thefts during the holiday week.
Police have increased their presence at Winthrop High hockey games at Larsen Rink because of the disturbances that have been erupting at the end of the games.
Winthrop's Ed King was greeted by local children from his neighborhood as he set off this morning from his house for Boston where he will be sworn in as the state's next governor.

50 years ago
Jan. 2, 1969
Rodney Pierce, 22, an attendant at the 4M gas station at the Belle Isle Bridge, was shot through the shoulder during an armed holdup attempt early Saturday morning. Pierce was shot while attempting to disarm the lone bandit, who made off with \$300.
Mrs. Marie Turner, currently the assistant town treasurer, has announced her candidacy for the post of treasurer.
Off. Arthur Floyd captured an escapee from Deer Island at gunpoint Friday night.
Sgt. Richard Van Dalinda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Dalinda, has received the Army Commendation Medal for "exceptionally valorous actions" in Vietnam during an enemy rocket attack at his base at Camp Katum on Sept. 24. Van Dalinda previously was wounded in action on Sept. 1.
Jane Fonda stars in "Barbarella" at the Winthrop Theatre.

60 years ago
Jan. 1, 1959
The Registrars of Voters, Frederic Duncan, Isabelle Farrelly, Mary Cassidy, and Town Clerk John Clark will conduct their annual listing of Winthrop residents 20 years of age and older starting Jan. 5.
Selectmen Chairman David L. O'Brien has announced his candidacy for re-election.
Cheryl Ann Brill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Brill, had the honor of being the first girl in the history of the Temple Tifereth Israel to receive her Bas Mitzvah Friday evening.
Social Security taxes will increase from 2.25 percent to 2.50 percent starting January 1. The tax will rise again in 1960 to 3-percent. Benefits for retirees also are increasing.

70 years ago
Dec. 30, 1948
A 22-month-old baby boy died during the holiday week from an acute case of meningitis. His 5-year-old brother also has been stricken with the disease and is recovering in a Boston hospital.
A 55-year-old resident was fatally burned to death in his apartment at 104 Cliff Ave. on Christmas Eve when he dropped a match with which he was trying to light a cigarette onto the upholstery of a chair in which he was sitting

and he soon was engulfed in flames.
Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Cesar Romero, Elizabeth Taylor, and Peter Lawford star in "Julia Misbehaves" at the Winthrop and State theatres.

80 years ago
Dec. 31, 1938
Winthrop residents spread Christmas cheer more abundantly this year than in the past few years by bringing back the old spirit of festive lights to decorate their homes and yards.
The large Honan Clan gathered from all over to celebrate the holiday per their long-established custom, meeting at the home of State Rep. and Mrs. Daniel Honan.
A drop in living costs and a sharp increase in payrolls has raised the buying power of the average family.
Errol Flynn and Bette Davis star in "The Sisters" at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

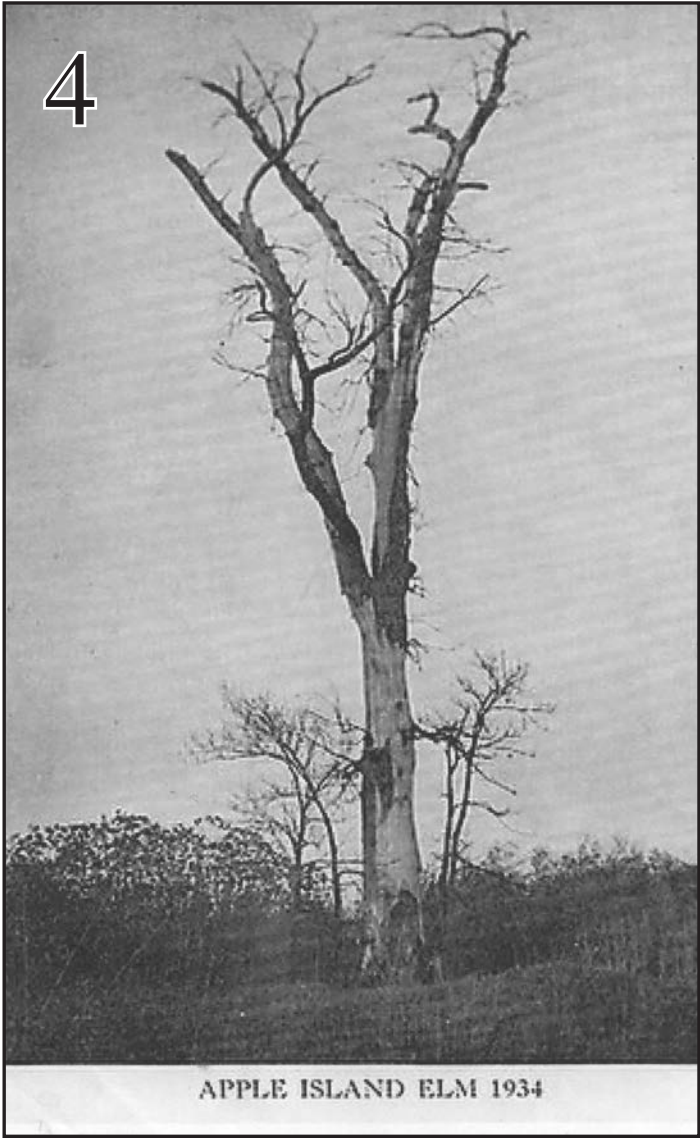
90 years ago
Jan. 5, 1929
A new Post Office for the town, preferably on the site of the soon-to-be-vacated old Town Hall, is the New Year wish of many Winthropites for the coming year.
The Essex, a 70 mile per hour car, and the Hudson, an 80 mile per hour car, have cut their prices by \$50-\$200, with full equipment, for the coming year, to a price range of between \$900-\$1,500. The Hudson Essex Company has announced that it expects to build as many cars in the first half of 1929 as it built in all of 1928.
New Year's parties were enjoyed by residents all across the town.
WNAC Radio Broadcasting has filed a petition with the town to erect radio towers in Winthrop, preferably on Pt. Shirley.

100 years ago
Jan. 4, 1919
Rep. J.H. Brennan of Charlestown has proposed that a high-level suspension bridge be constructed between East Boston and Boston and be named in honor of the servicemen of the Army and Navy who served in the world war.

110 years ago
Jan. 2, 1909
Support is urged for the recently-created Italian Relief Fund to aid those who have been affected by the recent calamity in that country.
A Winthrop man received a severe injury to his leg when he fell while alighting from a train at Beachmont station.

120 years ago
Jan. 6, 1899
An appeal is being made to help Winthrop's poor. Although our town has grown greatly in recent years, the poor always are with us. Many of the churches and their pastors have looked after some of our poor families in recent years, but there is something that each one of us also can do to help.
The grip has taken its hold on the town, especially among the young school children, who are keeping the town's physicians busy.

130 years ago
Jan. 4, 1889
A poverty party, in which guests should dress in rags and old clothes, will be held at the Town Hall under the auspices of the Independent Social Assemblies, a dancing club that meets weekly.



APPLE ISLAND ELM 1934

TENTH ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE AT POINT SHIRLEY

Photos by Kate Anslinger

What better way to break in the New Year than a plunge into the ice cold Atlantic Ocean. A group of brave swimmers dove in head first on Tuesday, Jan. 1, at Yirrell Beach, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the annual polar plunge.

“This is such a Point thing,” said Terry Vazquez, retired plunger. “It shows the spirit of Point Shirley.”

Scott McGovern and John Merlino started the plunge 10 years ago, and the group gets bigger every year, bringing participants of all ages together for the frosty dip.



The group of plungers gathers around a fire before they take a dip.



Scott McGovern, the founder of the group plunge heads toward the water.



And they're in!



Jack Marengi heads back to the shore.



Amelia Kantrovitz successfully completes the challenge.



Scott McGovern and John Merlino, started the challenge 10 years ago.

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sented to them and the Town Council.

“I have been doing this since 1992 and I have never been so upset with the presentation of the budget,” said Fin-Com member Karin Chavis.

This is the first time in 10 years that the budget was not presented by former Town Manager James McKenna, who stepped down from his post last year to work as a consultant to the town. The FY19 budget (which goes into effect July 1) was presented to the Town Council last week by interim Town Manager/Police Chief Terry Delehanty, although it did not include the School Department budget, fire department or salary line items.

Since the first copy had been given to the Town Council a revised budget was also submitted, but it still lacks the school budget, as well as a budget from the fire department, teacher salary line items and a “half-assed,” Letterie said, alphabetical town salary list.

address to the Class of 2018.

The theme of the evening was good fortune as Crombie made it clear that what the graduating class has is not luck, and instead it is hard work, dedication and perseverance.

Crombie made sure that the graduates were well aware that it wasn’t luck that got them the national cheerleading title when they were freshmen and it wasn’t luck when the drama society won the state championships two years in a row.

It wasn’t luck when they saw their names listed on the honor roll and it wasn’t luck when they aced their AP exams. Instead, their achievements over the last four years, were due to boundless determination and hard work.

Preceding his speech, Crombie gifted the graduates with a Massachusetts Mega Millions lottery ticket, choosing the number 18 as the first in the numbers that he hand selected for the class. Offering up his words of wisdom, he made sure that it was in the class’s best interest.

JUNE

CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATES

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity,” said Winthrop High School Principal Matt Crombie during his welcome



Class Marshal Francesca Capone leads in the graduates.

\$20,876,280.

Finance Commission Vice Chair Jan Twobley gave a presentation of the budget. She said it was a challenging job given the turnover in the town manager’s office.

Kasbah owner Nasser Belghiti has been in front of the Board of Health before regarding the state and local smoking laws in 2015 and was given a time period to comply. Carroll said now it resembles a nightclub, complete with disco ball.

JULY

KASBAH FINED AGAIN SMOKING ISSUES STILL LINGER

The Kasbah Restaurant, Moroccan cuisine and lounge, has incurred another \$300 fine for allowing smoking in the establishment.

After receiving a couple of anonymous letters, Saturday night June 23, Carroll, along with a Winthrop Police detective visited the Kasbah after 10 p.m. and found hookah smoking taking place.

“People were smoking inside. It seemed like a nightclub. This is a big issue, the Kasbah has a history, they’ve had many tickets and they have come before the board,” Carroll said.

EMOTIONAL MEETING DOESN'T STOP THE FISHING PIER

Almost 100 people came to the high school Thursday night to hear MWRA head Fred Laskey outline plans for a fishing pier and parking lot on Deer Island. Needless to say the residents of Point Shirley let it be known they oppose the pier if there is not increased security there.

At one point a shouting match broke out between a resident and a fisherman, which wasn’t such a surprise since the two and a half hour meeting was charged with frustration. The community meetings are held twice a year

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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS ST. JOSEPH'S

The Winthrop High boys basketball team earned its first victory of the season with a 59-47 triumph over St. Joseph's Prep last Friday afternoon at the WHS gym.

After a slow start, coach Dave Sacco's young Viking squad moved out to a 15-12 lead with a minute left in the opening quarter and then went on a six-point run to close out the period with a 21-12 advantage at the buzzer.

Although Winthrop's offense was not as prolific over the next eight minutes, scoring only nine points, the Vikings' solid defensive effort limited St. Joe's to nine points, enabling Winthrop to take a 30-21 lead into the half.

"I tell my guys night-in and night-out that we have to bring it on the defensive end and we did for the most part, especially in that second quarter where our offense was basically non-existent," said Sacco.

The Vikings came out flying after the intermission, with sophomores David Diccio and Austin Daigneault draining back-to-back three-pointers. Winthrop pushed its lead to 16 points on three different occasions in the third period, but could not put St. Joseph's away, as the visitors twice sliced the lead to seven points in the second half.

"We need to be more consistent for a full 32 minutes," noted Sacco. "We're not that good where once we get a big lead, we can just stop playing. We're playing so many young guys that they need to know when you have a team down, you have to dig in even more, especially on the defensive end, to put them away."

Sophomore Cam Conway paced Winthrop in the scoring column with 14 points. Diccio also reached double figures with 10 points, followed by junior Engjell Ramadan and senior Chrono Washington with nine points apiece and junior Bryan Rodrigues with seven.

Sacco and his crew, who now stand at 1-3 on the season, have a stretch of three games in five days: They will host Somerville tomorrow (Friday) evening; travel to the Maimonides School on Sunday; and then return home to entertain Salem on Tuesday. The opening tip for all games is 7 p.m.

WHS GYMNASTICS TEAM OPENS WITH TWO VICTORIES

The Winthrop High girls gymnastics team opened its season with a pair of victories against Medford and Malden last Thursday at the Winthrop Gymnastics Academy.

The Lady Vikings started off on the uneven bars, with Alayna Ronan, Rachel Farley, and Danielle Carter scoring 6.8, 6.9, and 6.9 respectively. Teammates Mary O'Donnell and Brandi DiCicco tied at 7.5 and freshman Megi Zogasi won the event with a score of 7.8.

The second event for Winthrop, the vault, had Emily Rodriguez and Danielle Carter tying with an 8.0. Mary O'Donnell and Brandi DiCicco both tied with scores of 8.1. Megi Zogasi turned in a powerful vault, scoring an 8.2. Sophomore Rachel Farley scored an 8.35 to capture first place.

Unfortunately for Winthrop however, all-around performer Brandi DiCicco twisted her ankle and had to scratch for the rest of the meet.

The balance beam was the

Lady Vikings' toughest event last season, but this year they started off on the right foot. Sage D'Amelio and Jill Lerner both hit their routines to receive scores of 7.1 and 6.9. Mega Zogasi followed next with an impressive 8.5. Not to be outdone, eighth grader Alayna Ronan performed a flawless routine, scoring an 8.6.

Danielle Carter stayed on the beam, scoring an outstanding 9.45 to win the event. Freshman Mary O'Donnell, filing in for Brandi DiCicco, scored an 8.55, taking second place.

The Winthrop gymnasts' final event, the floor exercise, turned out to be a crowd-pleaser, with freshman Emily Rodriguez hitting a 7.35, followed by Alayna Ronan (8.0) and Rachel Farley (8.1). Bella Guiffre danced her way to an 8.3, taking second place, and sophomore Danielle Carter won the event with a beautiful routine, scoring 8.5.

The final team scores had Winthrop with 129.45 points, followed by Malden with 105.8 and Medford with 104.85.

The Winthrop gymnasts then headed to Masconomet to face what many consider to be the top team on the North Shore.

"Masco ranks with Bridgewater and Mansfield as among the best-three teams in the state," noted longtime WHS coach Pete Gobiel.

The Lady Vikings started the meet on uneven bars, with Charlotte Hurley and Danielle Carter scoring 7.0, followed by Alayna Ronan, Rachel Farley, and Mary O'Donnell with scores of 7.6.

Megi Zogasi topped the score-chart for Winthrop with an 8.0, but Masco won the event, with two Lady Chieftains scoring 9.25 and 9.3.

Heading to the vault and competing for the first time, Lady Viking Molly Girard did a handspring to score a 7.6, followed by teammates Emily Rodriguez, Mary O'Donnell, and Megi Zogasi, all of whom earned scores of 8.2.

Danielle Carter twisted to an 8.45, while Rachel Farley vaulted to an 8.6 for Winthrop's highest score. Masco's all-around state champion, Gracy Mowers, took first place with an impressive score of 9.55.

The balance beam was the next event with Sage D'Amelio scoring a 6.2, followed by Mary O'Donnell at 7.4 and Jillian Lerner at 7.9. Megi Zogasi and Danielle Carter scored 8.1 and finishing first for the Lady Vikings was Alayna Ronan with an 8.6.

Masco's Kately Aylin grabbed first place with a score of 9.55.

The floor exercise was next for Winthrop, with both Mary O'Donnell and Emily Rodriguez scoring a 7.7, followed by a three-way tie among Alayna Ronan, Rachel Farley, and Bella Guiffre scoring 8.0.

Danielle Carter scored an 8.2 to finish off the meet for Winthrop.

Masco's Mowers took first place on the floor with an incredible routine to receive the highest score of the day, 9.7.

The final tally showed Masco with 145 points and Winthrop with 129.

The Lady Vikings' next competition is set for this Saturday at 3:15 p.m. against Peabody at the Yellow Jackets gym on Route 1 in Danvers.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM WINS TWO GAMES

The Winthrop High girls hockey team won two of its three games this past week to

WHS LADY VIKINGS PLAY HARD, FALL TO PEABODY TANNERS



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MAKE IT TWO: Julia Holmes slips a shot past Peabody goalie Abby Buckley to score her second goal of the game, but it wasn't enough as the Vikings dropped a 3-2 game to the Peabody Tanners Saturday at Peabody's McVann-O'Keefe Skating Rink.



CLEARING SHOT: Abby Stafford clears the puck through center ice. See more photos on next page.



CREASE SCRAMBLE: Emma Holmes (#9) can't get a handle on a loose puck as she battled Peabody goalie Abby Buckley and defender Reilly Ganter (#3).

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WHS LADY VIKINGS HOCKEY LOSE TO PEABODY TANNERS, 3-2



JUST MISSED: Kalya Rodriguez (##23) flips a shot past Peabody goalie Abby Buckley but wide of the net.

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robertmarraphotography.com

The Lady Vikings dropped a 3-2 decision to Peabody in a rough-and-tumble game that saw both teams called for four penalties. A shorthanded goal by Peabody’s Sammie Mirasola proved to be the difference.

Winthrop took the early lead when Julia Holmes took a Kalya Rodriguez pass and whistled a shot from the slot past Peabody netminder Abby

Buckley with 11:10 left in the opening period. But Peabody responded with a pair, as Jen Flynn and Summer Mirasola gave the Tanners a 2-1 lead. Mirasola pushed the Tanners up 3-2 on a shorthanded breakaway that beat Winthrop goaltender Summer Tallent on the glove side, but Holmes notched her second goal of the game, unassisted, to make it 3-2 after two. Both teams had their chances in the third period, but goalies Buckley and Tallent shut the door on any additional scoring.



ON NET: Mia Martucci (#11) puts a shot on the Peabody net.



FINE FORM: Senior defender Bella Perrotti fires a shot toward the Peabody goal.



MID-ICE MATCH: Emma Holmes (#9) fights off a Peabody defender as she moves through center ice.



PUCK CONTROL: Emma Carleton escapes a Peabody defender.

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improve to 5-1 for the season.

Both of the Lady Vikings’ victories came against non-league opponents. Last Thursday Winthrop defeated Falmouth (ME), 5-1, at Larsen Rink. Kaiya Rodriguez scored the first of her two goals, assisted by Bella Perotti, to give Winthrop a 1-0 lead in the opening period. The Lady Vikings then took control of the contest in the middle stanza, reaching the back of the Falmouth net four times to move out to a commanding 5-0 advantage.

Emma Carleton, Olivia Driscoll, and Julia Holmes all scored for Winthrop, with Rodriguez potting her second of the contest.

Mia Martucci earned two assists, with teammates Driscoll, Perotti, Carleton, Emma Holmes, and Brooke Costin also being credited with assists.

The third period marked the debut of back-up goalie Haley McSwiney, who took over for starter Summer Tallent.

“Hayley has been a huge addition to this team,” said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. “She improves every single day and is a perfect fit in our locker room. She is a senior and just a great kid.”

This past Monday, Winthrop celebrated New Year’s Eve in fine fashion with a 3-1 triumph at Watertown.

After spotting Watertown a 1-0 lead in the first period on

an errant line change, which permitted Watertown to score a breakaway goal, the Lady Vikings came right back and took control of the contest.

Martucci, assisted by Rodriguez and Julia Holmes, soon brought the score back to level. Sydney Mignosa, assisted by Emma Carleton, gave Winthrop the lead and then Kayla Morrill, assisted by Jenna Dorr, made it 3-1.

“It was so great to see Syd and Kayla score,” noted Martucci. “They are such huge pieces to our puzzle. They work so hard and do all the little things right, so to see their hard work rewarded with goals is awesome.

“Jenna Dorr has been another great addition to our program,” continued the coach. “Jenna is an incredible athlete and a proven winner who came back to hockey after a year off. She has worked hard to catch up and, as every true athlete does, she is back in a big way.”

Tallent got the win in goal, making 14 saves. “Summer is just such a consistent player in our net,” lauded Martucci. “She brings it every practice and every game. She has a champion’s attitude and drive. It is awesome to have her in our net.”

The lone setback for the Lady Vikings came last Saturday at Peabody. The 3-2 decision in favor of the Lady Tanners marked the first-ever victory for a Peabody girls’

hockey team over Winthrop.

The Lady Vikings grabbed an early lead on a nice goal by Julia Holmes, assisted by Rodriguez, but Peabody struck back quickly to knot matters at 1-1.

The Lady Tanners then took advantage of a power play to take the lead, with junior Sammie Mirasolo, the Northeastern Hockey League’s MVP last season, notching the go-ahead marker.

“Mirasolo is a very good player,” said Martucci. “We took a bad penalty and it cost us.”

Winthrop had an opportunity to bring the teams even with a power play opportunity in the second period, but Mirasolo scored a short-handed goal to make it a 3-1 affair.

“We made a bad read on our power play and Mirasolo got free on a breakaway,” noted Martucci.

Julia Holmes lit the lamp for the second time to draw Winthrop within 3-2 before the period ended.

“Julia has played unreal for us so far this year,” praised Martucci. “She is only an eighth grader, but she plays with incredible energy and speed.”

The Lady Vikings controlled the third period, but could not dent the Lady Tanner net. The contest ended with high drama in the waning seconds when, with Tallent having been pulled from the Winthrop goal in favor

of a sixth skater, Martucci let go a blast from just inside the blue line that beat the Peabody goalie as the buzzer sounded.

However, the refs rule that time had expired -- which was borne out by the game film afterwards -- and Peabody had earned the hard-fought victory.

“It was a tough loss, but Peabody is a good team,” said Martucci. “They back-checked better than anyone we have played this year, and they were very tough and physical. We had our chances and we look forward to the rematch at Larsen at the end of the season. Hopefully the conference title will be on the line for that game.”

The Lady Vikings, who have been amidst a grueling stretch of their schedule, were set to be back in action last night (Wednesday) when they hosted Watertown in the rematch of their home-and-home series.

Winthrop then will entertain Northeastern Hockey League rival Masconomet on Saturday afternoon at Larsen at 1 p.m.

“We are a very tired team right now,” noted Martucci. “Our schedule has been a gauntlet this vacation. The game with Masco on Saturday is huge now that we lost to Peabody. The conference battle is on.”

Martucci and his crew will host non-league foe Haverhill next Wednesday at Larsen at 6:10 p.m.

Luke Evangelista has been on fire, lighting the lamp for a team-high 11 goals with three assists. Senior captain Sam Yarrow likewise has 14 points with eight goals and six assists.

Senior assistant captain Corey Cherico has six points with three goals and three assists and senior captain Brian Chalmers also has six points with a goal and five assists. In the goaltending department, senior assistant captain Ryan Skoczylas has been superb with a 1.43 goals-against average. Ryan has stopped 93.2-percent of enemy shots.

Winthrop now gets into the heart of the schedule against its NEC North rivals. Coach Dale Dunbar’s Vikings were set to take on Medford yesterday (Wednesday) and will host Marblehead Saturday at 3 p.m. in the second game of a doubleheader, preceded by the WHS girls, who are playing at 1 p.m.

Larsen should be rockin’ & rollin’ for the Marblehead encounter. The Magicians and Vikings have become fierce hockey rivals in recent years and both teams are expected to be contenders for the NEC North championship.

Winthrop then will trek to the Ray Bourque Arena at Endicott College Tuesday evening to meet another perennial NEC North contender, Danvers, at 7:30.

WHS GIRLS PLAY WELL IN PJ TOURNEY

Although the Winthrop High girls basketball team dropped both of its contests in last week’s Pope John XXIII Christmas tournament, the Lady Vikings fought hard in both encounters.

In the tourney opener last Thursday against No. Reading, Winthrop found itself in a 22-9 hole at the end of the first period and trailed 42-19 at the half.

Although the Lady Vikings improved their defense after the intermission, holding No. Reading to only seven points in the third period, Winthrop continued to struggle on offense and trailed 49-30 entering the final eight minutes of play.

The Lady Vikings continued to fight and refused to give up, finally trimming the No. Reading margin under single digits with two minutes to go.

However, with the Lady Vikings forced to commit fouls, and No. Reading sinking all

but one of their attempts from the charity stripe, Winthrop was unable to get any closer, with the final result a 68-51 decision in No. Reading’s favor.

“I know we were going to have to come out and play a full game to have a chance against a very good North Reading squad,” said WHS head coach Rick Pulsifer. “I was proud of the girls for fighting hard after being down early in the game, but as a team we need to take better care of the ball and stay focused for the full 32 minutes.”

Lily Pulsifer led the Lady Vikings in scoring with 13 points. Emma Turner reached double figures with 10 points and Maura Dorr added nine.

The next night Winthrop took on Saugus in the consolation game and came up short, 58-49.

The contest was a tightly-fought battle until the very end. Both teams engaged in press defenses, which ramped-up the intensity on both sides. Winthrop had leads of 12-11 and 33-26 at the first two buzzers. However, after the intermission Saugus was aided by some foul trouble by Winthrop. The Lady Sachems went to the charity stripe for 11 free throws in the third period to bring matters back to level at 44-44 entering the final eight minutes of play.

Saugus maintained its scoring pace in the final quarter, but Winthrop struggled to put the ball in the basket, leaving Saugus with a 58-49 victory.

“We were getting good looks, but it seemed like all of our shots and layups were rimming out,” noted Pulsifer. “We knew this was going to be a tough, physical game. Both teams know each other really well and play tough. I think a key to this game was rebounding and we didn’t do a good enough job at it, which led to second-chance points for Saugus.”

Lily Pulsifer once again led the Lady Vikings in the scoring department with 17 points. Emma Turner struck for 12, Caroline Earl hit for 10, and Maura Dorr added five points.

Pulsifer took home the tournament MVP for Winthrop with a combined 30 points and over 20 rebounds in the two games.

The Lady Vikings hit the road tomorrow (Friday) and trek to Salem Tuesday. The junior varsity contests will tip off at 5:30 followed by the varsity at 7 p.m.

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WHS BOYS HOCKEY EDGES LYNN, 5-4; HOSTS MARBLEHEAD SAT.

The Winthrop High boys hockey team defeated Lynn -- which is a combination of Lynn Classical and Lynn English -- by a score of 5-4 Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink. The triumph improves the Vikings’ record to 4-2 overall. Winthrop is 1-0 in the North Division of the Northeastern Conference.

Lynn is one of the six schools in the South Division of the NEC. There are seven schools in the NEC North. With the Lynn schools combining for a team, Malden joining with Revere, and Salem not having a hockey team, there are 13 teams comprising the two divisions among the 16 NEC schools.

With the Vikings’ season at just about the one-third mark, senior assistant captain

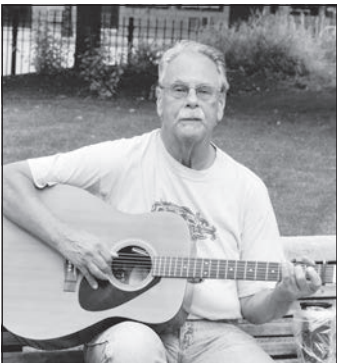
OBITUARIES

H. Bill Sabat

Chef, baker, guitarist and lifelong Winthrop resident

H. Bill Sabat, a lifelong Winthrop resident, lost his year-and-a-half-long battle with cancer on Dec 21. He was the son of well loved Winthrop residents, the late James “Jimmy “ Sabat of Pearls and Swetts Bakeries and Pearl, a community thespian, activist and visionary.

Bill’s passport reflected his constant love for-travel. As a chef and baker, he cooked his way through many exotic locations. His love for sports had him attending many Olympic games. Bill had a gift for language and he was fluent in several. Music was always an important part of Bill’s life. Many will remember seeing him play his guitar on Winthrop Beach or down the Center. For the past several years, Bill taught guitar. His students became an intricate part of his life. Teaching opened up a new world for Bill and he en-



joyed sharing his love of music with his students.

And he never missed a Saturday afternoon youth hockey game, cheering them on. Bill is survived his close cousins Morton, Marcia and Mark Vinocoor of Stoughton, lifelong friend, Frankie Boyer of Boston and dear friend, Sandra Sacco of Winthrop. In honor of Bill, please support Music Matters Winthrop. As Bill always said, “Let’s keep Music alive in Winthrop, it’s so important.”

Mary Alba

Lived life to the fullest

Mary (Ambrosino) Alba of Revere died on Dec. 25 at the age of 100.

Mary was a devout Catholic who adored her family and friends. She was a true example of what it meant living life to the fullest. She will be greatly missed by all.

The beloved wife of the late John Alba she was the adored mother of Eileen Hope Millman and her husband, Fredric of Danvers, Genevieve Faith Fiorente and her husband, Alan of Danvers and Christine Charity Mahoney and her husband, Stephen of Winthrop; loving daughter of the late Alphonso and Genevieve Ambrosino; dear sister of Frederick and his wife, Margaret, Alphonse and his wife, Mora, Violet Finamore and her late husband, Leo , Gilda Hagstrom and her husband, Donald, and the late Louis , Anthony and Phillip Ambrosino; cherished grandmother of Erica Neu and her husband, Peter, Mary McKinnon and her husband, Matt, Genevieve Anne Fiorente, Daniel Mahoney and his wife, Megan, Kelley Lowe and her husband, Joseph, and Gavin and Shannon Mahoney and adored great-grandmother of Adriana and Michael Neu, Mia McKinnon and Scarlett Rose Lowe.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio &



Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary’s name to the Saint Jude foundation 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Shriners hospital 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Joy Machcinski

Retired bookkeeper and longtime Willis School library volunteer

Joy Machcinski of Cottage Park Road, Winthrop passed away at home on Dec. 28. She was 78 years old.

Born in Buckingham, England, the beloved daughter of the late Mary Ann (Soton) and James Terry, she has been a resident of Winthrop for over 46 years and was employed as a bookkeeper in the accounting field. She was a volunteer at the Willis School Library for many years. She also loved to read, shop and tinker in her garden but she especially loved chocolate.

She was the devoted wife of Stephen Machcinski and the loving mother of Tracy Ann Machcinski of Winthrop.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today,



Thursday, Jan. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Friday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m. Committal will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish@ America 4742 North 24th Street, Phoenix AZ 85016 or go to www.wish.org

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

Mario DiBacco, Jr.

Musician and GE retiree

Mario R. DiBacco, Jr. of Winthrop, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 25 at Mass General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness. He was 77 years old.

Born in Boston, the son of the late Mario R. and Filomena (Tecce) DiBacco, Sr., he attended schools in Boston, graduated from East Boston High School and also attended Lowell State College.

Mario was employed as a machinist at the General Electric in Lynn for many years until he retired in 1996. He lived in East Boston and Revere until moving to Winthrop five years ago.

Mario was a musician who loved playing the accordion and played with several bands in the local area.

He is survived by his



daughter Rhonda L. Sarraas of Wheeling, West Va., his companion, Jeanne McDonough of Winthrop and her two children, Michelle Perrin of Las Vegas, and Scott McDonough of East Boston.

Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, Winthrop. Burial was in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park.

One Year Anniversary
January 9, 2018
Carol Petersen



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William Dacey

Retired Boston Police Dept.



William H. Dacey of Winthrop died on Jan. 1.

William was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a retired Sgt. Det. of the Boston Police Department.

He was the beloved husband of 48 years to Elaine F. (Monahan) Dacey; devoted father of Kevin P. Dacey of East Boston, Susan E. Dacey-Bellis and her husband, Donald of Mashpee, Maureen P. Nevers and her husband, Patrick of Randolph, VT, Kathleen T. Cesareo and her husband, Lawrence of Revere, Brian W. Dacey of Winthrop,

and Kristen M. Dacey of Fife, WA; adored grandfather of Nickolas, Lyncoln, and Jacob Bellis and Delaney and Carter Cesareo and dear brother of the late Anne McGovern. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to gather in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Jan. 5 at 9 a.m. A Funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. Cremation will be private. Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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Winthrop Senior Center News
January 3 – January 9, 2019

Hours: Mon-Thurs:8:30-4pm/Fri:8:30-2:30pm

Thursday, January 3

10:30am – Red Hatters Meeting
10:30am – Zumba with Barbara
11:00am-1:00pm – Medication Drop Off
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo

Friday, January 4

9:00am-12:30pm – Podiatry Appointments with Dr. Kaplan (\$20; Appointment Required)
9:30am – Exercise Class
10:00am – Ceramics with Gerry
10:30am – Line Dancing with Cindy
12:00pm – Lunch

Saturday, January 5

10:30am – Zumba with Cindy

Monday, January 7

9:30am – Exercise
10:00am – Art Class with Dawn
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo
6:15pm – Zumba Toning with Barbara

Tuesday, January 8

9:30am – Tai Chi with Cindy
10:00am – Arts & Crafts
10:00am – Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)
10:30am – Zumba with Cindy
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Chorus Rehearsal
2:00pm –Technology Class with Betsy

Wednesday, January 9

9:30am – Exercise Class
9:30-11:30am – Kelly’s Nails on Wheels (Manicures cost \$10; Appointment Required)
10:00am – Caregiver Support Group Meeting
10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church)
12:00pm – Lunch
1:15pm – Italian Class with Michael
3:00-3:45pm – Play Chess with the WMS Chess Club

For additional information on our services, activities, programs, or to view our newsletters, lunch menus and more, visit our website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging.

Hearing and Vision Support: The Low Vision and Hearing Impaired support groups will not meet in January or February. The next meetings for these two groups will be in March 2019.

Zumba with Barbara: Classes are canceled for the rest of December and will resume the week of January 7, 2019.

Tai Chi and Zumba with Cindy: Tuesday’s Tai Chi and Zumba classes will not meet in January or February. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 19th.

Senior Lunch: If you would like to come for lunch, please call the day before by 12:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day. Thank you!

Play Chess with the Winthrop Middle School Chess Club: Beginning January 2nd members of the WMS Chess Club will be at the Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 3-4pm. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Beginner and experienced players are welcome to come and play. If you would like to sign up, or would like more information, please call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. All equipment will be provided.

Indoor Walking Club: The Indoor Walking Club will be starting Monday, November 26th; walkers can use the Middle/High School Monday-Friday from 4:15-5:15pm (when school is in session). If you would like walk, please sign up at the Senior Center. You will also need to fill out a CORI form (forms are available at the front desk of the Senior Center).

Technology & Learning with Betsy: The next learning session with Betsy Duplin is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th and 22nd from 2:00-3:00pm. Bring your laptops, smart phones, or tablets, along with your questions. Learning this new technology can open up a whole new world for you.

SHINE Counseling: Volunteer SHINE Counselors are here to help you with any health insurance questions you may have. If you would like to visit with one of our SHINE Counselors, please call the Senior Center (617-846-8538) to schedule an appointment.

We are looking for a Spanish teacher to teach a weekly, one hour class. A small stipend is available. Please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 if you are interested.

Do you have any unused jewelry hanging around the house? If so, would you consider donating it to the Senior Center? We put jewelry on sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Senior Center. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Thursday, January 3 (11am-1pm): Prescription medication drop-off. If you have any old/unused medications that you would like to dispose of safely you can bring them to the Senior Center between 11am and 1pm on January 3rd.

Tuesday, January 15 (1:00pm): Diabetic Shoe Clinic. Sign up at the front desk. Please bring your Medicare card, as well as any other supplemental insurance cards, and a completed doctor’s order form (forms are available at the Senior Center).

UPCOMING TRIPS

Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Celtic Angels of Ireland St. Patrick’s Day Show at the Venus DeMilo. Cost: \$95 (includes lunch). Meal choice: Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock.

Sunday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 8: 3 Night Trip to Cape May and Atlantic City, New Jersey. Cost: \$875/double or \$1125/single. \$300 deposit due at sign up. Balance due March 22nd. There will be no cancellations after March 22nd, unless a replacement is found. For more information on the trip, please pick up a flyer at the Senior Center.

UPCOMING CASINO TRIPS

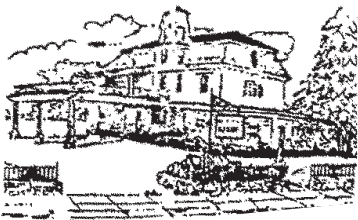
Casino Trips Cost: \$29; sign up at the Senior Center. Please make checks payable to “Friends of the WCOA”. You must sign up by the Friday before the trip.

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February 26th – Foxwoods Casino (departs Senior Center at 7am).

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
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(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU18P261SEA
Estate of: Salvatore Dimartino
Date of Death: 08/21/2018
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paula Ann Dimartino of Winthrop, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Paula Ann Dimartino of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/21/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of

assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 10, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate 1/3/19 W

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
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(617)788-8300
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU18CO642CA
In the matter of: Justin Adam Villalta
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Justin Adam Villalta of Winthrop, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Justin Jareau De Luca
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return

day of 1/17/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 7, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate 1/3/19 W

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER O COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU17P1985EA
Estate of: Carolyn J. Smoot
Also known as: Carolyn Smoot
Date of Death: 06/29/2017
To all interested persons: A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Kristin M. Alberts of Orlando, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree 1/3/19 W

of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/07/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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to keep the community up to speed.

Residents also complained about the speed of traffic coming to and from the island, the numerous truck trips and even a recent accident when a car hit a house. There was also an issue with abutters being noticed.

“I’m still upset with the trucks and my credibility with you people is zero,” said resident Mary Mahoney.

Deer Island is a national park, located in Boston. A legal ad regarding the project only ran in the Boston Globe and not the Winthrop Transcript.

“We are the geographical abutters,” said resident Dawn Quirk.

Funds from saltwater fishing licenses through the State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife will fund this entire project.

At the end of the night many still felt the frustration, but Laskey said plans to build the 250-foot long fishing pier and a 20 car, 7,000 square-foot parking area remain in place.



Town Manager Austin Faison.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTS FAISON

It’s been more than a year since former Town Manager James McKenna left and the road to finding a replacement has been rough. Town Council President Ron Vecchia appointed a full-time manager Austin Faison in hopes that he will guide the town through some very difficult and chal-

lenging times ahead.

“I believe he is the right individual to guide our town through some very difficult and challenging times,” said Vecchia.

The new town manager will be faced with what to do with the old middle school, center business district issues, development, the ferry, a new public safety building, and three legal cases involving Winthrop Police.

POLITO VISITS WINTHROP AGAIN

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Judith Judson, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and other state and local officials from 80 municipalities came to Winthrop last Friday afternoon to award Green Communities Competitive Grants to fund clean energy projects at municipal and school facilities.

Gathering at the DeLeo Senior Center, the Baker-Polito awarded \$14,798,596 in Green Communities competitive grants to 80 communities who have earned the Green Communities designation.

“Green Communities are champions for clean energy practices across Massachusetts and should be commended for their efforts to reduce energy use and costs,” Polito said.

For its grant Winthrop was awarded \$247,554 for lighting around the police station, library and the senior center.

AUGUST NEW PATHWAY TO SCHOOL

Thanks to the collaboration of the school department, the police department, and the DPW, there will be a new footpath for high school and middle school students to access just in time for the upcoming school year.

The updates will be made to the area that runs from Oceanview Avenue alongside the tennis courts, and out to the main entrance of the high school.

While the area that connects Oceanview Avenue to the school, has always been accessed in the past, it will now be an ADA compliant asphalt footpath extending from a new pedestrian ramp that is being installed by DPW.

The path, which runs alongside the tennis courts, leads to an existing pedestrian ramp at the main entrance of the school, safely guiding the students out and close to the front doors. The ramp will be accompanied by a wooden guardrail that will be installed on the parking lot side of the path to delineate the area and offer protection for students.

NEW PARK AND PATHWAY DEDICATED

Never in her wildest dreams did Conservation Commissioner Mary Kelley think something would be named for her, but on Monday afternoon the new pavilion at the Belle Isle Marsh Marine Ecology Park and Walking Pathway off Morton Street was named to honor the work of Kelley.

Joining in the dedication were Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, State Sen. Joe Boncore, DCR Commissioner Leo Roy, Town Manager Austin Faison, Town Council President Ron Vecchia, Councilor Jim Letterie, Friends of the Belle Isle Marsh and more.

Kelley, 81 years old and a retired schoolteacher, has served on the Conservation Commission as a member and the chairperson. She is now commissioner emeritus and Norm Hyett is now the chairman.

“She is the first woman in town to receive an honor like this,” Hyett said. “And it is well-deserved. Her goal was always to get things done cor-

rectly and to never compromise.”

Mary Kelley passed away the following week.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING HITS THE SPOT

The Board of Health and the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control met and determined that it was time to spray for mosquitoes after numerous reports of people being swarmed during the day and night.

Kim Foss, an entomologist with NEMMC, said the salt marsh mosquito is a daytime biter, although in this species there is no concern for West Nile Virus. She noted that because of bees they can only spray after sunset and they choose to go even further waiting an additional hour.

Spraying was done along Morton Street with the goal of reducing the number of salt marsh mosquitos along the marsh and to give residents relief from being swarmed.

“Residents reported some relief but it’s not clear if effect was compounded by the drop-in temperature and/or change of wind direction early last weekend,” said Board of Health member Dr. Astrid Weins.

SEPTEMBER CFO RESIGNS

Winthrop’s Chief Financial

Officer has resigned after discussions with the new Town Manager Austin Faison who would not say what prompted the resignation of Michael Perez, but he said they were discussing moving the town’s financial department forward and it became evident Perez would not play a role in it.

Perez had worked for the town for almost three years. He was hired by former Town Manager James McKenna and worked under temporary town managers Terence Delehanty and David Cressman.

PARENTS TURN OUT TO EXPRESS CONCERNS OVER GROWING CLASS SIZE

Monday night’s School Committee meeting drew the attention of a few concerned parents after word spread regarding an increase in the kindergarten class sizes. In what is considered an unusual case, nine new kindergarten students were registered after Sept. 1. The last-minute additions created an inflation in classroom size, with an end result of four, 26 student classrooms and two, 25 student classrooms. All six classrooms have a teacher and a full time ESP, resulting in a 13:1 ratio.

Winthrop is one of 293 communities in the commonwealth that provide free all-

day kindergarten, saving families anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per school year. In 2010, the school committee voted to have this benefit available for local students, and it was instituted at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Prior to this decision, parents were required to pay \$2,300 to send their children to the all-day kindergarten program.

MIXED RESPONSE AT MARIJUANA FORUM

Town officials held to discuss the issue of retail recreational marijuana business in Winthrop.

For the most part the two and half hour forum was informational, with some residents and elected officials in favor of marijuana and others adamantly opposed. Concerns about the impact and message to children were aired by some and others focused on the revenue to the town.

Currently, there is a local moratorium on licensing any retail marijuana shops and it expires Dec. 31. If the town takes no action anyone can come in on Jan. 1 and open a shop. The town can see if the Attorney General can expand the moratorium to March 2019. The town officials can hold a special election asking to voters if they want a pot

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