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ART ON DISPLAY ON AUGUST 16

The Winthrop Art Association (WAA) is pleased to announce the 'Museum Without Walls' Street Art Exhibit at French Square in Winthrop Center. The Art will be presented later this month on the parking spaces created with the removal of French Square and will be a temporary enhancement of the total area.

Frank Costantino, WAA Artist Member and local resident proposed the idea to town officials and asked for the support of WAA. The 'Museum Without Walls' Exhibit will serve as a prototype for a larger initiative to paint other spaces and walls in Town, with the adaptation of Master Art-works from any period or source chosen by our member artists. The goal of this art initiative is to attract visitors and involve the artist community as we develop Winthrop as a strong visible presence for residents and visitors.

The anticipated Paint Day will be on Sunday in August 16 (August 23 rain date) from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. to minimize disruption for businesses and area residents. The painters may take as long as needed to complete the work, but should finish their work no later than Sunday evening. Space distancing and face masks will be required. Selections will be made for the first round of the 'Museum Without Walls' Exhibit with space assigned on a first selected basis. A second round of painting will be required to complete the

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THOSE WHO CAN FOR THOSE IN NEED FUNDRAISER



Enjoying the great pizza at the Prince House of Pizza and the comedy at Giggles under the tent, Jim Nestor, Lynda DiMuro, Mary Jane Abern, Tina Baptista, Nancy Williams-Anderson, Alice Anderson and Gabe Baptista during last Wednesday's annual fundraiser for the Winthrop-based "Those Who Can for Those in Need." See more photos on Page 14.

Logan Family faces adversity with a positive attitude

By Kate Anslinger

Resident and local business owner, Danielle Logan has had no shortage of challenges in her life. Shortly after she married the love of her life, Steve Logan, an emergency surgery due to Necrotizing Pancreatitis, brought Steve to the Intensive Care Unit, followed by a six month stay in the hospital. As Danielle watched Steve take a near-fatal turn, she stood by his side nursing him back to health. He currently has 20% of his pancreas intact and continues to endure severe health complications.

On July 2, just two weeks before her 37th birthday, Danielle's role of caretaker quickly switched to patient, when she received



Danielle Logan, after she cut her hair to prep for chemo treatments.

the news that she has stage 3 breast cancer. When she started getting debilitating night sweats, she knew that something was awry in her

body. She decided to stop taking her birth control with the hopes that the sweats would end, but within three weeks she found three lumps in her right breast and was told to come in for a scan immediately.

"I knew something wasn't right when the ultrasound technician asked if I wanted to schedule an appointment to see the surgeon before I even had my biopsy results."

Taking the technician's advice, she scheduled an appointment with a surgeon before she had the results, then waited three days before receiving the call that she had three different forms of cancer in her right breast, one of which is in

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CBD project a necessary nuisance to nearby businesses

By Maxim Tamarov

It was Tuesday afternoon and two P. Gioioso & Sons construction vehicles were circling around Harold E. French Square, working on a segment of the Center Business District (CBD) construction project.

The CBD project, which aims to replace decaying infrastructure and upgrade the water main, sewer, drain, roadway, sidewalk, and streetscapes of the business district, is about a quarter of the way done. Slated for completion in late 2021, it

has been a necessary nuisance for the adjacent shops and restaurants.

"It definitely affects our business," Shahid Mahmud, owner of Square Market, said of the work being done outside his store. Between morning and 3 p.m., he said, "Nobody can get in here."

Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Betsy Shane said that the businesses that she'd spoken with, told her the construction company, P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc., was easy to work with and un-

derstanding of their needs.

Other businesses in the area have not felt the effects of the CBD project because they already had seen a decrease in their business volume because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Such is the case with Roger Oliveira, owner of Winthrop Cafe. Covid-19 hit his business hard, he said, so he was grateful for the CBD work happening when his business was already slow. Oliveira added that the CBD project would benefit his business directly. The cafe's basement, he said, regularly flooded and he hoped the construction would put an end to that.

Oliveira also said that he hoped the end of construction would coincide with the pandemic running its course.

Work on the CBD proj-

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School Committee adopts hybrid learning model for fall 2020

By Kate Anslinger

On Monday evening, the school committee made a unanimous decision to implement a hybrid model for learning in the fall. The hybrid model, which consists of both in-person and remote learning meets and exceeds the guidance for mask-wearing, proper social distancing, hand washing, and cleaning and sanitization schedules.

While districts throughout the Commonwealth are considering different approaches to the hybrid model, Winthrop's return to school task force has chosen option two, which will allow for two in-person days of learning, and three remote days for students in

grades Pre-K through 12. Students will be broken up into cohorts, either blue or gold, and they will attend in-person lessons on either Monday and Tuesdays of every week or Thursdays and Fridays of every week. Wednesdays will be reserved for cleaning the school buildings while all students work remotely. Siblings will be prioritized and placed in the same cohorts when possible, to ease the burden on parents, and students with high needs will have the opportunity to attend in-classroom learning four days a week.

"There are pros and cons to each of the options and option two best fits the

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Council hears updates on COVID, library, school reopening

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Aug. 4 for its regularly scheduled weekly meeting. In case you missed it, here are the highlights.

COVID-19

Dept. of Public Health (DPH) Director Meredith Hurley provided an update on COVID-19 cases in Winthrop. Since the start of the pandemic, Winthrop has seen 306 positive COVID-19 cases, with 269 in recovery, 13 in isolation and 24 deceased. Hurley

said rates were slowing since the spike in July, and the town's percent positive rate was the lowest it has been since the end of May. The town's current 3.41 percent positive rate is more evenly spread among individuals of all ages. DPH is currently prioritizing the safe reopening of schools.

In terms of reopening Town Hall and other town departments, Town Manager Austin Faison said he is working to see how this could be done safely.

"The priority is the public health issue," he said.

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COLLEGE BOUND



The Vecchio Brothers, Jared and Michael are members of the Winthrop High School Class of 2020 and received their diplomas on July 24 during the commencement ceremony. Jared is headed to UMass Amherst for computer science. Michael is headed to UMass Amherst Isenberg School of business. They are members of the National Honor Society and participated in several acts of community service throughout all of their years of school, starting in kindergarten. Shown in the photo are Jared on the left and Michael on the right.

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The following scholarships and awards were omitted from last weeks graduation special section.

WHS STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS		
GRADUATION AWARDS	AMOUNT	NAME
Winthrop Lodge of Elks Beta Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Elizabeth Collins
Winthrop Lodge of Elks Epsilon Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Sophie Owen
Priscilla Sawin Holt Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000. 00	Patrick Haskell
David Joseph Sawin Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Marisa Farren
Clark Sawin Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Mary Lawlor
Loretta Sawin Pietrzak Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Sophie Owen
E. Loretta & W. Clark Sawin Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Fiona MacPhail
Quest & Question Club International Prize Award	\$1,000.00	Elizabeth Collins
Quest & Question Club International Prize Award	\$1,000.00	Ella McCarey
Quest & Question Club International Prize Award	\$1,000.00	Trinity Rist
Quest & Question Club International Prize Award	\$1,000.00	Maria Tracy
Sons of Italy Lodge #2057 Past Presidents Award	\$1,000.00	William Hubert
Winthrop Playmakers Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Carolyn Ford
Winthrop Playmakers Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Annalise Love
Winthrop Playmakers Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Fiona MacPhail
Sandra Stolzberg Shulman Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Julie Forster
Rona Mael Town Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Kevin Dorr
Dr. & Mrs. A. Nathan Caplan Health Science Award	\$1,000.00	Maria Tracy
North Suffolk Armando Alfano Endowment Fund	\$1,000.00	Joseph Mahoney
North Suffolk Armando Alfano Endowment Fund	\$1,000.00	Ella McCarey
Winthrop Improvement & Historical Assoc. Award	\$1,000.00	Olivia Driscoll
Robert Capezza Scholarship Fund	\$1,000.00	Sage D’Amelio
Winthrop Council on Aging Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Mary Lawlor

GRADUATION AWARDS	AMOUNT	NAME
Winthrop Council on Aging Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Khalil Mimouni
Winthrop Council on Aging Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Clare Nargi
Win. Police Assoc/Memory/Lt. Joseph Flannery	\$1,000.00	Andrei Opincaru
Win. Police Assoc/Memory/Off. Charles Domenico	\$1,000.00	Andrew Survilas
The Sylvia Costonis Family Trust Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Zara Powell
Robert Perry Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Conor Clarke
Michael J. Mason Memorial Scholarship	\$1,100.00	Fiona MacPhail
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Michael L. Piccirillo Memorial Scholarship	\$1,111.11	Alana Grillo
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The Key Family Scholarship	\$1,160.00	Elizabeth Collins
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The Key Family Scholarship	\$1,160.00	Isabel Skomro
Stephen Acone Youth Hockey/Police Association	\$1,500.00	Stephen Hinchion
Stephen Acone Youth Hockey/Police Association	\$1,500.00	Sydney Mignosa
Dr. William B. Hurley Academic Award & Plaque	\$1,500.00	Charlotte Hurley
Michael Delehanty Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500.00	Jennifer Rogers
Marie C. Petrilli Cancer Memorial Fund Award	\$1,500.00	Sydney Mignosa
Marie C. Petrilli Cancer Memorial Fund Award	\$1,500.00	Sophie Owen
Marie C. Petrilli Cancer Memorial Fund Award	\$1,500.00	Ryan Parker
David J. Alioto Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500.00	Karly Alioto
Evelyn & Paul W. Marks Scholarship	\$2,500.00	Carly Zinko
Dr. Richard S. Tacelli Scholarship in Sciences Award	\$2,500.00	William Hubert

ATHLETIC AWARDS & TROPHIES		
“The Bentley Swift Memorial Cup Award” (1 cup)	Patrick Haskell	“The Michael Eruzione Olympic Spirit Award \$1,000.00 & (1 trophy)
“The Wallace B. Maclean Athletic Trophy” (1 trophy)	Olivia Driscoll	“The Winthrop Little League Award Trophy” (2 trophy’s)
“The Francis M. Fioretti Award” (2 Trophy’s)	Kevin Dorr	Mark Goudge
	Isabel Skomro	Ashley McGonagle
		“The Edwin E. MacFarland Memorial Plaque” (1 plaque)
		Joseph Mahoney

Hybrid learning //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

needs of our students and allows us to follow safety and cleaning protocols,” said Superintendent Lisa Howard. “I do want to acknowledge the countless efforts and time that has gone into this decision-making process. Multiple members of staff and community have generously offered to participate in complex and a more than challenging process. The willingness to be open to all possibilities during this time of uncertainty has been nothing short of amazing.”

Option one of the hybrid model follows a one week on one week off schedule and option three breaks up groups of students into morning or afternoon schedules, alternating days and weeks.

Howard said the return to school task force considered all factors when determining the best fit for the district. As part of the research,

the Board of Health, school custodians, principals and teachers worked together and did several building assessments to determine how health and safety procedures could be enacted.

“The decision was driven by recommendations by state officials and well-respected health and disease specialists. This option will allow us to have in-person learning in smaller groups while maintaining six-feet of social distancing, as opposed to the three-feet of social distancing that would be mandatory in a full in-person setting. It allows us to begin the process of a phased-in return to school.”

There is also the option for families to opt out of the hybrid model and adopt a full remote model, which will be offered by the state. The school district will not lose Chapter 70 for students who opt for fully remote because they will

still be enrolled in public school and funded by public school. Students that are not enrolled in the school hybrid plan will not be eligible for any school related extra-curricular activities including sports per the Department of Education.

The district has until August 10th to hand in their final decision. When the full plan is in place the public will be updated and notified of all safety protocols and the setup of heating systems, air quality, and filter systems in the school buildings. As of now, 90% of districts across the Commonwealth have adopted the hybrid model, and 10% have adopted fully remote or have not yet decided.

On November 13th, the school committee will review guidance provided by the Department of Education and the Board of Health to re-evaluate the model and decide on the next steps.

Logan family //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a lymph node. With little time to process the situation, Danielle and Steve were thrown into a new norm that includes weekly rounds of chemo and a mastectomy.

“The surreal moment came when the Dr handed me a book about breast cancer treatments. I remember thinking, is this real? Am I imagining this? It felt especially untrue because I received my diagnosis alone due to COVID restrictions. And suddenly it’s this juxtaposition and Steve has to slip into the role of caretaker and I’m the patient. But he knows what to expect because he has been in the patient role for so long.”

Two years prior, Danielle had micrographic surgery (MOHS) to remove basal cell carcinoma from the right side of her forehead. Armed with a positive attitude that has gotten her through all her previous struggles, Danielle, is looking on the bright side of things.

“I have three forms of cancer, but no cancer in my lower lymph nodes so that’s good and I’m grateful for that.”

The road ahead will not be easy, but Danielle is keeping her chin up, hoping to normalize it for her daughter, Lilah (8) and son, Tommy (4).

“Someone recently said to me ‘It’s good that your kids are young, they won’t remember this tough time,’ but that’s not how we’re choosing to look at it. The road ahead will be tough, and far from perfect but I



Danielle Logan, with husband Steve, Lilah and Tommy.

want the kids learn that life isn’t about perfect. It’s not always going to go exactly how you want it. In the end it’s about taking the challenging road and seeing the light at the end of it.”

On July 24th, six days after her 37th birthday, Danielle started her first round of 16 chemo treatments. After she rests for the month of January, she will likely have a bilateral mastectomy by springtime.

“It’s interesting. You go through so many waves of emotion. The community has been whole heartedly outstanding and full of love. The minute I received my diagnosis people started dropping off food, flowers and offering to help with the kids. Once again, we are

proud to call Winthrop our home. There are so many genuinely good people in this town.”

As Danielle focuses on getting beyond her latest battle, friends of the Logan family have started a GoFundMe page to help ease the burden of the time that she will lose doing what she loves...boarding and walking dogs for her business, Just Like Home Pet Sitting. For more information on how you can donate to a meal calendar, please contact Robin Ferullo at: Rferullo11@gmail.com 781-953-1894

To make a donation please go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-for-the-logan-family>

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“We are still a long, long way from coming back to normal. we are all in this together.

Library

Town Manager Faison reported that pickup and dropoff of physical library materials was going well and that his next priority was to increase the availability of the library’s digital collection. He also commented that “the tenor of discussions” about the library in public forums had “gone overboard”, with commenters using vulgar language aimed at town employees.

“I wish people had more patience with one another,” he said. “We are all in this together.”

Winthrop Public Schools

The School Committee met on Aug. 3 where they unanimously decided that classes will resume on with a hybrid of in-person and remote learning. Students will be divided into Blue and Gold groups, with Blue students attending school in per-

son Mondays and Tuesdays and Gold students attending Thursdays and Fridays. All students will attend remotely on Wednesdays. Electronic devices will be provided to all students to support remote participation. SPED students will have lessons in person every day but Wednesday. Orientation will begin on Sept. 16, with classes set to begin Sept 21. The plan is awaiting state approval.

State Aid Update

Council received an update from Asst. Town Manager Anna Freedman around the expected state aid for FY21. While the state has not yet set a full budget for FY21, it was able to approve a three-month interim budget for aid to municipalities.

Fieldhouse Dedication

The Council discussed naming the new fieldhouse at Miller Field after Anthony Fucillo, who coached at Winthrop High School for 35 years. Councilors received numerous letters and calls in favor of the dedication. The matter was sent to

the Memorials Committee and a final vote will be held in two weeks.

Commission on Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations
Council President Phil Boncore appointed the last three of nine commissions on the Commission on Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations. (See separate article.)

Citations

Council bestowed citations on the following individuals: Sister Jane Iannaccone for her 25 years at St. John the Evangelist Church, Gerald Difranza for his advocacy for disabled people, and Ellen Nickerson for 49 years of work at the Winthrop Public Library.

Upcoming Events

There will be a parade in honor of Sister Jane on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 1pm, leaving from the Winthrop High School.

The Winthrop High School ten year reunion for the class of 2010 was postponed until next year.

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WAITING FOR THE BIG ONE

As we are writing this, we are awaiting the arrival of Hurricane Isaias, which is the earliest-ever ninth named storm of a hurricane season.

Although Isaias was a weak Category 1 hurricane when it made landfall in the Carolinas and will be a tropical storm by the time it reaches us, it is forecast to combine with a storm front out of the west by the time it reaches New Jersey, bringing heavy rain to western New England and strong winds to eastern New England, similar to what Hurricane Irene did in late August of 2011.

Irene caused widespread power outages in Eastern Mass. (we recall losing all of the contents of our freezer in the basement) and the same is being forecast for Isaias, so we trust that all of our readers are prepared for some degree of inconvenience in the coming days.

Although Isaias will not cause major damage, the record number of named storms already this season gives us pause. Climate change undeniably is occurring in ways that are not fully understood, but one thing that is clear is that the number and severity of tropical storms are on the increase.

Climate change is bringing warmer ocean temperatures, which are the jet fuel for tropical storms. And for the record, the ocean temperature in Boston Harbor these past two weeks uncharacteristically has been above 70 degrees, which is wonderful for swimmers, but a harbinger of bad things to come.

The Hurricane of 1938 still stands as the fiercest hurricane ever to strike our part of the country, a once-in-a-hundred years weather event. In terms of the odds alone, we are overdue for another major hurricane. But with the effects of climate change factored into the mix, it is clear that Mother Nature could do some serious damage if another coastal storm makes its way here.

So as with everything else in life, it's just one day at a time as we await the inevitability of The Big One to strike.

DEATHS ARE ONLY PART OF THE COVID STORY

Whether the subject is drunk driving, gun violence, or COVID-19, the headline that grabs our attention always is the death toll, of which there tragically have been more than 150,000 of our fellow Americans from COVID-19.

However, what often goes unreported are the large numbers of injuries, whether caused by drunken drivers, guns, or the coronavirus, that have life-altering consequences for victims.

Recent studies have shown that even individuals who are totally asymptomatic when they contract COVID-19 still are likely to have long-term, if not permanent, damage to their heart, lungs, brain, kidneys, and other organs.

With respect to the heart, a study revealed that more than 3/4 of a group of 100 relatively young and healthy persons who contracted COVID-19 had some degree of visible heart damage -- 76 had evidence of a biomarker signaling cardiac injury typically found after a heart attack -- two months after the virus had cleared their bodies.

We still are learning about the coronavirus, but as time goes on and as our nation lurches ahead with no strategy to contain the pandemic, thereby endangering the lives and health of all of our citizens, it is becoming increasingly clear that COVID-19 is a far more insidious threat than initially had been thought.

And as we learn more and more about how damaging COVID-19 can be to even healthy individuals, it is hard to imagine reopening schools and businesses without a national strategy and adequate funding to ensure the health and safety of our people.



LETTER to the Editor

VOTE FOR SEN. ED MARKEY

Dear Editor,

On September 1, citizens across our town and state will be voting on who will represent the Democratic Party as their choice for the U.S. Senate. Presently, the Democratic incumbent is Senator Edward Markey. Representative Joseph Kennedy is challenging the Senator's seat.

All of us have witnessed a world that has turned upside down over the last 5 months due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, many of us have been strongly impacted by this horrendous virus: loss of jobs, businesses and most importantly loved ones.

Now we must stand up and recognize the need for a strong, trusting and experienced leader to help us get up on our feet and move positively forward.

This leader is Ed Markey:

- * Senator Markey worked 37 years as our U.S. Representative
- * Senator Markey worked 7 years as Massachusetts U.S. Senator

Senator Markey has continuously led our state and country by protecting our senior citizens, low income families, and disabled to maintain their Social Security rights and benefits.

He has always been a strong proponent of reducing the impact of global warming/climate change through initiating clean and renewable energy (wind/solar). His belief has allowed a healthy and cleaner environment for the future of our precious children and our Earth.

Leadership, Trust and Experience will help to lead us out of these dire times.

We need a leader who will fight for us regardless of race or religion. A leader who recognizes that in order for our lives to turn upward we must all unite for the betterment of humanity and mankind.

Senator Markey is the man who will help do this!

Maryalice Sharkey

I ENDORSE SEN. MARKEY

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to endorse Senator Ed Markey for Massachusetts Senator. Not only has Senator Markey been a tremendous supporter of women's rights and universal health care; he has been a trailblazer relative to preservation and improvement of the environment and development of telecommunications.

Before most Americans learned that toxic gases and chemicals, along with fossil fuels were negatively impacting our air, water, and soil; Senator Ed Markey was leading the cause to clean all of this up and preserve our planet.

But who knew the terms "telecommunications" and "broadband" back in the last century? It was Senator Ed Markey who gathered data on these topics and set the stage for further research and development for the digital discoveries we all enjoy, and need, today.

Because of Senator Markey's diligence, positive values, and vision; I'll definitely be voting for him by mail or even BEFORE the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 1st.

Sincerely,

Donna Segret Reilly

REUNION CANCELLED

Dear Editor and Winthrop High School Class of 2010,

Due to unforeseen circumstances regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our 10-year reunion will be postponed until 2021. The class officers have come to this decision with everyone's safety in mind.

Please feel free to share this information among our classmates so the word gets around!

We will see you next

year! Be safe and well!

Your Class of 2010 Officers

NEW BUS STOP SIGNS MAKING RIDING THE BUS BETTER

Dear Editor,

Have you noticed anything shiny and new along the streets of Winthrop lately? Something that finally explains why people have been standing in certain spots on the sidewalk waiting for something or someone? It's the new MBTA bus stop signs! Over the last few weeks, MBTA crews have been out around town installing new signs to properly mark our stops with information including both the route serving the stop (712 or 713) and the destination (Orient Heights, Winthrop Beach or Point Shirley). This may seem trivial, but before this time, many of our bus stops have been marked by either a spray painted blue stripe on a telephone pole, a blank sign simply saying "T", or no sign at all. Not only is this confusing for people trying to utilize our bus service- especially people who are visiting or who are new to town- it has sent a public message that buses, and the people who ride them, are not a priority in our town. With the installation of signs that tell people not just where the bus will stop but also which bus it will be and in which direction is it headed (not always apparent given the circular function of our local routes), people who take the bus- some by choice and some because it is their only transportation- will now receive just a little more dignity in our community.

These new bus stop signs have been a long standing priority for the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), which I have chaired since it's formation in 2016 but was recently disbanded (I'll be joining the Planning Board and the

remaining committee members will be merged with the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee aka TSAC. We have written many emails, had many calls, and even several in person meetings with the MBTA about this project over the last three (yes, three) years, and are thrilled to see it finally come to fruition. By nature of the contract that was signed between the Town of Winthrop and the MBTA in February 2019, the bus stop replacement project will be carried out in 3 phases, all in effort to bring the routes closer to the standards set in the MBTA Bus Stop Design Guidelines. In some cases, there are challenges with replacement, including accessibility and operational concerns, among others. Due to these challenges, the replacement will continue in 3 phases, starting with what we've seen happening now where there are known stop locations and limited accessibility and operational concerns, then moving to stops where there may need to be some relocating to resolve accessibility and operational issues, and completing with the stops that may require broader infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks or curb extensions. For the remaining phases, municipal cooperation will be necessary and I have confidence that our Town Manager will continue to show up to the table and lead on these.

What started as a bus system running non-MBTA buses with no Charlie Card readers (meaning Winthrop riders literally had to pay twice to transfer from bus to T) along routes with few or no markings has evolved into something much more legitimate and of service to Winthrop residents and visitors. We will continue to advocate for shelters, seating, maps, and other common amenities- as well as service improvements- that make riding the bus a great option in our town. It's a win-win for everyone!

Julia Wallerice

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The responsibility to ensure a safe school reopening lies with all of us

As a mother to a 7-year old and a 3-year old, I wish nothing more for our family than to go back to our normal life, to socialize with our friends, to visit our parents in other states and abroad, to take our kids on

carefree vacations without restrictions, and, last but not least, for our kids to have a fun and rich experience at school or preschool. There is no question that I am privileged with these wishes: I have a house to retreat to, a yard for my kids to play in and a secure job. I am well aware that others are less fortunate. I am also an essential health-

care worker and scientist, and as such, although not working on the frontline, have had a unique and close up perspective on the devastations of COVID-19 at a major medical center. Lastly, I serve on the local Board of Health, which has forced me to stay up to date on all guidelines, to be involved in advisories and town decisions, and to fol-

low our COVID numbers closely. I have also been following the fierce debate around the safe reopening of schools amid this active pandemic, with friends that are teachers and others that are parents. That said, I am not writing this letter to pontificate, or to sway you to either side. Because,

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WINTHROP’S ZENITH LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS #42 HOSTS ANNUAL SUMMER COLLATION

Last Tuesday night at the Winthrop Lodge of Odd Fellows, located at 196 Winthrop Street, A delicious Kelly’s Roast Beef and Lobster Roll buffet was served which included, Kelly’s world famous clam chowder. It was the first real meeting of the lodge’s brethren in a while, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Non the less the officers and members that did show up, enjoyed a great meal and had a lot of catching up to do, with both personal and lodge business. Noble Grand, Gerri Gatchel, had much to do with the upcoming events of the lodge, discussing calendar dates with Massachusetts Grand Master, Mary Vitiello. Coming up this Saturday, August 1, from 9am-2pm at the lodge’s location is a Red Cross blood drive, walk ins are welcome. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. On Saturday, September 12th, at the lodge a Flu Clinic sponsored by CVS of Winthrop from 10am -4pm will be open to the public as well.

Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows is a dedicated,



Rose Pellegrino is the Warden of the lodge, and has been an active member for the past several years.

community- oriented organization, generously donating throughout Winthrop and across Massachusetts. They are always looking for new members to carry on their honored traditions, for more information call Noble Grand Gerri Gatchel at 617-455-8212. The lodge meets at 196 Winthrop Street on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, unless a special meeting is called and due notice will be given.



The head of Zenith Lodge for the past several years is Noble Grand, Gerri Gatchel. She is responsible for the day to day operations of the lodge and has lots of other responsibilities.



Prior to the start of the meeting, Treasurer Lou Dingee pays the bills for the lodge.



Zenith Lodge’s Chaplain is local resident Mary Vitiello, but the lady behind the mask is also the highest ranking officer in the state for the Odd Fellows, she is the Grand Master of Massachusetts IOOF. Her term was to end this June, but was extended another year due to the pandemic.



Secretary, Steve Morrow and his wife Marie are both very active members in the lodge

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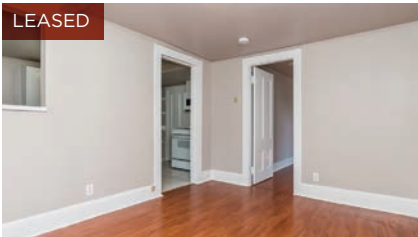
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4XVR offers a safe escape in the center of town

By Kate Anslinger

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Located at 44 Woodside Ave, 4XVR is the first of its kind in the area. Whether you are 5 or 105, the socially distanced virtual reality pods and two seated stations offer over 250 virtual games spanning a variety of genres. Each guest is given a sanitized headset and two controllers that allow them

to see and experience things in a totally immersive way.

“We put my dad in front of the Vatican, and he was in complete awe,” said owner Andrea Cirelli. “He loved exploring the area. He is 89 years old and has always wanted to see The Great Wall of China, that’s next for him and he won’t need to pack a bag or need a plane ticket.”

4XVR gives you the opportunity to go virtually anywhere in a world where the majority of entertainment has been cancelled. The couches and large screens allow you to see what the user is seeing, and the private setting offers an opportunity to get out with friends and family while staying safe. The staff follows strict sanitization and safety standards, social distancing protocols and



Sophia Valenza gets into a fight and throws punches to defend herself from fellow bar patrons.

masks are required.

Owned and operated by Michael Clark and Andrea and Donny Cirelli, 4XVR is more than just games.

“We even offer VR training and educational experiences,” said Andrea. “There are so many types of content for educators, trainers, first responders, professional services, safety and more. What we have seen is truly amazing and can complement current curriculum and training in a way that engages and astounds. We offer team building, corporate events, birthday parties and more recently, a graduation party.”

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Sean Driscoll features Summer Parks and Recreation teams

By Cary Shuman

We're in the final weeks of the Winthrop Summer Parks program and it's been a fantastic year.

Excellent weather. Fun activities. Outstanding instructors. Being with your classmates and friends. Learning new skills in arts and crafts.

Arts and crafts – which we believe is always a plural noun - are having a resurgence this summer. Arts and crafts have consistently shown up as one of the most popular activities at the camp.

The campers enjoyed pony rides Wednesday at the park. There was also a yoga session.

MEET THE GREEN CRABS

First, we must tell you that we recognize the last name of one of the members of the Green Crabs team. This youth's father led the Winthrop Little League in home runs and was a terrific three-sport (foot-



A camper enjoys a pony ride Wednesday in the Winthrop Summer Parks Program.

ball, hockey, and baseball) athlete at Winthrop High School. A tall, left-handed pitcher - but we believe a right-handed hitter - he had one of the greatest pitching performances in school history, a two-hit masterpiece in a 3-0 upset of St. Mary's in the State Tournament. But his most memorable moment may have been catching a touchdown pass from James Fucillo as the lights went out in the Endicott College football stadium during a football playoff game against Natick

High. That was a superb Tony Fucillo-coached Winthrop High football team that unfortunately ran into a powerhouse Natick team. Winthrop returned to the playoffs the very next year and won it all.

This athlete always played the games with unfettered enthusiasm and team spirit that his teammates surely appreciated.

Jarrett Herdt, you certainly earned your place in the annals of Winthrop High sports stars. And Ethan Hedrt, you should be very proud of your father.

Just ask Mr. Driscoll – he was an assistant coach when your father was excelling in football at Winthrop High.

“Jarrett was a great kid and a great athlete,” said Coach Driscoll.

Back to the Green Crabs. They list tennis, basketball, the park, and arts and crafts as their favorite things to do in the Summer Parks Program.

The Green Crabs' favorite instructors are Isabel Skomro, Nick Calla, Leo Robertson (21st Century),



The Green Crabs team in the Winthrop Summer Parks Program is pictured above.



The Red Devils team in the Winthrop Summer Parks program is pictured above.

and Ms. Toni.

Their Favorite Part of Winthrop: The beach, Twist and Shake, and the Winthrop Yacht Club.

MEET THE RED DEVILS

The Red Devils – by the way, that's the nickname

of all Chelsea High sports teams. Two of the greatest Red Devils, Bobby Breau and Mike Sullivan, have lived right here in Winthrop.

The Red Devils' favorite things to do in the Summer Program are playing at the park and playing Zombie Witch.

The Red Devils' favorite staff are Kiera Turner, Olivia Festa, and JD Parker.

Their favorite parts of Winthrop are the dog beach at the end of Coughlin Park and “my cousin's house.”

And the Red Devils' favorite foods are ice cream, Reese's Pieces, and pizza.



Campers enjoy a yoga session at Coughlin Park.

WHS sports await further guidance from state officials

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High School Director of Athletics Matt Serino said he is awaiting recommendations from state and MIAA officials about when teams can start their pre-season practices for the 2020 fall season.

“The latest information that we've been told is that the Governor Baker's Office, the Department of Education, and the Department of Public Health have to give us their recommendation before we can proceed with our season,” said Serino. “We believe some type of decision will be made before Aug. 18.

“The state will make its recommendation and based off that, the MIAA [who governs all Mass. high school sports] will tell us what their plan is for fall sports,” added Serino.

Currently, the start date for fall sports practices is Sept. 14. But with the recent increase in COVID-19 cases nationally, that date could change.

Serino said he has not rescheduled any games at

this point. The Winthrop High and Stoneham High football teams, who will be among the top-ranked teams in the division, were slated to meet in the season opener, but no decision has been made about that game.

Serino said many options are being discussed, one of which would be moving the football season to the spring.

“But until we get definitive word from the MIAA, we're not changing any of our schedules,” said Serino. “They're the experts and whatever they tell us, that's what we're going to do.”

All of Winthrop High's varsity head coaches are returning for the 2020 season. The head coaches are Jon Cadigan (football), Tracey Martucci (girls soccer), Kyle Gagin (boys soccer), (Rachel DelSolio and Lauren Kostegan (volleyball), John Cross (golf), Mari Johnson (cheerleading) and Mark D'Amico (boys and girls cross country).

“We're just waiting for the decision, so we can figure out the game plan,” concluded Serino.

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American Federation of Teachers Mass. calls for remote start to school this fall

Report

On Friday, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Massachusetts Executive Board, made up of elected representatives of the 23,000 AFT members statewide, voted to call for a remote start to school this fall, citing the rising levels of COVID-19 transmission in Massachusetts, lengthy delays in obtaining test results, and the lack of hot water, adequate ventilation, and space for social distancing in school buildings. “We miss our students terribly, and we all wish we could be back in the classroom with them. But it’s become clear in the last few weeks that an in-person re-

turn to schools would unacceptably put the health and safety of our students, their families, and educators at risk. Parents, grandparents, and educators – maybe even students – would die,” said AFT Massachusetts President Beth Kontos. “Community transmission of COVID-19 is on the rise again in Massachusetts, and lengthy delays in testing mean we won’t know whether a sick student has the common cold or the deadly virus. In the schools AFT Massachusetts represents, especially in Boston and our Gateway Cities, years of chronic underfunding have left us with unsafe school facilities: windows that don’t open, bathrooms that lack

hot water and soap, ventilation systems that need upgrading, and nurses that treat sick students in converted closets with no room for social distancing. We’ve outlined a series of criteria that districts and the state must meet before it is safe for students and educators to return to the classroom, and it’s clear that a period of remote learning will be necessary before those criteria are met. Now, we must focus on working with our local school teams to redesign remote learning so that it works for all students.” AFT Massachusetts is the statewide affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, and represents educators in many of the state’s major cities, includ-

ing Boston, Lawrence, Lowell, Everett and Lynn. In its statement, the union cited the effective reproduction rate of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, which is currently above 1.0, meaning that the virus is spreading, not being contained. According to the COVID Act Now model developed by experts from Georgetown University and Stanford University, ‘the total number of active cases in Massachusetts is growing at an unsustainable rate.’ On Sunday, the state’s positive test rate jumped to 2.65 percent, its highest level since mid-June. AFT Massachusetts outlined several public health and safety criteria that the union believes are neces-

sary in order for in-person learning to resume:

- Community transmission of COVID-19 is under control in the region.
- There is a public health infrastructure to support effective disease testing, surveillance, tracing and isolation in schools.
- All staff who are at high risk have access to remote work assignments.
- The district and school have funded safeguards and implemented protocols, including the below essential components:
 - *6-foot physical distancing
 - *Face coverings provided by schools to all students and staff, from Kindergarten up
 - *Adequate personal protective equipment provided

- to staff
 - *Access to hand-washing facilities with consistent 100oF degree water and soap
 - *Resources and staffing to clean and sanitize facilities
 - *Necessary updates to ventilation and building systems to ensure safe levels of air flow
 - *Adequate space for nurses to isolate potentially infected students
 - *Paid sick time to ensure that no educator or staff member brings COVID-19 into school
 - AFT members and leaders, families and community partners are included in the reopening planning process.

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ect was started in April this year and is slated to be completed in November of next year. The \$13.2 million project was funded by a combination of grants and bond proceeds, according to Winthrop CFO Anna Freedman. About \$3 million of the financing will come from grants and will

not need to be paid back. The remainder will come from bonds afforded by the revenues collected from water and sewer rates. The water and sewer rate increase in February 2019, Freedman wrote in an email to the Sun-Transcript, was set to facilitate the payments for this project. The CBD project is cur-

rently in Phase 4, which includes the sewer, water and drain improvements on Woodside Avenue (French Square to Pleasant Street), Adams Street, and Williams Street and Bartlett Road (French Square to Pleasant Street). The project has been broken down into nine phases, ending with sidewalk, land-

scaping, and electrical improvements on Somerset Avenue (Woodside Avenue to Pleasant Street) and Cottage Park Road (Somerset Avenue to Pleasant Street). All the piping and infrastructure, according to Project Superintendent Frank Fruci, will be done this year. The pandemic, he said, has not slowed the construction much. Because construction



The CBD project to replace decaying infrastructure and upgrade the water main, sewer, drain, roadway, sidewalk, and streetscapes of the business district.

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area. All Artists will sign their “space” work with the original artists’ name and date, together with their own name and date. To sign up for the Winthrop Art Association ‘Museum Without Walls’ Exhibit, please send your art selection (jpeg or similar format) to Dawn Mahoney (dawn6249@aol.com) by Friday, August 7. For information about the exhibit and Winthrop Art Association, please email dawn6249@aol.com or by phone at 617.846.2644.

The WAA looks forward to your participation and a successful ‘Museum Without Walls’ art presentation and exhibit. Thank you for your support of the Winthrop Art Association. Have a safe and healthy summer.

WINTHROP SENIOR CENTER NEWS
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The Senior Center re-

mains closed at this time. While lunch is not being served, Meals on Wheels continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program. **Exercise with Ernie Sarro:** WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie Sarro Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

Because construction was started after the coronavirus had begun its tour of the country, Fruci’s team has adopted strict safety guidelines such as distancing when possible, wearing masks, and checking temperatures before shifts from the get-go. “I feel that we’ve done a very good job keeping public health and safety as priority one,” Steve Calla, Winthrop’s Director of Public Works, wrote in an email to the Sun-Transcript. The goal of the CBD project is not only to replace old infrastructure, officials say, although that is important. The project also aims to make side-

walks compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to provide new seating areas, and to make sure that all utilities fully support public health and address the challenges posed by climate change. Mahmud said that he knew the project was necessary, but added that he’d prefer it if the construction was going on at night. Calla acknowledged that not everyone is 100 percent on board. The complaints, he

said, are and will continue to be addressed as they are received. “All construction projects are inconvenient and frustrating to abutters,” Calla said. “This project is no different.” *Maxim Tamarov is a freelance reporter covering coronavirus and environmental issues for the Winthrop Sun Transcript. Send comments or story ideas to maxim.tamarov@gmail.com.*

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center - Protecting Our Community

COVID-19 Are you at risk?

Based on what we know now, those at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard, Town Historian • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

Article 612 - TWO SHIRLEY STREET BUSINESS AREAS



As the first and longest road in Winthrop, Shirley Street has witnessed many facets of commercial development. Ever since the “Ocean Spray” seaside resort area was established on eight roads from Neptune Avenue to Dolphin Avenue in 1875, Shirley Street has provided the stores, theaters, garages, schools and public safety facilities to support this ocean front community that now extends the full length of Winthrop Shore Drive from the Highlands to Cottage Hill. This business area has been the heart of our vibrant Jewish Community who established and operated the many retail stores located there. The two Synagogues in Winthrop, Congregation Tifereth Abraham built in 1950 and the new Temple Tifereth Israel built in 1963, are also located on Shirley Street along with the building that served

as the Jewish Community Center which is now the Atlantic Shores Extended Stay Hotel. The 1887 to 1940 Narrow Gauge Railroad, which ran along the current Veterans Road, had three stations to serve the summer vacationers and commuters living in the area. They were Ocean Spray Station (at Shirley St. and what is now Veterans Road), Shirley Street (aka Playstead Station at Pearl Avenue) and Beach Station (at Shirley Street and Washington Avenue). Picture one looks North up Shirley Street to where it intersects Hawthorne Avenue and Beach Road. The automobile parked in front of the Bakery and Lunch Shop, dates this picture to be sometime in the 1920’s. This corner is now dedicated in honor of Sergeant Joseph Madonna. In the second picture taken in 2008, one can still see the

same building in the center but the Beach Street three story porches have been removed. On the right is Simon’s Bookstore and on the left, the bakery has been replaced with the most easterly building of the Bolster Car Mall which exits there today. Much further down Shirley Street, past Delby’s corner, is the Shoreham Inn with a Confectionary Store on the street level as depicted in picture three taken in the early 1900’s. This Inn was located next door to the Main Office of the Winthrop Steamboat Company where ferry service ran to Boston for a short time ending in 1902. Picture four shows this building as it appeared in 2008 where it now serves as an apartment house. Notice the small triangular roof over the front door where the Inn’s name was displayed in the previous picture.



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 July 29, 2010

The Viking Pride organization is in its seventh year, but this may be its most wide-reaching one yet. The Winthrop booster group is helping to defray the cost of the athletic user fee with a generous \$50,000 donation that was matched by the School Committee. Its proposal to donate two brand new buses for use by Winthrop sports teams and groups is being reviewed and could result in substantial savings for the School Department. And finally, Viking Pride is hosting one of its biggest fundraisers ever on Saturday, August 7 at Miller Field. Tavares, the legendary group that reigned in the disco music era, will be the featured attraction at the event that will be one part concert, one part Winthrop High alumni reunion, and one part feast.

The planned ferry demonstration set to launch next Monday, August 2, will get a bit of an early start this week, as ferry service provider Boston Harbor Cruises begins operating three morning and three afternoon round trips to Boston for free on Thursday and Friday. “The boat operator is offering two days of free trips to try and get people to try it,” explained Paul Rupp, a community and economic development consultant hired by Winthrop to help attract a ferry boat operator to the town. “Paid service will begin next week, on Monday, August 2 and continue for about three months, until the end of October.” According to Rupp, the paid commuter ferry service will run Monday through Friday at a cost of \$6 per person for a one way, rush hour trip to Boston. The boat operator, Boston Harbor Cruises, will make three morning trips and three afternoon trips and will offer a discount rate through a package of ten trips for just \$54.

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore, Despicable Me, and Dinner for Schmucks are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago July 27, 2000

The School Committee last week accepted the resignation of School Supt. Joan Connolly and has begun laying the groundwork for choosing a new Supt., a process that could take up to six months. The committee is expected to name an interim superintendent shortly.

The annual National Night Out event to fight crime is set to go next Tuesday.

Interim Police Chief Charles Reynolds, who was appointed last May, said he still is in the process of evaluating the local police department.

Area residents have told the MDC that the experiment of having Shore Drive as a one-way road is not working.

The Winthrop School of Performing Arts will present Grease starting tonight.

Long-time Board of Appeals members Jim Cipoletta and Richard Lawton are stepping down from the board. Cipoletta has served as chairman for the past nine years and Lawton has been a member of the board for 27 years.

The Make A Wish Foundation held its annual sailing regatta at the Cottage Park Y.C. this past weekend.

WHS grad Terence McNeil was among the recent graduates of the Harvard Class of 2000 and served as an elected Class Marshal at commencement exercises.

Winthrop’s Rick DiPietro, the B.U. freshman goalie who was the top draft pick in the NHL Entry Draft, has signed a three-year deal with the N.Y. Islanders reportedly worth \$3.15 million with \$8 million in incentives.

Me, Myself, and Irene, Scary Movie, and The Kid are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago August 1, 1990

Pt. Shirley residents report that they are being pounded on all sides by the combination of the incessant jet noise from aircraft at Logan Airport, odors from Deer Island, and speeding cars and trucks of workers going to the MWRA work site on Deer Island.

The Winthrop Police Department will hold its annual National Night Out event August 7.

Police received numerous reports of auto and home break-ins during the weekend.

Young Guns II, Mo’ Better Blues, and Arachnaphobia are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago July 23, 1980

One-year contracts with the firefighters and the DPW employees have been ratified by those groups and sent to the selectmen for their approval. Both pacts call for a five percent payraise starting July 1, 1980, and a four percent raise starting Jan. 1, 1981. However, the base pay for Winthrop firefighters still is far below that of neighboring communities.

A break-in at the Adult Activity Center for handicapped individuals resulted in the theft of much of the facility’s equipment.

Winthrop men 20 years of age have been quietly registering for the draft without any incidents, according to Postal Clerk Michael McCarran. Failure to register for the draft carries a five year prison term and a fine of \$10,000.

Winthrop police patrolman Frank Scarpa recently graduated from the State Police Training Academy. Scarpa graduated at the head of his class with a 98.7 average on his tests and was voted the Class President.

Winthrop’s Chris Sullivan has been named the co-athlete of the year at Dom Savio High. Sullivan graduated in the top 10 percent of his class.

A raid by state and local police resulted in the arrest of a local man who was charged with operating a betting operation that reportedly pulled in \$200,000 per week.

50 years ago July 30, 1970

The Winthrop School Department received notification this week that Winthrop Senior High School has been accredited for five years by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

About 100 officials from 12 cities and towns, including Winthrop School Committee members and selectmen, toured the new Northeast Regional Vocational High School Wednesday night. The group then discussed the problem of too many applicants, 2039,

for too few spots, just 885.

Thomas Cunningham of Winthrop has been recognized as the Jaycee of the Quarter for the Capitol District of the Mass. Jaycees.

Mike Eruzio fired a two-hitter and Chris Costonis lashed two triples to lead the Tigers over the Indians, 19-4, in local Pony League action.

The aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy will be arriving in Boston on August 3 for a two-day visit. Among the sailors on board is Stephen Lane, a fireman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lane of 267 Bowdoin St.

George C. Scott stars in Patton, which is held over for another week at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago July 28, 1960

The Beach Fire Station has been condemned as unsafe because of the swaying and swinging of the floors when heavy apparatus ride on them. The Fire Dept. has been forced to park its equipment outside under order of Building Inspector Wilfred Bennett. A new floor is estimated to have a cost of \$30,000. Temporary headquarters will be made at the Water Department garage on Revere St.

Cottage Park Y.C. skippers are winning a big share of the glory at the annual Marblehead Race Week where a near-record number of boats is competing. Joe Duplin in the Star Class, Hatch Brown in the Firefly Class, Sue Forristall in Snipes, and Jay Wolf in Radars were winners in the past weekend’s Eastern Yacht Club series.

The selectmen and State Rep. Fred Baumeister were promised this week by the State Department of Public Works that bids soon will be advertised for the construction work of seawalls at the ends of Shirley St. and Pebble Ave. and for the capping of the seawall on Yirrell Beach.

The Winthrop summer school program, with clinics in reading for both primary and secondary students, is proving to be a big success in its first year.

Winthrop Little League has named Robert Guidi as the Outstanding Winthrop High Baseball Player for this past season.

The Saltsea Clam Chowder radio ads, written and produced by local resident Richard D. Brugman, who works for the Boston ad agency of Chambers, Wiswell, Shattuck, Clifford, and McMillan, have been adjudged among the top five in the country in their category by Advertising Age.

Montgomery Clift and Lee Remick star in Wild River at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago July 27, 1950

The Winthrop Board of Health’s ban on swimming at the harbor side beaches has been lifted after state officials concluded that the water is free from pollution at both high and low tides.

More than 90 local merchants have enrolled for the first-ever Winthrop Opportunity Days, a town-wide sales event sponsored by the Winthrop Board of Trade to be held August 17-19.

Former selectman and Tax Collector George Hamilton, a town civic leader for many years, passed away this week at the age of 64.

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The Winthrop Sun Transcript reserves the right to edit letters for space and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Transcript publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Transcript. Text or attachments emailed to editor@reverejournal.com are preferred.

OBITUARIES

Sue Baker Chidlovski

She was many things to the lives she touched

Sue “Susie” (Stone) Baker Chidlovski passed away on the morning of July 25 in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

Sue was many things to the lives she touched. She was a teacher and mentor dedicated to all of her students, a captivating story teller, an avid animal rescuer, a talented playmaker, a classic movie maven, a published author, a newspaper columnist and reporter, a giver of thoughtful gifts, and a loving wife and mother.

A native of Monett, Missouri, Sue graduated with an Associate’s degree from School of the Ozarks, Bachelor’s degree from Drury College and her Masters in Performing Arts from Emerson College, Boston.

Sue began her professional career as an elementary school teacher and later wrote as the society editor for several local newspapers in South Carolina and Massachusetts. During the years she directed, produced and tech-staffed



numerous local theater productions. She retired after 17 years from Emerson College, Performing Arts, Boston and lived in Winthrop. In 2019, Sue and her husband moved to Ponte Vedra, Florida.

Sue worked as a stage manager when she met a playwright and actor Arthur Chidlovski of Moscow, Russia who performed with the Cabaret Glasnost at the Majestic Theater in Boston. Two years later, in 1991, they married on the stage of theater where they met.

Sue published two amazing books - the “Home Again, Home Again, Jiggity, Jig” (2017), a book about her family, hometown and people she knew and the “Tree of Life” (2018), a story of two Cherokee Indian women based on her family archives.

Sue is survived by her husband, Arthur Chidlovski of Ponte Vedra, Florida, her daughter, Melissa McCullough of Salem, her brother, Glenn Stone of Oronogo, MO, her sister, Betty Gamache of Barnesville, SD and her cousin, Janice Bowen of Pierce City, MO.

Services will be held at a later date. Please sign the online guestbook at www.pontevedravalle.com

If you would like to memorialize Sue, please send a donation to the American Humane Society in her name https://secure.humanesociety.org/site/Donation2?24225.donation=1&df_id=24225.

Norman Freedman

Of Florida, formerly of Winthrop

Norman B. Freedman of Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on July 29. He was 84 years old.

Norman loved boating. He was a life member of the Orient Heights Yacht Club, a member of B’nai Brith and a standing member of the Masons Ocean Lodge, Winthrop.

The son of the late Dorothy (Ziff) and Joseph Freedman, he was the beloved husband of Rita Lee (Andelman), loving father of Amy Wendel of Delray Beach and Alan Freedman and his wife, Abby of Parkland, dear brother of Beverly Stranick and her husband, Elliot of Marblehead and cherished grandfather of Beau, Jarrod, Harrison Freedman and Nathan Ar-



senault. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family also wishes to add Fabian Henry, who has been Normie’s aide and friend for the past seven years.

In Lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to:

Trustbridge Foundation, 53 East Ave, W Palm Beach, FL 33407.

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unfortunately, this is a conundrum without right or wrong.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still very active, even here in Massachusetts, of which we were painfully reminded by a recent spike in cases in our town. It only takes one infected person to start a major outbreak, as a cautionary tale of a summer camp in Georgia shows that ended in hundreds of cases and was traced back to one (!) infected individual. We all need to realize that, unless and until we will have achieved widespread immunity through vaccination, AND easy, quick and reliable surveillance through testing is available consistently, this pandemic will not be over. We may be sick of the virus (I know I am!), but the virus will not be sick of us for a long time to come.

Proponents of an in-person return-to-school component argue that the essential educational, social, and developmental benefits can only be delivered us-

ing in-person teaching; that racial and socioeconomic injustices would be exacerbated by a remote-only option; and that the economy can only recover when parents have access to sufficient childcare opportunities. They further argue that school reopenings in other countries, such as for example the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark, have happened without major incidents, albeit with infection rates far below those we currently have, even in Massachusetts. Proponents of remote learning are rightfully very concerned about the safety of their children, their families and, naturally, the teachers. The problem is, no one is wrong here.

Furthermore, we know that social distancing and wearing masks are highly effective in reducing exposure and transmission in the general public. The healthcare setting has shown that wearing masks and PPE can almost eliminate the risk of direct transmission of SARS-CoV2 even in close and indoor settings. However, would it really be wise to simply rely on our teachers and our children to be similarly prudent in their use of such protective equipment?

Our school district will need to walk a tightrope between ensuring the highest possible safety to its teachers and our 1900+ students, and at the same time providing educational content, social interaction and childcare to satisfy its mission “to educate, develop and support all students to reach their full potential”. This raises the question: Are we asking our schools to do the impossible?

Let’s step back for a mo-

Unemployment claims increase for the week ending July 25

Staff Report

For the week ending July 25, Massachusetts had 19,179 individuals file an initial claim for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), an increase of 1,025 over the previous week.

Increases were widespread throughout all sectors. From March 15 to July 25, a total of 1,144,983 workers have filed an initial claim for regular UI. For the sixth week in a row, continued UI claims at 502,471 were down 8,235 or 1.61 percent over the previous week.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending July 25, at 14,850, were 2,448 more than the previous week. Since April 20, some 691,298 claimants have filed an initial claim for the PUA.

The Pandemic Emergen-

cy Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13 weeks of extended benefits, was implemented on May 21. For the week July 18 to July 25, some 4,155 PEUC initial claims were filed, 612 lower than the previous week, bringing the total of PEUC filings to 79,278 since implementation.

Since March, the customer service staff at the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has grown from around 50 employees to over 2000. The remote customer service operation is now making over 35,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host unemployment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese - and have been attended by around 400,000 constituents.

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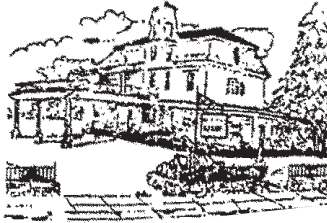
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Congressman Adam Schiff endorses Joe Kennedy for U.S. Senate

Staff report

On Monday, Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA), a Framingham native, endorsed Joe Kennedy for U.S. Senate in an email and video to Kennedy for MA supporters. As Chair of the House Intelligence Committee, Congressman Schiff is known for fighting tirelessly against injustices and abuses by the Trump Administration.

“I can unequivocally state that Joe is one of the most powerful progressive voices in the Democratic Party today,” Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) said. “From the moment he stepped foot on the House floor, I recognized Joe as a unique talent, as a shrewd legislator and tactician, and



California Congressman, and Framingham native, Adam Schiff has endorsed Congressman Joe Kennedy III for US Senate.

as a passionate warrior for justice. And I have seen how Joe has used his skill, talent and determination to fight Trump’s abuses of power every single day of this presidency.”

“Joe’s voice for change is needed in the Senate now more than ever to demand accountability, action, and progressive change. In moments of great national urgency, like the COVID-19

pandemic or the recent protests for racial equality, Joe has been a champion for those struggling to get by and those struggling to overcome.”

As Chair of the House Intelligence Committee, Schiff has been a fighter for accountability and to protect our democracy from the abuses of the Trump Administration.

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A 1950 Studebaker will be the top prize at the annual bazaar sponsored by the Winthrop Community Center. The fair opens Saturday night and will continue through next weekend at the Center’s grounds.

Gregory Peck stars in Gunfighters at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago July 25, 1940

The selectmen were presented with a petition with 211 signatures by Fred G. Trask calling for a referendum as to whether Winthrop should construct or lease its own electric plant to supply electricity to our townspeople.

The selectmen have issued an order to raze the Center Station of the former Narrow Gauge Railroad on the basis that it is a fire menace. Five of the six railroad stations in town have been set afire in recent weeks, presumably the work of young boys.

Mr. Edward Rowe Snow led a party to Minot’s Light on the occasion of its 90th birthday and, upon ascending to the first stage of the lighthouse, he then dove into the water some 55 feet below, quite a feat considering it was low tide and only seven and a half feet of water.

Red Sox baseball players Dom DiMaggio and Joe Glenn were the guests recently of Andrew A. Biggio at his home on Hermon St.

William Holden and Bonita Granville star in Those Were the Days at the Winthrop Theatre.

90 years ago August 2, 1930

Winthrop is gearing up for a week-long series of events to mark the Tercenary of the founding of Massachusetts Bay Colony, starting with a mammoth parade this Saturday and culminating with a 10-mile road race around town next Saturday.

The Winthrop Lodge of Elks, well-known for hosting some of the biggest events in the state, did so again this week by hosting a dinner for 350 persons in honor of Boston Braves captain and shortstop Walter “Rabbit” Maranville, who earlier in the day was honored before 35,000 fans at Braves Field for his 18 years of service to major league baseball. He was presented with a Hupmobile sedan, a chest of silver, and other gifts. The prime mover of the affair, which was attended by many of Maranville’s teammates, including George Sisler, was local Elk Andrew A. Biggio.

Marion Davies stars in The Floradora Girl at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago July 31, 1920

The rapid response of our Fire Department saved the Brown Block at 17-19 Pauline St. when they quickly put out a fire that had started inexplicably in an old mattress that was on a second-floor porch. The flames spread to the kitchen and ceilings of one of the apartments, but firemen put out the blaze with extinguishers, rather than dousing the entire four floors in water.

Workmen have broken ground on the new four-room wing to be constructed at the Shirley St. school.

About 200 of the local residents who played a role in the recent successful pageant, Faith in America, produced and directed by Harry Whorf, enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Howell, who treated all to a picnic at Ft. Strong, where games and races were enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

110 years ago July 30, 1910

This week brings the gala summer event looked forward to by many with the arrival of the Elks’ circus. A street parade will begin the festivities at the

Plans announced for Read-In to support furloughed library Staff

Special to the Transcript

On August 6, a read-in will take place in the lawn outside Town Hall (1 Metcalf Square) in Winthrop starting at 4:00 pm. This protest is intended to highlight the Town Manager’s refusal to rehire the town library’s furloughed staff, at great detriment to the town.

While many libraries are reopening with limited services throughout the Commonwealth, Winthrop is significantly behind the curve with respect to its library services. The money for these positions has been allocated in the town budget, and still the Town Manager, Austin Faison, has repeatedly refused to meet with union negotiators. He has also stonewalled repeated requests from concerned residents to provide transparency on the situation.

As a July 23 letter to

the editor printed in the *The Winthrop Transcript* and signed by a group of concerned residents stated, “The furloughed staff have devised a benchmarked, dated plan explaining how they could offer safe and equitable pick up and hold services to patrons and return to working inside the building in teams in socially distanced areas. There is ample work the staff can do in and for the library even if the building itself remains closed to the public. These tasks include: receiving and stocking inventory; updating materials and databases; archiving historical materials for the attached Winthrop public museum; and planning and executing virtual events and services such story times for children, lectures, and discussion groups, as many other town libraries are already doing.”

Sadly, the Winthrop li-

brary is currently doing none of these things. As the furloughed workers wrote in August 30 in *The Winthrop Transcript*, “This closure is hurting our town’s most vulnerable populations. Children, seniors, and people who live alone need more virtual programming and other ways to connect with the wider community. As we have suggested in our proposals, our team of eight furloughed staff could be offering storytimes, book clubs, interviews with authors, and much more online, if we were recalled. We want to serve out patrons and help rebuild our community as we struggle through and past this pandemic together.”

The protests are planned to shed light on this lamentable situation.

For more information contact: Suzanne Leonard, 414-688-0793, scarlet689@gmail.com.

Crest Wednesday evening. The elephant, all trained and trimmed, will be there, along with other wild animals, all docile with their trainers. Indians from afar will march in their war-like paint and plumage. The side shows will feature all of the usual freaks of human nature and peanuts and pink lemonade will be on sale.

The assessors have reported a tax rate of \$18.20, an increase of 30 cents over last year.

There are 25,531 automobiles registered in the state, an increase of 6200 over last year.

The cutter Winnisimmet, on patrol in the area of our harbor, reported that 17 power boats were without the proper equipment such as life jackets.

120 years ago August 4, 1900

Suburban residence is growing more popular not only among those of

moderate means, but also among the wealthy Bostonians as well. Easy accessibility to the Hub is important, and this Winthrop is the fastest-growing community in the state with its proximity to Boston and availability of land.

The cool and pleasant weather Wednesday evening brought out the biggest crowd of the season for the weekly hop at the New Winthrop Hotel with almost 200 guests listening to the fine music and dancing.

The assessors fixed the tax rate this week at \$15.20, a decrease of 50 cents from last year and one of the lowest rates in the area.

130 years ago August 1, 1890

A number of local gentlemen, including selectmen Floyd and Newton, took the steamer Longfellow to Provincetown for a pleasure trip. However, they also viewed the current Town Hall and are anxious that Winthrop begin construction of a new Town Hall of its own.

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The selectmen have given the assessors a list of landowners who have benefitted from the construction of the new sewer system at Winthrop Beach, Great Head, and part of the Highlands. The town is paying a fourth of the cost with the remainder to be assessed against the landowners of which there are 330, the largest being the heirs of J.W. Tewksbury for \$924.82.

There was a fair-sized audience in Tewksbury Memorial Chapel Monday night to listen to the marvel of human ingenuity, the phonograph, and a description of the principles upon which its action is based. A number of songs were reproduced for the audience, who left feeling both pleasant and informed.

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Monica Ford,

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8/6/20

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU20P0903EA

Estate of: Charles R. Balliro

Date of Death: 03/18/2017

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joseph Balliro 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: Linda M. Plakias of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

8/6/20

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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: July 13, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate

8/6/20

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THOSE WHO CAN, FOR THOSE IN NEED ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

With almost a full house, on July 29, 2020 Those Who Can, For Those In Need was finally able to have their annual UpLift Yourself With Laughter fundraiser after having to postpone the event for 3 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was a little more low key then in the past but it was worth the wait founder Judie VanKooiman said. People came up to me and thanked me for getting them out for a night of laughter. We had four great comedians. Everyone obeyed by the rules set forth by Prince

Pizza and Giggles.

Tina Baptista accepted the “Those Who Can” award on behalf of Robyn Frost Executive Director of the MA Coalition for the Homeless. TWCFTIN gives the award every year at the annual fundraiser to an organization that is with the nonprofit as a resource.

We hope next year we will be able to have our annual fundraiser in April again.

TWCFTIN would like to give a huge shout out to Prince Pizza and Giggles Comedy Club for all their support and help.



Thanks for your service, Sue Mulvaney (left) was presented flowers for her six years as and board member and Vice President by Judie VanKooiman. Sue stepped down this year and will be missed.



Jonny Pizzi starts of the show, with some comedy and magic tricks to get the crowd ready for a great night at Giggles.



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The ‘Those Who Can’ Award was presented to, Tina Baptista, accepting for Executive Director of the Mass Coalition for the Homesless, Robyn Frost. Presented by Founder and President Judie VanKooiman (right).



President Judie VanKooiman is shown with Master of Ceremonies and Headliner Comedian, Johnny Pizzi.

State Allocates \$50 Million from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced last week that it will allocate more than \$50 million in federal CARES Act funds to benefit education in elementary and secondary schools, as well as colleges and universities.

The funding from the federal Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund will improve early literacy, expand re-

mote learning opportunities, and cover costs associated with reopening certain schools and colleges, as well as boost financial aid for college students in greater need of financial assistance.

As part of the federal CARES Act, governors in each state were granted a share of discretionary dollars to ensure continuity of educational services during the COVID-19 crisis. The Baker-Polito Administra-

tion previously allocated nearly \$1 billion in federal funds to help municipalities, school districts, and colleges and universities in the Commonwealth address COVID-related expenses.

The funding announced will support the following initiatives:

- Up to \$10 million for early literacy programs that provide extra help to students through Grade 3, aimed at remediating learning loss children may have experienced since schools closed in March, as well as accelerate reading skills of children in high-need communities;
- Up to \$7.5 million to expand access to online courses, including advanced placement, early college or dual enrollment courses;
- Up to \$25 million to cover COVID-related expenses associated with reopening colleges and universities, as well as certain non-public elementary and secondary schools. Funds will be allocated based on the number and percentage

of low-income students these schools enroll;

- Up to \$2.5 million in financial aid for low-income college students attending public colleges to ensure they can cover emergency expenses to continue their education;
- And up to \$5 million set aside in an emergency reserve fund.

“Our administration is committed to supporting every student in our schools as districts and universities prepare for the start of the school year,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “This \$50 million investment represents flexible funding that can be used for a variety of critical resources for schools and colleges as they begin to reopen and bring kids back into the classroom, especially in our most vulnerable communities.”

This funding builds on the nearly \$1 billion previously allocated to schools, childcare programs, colleges, and universities.

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