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HUBERT BRINGS IT HOME

Faison takes abrupt leave of absence; Delahanty takes over

By Laura Plummer

Town Manager Austin Faison has taken a leave of absence as of April 22. On April 27, Police Chief Terence Delahanty became the acting Town Manager.

Faison sent an email to the Town Council last Thursday, requesting a leave of absence of undetermined length through the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). In his letter to Council, he cited personal reasons stemming from the impact of his position, adding, "I don't know if or when I will return."

According to the Town Charter, the Town Manag-

er is supposed to appoint an acting Town Manager whenever he is out of the office, but Faison did not do so in this case. For this reason, the Town Council held an emergency meeting on the evening of April 27, where it unanimously voted for Chief Delahanty to take over as acting Town Manager. The police chief has served in this capacity before and has the support of the other department heads.

The acting town manager can only serve for 90 days, but can be re-signed for an additional 90

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NEWS Brief

FOOD PANTRY PROVIDING GROCERIES

The Winthrop Community Food Pantry has been here to help the people of Winthrop, who need food assistance for any reason. There are no questions asked, no forms to fill out. We are a stigma free zone and are here to help.

The Winthrop Community Food Pantry is providing a box of groceries, on May 8. This box contains two cartons of milk, two cans of vegetables, one box of pasta, peanut butter, three bags of rice, two cans of fruit, one can of tomato sauce, one container of apple juice, two cans of beans, two cans of tuna, four cans of soup and an energy bar. The boxes will be given out at a contactless drive by at 222 Bowdoin St.

The day is Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 222 Bowdoin St. Winthrop.

EXPLORERS POST 99 TO BE FUNDRAISING

The Winthrop Police Explorers Post 99 are ex-

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PICTURE PERFECT: Bobby Hubert celebrates his third-quarter touchdown that made the score 14-14. Hubert then ran in a two-point conversion that led to the Vikings' 16-14 win over Masconomet.

CFO presents FY22 budget

By Laura Plummer

At the April 20 meeting of Town Council, Winthrop's Chief Financial Officer, Anna Freedman delivered the budget presentation for Fiscal Year 2022.

The presentation was broken down into four parts: a summary, the general fund, enterprise funds, and a capital plan.

Summary

The total FY22 Budget came to \$69,071,554, a 4.89 percent change over the last fiscal year. The greatest increase from one year to the next was in enterprise funds, which increased by over \$2 million.

General Fund

An overview of the general fund examined revenues, budget gaps and solutions and expenditures.

Almost two thirds of projected revenue, over \$35 million, is from property taxes, which is limited due to Proposition 2.5. State aid, which has increased steadily since 2015, accounted for almost a quarter at \$12 million and is divided into Chapter 70 funding, charter tuition reimbursement,

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Council votes on employee evaluations; bids farewell to CFO Anna Freedman

By Laura Plummer

At its April 20 meeting, the Town Council held a vote on Town employee evaluations and also bid farewell to CFO Anna Freedman.

Employee Evaluations

The Council Committee for Appointments, Commissions and Committees

finished its reviews of town employees and the Town Council held a vote to accept the results.

Both the Town Auditor Dick Hingston and the Town Council Clerk Denise Quist received a score of 5/5. Town Manager Austin Faison received 4/5 and the Town Clerk Carla Vitale received a score of incomplete. The Town

Council accepted these scores.

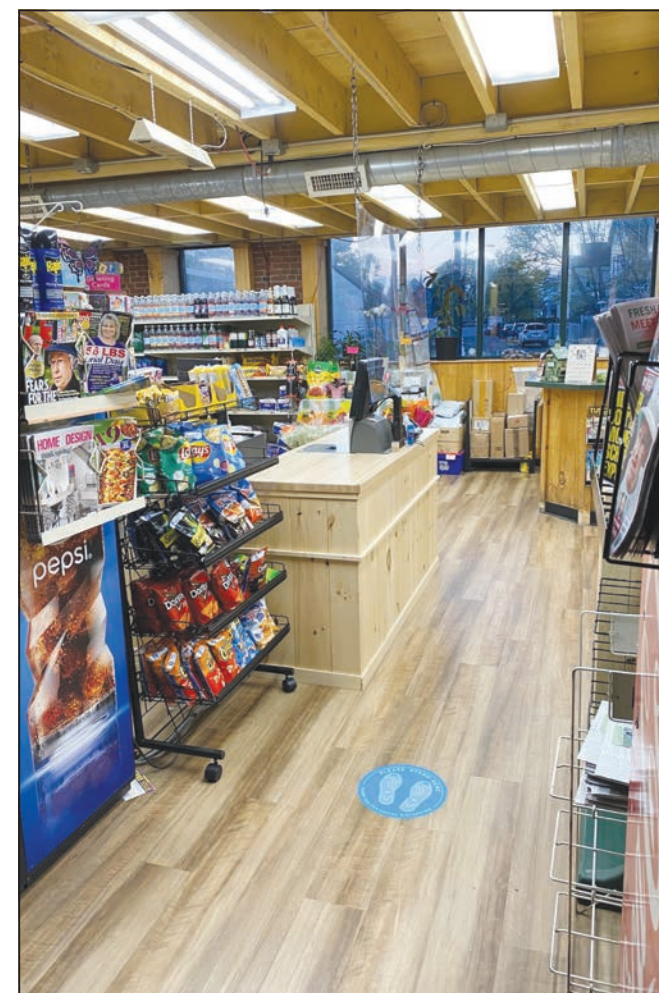
One caller was not pleased with the evaluation of Town Manager Faison, believing that his score of 4/5 was too high.

"He doesn't fully understand Winthrop," said Karen Chavis. "He's had two and a half years to do and has not."

She argued that Faison has only been successful due to the hard work of Town Departments, which she listed by name.

However, Council Pres. Phil Boncore was quick to point out that the Town Manager "manages all those departments and the work they do."

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Aesthetically pleasing floors and cash registers brighten up the store.

Marketplace reopens with several updates

By Kate Anslinger

As the manager of the Winthrop Marketplace, Chris Wallerice knows how important it is to stay updated with current trends and best business practices, which is why he made the decision to make some physical updates to

the store.

Replacing the floors and cash registers was a top priority for Wallerice, and in early April, during a brief store closure, New England Flooring worked around the clock to replace the floors, and local car-

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates:

MONDAY, APRIL 12
1248: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Sea Foam Ave. and Shore Drive and arrested Darion Marcus Middleton, 24, of Dorchester, for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute.
1414: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) at Governor’s Park.
19133: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Pauline St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2033: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shore Drive and Beacon St. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2044: An officer informed the occupants of a MV at Hannaford Park that the park is closed after dusk.
2122: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil infraction of defective equipment. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2127: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Pleasant Sts. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2211: An officer directed a person using power tools in a residence on Main St. to cease doing so for the evening.
2330: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Highland Ave. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2345: An officer directed persons in the Short Beach parking lot to leave for the evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
0002: An officer stopped a MV at Magee’s Corner and, when the officer discovered that the operator did not have an active driver’s license, the officer remained on the scene until a licensed operator came to take possession of the vehicle.
1026: A resident came into the station to report that he had received a phishing phone call and had given out his personal banking information to someone who said they were from the bank. The resident contacted the bank and credit bureaus and was told to file a police report.
1105: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) at Governor’s Park.
1132: An officer assisted the parties at a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Winthrop St. with the exchange of papers. The parties had clipped each other’s side view mirrors.
1254: A resident came into the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a report.
1324: A person came into the station to report that her MV had been wrongfully towed from a visitor’s parking space at Governor’s Drive.
2313: An officer stopped a MV at Shirley and Cutler Sts. and informed the operator, who had a valid Florida driver’s license, that he needed to get a Mass. license.
2347: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Pleasant Sts. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
1238: A resident reported being the victim of fraud. The officer filed a report.
1244: An officer arrested

ed John A. Papadopoulos, 32, of 1 Pond St., for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class A controlled narcotic substance.
1518: A juvenile came into the station with her parents to report being the victim of an assault & battery at the basketball courts on Walden St. The officer filed a report.
1534: A caller reported that a pit bull was running loose on Shirley St. The dog was retrieved by its owners, who had explained that their children had left a gate open and the dog escaped.
1718: An officer spoke to the operators of two motor vehicles at Hannaford Park who were reported to have been speeding. The officer also informed the parties that the park closes at dusk.
1740: Officers responded to Veterans Rd. upon a report of a female party throwing objects at the door of the calling party. The officers arrested the female, a 50 year-old Quincy resident, on an outstanding warrant.
2215: A resident called the station to report that his cell phone had been stolen from the basketball courts on Walden St. earlier in the day.
2309: An officer stopped a MV on Veterans Rd. Upon determining that the operator had a driver’s license from Haiti, the officer informed the operator that he needed to obtain a Mass. driver’s license.
THURSDAY, APRIL 15
0221: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant St. and Villa Ave. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1231: A resident came into the station to report having received a fraudulent check for an item she had sold on Craig’s List.
1254: An officer re-

sponded to an accident in the 300 block of Shirley St. in which a passing MV struck a parked vehicle. The owner of the parked vehicle was contacted and the officer filed a report.
1400: An officer responded to a two-car MVA in the 500 block of Shirley St. One person was transported to the MGH and the officer filed a report.
1451: A Wave Way Ave. resident reported that two parakeets were on her porch. The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer (ACO).
2333: An officer informed persons in a MV at Hannaford Park to move along because the park is closed after dusk.
FRIDAY, APRIL 16
0932: An officer responded to a minor two-car MVA at Walden and Main Sts. There were no injuries and both vehicles were driveable. The officer filed a report.
1015: An officer responded to a disturbance on Johnson Ave. between neighbors. The officer determined that their dispute involves construction work at one of the neighbor’s homes. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.
1332: An officer ordered a tow for a parked MV at Sturgis and Shirley Sts. that had registration plates that were expired and were non-renewable.
1523: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor MVA in which one vehicle had backed into another in a parking lot on Shirley St.
1937: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Shirley St.
SATURDAY, APRIL 17
0756: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 200 block of Main St. in which a vehicle was on fire. The officers blocked off the street

to allow the Fire Dept. to extinguish the fire. The operator was transported to Mass. General.
1036: A resident reported that there was a large pothole on Bartlett Rd. at Adams St. The DPW was notified.
1605: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2204: A Pauline St. resident came to the station to report that a package that had been delivered earlier in the day by UPS had been stolen from his front porch.
2208: An officer directed the owners of two vehicles that were parked too closely to the corner on Nevada St. to move their vehicles.
2349: An officer directed the owners of two vehicles that were parked too closely to the corner at Girdlestone Rd. and Marshall St. to move their vehicles.
SUNDAY, APRIL 18
0030: An officer dispersed a person who was sleeping in the vestibule of a condo complex on Shore Drive.
0159: An officer dispersed a group of youths who were playing basketball at the courts on Walden St.
0222: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance involving persons fighting in the street on Girdlestone Rd. All of the parties refused medical attention. The officer restored the peace and filed a report.
0834: An officer directed persons working for a contractor on Bayview Ave. that the town by-law forbids construction work on Sundays.
0913: An officer directed landscapers at the corner of Wilshire and Main Sts. to cease working for the day.

1019: An officer directed a person doing construction work in their unit at Governor’s Park to cease doing so for the day.
1441: An officer spoke to a group of youths who were reported to be running in and out of traffic on Brookfield Rd.
1730: Officers responded to a report of a person operating a motor scooter erratically and almost striking pedestrians on various streets throughout the town. The officers finally were able to stop the operator, a 14 year-old juvenile, and issued him a citation for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle (MV), operating an uninsured MV, failing to stop for a police officer, and negligent operation of a MV. They also cited him for the civil infractions of not wearing a helmet while operating a scooter, operating an unregistered MV, a red light violation, and a stop sign violation. The juvenile was picked up at the station by his parents.
2254: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Bowdoin St. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2307: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shore Drive and Undine Ave. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2343: An officer stopped a MV on Bellevue Ave. The operator’s license had expired and he was able to renew it over the phone.
MONDAY, APRIL 19
0014: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Bowdoin St. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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cited to announce that they will be participating in the National Competitive Training Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, July 19 through the 22..Over the next few months, members will be conducting fundraisers throughout the Town of Winthrop and are asking for any assistance with monetary donations to defray the cost of travel and lodging.
After a year long hiatus due to CoronaVirus, Post 99 has resumed training in several different types of Law Enforcement events to help them prepare for

the National conference. In past years Post 99 has always pulled through and brought home a trophy after every competitive conference whether that be in a different state or right here in Massachusetts and they are definitely looking forward to doing that again this year.
If you are considering a donation know that it will not go unnoticed no matter how big or small you may think it is as Post 99 draws closer to their fundraising goal of \$16,000 for the full trip. (The Post is looking to send 16 Explorers at a cost of \$1,000

per explorer.) This trip will bring experiences to young adults who, without the Explorers program, may not get the chance to experience it on their own.
All members of Post 99 are very excited to go to Tennessee this year and compete against other Posts from all around the country. As the conference gets closer and closer,, Post 99 will be continuing to work efficiently with the few months they have left to train and make the Town of Winthrop proud.. To make a donation please contact Lt. Rogers at the Winthrop Police Station (Srogers@town.winthrop.ma.us) or look for us at upcoming fundraising events throughout the town.

MVES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking volunteers for its Social Engagement Program, a program vital to isolated older adults by supporting independence and fostering compassion.
The Social Engagement Program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—whether it be through regular visits (when safe to do so), telephone calls, or email.

Many older adults already live with a deep sense of disconnection from their community but the pandemic and related social distancing measures have made their sense of social isolation and loneliness much worse.
There are three different options for program participants. Volunteers may choose one that is best for them, or could be involved in two, or all three. Options include a Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; an Email Correspondence, for online engagement with others via technology; and a Friendly Visitor Program, in which the consumer receives home visits (when safe to do so) that focus on in-person socialization and companionship.
If you would like to learn more about volunteering for the Social Engagement Program, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 or lmulrenan@mv.es.org.

RISK OF SHINGLES INCREASES WITH AGE
Just recently, a Mystic Valley Elder Services consumer’s grandmother was diagnosed with shingles. She always thought that was an old-fashioned disease that no one got anymore. But shingles has never disappeared. In fact,

each year, approximately 1 million Americans will develop this painful viral infection. Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.
The risk for shingles increases with age. Half of all cases of shingles are in people over 60. People with weakened immune systems from illnesses such as cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, or HIV are at a higher risk of developing shingles.
The good news is shingles can be prevented by getting a vaccination. More than 99% of Americans ages 40 and older have had chickenpox, even if they don’t remember getting the disease. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that healthy adults 50 years and older get two doses of the shingles vaccine called Shingrix, separated by 2 to 6 months, to prevent shingles and the complications from the disease. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about getting the vaccine.
Once you have chickenpox, the virus can stay dormant in your nerve tissues for years—even decades. In some people, the virus suddenly wakes up, forming blisters or rash on the chest, back, waistline, upper arms, or face.
The shingles rash will begin with tingling, pain, numbness, or itching. Within a few days, a rash will develop and may spread. Fluid-filled blisters that are very similar to chickenpox blisters

will grow out of the rash.
The pain from shingles can be mild to intense. Some people will have mostly itching; others will feel pain, even from a gentle touch or breeze. Other symptoms of shingles can include fever, headache, chills, and upset stomach.
Shingles itself is not contagious. You can’t spread the condition to another person. However, the varicella-zoster virus is contagious, and if you have shingles, you can spread the virus to another person, which could then cause them to develop chickenpox. If you’ve never had chicken pox, make sure not to touch open blisters until they scab over, or you’ll develop chicken pox yourself.
Shingles can last from two weeks to several weeks. Most people will only have one outbreak in a lifetime, but multiple outbreaks are possible.
To learn more about MVES programs and services, please call us at 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

SAINT JOSEPH PREP ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL
The following student from Winthrop who attends Saint Joseph Prep in Boston was named to the honor roll for the third quarter:
Headmaster’s Circle (All A’s): Nayeli Orellana ’24 (Winthrop)

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

GARLIC BROWN SUGAR CHICKEN THIGHS

INGREDIENTS:

8 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
salt and ground black pepper to taste
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided

4 cloves garlic, minced
¼ cup packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon honey
½ teaspoon dried oregano
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon dried basil

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

STEP 2: Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper.

STEP 3: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large oven-proof skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken, skin-side down, and sear until brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove chicken to a plate.

STEP 4: Melt remaining butter in the skillet. Add garlic; cook and stir until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in brown sugar, honey, oregano, thyme, and basil until well combined. Return chicken to the skillet.

STEP 5: Bake in the preheated oven until chicken is no longer pink at the bone and the juices run clear, 25 to 30 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

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Kitty Connection spring online auction starts this Friday

Staff Report

Kitty Connection, an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and finding safe, loving homes for local cats and dogs, will hold an Online Spring Silent Auction from 8 a.m. Friday, April 30 through 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 at www.myminiauction.com/kittyconnection.

“Just in time for Mother’s Day, Kitty Connection’s Spring Silent Auc-

tion is a convenient way to find unique gifts for all the mothers and other special people in your life while supporting local pets in need,” Kitty Connection President Marie Mazzeo said. “Our February online auction raised \$2,700 in one weekend and we are hoping our spring event will top that – providing much-needed funding to care and provide homes for the many cats, dogs

and other companion animals we rescue and foster every day.”

Kitty Connection volunteers rescued over 700 cats and several dogs last year, many in need of major medical care. The organization provides critical high-cost medical care, including surgeries, for 30 to 50 cats annually, and provides funds for low-cost medical care to 30 to 50 adopters follow-

ing adoption of their pets. Volunteers provide foster homes for animals until they are adopted, and Kitty Connection ensures that pets are spayed/neutered, tested for common illnesses, and vaccinated prior to adoption.

In addition, Kitty Connection runs a low-cost spay/neuter program for pet owners in need and provides education and

outreach in the community about the importance of responsible pet ownership. The organization anticipates restarting its feral cat trap/neuter/return program when it’s safe for volunteers, after the pandemic has subsided.

Dozens of items will be up for bid during the Online Spring Silent Auction will allow bidders, including themed baskets

and other gifts perfect for Mother’s Day. Auction items will appear on the auction website, along with guidelines and policies, at the auction start time (8 a.m. Friday, April 30). Please direct any questions to kcsilentauction@gmail.com. To learn more about Kitty Connection and pets available for adoption, visit: www.kittyconnection.net.



New cash registers built by local carpenter Ben Schad, allow for more space at the front of the store.

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penter and loyal customer, Ben Schad, installed the newly designed cash registers.

“We installed new vinyl flooring almost two years ago, a big change from the old VCT floors that we had for almost twenty years,” said Wallerice. “Unfortunately, the flooring was defective and it would only turn into a safety hazard. As such, it had to be replaced.”

Wallerice said they opted for a similar style vinyl wood plank flooring that maintained the desired aesthetic appeal that he had in mind, providing a warm and welcoming environment and easy maintenance. With the store closed briefly for the floor replacement, Wallerice made the decision to replace the cash register stands, just in time for the plastic ban going into effect for the Marketplace on May 15th.

“The register stands with the bag carousel was an outdated model to use. We wanted something that

fit our wooden décor, was efficient to use, and looked good as well.”

The registers are made of maple and pine, with a solid maple butcher block top and designed and built by Schad.

“The registers far exceeded our expectations. The new wooden stands completely change the look and feel of our store. The front of the store feels more open and spacious and allows for a more expedited checkout process. With space in our store being at a premium, the new streamlined stands create space for more product offerings for our customers. The renovations and changes are never completed for a grocery store. That means that new Point-Of-Sale register systems will be coming in the near future to allow for better reporting for our employees and more innovative sales and marketing for our customers. In addition, we are looking to add new produce cases and a grab-and-go refrigerated case to provide our customers with more options for quick and healthy meals.”

In response to the updates, Wallerice said he’s received wonderful feedback from the customers, who were patient and supportive during the brief closure. The last time the Winthrop Marketplace had to shut down for a remodel was two years ago when the original VCT flooring was removed and replaced with vinyl flooring. During that time, a new bakery rack and front end displays were also installed.



The look may be new, but you can still find all the same products you know and love at Winthrop Marketplace.

Town Manager //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

days by council. The chief will have limited authority in his role as acting Town Manager. He can’t hire personnel or sign contracts. He can, however, appoint an interim Chief Financial Officer.

The Town’s CFO, Anna Freedman, departed her position at the same time as Faison. However, Freedman’s leaving was announced well in advance.

Faison’s specific reasons for leaving at this time are unclear, but it’s worth noting that some members of the Winthrop community have criticized his performance since he first started as Town Manager two and a half years ago. One resident, Karen Chavis, lambasted him in a prepared statement, which she read aloud at the last council meeting



Town Manager Austin Faison has taken an unexpected leave of absence as of April 22.

(see article in this issue.)

“No more laurel wreaths for the town manager,” she said. “He does not walk on water.”

Faison is also one of only three Black town managers in the state of Massachusetts, and some suspect that subtle and overt displays of racism may have played a role in his decision.

FMLA is unpaid leave.



Police Chief Terence Delehanty has stepped into the position of Acting Town Manager.

The Council has not officially accepted Faison’s request. However, he can use vacation time and sick time until that request is processed.

The Transcript reached out to Faison, his administrative assistant Laurisa Wojcik, and Chief Delahanty, but did not hear back by the deadline for this issue.

Welcome Gia Correale

The Highland Group welcomes our newest and youngest member, Gia Correale. Gia, a graduate of Endicott College, brings with her refreshing energy, is tech savvy and has a passion for helping everyone find their place. Growing up around her family’s construction company helped to peak her interest in real estate. As her family’s company worked around Boston and surrounding areas as she has enjoyed making connections with developers and witnessing different real estate trends over the years. She has a keen eye for detail and is able to quickly recognize key factors that make properties more appealing. Gia has a true passion for helping others.

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OUR Opinions

CONGRATULATIONS,

WHS FOOTBALL TEAM

We wish to take a moment to acknowledge Winthrop High coach Jon Cadigan and his Viking football team upon the completion of a highly-successful Fall II football season.

The Vikings, as usual, punched above their weight. Winthrop is the smallest school in the Northeastern Conference, but defeated larger schools such as Masconomet, Gloucester, and non-league rival Framingham en route to compiling a sterling 5-1 record and earning a share of the championship of the South Division of the Northeastern Conference.

Their lone defeat came in heartbreaking fashion in the final minute to Danvers, by a score of 7-6.

We were especially gratified that the members of the Class of 2021, comprised of a core group of seniors who have been varsity players since they were freshmen, were able not only to have a season in the first place, but also to achieve such success in their final campaign in a Winthrop uniform.

Had this been a non-pandemic year with the usual post-season playoffs, the Vikings, who generally were acknowledged as one of the top teams in their division, would have been among the favorites to win a Super Bowl title.

In addition, we're sure we are not alone among long-time Viking fans in wishing that the seniors had been given a chance to take on archrival Revere to try to avenge the losses from the past three years with their traditional Thanksgiving Day rivals.

But all in all, this was a tremendous season for coach Cadigan and the Winthrop High football program. We know we join with all of our fellow Viking fans in offering the team our congratulations for their outstanding performance.

BIDEN'S CLIMATE CHANGE

BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden's ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland's Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore.

The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America's air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, The Graduate, predicted the rise of plastics ("Benjamin...I have one word for you: 'Plastics.' There is a great future in plastics.") in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden's plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the New York Times last week, "Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world's largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies."

So we applaud President Joe Biden's dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president's proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, "Better late than never."

Forum

Rockland Trust will acquire East Boston Savings Bank

By John Lynds

East Boston Savings Bank and Rockland Trust announced last week that the two banks have inked a merger agreement for Rockland to acquire EBSB's parent company, Meridian Bancorp., thus acquiring EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

Under the agreement each Meridian stockholder will receive 0.275 of Rockland common stock for each share of Meridian common stock.

According to the two banks the merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

EBSB President and CEO Richard Gaveganao said last week this transaction brings together two strong banks with a long and rich history serving and investing in local communities.

"We are excited to join a like-minded organization dedicated to creating ex-



EBSB and Rockland Trust announced last week that the two banks have signed a merger agreement that will allow for Rockland to acquire EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

ceptional customer experiences, built on trust and quality service, while also providing an attractive return to our stockholders," said Gavegnano.

Rockland President and CEO Christopher Oddleifson added this merger is consistent with Rockland's strategy of acquiring banks in overlapping and adjacent markets who share his bank's "relationship-focused style of banking".

"East Boston Savings Bank has been committed to building meaningful

connections with their customers since 1848 and we are excited to work alongside them to deepen those relationships with expanded products, services, and technology," said Oddleifson. "At the same time, we look forward to increasing our presence in and around the city and reinforcing our position as the Boston area's premier community-focused commercial bank."

EBSB currently has 42 full-service locations, one mobile branch and three

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unrestricted government aid and veterans benefits. Revenue from local receipts is largely from motor vehicle excise tax and meal tax. Of course, local receipts have been impacted by COVID-19.

The Town and Schools requested over \$2.5 than in FY21, resulting in a budget gap of \$1.4 million. The current solution proposes \$631K in cuts to department requests, \$234K in cuts from the FY21 approved budget, a \$130K transfer from the rainy day fund, and \$450K in ARPA funds, which are meant to offset COVID revenue loss.

Expenditures are broken down into town departments, schools, non-departmental spending, enterprise funds, revolving funds and non-appropriated funds. Fixed

costs include retirement contribution, health insurance, Medicare, liability insurance, state and county assessments, vocational tuitions and GF debt.

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds include \$327K for the harbor master, a 9.5 percent decrease over FY21; \$442K for the ferry, a 3.8 percent decrease; \$334K for recreation, a 2.4 percent decrease; and \$300K for the skating rink, a 7.1 percent decrease. The Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund sits at \$10.6M, an increase of 2.64 percent. This will cover mandatory projects and assessments and will translate into a higher water/sewer rate.

Capital Plan

The amount of \$128.5K

from the Capital Stabilization Fund will go to support a new pumper engine for the fire department and the design phase of the Revere Street Project. An additional \$94K in ongoing PILOT funding will go toward the annual replacement of police cruisers as well as annual sidewalk repairs. Finally, \$75K from the Building Maintenance Fund will support risk mitigation projects at the fire and police departments and the Winthrop schools.

Smaller projects include \$16.7K for the Fort Banks Access Road Study, \$35K for signage audit, \$32K for beach improvement study, \$19.5K for clock tower repairs, \$50K for storefront improvement, \$40K for library maintenance, and \$39.7K for fire

station upgrades.

In terms of next steps in the budget process, the Town Council and Finance Commission will host public meetings in May. Department heads will meet to discuss their individual budgets. The Finance Commission, which is composed of the Council's Finance Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee, will prepare recommendations to the Town Council by the end of May for review in early June. A final budget should be approved by the end of June.

The full budget presentation is available on the Town website. Physical copies are located at the Town Manager's Office.

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"I want to thank him for getting us through the pandemic," he added.

CFO Moving On

The April 20 meeting was CFO Anna Freedman's last before leaving her position at Winthrop Town Hall.

Councilor James Lettierie offered his "sincere thanks for the job she's done here," adding that Freedman "has been extremely professional and a pleasure to work with."

"I'm going to miss her and I wish her nothing but the best," he said.

Pres. Boncore also extended his gratitude to the CFO.

"I want to publicly thank you for all the work you've done here in Winthrop," he said. "It's a heavy job and you didn't have the staff you needed."

CFO Freedman thanked the Town Council for "all the hard questions."

"It's been a pleasure

working with you and for the Town of Winthrop," she said.

SCHOOLS

The schools welcomed children back for in-person learning on April 5. Pres. Boncore reported that schools were "doing well" and that "everything's been working."

During last week's April vacation, schools were upgraded with new desks and chairs.

"Everything is going to be much more comfortable," said Pres. Boncore.

The council president also congratulated Winthrop athletic teams on their recent victories.

Dog Park

Construction on the Winthrop Dog Park, which will also include a maintenance facility, is waiting for a structural drawing for the shed to be integrated into project specifications. Construc-

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THE LATEST TOWN DATA ON COVID-19
Since our last reporting on April 22, The Mass. Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of 25 additional confirmed positive cases.
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RECOVERED 2,188

tion is slated to begin at the end of May.

"Let's get it moving," said Pres. Boncore.

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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

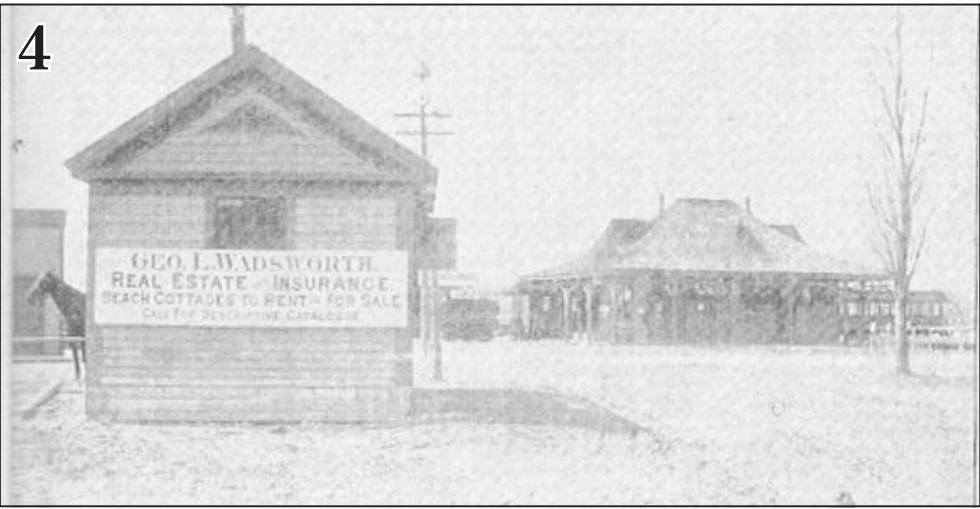
ARTICLE 964 - DELBY'S CORNER LOOKING BACK IN TIME



As we have discussed in previous articles, between 1840 and 1920, the development of Winthrop evolved around some seven “villages” most of which had as a minimum a pharmacy, general/variety store(s), a place to eat, access to a Narrow Gauge Railroad Train Station and, of course, a barber shop. One such “village” became known as Delby’s Corner. Located at the intersection of Washington Avenue, Sturgis Street and Shirley Street, it received this name from an early eatery in the first floor of the large brick apartment building on the corner. By the late 1920’s or early 30’s, Delby’s became Ham’s and remained so during the 1940’s 50’s and 60’s. During the 1940’s Mrs. Ham ran the business as the “Down by the Beach Store” and the WWII sailors that frequented the establishment would assist her in closing it down in the evenings. The coffee grounds were periodically strewn over the marble floor to keep the dust down. Although still known as Delby’s corner, the intersection was recently honored with a memorial plaque for Jack Elkin R/O-2C WWII. Diagonally across from Delby’s/Ham’s, Dave Groman managed the Shirley Hardware for many years. If there was any item one

needed to repair something old in their home, Dave always had one in the basement of his store and was able to locate it immediately. Today’s Then & Now article addresses the corner of Shirley and Sturgis Street intersection where the Hi Tide restaurant now operates. Picture one depicts the Hi Tide as it appeared in 2008 when the Ferullo’s, who had owned it since 1983, sold the business to Ilir Bashllari. It now operates as a full time, breakfast, lunch and diner establishment. The first Hi Tide restaurant was opened in 1971 by Jean Fedorcheck who also owned the building next door. This second building was built about 1910 and is currently the home of the Quick Food Store operated by Shawn and Sunny Qadeer which opened about fifteen years ago. Before then it was an IGA Grocery Store and Prime Market that sold food supplies to the local area. The corner building was built in 1900 and initially housed Stover’s Drug Store. Picture two shows this building, still with a Drug Store in it, during the 1930’s. Picture three again shows this building, with the “Climax Chocolate” horse drawn wagon parked in front, as it appeared about 1905 when it was Stover’s Drug Store. If one looks

down Sturgis Street toward the ocean, on the left side, the front porches of the New Winthrop Hotel can be seen where the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Elder’s service Facility is today. Picture four is of the same corner about 1895 looking across Shirley Street up Washington Avenue with the Winthrop Beach Narrow Gauge Railroad station shown diagonally across the intersection. The small George Wadsworth Real Estate/Insurance building stands on the corner where the High Tide Restaurant is today. This was a very busy intersection for many years since it was the location of the southern most Narrow Gauge Railroad Station which brought tourists and vacationers to the beach and Point Shirley. In 1910 Mr. Ridgeway constructed a privately owned electric motor driven trolley type passenger car than ran on rails from Delby’s corner out to Otis Street for the convenience of those going to the Point and the Old Taft Inn/Point Shirley Club facility. This service terminated in 1928, Again, one can see how many of the Winthrop businesses were and still are flourishing by receiving the support of our residents as well as the tourist trade.



THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago April 28, 2011

Construction of the long-awaited marine terminal building at the public landing could finally be on the horizon. The only hitch is if the current bidding process does not continue to go as planned, according to Winthrop Harbormaster Charles “Chucky” Famolare, who was present for the opening of sealed sub-contracting bids on Tuesday. Those bids came in under the estimate and it is hoped that the general contractor bid does as well.

After Nicholas DelVento, councilor for precinct 3, cautioned his colleagues at a council meeting that they were “rushing through” Town Manager James McKenna’s comprehensive consolidation plan for the town’s financial offices, MIS (management information systems) offices, and building maintenance functions of the town, the council will give McKenna’s proposal a more substantial review before voting on the plan. That review likely will include separate meetings by the council and the School Committee and a joint meeting of the two boards. Residents would also be allowed to comment on the plan during the public speaking portions of the council meeting. McKenna’s proposal would create an office of financial management, an office of technology (currently management information systems), and an office of facilities management. The official of financial management would include a chief financial officer, assistant chief financial officer, a school department business office manager, and a part-time internal auditor.

Fast Five, Thor, and Scream 4 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago May 3, 2001

School Committee member Frank Daloia announced this week that he has changed his mind about not running for re-election and will undertake a write-in campaign for his seat.

Winthrop residents joined hundreds of residents from area communities to make their opposition known to the construction of the proposed Runway 14/32 at a public meeting held at the Radisson Hotel in the Back Bay. Protesters shouted down officials from the FAA and Massport with chants of, “Airplane noise! Airplane noise!”

Townpeople are mourning the passing of Earl Daly, who worked tirelessly for years on behalf of the Little League, the men’s summer softball league, and the Park and Rec. Commission. He was 73.

The Winthrop Middle School Drama program, which won the state championship last year, brought home first place in a regional competition this past week. The drama club is under the direction of teacher Karen Candelmo.

Friends of WHS Drama Society director Neil Shapiro are undertaking a bone marrow donor campaign to find a match for Shapiro, who has been diagnosed with myelo fibrosis, a rare bone disease.

Bridget Jones’s Diary,

Josie and the Pussycats, and Blow are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago May 1, 1991

A new bus service has been awarded the contract by the MBTA to serve Winthrop, which will be welcome news for local commuters who have been frustrated by the current poor service provided by Rapid Transit, which has operated in Winthrop since the Narrow Gauge Railroad went defunct in 1940. The new group is headed by former MBTA General Manager James O’Leary.

Winthrop High received a strong accreditation report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, with WHS Principal Joseph Mauro receiving singular praise.

A former Winthrop woman, Nancy Osborn, was found dead on the Cape. Her boyfriend, with whom she lived, reportedly told authorities she had been missing for a month and that he had intended to report her missing this week. Her body was found not far from where the couple lived in Mashpee.

A Kiss Before Dying, Rage in Harlem, and One Good Cop are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago April 22, 1981

Town Meeting members decisively voted to abolish the Board of Fire Engineers and replace the board with a permanent Fire Chief to be chosen by the selectmen. All 26 of the town’s firefighters had signed a petition in support of the article abolishing the Fire Engineers. Opponents of the measure said that the town could not afford the position of Fire Chief. However, Winthrop had been the only community in the state which had a Board of Fire Engineers, who are civilians appointed by the selectmen, running its fire department.

The Massport Board of Directors has approved a proposal by Exec. Director David W. Davis that will begin paying Winthrop \$135,000 annually as an in-lieu-of-tax payment. A small portion of Massport’s runways extend into Winthrop harbor on town property.

Winthrop High held its annual Sophomore/Junior Social at the Chateau DeVille in Chelsea.

The next production of the Winthrop Playmakers will be The Gondoliers.

Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, and Lilly Tomlin star in 9 to 5 at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago April 28, 1971

More than 200 residents and officials were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Winthrop Junior High School last Thursday afternoon. The total cost of construction will be \$2.3 million, of which 40 percent will be paid by the state. The new school will accommodate up to 864 students and is set to open in September, 1973.

Winthrop residents Tony Abbott and Jay Asher are appearing in the production of Piccadilly Circus, a musical revue, which is playing at the Playboy Club in Boston.

Massport officials, speaking in favor of the expansion of Logan Airport at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting, were drowned out by the noise from jets as they spoke.

Winthrop Atty. Joseph V. Ferrino was sworn in last week as an Associate Justice of the East Boston District Court.

Wuthering Heights is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago April 27, 1961

Mass. Atty. General Edward J. McCormack, speaking before a luncheon meeting of the local Rotary Club at the Winthrop Arms, used the occasion as a platform to launch a scathing attack on the alarming decline in public morals and ethics. McCormack said that conflict of interest laws are needed, not because of the actions of a few men in public office, but because of the low moral tone of business and the entire community.

The local Lodge of Elks will pay tribute to the youth of Winthrop on Elks National Youth Day on May 1. The Youth Day program will be highlighted by the appearance at Town Hall of the WHS students who are candidates for town offices for the upcoming Elks Student Government Day.

The Toastmasters Club discussed the topic, “Is Honesty Possible Today?” The debate, under the direction of table topics chairman George Fillion, concluded that standards of honesty in public and private life have been steadily declining.

Glenn Ford and Donald O’Connor star in Cry for Happy at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago April 26, 1951

After fierce opposition from residents, the Navy has revised its original plans for housing for its personnel at Ft. Heath, which called for housing for 127 families in four, five, and six family buildings, and instead is seeking to build 47 duplex homes for 94 families at a cost of \$18,000 per home.

State Senator Andrew P. Quigley is one of five senators who has been named to a legislative committee that will personally ask Gen. Douglas MacArthur to speak to the Mass. Legislature. MacArthur recently was removed as Commander of U.N. forces in Korea for publicly opposing Pres. Harry S. Truman.

A. Russell Belcher, a former selectman and chairman of the board in 1936, passed away this week after a lengthy illness. He was 59. He had held the town ash collection contract for a number of years before the town took over the collection service itself.

U.S. Congressman John F. Kennedy will be the guest speaker at Monday’s Rotary Club luncheon.

Mrs. Irene Melville is the new Pres. of the local Emblem Club, succeeding Mrs. Evelyn Henderson.

80 years ago April 24, 1941

The Winthrop Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss the advisability of

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Local schools receive increase in technology

By Kate Anslinger

During Monday night’s School Committee meeting, Superintendent Howard shared the details regarding an increase in technology at the Gorman Fort Banks School and the Arthur T. Cummings School, a goal that has been at the top of the list for several years.

Thanks to money due from ESSER grants, the district will be purchasing technology that will allow greater access for students. Five classrooms in kindergarten and five classrooms in first grade will be receiving Epsom BrightLink projectors and two classrooms in the first grade will receive TouchView screens, allowing students to do work on a large screen. Second grade classrooms are also due to receive the TouchView screens this month.

At the ATC School, several of the older Epsom BrightLinks models will be upgraded and installed in May. In addition, the district will be receiving six additional mobile TouchView screens so they can be moved from classroom to classroom.

“We’re very excited about these upgrades and the access that it will provide our students,” said Howard.

In other news:

During spring vacation and the Friday before, all new desks were assembled and placed in the middle school and high school, with the exception of sixty desks that have not yet arrived. Desks were borrowed from the old middle school to use until the new ones arrive.

Graduation is scheduled for June 4 on Miller Field. More details to follow.

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the town purchasing the right-of-way of the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad.

George J. Hamilton, Commodore of the Winthrop Y.C., once again will be chairman of the Boy Scout campaign, which has a goal of raising \$2000.

With 42 local civic clubs and organizations cooperating, the first rehearsals are being held for the minstrel revue to benefit the soldiers stationed in Winthrop.

Thomas E. Key, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, has been named an Asst. Atty. General by Mass. Atty. General Robert T. Bushnell. Key was sworn into office last week by Gov. Leverett Saltonstall.

The American Legion has announced that its annual carnival will be held at Ingleside Park July 3-5.

Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda star in Lady Eve at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago April 25, 1931

A large contingent of residents and officials journeyed to Beacon Hill to support a bill for construction of a breakwater along Shore Drive. It seems as though the town finally may get the relief it needs for storm protection along our shoreline.

Lemon ice cream, delightfully refreshing and full of Vitamin C, is the weekly special at Ham’s Candy Stores, with locations in Winthrop, Revere, and Orient Heights, at a price of \$1.00 per quart delivered or \$.70 in stores.

Mary Astor stars in Behind Office Doors at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago April 23, 1921

The first seizure in Winthrop history by law enforcement authorities of a working still was made at 100 Locust St. Police Chief McNeill, Lieut. Douglas, Officers Turner, Douglas, and Howat, and Prohibition Enforcement Officer Thomas J. McNulty conducted the raid. The place had been under observation for several weeks and Chief McNeill asked Off. McNulty to join his men. The still

was in working operation when police entered the premises with Mr. Cohen busy at work. Inside were several gallons already made, along with 900 pounds of sugar, bottles of all sizes, funnels, cotton, charcoal, and various utensils. Police hired a big Mack truck from local storage house man John Tewksbury to haul away the cache, drawing a crowd of several hundred onlookers. A poker game was in progress in the home and three other men were arrested. All three were fined \$10 on Monday in E.B. District Court. As for Mr. Cohen, he was fined \$100. On Tuesday, two brothers from Roxbury came to town full of moonshine and were arrested by police.

William E. Curran is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

110 years ago April 29, 1911

The new assembly hall of St. John’s Episcopal Church was thrown open to the public and looked very attractive for the annual Spring Fair.

The legislative committee on Metropolitan Affairs has reported out a compromise bill on the Metropolitan Boston question. The committee recommends that the designation of Metropolitan Boston be made for purposes of statistics only, but will not involve the annexation of any city or town into Boston, nor the creation of a Metropolitan Council.

The Equal Suffrage League voted at its last meeting to purchase a subscription to the Women’s Journal, the organ of the suffrage movement, and the book, The Suffragette, which is a history of the movement, and donate them to the library.

120 years ago. April 27, 1901

A lively Town Meeting was held Monday, though nothing of importance was accomplished. Members voted to refer to a joint committee of the Selectmen and Park Commissioners the question of whether the town should accept the marshland as a gift from the heirs of the Ingalls Estate.

Gage David Hames

9/18/1999 — 4/17/2021

Gage David Hames passed away on April 17 after a long and courageous battle with Duchenne’s muscular dystrophy.

The beloved son of Andrew and Jessica Hames, Gage David was the brother of A.J. Hames and Madison Hames, who was also one of Gage David’s primary caretakers, the grandson of Bruce and Janey Fox, Ruthie Hames and the late John Hames, Jr., the nephew of Patty Hames and Dan

Hibbard, John and Gina Hames, Maureen (Hames) and John English, and Desi and Deborah Hames; cousin of Nicholas and Ryan Hames, Courtney Dalton, Gabrielle, Desi Jr., and Gavin Hames and the



godson of Deanna Gigliello Cordes and the late Joseph Porter. Gage David is also survived by many more loving cousins, great aunts and great uncles.

In lieu of flowers, please make online donations to Kids First of Florida at <http://kidsfirstofflorida.org/>

with “Gage David Hames” in the special instructions section.

Claire Sheltry

The last popularly elected Winthrop Town Clerk who served for over 25 years

Claire (Yirrell) Sheltry, 84, of Winthrop passed away peacefully on April 21 surrounded by her family.

Claire retired in 2007 as the Winthrop Town Clerk, having worked in the office for over 25 years. She has the distinction of being the last popularly elected Town Clerk in Winthrop.

The beloved daughter of the late Catherine T. (Donovan) and Frederick W. Yirrell, Sr, and a lifelong resident of Winthrop, she was the beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Sheltry, who she married in 1960. She was predeceased by her son, LCDR Joseph Francis, USN (Ret.) and daughter, Nadine and also by her brothers, Frederick W. Yirrell, Jr, Francis Yirrell, John J. Yirrell (all of whom served honorably in the military) and Richard Yirrell.

She leaves her children: Maureen C. Sheltry of Charlestown, MA, Kenneth F. Sheltry of Portsmouth, NH, daughter-in-law, Lorraine M. Sheltry of Gales Ferry, CT and sister-in-law, Katherine (Sheltry) Nolan of Ran-



dolph, MA. She is also survived by six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, April 27 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association at www.lung.org or to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House at www.hospiceofsouthernmaine.org.

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Jean Mercier Rhoades

Retired Certified Nurse Assistant



Jean Alberta (Ford) Mercier Rhoades, 78, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully on April 13 in Leonardtown, MD.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Ralph and Augusta (Smith) Ford, she was a 1962 graduate of Winthrop High School. She obtained her Home Health Aid certification and dedicated her life to the care of others. Prior to her retirement, Jean was employed by Asbury Assisted Living Retirement Community in Solomons, MD for 21 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Jean was a dedicated mother who completely cherished every moment with her immediate and extended family. She also valued all the friendships she formed throughout her life. She enjoyed BINGO, Crocheting, Lighthouses, Crabbing, the beach, swimming, cooking Lasagna or eating Lobster / Scallops/Clams. She loved watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, Victory Woods deer and birds with her friends from her “treehouse” and Breton Bay sunsets with family.

You will be forever with us MOM!

Jean is survived by her son, Timothy R. Mercier and daughter in law, Carey E. Mercier of Leonardtown, MD; her grandchildren, Ryan Mercier of

Accokeek, MD, Lindsay Mercier of Sutton, MA Marissa Mercier of Port Tobacco, MD, and Brendan Mercier of California, MD; her great grandchild, Korie O’Brien and many extended family members and friends. In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by her son, Steven E. Mercier and her sisters: Norma Kelly, Alice Waldrop, and Peggy Boudreau.

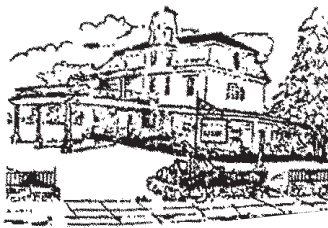
The family received friends on Friday, April 23 at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650, followed by a Prayer Service celebrated by Rev. Greg Sylar of St. Georges Episcopal Church. A Graveside Service will be led by Father Walter Connelly of St. John’s Episcopal Church on Friday, April 30 at 1 p.m. at Winthrop Cemetery in Winthrop.

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Kelly Donohue is shown at the Pleasant Park Yacht Club on the deck last Monday evening, prior to the start of his second day on Jeopardy!. Kelly is with his wife Jill, 6-month-old Kevin, Lily, age 2, and Julia, 4.

Winthrop's Kelly Donohue competes to walk away a three-time Jeopardy champ

By Cary Shuman

The coolest man in Winthrop today is Kelly Donohue.

Donohue, a lifelong resident, took Jeopardy! by storm while compiling a streak of three impressive victories on America's preeminent quiz show. Donahue won \$80,000 as a three-time champion and helped raised more than \$100,000 for charity.

Donohue played the game with confidence and fearlessness, an unbeatable combination that allowed the 35-year-old state bank examiner to topple a defending champion in a thrilling three-way battle last Thursday and to continue his reign as Jeopardy! champion for three consecutive nights.

And Donohue became an instant celebrity, his nightly Jeopardy! triumphs being enjoyed by friends, colleagues, fellow alumni at Boston College (where he graduated in 2007), and millions of Jeopardy fans worldwide. Monday night, Donohue was joined by his local supporters during a watch party at the Pleasant Park Yacht Club. They cheered as he won his third game and moved on in his memorable journey.

A LIFELONG DREAM TO APPEAR ON JEOPARDY!

Dohonue has been a Jeopardy! fan for many years, watching the nightly show that was hosted by the legendary Alex Trebek. It had been a long-time dream to be a contestant on the show.

"I first tried out to be on College Jeopardy!" said Donohue. "I passed the test and had an audition, but I didn't get picked," said Donohue.

He took the Jeopardy! online test in 2019 and "they called me a few months later and invited me to be on the show."

He was supposed to travel to California for the show in March, 2020, but his appearance was can-

celed due to COVID-19.

"I thought my dream had ended," said Donohue. "But I got called back in January and they told me that I had to be in California in February to tape Jeopardy! and I said, 'absolutely.'"

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

On the Jeopardy! fan Website, Donohue's game-playing style was lauded for being old-school and all business. The holder of a degree in Finance from BC, Donohue wore a nifty, blue business suit on the show.

He showed a superior knowledge in several categories – history, movies, television, pop culture, to name a few - and made a gutsy decision on the Daily Double to wage \$5,000. The category was "Premiere Television Episodes" and Donohue's correct answer was: "What Is Antiques Road Show?"

"I figured I watch more television than any human should, so I figured I had a pretty good shot at it," said Donohue. "I saw the scores, I figured the whole game comes down to Daily Doubles, so let's play to win."

He then again demonstrated his versatility with the correct response to a Continental Geography question in Final Jeopardy.

ENJOYING THE JEOPARDY! EXPERIENCE

Under normal circumstances, Donohue would have been able to bring six guests to the taping of the show. Because of COVID-19, he was not allowed to have any of his guests in the studio audience.

"They had very strict COVID-19 protocols," said Donohue.

He had the opportunity to chat with guest host Anderson Cooper of CNN fame during the rehearsals for the show.

"After the game as well, I talked to Anderson Cooper, and mostly the con-

versation was about how much we love Jeopardy! and how great Alex Trebek was," said Donohue.

He was also unable to meet Jeopardy! long-time announcer Johnny Gilbert because he recorded the instructions away from the studio.

THE PRIDE OF WINTHROP

Donohue now joins Olympic hockey captain Mike Eruzione, Boston Pride captain and MVP Jillian Dempsey, former BU and Boston Bruin Dale Dunbar, NBA player Terry Driscoll, Major League Baseball pitcher Larry Thomas, NCAA basketball champion Courtney Finn, Division 1 three-sport athlete Vinnie Eruzione and other well-known Winthropites who have made their mark in major competitions.

Donohue, son of Kevin and Paula Donohue, grew up on Point Shirley before moving to Cottage Park Road. He attended the Willis Elementary School and Winthrop Middle School.

"Mr. [Arthur] Cummings was the principal and when I got to the fourth grade, he had retired and Mr. [William] Gorman became the principal, so interestingly the two elementary schools are named after my principals," said Donohue.

He went on to attend Boston College High School and Boston College and has been a bank examiner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 13 years.

He and his wife, Jill, have three children, Julia, 4, Lily, 2, and Kevin, six months.

"Julia saw me on TV and said, 'that's Daddy.'"

Donohue will be most remembered for his confident, straight-on style and sartorial splendor during his appearance on four Jeopardy! shows.

"There's no other way to play," he said. "You have to play to win or else what are you doing there?"

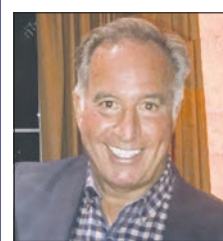


Shown above, Kevin Donohue surrounded by family and friends watches as Jeopardy! starts.

Shown right, Kelly Donohue of Winthrop, pictured with guest host Anderson Cooper on the set of Jeopardy! in California.



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WINTHROP TRIUMPHS OPVER MASCONOMET



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SOCIAL DISTANCING: Shown above, Winthrop quarterback Duke Doherty straight-arms a Masconomet defender.
CONVERSION POINTS: Shown left, Winthrop's Cam Conway snags a pass from quarterback Duke Doherty for a two-point conversion that put Winthrop ahead 8-7 during the first half of Winthrop's 16-14 win over Masconomet in the Vikings final game of the season Saturday at Miller Field.

COMPLETE SUCCESS

Winthrop makes the absolutely most out of retooled season

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High School football team was already officially an NEC champion but you just knew the players and coaches were seeking to make another big statement to end their memorable season.

So the stakes were high as the Vikings clung to a two-point lead with a few minutes to play. The prevailing thought must have been, to coin a famous quote: "We didn't come

this far to only come this far."

And the result the Vikings wanted took every inch and every ounce of effort from every player. In the end, it was senior safety Ryan Hovermale who made the decisive defensive play, breaking up a Masconomet fourth-down pass and preserving an incredible 16-14 victory Saturday at Miller Field.

Add in another All-Scholastic-caliber performance from Bobby Hubert, the offensive

leadership and big tackle-for-loss play on defense by All-Scholastic quarterback Duke Doherty, the Black Shirt-winning effort of the future pride of Amherst, Bryan Conceicao, and the unheralded play of the offensive line – and what you had was a celebration worthy of a 5-1, championship-winning campaign.

Winthrop Coach Jon Cadigan said the defense "got the job done" in the fourth quarter, notably defensive backs Chris Ferrara and Ryan Hovermale, who each broke up pivotal passes by Masco.

"Ryan timed that play

perfectly," said Cadigan. "He's done a great job on both sides of the ball this season."

Hubert was again a major contributor on offense, powering forth on 15 carries for 73 yards and it was he who scored the final eight points on a superb touchdown run and a two-point conversion.

Masco proved to be a formidable foe as expected. Coached by former Savio mentor Gavin Monagle, Masconomet was the reigning Cape Ann League Large champion before joining the Northeastern Conference this season. As recently

as two years ago, Masco played Everett High tough in Thanksgiving games,

one at Fenway Park. Masco scored first and

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS SOCCER FINISHES WITH 2-0 WIN

The Winthrop High boys soccer team concluded a highly-successful Fall II season by celebrating Senior Night in appropriate fashion with a 2-0 victory over Nashoba Tech last week at Miller Field.

The Senior Night festivities took place prior to the game and recognized the four members of the Class of 1921, Youssef Benchikhi, Augie Cherico, John Langone, and Chris Nunes, for their contributions to the WHS boys' soccer program during their high school careers.

The Vikings grabbed a 1-0 lead in the opening half when seniors Youssef Bencjikhi and John Langone connected on a pretty play when Benchikhi ran onto a through ball from Langone and finished nicely to beat the Nashoba keeper.

Center back Zane Bowser provided an insurance goal after the intermission when he launched a booming strike from the 50 yard line. The ball took a big bounce over the keeper's head and reached the back of the net for Zane's fourth of the season.

WHS keeper Augie Cherico finished the game with his fifth shutout of the 2021 season.

"We played really well," said WHS head coach Kyle Gagin. "It was good to see everyone

come together and win for the seniors. They will be greatly missed."

The victory gave the Vikings a final record of 8-3-2. Junior Juan Guaque was the team's leading goal scorer for the spring 2021 season with nine goals.

WHS GIRLS TRIUMPH IN FINAL GAME, FINISH SEASON WITH 11-1-1 MARK

The Winthrop High girls soccer team concluded its Fall II season on a winning note with a 2-0 victory at Nashoba Tech last week.

The contest featured a bit of drama thanks to the weather. After making the long bus ride to the middle of Rt. 495 in Westford, the Lady Vikings' season finale was cut short by a fierce thunder and lightning storm soon into the second half, forcing the game to be called at that point.

Fortunately, Winthrop held a 2-0 lead when the weather gods decided to have some fun. The Lady Viking tallies were recorded by senior captain Maura Dorr, who added to her all-time WHS scoring mark, assisted by Mia Martucci, and by Grace Arena, assisted by Maddie Stiglets.

The victory gave coach Tracey Martucci and her crew an outstanding final record for their spring 2021 campaign of 11-1-1.

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
April 28, 2011
Tony Fucillo will be inducted into the Massachusetts State Football Coaches Hall of Fame at an awards dinner Saturday at Lantana’s in Randolph. Fucillo was the head coach of the Winthrop High football team for 20 seasons and assistant coach for 15 seasons before that. Fucillo capped off his successful tenure with an undefeated season and Super Bowl title in 2006.

The 2011 state champion Winthrop High School boys basketball team was honored at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night at the Cummings School. Each player and coach received an official town citation.

The Winthrop High baseball team still is looking to find the winning formula after dropping both of its contests this past week to Saugus and Swampscott. In a 10-2 loss to Saugus, the Vikings left 14 runners stranded on the basepaths. Justin Rowe pitched well for Winthrop through the first four innings. A 7-4 defeat at Swampscott was highlighted by two home run clouts by Nick McCarthy, who is enjoying a stellar season. “Nick just contin-

ues to do great things for us,” said WHS head coach Frank DeMarco of the senior captain, who will play football and baseball at Bentley next year.

The Winthrop High girls track team pulled out a dramatic triumph over Salem Friday, 69-67, thanks to a victory in the final event, the 4 x 400 relay. Maria Rago took the baton on the third leg and opened up a 20-meter lead for anchor Gina Giuliano to speed home ahead of the Salem girl for the well-deserved win in a time of 4:41. Jessica Dowson and Cory Charvis ran legs one and two of the relay. Alyssa Mackey led the individual point parade for the Lady Vikings with victories in the 100 (13.2) and 200 (27.9) meter dashes. Freshman Lexi Vaccaro placed first in the long jump with a leap of 13’-9”, second in the triple jump with an effort of 30’-9”, and ran the lead leg of the winning 4 x 100. Mayami Meggison, Teresa Jones, and Felecia Jones ran the other legs in the winning time of 54.1.

The Winthrop High boys tennis team recorded a 5-0 shutout over Lynn English last Friday, dropping just one set in the five matches. Viking number one singles player Jake Rand topped his

English counterpart, 6-1, 6-1. Ryan McKinnon at second singles triumphed 6-4, 6-3 and Tom Lund was an easy winner, 6-1, 6-2, at third singles. The first doubles duo of Jake McKinnon and Luke Hodgkins swept to a 6-1, 6-2, triumph, with the only close match of the day coming at second doubles. After the Viking tandem of Michael Psomos and Alex Patnod lost their first set 4-6, they came back to win the second set, 6-4, setting the stage for a deciding super tie-breaker in lieu of a full third set.

The WHS softball team dropped both of its contests this past week, falling to Swampscott and Saugus. The Lady Vikings found themselves down early in the Swampscott encounter, trailing 3-1 after the first frame and 6-1 after the third, but eventually rallied to get back to even at 6-6, with a bases-loaded triple by Liana Ferullo the key blow. However, Swampscott pushed across two runs in the seventh to come away with the 8-6 triumph. Alex Ferri went the entire seven inning route for Winthrop, yielding just six hits and four earned runs. She fanned seven, but 12 walks and two hit batters proved costly. The match with

first-place Saugus was a pitcher’s duel between Ferri (16 strikeouts) and Saugus’ Nikki Lowe (15 strikeouts) who allowed only four hits apiece. Both tossed all nine innings until Saugus scored twice in the ninth to record the 3-1 win. Taylor Brown blasted a homer deep to left for the lone Winthrop tally.

20 years ago
May 3, 2001
Mike Montesano pitched four shutout innings, Robby DeLeo had three hits and four RBI, and Jesse Landrigan had three hits and two RBI to lead the WHS baseball team to a 12-1 rout of Salem. In a 10-5 win over East Boston, Lucas Guarino spun a one-hitter and fanned seven over six innings. Mark Paulson had two hits and two RBI.

The WHS girls track team edged Marblehead 64-62 with a win in the 4 x 400 meter relay, the final event of the meet. Danielle Dillard, who anchored the relay team, also won three individual events, the 100 dash, the 400 dash, and the long jump.

The WHS Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremony this past weekend. Among those inducted were Amy Sullivan,

Robert Milne, Laurie Gillis, James English, Chris Zikos, Kevin McGee, Sharon Belliveau, Daniel Govoni, and Charles Flanagan.

30 years ago
May 1, 1991
The WHS baseball team pounded Lynn Classical 18-2 to remain in first place in the NEC with a 6-1 record. Dennis Ricupero had four hits and Dave Melchionda had three hits for the Vikings.

John Dwyer at first singles led the WHS tennis team to a 5-0 shutout over Lynn Classical.

Coach Pat McGee’s undefeated WHS boys track team will meet undefeated Beverly in a showdown for first place in the NEC this week.

40 years ago
April 22, 1981
Billy Moore spun a brilliant four-hitter in a 3-1 win for the WHS baseball team over Danvers.

Newton’s Charlie Spedding shattered the course record of 30:21 with a new mark of 29:10 to win Sunday’s third annual Michael’s Mall 10K Road Race.

Mike Brenner set a new school record with a shot-put throw of 56’-2” to lead

the WHS track team to a 64-62 win over Danvers. Brenner’s toss topped the old WHS record set 13 years ago by Randy Herdt.

50 years ago
April 28, 1971
The WHS baseball team received route-going pitching efforts from Capt. John Costigan and southpaw Nelson Smith in wins over Lynn Classical and Marblehead this week.

60 years ago
April 27, 1961
Junior Jack Daley scattered seven hits in his first varsity start to record a 4-2 win over Marblehead for the WHS baseball team.

70 years ago
April 26, 1951
A two-out triple in the ninth inning by Steve Miles and some nifty relief work by Seth Greene gave the WHS baseball team a wild and wooly 16-15 win over Swampscott.

80 years ago
April 24, 1941
Southpaw Bill McGillicuddy hurled a two-hit shutout in a 7-0 win over Punchard High of Andover and Dick Chardon fanned 17 Swampscott batters in a 7-4 triumph for the WHS baseball team.

MBTA bus driver charged with sexual assault and kidnapping

By John Lynds

A MBTA bus driver that was working the route between Winthrop and Orient Heights MBTA Station in East Boston on Saturday has been arrested and arraigned on the following alleged charges of kidnapping, assault to rape, and indecent assault

and battery.

Ali Ennab, 45, of Revere, is accused of attacking a woman after she boarded the #713 MBTA bus from Orient Heights to Winthrop on the evening of April 24. The alleged assault occurred and was captured by the surveillance system on board.

Ennab was arraigned Tuesday in East Boston Municipal Court and John E. McDonald, Jr. set Ennab’s bail at \$10,000 cash. Ennab was ordered to surrender his passport, stay away from the victim, not work as a bus driver or any transportation company for hire, and submit to

GPS tracking. The Commonwealth also filed a motion to revoke bail on an assault and battery case out of Malden, which was allowed.

According to District Attorney Rachael Rollins, the victim boarded the bus at Orient Heights and was heading to Winthrop just before 7:30 p.m. Saturday, but had missed her stop and was the only remaining person on the bus.

The woman, who does not speak English, was talking on her phone and missed her stop and then used a translator app to ask the driver to take her back to Orient Heights. The bus driver began speaking to her and identified himself as Ali, but he did not return to Orient Heights. Instead, he allegedly stopped the bus at a stop near the beach in Winthrop, and the victim began to feel nervous because she was the only passenger.

According to the DA’s office Ennab allegedly then shut the bus off, got up and sat next to the victim and allegedly put his arm around her.

“He then allegedly pulled her closer to him and kissed her cheek,” according to the DA’s office.

“The defendant allegedly told the woman he could get her a green card. She responded that she has a husband and doesn’t need a green card, then again asked him to open the doors because she wanted to get off the bus. He allegedly asked for her number and she called her phone from his phone so that his number would be there in case something happened to her. He then began eating his dinner and allegedly refused to open the doors to let her off the bus.”

According to the DA’s office, after eating, Ennab started the bus and the victim started walking toward the doors but Ennab allegedly turned the bus off again.

“She asked him to open the door and he allegedly lunged at her, ripping her mask off and kissing her face,” reported the DA’s office. “He allegedly groped her body and put his hand down her pants. She begged him to stop and he continued assaulting her. She recorded audio of the assault on her phone. In the audio, the victim can be heard in Spanish begging the driver to stop and open the door. He allegedly responds,

“Me, I’m boyfriend for you, it’s okay.” She continues to tell him no and to open the door. When an unidentified woman walked near the bus, she apparently caused Ennab to open the door allowing the victim to leave.”

Rollins said a woman should be able to ride a public bus without fear of kidnap and sexual assault

“Women, just like all people, have the right to not be harassed, violated, harmed, or objectified,” said Rollins. “As I have said, fathers need to start speaking to their sons, and men need to tell their brothers, friends and colleagues about a new vision of masculinity where men are working to end violence against women and girls,” District Attorney Rollins said. “The allegations outlined in this case are deeply disturbing.”

Ennab, who is employed by Paul Revere Transportation LLC as a contract driver for the MBTA, was represented at arraignment by attorney Ross Schreiber. He returns to court May 25, 2021.

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TWIST AND SHAKE: Winthrop's Ryan Hovermale tries to twist his way out of a tackle by Masconomet's Corin Canada-Hunt (87).



VICTORY IS OURS! Ryan Hovermale (14) breaks up a pass intended for Masconomet's Corin Canada-Hunt (87) on a fourth down play that ended the visitor's final drive and sealed Winthrop's 16-14 win Saturday at Miller Field that capped the Vikings 5-1 season.

WHS FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

A picture-perfect finish for Ryan Hovermale

By Cary Shuman

Ryan Hovermale's defensive play late in the fourth quarter of the Vikings' 16-14 win over Masconomet will stand the test of time, according to Winthrop Coach Jonathan Cadigan. Winthrop Sun Transcript photographer Bob Marra captured on film the play that shows Hovermale's timing, instinct, and athleticism. But as Bill Belichick would tell you, Ryan Hovermale was just "doing his job" as he has done all season for the Vikings.

"I saw some of the photos and that's going to be an all-timer for Ryan," said Cadigan. "For the rest of his life, he can break out that photo at any point. I'm so happy for Ryan – a senior in a huge moment, to come up with a huge play like that. He's certainly a deserving player who has been around the football all year long. This was a great way to cap it out."

Cam Conway scores a two-pointer for the Vikings

Who knew Cam Conway would emerge as such an important contributor to the Vikings' championship season?

Known for his basketball skills (he was selected

as an NEC All-Star), Conway hauled in a two-point pass from Duke Doherty on a nice, finger-tip catch in the end zone. He also had a key, fourth-down catch that helped Winthrop slice valuable minutes off the clock.

"He was obviously a basketball kid, but you could see he certainly had the talent," said Cadigan. "In his last game, having a two-point conversion and a big, fourth-down catch – and blocking wise all year at his tight end position," he's just been tremendous. And he's been terrific on the defensive line as well."

Chaves impresses in 2021

Mikey Chaves had an excellent junior season as a wide receiver. And his Pick-6 interception in the Vikings' 22-6 victory over Framingham ranks as one of the most exciting plays of this or any season.

Conceicao is defensive player of the game

Senior defensive end Bryan Conceicao was named the recipient of the Black Shirt defensive player of the game for the Vikings.

Conceicao had 12 tackles, one for a loss of yardage. It was a clutch performance by the Little



WIPEOUT: Mike Chaves (2) takes down Masconomet's quarterback Andrew Saumsiegle.

Ivy-bound scholar-athlete.

"Bryan not only played one of the best games of the season but really in his career," said Cadigan. "The stats were impressive, but it's more the stuff he brought to the table in this game – there were times he was taking on two blockers to free somebody else up. Just the selfishness he played with was exciting to watch."

Hubert's special finale

It is unlikely there will be a Shriners All-Star Classic on an Agganis All-Star Football Classic, so this was probably Bobby Hubert's final game as a high school football player.

Hubert was "Mr. Dependable" for the Vikings on their road to the championship.

"If it came down to a

certain moment or a certain play, we were going to ride with Bobby this season," said Cadigan. "He's been really a guy that's been in there for four years offensively. He picks up the tough yards and he scored the game-winning touchdown and two-point conversion. I felt great about his effort."

Here's to the O-Line

The unheralded Big Five on the offensive line for Winthrop High this season consisted of center Nick Shea, guards Stevie Perullo and Matt Hurley, and tackles Pete Jurovich and Michael Carter.

Ferrara carries on the tradition

Chris Ferrara's speed and finesse made the perfect complement to Bob-



KEY CATCH: Cam Conway (81) holds on tight after catching a key 14-yard pass from quarterback Duke Doherty on a third-and-ten play with 4:45 left and Winthrop leading 16-14.

by Hubert in the Vikings' running game.

"We had a great 1-2 punch," said Cadigan. "Bobby is hammering defenses in between the tackles and Chris goes off-tackle running our buck-sweep play. He runs that play extremely well and he scored a touchdown on the buck-sweep against Masco. I'm very happy for Chris."

Fucillo and Smith congratulate the Vikings

It was a joy for parents and football families town wide to listen to Anthony Fucillo and Alex Smith call the Winthrop games for the livestream broadcasts.

The two former Winthrop stars' broadcast send-off remarks congratulating Coach Jon Cadigan and the

team were much appreciated by those who follow Winthrop High football.

It was emotional to hear the duo say that it was the final game it will ever broadcast together as things return to a regular schedule this fall - and Fucillo will be back on the Harvard football sidelines as an assistant coach.

Thank you, Chris Mailhiot

Coach Jonathan Cadigan made it a point to thank athletic trainer Chris Mailhiot for his efforts this season.

"Knock on wood, we were pretty healthy for our six games," said Cadigan. "We didn't have many starters that missed much time. The coaches are very happy that the kids stayed healthy."

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took a quick 7-0 lead. But Winthrop answered with a 90-yard drive, with Chris Ferrara scoring on a nifty 9-yard run. Doherty's two-point conversion to basketball star-turned-football star Cam Conway gave Winthrop an 8-7 lead.

Masco carried momentum into the half with a late score, but Hubert put Winthrop ahead, 16-14, before a dramatic fourth quarter of play ensued.

Late in the fourth quarter, Doherty attempted a pass for what would have

been the game-sealing fourth down. But Masco held and Jonathan Cadigan and defensive coordinator James Fucillo had put the game in the hands of their defense.

And the defensive delivered, stopping Masco's attempts to score the go-ahead touchdown.

"I'm extremely happy for the seniors – they were a great group of kids in the four years," said Cadigan. "To cap it off with a conference championship and winning your last game at home is pretty special."



END ZONE ARRIVAL: Chris Ferrara drags a Masconomet would-be tackler into the end zone to make it a 6-6 game.

The Winthrop Community Food Pantry is here to help

The Winthrop Community Food Pantry has been here to help the people of Winthrop, who need food assistance for any reason. There are no questions asked, no forms to fill out. We are a stigma free zone and are here to help.

The Winthrop Community Food Pantry is providing a box of groceries, on May 8, 2021. This box contains two cartons of milk, two cans of vegetables, one box of pasta, peanut butter, three bags of rice, two cans of fruit, one can of tomato sauce, one container of apple juice, two cans of beans, two cans of tuna, four cans of soup and an energy bar. The boxes will be given out at a contactless drive by at 222 Bowdoin St.

The day is Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 10 AM to 12 PM at 222 Bowdoin St. Winthrop

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Police Department and the MIT Center for Ethics and Transformative Leadership collaborated this past spring on a unique police training program looking to build empathy and compassion into implicit bias training programs.

Acting on an existing relationship with the MIT Center that was used to form the innovative Chelsea HUB model, both organizations brought the program to the Chelsea Police and three other departments for six weeks of training in how to add new tools to keep situations from escalating on the street – and to take police departments into more of a direction of community service and safeguarding.

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, of MIT, ran the program – known as Transformative Citizenship – and said it focuses on understanding how officers view their community, how the community views them and the pressures that mount on officers due to the dangers inherent in the job – and often times incorrect public perceptions of them.

The most recent cohort in Chelsea was the first to take place in the United States, and could potentially next go to Seattle. There were 33 officers from Chelsea and three other departments, and they had in-person and online meetings for two hours at a time.

“This is the first time we are trying to create a model or pilot for a U.S. Police Force and maybe others too,” said Tenzin. “I do believe this is something that could help all of them. This is one of the most important set of tools they will have. It will prevent even simple things, when they escalate, they will have these tools and will be able to recall them to de-escalate situations very quickly. These are the things that play a role in the way officers discharge their duties every day.

“In the end, these are very dedicated individuals that are trying to shift the culture so communities have better experience with what the police do and police forces do more than just policing,” he continued.

Chief Brian Kyes said he was happy to lead the effort with MIT, and found it a valuable forum for peers to share their experiences.

“This unique partnership provides our Officers with valuable insight and a forum for shared experiences with peers from neighboring communi-

ties,” he said. “It also helps to expand their resource toolkit, something that is important especially when presented with complex situations. We are happy to be leading with MIT in this effort.”

Tenzin said confidence in policing in the U.S., both perceived and real, is putting additional stressors on the very people that are depended on for public safety. Often, police officers internalize the public criticism that erupts whenever there is an event where use of force is exercised, whether warranted or not. Many times, men and women who have made a pledge to protect fellow residents feel that the world is against them regardless of the outcome. This presents a real danger both in regards to mental health and also with any future interactions these officers may face in the future.

“The important aspect is many are drawn to policing by their desire to serve the community,” he said. “There’s a lot of frustration because...you’re only judged by the worst in your department. It only takes one or two bad instances for the community to pass judgment on those good officers in the department at the same time. They are only interested in doing good for the community and they’re frustrated because of internal environments and external perceptions.”

The program also touches on how officers internalize anxiety – the idea that they may not come home at the end of the day – and it also focuses on how officers view their community. A key aspect of the program is to help develop an emotional resiliency so they can have compassion and empathy on those they encounter – even in the most challenging circumstances.

“One thing they look at is the perception officers have of the community they are serving,” he said. “The second thing with that is a focus on emotional resiliency. It is a high-pressure job at any given time. We give them another tool to help address situations with compassion and empathy.”

Transformative Citizenship aims to address these issues in a meaningful and impactful way by exploring the thought process and emotions these events can trigger. The focus of the program is to work through implicit biases in decision-making and to promote emotional resilience and trust both within the department and in the communities they work.

“I am extremely grateful to the Chelsea Police

Department and the MIT Center for Ethics and Transformative Values for the opportunity to take part in this course and include more than two dozen officers from several PAARI-affiliated police departments,” said Allie Hunter, Executive Director of PAARI. “This program provided a unique and meaningful opportunity to enhance officers’ leadership skills, especially as they engage in public health and social service oriented community policing programs that support individuals with substance use and mental health disorders, as well as those experiencing homelessness.”

Tenzin added, “The work of police department is perhaps one of the most challenging and demanding for professionals. Our goal with this course is to further build and strengthen trust in communities where it may have eroded. That is critical to the safety and well-being of everyone.”

The next step is to create ongoing sessions for more police departments locally and throughout the U.S., using what was learned in Chelsea. In a period where the public is asking for the “re-imagination of police” this course offers opportunities for difficult conversations that can lead to solutions and not just volatile rhetoric, he said.

Anyone interested in learning more about Transformative Citizenship can contact Tenzin via e-mail at The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT, info@thecenter.mit.edu.

CHELSEA CHIEF KYES, POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AGREE WITH VERDICT ON CHAUVIN

Chief Brian Kyes, president of the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association, hasn’t always been totally in step with every police reform that has come down over the last year, but this week Kyes said he believed the jury got it right when it came to the murder convictions against former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin.

Chauvin was convicted on Tuesday afternoon by a jury in Minnesota of second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter when he killed George Floyd while in the course of his duties as a police officer.

“The jury in the murder trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin reached its ver-

NIGHT SHIFT BREWERY MAKES ITS WAY INTO ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR



Chef Kyle Bradish, Encore President Brian Gullbrants, Night Shift Co-Founder Mike O’Mara and Joseph Liebowitz, Encore executive director of food, beverage and culinary operations, cut the ribbon on Encore’s latest addition, the new Night Shift Brewing Kitchen + Tap, on Thursday, April 15.

dict, finding him guilty of all three charges,” said the Chief in a statement. “As members of the Mass Major City Police Chiefs Association we strongly believe that not only was the defendant afforded due process as is required by our Constitution and in conformance with our system of justice, but that the honorable and informed jury absolutely got it right and that justice was served. We hope that the family of George Floyd finds some solace in this historic verdict.”

LEGAL EXPENSES ARE IN RANGE

EVERETT - One week after some members of the City Council questioned the outside legal fees paid for the tax valuation case that took place for several years between the City and Exelon Power Plant, members of several City Departments said the expenditures since 2017 are not out of the ordinary. There is a need often to get attorneys specializing in unique areas of the law as many surrounding community cities have done, said City Solicitor Colleen Mejia. She also said that the notion that her department doesn’t work or farms out all of the legal issues is not correct.

“It is absolutely not true that we’re farming out all the legal work,” she said. “We work all day every day – as well as nights and week-ends. Virtually every department head in the City calls us at night and on weekends. This isn’t a 9 to 5 job. We use outside legal services to supplement and help us resolve issues we need help with. We don’t know all the aspects of the law and sometimes legal research doesn’t give you all the answers. I don’t want it to be thought by resi-

dents and taxpayers that we just sit around and do no work.”

City CFO Eric Demas said there has been a tremendous amount of change going on in the City over the last several years, and much of it has revolved around very specialized sections of the law like the power plant and the casino.

“I don’t think it’s out of line with what you might see in other communities,” he said. “Between the casino and the change in assessments, there’s been a tremendous amount of activity going on in the last five years as the City continues to grow an flourish. We have to make sure we’re doing everything we can to protect the residents.”

As that has happened, Mejia said it has been smarter to use outside legal services rather than to hire new staff and have to pay benefits and a pension.

“I think it has been very responsible not to hire more employees and not have more unfunded liabilities with pensions and insurance and salaries,” she said. “It doesn’t make sense. If you average out all the costs we spend, it’s still less expensive (than hiring someone).”

Both Demas and Mejia also pointed out that some fees paid to the City’s outside counsel – KP Law – actually isn’t paid by taxpayers. KP Law usually has an outside attorney present at most Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, but some of that expense is picked up by developers.

Using the 53G accounts that can be charged to larger developers for transportation, engineering and legal services, the City is able to be reimbursed by developer dollars through those accounts for part of the KP Law fees.

Communications Chief Deanna Devaney, who is also an attorney, said in her experience working at other cities and towns, Everett outside legal fees are well-within the usual range.

“This is a common practice using outside law firms,” she said. “If we compared to other cities and towns outside Everett, I would say it’s more than comparable...I believe Everett is very reasonable as to what they have for outside legal fees.”

BRUSH FIRE SHOWS EXTENT OF PHRAGMITES

EVERETT - A massive brush fire, fueled by the ignition of Phragmites via a homeless encampment near the Gateway Mall has brought an immediate effort to identify and clear the invasive Phragmites from Everett’s waterfront and marsh areas.

The fire on April 6 came just as officials, including the City Administration, Fire Chief Tony Carli and State Rep. Joe McGonagle had been calling for the removal of the Phragmites near the Gateway Mall as a safety measure.

However, facing some pushback from the state, nothing had gotten done and soon after the blaze ignited and threatened many of the nearby structures – and potentially the lives of firefighters who were unknowingly in harm’s way from the homeless encampment’s stash of propane tanks.

“Deputy Cardinale did a great job getting to the area and knocking it down quickly – preventing it from spreading to the Mall,” said Chief Carli. “We knew there were homeless people living

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0732EA Estate of: Carol Ann Burke Date of Death 02/04/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karen Sirianni of. Bonita Springs, FL requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Cathy A. Marino of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 05/26/2021. 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: April 14, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 4/29/21 W

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing In accordance with MGL Chapter 166, Section 22, NOTICE is hereby given that Massachusetts Electric Company (MECO) will hold a public hearing remotely on May 13, 2021 at 2 pm for the Revere to Winthrop 23kV Underground Cable

Replacement Project. MECO is requesting a Grant of Location from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to construct an underground sub-transmission duct bank and manhole system within Revere Beach and Winthrop Beach Parkways in Revere and Winthrop, Massachusetts. Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting will be conducted exclusively via remote participation. NOTE: If you would like to participate or join the public meeting, you may do so by dialing 469-312-8116 then enter in the Phone Conference ID: 290 817 856#

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LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING 5-10-21 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 5 of the Town of Winthrop’s Board of License Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday May 10, 2021, at on or after 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom, upon the application of a transfer of Liquor License from Robert Deeb d/b/a JW’s Restaurant to FIO Ventures, Inc.10 Putnam St. Winthrop MA All documents pertaining to this hearing can be

requested by emailing dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034 Denise Quist Clerk-Board of License 4/29/21 W

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws, that the Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM on the Notice of Intent from Representative Attorney James Cipoletta for replacement of 6 piles supporting a licensed pier located at 480 Pleasant St., Win-

throp, MA 02152 PROJECT LOCATION: .Pleasant Realty Trust, 480 Pleasant St. Winthrop, MA NOTE: A copy of application may be obtained from the Conservation Office via email (dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us) or calling 617-846-1852 x1034 At said hearing all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. WINTHROP CONSERVATION COMMISSION 4/29/21 W

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Winthrop Town By-Laws, that the Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM on the Notice of Intent from Ray Julien of 20 Bartlett Parkway, Winthrop, MA for reconstruction of an existing seawall PROJECT LOCATION: .20 Bartlett Pkwy, Winthrop, MA - NOTE: A copy of application may be obtained from the Conservation Office via email (dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us) or calling 617-846-1852 x1034 At said hearing all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. WINTHROP CONSERVATION COMMISSION 4/29/21 W

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along the River. We knew a couple groups of them were up closer to Malden. This encampment caught us by surprise because it was so close to the highway that you couldn't see it. Once we saw how quick that fire was moving, we got it down fast. Ten or 20 years ago, we didn't have too many structures near that area. It's just not good to have that interface between the vegetation and these structures."

Due to the concerning nature of the fire and the threat to nearby buildings, Chief Carli issued an emergency order to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) – with the sustained advocacy of Rep. McGonagle – that allowed for the Phragmites to be removed immediately as a public safety measure. With that, crews moved in immediately – with approval afterward by the Conservation Commission – to remove the invasive Phragmites along the Malden River and its tributaries. A longer-term plan for the Malden River has been to remove the Phragmites and other invasive species, and to replace them with native plants and shrubs that lived along the Malden River years ago. The fire has seemingly sped up that process.

Meanwhile, Chief Carli said another issue is the safety of firefighters as they moved in to put out the fire and didn't know of the homeless encampment. No one in the encampment was present or injured, but there were several propane tanks that were stored in the area that could have exploded and injured fire crews. Luckily, Carli said, that didn't happen.

"It really could have been a dangerous situation for the membership," he said. "There were probably in excess of 20 to 25 propane tanks down there. They could have exploded from the fire, but thankfully they didn't. When we show up at a fire like this, we don't expect to see that in that area. At a grass fire in a location like that, we don't expect to see humans there."

Chief Carli reiterated he issued the emergency declaration because the situation just wasn't safe.

"We want everyone to be safe, and that wasn't a safe situation," he said.

EAST BOSTON PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDING

East Boston. - Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey proposed her administration's recommended \$3.75 billion Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) operating budget and \$3.2 billion Fiscal Year 2022-2026 (FY22-FY26) Capital Plan. Janey said the budget focuses on providing the resources for the city's continued robust public health response to COVID-19, making strategic investments in Boston's neighborhoods and residents, and setting the stage for Boston's equitable reopening, recovery and long-term renewal.

One of those investments highlighted in the budget is \$19 million for the final phase of the Boston Housing Authority's Orient Heights Public Housing Development project.

Janey said she recognizes the importance of making sure that residents of all incomes are able to access quality, affordable and safe housing options

that meet their needs, and this budget helps support additional affordable housing opportunities.

"Orient Heights has been a staple of the East Boston community for seven decades, and this investment will help to finish its redevelopment," said Janey Tuesday. "This investment preserves a vital housing resource and will secure a better quality of life for hundreds of East Boston families for decades to come."

Four years after kicking off the three-phase redevelopment of the Orient Heights Public Housing Development Trinity Financial began construction on Phase III of the project in January.

Like Phase I and Phase II, Phase III will tear down the old post World War II-era brick housing on Vallar Road and portions of Faywood Avenue and be replaced with 81 units of new public housing.

Eva Erlich, vice president of development for Trinity Financial said an additional 42 units would be modernized as part of Phase III.

Phase III will also include the construction of a centrally located park for residents, the demolition of the existing community center and the expansion of open space.

The \$51.6 million Phase II portion of the project wrapped up last summer on Vallar Road. There, crews demolished 87 old units in four buildings and constructed 88 replacement state-funded public housing units in two townhouse buildings and one mid-rise building. Phase II also included improvements to the existing infrastructure and open spaces. Phase II leveraged \$10 million in proceeds from the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage, as well as \$1.83 million in Inclusionary Development Policy Funds, secured from the Davis Companies' 99 Sumner Street development in East Boston.

Phase III is part of the larger effort to transform the 331-unit of BHA owned public housing development that was originally built in 1951. Trinity completed Phase I of the project in 2018 where 90 units of public housing were replaced with 120 units of public housing both in townhouse and apartment-style buildings.

"Orient Heights has come a long way in the four years since we first broke ground for phase one. Hundreds of BHA families have seen their quality of life improve as they've settled into newer, more modern homes," said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett Tuesday. "I want to thank Mayor Janey for her commitment to helping us finish what we've started and complete this critical work for our residents and for the neighborhood at large."

In January 2015, the BHA selected the development team of Trinity Financial and East Boston Community Development Corp. to work with BHA and Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) and finalize a redevelopment strategy for the site. This development team secured financing to implement the redevelopment, and will own and manage the buildings post-redevelopment.

EDWARDS NAMED VICE CHAIR ON COVID-19 COMMITTEE

EAST BOSTON - Last week, City Council Pres-

ident Pro Tempore Matt O'Malley appointed At Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards as chair and vice chair of the Council's new Committee on COVID-19 Recovery.

Last Wednesday, the Council unanimously voted in favor of O'Malley's motion to amend the City Council rules to add the committee. The goals of the Committee are to exercise general oversight and make recommendations on the City of Boston's distribution of state and federal COVID-19 relief funding and programs.

With the city poised to receive hundreds of millions of dollars in federal support, Edwards said the new committee makes perfect sense for oversight and transparency.

"This new committee will really help concentrate all of the conversations about COVID recovery, and the hundreds of millions of dollars that's going to come to the City of Boston," said Edwards. "Normally as federal grants come in we have them go to the assigned relevant committees and then we have a hearing about it and a vote. But here comes hundreds of millions of dollars and the question is how do we make sure we're concentrated on COVID recovery and this funding doesn't just get washed away on other things."

Edwards said the committee will work to strategically direct federal dollars so they can be used appropriately.

"I don't want this funding to be used to fill the normal gaps that have to be filled," said Edwards. "That's not how this is going to work. We want to make sure we're talking about real structural changes that need to happen--specifically, aid to individuals and to our businesses because they were hurt in a unique way for a long time by this pandemic. It's hard enough for people to track where taxpayers' dollars are going so the idea is if we have one committee where all of the COVID related dollars are going then it's easier for us to be held accountable and be more transparent to the public. What we want to make sure we are not filling in budget gaps with these funds but really doing something new. If we're not dedicating a majority of our efforts to bringing people who lost everything back, bringing jobs back, bringing homeowners and tenants back and just dedicating our efforts to business as usual we will fail the city and its citizens."

With her home neighborhood of Eastie hit harder than nearly every other neighborhood in Boston by the pandemic, Edwards is in a unique position to bring some insight to the committee on how funds should be targeted.

"I have never been more proud of my neighborhood and district than during this pandemic and I know that we're going to swing back stronger than ever," said Edwards. "I really think I'm uniquely positioned because my district has been hurt the most by this pandemic. So I want to help navigate a lot of these conversations towards how the funding can help the most and have the biggest impact on the lives of residents."

These federal funds will support a national vac-

cination program, small businesses, provide emergency relief and resources for schools' safe reopening.

"The purpose of the Committee is to elevate incoming federal and state funds, while ensuring there are community voices throughout the entire process ensuring that these funds are distributed equitably, fairly, and effectively," said O'Malley. "As the city recovers from COVID-19's devastating inequitable impacts on public health, housing, and the economy, we will work toward building a more resilient future for every Bostonian."

While Flaherty said, "A critical benefit of having a stand alone committee focused on reviewing this funding is that the Council can now provide a singular public forum for residents to provide input on how the funding is spent. I am looking forward to engaging residents and stakeholders from every neighborhood in our City to make sure that this funding will have the greatest impact on the programs, services and communities that need it most."

Aside from Edwards and Flaherty, committee members include Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Chair of Public Health Committee, Councilor Kenzie Bok, Chair of Ways and Means Committee, and Councilor Ed Flynn, Chair of City and Neighborhood Services Committee.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS RESPOND TO NEEDS

LYNN - You can be sure that Lindsay Wallin, owner-operator of the McDonald's restaurant on Boston Street, will be considered for the prestigious Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year Award.

When the pandemic hit last year, Wallin knew she wanted to do something to support her crew, and her community, through the challenging times. From allowing team members to bring food home to their families after a shift to paying an extra dollar an hour, Lindsay did what she could to alleviate the building stress of the coronavirus situation.

In her community, despite closed in-restaurant dining areas, Lindsay sought new ways to bring the McDonald's magic back to children and families in her community. On Halloween, she organized drive-thru trick or treating events at her restaurants to provide a safe but exciting event for the local children.

"Since I became an operator, opening my first store with a newborn on my arm, I've thought about my business from a mother's perspective," she says. "Along the way, I'm always looking to find ways McDonald's could support parents and children in our communities – and I couldn't be more grateful to have the support from my crew behind me."

Wallin, who resides in Lynnfield with her two children, officially became the owner of the McDonald's on Boston Street in early 2020. In the past years, she had been operating the Lynn restaurant which was previously owned by her father, Bob King.

"I've been running the restaurant for awhile, so I was already familiar with

the restaurant and with the people, so it was not a super-tough transition, but the pandemic made it tricky, for sure," said Wallin.

A graduate of Winchester High School and renowned Babson College, a school known for its superb business curriculum, Wallin also owns eight other McDonald's restaurants on the North Shore, including the two on Route 1 (North and South) in Saugus.

McDonald's on Boston Street stayed open throughout the pandemic.

"We closed the restaurant for dine-in and take-out at first, but kept the drive-thru operating the whole time," recalled Wallin. "We also had delivery, which is actually a very big part of our business in Lynn."

Recognizing the stresses caused by the pandemic to her employees and customers, Wallin felt one of the most helpful things she could do was to allow her employees to take home a meal for their families at the end of their shift.

"It was just one less thing for people to worry about, with grocery shopping and the availability of food and all that at the beginning of the pandemic – it seemed like something that we could very easily do to help them out," said Wallin.

A mother of two children (ages 10 and 12), Wallin said her experience as a parent "helped me a lot to recognize what parents need and how we can better serve our employees and our customers. As a parent, I was able to see a lot of things that were helpful to them. While it was a challenge, it really helped me a lot in recognizing that."

Wallin has been a generous contributor to the Lynn schools. Fundraising nights, in which a portion of sales go to the school, have been very successful.

"We've done a lot of what we call 'Teachers Nights' with the Lynn Woods and the Harrington Schools – basically we give 20 percent of sales back to the schools," said Wallin. "Of all my nine stores, the Lynn fundraisers are always the most successful. And we love to give back. Anytime anyone asks us to do anything, we always say, 'Why not?' – that's kind of our go-to response. We look forward to doing more with Lynn as schools start to reopen."

Business has been very good at her McDonald's in Lynn, which should only increase as crowds (hopefully) return for sporting events at nearby Manning Field and Fraser Field.

"Lynn is my highest-volume store, it has the most potential and I do look forward to growing it even more," said Wallin.

And the city of Lynn is fortunate to have its midst, Lindsay Wallin - a philanthropic businesswoman and an authentic role model for aspiring female business owners everywhere.

OFFICIALS COMPROMISE ON BEACH PARKING

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Jim Montgomery announced that Revere and Commonwealth of Massachusetts officials have reached an agreement to alter existing plans for a parking meter program at Revere Beach. DCR's initial plans for the program in-

cluded metered parking along Revere Beach Boulevard from Eliot Circle to Carey Circle. Under the agreement reached today, no meters will be installed on the west side of Revere Beach Boulevard from Revere Street to Carey Circle, and instead nearly 200, 24/7 resident only parking spaces will be created. Additionally, all of Ocean Avenue will be designated as 24/7 resident only parking to deter park visitors seeking to avoid meter parking. The City of Revere will also make changes to its existing City-run resident parking program and will implement seasonal 24/7 resident parking in neighborhoods abutting Revere Beach. "Our top priority in collaborating with Commissioner Montgomery and DCR was to minimize the impact this program will have on our residents," Mayor Arrigo said. "I want to thank Secretary Theoharides, Commissioner Montgomery and their teams for working with us to identify solutions that make sense for our community. I also want to thank Senator Boncore, Representatives Giannino and Turco, as well as our City Councilors for their continued advocacy on behalf of our residents."

"I want to thank Mayor Arrigo, Senator Boncore, Representative Giannino, and Representative Turco for their willingness to collaborate on creative solutions to improve the Curbside Parking Meter Project in Revere, which will help us provide state park visitors with high-quality services and recreational opportunities," said DCR Commissioner Montgomery. "DCR is proud of our historic partnership with the City of Revere, and looks forward to continuing to work with the City to enhance America's First Public Beach." "The resolution announced today will ensure continued access to America's first public beach for both Revere residents and visitors alike," said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). "I appreciate the collaboration with Mayor Arrigo, the Revere State House delegation, and the City Council in meeting our shared goal to improve outcomes for our community." "I am proud of the agreement reached today between the DCR and the City of Revere. I believe that this is a fair and reasonable balance that protects Revere residents and keeps our beach accessible to the people of Revere. By creating resident only parking along the residential/business side of Revere Beach Boulevard, as well as on Ocean Avenue, Revere residents who live on the beach will be able to continue parking in front of their homes while also allowing any Revere resident who wishes to utilize the beach the opportunity to continue to park for free in designated areas," said Representative Jessica A. Giannino. "I thank the DCR for their reconsideration and for revamping their parking program in response to the concerns raised by local elected officials and the people of our great city." "I applaud the changes to the DCR's parking program. These changes will provide a significant amount of no-cost parking to the people of Revere," said Representative Jeff Turco. "That said, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to make sure that monies raised on Revere Beach stay on Revere Beach."

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BOOK REVIEW

"THIS FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT": THE BATTLE TO SAVE WORKING PEOPLE'

by ELIZABETH WARREN

Reviewed By Bernie Kelly

Liz Warren imparts to us a summation of her political beliefs in "This is our Fight. Written in 2017, shortly after Donald Trump's ascension to the U.S. Presidency. Senator Warren does not hesitate in her criticism of Trump and his republican credo. She takes note of the fact that Trump campaigned for the vote of the forgotten man or woman, but that once he took office, it was the same old song in terms of enlisting a cabal of Washington insiders.

The senior senator of Massachusetts is an unabashed liberal and this fact may serve her well in the scramble to be Joe

Biden's running mate. In particular, Sen. Warren tells the tales of three survivors who all saw their savings fade away due to bad luck and acrimonious circumstances. She movingly tells us of Gina, whose 88-year-old mother works at a Dollar Tree store despite her advanced age. She recounts the unfortunate fate of Michael, who through no fault of his own lost several jobs and had to foreclose on his mortgage. She also relates the story of Kai, who despite excelling as a student with a Grade Point Average at 3.9, lost her tuition to a for-profit college.

The Senator also informs us of her own personal travails. Her mother took a minimum wage position as a telephone bill collector in Sears after her father lost his job. In addition, there was one photo in the book that caught my eye. It was a picture of an enormous bread line at a soup kitchen during The Great Depression, and it was a horrifying sight to see. The Senator tells us of her grandmother who fed indigent men at the height of the depression.

The Senator has been accused of having an acerbic tongue and an acidulous disposition, but when one reflects on

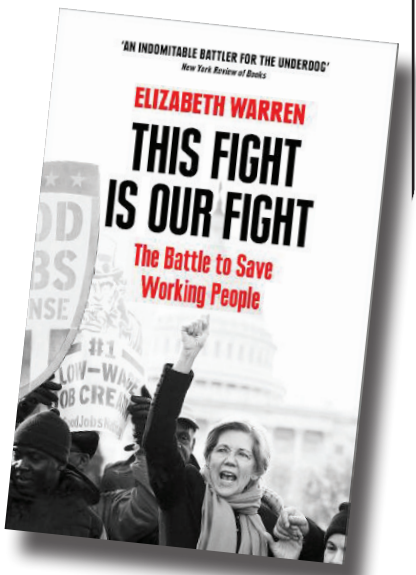
the horrors she depicts in her book, one realizes that there is a need for drastic action.

She also sets her sights on the Great Recession of 2008, placing much of the blame on the big banks, for which she was little sympathy. In fact, one of the chapters in the book is headed with the caption "The Rich and Powerful Tighten Their Grip." Strong medicine indeed!

Senator Warren is a true believer. Raised in a working-class family, she has an acute empathy for those who have been caught in the vise of downsizing as a viable strategy in the current

corporate power structure. The Senator is a capable spokeswoman for the working class, and those who reside in the lower rungs of society. Her presidential bid was thwarted, but I wish her luck if Joe Biden picks her as his Vice-Presidential candidate. There are other worthy contenders, notably Kamala Harris. One can only hope that the working class will be well represented.

This book is a worthy effort. Sen. Warren is a thoughtful, intelligent scribe, and she relays her



message clearly and forcefully. The election season is upon us, and we all hope for the best. In the meantime, the reader will be treated to a perusal of the book. Senator Elizabeth Warren does not mince words, but her heart is in the right place. Enjoy!

Bernie Kelly

Baker relaxes COVID restrictions as metrics trend in positive direction

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries effective May 10, and put plans in place for further reopening on May 29 and August 1. The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction. This includes drops in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations. Massachusetts remains first in the nation for first vaccine doses and total doses administered per capita, among states with more than 5 million people. The Administration will also relax the Face Coverings

Order for some outdoor settings, effective this Friday, April 30.

•Face Coverings Order:

Effective April 30, the Face Coverings Order will be relaxed for some outdoor settings.

*Face coverings will only be required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sector-specific guidance.

*Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places. Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.

*At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required.

The \$300 fine as an enforcement mechanism will be eliminated.

•Phase IV, Step 2 Industries and Gathering Changes:

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened capacity restrictions and advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV of the reopening plan. Since then, case rates dropped by 20%. The positivity rate has dropped to the lowest levels recorded since last summer.

Effective Monday, May 10:

*Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.

*The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement

parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

*Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

*Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.

*Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

•Effective May 29:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, gathering limits will increase to 200 people

indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including:

*Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.

*Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

•Effective August 1:

*Subject to public health and vaccination

data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including:

*Dance clubs, and nightclubs

*Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities

*Indoor water parks

*Ball pits

*All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

*Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date. The Department of Public Health will also continue to issue guidance as needed, including guidance to still require masks indoors.

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Officials award \$720,000 for services for young adults in recovery programs

Staff Report

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) has announced a \$720,000 grant award to the national organization Young People in Recovery for the development of statewide support programs for young adults recovering from substance addiction.

With this funding, Young People in Recovery will develop, build, and maintain seven recovery support networks strategically positioned in areas of critical need throughout the Commonwealth, providing young people ages 18-25 the life skills and peer supports they need to recover from opioid use, stimulant use,

or other substance use disorders and co-occurring substance use and mental illness. The program launches in April 2021 with the capacity to serve approximately 1,400 people annually.

“As we cross the one-year mark of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic we remain aware of its serious impacts on those struggling with addiction, especially young people who may be experiencing social isolation as they social distance to stay safe,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “This award builds on the Commonwealth’s ongoing efforts to provide support to those who are seeking a way out of addiction and from the grip of the opioid epidemic.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an extraordinary public health

challenge in Massachusetts, particularly for many young adults, whose social, emotional, and mental well-being has been adversely affected. For those affected by substance use, this grant initiative seeks to forestall the kinds of trauma that can have long-term consequences when

faced at such an important developmental stage.

“Studies have indicated that people between the ages of 18 and 25 are among the most impacted by substance use disorders,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “This program will provide

young people the support, engagement, and skills they need to maintain recovery as they transition into adulthood, making important resources accessible during a time when we are combatting social and emotional isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on our

lives.”

The grant award will be distributed over the course of FY21-22. The program is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.

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The Salmon Family

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Fish from the salmon family can be one of the best choices for your health, the environment, and the sustainability of the species. Unfortunately, it can also be the worst choice for all of these crucial factors. It all depends on how the fish lived its life, was harvested, and the method if farmed. It's up to us to educate ourselves and ask the right questions before purchasing this fish – whether fresh, frozen, or canned.

Who Are the Salmon Family Members?

Wikipedia tells us, “Salmonidae /sæl'mɒnɪdi:/ is a family of ray-finned fish, the only living family currently placed in the order Salmoniformes /sæl'mɒnɪfɔːrmiːz/. It includes salmon, trout,

chars, freshwater whitefishes, and graylings, which collectively are known as the salmonids.”

We recommend the www.seafoodwatch.org site or their phone app as the best way to make decisions about purchasing any seafood item. It is essential for something as popular and variable as salmon. You can put salmon into the search box, and the result will tell you what is safe to buy and what you should avoid. This site is updated when conditions change.

If you'd like a short answer, consider this advice from chef, author, and sustainable seafood expert Barton Sever, “When it comes to taste, fresh wild salmon is the way to go, no doubt, and Alaskan salmon is the best choice. There are five types commonly available: King

Salmon is the richest, sockeye the gamiest, coho the most balanced in flavor, pink the lightest in flavor, and keta the most similar to good-quality farmed Atlantic salmon.”

So Many Ways to Cook Salmon & Kin

You see salmon on so many menus because this family of flavorful fish is adaptable to cooking methods and styles. It's there because people like it and will order it. In some cases, it is an inexpensive alternative to other seafood. When dining out, you don't know if that salmon was farmed, frozen, or imported unless the menu is specific. We see more Arctic char offered by chefs who want to set their menu apart while still keeping a salmon-like option.

Penny long ago decid-

ed that we should enjoy perfectly grilled or seared salmon dishes when we dine out rather than in our tiny home with its wimpy kitchen exhaust fan. That said, salmon and its kin are often on our dinner table.

We like to cook our selection in an oven, steamer, or parchment package. All three methods can result in one-pan meals where you cook the fish with vegetables. We might put shredded carrots, thinly sliced leeks, and julienned ginger under pieces of salmon or char fillet in a baking dish, cover it, and pop it in the oven for 10-15 minutes or until the salmon is cooked to our taste. After that first meal, we still have the makings of a salmon curry or green salad with flaked salmon for a day later.

Often we buy and cook



Salmon cakes made from a can of wild-caught Alaskan salmon have been a welcome addition to our protein supply during the pandemic.

salmon for more than one meal. Besides health benefits from its abundant supply of long-chain omega-3 fatty acids, it can save time because leftovers can be served hot or cold and added to salads, stir-fries, and other dishes in need of protein.

Canned salmon is always in our pantry. We can turn that into our favorite salmon cakes, salmon hash, or a salmon

pate to serve to guests at a moment's notice. Choose canned salmon with care as you would for fresh or frozen. Keep your health, the environment, and the sustainability of this favorite food in mind.

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