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NEWS Brief

JULY STREET SWEEPING UNDERWAY

The Town of Winthrop conducts Street Sweeping operations on the last full week of the month (last week with a Friday) from April through October between 7 AM and 4 P.m. on the day of a street's trash collection. If there is a holiday on the week sweeping would normally occur, sweeping is done a week early. (Please note, there are no holiday weeks in the 2021 schedule.)

Town ordinance prohibits parking in a manner that impedes the street sweeper. Violation of the street sweeping ordinance carries a \$40.00 fine, and your vehicle can be towed.

The remaining 2021 street sweeping dates are:

July 26-30 Aug. 23-27 Sep. 20-24 Oct. 25-29

For a downloadable calendar of the 2021 street sweeping schedule, please click here.

For the complete language of the street sweeping ordinance, please click here.

Motorists are reminded that Winthrop Shore

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SUMMER FUN WITH WINTHROP PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT



Winthrop youths enjoyed a visit from Boston Jumps and its fitness exercise experience. See more photos and story on Page 9.

Fire Chief Flanagan announces retirement

By Laura Plummer

At the Winthrop Town Council meeting on July 20, Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty announced the retirement of Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, who has been with the department for over four decades.

According to the department website, Chief Flanagan began his tenure with the Winthrop Fire Department in 1978, after completing studies in electrical science and fire science. In 1987, he was promoted to Captain and Operations Officer. He served in that capacity for 21 years before finally becoming Winthrop's Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management in 2008.

As fire chief, he also served as Winthrop's liaison to Boston's Urban Areas Security Initiative and was active in greater Bos-

ton's emergency preparation community. Additionally, he sat on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), helping

to coordinate water and sewer services to over three million residents.

Town Manager De-

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Fire Chief Paul Flanagan has announced his retirement.

Donovan and Pico Beaches re-opened to public

By Cary Shuuman

Winthrop Commission-

er of Inspectional Services Albert Legee said Donovan Beach and Pico Beach

were reopened to the public last Friday.

The beaches had been closed due to high bacteria content in the waters. But after extensive testing and receiving good results from the laboratory, Legee opened the beach to residents.

Testing is done at all Winthrop beaches throughout the summer, according to Legee.

IN THE RED

Study shows Ferry losing thousands

By Laura Plummer

At its meeting on July 20, the Winthrop Town Council heard about the dubious future of the Winthrop Ferry, which has been losing roughly \$1,000 per day.

The Ferry provides transportation between Winthrop, Quincy and Boston.

a normal year, it opens in early April and operates seven days a week. Due to lack of staffing, the service opened late, operating only on weekdays.

"The Ferry is something we all want, but is it something we can afford?" asked Town Manager Delehanty. "I think it's important to give the council a run-down of where we stand today."

Paul Manganaro, a summer intern at the Town Manager's Office, conducted a study on the prof-

itability of the Ferry so far this season. He shared his findings in a slideshow presentation.

Within its first month of operation, the Ferry spent \$36,298 in expenses, but brought in only \$8,977 in revenue, creating a deficit of \$27,321. The Ferry spent more on staff alone (\$12,371) than its total revenue.

Based on this loss, and data from previous years, it is estimated that the Ferry will continue to hemorrhage \$6,395 every week for a total loss of \$154,841 by the end of the year.

In a normal year, the Ferry opens in early April and also runs on weekends. This means that the deficit could total over \$277,000 for a full season going forward. If the Ferry needed major repairs, that deficit could increase by

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Suffolk DA Rachel Rollins nominated for U.S. Attorney

Staff report

U.S. President Joe Biden announced on Monday the nomination of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins as his pick to be the next permanent U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

Currently, Acting US Attorney Nathaniel Mendell is serving as US Attorney. Rollins would have to go through extensive Congressional hearings and be voted in by Congress. That likely wouldn't happen until sometime in the fall.

President Biden said her nomination, and that of seven others around the country, are part of a larger plan nationwide.

"The President has launched a comprehensive effort to take on the uptick in gun crime that has been taking place for the last 18 months—putting more cops on the beat, supporting community prevention programs, and cracking down on illegal gun trafficking. Confirming U.S. Attorneys as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their district is important for these efforts," read the statement.

Rollins would be the

first Black woman to be the Massachusetts US Attorney.

State Sen. Joseph Boncore, as well as State Representatives Jeffrey Turco and Jessica Giannino all offered their congratulations to DA Rollins on her nomination.

District Attorney Rollins has been a trailblazer—she has broken the glass ceiling for women of color across the Commonwealth and transformed the criminal justice system. She's led Suffolk County through the recent tragedy in Winthrop with compassion and a commitment to justice; I have no doubt that she will continue to do the same if she is confirmed as the first Black woman to serve as U.S. attorney for Massachusetts," said Sen. Boncore.

"I offer my congratulations to DA Rollins on President Biden nominating her to be the next U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts," said Rep. Turco.

"DA Rollins has consistently proven that she's never one to shy away from a challenge, and I wish her luck in this new role," said Rep. Giannino.

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An age old romance comes to life in a new way in unique Chelsea production of Romeo and Juliet

Special to the Transcript

The age-old vendetta between the Capulets and the Montagues erupts this August in Chelsea Square. Shakespeare’s beloved romantic tragedy will be staged in the streets, parks, and by the fountain, as well as in the windows of the Chelsea Theatre Works. Audiences will move with and be creators of the action of this immersive production.

The evening begins at 6:00 with Live Music, Street Performances, and Craft Brews at the pop-up BearMoose Beer Garden on Winnisimmet Street by the Chelsea Theatre Works. Guests are encouraged to enjoy dinner via take-out or delivery from Chelsea’s exciting culinary delights. Romeo & Juliet, performed in a bilingual adaptation (English/Spanish), begins in front of the Chelsea Theatre Works at 7:45. The production is designed to engage English speaking and Spanish speaking audiences alike.

Composer Demetrius

Fuller, best know to Apollinaire audiences for his compositions for Chelsea People, is creating the soundtrack for the production, which he will perform live with musicians Nate Fuller and Emi Nishida. Sound Designer/Music Director David Reiffel rounds out the musical team. This is David’s 25th show with Apollinaire-standouts include A Midsummer Night’s Dream (Norton nominee- Outstanding Fringe Production) and A Beautiful Day... and Stupid F***ing Bird (Norton winners- Outstanding Fringe Production). His work has also been heard coast to coast from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to Boston’s SpeakEasy Stage and Commonwealth Shakespeare Company. He won the Norton award for Outstanding Musical Direction.

The cast of 25 is helmed by newcomers Mishka Yarovoy and Emma Laird, both current BFA students at Boston University, as Romeo and Juliet,

and Apollinaire favorites Brooks Reeves (The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Three Sisters) as Friar Lawrence and Ann Carpenter (The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, The Visit, Uncle Vanya) as the Nurse. This production also features Alan Kuang as Tybalt, Sandra Seone-Serí as Benvolio, Ethan Williams as Mercutio, Paola Ferrer as the Prince, and Karina Beleno Carney and Phil Thompson as Lady and Lord Capulet.

Performances are FREE!

(No pre-registration required)

Performances are Saturdays August 14, 21, 28 • Free! • Sat. @ 7:45

In case of rain: 617-887-2336 • Rain dates: Sundays Aug. 15, 22, 29 & Mon. Aug. 30

Pre-show begins at 6:00 • BearMoose Beer Garden opens at 6:00/

Chelsea Square • in the park & street by the Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea

The production will

move through the street and the park with some scenes in the windows of the Chelsea Theatre Works. Audiences will be on their feet following and joining the action. Runtime is about 90 minutes.

Press Night: Saturday August 14, 7:45 (pre-show begins at 6:00)

(Press are also welcome at all performances.)

Information/Directions/Parking Information: www.apollinairetheatre.com

In case of rain, call (617) 887-2336 to check status. Rain dates: Sundays Aug. 15, 22, 29 & Mon. Aug. 30

Cast: Alan Kuang, Amber March, Ann Carpenter, Ashley Lyon, Beatrice Beutel, Brooks Reeves, Demetrius Fuller, Dylan C. Wack, Eliana Ulloa, Emma Laird, Ethan Williams, Fernando Barbosa, Gayane Kaligian, Jaime Hernandez, Karina Beleno Carney, Katie Ryan, Kevin McGrath, Laura Hubbard, Luz Lopez, Makhamale Kekana, Mikhail Yarovoy, Paola M. Fer-



PHOTO: DANIELLE FAUTEUX JACQUES

Mikhail Yarovoy as Romeo, Emma Laird as Juliet

rer (Atehortua), Phil Thompson, Sandra Seone-Serí, Yaritsa Sanchez

Directed by Danielle Fauteux Jacques

Asst. Directors Brooks Reeves, Carla Mirabal

Rodríguez

Major Support from MassDevelopment, The City of Chelsea, Chelsea Heritage Grant Celebrations, and the Chelsea Cultural Council. Sponsorship support from MassPort.

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Drive is a state road under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Winthrop Shore Drive has a separate street sweeping schedule and separate enforcement from town roadways. For information on the DCR’s street sweeping schedule, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/guides/dcr-street-sweeping>.

GOV. URGED TO SIGN BILL CREATING NEW MBTA OVERSIGHT BOARD

The Transit is Essential Coalition recommended the legislature for passing a proposal creating a new MBTA oversight board, and urged Gov. Charlie Baker to swiftly sign the bill.

“We have no time to lose in getting a new MBTA governing board in place,” said Stacy Thompson, Executive Director of LivableStreets Alliance. “The proposed Board’s composition and responsibility centers equity, affordability and accessibility while giving riders a stronger voice. We urge the governor to sign this bill into law.”

“We thank the legislature for listening to rider advocates in creating a governance framework that strikes the right balance of perspectives and priorities,” said Josh Ostroff, Interim Director of the Transportation for Massachusetts advocacy coalition. “The governor

must act now to get the new board in place so we can seize this moment to create a more equitable and reliable T than ever before.”

The Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB), the MBTA’s governing board since 2015, expired on June 30. Key MBTA decisions hang in the balance at a critical moment in which the Commonwealth is re-opening and the federal government is advancing a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure package. Since the FMCB has expired, MBTA governance has reverted to the MassDOT board, which juggles multiple statewide priorities, including oversight of all state highways and bridges.

RMV ANNOUNCES 2021 LOW-PLATE LOTTERY

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that applications for the 2021 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online at Mass.Gov/RMV using the Online Service Center. Applicants must apply by Aug. 27, and, if selected for a low number plate, will be notified after the virtual drawing takes place on Sept. 8.

This year, there are 200 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year’s low plate characters are 210, 2762, 1H, 24L, F1,

J25 and X25. The complete list is online at Mass.Gov/RMV.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a fee that will be required, as the fee is required of all new license plates, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV’s website or follow @MassRMV on Twitter for upcoming details on the virtual low plate drawing. The drawing will be live-streamed and a link to the event will be made available soon. In addition, applicants will be sent a notification via email. The lottery results will be posted on the RMV’s website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements

The 2021 Low Number Plate Lottery is online submission only.

Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.

An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.

Companies/corporations may not apply.

MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. (“Immediate family member” refers to one’s parents, spouse, children, and brothers and sisters.)

Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/RMV.

An applicant’s registration and license cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-ZPass/Fast Lane violations.

Online entries must be completed by the end of day on Aug. 27.

By law, lottery winners must be announced by Sept. 15. Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/RMV

All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Dec. 31, to swap their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Dec. 31 and the 25 selected alternate winners will then be notified as to what lottery plate they won. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.

All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.

All information received, including names

of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

Low Number Plate Lottery rules and eligibility can also be found here - <https://www.mass.gov/2021-low-plate-lottery>.

MEDIAN HOUSING PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE

The Massachusetts Association of REALTORS (MAR) reported that this month’s data supports the sustained 2021 trend of increasing sale prices for the few homes available on the market. Closed sales on single-family homes rose a total of 27.1 percent while sales on condominiums increased 60.4 percent, compared to June of 2020.

MAR data provided the following key indicators for June:

Median sales prices hit record levels again in June; The median price for single-family homes was \$578,500, an increase of 27.1 percent, and condominium prices rose by 25 percent to \$500,000 as compared to June 2020 sales.

Inventory for single-family homes are down 51.6 percent, a record low, and condos are down 37.9 percent from June of the previous year.

With the steady decline in available properties, home builders are trying to meet demand; new residential construction projects housing starts are up 3.6 percent from April to May, according to the Commerce Department, indicating that relief may be in sight in the post-pandemic future.

Buyers are desperate to get into homes and while some are forced to wait this market out, those who are able to often bid thousands over asking. Low interest rates and limited inventory continue to fuel record high sales prices.

“The current market is creating barriers for first-time homebuyers, who are new to this process and find themselves making multiple offers before securing a home,” said Steve Medeiros, 2021 President of MAR and REALTOR at Keller Williams Realty. “For reasons such as the market conditions listed above, MAR is a strong advocate for wider adoption of First-Time Homebuyers Savings Accounts (FHSAs), which can save homebuyers an average of \$50,000 and encourage prospective buyers to be safe when making offers and avoid settling due to minimal choices. This record low affordability is precisely why MAR lobbies for fair legislation and home buyers’ rights.”

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FRESH & LOCAL

Cooking Simplified

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

An excellent way to improve your cooking is to simplify it, and summer is the perfect season to try this approach. Home gardens and farmers markets offer the freshest, tastiest ingredients, so the cook’s job is to decide what will star on the plate and add just a few enhancements.

Expert Assistance

2021 has been a year for some of the best food educators to produce videos, articles, and even cookbooks that emphasize simple cooking. Jamie Oliver, Jacques Pépin, Chetna Makan, and Kenji López-Alt all came to us via video from their home kitchens throughout the past year showing us how to make simple meals with

what we had on hand.

In addition, some of Penny’s favorite food writers have recently published cookbooks that encourage us to think simple, use fewer ingredients, less equipment, and get back to the great flavors of classic food.

We highly recommend “Vegetable Simple: A Cookbook” by Chef Eric Ripert. While the chef is

Walk With Ease program moves and motivates

Staff report

For the past 16 months, the pandemic has restricted us from being as mobile as we would like to be, affecting our activity. To get moving safely, Mystic Valley Elder Services is pleased to offer a fun, easy way to add more steps to your day and feel better about yourself.

The Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease program is designed to help older adults living with arthritis better manage their pain and for those without arthritis who want to make walking a regular habit. The program motivates individuals to make

walking an important part of everyday life. Shown to reduce pain and increase balance and walking pace, Walk with Ease provides participants with the information and tools they need to develop a safe exercise routine that fits their unique needs and goals.

This free 6-week program has been developed by the Arthritis Foundation and is being offered in cooperation with Springfield College. Participants will receive a free Walk With Ease workbook as well as free individual phone or virtual coaching with a physical therapy student for the duration of the program.

Benefits to you by participating in the Walk With Ease program:

- Motivate yourself to get in great shape
- Walk safely and comfortably
- Improve your flexibility, strength and stamina
- Reduce pain and feel great

Space is limited so sign up today! Please make sure you consult with your primary care provider before starting any new fitness program. To find out more about the criteria and to register for the program, please contact Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mves.org or 781 388-4867.

NASA study projects to see a surge in coastal flooding, starting in 2030s

Lunar wobble cycle will amplify high tides

Special to the Transcript

In the mid-2030s, every U.S. coast will experience rapidly increasing high-tide floods, when a lunar cycle will amplify rising sea levels caused by climate change.

High-tide floods – also

called nuisance floods or sunny day floods – are already a familiar problem in many cities on the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported a total of more than 600 such floods in 2019. Starting in the mid-2030s, however, the alignment of rising sea levels with a lunar cycle will cause coastal cities all

around the U.S. to begin a decade of dramatic increases in flood numbers, according to the first study that takes into account all known oceanic and astronomical causes for floods.

Led by the members of the NASA Sea Level Change Science Team from the University of Hawaii, the new study shows that high tides will exceed known flooding thresh-

olds around the country more often. What’s more, the floods will sometimes occur in clusters lasting a month or longer, depending on the positions of the Moon, Earth, and the Sun. When the Moon and Earth line up in specific ways with each other and the Sun, the resulting gravitational pull and the ocean’s corresponding response may leave city dwellers coping with floods every day or two.

“Low-lying areas near sea level are increasingly at risk and suffering due to the increased flooding, and it will only get worse,” said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. “The combination of the Moon’s gravitational pull, rising sea levels, and climate change will continue to exacerbate coastal flooding on our coastlines and across the world. NASA’s

known for putting seafood at the center of the plate at his three Michelin star restaurant Le Bernardin, this book stars vegetables. He told the New York Times, “It’s the way I cook and entertain at home,” “I put bowls and platters of vegetables on the table, and people help themselves. They’re not meant as side dishes.”

Another favorite is Simply Julia: 110 Easy Recipes for Healthy Comfort Food by Julia Turshen. This book has terrific food stories and the dishes Turshen cooks at home for herself and her wife. Publisher’s Weekly described the book as, “... no-fuss recipes for healthy comfort fare. Recipes feature the usual shortcut techniques (one pot, sheet pan, make-ahead) and employ pantry staples such as jarred kimchi, canned salmon, and Ritz crackers.”

The New York Times Cooking No-Recipe Recipes: [A Cookbook] by Sam Sifton is another take on the simplicity theme. As the food editor for the New York Times, Sifton has given a lot of thought to simplifying recipes. He told WBUR, “Most of us have been cooking more over the course of the past year than we ever have cooked in our lives.” “So I think kitchen confidence



In chef Eric Ripert’s cookbook, “Vegetable Simple,” you’ll find recipes like this grated carrot salad that use few ingredients and minimal equipment to deliver great flavor.

is up a little, and I hope that a book like ‘No-Recipe Recipes’ can reward that confidence with some ideas for what to do with your skills.”

All of these books will encourage you to shop wisely, use your pantry and freezer, take some shortcuts, and ad-lib when you feel inspired to do so.

Permission Granted!

Whether you’re preparing a meal for one, a family dinner, or entertaining friends, you now have the permission of great food writers to serve a menu of simple-to-prepare food that relies on the best ingredients you can find.

With summer tomatoes, make a plate of Jacques Pépin’s “Tomato Basil Toasts.” When local watermelon arrives, arrange

a platter of wedges like a pizza and top it with feta and olives as Eric Ripert does.

Get fancy and use frozen puff pastry, Boursin cheese, and asparagus to make Sam Sifton’s no recipe tart. Or, turn a good can of salmon, some potato chips, and ricotta into a plate of fish cakes served on a bed of frozen peas ala Julia Turshen.

You even have our permission to slice a few fabulous tomatoes and cucumbers from the farmers market, sprinkle them with salt and pepper, add a few curls of a great ham, and call it supper!

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Delta Variant detected in Provincetown cluster

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has announced that genetic sequencing of initial samples associated with the recent COVID-19 cluster in Provincetown tested positive for the Delta variant. While DPH has identified cases in the cluster associated with vaccinated individuals, the total number of cases among vaccinated people in Massachusetts remains extremely low, at 0.1 percent or 5,166 cases out of over 4.3 million fully vaccinated residents.

Both the State Public Health Laboratory and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard have contributed to sequencing efforts in Massachusetts during the pandemic. This sequencing data contributes to the tracking of clusters and patterns of disease spread. Both labs identified the Delta variant in cases associated with this cluster and additional specimens from the Provincetown cluster are continuing to be prioritized for sequencing. No new variants have

been identified. Massachusetts is fortunate to have in-state laboratory capacity to sequence variants and not rely on out-of-state laboratories.

The Delta variant is known to be more transmissible than the original COVID-19 virus. Individuals infected with the Delta variant tend to have more virus in their respiratory tract than other variants and infected individuals may carry the virus longer. These two factors contribute to the increased transmissibility seen with the Delta variant.

Since its original identification in the United States, the Delta variant has spread rapidly, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently estimated that 83 percent of cases during the period July 4-17 are attributable to this variant nationally. The estimates during that same time period for Region 1 (which includes: Connecticut,

Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) are that Delta accounts for 68 percent of cases during the same time period.

All three COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S. have shown to be very effective against the COVID variants and remain the single best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community from COVID-19 and its variants. There are over 900 locations across the Commonwealth to get vaccinated in addition to in-home and mobile options. The vaccine is free, and an ID or insurance is not required to be vaccinated. Visit vaxfinder.mass.gov for a list of vaccination locations.

Second seaplane company to begin operations off East Boston’s shore

By John Lynds

A second seaplane company operating off East Boston’s shore will begin shuttling customers from Boston to New York City on August 3.

Tailwind Air recently received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and U.S. Coast Guard approval to take off and land just off the Hyatt Boston Harbor Hotel near Jeffries Point.

Costing \$395 per ticket for a one way trip to Manhattan, Tailwind will shuttle passengers from the South Boston waterfront to the seaplane for the 75-minute flight to a dock off East 23rd in Manhattan. The company plans to run three flights per day during the week down to New York.

“By offering nonstop, weekday flights at peak hours to and from Manhattan and Boston Harbor, we present exclusive

time savings over all other modes of transportation, at a reasonable price premium,” CEO and Founder of Tailwind Air, Alan Ram, explains. “Our service combines the accessibility of the train with the speed of a flight.”

Peter Manice, Director of Scheduled Operations, called the flights a ‘game changer’ for travellers between Boston and New York.

While he added, ‘no one else is doing this’ that statement is a little misleading.

Tailwind’s rival, Cape Air, began testing seaplanes between the Harbor and New York back in 2016 after receiving FAA approval to land seaplanes in pretty much the same spot as Tailwind.

While Tailwind may be the first to begin flying a regular route between the two cities, Cape Air’s plan to fly from Boston to New York is still on the horizon

and soon there will be two seaplane operators landing in the harbor off Eastie.

There was some confusion over Tailwind’s plans because Cape Air Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney repeatedly told the community at numerous meetings the takeoff and landing area in the waters off Eastie would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

Bonney called this landing area a “private, restricted sea base” and the residents wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.

According to experts in the airline industry while Cape Air’s sliver in the harbor is restricted the FAA approved Tailwind’s sea base adjacent to Cape Air’s.

This was the worry among residents when Cape Air was seeking community support for their sea base. Some in the Jeffries Point neighborhood

feared allowing Cape Air to land seaplanes off Eastie would open a floodgate for other seaplane carriers to start using the landing area. However, Ram said at a community meeting that while he couldn’t speak for Bonney or Cape Air, having one seaplane company monopolize a landing area in the Harbor would never have been considered by the FAA. Ram added that it would be anti-competitive for the FAA to award a monopoly to the first company that came through the door.

A look into FAA approvals for the water landing area shows Tailwind, as well as Cape Air, were both granted the right to use the harbor for seaplane operations.

Tailwinds has two bases, one in Westchester, New York and another in Bridgeport, Connecticut and has been operating seaplanes in and out of New York City for about seven years.

Like Cape Air, Tailwind will be using the Cessna Caravan for seaplane operation to and from New York.

“This new route is breaking barriers,” said Ram. “We are grateful for the tremendous local support in Boston we have received and aim to be good neighbors and an important addition to Boston’s economic boom. We eliminate the time needed to travel to airport terminals, long security lines, check-in, board, and await the flight’s turn on the runway. We are honored to be welcomed into the Boston community as well as see continued support from Manhattan.”



One of Tailwind Air’s seaplanes landing in the Boston Harbor off Eastie’s shore. Tailwind will begin shuttling passengers between Boston and New York on August 3. (Photo courtesy of Tailwind Air.)

Monica Ford takes new job as Treasurer/Collector of Everett

By Seth Daniel

The City of Everett and Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced this week that they have hired Monica Ford to be the new treasurer/collector for the City.

Ford comes to Everett from the Town of Winthrop, where she lives and also has been treasurer/collector for the last 14 years. She started her career as an assistant treasurer/collector in Chelsea and worked in various roles for the City of Chelsea



Monica Ford has been hired as the new treasurer/collector for the City of Everett, after having had the same post in the Town of Winthrop the last 14 years.

over 15 years. “I am pleased to wel-

come the newest member of the City Administration, our new Treasurer/Collector, Monica Ford,” announced Mayor DeMaria.

Ford graduated from Northeastern University with a BA in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting. She is a certified Municipal Collector and has obtained an MCPPO Procurement certification from the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General. She was hired as the Treasurer/

Collector for the Town of Winthrop in 2007, where she also served as the Procurement Administrator.

She resides in Winthrop, with her husband of 28 years and their three daughters.

Winthrop has been a fertile hiring ground for the City of Everett in the past, with late ISD Director Jim Soper starting his career in Winthrop before coming over to Everett for a very impressive run of development and zoning changes.

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and low tides are higher than normal. In the other half of the cycle, tides are amplified: High tides get higher, and low tides get lower. Global sea level rise pushes high tides in only one direction – higher. So half of the 18.6-year lunar cycle counteracts the effect of sea level rise on high tides, and the other half increases the effect.

The Moon is in the tide-amplifying part of its cycle now. However, along most U.S. coastlines, sea levels have not risen so much that even with this lunar assist, high tides regularly top flooding thresholds. It will be a different story the next time the cycle comes around to amplify tides again, in the mid-2030s.

Global sea level rise will have been at work for another decade. The higher seas, amplified by the lunar cycle, will cause a leap in flood numbers on almost all U.S. mainland coastlines, Hawaii, and Guam. Only far northern coastlines, including Alaska’s, will be spared for another decade or longer because these land areas are rising due to long-term geological processes.

The researchers uncovered these tipping points in flood numbers by studying 89 tide gauge locations in every coastal U.S. state and territory but Alaska. They created a new statistical framework that mapped NOAA’s widely used sea level rise scenarios and flooding thresholds, the number of times those thresholds have been exceeded annually, astronomical cycles, and statistical representations of other processes, such as El Niño events, that are known to affect tides. They projected results to 2080.

Ben Hamlington of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California is a co-author of the paper and also the leader of NASA’s Sea Level Change Team. He notes that the findings of the new study are a vital resource for coastal urban planners, who may be focused on preparing for extreme events rather than more high-tide floods.

“From a planning perspective, it’s important to know when we’ll see an increase,” Hamlington said. “Understanding that all your events are clustered in a particular month, or you might have more severe flooding in the second half of a year than the first – that’s useful information.” A high-tide flood tool developed by Thompson already exists on the NASA team’s sea level portal, a resource for decision-makers and the general public. The flood tool will be updated in the near future with the findings from this study.



PHOTO BY CHUCK FLANAGAN

During the height of the Jan. 4, 2018 storm which caused massive amounts of flooding in the area, a Winthrop firefighter James Fucillo carries a woman on his back to bring her to safety. The flood waters at their worst reached an all time high of over 15-feet, narrowly eclipsing the record set in the Blizzard of 1978 by 5”

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OUR Opinions

GOOD CALL, GOOD POLICE WORK

We'd like to take an opportunity to write a few lines to commend the phone call by an alert citizen -- who reported that persons were going through cars in the area of Beal and Lincoln Sts. in the early-morning hours last Thursday -- and the subsequent quick police work that resulted in the arrests of four individuals who were charged with breaking & entering into the vehicles.

Winthrop residents always have played a key role in alerting police to criminal conduct in our community. The adage, "If you see something, say something," may be relatively new, but it has been the norm here in the Winthrop community for generations.

The swift response by our police officers in making the arrests also is typical of the excellent work that always has been the hallmark of the Winthrop P.D.

This incident once again showed the importance of the interaction between civilians and police officers in order to keep our community safe.

YES, MISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS KILLING AMERICANS

Let's suppose that someone walked into our newspaper office and told us that he had a "big story," the gist of which is that COVID-19 is a hoax.

Or that vaccines for the coronavirus are part of a plan by Bill Gates to inject Americans with microchips.

Or....insert any number of the other conspiracy theories about the virus and vaccinations that have been floating on social media platforms since the pandemic began.

The first thing we would do, as would any other responsible media organization, is to ask the person, "Where's your proof?"

And if -- and when -- the person invariably would be unable to produce the evidence for his claims, we would politely show him the door.

That's how journalism works. We try as best we can to provide facts and information to our readers, who then can make their own judgment about the issue at hand.

We don't always get it right, but we try our best.

That is not the case however, with social media platforms. They do not even attempt to determine whether the information that gets distributed on their platforms is accurate.

The result is that the millions of Americans who have social media accounts are barraged daily with all kinds of misinformation on a host of subjects, of which the outright and preposterous lies about COVID-19 vaccines are only the latest example.

A private investigative group recently reported that 65% of the misinformation about the vaccines is attributable to just 12 individuals. The reason for that is simple: Thanks to the algorithms of social media platforms, the statements of these 12 persons literally can go viral (no pun intended) along the misinformation electronic superhighway.

To put it another way, the old adage often used by Winston Churchill, "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on," today is an understatement.

When President Joe Biden, speaking off-the-cuff in response to a reporter's question last week, suggested that the lies about vaccines on social media platforms are killing Americans, he was not wrong.

Yes, the problem of vaccine misinformation is bigger than social media companies, but they unquestionably are responsible for spreading more misinformation to ordinary Americans about the vaccines than any other source.

Our country is divided enough without the amplification of lies and misinformation that is being spread on the internet by social media. The virus, thanks to the Delta variant, tragically is spreading like wildfire across the country -- and the social media platforms, which make billions of dollars thanks to their algorithms, are throwing gasoline on the flames.

CONGRATULATIONS, RACHAEL ROLLINS

The announcement this week that President Joe Biden has nominated Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins to be the next United States Attorney for Massachusetts is welcome news for those who believe that our criminal justice system at all levels of government is poorly serving our nation.

Beyond the achievement of becoming the first Black woman to serve in that post, Rachael Rollins will bring a perspective of racial, social, and economic justice that has been lacking in the office of the U.S. Attorney.

We applaud President Biden's nomination of Ms. Rollins to this high post. We know we join with all of our fellow Massachusetts residents in offering our congratulations not only to Ms. Rollins personally, but also in her capacity as a trailblazer for Black women and others who for too long have been underrepresented in important offices such as this.

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LETTER to the Editor

A RETURN TO NORMAL FOR JEWS OF NORTHERN GREATER BOSTON?

Dear Editor,

Halfway through the year 2021, the Coronavirus pandemic is finally winding down and the communities just north of Boston are "returning to normal". For Jews living in the cities and towns of northern Greater Boston -- Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, Revere and Winthrop -- the meaning of "normal", like elsewhere, is unclear. For many years prior to the pandemic, these Boston Suburbs had very large Jewish communities that included dozens of synagogues, temples and Hebrew Schools. Now, nearly all are gone. So, the questions arise: Where do the Jews of northern Greater Boston go for religious services? Where do they send their children for an education in Judaism? Where can Jewish families and individuals socialize and also obtain information on Judaism, Israel, Zionism

and religion?

Sadly, only one temple remains in Chelsea and it only holds infrequent services. One early 20th century synagogue is left in Chelsea as a national historic site. There are no Jewish institutions remaining in East Boston. In Everett, one synagogue remains and it holds services only one Friday night a month. Just prior to the pandemic, the last synagogue in Revere ceased operation.

In all the northern suburbs of Greater Boston, the one remaining organization that offers Jewish religious services on a weekly basis, on Jewish holidays and which also provides a Hebrew education for Jewish children is Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop. The Temple began its existence in September of 1912 under the name *Tifereth Israel Congregation of Winthrop*. In 1915, the corner stone of a new synagogue was laid and a year later, 1916, the first services were held in a new synagogue.

Some 50 years later, it was clear that a new and

larger facility was needed and in a 1966, a bigger and modern temple with offices, library, Hebrew School classrooms and other facilities was dedicated as Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop.

Then, another 50 years later, it was realized that an update was needed. This modernization was completed in 2013, a century after the original creation of *Tifereth Israel Congregation of Winthrop*

As with most other religious institutions, the Coronavirus pandemic necessitated a drastic change in day-to-day operation. For many months, Temple Tifereth Israel was closed. The Hebrew School ceased to hold classes. Instead of on-site services, online services were conducted via Zoom. This continued through the Spring of 2021 when the pandemic began to ease. Slowly, the temple began its return to "normal", first with limited on-site services. Then the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and now, Temple Tifereth

Israel has returned to full operation. The Temple is now preparing for the Jewish New Year which begins on the evening of Labor Day in September.

With so many of the Jewish institutions of northern Great Boston having closed, Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop is committed to picking up the slack and providing a comprehensive Jewish resource, not just for Winthrop, but also for Winthrop's surrounding communities of Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, and Revere. The Temple is planning an open house for those interested to meet with temple members and staff, tour the facilities (93 Veterans Road, Winthrop) and learn about activities and programs. Information will be available at: 617-846-1390 (phone), jewish-winthrop.org (web site), ttiwinthrop@gmail.com (email), and facebook.com/ttiwinthrop (facebook).

Burton Figler
Temple Tifereth Israel

GUEST OP-ED

Massport's obligations to East Boston, Revere and Winthrop for environmental mitigation

By John Vitagliano

As the economy begins to recover from COVID-19 the nation's airports have experienced a dramatic increase in passenger travel, over 80 percent of total passenger throughput in July, 2021 compared to July, 2019 as measured by TSA data. This significant upward trend applies to Logan Airport as well. While the airline recovery is beneficial for the nation's economy its environmental implications are ominous, particularly for Logan Airport's neighboring communities of East Boston, Revere and Winthrop which have suffered for decades from the severe environmental impacts of Logan's aircraft operations which peaked at 427,176 in 2019 and are predicted to in-

crease with Massports' approval of five new airline destinations in 2019.

Not only do East Boston, Revere and Winthrop suffer daily from Logan Airport's constant egregious noise impacts, routinely exceeding the DNL 65 dB sound level which is the federally defined level for residential land use incompatible with aircraft noise, but just as important if not more so are the severe health impacts associated with the pollutants from Logan airport, identified in a recent environmental study as a "known polluter", describing "the airspace of Logan Airport as a pollutant source".

Among these Logan Airport pollutants are carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, ozone and particulate matter (P.m.), iden-

tified by epidemiologists as the most dangerous. P.m. particles are associated with the most adverse health outcomes, with ultrafine particles (UFPs) smaller than 100 nm in diameter the greatest threat. UFPs can penetrate deep into lungs, enter the bloodstream and cross the blood/brain barrier.

As Massport proceeds with a 2.6 billion dollar capital program at Logan Airport, and the agency on the verge of receiving a huge amount of federal infrastructure funding to complement the \$144 million in federal Care funds received last year, it is imperative that Massport acknowledge the severe environmental impacts endured by its neighboring communities of East Boston's Orient Heights and Eagle Hill, Revere's

Beachmont and Winthrop's Point Shirley and Court Park sections. Massport must immediately proceed with the development of an effective, integrated environmental mitigation program for these three communities involving soundproofing and HEPA purifiers to cope with Logan Airport's deleterious environmental impacts. Massport should develop.m.ent this environmental remediation program regardless of the availability of federal funding, utilizing its own financing and bonding capability. The health of East Boston, Revere and Winthrop requires it.

John Vitagliano is a former Massport Board Member and Boston Transportation Department Commissioner

GUEST OP-ED

Do what you can and what you enjoy

cially retire in their fifties. Jobs that require strenuous physical labor become less productive for many as they age.

Often, throughout life we find ourselves working jobs that are available and that pay enough for us to make our living. If we can physically and mentally adapt to the vocational demands then we have a chance of doing very well.

More success will come your way if you enjoy your work. Typically, the physical and mental aspects of your work endeavors aren't as difficult because of

your attitude toward your labor. What would be difficult for someone else is easier for you because you

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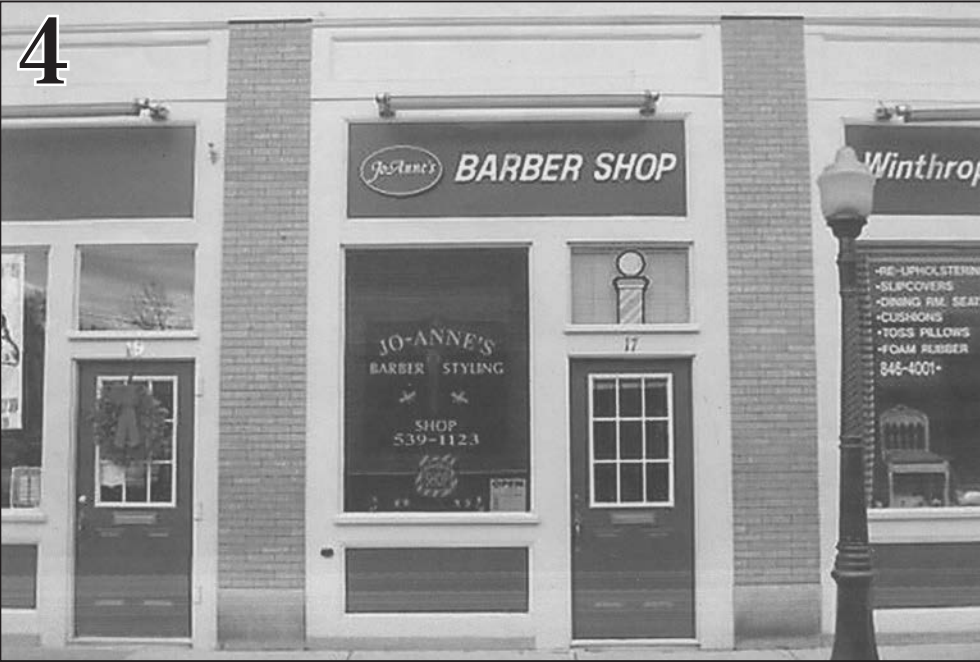
ARTICLE 974 — REMEMBERING FRED POLSONETTI’S BARBER SHOP



It isn’t often that someone is actively involved in their career for 67 years but Fred Polsonetti, born in 1912, did just that. Beginning his barbering profession at the age of 16, he worked in other peoples shops until 1937 at which time he opened his own barbershop in Winthrop Center at 65 Woodside Avenue, see picture #1. Note the window on the left bears the name of his shop and the traditional red and white striped Barber Pole is mounted on the right hand side of the store front. In the early 1950’s, Fred relocated his shop to Hagman Road with the entrance on the left side of the walkway which runs from Woodside Avenue to Hagman Road as shown in picture #2. Picture #3 depicts Fred performing his trade in this shop. Fred lived in Winthrop, with his wife Catherine, on Birch Road where they raised their three children Joan, Robert and Lois. He was

active in various programs for children by serving on the Town’s Recreation Commission and as Scoutmaster for the Elk’s Boy Scout Troop. When I got my haircut in his shop on Hagman Road beginning in 1957, his sense of humor and stories of his summer home in Marshfield near the ocean just North of the cape were most enjoyable. He was also extremely dedicated to his customers and would make house calls, at no additional cost, to those who were confined to their homes for medical reasons. As long as there were customers in the shop, he would stay until they all had their haircuts completed. His family never made plans for Saturday evenings or New Years Eve when he often did not arrive home until long after supper was over. I remembering him telling of four customers waiting for haircuts at noon and the next one up

said “you ought to be able to have your lunch”. When Fred responded that these men were all waiting for their haircuts, the customer said “No! – you stop and eat your lunch when you have completed my haircut”. (Fred finished all four before he ate). About 1970, Fred again relocated his shop in the Center to 17 Somerset Avenue, just two doors from where his daughter, Lois, at that time, operated the Winthrop Book Depot. When I asked her about memories people had of her Dad, she said that many mentioned the cigars he smoked as he cut hair. Ah yes, I too remember them. This last of Fred’s barbershop facilities is still in the hair cutting business as JoAnne’s Barber Shop, see picture #4. Once he gave up this shop in 1995, he enjoyed retirement for eleven years until his death in 2006 at 94.



10 years ago July 30, 2011

The Viking Pride Foundation is gearing up for its second annual fundraiser. Riding high after the success of its first-ever concert fundraiser featuring Tavares, the Foundation will host a concert at Miller Field on Saturday, August 6 with Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes as the headliner and Evelyn “Champagne” King as the opening act. “Last year we had about 800 people and everyone had a fantastic time so we’re hoping to get an even bigger turnout and I’m sure everyone will have a great time again,” said Vincent Crossman, Viking Pride chairman. Crossman and the committee consisting of Mark D’Ambrosio, Robert Deeb, Richard Fucillo, Cathie Gallivan, Scott Kinsella, Trucy Macero, Vasili Mallios, Al Petrilli, Stefano Spinali, Chris Tsiotos, and Angelo Vigliotta have been planning the event for the past year.

Yasmina Kamal has officially begun her duties as curator of the Winthrop Cultural Center located on the first floor at the E.B. Newton School Building on Pauline Street. The Cultural Center consists of the Clock Tower Art Gallery, the Winthrop Heritage Room, the Lyceum, a meeting room, a kitchen & administrative offices, and a soon-to-be-opened library room. The Heritage Room will showcase Winthrop’s history. A model of the Old Narrow Gauge Train System is located in the room. The Lyceum has seating for 40-50 people and a sound system. A concert was held in the room last week.

After seven years as principal of the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School in Winthrop, Brian Gill is leaving his position to lead another school. Gill accepted the job as principal of the Georgetown Middle School last Thursday. He has resigned from his Winthrop position effective August 12 and will begin his new job in Georgetown on August 15.

Winthrop Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Paul Flanagan was happy to report this week that the town’s emergency contingency plan to provide three cooling stations during the worst of last week’s record heat wave were not overwhelmed by residents. “At the cooling stations, they were pretty filled during the daytime hours,” said

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

Chief Flanagan. “The Senior Center of course was full both days (Thursday and Friday), and several people utilized the station at Golden Drive during the daytime as well, but there was no need to man those shelters during nighttime hours.” Flanagan also noted that a third cooling shelter opened at the Viking Gardens complex was virtually unused.

The fallout from the controversial decision by the Town Council to bring a carnival to town without notice to anyone until a few days before the carnival opened continued this week with the announcement by long time resident Peter Gill that he may run for the Town Council Presidency.

Horrible Bosses, Crazy, Stupid Love, and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago August 2, 2001

The selectmen and School Committee voted to make another attempt for a Prop. 2 and 1/2 override, this time in the amount of \$2.5 million, with \$1 million for general government and \$1.5 million for the schools. The schools had lobbied for a \$2 million figure for itself, but the selectmen said that the voters, who had rejected an override in May, would not accept it.

Real estate prices for single-family homes in Winthrop have jumped by 21 percent from a year ago to a new median price of \$255,000. However, the number of homes sold declined by 22 percent for the same period.

Although a lack of financial resources will mean that the annual National Night Out event will be small in scope this year, Police Chief Michael McManus said that there will be a motorcade and other activities.

Rush Hour 2, Original Sin, and The Princess Diaries are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago July 31, 1991

The Conservation Commission has taken under advisement a petition by Massport to extend the runways at Logan Airport slightly in order to accommodate what is known as the Incline Safety Plan. The plan would be minimally destructive of wetlands within Winthrop’s borders.

The final cherry sheet

figures reveal that the town will receive only \$5,954,541 in local aid from the state, a decrease of more than a million dollars from last year’s figure of \$6,101,869.

Thousands of local residents are expected to take part in a festive National Night Out event next Tuesday.

Doc Hollywood, Body Parts, and Return to the Blue Lagoon are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago August 5, 1981

The town received good news from the state this week, with the cherry sheets showing the town netting \$4,880,574 in local aid and other disbursements, an increase of almost \$1 million from last year. Town Accountant Lester Towlson said the additional funding will allow the town to re-hire three police officers and one firefighter who had been laid off when the town was forced to make budget reductions to adhere to the new law, Prop. 2 and 1/2, which resulted in the town having a reduction in revenue from local property and excise taxes of \$1.6 million.

Congressman Ed Markey has blasted the Reagan’s administration’s call to reduce taxes, calling the Reagan tax plan unfair, dangerous, and not in the best interest of working people.

Dragonslayer is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago August 4, 1971

Winthrop and MDC police broke up two gang fights on the seawall on Winthrop Beach over the weekend. About 200 Winthrop youths were engaged in a melee with about 50 East Boston youths, who had come armed with knives, bats, and chains. One officer was injured and five youths were arrested, though a number of youths who were injured evaded capture by the police. The brawls occurred Saturday and Sunday evenings at about 11 p.m. Residents of the side streets leading up to Shore Drive alerted police when they saw gangs of armed youths making their way to the beach.

Winthrop sailors have been making their mark in regattas this past month.

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enjoy the work.

A surgeon spends many years in college, medical school and sometimes more than one residency. Many people are not cut out to spend this much of their lives in school. A couple of weeks ago, a good friend of mine, who is 72 years old, performed six surgical procedures in one day. He totally thrives on his work and retirement is not in his vocabulary. Five days a week he is seeing patients and performing surgeries. He totally loves his work. To him, it’s easy, and is mentally and emotionally stimulating.

Sometimes we have jobs we can’t wait to quit. Sometimes there are jobs we simply never want to quit.

Financial security will hinge on two key factors. Work you can do and work

you enjoy doing. If you can do the work and you do a good job, you will be able to continue as long as you are mentally and physically capable. If you enjoy the work, then you are going to try to keep going as long as possible.

When you enjoy something, eventually you’ll make money from it because you are stimulated to keep working and improving.

A married couple has worked for a local restaurant for over ten years. They make a respectable living and both are always a delight in taking care of their patrons. A dear friend mowed yards for over 20 years and was always an inspiration to the many who hired him. Another friend spends eight hours a day solving people’s computer issues. He nev-

er lacks for work. Another, spends his days measuring people for clothes and sells the best special ordered suits in town. Another, makes a good living laying tile while another friend plays fiddle on the weekends but then makes her real living giving fiddle lessons all week.

There are all kinds of jobs. All require learning, developing and mastering a skill.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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Close to 150 youths enjoying Winthrop Summer Parks Program

By Cary Shuman

If it's summer, then Ingleside Park is bursting with activities in Sean Driscoll's popular Summer Parks program.

Close to 150 Winthrop boys and girls are participating in the seven-week summer camp program that concludes with a Town Day carnival on Aug. 20.

This summer looks a lot different from last summer when the COVID-19 pandemic required much social distancing at two parks, Coughlin and Ingleside.

"We're having some very good days at Ingleside," said Driscoll, who is being assisted by Program Coordinator Jimmy Carroll, Toni Ann Tite-more, and a team of 24

park instructors.

The half-day program runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The full-day program runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreational activities have included tennis, basketball, arts and crafts, pony rides, water slide day, moon bounces, and obstacle courses. Fields trips on the schedule are Canobie Lake Park, Boston Codzilla High-Speed Boat Ride, and Water Country.

In addition to the week-day camp, Driscoll reports that Ingleside Park is also the place to be in town on "Park Nights when there are 6 p.m. barbecues, followed by concerts at 6:30 p.m. There are two "Park Nights" scheduled for August.

"We also have a com-



Having fun in the Winthrop Summer Parks Program at Ingleside Park.

pany called Boston Jumps that comes in and does some workout activities

and the kids love it," said Driscoll.



Enjoying a summer day in the Winthrop Parks Program at Ingleside Park.

WHS Athletic Hall of Fame deadline for nominations is August 5

Special to the Transcript

John Domenico, President of the Winthrop High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, would like to remind members of the public that the deadline for nominations for the next Hall of Fame Induction is August 5. Nomination forms may be obtained from Richard Thibreau, Member of the Committee, by telephone at 617-846-5943, or by email at mccannthibreau@comcast.net.

"Anyone may nominate an individual or individuals," Domenico said. "In addition to the nomination form, which must be completed and signed, nominations should be accompanied by additional information pertaining to the nominee such as newspaper articles, letters and photographs."

Membership in the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame is open to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the Winthrop High School athletic programs, either through their participation in athletics or their association with Winthrop athletics as a coach, faculty member, or through exceptional service.

To be eligible as an individual athlete or as a team, the individual or team members must have graduated from Winthrop High School, and must have been part of a class that was graduated at least ten years prior to the nomination.

The WHS Athletic Hall of Fame also recognizes other significant individuals, such as administrators and others, who have made special contributions to the Winthrop High School Athletic Program.

Nomination forms must be returned by August 5, 2021 to Richard Thibreau in order to be considered for the 14th Winthrop High School Athletic Hall

of Fame Induction.

The WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee consists of ten members who are graduates of Winthrop High School and have been involved in athletics in the community and elsewhere. Last month, five members of the committee were profiled. This month, the remaining five are recognized.

Vice President Robert DeGregorio, Jr.; WHS Class of 1965. Robert was a four-sport athlete, having played football, basketball, hockey, and baseball. He was a member of the 1964 Winthrop High School Northeast Conference Championship football team. Bob coached seventh and eighth grade football, known as "Barney's Raiders", boys and girls seventh and eighth grade track, freshman football and track, and junior varsity hockey. He was the assistant varsity hockey coach of the WHS undefeated state hockey champions. Professionally, Bob has served as Director of Athletics at Merrimack College, Commissioner of Hockey East, and currently serves as the Commissioner of Atlantic Hockey, College Hockey America, and the New England Women's Hockey Alliance.

Dale Dunbar; WHS Class of 1979. Dale participated in football, hockey, and baseball during his three years at Winthrop High School. He was selected as a Boston Globe All Scholastic and a Northeast Conference All Star hockey player in his junior and senior years. Dale went on to Boston University where he was a four-year starter in hockey and was selected for the Unsung Hero Award in his senior year. He then became a professional hockey player in the National Hockey League with the Vancouver Canucks and the Boston Bruins, and

he is presently the WHS Boys Hockey coach.

Susan Goldstein Freedland – WHS Class of 1983. Susan was a three-sport athlete in cross country, indoor track and spring track at Winthrop High School. She was a Northeast Conference and Lynn Item All Star all three seasons and voted "outstanding" track athlete by the NEC coaches. Susan was the captain of

all three teams in her senior year and at graduation received the Wallace B. McLean Award given to an outstanding female athlete who has done the most for athletics during her high school career. She continued her athletic career at UMass Amherst where she was All New England and All East in both indoor and outdoor track. Susan was selected to represent the United

States in the World Macabean Games in Israel in 1985 and 1989 and won a silver medal both times.

Howard Conley- WHS Class of 1960. Howie was a standout athlete at Winthrop High School in baseball and basketball. He was captain of the baseball team and a Northeast Conference All Star pitcher and played forward on the 1960 Northeast Conference championship

basketball team.

Bill Schmidt – WHS Class of 1969. Bill played tennis for three years at Winthrop High School. At graduation, he received the Robert Belcher Memorial Award. Bill taught tennis for the Winthrop Recreation Commission for three summers. He has served the Town of Winthrop as a member of the Board of Health since 2016.

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## OCEARCH launches White Shark research expedition

Staff Report

OCEARCH is embarking on its annual ocean research expedition to help solve the life history puzzle of the Northwest Atlantic white shark. Alongside 42 scientists and 28 research institutions the organization will collect data to support 23 science projects that will help form a complete picture of the ecology, behavior and health of the white shark in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean.

OCEARCH is headed back to the area where they first began their Northwest Atlantic White Shark Study nine years ago, off the coast of Massachusetts. But they’re also expanding their area of work to reach a new part of the Northeast US, the waters off of New Hampshire.

“We know the area around Cape Cod and Nantucket Island is a summer aggregation site for the white shark. But not all white sharks in the Northwest Atlantic spend their summers off Cape Cod. A large component migrates as far north as Newfoundland and the Grand Banks,

where prey species also abound. In between, the productive waters of the Gulf of Maine support the movements of white sharks, but to what degree these sharks use the Gulf is not well understood. So for our research this summer, we are returning to Nantucket and Cape Cod, and exploring the Gulf off New Hampshire, in our quest to understand the complete life cycle of the white shark in the Northwest Atlantic,” stated OCEARCH’s Chief Scientist Dr. Bob Hueter.

This 22-day expedition will aim to build on the research previously conducted by OCEARCH and their collaborating scientists, while also increasing their sample size and ultimately knowledge of the overall health of white sharks in the Northwest Atlantic. With full health assessments of each shark, electronic tag application to track long-term movements, and microbiological studies of white shark’s teeth and mouth to determine the best antibiotics to administer if a white shark bites a swim-

mer, OCEARCH’s Northwest Atlantic White Shark Study is the most comprehensive, multidisciplinary research effort for white sharks in the world.

“With 70 white sharks fully worked up, tagged, and released, OCEARCH’s Northwest Atlantic White Shark Study is the most comprehensive research study that has ever been done on a white shark population. In just seven years of fieldwork in the Northwest Atlantic we have taken the NW Atlantic white shark population from one of the least understood populations to the most well understood and comprehensively studied populations in the world.

Peer reviewed papers are steadily publishing with over 55 published so far and dozens more near completion. We are modernizing the approach to ocean research to make it more efficient, inclusive, collaborative and open sourced. We have brought the practical and academic together for the future, for our kids. It is a privilege to be a part of it and it is a great demonstration of individuals, companies and research institutions coming together for the future abundance of our oceans. It is going to take us all,” stated Chris Fischer, OCEARCH Founder and Expedition Leader.

Expedition New England will depart from New Bedford, Mass., on Aug. 1 and move up the coast towards New Hampshire with a final docking currently planned on Aug. 20.

Community events for the public are also planned throughout Expedition New England. On Saturday July 31, OCEARCH will host a virtual STEM Education camp allowing global students and teachers alike to join the expedition in a unique way. OCEARCH has also teamed up with Cisco Brewers to host white shark party community events that will help raise money for OCEARCH’s research expeditions.

The public is encouraged to follow along with the expedition in real time on social media (@oearch) and online at [oearch.org](https://oearch.org).



The Window Walk art installation at Suffolk Downs as seen from the track.

## The Track at Suffolk Downs celebrates opening to public for recreation use

Staff report

The HYM Investment Group, along with Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and other East Boston and Revere leaders, celebrated a ribbon cutting for The Track at Suffolk Downs, opening the former thoroughbred horse track and racing facility to the public for recreation for the first time in history. The Track at Suffolk Downs will provide East Boston, Revere, and the greater Boston community with an open space to be used daily and serve as an area for exercising, dog walking, and running, among other ongoing activations and events.

As part of the opening, The Track at Suffolk Downs will feature an installation titled “The Window Walk” by Artists For Humanity, a Boston-based organization that provides under-resourced teens the keys to self-sufficiency through paid employment in art and design. The Window Walk leverages the vast length of windows at Suffolk Downs and creates six different experiences that are in alignment with the future of the public space and that they hope will resonate with viewers.

“Artists For Humanity has partnered on hundreds of wonderfully creative projects during it’s now 30 years of mentoring and employing Boston teens in art and design. But none has been as large, and ambitious, as the transformation of an iconic race-track into a new, vibrant community. The Window Walk at Suffolk Downs is a perfect example of connecting a progressive, values-based company [HYM] and a creative teen arts enterprise to build more inclusive spaces that express young, imaginative voices and invite all to participate in the fun,” said Richard Frank from Artists For Humanity. “We look forward to the evolution of this new space, beginning with the public space at the Track,

and hope it’s an example to everyone of what thoughtful companies [HYM] and underrepresented, but skilled and talented teens [at Artists For Humanity] can build together.”

The opening will also unveil a satellite location for the first sand sculpture as part of this year’s annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, one of the largest sand sculpting festivals in the world, where master sand sculptors come to America’s first public beach to compete.

The Track at Suffolk Downs will be open daily from dawn to dusk. Parking is free and accessible at 525 McClellan Highway in East Boston. The Track is also accessible via the Suffolk Downs Blue Line station. The sand sculpture will be on view to the public until August 8, while the Artists For Humanity installation will be live for the foreseeable future.

Beginning August 1st, The Track will also be hosting a run club every other Sunday at 10 a.m. These guided 30-40 minute runs around the track are led by live DJ and Run Instructor Chris Cappelletti, and all fitness levels are welcome. More activations and events will be announced in the coming weeks.

Wednesday’s ribbon cutting ceremony included Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, members of Suffolk Downs developer, The HYM Investment Group, local officials, community members as well as the Suffolk Downs project team. The opening of the track to the public is part of HYM’s ongoing mixed-use redevelop.m.ent of the 161-acre site.

“Suffolk Downs is on its way to creating housing, jobs and economic develop.m.ent, while becoming a true community resource for East Boston and Revere,” said Thomas N. O’Brien, founding partner and managing director of The HYM Investment Group. “As we continue to make significant progress building this neigh-

borhood, we’re excited to offer The Track as an open space for the community to get outside and experience this amazing outdoor space together.”

Plans for the redevelop.m.ent of Suffolk Downs received approval from the Boston Planning and Develop.m.ent Agency in 2020 and from the Revere City Council in 2018. Approved plans for the project include 16.2 million square feet of develop.m.ent including 10,000 residential units and over 6 million square feet of life science, office, street level retail and publicly accessible parks that will be developed over the next two decades.

### About the HYM Investment Group, LLC

The HYM Investment Group is a premier develop.m.ent company that is leading the develop.m.ent of more than 20 million square feet of real estate throughout Greater Boston. The company creates mixed-use communities that strive to push the needle on sustainability, creativity and technology for a more productive and resilient future.

The team has an unparalleled knowledge of the develop.m.ent process that allows the company to bring complex projects to market through community input and support. Through experience, relationship building, and transparency with all stakeholders, HYM is able to deliver projects on-time and on budget in order to bring a material return for its investors.

With a team made up of 50% women and 30% people of color, HYM is committed to building projects that prioritize inclusion and embrace Greater Boston’s rich diversity. From projects like Suffolk Downs to Bulfinch Crossing, the team is leading the industry on creating some of the most thriving neighborhoods in the region. To learn more, please visit [www.hyminvestments.com](https://www.hyminvestments.com).

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Thursday, July 22
9:30-10:30am: Exercise 10am-2p.m.: Computer Usage 11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out) 12:15-2:30p.m.: Bingo
Friday, July 23
10-11am: Line Dancing 10am-12p.m.: Computer Usage 11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)
Monday, July 24
10am-2p.m.: Computer Usage 11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)
Tuesday, July 27
9:30-10:30am: Exercise 10am-2p.m.: Computer Usage 11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out) 1:30-2:30p.m.: Chorus
Wednesday, July 28
10am-2p.m.: Computer Usage 11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out) 1:15-2:45p.m.: Italian Class

All participants are required to have an updated Emergency Contact Form on file with the office before participating in any activities. Emergency Contact Forms are available at the front desk, and on our website.

**We are unable to offer any snacks or drinks at this time.** Participants should bring their own bottled water, coffee, or tea. Shared food is not allowed, please bring individual snacks only.

**Boxed Lunches will be available for pick up Monday – Friday at 11am.** Lunches may be eaten at the Senior Center or taken to-go. Lunch reservations can be made at the front desk, or by calling us at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday).

**Meals on Wheels also continues to operate.** To sign up, contact Mystic

Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705.

**Van Transportation.** The Senior Van will run Tuesday – Thursday between 9am and 3p.m. (return trips must be completed by 3p.m.). Reservations must be made at least 2 weekdays in advance of your trip. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Medical rides will be prioritized. A full list of our destinations and pricing is available on our website and at the Senior Center.

**Senior Phone Buddy Program.** Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us.

**Exercise with Ernie Sarro:** WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie Sarro Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

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# OBITUARIES

## Eugenia Cerulli

Retired Winthrop High School guidance secretary



Eugenia H. (Genia) Cerulli passed away peacefully on July 25.

Mrs. Cerulli retired from Winthrop High School as the guidance secretary.

The wife of the late Ralph (Fred) Cerulli, she was the loving mother of Paul (Sheila) Hagan, Keri DeArville (Kevin Janielis) of Winthrop, Mark (Donna) Hagan, Gina (Dave) Wallwork, of Florida, Joel Hagan (former wife, Karen) of Amesbury and Dawn (Keith) Manning of Winthrop; adored grandmother to Paul, Shawn and Shannon Hagan, Jillian and Sarah DeArville, Mark McGrath Hagan, Noelle and Madison Wallwork, Bianca, Justin and Joel Hagan and Keith and Kaycee Manning; great grandmother to four and loving aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews and the beloved sister of Patricia McGee, Norma Gobiell, Joan Pitts, Brenda and Joe Bertino and the late Charles Beattie; sister-in-law to Dee Cerulli, Judy Jalbert and Patricia Hagan. She also leaves behind many, many friends including her dear lifelong friends: Pat Wall, Abby Capodanno, Carol Bailey, Barbara Ambrose

Pothier and the late Clair Watt Flynn.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, July 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, July 30 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Winthrop Charities at [www.winthropcharities.org](http://www.winthropcharities.org) or to Viking Pride at [www.vikingpride.org](http://www.vikingpride.org).

For directions or to sign the online guestbook go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com)

## Muriel J. Colson

Retired Morgan Stanley Switchboard operator

Muriel J. Colson, 85, of Winthrop, formerly of Revere, passed away at the Everett Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Everett on July 14.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Eva P. (Raynard) and Charles H. VanWart, prior to her retirement, she worked as a switchboard operator for Morgan Stanley.

She was the devoted wife of the late Richard J. Colson and the loving mother of Bradley Boyton and the late Alan VanWart; the dear sister of the late Harry VanWart, Frank VanWart, George Van-

Wart and Ernest VanWart; beloved aunt of Evalie Gray, David VanWart and Christine VanWart, all of Winthrop, Richard VanWart of Leicester and the late Robert VanWart. She is also survived by her beloved cat, Marshmallow.

A graveside service was held in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery on Monday, July 19.

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

Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O'maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

## Sr. Mary Louise Graziano SNDdeN

Ministered in education and managed Lawrence homeless shelter



Sr. Mary Louise Graziano, SNDdeN, formerly Sr. Julie Peter, 82, died on Monday, July 26 at Notre Dame Healthcare in Worcester.

Born in Malden, Sister Mary Lou was the daughter of the late William and Ruth (O'Neil) Graziano. She ministered in education in Worcester, East Boston, South Boston, Lawrence, Wakefield and Salem, NH. She was also the manager for the Shelter for the Homeless in Lawrence.

Sister Mary Lou is survived by her brother, Rev. Peter N. Graziano of Winthrop; the Sisters of SNDdeN; as well as many cousins. She was predeceased by her infant sister, Mary.

Donations in Sister Mary Lou's memory may be made to The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur,

351 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visitation in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Monday, August 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment at Belle Isle Cemetery in Winthrop.

Arrangements by Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home. For directions and condolences [www.BisbeePorcella.com](http://www.BisbeePorcella.com).

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Winthrop residents to hear the other side of the so-called urban renewal plan, which Elkin said is a story of Winthrop residents who will be removed from their homes and apartments if the Winthrop Redevelopment Authority has its way.

The U.S. Army has come to the rescue of the Winthrop High football team, agreeing to allow the team to use the basement of the two-story barracks at Ft. Banks as a locker room and fieldhouse until a new fieldhouse is built to replace the one at Miller Field that was burned down by vandals last spring. The School Committee has approved a motion by member Catherine Giromini to build a new fieldhouse, rather than try to repair the damaged one.

The Sun-Transcript urges the town to address the litter problem at Yirrell Beach, which the editor describes as the "messiest beach" in town.

**70 years ago August 3, 1951**

Ft. Banks, which was a beehive of activity during WWII, was reactivated this week after a one-year caretaker status. A contingent of approximately 100 men of the 197th Air Antiaircraft Artillery Group moved in under the command of Col. Albert S. Baker. It is estimated that the total number of soldiers to be stationed at the fort will be 600.

Cottage Park Y.C. skipper Paul Monahan became the first local sailor to win the Curtis Cup, which is emblematic of the No. Shore Junior Championship, during a regatta held last weekend at the Winthrop Y.C.

Traffic Commission Chairman Mel Carver said that his board will propose that the first-ever traffic lights to be installed in the town be placed at the Magee's Corner intersection and at Pleasant and Main Sts. If the full commission does approve the plan, which has been recommended by state highway officials, it must go before the Town Meeting in March.

The Elks will host 200 local youngsters at next week's Red Sox game with the Philadelphia Athletics at Fenway Park.

Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Fleming star in The Last Outpost at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres. John Wayne stars in Wake of the Red Witch at the Revere Drive

In. Also showing is the 15-round world middleweight championship fight between Sugar Ray Robinson and England's Randy Turpin in which Turpin defeated Robinson in an upset to win the title.

**80 years ago July 31, 1941**

William Floyd, Chairman of the Board of Fire Engineers, will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club next week. Floyd will discuss the plans and methods to be used by the Fire Department in the event of a possible war catastrophe.

Former WHS star athlete Richard "Dickie" Chardon left for Wrigley Field, Chicago, last night where he will work out with the Cubs for a week to 10 days. Chardon has not signed with the Cubs, but indicated he will not sign a minor league contract, even if one is offered. Chardon, who has been pitching for the local Varsity Club in the Greater Boston Suburban League, is expected to return to the mound on August 20 for the Varsity Club's big night game at Ingleside Park.

**90 years ago August 1, 1931**

Tax Collector James C. Nelson has sent out 5300 notices for the 1931 poll tax, which is \$2.00, plus another \$1.00 for Old Age Assistance. Winthrop has about 5300 men over the age of 20, not including veterans of the Civil War or Spanish American War, who are exempt from those taxes.

Workmen are replacing the iron railing along the

sidewalk on Shore Drive opposite Perkins St. in the area where the terrible winter storm last March caused so much damage to public property and private homes.

Gloria Swanson stars in Indiscreet at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

**100 years ago July 30, 1921**

The Elks will conduct a Country Fair, one of the largest such events ever to be held in the town and the only one of its kind ever to be held in Suffolk County. About 35,000 tickets have been sold for the Saturday affair, with many visitors from out of town expected to arrive by car and train.

The Winthrop Highlands Association informs all residents that in order to use their pier for swimming, one must become a member of the association for a small fee.

**110 years ago August 5, 1911**

A new system of mutual aid among the cities and towns of Greater Boston in the event of a major fire has been put into place. Special boxes in the nine member communities have been installed that will alert all to a fire in any one community.

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association has accepted a number of photos of old Winthrop, including the Winthrop fleet and pictures of landscapes of 20 years ago, that will be barely recognizable to those who have built homes in those areas in recent years.

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WINTHROP STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

BRYANT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS NAMED TO DEANS' LIST

Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2021 semester.

- Zachary Ayers, class of 2021, from Winthrop
- Sophia Soares, class of 2021, from Winthrop
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KENNEDY GRADUATES FROM HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH

Julianna Kennedy, of Winthrop, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Sociology during the 2021 Commencement Ceremonies of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, held on Sunday, May 16. Kennedy, the child of Richard B. and Antoinette N. Kennedy, graduated Magna Cum

Laude.

Having persevered through an unprecedented academic year, 514 undergraduates and 10 master's candidates received their diplomas during an in-person ceremony held on the Hobart and William Smith campus.

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden L.H.D. '21 delivered the Commencement Address. In her remarks, she said that the "once-in-a-lifetime" challenges of the pandemic have been a dramatic test of resiliency for this year's graduates, as well as a "catalyst for thinking about the nature of work, what is important in life and how to help everyone move into the digital future with equity and dignity."

In her address, HWS President Joyce P. Jacobsen praised the campus' collective strength over the past year and "the tenacity, dedication and sheer willpower of its individuals."

The Colleges conferred three honorary degrees to individuals who have enhanced local, national and global communities through their enduring spirit of service. They included: Hayden, Director of Public Health for Ontario County Mary Beer and Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva and the Geneva Community Center Chris Lavin '81.

Hobart and William Smith are small, residential Colleges. Nearly all of the 1,824 students live on campus and many live in learning communities and theme houses that focus on community building. With a 9:1 student to faculty ratio, students develop rewarding one-on-one partnerships with faculty

mentors, often resulting in published papers or presentations at national conferences. HWS offers more than 70 academic programs, and 60 percent of students study abroad.

ROSNER NAMED TO SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

Erin Rosner of Winthrop excelled during the Spring 2021 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

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students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named nearly 900 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean's List include:

- Michelle Sheehan of Winthrop
- Dana Marshall of Winthrop
- Danielle Navarro of Winthrop
- Colby Bosse of Winthrop

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster

NATARENO ON DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Christian Natareno of Winthrop has been named to the Dean's List for both the Fall and Spring semesters at the University of New Hampshire. Christian was also the Vice President of Growth for his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi. He will be entering his Junior year in the Fall of 2021 majoring in Business, and is the son of Michael and Melissa Natareno.

spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREES FROM UMASS AMHERST

Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 14, 2021 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Below is a list of students who earned a degree.

- Sydney Ellen Adamson
- Sean Matthew Arria
- Sara Bosco
- Abigail Rose Carleton
- Gina Rose Chalmers

Carlos Daniel Mendoza Alicia Vitale

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL FOURTH QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the fourth quarter of the 2020; 2021 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster's List (90; 100 in all classes,) First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes) and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

The following students from Winthrop achieved Honor Roll during the fourth quarter

- Tyler Boucher — First Honors
- Rosario Turco — Headmaster's List
- Welvis Acosta — Second Honors

State announces new funding opportunity to support air-quality sensors

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration last week announced that \$200,000 in grants are now available to communities to place 10 air-quality sensors on homes, schools or businesses to measure fine particle pollution (P.m._{2.5}) throughout local neighborhoods.

These small sensors produce data that will be displayed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's AirNow Fire and Smoke Map online, along with data from P.m._{2.5} monitoring stations operated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

"Massachusetts is committed to helping communities affected by air pollution, especially those with

Environmental Justice populations," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "I encourage cities and towns to partner with residents, schools, and local community groups to apply for the sensors, which will provide communities a tool to better understand local air quality and increase local awareness of fine particle pollution."

P.m._{2.5} is a mixture of solid particles made up of hundreds of different chemicals and liquid droplets found in the air. P.m._{2.5} is so small that it can be inhaled deep into the lungs, may enter a person's bloodstream, and can cause serious health problems.

"Breathing particle pollution can result in serious health conditions

like asthma and respiratory illnesses, which has disproportionately affected Environmental Justice communities," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "These sensors can be used to identify sources of particle pollution so that emissions reduction and mitigation strategies can be taken to protect residents' health. We look forward to providing air sensors to help communities collect data and develop measurable progress to ensure all families are breathing clean, healthy air."

The air sensor program is administered by MassDEP, and the sensors — made by PurpleAir — are available to municipalities. Applications for the program must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Oct. 1.

Furthermore, the [Mas-](#)

[sAir Online](#) site provides up-to-date air quality information for Massachusetts, and the EPA's national [AirNow](#) Fire and Smoke Map provides air

quality information for the nation. Additionally, MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and

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# Pressley, Duckworth sponsor Bill for families experiencing pregnancy loss

Staff report

Congresswoman Ayan-na Pressley (MA-07) in-troduced legislation to raise awareness about pregnancy loss and estab-lish new paid leave ben-efits for workers experi-encing painful challenges while seeking to grow their family.

The Support Through Loss Act would support

those experiencing the loss of a pregnancy or other challenges starting a family by increasing access to workforce sup-ports, access to resources and patient centered care. It would also have the De-partment of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Con-trol and Prevention devel-op and disseminate pub-lic information regarding

pregnancy loss and invest in the National Institutes of Health to expand and coordinate research and programs with respect to pregnancy loss.

“Pregnancy loss should be met with care, compas-sion and support. It is a common experience, but many struggle in silence due to the lack of aware-ness and cultural stigma,” said Congresswoman

Pressley. “Our bill sends a message to families that they are not alone, and would support those ex-periencing the loss of a pregnancy by providing them with the resources, workforce supports, and care necessary to recover and heal. I am grateful to Senator Duckworth and to our advocates for their close partnership on this long-overdue legislation.”

Specifically, the Sup-port Through Loss Act would:

- Invest \$45 million annually to the Nation-al Institutes of Health for federal research into mis-carriage and pregnancy loss;
- Require the U.S. De-partment of Health and Human Services, includ-ing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop and disseminate public information regard-ing pregnancy loss, in-cluding information on the incidence and prevalence of pregnancy loss, as well as the range of treatment options for pregnancy loss and recurrent pregnancy loss; and
- Ensure employers provide at least three days of paid leave for workers to process and cope fol-lowing a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful assisted reproductive technology

procedure, a failed adop-tion arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, or a medical diagnosis or event that impacts preg-nancy or fertility.

As a founding mem-ber of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, Congress-woman Pressley is also committed to ending the Black maternal mortality crisis in America and af-firming maternal health justice for all. She has introduced the MOM-MIES Act to expand cov-erage for pregnant people through Medicaid, she has introduced the Justice for Incarcerated Moms Act to improve maternal health care and support for pregnant individuals who are incarcerated, and she has also introduced the COVID-19 Safe Birthing Act to provide critical pro-tections and access to care for pregnant people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Nearly 500,000 hotel jobs won't return by year's end

Staff Report

Midway through 2021, a new re-port and state-by-state job loss breakdown re-leased by the American Hotel and Lodging As-sociation (AHLA) found that while leisure travel is starting to return, the hotel industry's road to recovery from the pan-demic is long and uneven, with urban markets dis-proportionately impacted. Industry projections have improved since January with the uptick in leisure travel, but the industry re-mains well below pre-pan-demic levels. Key findings include:

More than one in five direct hotel operations jobs lost during the pan-demic—nearly 500,000 in total—will not have returned by the end of the year

Hotel occupancy is projected to drop ten per-centage points from 2019 levels

Hotel room revenue will be down \$44 bil-lion this year compared to 2019

States and localities will have lost more than \$20 billion in unrealized tax revenues from hotels over the past two years

The findings come as AHLA and the Asian American Hotel Owners Association host their Vir-

tual Action Summit (July 20-22), where hoteliers from nearly every state across the country are scheduled to meet with members of Congress to share how COVID-19 im-pacted the industry and call for additional aid by urging Congress to:

Cosponsor and pass the Save Hotel Jobs Act (S.1519/H.R.3093)

Cosponsor and pass bills to establish fair per diem rates (H.R.2104/S.2160)

Help provide hoteliers access to the Employ-ee Retention Tax Credit, which currently excludes many hoteliers

“Despite an uptick in leisure travel, midway through 2021 we're still seeing that the road to a full recovery for Amer-ica's hotels is long and uneven. These findings show the economic dev-astation still facing hotel markets and underscore the need for targeted relief from Congress for hotel workers and small busi-nesses,” said Chip Rog-ers, president and CEO of AHLA. “Hotels and their employees have displayed extraordinary resilience in the face of unprecedented economic challenges, but whether it's the Save Ho-tel Jobs Act, fair per diem rates, or expanding the aperture on the Employee

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¼ cup balsamic vinegar  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 cup dry bread crumbs for topping  
salt and pepper to taste

**DIRECTIONS:**  
**STEP 1:** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 de-grees C). Season the eggplant slices with salt, and let stand for about 10 minutes. Drain off liquid.  
**STEP 2:** Heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Quickly brown the eggplant slices on each side.  
**STEP 3:** Place a layer of the eggplant slices in an 8 inch square baking dish or casserole dish. Place some tomato slices over the eggplant, and then a few slices of onion. Repeat layers until you run out of eggplant. Pour bal-samic vinegar over everything. In a small bowl, stir together the bread crumbs and remaining olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Spread in a layer over the vegetables.  
**STEP 4:** Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until the top is golden brown and the eggplant is tender.

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# THE BOCH CENTER ANNOUNCES FIRST HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2021 SEASON

## A Christmas Story, the musical comes to the Boch Center Wang Theatre Dec. 7 – 19

**Staff report**

From the songwriting team behind the smash hit Tony Award-winning musical Dear Evan Hansen and the Academy Award-winning film La La Land, A Christmas Story, The Musical, brings the classic 1983 movie to hilarious life on stage in Boston at the Boch Center Wang Theatre, December 7 – 19, 2021. The Boch Center Wang Theatre continues its tradition as the premiere destination for live holiday entertainment in Boston. Tickets for A Christmas Story, The Musical are now on sale.

“We are excited to announce one of the first pieces of holiday programming this 2021 season with A Christmas Story, The Musical,” said Joe Spaulding, President and CEO of the Boch Center. “It has been a challenging year for our entire community, and what a great way to look forward to the holidays than with a classic live stage show – we are thrilled to welcome back one of our favorite family holiday productions.”

Expanding on health guidelines required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston, the Boch Center has adopted a comprehensive program of health safeguards designed to assure audiences of maximum protection against pathogens including the virus that causes COVID-19.

The Boch Center is the first Massachusetts-based performing arts venue to integrate ActivePure Technology as part of its COVID-19 protection protocols. ActivePure Technology, backed by extensive independent testing, is the fastest-acting, most powerful surface and air disinfecting technology available. The system evolved from the NASA space program and is now used by thousands of schools, hospitals, restaurants, event facilities, businesses, places of worship and residences worldwide. It inactivates up to 99.9 percent of surface and airborne contaminants within minutes or hours of operation (including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, bacteria, mold, fungi and more) without the use of chemicals or ozone.

A Christmas Story, The Musical chronicles young

and bespectacled Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle (“You’ll shoot your eye out kid!”). An infamous leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a maniacal department store Santa, and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish. Chock-full of delightful songs and splashy production numbers, A Christmas Story, The Musical, has proudly taken its place as a perennial holiday classic for the whole family.

Hailed by The Associated Press as “a joyous Christmas miracle,” The New York Times writes “I was dazzled. You’d have to have a Grinch-sized heart not to feel a smile spreading across your face.” A Christmas Story, The Musical premiered on Broadway in 2012 and was a critical and commercial success. The musical was nominated for three TONY Awards® including Best New Musical,

Best Original Score, and Best Book of a Musical.

A Christmas Story, The Musical features a festive and nostalgic holiday themed score by composer/lyricist team Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (TONY Award for Dear Evan Hansen, OSCAR for La La Land), with a book by Joseph Robinette, based on the writings of radio humorist Jean Shepherd and the 1983 holiday film favorite. The tour features direction by Matt Lenz, with casting by Alison Franck. TONY Award® winner Warren Carlyle’s Broadway choreography will be reset for the tour by Jason Sparks. A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL features scenic design by Mike Carnahan, with costume design by Lisa Zinni and lighting design by Charlie Morrison. The hounds will play themselves.

A Christmas Story, The Musical Performance Schedule:

Tuesday- Dec. 7; 7 p.m.  
Wednesday- Dec. 8; 7 p.m. Press Night  
Thursday- Dec. 9; 7 p.m.  
Friday- Dec. 10; 7 p.m.  
Saturday- Dec. 11; 2 p.m.  
Saturday- Dec. 11; 7:30p.m.  
Sunday- Dec. 12; 1 p.m.  
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Sunday- Dec. 19; 6:30p.m.

Tickets for A Christmas Story, The Musical are now on sale and can be purchased at and will be available at the Boch Center Box Office, www.bochcenter.org, by calling (800) 982-ARTS (2787) and via Ticketmaster. Groups of 10 or more may reserve tickets by contacting Boch Center Group Sales at (617) 532-1116 or groups@bochcenter.org.

A Christmas Story, The Musical is produced by Big League Productions, Inc. Led by President and

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Retention Tax Credit, we need Congress’ help on the way to a full recovery. That’s why the industry is united behind our Virtual Action Summit.” COVID-19 is the single worst economic event in the history of the American hotel industry. While the recent uptick in leisure travel for summer is encouraging, business and group travel, the industry’s largest source of revenue, will take significantly longer to recover. Business travel is down and not expected to return to 2019 levels until at least 2023 or 2024. Major events, conventions and business meetings have also already been canceled or postponed until at least 2022. Despite being among the hardest hit by the pandemic, hotels are the only segment of the hospitality and leisure industry yet to receive direct COVID-related aid.

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## Town Paws

# Choking Hazards

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The most frightening moments we've had with dogs are choking incidents. Should this ever happen, you'll want to know what to do and what not to do. The time to learn how to help is now, not when you need it.

### Our Scares

Our first dog, Sassy, gobbled a piece of celery, and it became stuck. She was breathing but struggling to do so between her gagging efforts to get it up or down. We rushed her to an emergency animal hospital, where the veterinarian was able to remove it.

Poppy once tried to swallow the stub of a bully stick and manage to get it halfway down. She was flailing and struggling but breathing. By now, Penny knew how to perform the Heimlich maneuver on a dog but decided not to do that. We didn't know if pulling out the object might do more harm than good, and Poppy was getting air. On our way to the animal ER, she gagged it up. Fortunately, we had grabbed some puppy pads on the way out the door and had those spread out in the car to catch the mess, so we didn't even have a big clean-up to do.

The final scare was recent and involved a friend's dog who was choking on a stick. In this case, Penny had to do a Heimlich which brought up the obstruction. However, the dog was bleeding and needed a trip to the ER. There, a vet removed a piece of wood jammed in the roof of the dog's mouth.

### Choking Hazards

Many dogs are obsessed with sticks, and some love to pick up and carry stones. Both of these are high on the list of choking hazards.

And, choking is not the only danger. Small bits of



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Even in a happy game of fetch, your dog could choke on a piece of stick. Keep a close watch and stop any chewing on the wood.

wood can become embedded in the gums and teeth without your notice. Any piece swallowed could perforate part of the digestive tract and require major surgery. Always let your veterinary team know if your dog has been chewing a stick or is stone obsessed when any strange GI or mouth symptoms appear.

Chews and toys can be dangerous if they are not appropriate for the animal, are worn, or become too small as in Poppy's case. These days, we supervise her gnawing sessions and take away any smallish pieces.

The list of choking hazards is long for cats, and

most are everyday household items like string, ribbon, elastic bands, crumpled aluminum foil, corks, or pieces of their toys. Cats can also get to places that most dogs can't, so it is up to the humans in the home to keep any item that might be an attractive choking hazard contained.

For both cats and dogs, pieces of food small enough to block their airways, if swallowed whole, are dangerous.

### First Aid Classes

While prevention is always the best place to begin, it's better to be ready to step in and act if something should happen. We recommend a local or on-

line pet first aid course for all pet guardians.

Fortunately, there are veterinarians and first aid instructors who have produced careful Heimlich maneuver videos. We suggest you watch a few, pick a favorite and put a link to that one on your phone. While you have the phone out, add a Pet First Aid app. These aids are not a substitute for a trip to the vet. However, they're good to have on the way to a professional or as a last resort.

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