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FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The following events will be held at the First Church of Winthrop, United Methodist located at 217 Winthrop St.

Saturday, September 11 -- First Church's Annual Flea Market -- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL AT GFB



Families dropping their children off for their first day of school at the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School on September 1. See more photos on Page 13.



Sisters, Daniela, second grade, and Alena Capasso, fourth grade.



Stephanie Pettee, Sophia Dimarzo Pettee, and Dominic Dimarzo.

EBNHC provides update on CEO transition process

COO Greg Wilmot to serve as interim CEO

By John Lynds

Since East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Manny Lopes made the shocking announcement earlier this month that he would be leaving his post to serve as Executive Vice

President at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Lopes and the Health Center's Board of Directors provided an update on the transition process.

Lopes and the board's chair, Rita Sorrento, reported after a series of discussions and interviews, the Board has voted unanimously to appoint EBNHC Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Executive Director of Neighborhood PACE Greg Wilmot as Interim President and CEO effective November 1, 2021.

"Since joining the health center in 2017, Greg has made a considerable positive impact on staff, patients, and the EBNHC organization, as a whole," said Lopes and Sorrento

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of town residents to give COVID19 vaccinations and other health supports to some of our most vulnerable residents. These Hometown Health Heroes have given their time and expertise week after week, and hundreds of families in Winthrop have been helped tremendously, and touched by their grace and generosity.

The Winthrop Foundation gratefully recog-

nizes the giving spirit of these women -- and of all the Hometown Heroes -- who've gone above and beyond during these challenging times. Keep an eye out for banners at the East Boston entrance that recognize and celebrate our Hometown Health Heroes:

Sue Gaughan is a re-

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ERUZIONE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Brett Conrad, Galen Kersten, and Mike Kelley take a selfie with Olympic gold medalist Mike Eruzione at the Eruzione Golf Tournament Monday, Aug 30, at the Tedesco Country Club in Marblehead. See more photos on Page 9.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, AUG. 16

0919: A Golden Drive resident reported the theft of a UPS package. The officer provided assistance.

1211: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle that was parked on the wrong side of the road on Grandview Ave. to park her vehicle legally.

1324: A caller reported that his motor vehicle had been vandalized while parked Saturday at the Public Landing. The officer filed a report.

1808: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Upland Rd. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2001: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking zone at the corner of Cutler St. and Shore Drive.

2248: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Court Rd.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. near the Elks for the civil moving violation of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0003: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0009: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. and issued a citation for a criminal offense to the operator. The officer filed a report.

0104: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles in the municipal parking lot on George St.

0118: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles in the area of River Rd.

0127: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles in the municipal lot on Shirley St.

0146: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles on Sturgis St.

0911: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using her identifying information. The officer advised the caller to notify the state unemployment office, but also was advised that the scam itself could be a scam. The resident came to the station to file a report.

1047: A resident called to report that she had received a call from someone purporting to be from Social Security, demanding that she owed money and that if she did not pay, she would be arrested. The resident reported that she had not provided any personal information to the caller and the officer advised her to block the phone number.

1114: An officer directed landscape workers not to park their vehicles on the sidewalk on Washington Ave.

1357: A resident reported receiving a phone call from someone purporting to be from National Grid and demanding that she pay \$398.98. The resident said that she did not owe any money to National Grid and the officer advised her not to give out any personal information.

1708: A resident reported a possible case of identity theft.

2002: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Locust St. for a civil moving violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2300: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main St. and Amelia Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2317: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2344: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2352: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts. for the civil moving violation of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

0015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. near the Elks for the civil moving violation of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0118: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles on Palmyra St.

0123: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a parking permit on Tileston Rd.

0136: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles on Summit Ave.

0137: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles on Bellevue Ave.

0923: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop St. and James Ave. for the civil moving violation of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0935: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop St. and James Ave. for the civil moving violation of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0953: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle in the area of Shirley St. and Shore Drive.

1006: A Nahant Ave. resident reported that his vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator overnight. The officer filed a report.

1009: An officer directed a construction vehicle that was blocking the sidewalk on Crest Ave. to move the vehicle.

1023: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Dolphin Ave. for a civil moving violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1031: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving violation of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator and directed the operator to park the vehicle on private property until the registration issue is resolved.

1122: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

at Pleasant St. and Bartlett Rd. for the civil moving violation of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The operator was able to renew his registration on-line.

1226: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts. for a civil moving violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1242: An officer responded to a report of a raccoon on electric wires at Banks and Wilshire Sts. The officer stood by until the Fire Dept. arrived.

1351: An officer assisted a Court Rd. homeowner who was locked out of his home.

1537: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Buchanan and Winthrop Sts. for the civil moving violation of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The operator was able to renew his registration on-line.

1557: A resident reported being the victim of a scam in which he was defrauded of a large sum of money by a person claiming to be a Microsoft employee.

1638: A resident reported that she had been called by someone purporting to be from National Grid and demanding that she pay her bill. The resident said she did not give out any personal information.

1738: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1835: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1921: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Faun Bar Ave.

2210: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Crest Ave. in which a vehicle had rolled over after striking a parked vehicle. A person was transported to the MGH and both vehicles were towed.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19

0044: An officer dispersed a group of youths

from the tennis courts at Governor's Park.

0124: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Buchanan St.

0141: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles on Sea View Ave.

0220: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Bellevue Ave.

0239: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Sunnyside Ave.

0251: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Waldemar Ave.

1049: A report of a large tree branch in the roadway on Cottage Park Rd. was referred to the DPW.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20

0030: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Halford Beach.

0111: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles on Hermon St.

0115: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Read St.

0217: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Winthrop St.

0232: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles on Tileston Rd.

0259: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles on Payson St.

0841: An officer responded to a report of an accident involving a trash truck and another vehicle at Pleasant St. and Cottage Park Rd. The officer filed a report.

1114: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with expired Connecticut plates on Shore Drive. The officer ordered the vehicle to be towed.

1214: An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident with property damage only on Main St. The officer filed a report.

1958: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident at Grovers and Highland Aves. One vehicle was towed.

2024: A caller reported a hit-and-run accident in the 500 block of Shirley St. The other vehicle was described as an orange Ford Mustang and had left some vehicle parts behind. The officer filed a report.

SATURDAY, AUG. 21

0814: An officer restored the peace between

parties who were causing a disturbance in the 500 block of Shirley St.

0858: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil infraction of violating the hands-free law (texting while driving). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0923: A resident in the 200 block of Shirley St. reported that an errant golf ball from the golf club had smashed through a window in his house. The homeowner spoke to a person at the golf club and it will be resolved between them.

0942: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Marshall Sts. for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was driving his son's vehicle. The son, who lives just around the corner, said he will resolve the matter forthwith.

1755: An officer ordered a tow for a vehicle on Revere St. that had been ticketed and had been on the 72-hour list since Wednesday.

2348: An officer directed persons playing music loudly in the driveway of their residence in the 200 block of Main St. to take it inside for the night.

SUNDAY, AUG. 22

0858: A call from a resident reporting flooding on Franklin St. was referred to the DPW.

0923: An officer secured a sewer cover that had lifted off at Grovers and Cliff Aves.

1149: A Court Rd. resident reported that a wire had ripped off his house. The matter was referred to the Fire Dept.

1541: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and Belcher Sts. When the officer determined that the operator's license had expired, he directed her to go home and take care of the matter forthwith.

MONDAY, AUG. 23

0250: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles in the area of Locust St.

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neighbors are invited. We will have many items for sale, including clothing, furniture, books, games, and more. The Flea Market will be held in our Fellowship Hall, accessed through our parking lot behind the church building.

Sunday, September 12 -- Homecoming Sunday -- 11 a.m.

All are welcome! The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Join us after the service for coffee and light refreshments in our side yard.

Wednesday, September

15 -- Evensong -- 6:30 p.m.

First Church is excited to announce a new weekly service, taking place each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Inspired by the meditative songs of the Taizé community, this service will be a time for prayer, healing, and contemplation. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

St. Michael's (formerly St. John's) parish in Winthrop is hosting its annual Golf Tournament on Mon-

day, September 20 at the Winthrop Golf Club. If you would like more information or to sign up to play, please call 617-846-7400. Proceeds benefit St. Michael's Youth Ministry.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and for many the subject of suicide is off limits. They believe the mere mention of suicide around friends and family can cause suicidal

thoughts for them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Approximately 47,500 Americans died by their own hand in 2019, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in this nation. Suicide rates in the US have climbed 33% in the last decade. One of the ways to reduce that number is by talking about suicide and suicidal ideation, which can spur meaningful conversations about mental health and potentially save lives.

Even more concerning is that suicide and suicide attempts among our na-

tion's youth (ages 10-24) are on the rise. According to information released last year by the CDC, 19% of youth had seriously considered attempting suicide, 16% had made a suicide plan, 9% had made a suicide attempt, and 2.5% had made a suicide attempt that was significant enough to require medical treatment.

Join the conversation, and reach out to those who have been personally affected by suicide, raise awareness, and connect those struggling with suicidal ideation to professional counselors and

treatment services that can help them.

If your child or someone you love is struggling with depression or thinking about suicide, get help now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), is a free resource, available 24 hours a day for anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. The Crisis Text Line is a free 24/7 text line where trained crisis counselors support individuals in crisis. Text "Jason" to 741741 to speak with a compassionate, trained Crisis Counselor. Confidential support 24/7, for free.

The Jason Foundation (JFI) is another available resource. Although September is set aside as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, JFI works toward suicide prevention all year long. JFI is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the tools and resources to identify and assist at-risk youth.

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MassBio announces joint leadership team with Joe Boncore selected as CEO

Burlin O’Connell will continue serving as President and COO

Special to the Transcript

After a seven-month search process led by a Board-level search committee with the help of an executive search firm, MassBio has selected Senator Joe Boncore to serve as its new Chief Executive Officer. Kendalle Burlin O’Connell, the President and Chief Operating Officer, who was elevated to President last year will work in partnership with Joe to continue MassBio’s mission to advance Massachusetts’ leadership in the life sciences to grow the industry, add value to the healthcare system, and

improve patient lives. The search committee determined that Joe was uniquely and preeminently qualified, deeply passionate about MassBio’s mission, and the best positioned for the new CEO role. The nationwide search, which began in February, and considered more than 150 candidates with diverse personal and professional backgrounds, started off with a listening tour to determine what the Board and staff members were looking for in a new CEO.

“With Bob’s departure, we had the unique opportunity to strategically focus on the future needs of the life sciences industry here in Massachusetts and what type of experience and background we want

to continue MassBio’s success and strength,” said Pam Randhawa vice chair of the MassBio Board and co-chair of the search committee. “We interviewed candidates with expertise in public affairs, communications, and the life sciences field and believe Joe to be the best suited to take on this role. Joe’s personal and professional background means he understands both the policy landscape and the patient experience.”

Kendalle Burlin O’Connell will continue to oversee membership, innovation services and programming, the MassBioHub Business and Conference Center, develop and enforce organizational policies and procedures, and oversee MassBio Edge, the organi-

zation’s leading purchasing consortium. Kendalle has held the title of President and COO since December of 2020 and will now collaborate with Joe as a new leadership team.

“MassBio launched in 1985 with six members as the first state biotech trade association, immediately establishing value for its members and the nascent industry through public policy advocacy and discounts through a group purchasing consortium,” said Kendalle Burlin O’Connell. “Thirty-six years later, Massachusetts is the best place in the world for the life sciences, with our members developing breakthrough therapies. I look forward

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D’AMBROSIO STOPS BY WHS CAR WASH FUNDRAISER



Candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio joined the Winthrop High School girl's soccer team during their annual car wash fundraiser this past Saturday, Aug. 29.

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in the State while rising through the ranks to a leadership position as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on transportation.

“I’ve had an incredible opportunity to get a lot accomplished with the entire Senate and Senate President Karen Spilka, for issues that were near and dear to my heart like criminal justice reform and housing affordability and finding a way to deal with the transportation infrastructure woes that have plagued the Commonwealth.”

Boncore said he what

he will most about his work as a senator is the constituent services “and dealing with constituents that I’ve grown to know and love in a lot of cases over the past 5 ½ years.”

“I think any elected official will tell you that there’s no better feeling that being able to help people in their time of need,” said Boncore.

He thanked his colleagues in state government in the district, including former House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, and State Reps. Jeffrey Turco and Jessica Gi-



State Sen. Joseph Boncore is expected to officially step down from his role as an elected official to accept a CEO position at MassBio .

annino, Adrian Madaro and Aaron Michlewitz for their support and team-

work. “It’s been a pleasure to not only represent the constituents, but having the opportunity to serve on Senate President Spilka’s leadership team and work with that team on policy issues and driving the Commonwealth forward,” said Boncore.

Finally, he expressed his appreciation to his father, current Winthrop Town Council President Philip Boncore. “My father has obviously had a long career in public service and in some ways he guided me into a life of serving and helping others,” said

Boncore. “That’s what piqued my interest to run for the State Senate, and that’s what got me to a position where I’m able to take the next step in my life and help so many patients. Patient advocacy is really at the core of the job I’ll be doing, and I’m looking forward to doing it, and I guess, in the image of my father that he set out for me. Helping people has always been something that’s been ingrained in me since I was a child.”

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tired nurse who has been a fixture in the Winthrop Public Health Department from the very start of the pandemic. She has given countless hours to contact tracing, isolation/quarantine follow ups, in home

vaccines for those who otherwise would have been unable to access vaccinations. She is also a long-time member of the Winthrop MRC (Medical Reserve Corps).

Linda Calla began volunteering in the Winthrop Health Department to answer phones as the second surge of COVID19 began to overwhelm our community. She quickly became an integral part of the team

with her logistical and organizational skills to help develop spreadsheets, organize necessary tasks, make vaccine and testing appointments, and most recently document vaccine clinics. Linda is an active member of the Winthrop MRC and is President of Survivors by the Sea, which has expanded from a cancer focus to community service.

she continues to volunteer with local vaccine clinics as well.

Mary Lou Cooney is a retired Physician Assistant who has spent much of her career overseas, working in the Peace Corp and other organizations to address community health. She has been a huge asset to the COVID19 response as a contact tracer, disease investigator and a general consultant on providing community vaccines. Mary Lou is an active member of the MRC.

ics as well. Willing to help and support, even at the last minute, she has now been actively recruited to volunteer with the MRC as well.

Meredith Hurley is the the Director of the Winthrop Health Department and a Registered Nurse. After receiving her bachelor’s degree in Bio-Premed with communicable disease as the part she found most interesting, she shifted and received her nursing degree, worked for 12 years at Children’s Hospital and was asked to fill in for the public health nurse in Winthrop. Meredith then became Director of the Health Department. She’s now finishing her Master’s in Public Health as she leads the town through one its most challenging public health crises ever.

Front left to right: Linda Calla, Sue Gaughan, Susan Maguire, Russ Sanford (Chairman, Winthrop Foundation), Mike Vatalaro (MassPort). Second row: Vinny Crossman (Secretary, Winthrop Foundation), Chrissy Dambrosio (Foundation Trustee), Gus Martucci (Foundation Trustee), Sue Huberman, Meredith Hurley (DPH Director), Brian Leslie (Treasurer, Winthrop Foundation). Rear: Terence Delhanty (Interim Town Manager, Foundation Trustee)

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in a joint statement this week. “Greg’s leadership has contributed to a more than 48 percent growth in the Neighborhood PACE program, which now boasts a 95 percent satisfaction score – among the highest in the nation.”

Lopes and Sorrento said after his promotion to COO last September, Wilmot played a key role in helping to design and execute EBNHC’s COVID-19 vaccination strategy, which resulted in over 100,000 doses administered in communities hit hardest by the pandemic.

“Additionally, in the wake of last year’s national reckoning on racial injustice, Greg led EBNHC’s Racial Equity Project, bringing an intentional



EBNHC COO Greg Wilmot to serve as interim CEO after Manny Lopes leaves at the end of October.

and strategic focus to the health center’s efforts to address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as a healthcare institution, business leader, and community partner,” they said. “We feel strongly that given his experience, background, and history at the health

center, Greg is a strong, dedicated, capable leader and is well-prepared to support this transition.”

Prior to November, Lopes and Sorrento said the Board will work closely with Wilmot to ensure he is familiar with key initiatives and to make introductions where necessary.

“Concurrently, EBNHC’s Board of Directors will continue to develop and define next steps to establish a permanent replacement,” they said. “We estimate that this process will take several months.”

Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization’s Mass-Health Accountable Care

Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center’s director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

BACON ROASTED CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS:

2 tablespoons butter

1 (4 pound) whole chicken

salt and pepper to taste

1 teaspoon dried thyme

2 carrots, cut in chunks

paprika to taste

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2 cups beef broth

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1:

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OUR Opinions

ENJOY A SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

There’s a temptation for people to splurge at the end of things. We all are familiar with the idea, “If this is the last, let’s make it a blast!”

We don’t have anything against that sentiment, but all too often that sort of mindset leads to risky behavior and tragic outcomes.

If there is nothing else we have learned after being in the newspaper business for more than 50 years, it is this: A person can do everything right and live by the book for their entire life, but all it takes is one mistake of judgment that can change everything, both for themselves and others.

Persons who otherwise might not have a drinking problem can indulge just a bit too much at an event such as an end-of-summer celebration and -- presto, in the snap of a finger -- they have killed or maimed themselves or others in a driving, boating, or other accident.

And then there are the problem drinkers among us who look for any excuse to “celebrate,” which means getting hammered at a Labor Day weekend gathering, instantly making them a threat to the safety of themselves and others.

However, the usual excessive partying is not the only danger we face this Labor Day weekend. The Delta variant of COVID-19 is lurking everywhere and no one -- not even the vaccinated -- are safe from infection.

As we are writing this, the forecast calls for a sunny Labor Day weekend with pleasant temperatures in the 70s (a welcome respite after our washouts of the Memorial Day and July 4 holiday weekends), which means that we will be able to engage in our Labor Day activities outdoors where we can socialize safely -- though from a distance.

But if our festivities are not outside, all of us need to be wary of gathering indoors unless everybody is masked.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

THE 13 SERVICE MEMBERS WERE TRUE HEROES

Every American was saddened last week upon hearing the news of the suicide bombing by a terrorist in Afghanistan that claimed the lives of 13 U.S. service men and women, 11 of whom were Marines and one each from the Army and Navy.

If any of our readers have not had a chance to read the personal stories of these brave and dedicated young men and women, we encourage you to do so. Their life-stories are inspirational and demonstrate the high-quality of the dedicated individuals who serve in our armed forces today. They were amazing young men and women who came from disparate backgrounds and from all across the country, but who stood united in their desire to show the world the best that America can be.

These 13 service members knew of the danger they were facing outside of the Abbey Gate at Kabul’s Hamid Karzai Airport, yet they continued to process the hundreds of Afghan nationals who were seeking to come to the United States to flee persecution from the Taliban.

They did their duty in the face of danger for which they made the ultimate sacrifice.

Contrary to what the pundits and usual-suspect politicians are saying, the incredible effort by these 13 soldiers and their comrades that resulted in the airlifting of more than 125,000 of our Afghanistan allies stands as a testament to the ability of our military to complete its mission.

No other nation on earth could have accomplished what we did in Afghanistan over the past two weeks -- and no other nation even remotely will be able to come close in the future.

Our military could have packed its bags and said, “Good luck,” when the Afghan government fled, but instead we made a herculean effort to get our people and allies out of the country.

The Supreme Sacrifice made by those 13 servicemen and women forever will stand as a reminder to the world of America’s resolve and strength, which once again has proven that we are the greatest and strongest nation on earth by any measure.

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GUEST OP-ED

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Afghanistan is an unending nightmare that will never go away.

We got Osama Bin Laden. We wanted to avenge the heinous deaths of September 11, 2001. We were all mad and we are still angry about what evil people did on that day. We will never forget. We could have covertly taken out Bin Laden and many more terrorists without all that our political leaders have done over the last 20 years.

Thousands of parents lost their children in Afghanistan. Thousands of spouses lost husbands and wives. Children lost their parents. These precious Americans will suffer the rest of their lives over the loss of their loved ones.

The long Afghanistan war broke the hearts of Americans as 6,294 Mil-

Afghanistan will never go away

itary and American contractors have been killed. Sixty-six thousand Afghan national military and police have been killed. Over 47,000 Afghan civilians killed. Aid workers killed. Journalists killed. The Afghanistan and Iraq war has cost Americans \$2 trillion. Financially it will never be over for most living Americans.

There are reports that the United States has committed to pay \$2 trillion more in health care, disability, burial and other costs for roughly 4 million Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans. America has a tough job caring for our own Veterans. For years we did a very poor job of providing good care for Veterans with physical and mental needs.

The estimated interest costs of these wars by 2050 is \$6.5 trillion.

There will never be an

end to our 20-year nightmare war in Afghanistan. Families will suffer every day from the grief of the loss of loved ones who sacrificed their lives. Every year we all will pay on the trillions of dollars in debt created by the war. For the rest of most American’s lives, we will pay on the trillions of dollars of money that we have committed to care for Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans. As we pay these huge obligations, Americans will struggle to pay for health care. Senior adults will be given minimal cost of living increases. American young people will be buried by college debt.

Further, reports indicate that we have handed over to the Taliban approximately 22,000 Humvees, 8000 large trucks, 42,000 pick-up trucks, 358,000 assault rifles, 64,000 machine guns and 126,000

pistols, plus 155 mine-proof vehicles. We have equipped them with billions of dollars of high-priced items that we will pay on forever. They will use American equipment to dominate a defenseless nation of people that will now be left behind to try to survive a revitalized Taliban.

We may be finally leaving Afghanistan, but Afghanistan, for our generation, will never go away.

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.

Transfer student disparities grow across racial and ethnic lines

Staff Report

In the 2020-21 academic year, higher education lost about 191,500 transfer students, or 8.4% compared to the previous year, according to research released today by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. The COVID-19: Transfer, Mobility, and Progress Academic Year 2020-21 Report, the fifth in the series, reflects the pandemic’s full-blown impact on postsecondary students.

This is the first comprehensive report to assess effects of the pandemic on student transfer during the entire academic year, in which 2.1 million undergraduate students transferred to a college other than their last enrolled institution between July 2020 and June 2021.

“The bright spot for students is the increase in upward transfer into

highly selective four-year colleges and universities,” said Doug Shapiro, Executive Director, National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. “As transfers overall decline and equity gaps grow, however, this small segment alone cannot erase the larger concerns of diminished opportunity for students.”

How enrollment and transfer patterns continue to persist or diverge going into the upcoming academic year remains to be seen, but the Research Center expects as the pandemic continues, there will likely be further divergences among students and institutions, deepening the longstanding concerns over disparities in student mobility and progress.

2020-2021 Year in Review Highlights include:

While every pathway of transfer suffered declines, the rate of decline was not

the same. Upward transfers, moving from two-year to four-year colleges, held up relatively well, with only a 1.3% decline or about 11,900 student losses. Pandemic-driven losses were more notable in the fall. In fact, upward transfers increased in spring.

Disparities in upward transfer mobility increased during the pandemic year. Asian and Latinx upward transfers grew (+5.9% and +1.4%, respectively), but Black and Native American upward transfers fell further than pre-pandemic decline (-6.1% and -4.1%, respectively) while White students saw a drop consistent with the pre-pandemic rate of decline (-4.4%).

Only highly selective institutions expanded their total transfer enrollment for the year, thanks to an unusually large one-year growth in upward transfer (10.3%). This growth included all student groups,

irrespective of gender, race, and ethnicity, or transferring within states or into different states (see the figure on the following page).

Patterns of upward transfer mobility along institutional selectivity, gender, and race and ethnicity shifted over the course of the academic year, most notably changing from highly selective colleges leading the growth of upward transfers in fall 2020, to marked increases in Latinx upward transfers in spring 2021 that were more concentrated at less competitive institutions.

As upward transfer inflows grow at highly selective colleges and a few leading primarily online institutions, their persistence post-transfer appears to be suffering. In contrast, no significant persistence rate drops at-

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to working with Joe to advance and sustain Massachusetts’ leadership in the service of our 1,400+ members who are working hard every day to improve the lives of patients.”

In his new role, Joe will manage MassBio’s federal affairs and state government relations, and take the lead on initiatives to sustain Massachusetts’ economic competitiveness focusing on issues around infrastructure, workforce, and digital health. Along with Kendalle, Joe will be the interface with the MassBio Board, shape the organization’s long-term strategic planning, and be the liaison with the business community.

“It’s an honor to join such a renowned organization and one where I am so passionate about the

mission. I know firsthand how critical the research and development of the new treatments and cures are to the wellbeing of patients here and around the world. I spent more than four months in the NICU with my twins where I saw every day the power of this industry and the hope that innovation can provide. I understand how to advocate for policies that incentivize innovation, improve patient outcomes, and seek enhancements to health-care delivery,” said Joe Boncore.

Joe will formally submit his letter of resignation to the Senate next week with an effective start date mid-September.

MassBio is eager to advance as an organization with two highly qualified and motivated leaders at the

helm. Through their joint leadership structure, the organization will continue its membership growth trajec-

tory and better serve their 1,400+ members through a new lens.

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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ARTICLE 979 — THE HIGHLANDS CREST AVE. TRAIN STATION



Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R.R. Winthrop Highlands Station
circa 1890



WINTHROP HIGHLANDS

There are several Then & Now subjects that you the readers have expressed a desire to learn more about and Winthrop’s almost seventy year adventure with rail transportation is high on the list. Commencing with a very brief period of a horse drawn trolley in the early 1870’s, it developed by 1888, into a successful railroad of narrow gauge (3 foot wide) track, with nine stations, that connected with the East Boston ferry service to Boston, and ran in a loop through the town before returning to its origin. This line started with steam driven locomotives pulling a small number of passenger cars on a single track. In 1903 the line was double tracked to be able to provide more timely service by having trains run in both directions. In 1928 the entire system was electrified but on January 27, 1940 its operation was regretfully discontinued for financial reasons. Our Narrow Gauge Railroad was greatly loved by those who lived here as well as the many tourist and summer residents who vacationed in our seaside com-

munity. The stations we all remember were as follows, in clockwise order: Pleasant St. Station, Cherry St. Station (later renamed Battery Park), Highlands Station, Ocean Spray Station, Shirley St. Station (later renamed Playstead), Beach Station, Thornton Park Station, Center Station and Ingalls Station. Four weeks ago, the first of this Then & Now series on these stations addressed the Cherry Street/ Battery Station and today the Highland’s Station is being featured. When originally built in 1887/8, it appeared as shown in the first picture dated circa 1890. The cameraman of that time was standing on Highland Avenue, a short distance below Temple Avenue, looking out across the single track lying in a trench located where the Crest Avenue Playground stands today. The steps leading from the track up to the Station were near the edge of the present parking lot where the station was situated. Behind the Station is Crest Avenue where the stores are currently situated on the other side of the street. Picture two,

taken about 1900 before the road bed was double tracked, shows the roof installed over the stairs to the train platform and the snow accumulation after a storm. Again notice that there is still only a single set of tracks. In the third picture, again taken from the same angle, one can notice the 1903 double set of tracks mentioned before and the poles installed in 1928 to support the overhead wires when the Narrow Gauge Railroad was electrified. In the distance, behind the station, one can see the top of the Highland (Dalrymple) School which was constructed in 1921. In picture four, taken on 22 August 1940 from in front of the Crest Avenue stores, the station, which was boarded up in February, is shown being dismantled. Another memento of “less hurried times” has been removed from the scene. Once the building was gone and the trench filled in, the Crest Avenue Playground and Parking Lot were established. This area was subsequently dedicated in 1945 as “The WWII Memorial Park”.



HIGHLANDS STATION



WINTHROP HIGHLANDS 22 AUG.



THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago September 1, 2011

Hurricane Irene, the weekend hurricane that wreaked havoc on most of the Eastern Seaboard last week, did comparatively little damage here in Winthrop, according to Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Paul Flanagan. “Mostly we had tree damage and some power outages due to the trees,” said Flanagan. “At the peak we had about 120 homes without power and six streets closed because of downed power lines and trees, but that was really the extent of the damage.” Winthrop’s harbor was also lightly hit, as two boats sunk at docks from the rough seas, including one at the town pier and one at Crystal Cove Marina.

Though the impacts of Tropical Storm Irene on Winthrop as it passed through Sunday were not very significant, an unrelated hazardous materials spill during the storm created some added confusion and problems for the Winthrop public safety departments. According to Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, a 250-gallon sulphuric acid spill inside the plant on Sunday night, August 28, generated a level three hazardous materials response from the city of Boston, which resulted in 21 pieces of firefighting and hazardous materials apparatus rushing to the island through Winthrop. “In reality, the chemical spill was actually handled within the plant by plant personnel, mostly before Boston crews even got there,” said Flanagan.

Winthrop resident Linda Breaux has been promoted to the post of Assistant Superintendent of the Chelsea schools.

The Three Musketeers, Contagion, and The Lion King are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Sept. 6, 2001

A local man, Eugene McCollom, 36, has been charged by Chelsea Police with the brutal murder of a prostitute in that city in which her dismembered torso was found in a dumpster at the Chelsea Soldiers Home last November. Police are investigating whether McCollom may be connected to the brutal murders of three other women over the past nine years. McCollom is a Winthrop native and a graduate of Winthrop High School. His younger brother, Patrick, was stabbed to death during a brawl in a Revere Beach nightclub five years ago. Video surveillance and DNA testing led to the arrest of McCollom, who was apprehended at the L Street Bath House in South Boston. The woman who was his alleged victim has yet to be identified. Friends described McCollom as quiet and a gentleman, but who has a problem with alcohol. McCollom has been in AA for a number of years and friends said they noticed a change in him after his brother had been killed.

New Town Clerk Claire Shelly reports that a large number of absentee ballots already have been cast ahead of the big Prop. 2 and 1/2 override vote that is set for September 24.

The selectmen met with representatives of the Paul

Revere Bus Company to discuss improvements they would like to see in local bus service.

The WHS football team will open its 2001 campaign Friday evening under the lights at Miller Field against Amesbury. The Vikings will be led by Coach Tony Fucillo, who is in his 15th season, and Capt. Bobby Breaux.

Shrek, Hardball, and The Glass House are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Sept. 4, 1991

The selectmen met with the Board of Water Commissioners Monday night and were assured by Water Commission Chairman Tom McCarthy that the long-overdue water bills will be going out soon, but that residents should expect a large increase in their water rates, from \$1.56 to \$2.10 per 100 cubic feet. McCarthy also told the selectmen that there are \$50,000 in unpaid water bills and \$115,000 in unpaid sewer bills, which includes \$18,800 owed by Winthrop Hospital. Water Department employee Dolores Hickley noted that this has been the worst year ever for collections because of the bad economy. The water and sewer increase is attributable to rate increases being passed onto the town by the MWRA, which is constructing a massive sewage treatment plant on Deer Island. Cities and towns in the MWRA district are suing the MWRA over the rate increases.

The Fire Department has noted an alarming increase in fires in the town in recent months, with arson suspected as the prime reason for the increase. There were 19 arson fires in Winthrop in 1990.

Sound testing by Massport in the Court Park area is showing that decibel levels are higher than anticipated from the jet noise at Logan Airport.

Boyz in the Hood, The Doctor, and The Pope Must Die are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Sept. 2, 1981

Winthrop residents have purchased 23 of the 51 condo units sold thus far at the new Ft. Heath complex, according to developer Sanford Kaplan. A total of 246 units is planned for the nine-acre site, which should prove a financial boon for the town, contributing \$750,000 in new property taxes, which represents more than 10 percent of the town’s levy present limit under Prop. 2 and 1/2, but which will be added to the levy limit.

Winthrop School Supt. Mike Fortunato reports that the first day of school went smoothly today for the Winthrop public schools. WHS juniors and seniors report tomorrow.

Eighty Winthrop residents attended a cookout for former Gov. Mike Dukakis to plan his strategy for re-taking the governor’s seat from Winthrop resident Edward J. King, who unseated Dukakis in the 1978 Democratic primary in a stunning upset.

Alan Alda, Sandy Dennis, and Carol Burnett star in The Four Seasons at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Sept. 8, 1971

The School Committee has named Michael Fortunato as the new Asst. Supt. of Schools. He will succeed Charles Nugent, who left for a post in the Lynnfield school system. Fortunato comes from the Everett schools, where he worked for 23 years, the last 13 as an Asst. Principal at the Parlin Junior High.

Police arrested a 19 year-old local youth who had broken into a 40-foot cabin cruiser at the Crystal Cove Marina. The youth had injured himself while breaking into the boat. He was barely conscious when police arrived and was bleeding profusely from his leg.

Despite opposition from residents, the selectmen have given approval to the Cottage Park Y.C. to fill in a portion of the club’s land adjacent to its parking lot to be used for parking sailboats for the youth sailing program during the summer months. The fill must be sanitary and the club still needs approval from the state.

An East Boston youth was arrested by local police in the Centre during an attempted stabbing of a Winthrop youth.

New construction projects in town this summer include: Three new buildings at the Governor’s Park apartment complex at the former Ft. Banks; a new gas station and commercial building at the site of the former Petersen garage on Revere St.; a new, two-story structure at the Twin Bakery on Revere St.; the new junior high school on Pauline St. on the site of the former Winthrop High School; new apartment buildings at the intersection of Veterans Rd. and Washington Ave., formerly the site of old garages; a \$100,000 street improvement project; a \$175,000 public landing facility on land adjacent to the Winthrop Y.C.; the dedication of the recently-completed Sons of Italy building on the site of the former Tewksbury’s Express; and the biggest news of all, the start of the apartment complex at Ft. Heath by developer Sanford Kaplan.

Blue Water, White Death is playing at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago September 9, 1961

The sickening odors from the mud flats along Winthrop’s inner harbor reached all the way to the State House this week as the plight of Winthrop residents was discussed at a conference in the office of Gov. John A. Volpe. Winthrop Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Vaughan proposed reopening Shirley Gut as a means of increasing the circulation of water in the harbor. Vaughan said that the lack of circulation was allowing the sea algae to hover over the flats at high tide and sink gently into the mud, where at low tide they decompose in warm weather and emit their foul odor. Previous efforts to wash away the algae with Winthrop Fire Department hoses and last week’s effort to kill the algae with copper sulfate have proven futile.

A bashful but proud group of youngsters of

Senator Ed Markey holds Climate Action Conversation at NE Aquarium

By John Lynds

At a Climate Action Conversation at the New England Aquarium last Thursday U.S. Sen. Ed Markey called the global warming crisis a ‘Code Red’ and outlined steps needed to be taken now to ensure a sustainable future for the planet.

Markey was at the Aquarium to call for the passing of the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation package in congress.

“We join together at the New England Aquarium to talk about the severe reality of climate change and the urgency of this moment,” said Markey. “The budget resolution represents our best opportunity to confront the climate crisis with jobs and justice. Let’s get it done.”

Markey, co-author of the Green New Deal resolution and Chair of the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate and Nuclear Safety, said all the signs of a warming planet are evident, the science is pretty conclusive and the need to act is now.

“This is a code red,” said Markey last week. “We are also seeing the real impacts of the climate crisis in our country. With the wildfires in the West, where people have lost homes and families have been broken apart, these extreme weather events are causing crises like the Dixie Fire in California. This is real, whether it was in 2020 or today the United States is experiencing extreme weather events regularly.”

Most recently Hurricane Henri, said Markey, could have been a

catastrophe for coastal neighborhoods.

“If the tide was just five feet higher the day Henri hit we would have had a storm surge that would have put downtown Boston and other (coastal) neighborhoods under water,” said Markey.

Of the budget resolution Markey said, “This (budget resolution) will be a generational investment in the future of our people and our planet. It confronts our climate crisis and gives working people a fair shake, all while making corporations and the ultra-wealthy finally pay their fair share. For too long, the playing field has been tilted towards the rich and powerful and against working Americans who bear the brunt of climate change, economic inequality, racial injustice, and the COVID-19 pandemic. This budget resolution puts us on a path to address these interlocking crises, including taking meaningful and powerful action on the climate crisis. We can create millions of good, union jobs and

unleash clean energy technologies that are made in America. I look forward to working with my Democratic colleagues to pass this budget for the American people.”

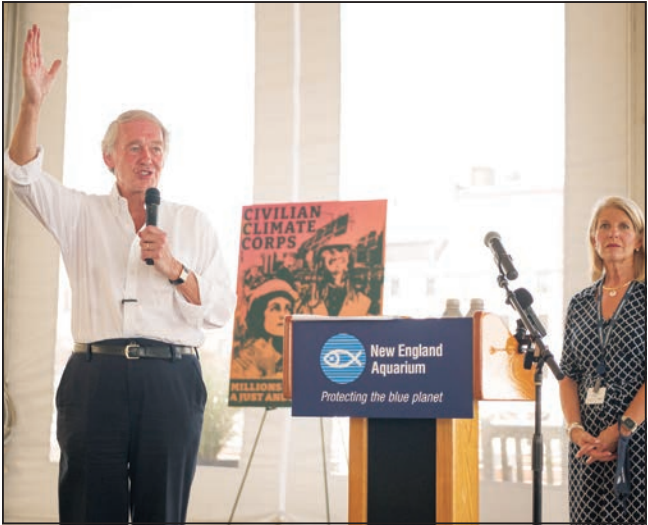
Markey said recently the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued its Sixth Assessment Report, which details how human activity is unequivocally driving global temperature rise and changes in weather at unprecedented rates. The IPCC report finds that global temperatures will continue to increase until at least mid-century, exceeding 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius unless we take the steps to ensure deep reductions in carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases this decade and next.

“This IPCC report reaffirms what we are seeing and suffering right now across our country: climate change will continue to cost us lives and livelihoods if we don’t respond with the scope and scale this moment demands,” said Mar-

key. “From increasing intensity and frequency of extreme heat, to catastrophic precipitation and devastating droughts, no person or community will be able to hide from the serious and most dire impacts of our human-driven climate crisis. Previous IPCC reports should have been roadmaps for action -- the scientists have spoken clearly for more than a generation about the damage humans are doing to our planet. This report must be the final warning to the world that time has run out to save the planet from dangerous and irreversible climate change.”

Markey said the government and people, “can’t agonize’ but ‘must organize’ to save the planet.

“Just like the young people across the country and world who are demanding action from their leaders, an intergenerational movement of climate leaders are calling on Congress to include major climate action in the budget reconciliation package — which is our best opportunity to respond with solutions to the impacts outlined by the IPCC,” he said. “With policies to drive deep cuts in emissions, protect communities from climate impacts, and provide equity and justice to overburdened communities, we can respond to overwhelming evidence and take the necessary action to save our people and our planet. If Senators truly followed the science in this report, we’d have 100 votes for climate action to match the 100 percent certainty that human-caused climate change is destroying our planet.”



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey hosted a Climate Action Conversation at the New England Aquarium last Thursday

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the Charles St. neighborhood presented a check for \$6.55 to the Winthrop Community Hospital, representing the proceeds of a fair they recently conducted.

A total of 3837 children filed into Winthrop classrooms for the start of the new school year, of whom 2997 are attending the public schools and 840 in grades 1-6 at St. John the Evangelist parochial school.

The selectmen have scheduled a meeting with representatives of the Massachusetts Port Authority to address the complaints of local residents about the increasing noise problem from jet planes at Logan Airport.

Lana Turner and Efrem Zimbalist Jr. star in By Love Possessed at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago Sept. 6, 1951

School Supt. Orrin Hatch reported an opening day enrollment of 2905 students in the Winthrop schools, an increase of 63 over last year and the most since 1941.

Arthur F. Doherty began yet another school year, his 50th as the custodian at the Center School. When Doherty first reported for work in 1901, the town’s population was 6000 and the school enrollment was 997.

More than 1500 children took part in the season-ending jamboree of the Winthrop Parks and Rec. Dept. that was held at Miller Field. Their parents took part in the festivities in the evening with a square dance in the Cen-

ter with tunes played from a jukebox.

An economic survey reports that the average weekly wage of a factory worker in Massachusetts is \$70.00.

Ava Gardner, Howard Keel, and Kathryn Grayson star in Show Boat at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres. David Niven stars in Happy Go Lucky at the Revere Drive In.

80 years ago Sept. 4, 1941

The three-day bus strike by Rapid Transit bus drivers, which inconvenienced an estimated 7000 local commuters daily and gave East Boston its worst traffic jams in years, came to an end at 10:20 Tuesday night when the recommendations laid down by the State Board of Conciliation were accepted by the company and union officials. The new wage scale for drivers increased from 61 cents to 75 cents per hour and mechanics’ wages were boosted by 15 percent.

Mrs. Ralph Harper Jr., daughter-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Harper, rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church, recently told of the ordeal she underwent to escape the Nazis after the fall of Athens, Greece where she and her husband were working for the British consul. She left Greece a week before the Germans arrived and traveled to Capetown by way of Cairo in order to secure passage to the U.S.

90 years ago Sept. 5, 1931

State Rep. John Clancy

has conducted his own investigation of auto insurance ratings and has concluded that although local motorists were treated unfairly last year when the compulsory auto insurance rates were set, they now are being treated fairly. Clancy discovered that last year Winthrop had been placed into the same rating district as Everett and other cities that have higher accident rates than we do. But this year, even though local motorists will see an increase in their rates, we have been placed into a rating group with towns similar to ours.

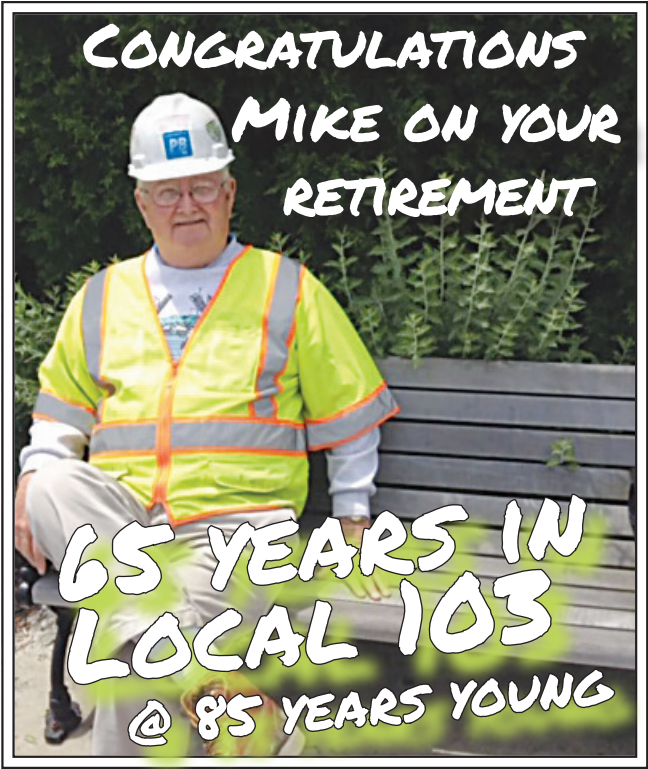
Work on the new Post Office building finally began this week after three years of discussion and planning.

A total of 3260 students reported to the local public schools for the first week of the new school year.

100 years ago September 3, 1921

The body of Cpl. Richard F. Metcalf, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks Metcalf, who was killed in the World War in the fields of France, will arrive home Saturday. Fire alarms will toll to announce to all citizens that his body has arrived in town and will lie in state in the American Legion headquarters Saturday and Sunday with a funeral procession planned for Sunday.

Residents are mourning the passing of William G. Orcutt, 70 Bartlett Rd., who passed away this week. Orcutt, a local builder, constructed all of the bungalows on Bartlett Rd., Woodside Ave., and Adams St., as well as the Washington Chambers and the block of stores in the Centre. He also had business operations in Boston, New York, Florida, and Springfield.



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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

FALL SPORTS SWING INTO 2021 SEASON

With the pandemic restrictions of 2020 hopefully in the rear-view mirror and a return to near-normalcy on the horizon, the 2021 Winthrop High fall athletic season is set to get underway next week.

The Viking golfers, under the direction of new head coach Weston Lazarus, will tee-off for the start of the 2021 fall campaign with a match against Northeastern Conference rival Swampscott today (Thursday) at the Winthrop Golf Club.

Lazarus and his crew, who will compete in 16 matches through the conclusion of their season on October 13, will play at Saugus next Wednesday and at Masconomet next Thursday.

The WHS boys and

girls soccer teams will kick off their 2021 seasons next week.

Coach Kyle Gagin and his Viking crew will host Saugus on Tuesday evening at 6:00 under the lights at Miller Field. They then will trek to Marblehead next Thursday.

“So far, things have looked really good in the pre-season,” said Gagin, whose 2021 edition will be led by a quartet of captains, seniors Zane Bower, Juan Guauque, Ryan Kfoury, and J.D. Parker. “This year’s team is pretty competitive and I think we’ll surprise a few teams in the NEC.”

Gagin and his Vikings were scheduled to host Triton in a pre-season scrimmage today (Thursday) at Miller.

Coach Tracey Martucci and her girls squad also

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WHS GIRLS SOCCER TAKE PART IN JAMBOREE

Photos by Bob Marra

Girls soccer got underway for area high schools Sunday with a multi-team Jamboree at Medford High School. Winthrop played one of its games against the Chelsea Red Devils.

Shown right: Winthrop's Nora McCarey sneaks up behind Chelsea's Kaylee Armas.

Shown far right: Emma Holmes runs into some defensive resistance



Stefania Spinazzola gets off a shot in front of Chelsea's Chailey Socop



Emma Holmes picks a path between a pair of Chelsea defenders.



Emma Forsyth is confronted by a pair of Chelsea defenders.



Mia Norris controls the ball as she escapes a pack of Chelsea defenders.



Grace Galuris.



Matthew Hurley.

Galuris, Hurley named WHS scholar-athletes

Grace Galuris and Matthew Hurley, both members of the Winthrop High Class of 2021, were recognized as Winthrop High's Scholar-Athletes for 2021 by the Northeastern Conference.

Grace Galuris was ranked 16th in the senior class (out of 146 grads) with a GPA of 4.356 and embodied the role of a student-athlete. By the conclusion of her four-year high school career, Grace had completed seven Advanced Placement courses and was a three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse for all four of her years at WHS. She was the recipient of the President's Award for Educational Excellence (top 10%) and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Viewed as a leader both on and off the field by her classmates, teammates, and coaches, Galuris was named a captain during her junior and senior years for basketball, as well as her senior year for soccer, and was elected the Class Treasurer for all four years at WHS.

Grace also was active in student affairs. She was a member of the Athletic Leadership Council and the School Site Council, working to help review and update school regulations for the betterment of the Winthrop public schools.

“Grace has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in athletics, academics, and the community, establishing herself as a true leader and role model in our school,” said WHS Athletic Director Matt Se-

rino.

Galuris will be attending the University of North Carolina in the fall.

Hurley also exemplified the role of a student-athlete. Matt ranked 20th in the class with a GPA of 4.2640 and was a four-year athlete, excelling at football, hockey, and lacrosse.

He was an integral part in the success of all three sports programs. As a sophomore, Matt helped the lacrosse team win its first NEC championship in school history and played a key role in the boys hockey team's attainment of its 14th NEC title. As a senior, he helped lead the football program to a top-20 state ranking.

In addition to his impressive athletic accomplishments, Hurley excelled in the classroom. He completed six AP courses and was awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence (top 10%) for all four years. He was a member of the National Honor Society during his junior and senior years.

Matt also engaged in other extra-curricular activities in the Winthrop community. He volunteered with the Veterans Services office at Winthrop Town Hall, the Special Olympics, and the WINARC Holiday Parties.

“Matthew truly embodies the role and definition of a student-athlete, as well as the core values of Winthrop High School,” said Serino.

Hurley will be attending the University of New Hampshire this fall.

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# WHS ANNUAL VIKING BLUE AND GOLD SCRIMMAGE AT MILLER FIELD

Last Thursday evening the WHS Vikings clashed against each other in the seasons first and annual Blue and Gold Scrimmage at Miller Field. Despite the intense heat and humidity the boys played through, keeping well hydrated during the match-up.

It was a grand affair, the WHs cheerleaders greeted the team as they entered the field. The stands were filled with the loyal Viking fans of friends and family, and Following the National Anthem, the game was on.



The team stood at attention for the National Anthem.



The WHS Viking coaching staff.



#11, Mike Chaves was the first Viking to enter Miller Field as the WHS Cheerleaders welcomed the team.



#26 George Galuris gets great blocking as he heads for a touchdown.



Keeping cool was job 1 last Thursday, Raesean Bebri gets hydrated during a time out.



The 2021 WHS Varsity Viking cheer leaders.



#34 Anthony Indrisano heads to the goal line.



#16 QB Robert Noonan looks for a receiver.



#11 Mike Chaves grabs a first for a first down.



#14 Robert Rich with a big first down for the Blue team.



#20 Cam Martin picks up huge yardage for the Gold team.



WHS students and fans watch from the bleachers.







# OBITUARIES

## Patricia Kuhn Bonita

Registered Nurse, beloved grandmother,  
mother, sister and friend

Apple Pie Queen, Artist and Registered Nurse, Patricia Kuhn Bonita's love of life didn't come to an end with her death. "Patty" passed away beautifully and peacefully, surrounded by family and friends singing to her, on August 22 at the age of 79 in Portsmouth, NH. She was a beloved grandmother, mother, sister and friend.

Born to Gus and Felicia Kuhn on March 21, 1942, she proudly spoke of her birthplace of East Cambridge and of the rich fire fighting history that her family marked there. She joins her late older brothers, Larry and Paul Kuhn in the light of the afterlife, leaving behind her younger brother, Michael Kuhn. She had three children, Kara, Chris and Todd and raised them on her own in Winthrop while simultaneously putting herself through Northeastern University Nursing School. Patty would spend more than 50 years compassionately serving others as a Registered Nurse in hospitals, nursing and private homes throughout Massachusetts.

She was full of love, honest, irreverent, creative, with an unstoppable



energy and sense of humor. She made us laugh and always told the truth, which made us laugh even harder. She drew her energy from people and brought being a social butterfly to the next level.

Her interests, activities and travel were vast. She was a skilled photographer, writer, painter and baker. Her apple pies were legendary, having won the blue ribbon at the Apple Pie Contest at the Topsfield Fair many times and was once a featured guest on the Phantom Gourmet. As an artist, she painted oil landscapes on Monhegan Island, The White Mountains, Bermuda and Italy, exhibiting her work at the Ceres Gallery in Portsmouth, New Hampshire's bustling art colony.

Patty's legacy will be her unconditional love and giving of herself wholly. Throughout her life, she donated much of her personal time to feeding and clothing the homeless at the Pine St. Inn and Arch St. Church in Boston. Above all, she was happiest and most prideful when sharing time with her grandchildren, Max and Kate Bonita.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, August 30 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with interment in the Calvary Cemetery in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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

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## Joan Marie Garman

Graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1955

Joan Marie (Lessard) Garman of Phoenix, Arizona was born on October 18, 1938 in Newburyport, Massachusetts. She peacefully passed away in her sleep on August 23, 2021.

Joan Marie graduated from Winthrop High School in 1955 and Cushing Academy in Ashburnham in 1956. She then trained to be a Registered Nurse at Faulkner Hospital in Massachusetts, graduating in 1959.

She left nursing after several months to become a stewardess for United Airlines, graduating on March 31, 1960. She left United Airlines in November of 1960 to marry Fred Laidlaw who was on a military leave of absence from American Airlines serving as an Ensign in the United States Navy at US Naval Air Station - Pensacola, FL. Their first duty station after Pensacola was US Naval Station - Midway Island for 1.5 years. Their only child, Michael, was born on Midway Island, October 11, 1961. From Midway, on military business and military leave, they traveled to Hawaii, Wake Island, Guam, Kwajalein, Japan, Fiji, and Australia. From Midway, their next duty station was Naval Air Station - Quonset Point, RI for two years. After four years, they separated from the Navy in September 1964. They returned to American Airlines at JFK Airport, NYC in the man-



ager understudy program. In 1967, they were transferred to American Airlines in PHX. Later, Joan Marie returned to nursing at Phoenix Baptist Hospital.

Sadly, in 1975, Joan Marie and Fred were divorced. Joan Marie met her present husband, Al Garman, in 1982 and they married in 1988.

She enjoyed taking care of her favorite pets, two turtles, named Gigi and Henri.

Joan Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Ann and George Lessard, and her grandchildren, Kaylee and Riddick Laidlaw. She spent her final days in a care facility from June 28, 2018 to August 23, 2021, passing away due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Joan Marie is survived by her husband of 33 years Al Garman, her son Michael, her ex-husband Fred and her granddaughters Brittany and Marcela. She will be sorely missed.

A private service will be held for immediate family only.

## Joanne Dalton

Of Winthrop

Joanne (Frizzell) Dalton of Winthrop passed away on August 29. She was 81 years old.

The beloved wife of the late Richard J. Dalton Sr., she was born in Winthrop the cherished daughter of the late James "Sonny" and Helen (Trainor) Frizzell. Joanne was the devoted mother of Richard J. Dalton Jr. and his wife, Laurie of Saugus and Robert J. Dalton and his wife, Bettie of Winthrop, the adored grandmother of R.J. Dalton, Kirby and Kyleigh Dalton. Joanne is survived by her sister, Cynthia Sullivan and her husband, Joseph of Winthrop and by many nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral will be held from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, Friday, September 3 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop, at 10 a.m. Relatives and



friends are invited. Interment will be in Winthrop Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held in the funeral home today, Thursday, from 4 to 8 p.m. For guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

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## Arthur LoConte

Retired Court Officer

Arthur F. LoConte of Winthrop passed away at home on August 27. He was 75 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Rose (Strangie) and Angelo LoConte. A resident of Winthrop for over 43 years, he worked as a court officer for the general court prior to his retirement.

He loved a good cigar and playing cards. He especially loved visiting his friends at the barber shop in Day Square in East Boston. He also enjoyed singing and listening to music.

He was the devoted husband of Denise (DiLorenzo) and the loving father of Carla Vitale and her companion, Robert Deeb and Gabriella Anderson and her husband, Bri-



an, all of Winthrop; dear brother of Paul LoConte of East Boston and cherished grandfather of Sofia, George and Eleanor.

A graveside service was held in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery on Tuesday, August 31.

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

## Nancy Paulson

Retired Nurse, member of Winthrop  
Playmakers and Winthrop Senior Center

Nancy B. (Juggins) Pulson of Winthrop passed away on August 28. She was 85 years old.

The beloved wife of the late Robert M. "Bob" Pulson, she was born in Corpus Christi, TX, the cherished daughter of the late Francis and Nancy (Goodwin) Juggins.

Raised on Cottage Hill by the water tower in Winthrop, Nancy was a graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1954. She went on to receive her Master's Degree in Nursing, a profession from which she retired after a long career.

Nancy loved acting in plays. Her favorite role was when she played Annie in the play Annie Get Your Gun; a play done by the Winthrop Playmakers when Nancy was young woman.

At Winthrop High School, Nancy taught classes to students who were interested in medical careers. She was also a volunteer at the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School in Winthrop.

She was a member of the Winthrop Playmakers and the Winthrop Senior Center.

Nancy was the devoted



mother of Bryan W. MacPhail of Haverhill, Suzanne B. MacPhail of Haverhill. Warren S. MacPhail of Winthrop, John "BJ" MacPhail and his wife, Eleanor of Brookline, Meredith J. Tattelman and her husband, Andy of Southborough, and the late Robert M. Pulson Jr. She was the adored grandmother of Cormac and Fiona MacPhail, Luke, Jessica and Natalia MacPhail, and Joshua and Anna Tattelman and the dear sister of the late Susan, Martha and Diane Juggins.

At the request of the family, funeral services will be private. Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. To sign Nancy's guestbook, please visit [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

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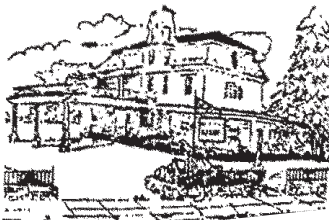
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# Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am-3p.m. / Friday: 9am-1p.m.

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging

Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

Phone: 617-846-8538

As a reminder, face-masks are required while in the Senior Center and on the Senior Van.

## Thursday, Sept. 2

9:30-10:30am: Exercise  
10am-2pm: Computer Usage  
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)  
12:15-2:30pm: Bingo

## Friday, Sept. 3

10-11am: Line Dancing  
10am-12pm: Computer Usage  
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in or take out)

## Monday, Sept. 6

The Senior Center will be closed in observance of Labor Day

## Tuesday, Sept. 7

9:30-10:30am: Exercise  
10am-2pm: Computer Usage  
11:00am: Exercise for Arthritis  
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)  
1:30-2:30pm: Chorus

## Wednesday, Sept. 8

9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen  
9:30am: Caregiver Support Group  
10am-2pm: Computer Usage  
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)  
1:15-2:45pm: 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 be-

tween 9am and 3pm (return trips must be completed by 3pm). 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.

**The Caregiver Support Group.** Being a caregiver can be fulfilling, exhausting and everything in between. Gain comfort and support from others who are doing the same work. Open to all caregivers, this group meets on the second Wednesday and fourth Monday of each month. To join, please contact Jessica Phelan, Caregiver Support Coordinator at 781-388-2319. The group will meet in-person at the Senior Center on Wednesday, September 8 at 9:30am and Monday, September 27 at 10am.

**Blood Pressures:** Nurses from the Medical Reserve Corps will be at the Senior Center offering

blood pressure readings Mondays from 11am to 12pm. No appointment needed.

**Exercise for Arthritis** will resume on Tuesday, September 7 at 11am. The class is held on the first Tuesday of each month and is sponsored by the Neighborhood PACE program.

**Yoga with Kathleen** will resume on Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30am. Class costs \$5 and is held weekly.

**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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Center's monthly newsletter. Go to [www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe](http://www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe), enter your email address and select "Senior Center Newsletter" from the options.

## Upcoming Trips

Sign up at the Senior Center. Payment can be made in cash or check; please make checks payable to "Friends of WCOA".

## November 9, 2021 –

Richard Barker Comedy Hypnosis Show at Lake View Pavilion (in Foxboro) Price: \$96 (includes transportation). Meal Choices: Chicken Breast with Ham and Cheese or Vegetable Lasagna

## December 31, 2021 –

An American Bandstand New Year's Eve Day featuring the Tom LaMark Orchestra at the Danversport Yacht Club. Price: \$105 (includes transportation) or \$79 (drive on your own). Meal Choices: Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Baked Schrod.



Diane Manganaro of Melrose is a family caregiver for her mother Sarah Pollack, also of Melrose, who is 100 years old and has been with MVES for over 15 years.

## MVES nurses work as part of interdisciplinary team in caring for individuals

Staff Report

They say home is where the heart is. Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) nurses know this holds true for so many older adults so in turn they work tirelessly to help keep consumers living safely in their own homes in the 11 communities served by the agency. Nurses are a key component of the MVES interdisciplinary care team and work day-to-day in coordination with the other professional caregivers employed by MVES as well as healthcare providers in short-term rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, adult day health centers, and other organizations throughout the region.

“Our nurses strive every day to provide the very best care for consumers and they offer vital support, resources and education to family caregivers,” says Roza Budilovsky, nurse manager for MVES. “No two situations are the same so our nurses work hard to ensure that each individual care plan is customized to the unique needs of each consumer we serve.”

Not only does MVES play an important role in supporting older adults living at home, they serve as a critical bridge in helping consumers to return home safely after a hospital or short-term rehabilitation stay. “Our nurses are able to support even very complex cases where consumers are dealing with myriad health concerns or housing challenges,” stresses Budilovsky. She points out that her team adapted quickly to the added challenges of providing in-home care during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic by leveraging additional technology and increased communication.

As part of the interdisciplinary team, MVES nurses act as a care advisors and work in partnership with MVES care managers and each individual to complete a comprehensive needs assessment and a

person-centered care plan that addresses the older adult’s specific needs, personal goals, and necessary services. The care team will continue to work with the individual on an ongoing basis for as long as services are needed.

Diane Manganaro, a family caregiver from Melrose, shares that her mother Sarah Pollack has been with MVES for over 15 years and remains living independently in the single family home Diane grew up in, also in Melrose. “It’s a huge testament to the nurses and other team members at MVES that at 100 years old, my mother has been able to remain living in her beloved home,” Manganaro says. “The nurses and other professional caregivers have helped make my mother’s home safe and put in round-the-clock supports to enable her to stay at home – home health aides, adaptive equipment, Meals on Wheels and much more. There have been so many things MVES nurses have been helpful with and their comprehensive approach has brought me tremendous peace of mind as my mother’s primary caregiver.”

The longevity of MVES nurses’ tenure and their passion for working with older adults adds tremendous value to the agency, Budilovsky shares. “Our nurses are deeply committed to helping people age in place safely and with dignity. I am constantly impressed with their dedication, knowledge and responsiveness,” she states.

“I am so grateful to have reached out to MVES for help with my mother,” Manganaro adds. “Without them, I am not sure where we would be right now. I strongly suggest contacting MVES if you need help with an aging parent or loved one. They are truly lifesavers.”

To learn more about Mystic Valley Elder Services programs, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org).

## Mary Merlino

Family was everything to her

Mary M. (Blundo) Merlino, 90, of Winthrop passed away on August 24.

The beloved wife of the late James G. Merlino, Mary was born in Boston, the cherished daughter of the late Giuseppe and Carmella (Verzaro) Blundo.

Mary’s family was everything to her. Raising her children and providing motherly advice gave her all the happiness in the world. As she grew older, she passed that love on to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary enjoyed tennis, gardening and playing scrabble with her dear friend John Sheehy.

Mary was the devoted mother of Jo Ann Rogers and her husband, John, Jeanne Dello Russo and her husband, Brian, James G. Merlino Jr. and his wife, Christina and John J. Merlino, all of Winthrop and Jennifer Brain and her companion, Richard Michaud of Hanson. She was the adored grandmother of Andrea and her husband, Adam H., Nicholas, Stefanie, Maria, Anna and her fiancé, Adam P., Emily and her husband, Steve, James, Rebecca, Benjamin, Joshua, Jason; great grandmother of Olivia, Rachael, Samantha, Addison, Nick Jr. and Liliana and great-great



grandmother of Lucas; the dear sister of Antoinette “Babe” Bergman of Winthrop and the late Theresa Bossi, Nicholas, Lorenzo and Michael Blundo. She was the sister-in-law of Fran and Rick Russo of Belmont, the dear friend of John Sheehy of Dorchester and she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mary’s Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Michael the Archangel Parish (St. John the Evangelist Church) Saturday, August 28 and interment was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Donations in her memory can be made to St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop or to a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were from Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210

Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign Mary’s guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

## Joseph Zampanti

Retired Cement Finisher



Joseph J. Zampanti of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on August 28. He was 94 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved son of the late Tina (Delenzi) and Vincenzo Zampanti, he was a resident of Winthrop for over 27 years.

He enlisted the United States Army during WWII and after his honorable discharge, he went on to work as a cement finisher.

He was the devoted husband of Joanne D’Angelo and the loving father of Diane Barzykowski and her husband, Al of Revere, Joseph Zampanti and his wife, Trudie of Florida, John Zampanti and his wife, Nancy of Winthrop, Tina Mills and her husband, David of Winthrop, Robyn Bates and her husband, Joseph and Mark Ruggiero and his wife, Sherry; dear brother of Sandy Reynolds of Virginia and he was pre-



deceased by six loving sisters. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, September 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with military honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneral-home.com](http://www.caggianofuneral-home.com).

## Diana Wasson

Of Winthrop

Diana (Jones) Wasson of Winthrop passed away unexpectedly on August 27. She was 79 years old.

Diana was a graduate of Wakefield High School, Class of 1959. She was employed by Federal Express for 15 years after many years as a receptionist at Peterson Ford in Lynn. She enjoyed golfing at the Winthrop Golf Club, bowling at the CPYC with the ladies league and of course her lifelong friends, the “Klub” girls. More recently, her contagious laugh could be heard in Naples, FL while rooting “her” Tom Brady to victory.

Diana will be sadly missed by her husband of 55 years, Byron R. Wasson Jr. She was the beloved mother of Scot Wasson and his wife, Melissa, Julie Wasson and Debra Wasson, all of Winthrop; the cherished daughter of the late Alton D. and Barbara (Sawyer)



Jones of Wakefield, sister to Charles Jones and his wife, Diane and niece, Amy Beth, also of Wakefield and grandmother to Cody and Derek Wasson, Zachary and Zoey Bogusz, and Sara DeGennaro, all of Winthrop.

A Funeral Service was held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Wednesday, September 1. Interment followed in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). To sign Diana’s guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

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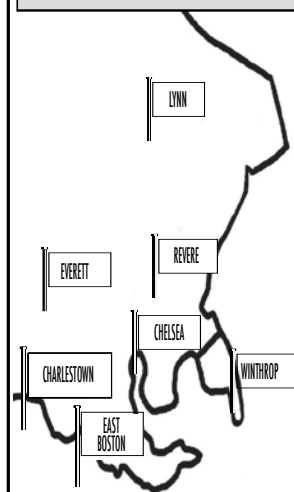
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FIRST DAY BACK AT GORMAN FORT BANKS SCHOOL

By Marianne Salza

Some 480 Gorman Fort Banks Elementary students started their first day of school on September 1 for in-person learning. Children, like first grader, Alex Synnott, are eager to make new friends, and began the morning with enthusiastic smiles, and towers of glue sticks, crayons, and anti-bacterial wipes. “I am excited I am getting a new teacher, and it’s going to be so much fun. My favorite subject is science,” blurted Alex, who loves snack time.



Fort Banks faculty gathering before students' arrival



First grader, Alexis Farmer, and her father, Nick Farmer.



Alex Synnott, first grade, and her mother, Patti.



Christine Vargas and Savannah Benner, Pre-K.

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tributable to the pandemic are found nationally (all transfer pathways combined). Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) had substantial transfer student losses this year (-70,400 students, -11.8%), while Historically Black Colleges and Universities remained largely unaffected. Both saw post-transfer persistence rates falling due to the pandemic, except that HSIs made a small gain in the latter part of the year. Following national patterns, declines in mobility at these institutions were largely driven by men. By The Numbers (July 2020 – June 2021):

There were approximately 2.1 million transfer students and 11.8 million non-transfer students. Fall transfer students accounted for 64% of the total transfer enrollment for the academic year.

- Transfer enrollment fell by 191,500 students or -8.4%; non-transfer enrollment fell by 456,100 students or -3.7%. The previous year, transfer enrollment had dropped 69,300 students or -2.9%.
- All transfer pathways were affected but in different ways:
  - Lateral transfers fell 114,400 or -11.9% (-38,700 or -3.9% the previous year)
  - Between 2-year colleges, -83,600 or -15.2% (-27,600 or -4.8% the previous year)
  - Between 4-year colleges, -30,800 or -7.5% (-11,100 or -2.6% the previous year)
  - Reverse transfers fell 65,200 or -16.2% (-19,200 or -4.5% the previous year)
  - Upward transfers fell 11,900 or -1.3% (-11,400

or -1.2% the previous year)

Fall – fell by 15,500 or -2.3% (-5,800 or -0.8% the previous year)

Spring – increased by 2,400 or +0.9% (-8,700 or -3.2% the previous year)

Lateral transfers account for 60% of the total decline (44% in two-year colleges and 16% in four-year colleges); reverse transfers account for 34%; and upward transfers account for 6%.

- Transfer enrollment fell more for males:
  - Males fell by 112,900 or -12.1% (-37,100 or -3.8% the previous year)
  - Females fell by 76,200 or -5.8% (-32,200 or -2.4% the previous year)
- Black transfer students fell at the sharpest rate of all groups:
  - Whites declined by 86,700 or -9.1% (-59,900 or -5.9% the previous year)
  - Blacks declined by 39,500 or -12.9% (-15,400 or -4.8% the previous year)
  - Latinx declined by 31,900 or -8.4% (+3,300

or +0.9% the previous year)

Asians declined by 4,500 or -4.2% (-2,100 or -1.9% the previous year)

Native Americans declined by 1,900 or -9.9% (-1,000 or -4.9% the previous year)

The COVID-19 Transfer, Mobility, and Progress Report series, with support from Ascendium Education Group and ECMC Foundation, identifies changes in student transfer pathways that are attributable to the pandemic by using historical data as the pre-pandemic baseline and the Clearinghouse’s current enrollment data. By providing the most up-to-date information about student transfer available online for free, the Research Center enables schools, institutions, organizations, and policymakers to better adapt and serve students, particularly those from the most vulnerable populations, during the pandemic and beyond.

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