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Town officials address flooding issues

By Adam Swift

Two massive rain storms, one last week and one on Saturday, created multiple flooding issues across the town over the last week.

At Tuesday night's Town Council meeting, Town Manager Tony Marino addressed those concerns and laid out the steps the town is taking to mitigate those flooding issues.

A number of residents turned out for the council meeting to speak to both the recent and historical flood issues in Winthrop, several questioning how town officials could more quickly address and fix some of the more egregious flooded areas.

"There was a lot of flooding last week before the weekend, and then on Saturday," said Marino. "I was in town with (public works) Director (Steve) Calla and the fire chief and we utilized the high-water vehicle and drove around and saw all of the flooding."

Marino said there are several different layers of what the town is doing to address the issues.

He noted that the town was awarded a state grant along with Revere and Chelsea to do "living levees" near Morton and Banks streets.

"They have done some survey work down there and they have some design work for that already granted," said Marino.

Last week, Marino said he was contacted by Congresswoman Katherine Clark regarding a federal grant program and invited town officials to put a project forward.

"I worked with Director Calla and we were able to put together money not only for the Tilestone and Girdlestone area, but also the Pico Avenue area neighborhood," said Marino. "We requested \$675,000 and gave them all the data. It's going

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PROJECT PLAY'S WINTER PLAYS DAY RETURN SATURDAY WITH HIPKIDS

This Saturday morning at Harbor City Church (214 Winthrop St, upstairs) get your HipKid and join Project Play as we Sing, Dance, Move & Groove with Instruments, and Props as professional musician, and early childhood music educator Nicole Dopferpuhl, shows your child how FUN music making can be! We will also have our play equipment of tunnels, climbers, mats and balls out for all to romp from 10-12.

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Townhouses proposed for former Holy Rosary Church

By Adam Swift

A proposal to convert the former Holy Rosary Church in Point Shirley into five townhouses will be back before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Last week, the ZBA held its initial hearing on the proposal.

Attorney Rebecca Edmondson-Korom represented the new owners of the property, Shirley Church, LLC, who purchased the building and land from the Archdiocese of Boston last year for just over \$1.2 million.

Edmondson-Korom said her clients are looking to keep the footprint of the original 1950s construction, while demolishing a small addition from the 1970s to create additional parking. She said the project will have 10 parking spaces for the five, two-floor townhouse units.

"My clients have gone to great lengths to maintain the integrity of the church itself," said Edmondson-Korom.

Project architect Peter Pitman said each unit will have two bedrooms and two bathrooms, with a common hall accessing each unit. The units will range from 1,600 to 1,800 square feet each.

"There will be no additions to the building and no additional square footage," said Pitman.

Project engineer Rick Salvo noted that there is a

ZONTA DONATES TO WINTHROP SCHOOLS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently donated Market Basket gift cards to all the school departments in the cities they service- Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Saugus and Winthrop. The school departments then distribute these gift cards to Families in need.

Shown from left to right: Barbara Lawlor- Zonta member, Lisa Howard-Winthrop Superintendent of Schools, Mary Jane O'Neill-Zonta member.

Healey-Driscoll admin. announce opportunities for Veteran-Owned Businesses

Special to the Journal

The Healey-Driscoll Administration last week announced that the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), which is responsible for bringing fairness to the state's bidding and procurement process, has entered into a new partnership that will help veteran-owned businesses bid on contracts across the state.

The SDO is is partnering with the National Veteran Owned Business Association (NaVOBA), an independent nonprofit that certifies businesses owned by veterans and service-disabled veterans. Both organizations will work together to increase contracting opportunities with veteran-owned businesses.

"Our Supplier Diversity Office does incredible work every day to expand opportunities for diverse and small businesses to win contracts with the state, which makes our businesses, our economy and our communities stronger," said Governor Maura Healey. "Our veterans have sacrificed so

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Swampscott High coach Frank DeFelice is pictured with his many former players, along with family members and friends who attended the ceremony in his honor naming the Swampscott baseball field, the Frank DeFelice Diamond.

Swampscott baseball field will be named in honor of Frank DeFelice

By Cary Shuman

The Town of Swampscott honored its legendary coach Frank DeFelice during an impressive ceremony before the Winthrop-Swampscott boys basketball game Tuesday night.

The Swampscott Select Board of Selectmen voted last week to name the Swampscott baseball field, the Frank DeFelice Diamond, with a formal dedication set for this spring.

A large and supportive crowd of Coach DeFelice's former players and assistant coaches, family members, and friends attended the ceremony.

The inscription on the plaque that was presented to Mr. DeFelice, by two of his former Swampscott High students and athletes, Steve Bulpett and Joe Caponigro, reads in part: "To honor a legacy craft-

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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, JAN. 1

0748: A tow company was called to assist a person on Siren St. who had left the keys to his motor vehicle inside his locked vehicle. (The usual fee for the service is \$85.00.)

0810: A report of a dead skunk in the vicinity of Putnam Place was referred to the DPW.

0846: The Animal Control Officer responded to the report of the dead skunk on Putnam St. and discovered that it still was alive. The officer removed the skunk.

0951: The owner of the 7/11 on Revere St. reported that a large box containing cartons of cigarettes was stolen the previous night during a delivery. The officer filed a report.

1303: An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Bellevue Ave.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

0829: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (35 in a 20 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (40 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- 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.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle impeding a fire hydrant in the construction area on Woodside Ave.

2159: A person called the station to report that his motor vehicle had been broken into on Sea Foam Ave. He said that the vehicle had been rummaged through, but nothing was taken. The officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

0253: An officer responded to a report of a truck with a loud muffler at Governor's Park. The officer ordered the operator to shut off the vehicle.

0810: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. and Ingleside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for not having his license in his possession.

-- An officer stopped a

motor vehicle at Pleasant and Palmyra Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop St. and Oceanview Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

1551: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Quincy Ave. The parties exchanged papers.

1558: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Kennedy Rd. in which a vehicle struck a fence. The officer filed a report.

1923: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dusk. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1929: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Almont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that infraction. The operator's license had expired and the officer stood by until the operator's husband came by to take control of the vehicle.

2123: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2132: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Bowdoin and Main Sts. for the civil moving in-

fraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

1015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1046: An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle on George St.

1054: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1131: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and Centre Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1134: A resident reported a larceny by fraud. The officer filed a report.

1214: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1301: A resident came into the station to report the larceny of an I-phone that occurred in October. The officer filed a report.

1617: A person came into the station to report an assault. The officer filed a report.

1746: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in a Belcher St. residence to turn it down.

2231: Residents of an 11-unit apartment building at 505--507-509 Shirley St. were evacuated because of an odor of gas. A fire was discovered in the basement and the Fire Dept. came to the scene.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

1305: A person came

into the station to report the theft of his vehicle's registration plate. The officer filed a report.

1525: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a motor vehicle and a bicycle on Main St. The male bicyclist was transported to the MGH. The officer filed a report.

1649: A report of a leaking fire hydrant on Winthrop St. was referred to the DPW.

1718: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1726: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Banks Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1736: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Marshall Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1744: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Governors Drive for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1758: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1854: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

0949: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a handicapped placard for parking in the handicapped spot on Winthrop St.

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much in service to our country, and we take the responsibility of supporting them very seriously here in Massachusetts. We are proud to launch this new partnership that will lower barriers for veteran-owned businesses to bid for contracts and do business with the state.”

“This new partnership is an important step in our administration’s efforts to bolster support and services for Massachusetts veterans under the leadership of Secretary Jon Santiago,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “We look forward to working with NaVOBA to cut red tape and streamline the process for veterans to do business with Massachusetts.”

“This is an important step toward removing administrative burdens on veteran-owned businesses to becoming certified, opening up tremendous opportunities for these individuals who have served our country to bid on state contracts and grow their businesses here in Massachusetts,” said Secretary for Administration and Finance Matthew J. Gorzkowicz. “I am proud of the work SDO has been doing to expand opportunities and look forward to continuing our efforts to help small businesses thrive.”

“The SDO has been successful in helping bring fairness in the state’s bidding process through our cross-certification partnerships, such as with the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development

Council, Center for Women’s Enterprise, City of Boston, Disability:IN, and the National LGBT-BE Chamber of Commerce,” said SDO Executive Director William McAvoy. “We expect our partnership with NaVOBA to help business owners who have served their country.”

"NaVOBA is thrilled to join forces with the Supplier Diversity Office in this impactful collaboration," said Matthew Pavelek, President and CEO of NaVOBA. "Our partnership exemplifies a shared commitment to advancing opportunities for veteran-owned businesses. We aim to empower veterans to thrive in the business world by streamlining the certification process. We appreciate the Executive Office of Veterans Services for their support and commend the Supplier Diversity Office for their dedication to fostering an inclusive and thriving business environment for our nation's heroes."

Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the SDO and NaVOBA, the SDO will grant certifications to businesses already certified with NaVOBA. Typically, businesses need to apply and undergo an investigation from the SDO before they receive certification. This agreement streamlines the process, making these businesses able to receive the benefits of SDO certification, such as the ability to bid on state contracts and attend SDO trainings and networking

events. Certified businesses are also included in the SDO's listing of certified businesses used by prime vendors and state agencies looking for vendors.

The MOU also allows the SDO to access NaVOBA's membership database to reach out to members about becoming SDO certified.

"Partnerships like the one between the Supplier Diversity Office and NaVOBA ensure veteran-owned businesses play a pivotal role in our economy. This collaboration marks a significant step in fostering their success," said Secretary of Veterans Services Jon Santiago. "The Executive Office of Veterans Services strongly supports initiatives streamlining certification for veteran-owned businesses in state contracts, and we commend the Supplier Diversity Office and NaVOBA for their dedication to empowering our veterans."

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The announcement marks the SDO's latest effort to aid veteran-owned businesses. Recently, the Commonwealth's Municipal Construction Affirmative Marketing Program (MCAMP), part of the SDO, released new guidelines mandating that certain construction projects must allocate at least three percent of its funding to Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (VBEs) and/or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (SDVOBEs). This is a first for the Massachusetts construction industry.

Winthrop man sentenced in mail fraud scheme

By Transcript Staff

The former owner and operator of APC, a transportation and delivery company based in Chelsea, was sentenced on Tuesday for his involvement in a mail fraud scheme.

Anthony Catalano, 52, formerly of Boxford, now living in Winthrop, was sentenced by Chief United States District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV to six months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release and restitution in the amount of \$541,000 to The Travelers Insurance Company (Travelers). Catalano was also ordered to cooperate

with the Internal Revenue Service regarding personal and corporate taxes due and owing.

Catalano pleaded guilty in October 2023 to two counts of failing to collect, report and pay over employment taxes and one count of mail fraud in connection with cash wages he paid to company employees.

From 2017 to 2020, Catalano cashed more than \$8 million in APC checks from customers and failed to report the company income to the IRS. Catalano pleaded guilty to using the bulk of the cash funds to pay employees “under-the-table”

cash wages which APC was also required to report to the IRS.

As a result, neither the company nor the employees paid employment or income taxes on the cash wages, resulting in a tax loss of more than \$1 million to the IRS. Catalano also pleaded guilty to mail fraud for failing to disclose the cash wages to Travelers when it provided workers’ compensation coverage for APC employees. As a result, Catalano defrauded the insurance carrier out of more than \$500,000 in insurance premiums, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

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small retaining wall proposed for the rear of the property to support the rear shape of the property.

Edmondson-Korom added that there also be an improved stormwater runoff system for the property.

The applicants are seeking a special permit from the ZBA for the alteration of a pre-existing, nonconforming use for front yard and rear yard setbacks, Edmondson-Korom said. In addition, the project also requires a use variance for a change from its church designation to one for a multi-family dwelling.

“We think this is the best and highest use of the building,” she said.

Bob Derderian, who lives near the church, said

he supported the project.

“I’m delighted to see what is proposed and I’m happy to have new neighbors,” said Derderian.

However, there were residents during the public hearing who raised questions about traffic, parking, the retaining wall, and the density of the project during last week’s public hearing.

Hale Avenue resident Sean Donahue said he applauded the developers for converting the church to a residential use and keeping the existing building.

However, he said he did not support the density of the project, especially in the close confines of Point Shirley, which already deals with MWRA trucks traveling to Deer Island

and parking issues in the neighborhood.

“There are a number of demands in this area,” Donahue said. “This is going to open the door to this type of development and it’s going to perpetuate more of this type of development in this area.”

The ZBA continued the public hearing to Feb. 15, requesting additional information on the elevation of the retaining wall and how it would work on the site, updated plans reflecting what was show to the ZBA last week, and more details on the parking proposed for the property and if the project would need to reconfigure its parking plan or need additional zoning relief for that issue.

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up to committee now, so hopefully we will get some traction on that.”

Marino said he and Calla have also discussed the possibility of purchasing a temporary pump for the Tilestone and Girdlestone area that would go down into the manhole cover and pump the water directly out to the ocean.

“The issue there is that it is a low-lying area,” said Marino. “The valve that we did replace there, the flapper valve, that now closes and won’t let the water out when there is a high tide. So in order to get the water out, we are working on that as well, Director Calla is working on getting some pricing for that.”

Marino, Calla, and

Council President all noted that Winthrop has a capacity issue when it comes to the town’s infrastructure.

“We have a ton of eight-inch pipes out there, and it is not enough to handle the volume right now,” said Marino. “The ground is saturated, and certainly, the back-to-back storms didn’t help.”

On Saturday, a three- to four-foot storm surge on top of an 11-foot high tide also contributed to the problems, Marino said.

“It was bad,” said Marino. “We are working to make changes; it’s not going to be a snap to get it done overnight, but we are getting money to do it and move forward. We did replace the flapper valve, we

are going to look to make some other changes to alleviate some of the stress.

“I know there has been backyard flooding in some of the neighborhoods, and I certainly saw it firsthand.”

Calla said there are a number of issues causing the flooding issues, from the outdated, undersized clay pipes to outfalls at Pico Beach that are below the marsh line.

“It is a bunch of components causing what we are seeing,” said Calla.

Several councilors advocated for moving forward to address the larger issues in town whether or not Winthrop receives grant funding.

“Whether we get the grant funding or not, we

are going to have to do something,” said Councilor-at-Large Rob Demarco. “Why don’t we get to work on it? Because we have to do it no matter what. What kind of emergency funds can we use to get started, and then we can chase the grant money after the fact.”

Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson said he agreed that the town should take a more aggressive approach to addressing the infrastructure issues.

“I appreciate that we are doing some short term fixes, we’re looking into the pumps, but it seems to me that action is needed immediately,” he said. “If it was your home or our home or anyone’s home,

you wouldn’t say, let me hold out until my mother-in-law gives me a check for this or some kind of gift of money. We would just go ahead and take the loan out, get the project resolved and move forward.”

Munson asked why the town couldn’t get a quote for every flood zone and then bond the money out for the projects, paying the bond back as the town gets grant money.

“We’re going to bring in the capital plan and the strategic plan to make sure we are hitting all the things that are coming up and everything we’ve got to do,” said Marino. “If you focus all the eggs in one basket, you miss the grant opportunities. You can’t just pay

for it and the grant will pay you back; you need to have to do the grants with shovel-ready projects, otherwise you will miss that grant money.”

Letterie noted that nearly 70 percent of the town’s pipes are nearly 100 years old, and that the total cost to replace them all would be approximately \$60 to \$70 million.

In other business, Marino said that at the next council meeting, he would be requesting the council to establish a Community Preservation Act committee in preparation for the possibility of a question on the November ballot to establish the CPA in town.

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ing this event free for all! Please consider donating small items such as stickers, erasers & non-chocolate candy for Harbor City Church’s Easter egg hunt fillers (& plastic eggs if you have them)

EBNHC APPOINTS YANG AS ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced the appointment of healthcare veteran Evonne Yang, MPH, MSW as the Assistant Vice President of Integration and Operational Excellence, availing additional operational leadership to the health center’s executive team.

“We’re excited to welcome Evonne to our team,” said EBNHC Chief Operating Officer Ryan Boxill. “Her leadership brings additional perspective, skills and experience in driving innovation and navigating complex challenges, particularly around behavioral health integration. This new role will foster a culture of collaboration and shared accountability across our health system’s diverse functions and processes. Evonne will bring additional capacity to successfully realize our strategic goals in a rapidly changing healthcare environment.”

In her new role, Yang will contribute to the organization’s growth and adaptability as EBNHC navigates complex challenges facing healthcare. She will oversee the integration of large scale and interdisciplinary strategic initiatives as well as provide tactical support on clinical and operational initiatives.

“I am honored to join such a caring team here at EBNHC in what I feel is a pivotal role,” said Yang. “Having spent a number of years in healthcare, I am eager to contribute my experience and passion to advance this great organization’s mission to provide high quality care to everyone who walks through our doors. I look forward to having a positive impact with the team here at EBNHC and the community it serves.”

Prior to joining EBNHC, Yang served as Director of Behavioral Health at Boston Medical Center (BMC) Health System, where she was responsible for leading and executing on behavioral health operations, quality performance, and strategic initiatives across the health system. In this role, she worked closely with BMC Hospital departments,



Evonne Yang.

BMC’s WellSense Health Plan, and BMC’s Boston Accountable Care Organization (BACO) partners. Her previous work includes leading population health initiatives in both primary and specialty care clinics at BMC, as well as expanding BMC’s Integrated Behavioral Health service where she improved overall performance and clinical integration across service lines.

Yang holds masters’ degrees in both public health and social work from Boston University. She completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at Stanford University.

DA HAYDEN IDENTIFIES INMATES AFFECTED BY SJC’S MATTIS AND ROBINSON DECISIONS

District Attorney Kevin Hayden today said his office has identified approximately 70 inmates who will eventually become eligible for parole as a result of today’s state Supreme Judicial Court’s ruling regarding persons convicted for first-degree murder committed when they were 20 years old or younger.

The SJC’s Mattis and Robinson decisions deemed unconstitutional the mandatory sentenc-

es of life in prison without possibility of parole for individuals convicted of first-degree murder committed when aged 20 years or younger, retroactive to all cases. With the ruling, any imprisoned person who meets that criteria will become eligible for parole in accordance with state law. The ruling does not change the status for inmates convicted of first-degree murder committed when 21 or older.

Hayden emphasized that the ruling does not automatically grant parole to applicable inmates. Rather, it makes them eligible for parole in accordance with the state Parole Board’s hearing and review standards.

Hayden encouraged survivors of applicable homicide cases to visit the SCDAO website where a form is available referencing services provided by the office. The office’s victim witness advocates are knowledgeable about the decision and stand ready to assist survivors, Hayden said.

“We know this decision will generate questions among the survivors of homicide victims of both the immediate and distant past, and we want to make sure that those survivors get accurate information about the ruling. Our victim witness advocates will help these families and loved ones understand how the SJC decision affects them,” Hayden said.

His office is reaching out to survivors with current contact information, Hayden said. But contact information for many older cases is no longer accurate, he said.

“I’m urging anyone impacted by this decision to contact us so we can provide the information necessary to understand what this ruling does and does not do,” Hayden said.

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als are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

ROCKLAND TRUST LAUNCHES ITS 20TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Rockland Trust is pleased to announce the launch of its 20th Annual Scholarship Program, which is open to students who are enrolling in a part-time or full-time post-secondary studies for the first time at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year (2024-2025). Rockland Trust will award up to sixteen \$3,000 renewable scholarships this year. Applications are available online at RocklandTrust.com/Scholarship.

“For two decades, our scholarship program has enabled hundreds of local students to advance their journey through post-secondary education,” said Andrea Borowiecki, Vice President of Charitable Giving & Community Engagement. “Each year, we’re inspired by the ambition and talent of the students as they work toward their goals, ultimately bettering our communities.”

Applications will be considered based on financial need, academic performance, and unusual personal or family circumstances. Applicants must reside in a county Rock-

land Trust serves. To learn more about guidelines, eligibility criteria, and access the application, please visit RocklandTrust.com/Scholarship.

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(MCSW) LAUNCHES NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN STUDENTS

The State Women’s Commission is proud to announce the launch of a new scholarship program which aims to support emerging leaders of the Commonwealth to continue their education journey to leadership and economic empowerment.

The mission of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) is to provide a permanent, effective voice for women and girls across Massachusetts, and to innovatively promote and empower the women of the Commonwealth. Designed to support woman-identifying students

already enrolled in a Massachusetts Public Higher Education Institution, scholarships will be available to help an individual complete their degree.

“This new program seeks to provide funding for women students, who may not be able to access scholarship and grant funding typically available to more traditional students, to continue their education and path to economic success,” said MCSW State Commissioner Denella Clark, serving as the Chair of the new Scholarship Committee.

The MCSW will award 5 individuals with a scholarship of \$5000 each for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applicants must complete the online application and submit supporting materials no later than March 1, 2024. Applicants must currently be enrolled in an accredited degree or certificate program in Massachusetts and have completed at least one year towards their degree. The funds from this scholarship will go towards tuition, fees, books and related supplies or equipment for study. All funds awarded are provided by the MCSW Trust Fund.

The Commission exists to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Massachusetts. The MCSW represents and recognizes all women, regardless of their age, race, color, creed, abilities, language, socio-economic status, immigration status, sexual orientation, or gender assigned at birth.

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OUR Opinions

“TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI...”

The ongoing attacks against international shipping in the Red Sea by the former terrorist organization known as the Houthis, who presently are the ruling group in Yemen, are “illegal, unacceptable, and profoundly destabilizing,” in the words of the dozen nations who coalesced with the United States to launch a series of attacks against Houthi missile sites in Yemen last week.

The Houthis, who also have fired long-range rockets toward Israel and U.S. naval forces in the Red Sea, assert that their actions are in support of Hamas, the terrorists responsible for the slaughter, rape, and kidnapping of more than 1400 Israeli citizens on October 7.

Clearly, the Houthi attacks are part of an overall strategy by Iran, which has supplied weapons and funds for decades to the Houthis, Hamas, and Hezbollah, to cause as much death and destruction to Israel and its allies, with the stated goal of wiping Israel off the face of the map and killing every Jew they can find.

Some, both here and abroad, have criticized the United States and its allies for bombing the Houthi missile sites because it might lead to a widening of the ongoing war in the Middle East and draw the United States into the middle of the fight.

However, critics of U.S. policy are deluding themselves if they think that America somehow can remain above the fray, especially now that the Houthis are threatening the free flow of global commerce. U.S. history is instructive in this regard. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, what was then known as the Barbary coast nations of the Mediterranean -- present-day Morocco, Libya, Algeria, and Tunis -- plundered international shipping and enslaved thousands of their captives, including U.S. ships and citizens.

The United States Navy was established to respond to the blatant acts of nation-state piracy, culminating with an attack by the U.S. Marines, who burned the city of Tripoli in 1805 -- hence the phrase in the opening line of the Marine Corps anthem, “From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli.”

We realize that the circumstances between 1805 and today are vastly different, but the principle remains the same. More significantly, we must recognize that the world is being destabilized by an Axis of Evil consisting of Iran, Russia, and China. We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and pretend that they do not pose a threat to the Free World.

We must deal with the Houthis and their terrorist brethren to the full extent that we are able to do so. Anything less only will encourage them to go further.

WITH NO. KOREA NOW INVOLVED, AID TO UKRAINE IS NEEDED ASAP

The delay in providing much-needed military aid to Ukraine by a minority of Republican members of Congress these past few months has been nothing less than unconscionable.

But now that No. Korea has intervened by giving Vladimir Putin an estimated one million artillery shells (which comes on top of military drones being supplied to Putin by Iran), the need for the U.S. to resume supplying Ukraine with the arms to resist Putin’s aggression has become urgent.

It is not a coincidence that Russia’s war in Ukraine is being supported by China, Iran, and No. Korea, all of which are despotic countries whose stated goal is to destroy democratic nations across the globe. With No. Korea sending weapons to Russia, there can be no doubt that Putin will be supplying Kim Jong Un with the technology to develop long-range missiles that will threaten the United States and our allies with a nuclear attack.

The U.S. must stop playing nice with Putin and provide Ukraine with as much of our arsenal as is needed to destroy the Russian army as soon as possible. The longer that No. Korea remains a player in this conflict, the worse it will be for the entire world.

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LETTER to the Editor

T ROUTE NO. 713

Dear Editor:

I’d like to add another accomplishment to your excellent “Top Stories of 2023” article, specifically the significant change

of the T- Orient Heights bus route, No. 713, from Hermon Street to Walden Street which has improved the route’s connectivity by reducing accidents and delays on Hermon Street

stemming from its problematic geometrics.

This improvement of Winthrop’s Transit system was the direct result of Town Councilor Joe Aiello’s leadership, who

utilized his vast public transportation background to benefit Our Town.

Sincerely,
John Vitagliano
Former Boston Transportation Commissioner



10 years ago
January 16, 2014

Nicholas DelVento, who has been a member of the Winthrop Town Council since its inception, has been elected as vice president of the nine-member council. DelVento, who was re-elected without opposition as Precinct 3 Councilor in November, received a unanimous vote from his colleagues at the first council meeting of the year Jan. 6 following the Winthrop Swearing-In Ceremonies at the Cummings School. Council President Peter Gill congratulated DelVento on his leadership position.

Superintendent of Schools John Macero said that beginning next year the Winthrop School Department will reconfigure schools to begin the construction of a new Middle/High School facility. Beginning September 2014, the Middle School will become the High School during construction. This school will include grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Macero said that the 8th grade class will be on a high school schedule but will have its own wing and not be mixed with upperclassmen.

Winthrop resident Bob Katz is celebrating the 80th anniversary of Nutread Tire and Auto Center, an East Boston business that he has personally presided over for the past 32 years and that has been in his family for eight decades.

20 years ago
January 22, 2004

Town Clerk Claire Shelly reports that the large number of requests for absentee ballots signals a large voter turnout for the \$6 million Prop. 2 and 1/2 override referendum to be determined at a special election February 9. The selectmen have endorsed the override and have been making the case for a favorable vote at numerous public meetings. If successful, the override could add about \$825 to the annual tax bill of a home assessed at \$200,000, an increase of about 40 percent.

Prices for natural gas reportedly are 20 percent higher than home heating oil, as homeowners are feeling the pinch of high heating bills during this extremely cold winter season which has seen temperatures plummet regularly below zero.

Winthrop members of the Communities Against Runway Expansion say that although Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford has lifted the injunction that forbids Massport from moving forward with the construction of Runway 14/32, her decision imposes certain conditions on Massport that may be of benefit to area communities in the long run.

30 years ago

January 27, 1994

The School Committee voted 3-2 to move the fifth grade to the Middle School starting in September of 1995. The original motion would have moved the fifth grade this coming year, but the vocal opposition by parents against the move persuaded the majority of committee members to wait a year before making the transition. The majority in favor of the move cited the lack of space in the two elementary schools as the reason for the need for the shift.

School Committee Chairman Alex Alexanian has said he will not be a candidate for re-election, citing personal reasons.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced that it will sponsor a snow sculpture contest on February 5.

The Boys & Girls Club of Winthrop will hold an open house this Saturday at the club's quarters at 312 Shirley St.

Scott Kafker and Anne Hummel, the chief legal counsel and deputy chief at Massport, toured Winthrop with Selectwoman Marie Turner and other town officials. The pair from Massport received a firsthand look at how Logan Airport affects the town.

The snow removal budget of \$40,000 already has been depleted by the three snowstorms this season.

40 years ago
January 25, 1984

Winthrop Savings Bank President Kenneth Feeney announced record earnings for the bank for 1983 at the 70th annual meeting. Feeney said that the bank enjoyed an all-time high spread between invested funds and the cost of money of 3.79 percent.

John L. Lyons has announced his candidacy for School Committee.

The selectmen told state and federal environmental officials at a recent meeting that Long Island should be the site for the proposed new sewage treatment plant for Boston Harbor.

Police arrested a 20-year-old East Boston man on charges of attempted rape and assault and battery. The man had followed a River Road woman home after she had gotten off the bus, hit her from behind, and tried to drag her into an area between two houses. However, her screams alerted neighbors and the man fled. He was apprehended after a short chase through the backyards in the area by officers Scarpa, Diaz, Ferrara, and MacDonald.

Boston TV newscasters Tom Ellis and Diane Willis will be the guest speakers at the upcoming annual Senior Citizen Luncheon sponsored by the Winthrop Rotary Club.

50 years ago

January 30, 1974

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The Winthrop School Committee has voted for a \$200 pay increase for all teachers. This will raise the minimum starting salary for a new teacher to \$4700.

The Rotary Club will treat its members to a sneak preview of the 1964 New York World's Fair this week.

70 years ago
January 28, 1954

There will be 27 candidates vying for 19 town offices in the March town election. In the selectman's contest, Harold Katz will face challengers Walter Van Dalinda and Bernard Basch. In the School Committee race, Chairman William Cashman will meet William Smalley.

The State DPW has transferred \$20,000 from an account for dredging Winthrop Harbor to an account for building a seawall on Pt. Shirley.

Despite the snow and rain, local merchants report that their January Jamboree Sale was a big success.

80 years ago
January 22, 1944

George Hamilton, who has been prominent in Winthrop scouting for many years, received the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood by the Bay Shore Council of the Boy Scouts.

An interesting talk on the investigation of saboteurs and Axis agents was given by an FBI agent to the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting.

The selectmen are doing everything in their power to obtain coal for those families who have run out.

The selectmen have ordered the flooding of Bay View playground to provide skating for the town's youngsters.

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Baldini named as new Superintendent of Chelsea Veterans Home

Special to the Journal

The Executive Office of Veterans Services announces the selection of Christine Baldini, LNHA, as the new Superintendent of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea. With over 25 years of distinguished service as a senior nursing home leader in the Greater Boston area, Baldini’s selection marks a significant milestone for the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea.

“Christine Baldini’s qualifications and dedication to high-quality senior living care made her the ideal candidate,” said Secretary Jon Santiago. “I’m thankful for Robert Engell’s leadership during this transition marked by several milestones, and I’m confident that Christine’s leadership will add to the momentum while creating an environment that fosters opportunity, growth, and world-class excellence in long-term care.”

“I am honored to join the Chelsea Veterans Home as the Superintendent,” expressed Christine Baldini. “My goal is to continue the legacy of exceptional care and support for our veterans, building on the foundation of excellence established by the Executive Office of Veterans Services. My career has been dedicated to ensuring the well-being of those under my care, and I am eager to continue this mission with the veterans at Chelsea.”

The newly constructed Veterans Home at Chelsea, a state-of-the-art building with 154 private resident rooms, is designed with a strong focus on energy efficiency.

In October, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services proudly announced that the Veterans Home at Chelsea (CHE) secured the Department of Public Health (DPH) Licensure and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Ser-



Christine Baldini

vices (CMS) Certification, officially designating it as a skilled nursing facility.

These critical licensures facilitated the relocation of the initial 20 residents into the new veterans home. Soon after, the Veterans Home underwent and passed its initial State Veterans Home recognition survey by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA Recognition Survey, which determines compliance with VA standards and adherence to all applicable

Federal, State, and local laws and relevant professional standards, is a critical component for the new facility to become fully operational and allows for federal reimbursement.

“In the past 90 days, we have successfully navigated licensure and certification by DPH, CMS, and recognition by the VA while completing construction and moving in our first group of veterans before previously expected timelines, which could have gone into 2025,” said Robert Engell, Acting Superintendent of Homes and Operations at the Executive Office of Veterans Services. “This remarkable achievement is a testament to our dedicated team’s commitment to providing exceptional care and support to our veterans at Chelsea.”

“With her extensive experience and dedication to quality care, Christine Baldini is an invaluable addition to the Chelsea Veterans Home family,”

stated Tommy Lyons, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Home at Chelsea. “Her appointment signifies our ongoing commitment to elevate the standard of care for our veterans.”

The Veterans Home at Chelsea is currently in the process of relocating all residents into this cutting-edge facility, with a target of moving all residents into the new home by February 2024.

As the former Director of Continuing Care at Erickson Senior Living, Brooksby Village, Baldini oversaw the daily operations of a 228-bed continuing care retirement community (CCRC) with a team of over 200 staff members. Her tenure was marked by consecutive years of recognition for excellence, including a deficiency-free Annual Health Care and Life Safety Survey in 2020 and 2022 and a prestigious 5-star Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rating. Under

her leadership, the facility received consistent accolades, including recognition as a U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Home for five consecutive years.

Christine Baldini holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration focusing on Healthcare Management from New Hampshire College, Manchester, NH. She is licensed by the Board of Registration of Nursing Home Administrators in MA.

Baldini’s leadership extends beyond business acumen; she’s a people leader dedicated to cultivating a high-performing, collaborative environment. Her expertise in implementing intentional practices for recruitment, retention, and employee engagement underscores her commitment to not only organizational success but also the well-being of the team serving our veterans.

DeFelice // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ed on and off the fields of play, Swampscott’s varsity baseball team will henceforth compete on the “Frank DeFelice Diamond.” The accomplishments of Mr. DeFelice as coach, teacher, and mentor well warrant this recognition – among them the 1993 state baseball championship, induction into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association and Swampscott High Halls of Fame, 465 victories with a .644 winning percentage. His work lives on in those that he helped develop. That following his retirement he has continued to support the town’s programs and offer guidance established Coach DeFelice as a true embodiment of Big Blue pride and spirit.”

Mr. DeFelice, who is an inductee in the Win-



Hall of Fame coach Frank DeFelice displays the plaque that was presented during the special ceremony held before the Winthrop-Swampscott boys basketball game Tuesday night.

throp High Hall of Fame and played sports with his brother, Bob, an excep-

tional athlete and coach as well, delivered remarks following the award presentation.

“When I was a boy growing up in Winthrop, I played all the games that boys played in junior high,” recalled Mr. DeFelice. “Then I got to high school, and I settled on football and baseball. When I got into my early 20s, I was disappointed to realize that I was a better football player than a baseball player. But my passion – I love football – but I have a tremendous passion for baseball. To have an opportunity to get a baseball field named after you in the town that you live in and where you coached – I think it’s tremendous that I have that privilege and honor.

I’m very excited about it. Thank you very much.”

Former Swampscott High baseball star Kevin Rogers, who was the winning pitcher in the 1993 state championship game and went on to play at UHN, summed up vividly the thoughts of his teammates and others who had the honor to be on a Frank DeFelice-coached team.

“I’m honored to be here for Coach. He’s deserving of this,” said Rogers. “Any recognition and accolades are a long time coming and well deserved, and we’re all proud to have played for him, because he’s a



Chris Tsiotos and his brother, Nick Tsiotos, warmly greet Frank DeFelice at the ceremony Tuesday night at Swampscott High where it was announced that the Swampscott baseball field will be named the Frank DeFelice Diamond in tribute to his outstanding coaching career.

legend in town. There’s a reason that we carried ourselves the way we did year after year, generation after generation, so I’m

just happy to have been part of the program that had Coach DeFelice as the anchor.”

Crossword Puzzle


- ACROSS**
- 1 Remain undecided
 - 5 Fischer's game
 - 10 Filly's mom
 - 14 Seethe
 - 15 Principal artery
 - 16 TV host Trebek
 - 17 Special Forces hostess?
 - 19 In real time
 - 20 __ Haute, IN
 - 21 Pool stick
 - 22 Lulu
 - 23 Souped-up antique?
 - 27 Roman magistrate
 - 30 Work hard
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 - 35 Burning crime
 - 38 Former Bruin Bobby
 - 39 Monica of the courts
 - 41 Spanish article
 - 42 Bosc and Anjou
 - 45 Cleopatra's river
 - 46 Dotted cubes
 - 47 Repast
 - 49 Exposes to oxygen
 - 51 Surgical delivery picture?
 - 55 Pro __ (in proportion)
 - 56 Gladiator's 56
 - 57 Courageous
 - 61 Wanes
 - 62 Excellent steaks?
 - 65 Lion's fare
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 - 67 Singles
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- DOWN**
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 - 3 __-do-well
 - 4 Atypically small ones
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- 33 __ Baba
- 34 Take it easy
- 36 A single time
- 37 Highland negatives
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- 43 Selects new players
- 44 Used chairs
- 46 Barracks' leisure space
- 48 Fragrant flowers
- 50 Actor/director Ellis
- 51 __ fraiche (dessert topping)
- 52 Cavalry sword
- 53 Convex molding

- 54 San Fran pro
- 58 Author Tyler
- 59 Swerve
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- 63 Corn unit
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FRESH & LOCAL

World Central Kitchen Cookbook

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The first recipe in José Andrés’ “World Central Kitchen Cookbook” is for the Fireman’s Chili that the World Central Kitchen (WCK) serves to those fighting wildfires. It is a great introduction to what this book is all about. The recipe is presented in two versions, one for 4 to 6 people and one for 100 people.

How to Scale a Recipe

Despite the hundreds of cookbooks in our library, we have seldom seen instructions on how to scale a recipe. Yes, in some cases, you can double or halve it, and it will work out fine. However, this is not always the case, and the pantry chapter ends with tips on scaling a recipe. This is extremely useful whether you are making something from the book or scaling up your grandmother’s goulash recipe for a family reunion.

Feeding People Is About More Than Food

The recipes in the book were created to meet vital criteria that align with the core values of the organization: empathy, urgency, adaptation, hope, community, resilience, and joy. For the home cook, those values translate into learning how to make nutritious, economical meals that are great as leftovers, that shed insight into other cultures, serve well for family or community gatherings, and bring joy to those you feed.

Topics

“Empathy” is the heading for the chapter on braises and long-cooked

food. It includes great classics like Beef Rendang, Pork al Pastor, and a simple Stewed Chicken. “Urgency” provides ideas for food for people on the go. Unlike WCK, you may not be feeding first responders. However, you may have occasions when hand-held food like tacos, arepas, flatbreads, and sandwiches fit the bill.

The “Adaptation” chapter talks about what you can make ahead and how to cook larger quantities using a sheet pan or make Arroz con Pollo in a large paella pan if that is what you have. WCK calls adaptation “the ultimate unteachable skill.” Over the years, we’ve learned the benefit of adaptability in the kitchen.

The section on “Hope” is filled with recipes for soups, stews, and other warming meals. Every culture has a version of a soup that brings relief and hope to those who need something to look forward to at that moment. The chapter on Joy includes sweets and dessert and the importance of moments of lightness in any stressful situation,

“Community” contains recipes created by people from the food world who

support WCK at every level. This includes people from the location being served and famous chefs who designed recipes for WCK to use.

“Resilience” covers WCK’s efforts to support the local foodshed as a way to rebuild in a disaster area. This is the same kind of help a home cook can give to their local food producers by shopping at farmers’ markets and choosing local options when at other sites.

To Wrap It Up

We’ll let José Andrés have the last word about his book. He wrote, “So I am here to encourage you to get motivated by this book, however, it inspires you. Whether it means you are cooking a meal for a neighbor in need, volunteering at your local food pantry, joining our Relief Team as we respond to a disaster somewhere in the world—or simply making dinner for your family and learning about where that dish came from.”

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



José Andrés’ World Central Kitchen Cookbook is more than a collection of recipes. It’s a manual that inspires home cooks to discover new ways to think about food.



Head coach Quinton Dale II diagrams a play during a Winthrop timeout in Tuesday’s game at Swampscott High School. Looking on at right is Quinton’s father, former Northeastern star Quinton Dale.

Positives abound, but Viking comeback fall short to Swampscott, 59-53

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High School boys basketball team made a concerted fourth-quarter comeback to make it a one possession game, but Swampscott hit its free throws in the final seconds to seal a 59-53 victory over the Vikings Tuesday night.

Despite the tough loss to one of Winthrop’s long-time NEC foes, there were plenty of positives for first-year head coach Quinton Dale II to feel optimistic about heading into the final third of the season.

Senior guard George Galuris continued to excel for the Vikings at both ends of the court, finishing with a team-high 15 points. Galuris piloted the Vikings’ late comeback that sliced Swampscott’s lead to 59-56 with eight seconds left in the game.

Vasili Tsiotos (11 points) launched the comeback by hitting three

free throws. Tsiotos has been asked to do a lot in the Vikings’ rebounding and interior defensive departments, and the 6-foot senior has been delivering solid two-way efforts.

Matt Reardon had a lay-up off a full court-length feed from Galuris and hit a clutch three-pointer that closed the deficit to 56-53 with nine seconds left before Swampscott went to the line and iced the victory with three free throws.

Improving sophomore guard Noah Bayersdorfer displayed a nice touch from long-range as he figures prominently in the Vikings’ rotation and the future of the program. Andrew Faretra, who contributed two free throw swishers to the comeback with one minute left, also played well for the Vikings.

Swampscott head coach Jay Knowles accurately assessed that the difference was his team’s offensive rebounding and tran-

sition buckets.

“I think the biggest difference was the transition points and second-chance points for both teams,” said Knowles. “Both teams shot decent, not great, and the team that got the most second-chance points and fast-break points took away the ‘W.’” We’re similar teams. Both teams play equally hard and never give up. We both want to get those gutsy, gritty wins. Winthrop is a well-coached team.”

A slow start (Winthrop trailed by double digits in the first quarter) hurt the Vikings, but Quinton Dale saw some bright spots over the final three quarters.

“It was good to get George going at the offensive end,” said Dale. “Noah played well off the bench. Matt and Vasili have been steady all season, and Andrew Faretra has been playing well the

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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

VIKINGS REMAIN UNDEFEATED; ARE RANKED #1 IN D-4; TRAVEL TO MASCO FOR KEY NEC BATTLE

The Winthrop High boys hockey team enjoyed a successful week, winning two games and tying a third, to remain undefeated with an overall record of 8-0-1. The Vikings are in sole possession of first place in the North Division of the Northeastern Conference with a record of 4-0 and are ranked #1 in Division 4 in the MIAA power rankings.

Winthrop opened the week with a 5-3 victory over NEC North rival Gloucester last Wednesday at Larsen Rink. The fierce foes engaged in an epic battle before a large crowd at Larsen.

The Vikings, who had many scoring opportunities in the opening period, finally broke through when Mike Holgersen, assisted by Phil Boncore and Jackson Andy, lit the lamp, a marker that was followed soon thereafter by a another goal from Colin O'Leary, assisted by Robert Rich, to leave matters at 2-0 at the first horn.

The fast and physical play by both teams carried over into the second period with the same intensity, with the Vikings once again doing all the scoring early on. A power play goal by Petey Silverman, assisted by Holgersen, made it 3-0, and Aidan Survilas, assisted by O'Leary extended the margin to 4-0.

However, the visiting Fishermen refused to reel in their lines, and stormed back with a pair of power play goals before the period ended to leave matters at 4-2 entering the final 15 minutes of regulation.

Gloucester further tightened matters with a goal midway through the third frame to make it a 4-3 affair. The final eight minutes proved to be even faster and fierouser (yeah, we know), with both teams having opportunities to scort, but it was Holgersen who made the contest a fait accompli when he scored an empty-netter on a breakaway on a nice assist from Silverman.

WHS goalie Mike Donahue earned the Star of the Game plaudits for his 23-save performance, which included some superb saves down the stretch.

This past Saturday the Vikings trekked to Salem State College to meet NEC South opponent Swampscott and came home with a 7-3 triumph.

The contest was a tight affair through the first two periods thanks to a hot Big Blue goalie who stymied the Viking scorers enabling Swampscott to keep matters deadlocked at 1-1 at the first horn and 2-2 at the second. Holgersen (assisted by Silverman) and Silvberman (unassisted) accounted for the Winthrop goals.

However, in the third

period the floodgates opened, as the Vikings rattled home five goals. Silverman scored twice to notch the hat trick and teammates Billy Hayes, Rob Rich, and Aiden Survilas added a goal apiece for the 7-3 finale.

This past Monday the Vikings had the opportunity to play at Walter Brown Arena, the home ice of Boston University (the alma mater of Winthrop head coach Dale Dunbar), against Division 1 Lexington.

The contest was a fast-paced, up-and-down battle all the way. Winthrop racked up 43 shots on goal, but came away with a 2-2 tie. Lexington took an early 1-0 lead, which held up through the first two periods. The Vikings finally broke through in the third period on a power play goal by Andy, off some nice passing by Silverman and Boncore, to bring the score back to level, and minutes later, freshman Joe Pumphret scored his first varsity goal, assisted by Nick Romano and Jay Fotiades, to give Winthrop a 2-1 lead.

However, with less than two minutes to go, Lexington knotted matters at 2-2, sending the game into the five-minute sudden-death overtime. Winthrop had numerous chances in the OT session, including a shot that hit the crossbar, but could not strike for the game-winner.

Dunbar and his crew will face one of their biggest tests of the season when they travel to the Haverhill Valley Forum Saturday to take on Masconomet, which is in second place in the NEC North and ranked 10th in Division 2. The opening face-off is set for 7:30.

The Vikings will return to Larsen on Monday to host Essex Tech, which is ranked seventh in Division 3, for a 5:30 face-off.

WHS GIRLS TRACK DEFEATS SAUGUS, 46-35

The Winthrop High girls indoor track and field team earned a 46-35 victory over Northeastern Conference rival Saugus last Thursday at Beverly.

The first-place finishers for Winthrop were: Gabriela Currier in the 50 yard hurdles with a time of 9.6; Grace Scorzella in the 600 meter dash with a clocking of 2:26.9; Danika Ripley in the 1000 in a time of 4:25.4 (in which Danika edged her closest Saugus foe by just 0.4 of a second); April Ferguson in the mile with a run of 8:14.3; and Annabelle Giardino in the two-mile in 16:01.7.

The Lady Vikings also won the 4 x 400 relay, nipping their Lady Sachem counterparts by 0.2 of a second with their time of 5:23.1 compared to 5:23.3 for Saugus.

Adding three points to Winthrop's winning effort with second-place perfor-

SCENES FROM WHS TRACK AT SAUGUS



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Shown above, Aaron Armistead (352) and Brady Tallent (860) have the lead on the way to the finish line in a heat of the boys hurdles during a recent meet held in Saugus.

Shown to the left, Mary Healy in the high jump.

Shown below, Zack Brazier (854) puts his all into a shot put throw.

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SCENES FROM WHS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD MEET VS. SAUGUS



Owen Nargi (858) is crammed in the middle of the pack at the crowded start of the 2-mile run.



Gabriella Currier (386) leads the way and teammate Chelsea Long (396) is not far behind on their way to the finish in the 55m high hurdles.



Grace Scorzela (398) and Ella Giacalone(389) celebrate Dania Ripley's (397) run.



April Ferguson (388) reacts as she crosses the finish line for a Winthrop win the in relay.



Liam Kenney (856) takes off on his leg of the relay.



Aaron Armistead just missed this attempt on the high jump.



An official rings the bell to signal the final lap for Grace Scorzela (398) as she starts the final lap of the 1000 yard run.



Grace Scorzela (398) takes off after getting the baton from Gabriella Currier (386).

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
January 16, 1024
The Winthrop High Lady Bulldog hockey team won two both of its games this week in convincing fashion, a 7-0 shutout of Matignon and a 5-1 triumph over Marblehead, to improve to a sterling 7-1 record at the almost-halfway mark of the season. Seven different Lady Bulldogs reached the back of the Matignon net: Cat Salvetti, Ariana Dembro, Olivia Shkliwe, eighth graders Emma English, Michaela Norris, and Catie O'Shea, and Jessica Ford. Eighth grader Savannah Norcross, who centers the WHS second line between English and Shkliwe, enjoyed her best-ever performance for the Lady Bulldogs with a hat trick and two assists in the win over Marblehead. Pat Todisco notched

the hat trick and linemate Chris "Buddy" Page lit the lamp twice to pace the 5-4 Winthrop High hockey team to a 9-0 runaway victory over Salem Saturday evening at Larsen Rink. The Winthrop High girls basketball team raised their record to a superb 7-2 mark with a pair of wins in their three outings this past week. The Lady Vikings avenged what had been their only loss of the season with a 55-45 triumph over Peabody with a fourth-quarter comeback. Theresa Jones led the charge in the final eight minutes, scoring 12 of her game-high 16 points in that time span. Ashelyne Babb also was a force in the fourth period, hitting for six of her 14 points, including a three pointer. Kristen Siscaman is reached double figures with 10 points and the trio

of Poli Tsiotis, Nikki Tsiotis, and Nina Bartlett contributed five points apiece. Although the Winthrop High boys basketball team came up on the short end of their three contests this week to powerful rivals Peabody, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical of the Northeastern Conference's Large School Division, coach Mike DiMarino and his crew remain upbeat as they look ahead to the second half of their season. The Winthrop High gymnastics team got its season underway this past week with the season-opener held before a full house at the WHS gym against Salem. Julia Duplin, Mackenzie Chiudina, Caitlin Page, and Christa Vaccaro led the way for the Winthrop squad, which fell just short by a final tally of 124-4-

121.85. **20 years ago**
January 22, 2004
The Winthrop High hockey team clinched a berth in the state tourney and widened its lead atop the NEC/CAL standings with a 3-1 win over Saugus at Kasabuski Rink. Charlie Bobo, Evan O'Brien, and Patrick Gunn scored the goals for Winthrop, which received another stellar effort in goal from Adam Sullivan. Coach John O'Neil's squad now is 10-1 overall and is undefeated in the NEC/CAL. Winthrop is seeking its first conference crown in 19 years. Despite an impressive performance by Colleen Lally, who scored 17 points with nine rebounds, six steals, and six assists, the WHS girls basketball team dropped a 52-43 de-

cision to Beverly. Karen Visco scored seven points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Anthony Griffin scored 21 points and Ryan Maloney added 12 in a 72-67 loss for the WHS boys basketball team to Beverly. Super Bowl fever has gripped the area after the Patriots' exciting win over Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game Sunday. **30 years ago**
January 27, 1994
Goalie Anthony Palmer turned in a spectacular performance to earn a 1-1 tie for coach Tom Holman's WHS hockey team against undefeated Danvers, the first place team in the NEC. The boys basketball team rolled past Swamp-

scott, 78-47. Scott Sanchez scored 24 points and Paul Struzziero added 12 for Peter Grimes's Vikings. The boys track team defeated Lynn Classical 45-41 to finish the season with a 5-3 record, the best record for the boys indoor track team in five years, according to Pat McGee. David Elliot won the shot put with a personal best throw of 42'-9", John Mullane won the 1000 in 2:32, Jeff Kellner won the 300 in 36.6, and Michael Giuliano won the 600 in 1:27. **40 years ago**
January 25, 1984
Steve Staffier, Robert Crossman, and Shawn Sullivan scored the goals for coach Bill Falasca's WHS hockey team in a

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last few weeks, and he kept that going. He was locked in on defense." Winthrop (3-9) plays at Marblehead High Monday night. **Galuris to Reardon pass play a highlight**
During the third quarter as Winthrop began a surge, George Galuris completed a court-length pass to football teammate Matt Reardon, who deposited

the basketball in the hoop for two points. Swampscott coach Jay Knowles, sensing the turnaround in momentum, called for an immediate timeout after the play. Galuris has great court sense and should add All-Star basketball honors to his resume after being an All-Conference player for Jon Cadigan's football Vikings.

Basketball splendor: Northeastern's Quinton Dale
It's great to see Quinton Dale on the bench as an assistant coach of the Vikings. Dale was a college basketball star at Northeastern University where the 6-foot-7-inch forward excelled alongside Reggie Lewis on a Jim Calhoun-coached team. Dale was a mentor to Lewis, who went on to become

an All-Star player for the Boston Celtics. At one point in the Swampscott game, head coach Quinton Dale II called a timeout to regroup his team which then went on a surge. Quinton turned to his father, and they both agreed that it was an advantageous call for the Vikings. "He's a huge help," said Quinton of his famous dad's presence on

the bench. "He's had my back in terms of basketball and off the court as a player and now as a coach. So having him around is a big help." **Vikings on hand for tribute to Frank DeFelice**
The Winthrop players and coaches looked on respectfully as Winthrop High Class of 1957 graduate Frank DeFelice

was honored by Swampscott officials during a pre-game ceremony. The baseball field in Swampscott will be named the Frank DeFelice Diamond in recognition of his outstanding coaching career for the Big Blue baseball and football teams.

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mances were: Grace Scorzella in the high jump (4'-4"); Chelsea Long in the 50 yard hurdles (9.6); Ariana Cappuccio in the 50 yard dash (6.71); Daniela Gomez in the 300 meter dash (53.3); and Ella Giacalone in the 600 (2:27.5); Mary Healey contributed a point to the Winthrop side of the scoresheet with her third-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 4'-2".

LADY VIKINGS BATTLE GLOUCESTER TO 1-1 TIE
The Winthrop High girls hockey team made the long trek to Talbot Rink (a/k/a "the fish tank"), the home ice of Northeast Hockey League (NHL) rival Gloucester, Saturday and came home with a 1-1 tie. "It was a battle from start to finish," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci, whose squad dropped a 2-1 decision to the Lady Fishermen in their first meeting this season. Gloucester got on the board first with a power play goal. "Their power play was very good, they set up well, and moved the puck," said Martucci. "It was kind of a shot that got deflected and changed direction, but it was tough to give up the first goal to them again. "We just had to keep pushing and trying to get the equalizer," Martucci continued, which the Lady Vikings did in the second period off the stick of Amelia Spencer.

"Spennie" is a junior defenseman and one of our best players," said the coach. "She is so strong, so tough, and has a ton of skill. This goal however was pure will, and she

simply took the puck and drove to the net hard, ripping a hard, low shot that beat the Gloucester goalie through the 5-hole. It was a huge goal, and it came at the perfect time in period two." Much like the first meeting between the teams, in which Winthrop outshot Gloucester by a wide margin, the Lady Vikings controlled the play from the opening face-off, but were unable to push across the go-ahead goal. "Unfortunately, we would have many other chances to convert, but we did not, and although Gloucester had fewer chances, after a five-minute overtime the game remained a 1-1 tie," Martucci added. "Some notable performances from the game were that of Angela Coscia, a freshman right winger, who continues to impress with her fearless play and speed, Angie is a great young player. She is going to be a star for this program. "Also, our defense and goaltending once again were solid," Martucci continued. "Avalina Coffey continues to up her game and she has been a very consistent strength for us in every game." Martucci and his crew were scheduled to host Winchester, a tough opponent from the Middlesex League, last night (Wednesday) and then will travel to the Ray Bourque Arena at Endicott College to face NHL rival Beverly on Saturday at 5:30.

VIKING GYMNASTS TOP GLOUCESTER IN OPENER

The Winthrop High gymnastics team was "on the beam" (pun intended) in its season-opener, claiming a 130.1-112.15 victory over Gloucester at

the Winthrop Gymnastics Academy. Junior Sara Jurovich began the 2024 season for the Vikings, scoring a 7.2, good for fourth place, on the bars. Juniors Isabella Rice and Brooklyn Banfield tied with a 6.6. Senior captains Ellie O'Donnell and Shannon Abbott both tied for second place with a 7.5. Leading all scorers on the bars was sophomore standout, Zoe Ray, who took first place with an 8.6. "Zoe has put in the time in the off season and it's going to show all season," said WHS coach and former Viking standout Christa Vaccaro. Jillian Buonopane was first up on the balance beam for the Vikings, scoring a 7.3. She was followed by freshman Charlotte Zarba, who scored a 7.4. Ellie O'Donnell had a tough beam day scoring a 7.85. Isabella Rice fell on her back handspring, scoring an 8.3 for second place. Zoe Ray captured first place with an impressive routine, scoring an 8.5. Up-and-coming eighth grader Macy Werstak, one of only two Vikings who stayed on the beam, scored an 8.2 for third place. Winthrop's strongest event, the vault, didn't disappoint the home crowd watching the action. Brooklyn Banfield stuck her vault with an 8.15, followed by Isabella Rice with an 8.20. Sara Jurovich took fourth place with an 8.25. Shannon Abbott took third place on the vault with an 8.25 and Ellie O'Donnell took second place with her score of 8.5. Competing in her first high school competition, eighth-grader Macy Werstak did a handspring with a full twist, sticking both

landings for the highest score in the meet, a 9.0. "Macy is going to be a force to be reckoned with," said WHS coach Peter Gobiell. After the first three events, the Vikings held a commanding lead, 96.85-83.15, which they expanded in the final event, the floor exercise. First up for Winthrop was Jillian Buonopane, scoring a 7.1. Shannon Abbott completed her routine with a fancy new ending, scoring an 8.0 for fourth place. Macy Werstak, in her first performance on the floor exercise, scored an 8.1 to take third place. Isabella Rice had a tough start on the floor with a fall, scoring a 7.65. Ellie O'Donnell hit her routine for an 8.45 to capture second place. The show then belonged to Zoe Rey, who performed two brand-new tumbling passes and then sticking her routine for first place

with a score of 8.7. **BOYS TRACK EDGED BY SAUGUS, 45-38**
The Winthrop High boys indoor track and field team put up a spirited battle against Northeastern Conference rival Saugus last Thursday at Beverly, but fell short by a 45-38 decision. A number of Vikings turned in strong performances with winning efforts in their events: Liam Kenney was a double-victor, taking first in the shot put with a throw of 31'-2" and the 600 meter dash with a time of 1:34.8; Aaron Armitstead took first in the 50 yard hurdles with a clocking of 8.47; and Owen Nargi grabbed first in the two-mile in 15:27.5. Adding three points with second-place finishes for Winthrop were: Brady Tallent in the 50-yard hurdles (8.78); Quinn Linehan in the 50 yard dash (6.3);

John Tracy in the 300 meter dash (44.5); Ryan Gilis in the 1000 (3:39.5); Gabriel Perez in the mile (5:51.2); and Zach Brazier in the two-mile (16:19.6). **WHS HOOP TEAMS TO TAKE ON MARBLEHEAD**
The Winthrop High boys and girls basketball teams will meet Northeastern Conference (NEC) North Division rival Marblehead this Monday. Coach Anthony Hatzis-avas and his Lady Vikings will entertain the Lady Magicians for a 6:00 tip-off, while coach Quinton Dale II and his Vikings boys will trek up the coast to Marblehead for a 7:00 start. Next Thursday, both squads will take on NEC South opponent Saugus, with the girls once again at home starting at 6:00 and the boys traveling to Saugus at 7:00.

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Albert L. Marley Jr. of Winthrop passed away on January 15. He was 66 years old.

The beloved husband of Eileen M. (Buckley) Marley, he was born in Winthrop, the cherished son of the late Elaine M. (Sacco) and Albert L. Marley Sr.

Prior to his retirement, Albert was employed as a firefighter for the Town of Winthrop. He was also the business owner of ALM Tile Co., the Past Commodore of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club of Winthrop and member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078.

Albert was the devoted father of Jennifer Marley of Coral Springs, FL and Kevin Marley of Winthrop. He was the dear brother of Charlene A. Marley, Susan M. McLaughlin and her husband, John, Brian L. Marley and his wife, Stacie, Lois E. Marley and the late Kevin Marley, all of Winthrop and the loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will take





place on Saturday, January 2, in St. John the Evangelist Church, (St. Michael's Parish), 320 Winthrop St. Winthrop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the church beginning at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, Inc. 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA. 02215. Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign Albert's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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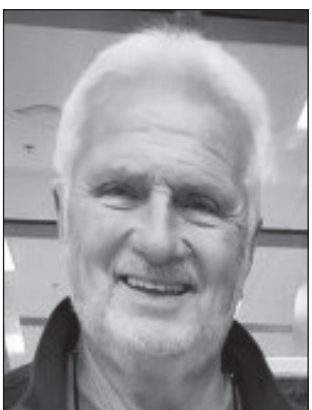
Henry V. Burton, Jr.

Self employed building contractor and former
director of Revere Youth Hockey

Henry V. Burton, Jr. of Revere, formerly of Winthrop, passed away at the Whidden Hospital in Everett on January 7. He was 72 years old.

Born in Winthrop, he was the beloved son of the late Clarice (Tsatsos) and Henry V. Burton, Sr. A resident of Revere for over 50 years, he was a self-employed building contractor prior to his passing. He was also the former director of Revere Youth Hockey.

He was the devoted husband of Deborah R. (Moore) and the loving father of Dennis M. Burton and his wife, Danielle of North Reading; dear brother of Patricia A. Hills and her husband, Wally of North Conway, New Hampshire and Robert J. Burton and his wife, Karen of Jackson, New



Hampshire; cherished grandfather of Caroline, Emily, Annie and Kate and beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, January 12. Committal was private.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Nancy Ann Savoia

Former Seamstress

Nancy Ann Savoia of Concord and formerly of Winthrop passed away at home on January 11, 2024. She was 95 years old.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Concetta (Testa) and Placido Lagana. A resident of Winthrop for over 60 years, she worked as a seamstress prior to starting her family.

She was the devoted wife of the late Benjamin Savoia and the loving mother of Frances Devitt and her husband, Les of Concord, Mary Ellen Murphy and her late husband, Phil of Acton and Theresa Scalzi and her husband, PJ of Concord; dear sister of the late Joseph Lagana, John Lagana, Frances Previte, Anthony Lagana and her twin, Theresa Martino; cherished grandmother of



Megan Pasquina and her husband, Lincoln, Alex Brown, Amanda Miller and her husband, Dylan, Kara Murphy, Ben Murphy, Julia Scalzi and Nico Scalzi; great grandmother of Marcus and Spencer. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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Virginia Aliberti

Of Winthrop

Virginia M. Aliberti of Winthrop passed away at the Advocate Healthcare of East Boston on January 11. She was 90 years old.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Margaret (Moss) and James Johnson. She was the devoted wife of the late John V. Aliberti and the loving mother of Roger Aliberti and his wife, Nancy of Deerfield, New Hampshire, Margaret O'Leary and her companion Allan Cash of Winthrop, John Aliberti and his wife, Claire of Stafford Springs, Connecticut, Stephen "Rocky" Aliberti and his wife, Mary Jane of Revere, James Aliberti and his companion, Marlene of San Francisco, California and Mark Aliberti and his wife, Diana of Winthrop; cherished grandmother of Chris and his wife, Stacey, Cara, Ashley, Thomas, Rena and her husband, Peter, John, Michael, Cyndal, Michael and his wife, Crystal, Donald, Shannon and



the late Charles and Candice, great grandmother of Kyle, Reed, April, Gianna, Lyla and Leona and great great grandmother of Ashton.

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Healey-Driscoll Admin. celebrates
Northeastern University for being
awarded \$6 million in grants

Special to the Transcript

The Healey-Driscoll administration is celebrating Northeastern University for winning three federal grants totaling \$6 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund to support their Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things (WIoT). The federal investments supported by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, which provided \$1.52 million in capital grant funding from the Technology & Innovation Ecosystem Awards program managed by the Innovation Institute at MassTech.

Altogether, these NTIA grants – funded by the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 – will help unlock innovation in testing and strengthening of the wireless supply chain across the nation, helping reduce costs, increase competi-

tion, and lower security risks for future mobile networking.

"Massachusetts has a proud history of paving the next frontier of telecommunications and is continuing this tradition through the initiative of our colleges and universities, who are staying on the cutting edge of mobile tech," said Governor Maura Healey. "We want to congratulate Northeastern on their innovative approach to ensuring our communications are more secure, cost-effective, and will create the jobs of tomorrow, and we thank the Biden-Harris administration for making this funding available."

"We're a state filled with the best universities in the country," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "This support from the Biden-Harris administration allows us to further empower our academic institutions and students. By

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A full list of the activities, programs, trips, and services offered at the Senior Center can be found in our newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Monday, January 22	9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage 10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5) 11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up 11:30am-2:30pm: Gane Day/Mahjong 12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$5)
Tuesday, January 23	9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage 9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1) 11:00am: Grab and Lunch Pick-Up
Wednesday, January 24	1:00pm-2:00pm: Winthrop Police Outreach Program 9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage 9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5) 10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5) 11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up 11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5) 1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class
Thursday, January 25	9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage 9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class 12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up 12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

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Friday, January 26
9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00pm: Line Dancing (\$5)
11:00am- Grab and Grab Lunch Pick-Up
11:00am-12:30pm: Creative Writing
11:00am-12:30pm: Elder Law Health Care Proxy Presentation

Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm. Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday – Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538

by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight; they must be picked up on the day that they were requested for.

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center at least two weekdays prior to the desired date. Rides to medical appointments will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

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equipping them with the necessary tools, we aim to motivate them to reach exceptional heights in technological innovation.”

“For more than 50 years, U.S. universities have worked in partnership with government to advance the frontiers of science and maintain our global competitiveness,” said Joseph E. Aoun, president of Northeastern University. “This federal investment in Northeastern’s wireless communications research – supplemented by the Healey-Driscoll administration’s vital support – will enable our scientists to develop breakthrough technologies that benefit our region, the nation and the world.”

The three NTIA grants to Northeastern include:

- August 8, 2023: A \$2 million award for the TENORAN project, with partner Dell Technologies, NVIDIA, an automated end-to-end energy-efficiency profiling of Open RAN systems through high-fidelity standardized testing scenarios.
- November 28, 2023: A \$2 million award for DigiRAN project, with partner Dell Technologies,

focused on the interoperability, security and performance testing of an open RAN (radio access network architecture) system.

- January 10, 2024: A \$2 million award for AutoRAN project with partner Nvidia, which will research the automation of “end-to-end continuous testing for open and disaggregated cellular systems.”

“Northeastern’s commitment to build a more intelligent mobile network infrastructure here in Massachusetts has the potential to increase competition and grow our economy,” said Secretary of Economic Development Yvonne Hao. “We’re grateful for the support of the Biden Administration and the NTIA for enabling Northeastern University to pioneer technological advancements, break barriers, build a hub for economic development, and provide workforce opportunities for their student population.”

“Through these investments, Northeastern will help advance the wireless networks that power our innovation economy, making them more agile,

responsive, and secure,” said Pat Larkin, Director of the Innovation Institute at MassTech. “For our startups in the advanced wireless space, this new technology will expand their access to cutting-edge technology and the world-class researchers at NU.”

“We are grateful to President Biden, Secretary Raimondo and the NTIA for their decision, and congratulations to Northeastern on this exciting award,” said Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey. “We will continue leveraging Massachusetts’s strengths in technology and innovation as we compete for federal funds that strengthen our supply chains, while creating good-paying jobs and investing in our communities.”

The investments will help Northeastern expand on the WIoT Institute in-

frastructure to acquire equipment which, combined with their Open 6G Testing & Integration Center, will create a unique facility to test interoperability and AI research around the deployment of 6G wireless, while also building a hub for economic development around Open RAN/6G wireless ecosystem in Massachusetts and a tech incubator for locally based startups. In addition, the public investments will strengthen workforce development efforts around Open RAN and 6G in the state.

The new tools will complement Northeastern’s existing telecommunications research hubs, such as the wireless network emulator, called Colosseum, and the FCC Innovation Zone, which allows qualified federal “licensees to test new advanced technologies and prototype networks.”

Sports Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

3-3 tie with Danvers. Winthrop is now in third place in the NEC with a 7-2-1 mark, behind 9-1-1 Marblehead, which is in first place.

The girls basketball team improved to 9-3 with easy wins over Gloucester and Marblehead. Lisa Monteleone enjoyed another banner week, scoring 36 points in the two contests.

The boys track team claimed wins over Salem and Lynn English. Lou Mazzone took first place in both meets in the 50-yard dash and Buster van Buskirk did the same in the 600.

70 years ago
January 28, 1954
Departing WHS basketball coach Gordon Connor was deprived of a victory in his final game at the helm of the Winthrop team when Swampscott scored a basket with 10 seconds to play to defeat the Winthrop squad. Still, Connor will leave as the most successful coach in the history of the Northeastern Conference, with his teams having captured seven of the nine league titles in which Winthrop has competed since joining the NEC in 1945-46. Winthrop will play its first game under new head coach John Sheehan this week. JV basketball coach Wallace McLean resigned his post this week in an obvious protest for not having been named the head coach. Connor is leaving the Winthrop schools to take a job as an administrator for a Catholic institution in Boston.

50 years ago
January 30, 1974
The WHS hockey team extended its unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 3-2 win at Salem in which Andy Arcadipane, Kevin Lydon, and Kevin Costonis scored the goals. Winthrop now stands at 9-2-1 on the year and is in second place behind Beverly, which comes to town this week.

The Winthrop High basketball team saw its hopes for an undefeated season wash away with tough losses of 60-58 to Lynn Classical in overtime and 52-49 to Swampscott. However, Winthrop still leads both Classical and Swampscott by one game in the race for the NEC title. Mike Harrison led Winthrop with 24 points in the Classical contest.

Coach George Skane's WHS boys gymnastics team ended a 10-0 season and won the No. Shore League title with a win over Masconomet Saturday.

60 years ago
January 30, 1964
A fourth major sport, ice hockey, will make its appearance in the Winthrop school system next year.

110 years ago
January 24, 1914
The Winthrop High girls defeated Revere in an exciting game of basketball, 28-13. Miss Knudson scored 10 points in the first period and Miss Hagman also was a star for Winthrop.

The Winthrop High boys basketball squad lost a hard-fought game before 400 spectators at Wellesley, 21-20. Talcott and Tonry played well for Winthrop. Wellesley now is 3-0 and in first place in the Interscholastic League.

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- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 large potato, cubed
- ½ cup baby carrots
- ½ teaspoon rosemary
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ tablespoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¼ cup water

DIRECTIONS


STEP 1: Place cubed beef and flour in a resealable plastic bag. Seal and shake to evenly coat beef with flour. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat, and brown beef on all sides. Transfer to a slow cooker.

STEP 2: Melt the butter in the skillet over medium heat, and cook onion until tender. Transfer to the slow cooker with the beef. Pour wine into the skillet to deglaze, then pour wine into slow cooker.

STEP 3: Dissolve the beef bouillon cube in 1 cup hot water, and pour into slow cooker. Place potato and carrots in slow cooker, and season with rosemary, thyme, garlic powder, and pepper. Mix in remaining water and Worcestershire sauce. Add more water if needed to cover all ingredients.

STEP 4: Cover slow cooker, and cook stew 7 to 8 hours on Low

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Biden-Harris Administration announces \$2.5 million grant for more electric vehicle charging network

Special to the Transcript

The Biden-Harris Administration last week announced a \$2.5 million grant to the Town of Deerfield, Massachusetts to fund two publicly accessible EV charging sites. The award is one of 47 projects in 22 states and Puerto Rico selected to receive a total of \$623 million in funding to help build out an electric vehicle (EV) charging network under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. This means EV drivers in Massachusetts and across the country can charge their electric vehicles where they live, work, and shop.

The grants are a critical part of the Biden Administration's goal of

building out a convenient, affordable, reliable and made-in-America national network of EV chargers, including at least 500,000 publicly available chargers by 2030 ensuring that EV's are made in America with American workers.

Under President Biden's leadership, EV sales have more than quadrupled, the number of publicly available charging ports has grown by nearly 70 percent, and more than 4 million EV's are now on the road. Spurred by the President's historic investments, private companies have announced more than \$155 billion in the EV and battery supply chain under the Biden-Harris Administration. EV's are critical to our rapid and equitable transition to clean transportation systems, producing zero tailpipe

emissions, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions – major contributors to climate change and key contributors to respiratory ailments.

"America led the arrival of the automotive era, and now we have a chance to lead the world in the EV revolution—securing jobs, savings, and benefits for Americans in the process," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "This funding will help ensure that EV chargers are accessible, reliable, and convenient for American drivers, while creating jobs in charger manufacturing, installation, and maintenance for American workers."

The grants being announced today are made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's \$2.5 billion Charging and

Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, a competitive funding program, that includes construction of approximately 7,500 EV charging ports. The CFI program complements the \$5 billion National Electric Vehicle (NEVI) Formula Program to build the "backbone" of high-speed EV chargers along our nation's highways. Thanks to the NEVI program, new charging stations in Ohio and New York have opened, and states like Pennsylvania and Maine have broken ground.

"Every community across the nation deserves access to convenient and reliable clean transportation," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm. "The Biden-Harris Administration is bringing an acces-

sible, made-in-America charging network into thousands of communities while cutting the carbon pollution that is driving the climate crisis."

In Massachusetts, the \$2.5 million grant will be used to fund two public access EV charging sites at the Leary Public Parking Lot and Town Hall Public Parking Lot. The sites are centrally located to the surrounding rural towns and will serve several disadvantaged communities.

"From my time working at the local level, I know that finding electric vehicle charging in a community is different from finding charging along highways," said U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg. "USDOT is proud to make an investment that will provide Americans with convenient, straightforward charging options in their communities."

"The Federal Highway Administration is pleased to announce this grant in Massachusetts that will bring EV charging to people and communities all across the nation," said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt. "These investments through the CFI Program will grow our national EV charging network, support President Biden's goals of achieving net-zero emissions for the nation by 2050 and promote opportunity for all Americans to enjoy the benefits of EV charging."

As part of today's announcements, the Federal Highway Administration is awarding \$311 million in funding to 36 "com-

munity" projects, including two Indian Tribes in Alaska and Arizona. These projects invest in EV charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure in urban and rural communities, including at convenient and high-use locations like schools, parks, libraries, multi-family housing, and more.

Another \$312 million in funding will go to 11 "corridor" recipients whose projects are located along roadways designated as Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). These projects will fill gaps in the core national charging and alternative-fueling network.

The CFI Program advances President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which set a goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. More than 70% of the CFI funding announced today will support project sites in disadvantaged communities.

To provide a consistent charging experience for users that ensures a convenient, affordable, and reliable national charging network, EV chargers constructed with CFI funds must adhere to the same minimum standards established for NEVI-funded chargers. FHWA is working closely with the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, which provides technical assistance on planning and implementation of a national network of electric vehicle chargers and zero-emission fueling infrastructure.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 23 SM 004672 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Richard R. Coscia a/k/a Ralph R. Coscia; Richard Coscia, as Proposed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard R. Coscia a/k/a Ralph R. Coscia; Maria Coscia; Michelle Repstein and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. G. 50 §3901 (et seq): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee

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House unanimously passes bill to prevent abuse and exploitation

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts House of Representatives last week passed legislation that combines several separate legislative initiatives into one bill that will help to prevent abuse and exploitation, while also enhancing protections for survivors. The legislation addresses teen sexting and image-based sexual assault, commonly referred to as “revenge porn;” expands the definition of abuse to include coercive control for the purposes of obtaining a restraining order; and extends the statute of limitations for certain domestic violence offenses from six years to 15 years.

“This legislation modernizes our criminal laws by ensuring that those who share explicit images of others without their consent face punishment, while also educating minors on the dangers of sharing explicit images of themselves rather than imposing some of the criminal justice system’s most severe consequences,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I’m also incredibly proud of this legislation’s bolstered protections for survivors, including the added consideration of nonphysical forms of abuse for those seeking restraining orders from their abusers. I want to thank Chairman Day and the Judiciary Committee, along with each bill sponsor and all my colleagues in the House for prioritizing this vital legislation.”

“The House has heard the urgent call of survivors

to enhance protections and ensure that our laws keep up with technology. But the House doesn’t just listen, we act,” said Representative Michael S. Day (D-Stoneham), House Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary. “It’s critical that these reforms pass into law quickly so that victims of coercive control, adolescent sexting and revenge porn aren’t left without relief.”

Currently, minors who possess, purchase, or share explicit photos of themselves or other minors are charged with violating Massachusetts child pornography laws and are required to register as sex offenders. The legislation passed today instead authorizes commitment to the Department of Youth Services (DYS), but also allows minors to be diverted to an educational program in lieu of criminal punishment. A district attorney, however, is allowed to petition the court to bring criminal charges in extreme cases.

The educational diversion program, to be created by the Attorney General in consultation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), DHS, and the District Attorneys Association, would provide teenagers with information about the legal and nonlegal consequences of sexting, which would be made available to school districts. DESE should also encourage districts to implement media literacy programs in their schools as a prevention measure.

“This legislation represents a coordinated ef-

fort and a holistic approach to address an increasingly prevalent behavior and provides mechanisms to protect individuals victimized by those who threaten, intimidate, and harass the subjects of these images,” said State Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin), a lead sponsor of the bill. “The sexting provisions provide law enforcement officers with a middle ground that will allow them to educate kids about the consequences of their actions without ruining their lives. It will have a tremendous impact on people who have become entangled in the web and transmittal of images that can cause traumatic and lifetime harm through a diversion program that will educate them about the legal and personal consequences of this behavior.”

In addition to teen sexting, the bill addresses the nonconsensual distribution of explicit images by adults by establishing a penalty in the existing criminal harassment statute, including up to two and a half years of prison time and/or a monetary fine of up to \$10,000. The bill increases the upper limit of the fine for criminal harassment from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Under this bill, a victim may also petition the court for a harassment prevention order against a person who has violated this statute.

The bill passed today also adds coercive control to the definition of abuse. Coercive control is a non-physical form of abuse which includes a pattern of behavior, or a single act intended to threaten, intimidate, harass, isolate, control, coerce or compel compliance of a family or household member that causes the family or household member to fear physical harm or to have a reduced sense of physical safety or autonomy. Examples of coercive control include threatening to share explicit images, regulating or monitoring a family or household member’s communications and access to services, and isolating a family or household mem-

ber from friends or relatives.

“Protecting victims is the driving force behind these efforts and I am pleased we are giving prosecutors more tools to deal with these disturbing and dangerous situations. Thank you to Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, Chair Day, and the advocacy groups who recognize how important it is that we further protect victims by updating our criminal laws,” said Representative Richard M. Haggerty (D-Woburn), a lead sponsor of the bill. “By defining coercive control as abuse and closing revenge porn consent loopholes, this law protects against the severe emotional harm too often inflicted through non-physical tactics, sending a clear message that revenge porn, coercive control, and criminal harassment have no place in Massachusetts.”

“Far too often, our legal system has failed victims of domestic violence who are subjected to the unseen tortures of psychological and emotional abuse,” Representative Meghan Kilcoyne (D-Clinton), a lead sponsor of the bill. “I am so grateful that with this piece of legislation, we will be giving our law enforcement and judiciary the necessary tools to ensure those subjected to both physical and emotional abuse are protected. I am thankful to the Speaker and Chairman Day for their leadership. “With this bill, we can make sure victims of coercive abuse will no longer suffer in silence.”

The legislation passed today also extends the statute of limitations for assault and battery on a family or household member or against someone with an active protective order from six years to 15 years. This change brings the Massachusetts statute of limitations for these domestic violence offenses in line with the statute of limitations for rape, assault with intent to commit rape and sex trafficking.

“Massachusetts can and should be granting re-

straining orders for coercive control, but we know that for so many survivors, their emotional and psychological trauma is not given the same seriousness as physical violence. And the reality of that barrier can be deadly,” said Representative Natalie M. Higgins (D-Leominster), a lead sponsor of the bill. “I am incredibly grateful to the Speaker and my House colleagues for taking a critical step forward in protecting our neighbors by codifying coercive control in the Mass General Laws and extending the statute of limitations so that survivors of domestic violence can build more safety and supports to come forward and report domestic abuse to law enforcement.”

“Domestic violence is not always physical violence, sometimes it’s much more insidious. During my time as a legal services

attorney, I represented many survivors who suffered emotional trauma and financial devastation through fear and manipulation. Survivors and the courts need our help to update our laws to make it clear that coercive control is a type of domestic abuse that will not be tolerated,” said Representative Tram Nguyen (D-Andover), a lead sponsor of the bill. “I want to thank Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, and Chair Day for advancing this transformative and bipartisan legislation. I am also grateful for the partnership of Rep. Higgins, who co-filed this legislation with me, and the survivors and coalition advocates who spoke up for the thousands of women, men, and children in our Commonwealth who would be better able to take back control of their future if this bill is signed into law.”

Jane Doe Inc. Statement on the House Passage of An Act to Prevent Abuse and Exploitation

Jane Doe Inc. (JDI), the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, applauds the Massachusetts House for unanimously passing H.4241, An Act to Prevent Abuse and Exploitation. This legislation will advance essential protections for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence across the Commonwealth, including stronger protections against image-based sexual assault – sometimes referred to as revenge porn – and coercive control, a pattern of deliberate behavior by an abuser that substantially restricts another person’s safety and autonomy.

Massachusetts is one of only two states, along with South Carolina, with no current protections against image-based sexual assault. An Act to Prevent Abuse and Exploitation will address this gap by creating diversion-centered approaches to curb this behavior, as well as establishing both civil and

criminal pathways for victims to seek protection.

In addition, the legislation will expand the state’s definition of domestic abuse to include different forms of coercive control – reflecting the broader spectrum of abuse rooted in systems of power and control and experienced by thousands of people throughout Massachusetts.

We are grateful to our House sponsors of the original bills – Representative Roy, Representative Higgins, and Representative Nguyen – as well as Judiciary Committee Chair Day and Speaker Mariano for their support and leadership in making this legislation a priority. Alongside survivors and advocates across Massachusetts, we hope the State Senate will take up this essential, lifesaving legislation without delay, and bring us one step closer to achieving justice for survivors and preventing future violence.

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Hayden credits police, community for record-low 2023 homicides

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Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden credited cooperation and participation by residents of Boston’s neighborhoods and the “professional and tireless” work by Boston police for the historically low number of homicides in the city in 2023 and the high arrest and prosecution rate of suspects.

There were 37 recorded homicides in Boston in 2023, with two of the deaths having occurred in 2022 but not ruled homicides by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner until 2023. Arrests were made in 24 of the cases, resulting in a 67.5 percent case arrest rate.

“This is a heartening story of increased cooperation and participation by members of our community and top-notch work by Boston police officers and homicide detectives, all combining to provide a slice of positive news in relation to this most terrible of crimes. No one is taking any victory laps here, especially when serious crime still disproportionately affects

our communities of color, but it’s important to point out promising trends,” Hayden said. “When our communities reach an ‘enough is enough’ consensus, positive change is possible and I think that’s an important part of what we’re seeing here.”

Hayden also praised the Massachusetts State Police contingent assigned to his office for making arrests in each of the three homicides that occurred in other Suffolk County communities in 2023.

Hayden credited Mayor Michelle Wu’s Office of Neighborhood Services with increasing communication and cooperation with members of the public. He also said that technology, such as video surveillance and digital forensics including cell phones and social media traffic, has given investigators added tools to help solve homicides and other cases.

“One thing I’ve learned over my career is that reductions in any type of crime come as a result of numerous factors, some

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STAR RECOGNITION

Cappuccio selected to Globe and Herald All-Scholastic Football Teams

By Cary Shuman

Nick Cappuccio had an excellent season for the Winthrop High School football team and two major individual awards became official this week in recognition of his 2023 campaign.

A junior running back and safety for the Vikings, Cappuccio was selected to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic Football Teams.

Cappuccio rushed for 982 yards and scored 19 touchdowns for the 7-4 Vikings who advanced to the playoffs where they fell in the first round on the road to eventual Super Bowl champion Fairhaven.

Head football coach Jon Cadigan congratulated Cappuccio on his dual honors from the Boston newspapers.

“Obviously, it’s an honor to be selected an All-Scholastic any year,



Winthrop High head football coach Jon Cadigan congratulates junior Nick Cappuccio on being selected to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic Teams for the 2023 season.

but it’s even more impressive to be selected as a junior,” said Cadigan. “Nick’s play speaks for itself. I think every week most teams’ No. 1 goal was to take him away and limit him. The fact that he still went on to have the year he had was impressive.”

Cadigan elaborated on his player’s contribution as a team leader.

“Nick is one of the most humble and positive kids you will ever meet,” said Cadigan. “He’s just a great

teammate always lifting up his teammates and genuinely caring about them, and that says a lot about his character. I’m excited for Nick and what he accomplished this year on the field and in a leadership role.”

As the only junior in the Northeastern Conference selected an All-Scholastic, it’s clear that Nick Cappuccio will be a “player to watch” every time he takes the field for the 2024 Vikings.

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of them human and some of them scientific or technological, all contributing to a certain outcome. The continuing goal is to identify what is working, stay with it, and recognize further unmet needs,” Hayden said.

Hayden’s office secured convictions in 12 of the 13 homicide cases that went to trial in 2023 for a 92.3 percent conviction rate. The office also secured 19 pleas in homicide cases.

Hayden pointed out that Boston’s homicide rate in 2023 compared favorably with numerous other cities with similar population size, including Washington D.C. (678,972 pop., 274 homicides), Baltimore (569,931 pop., 259 homicides), Detroit (620,376

pop., 252 homicides), San Francisco (808,437 pop., 53 homicides), and Memphis (621,056 pop., 397 homicides).

“There’s always work to be done and improvements to be made. Gun-related violence remains a public health crisis in our communities of color and is a problem rooted in racial inequity locally and nationally. But perspective is also important, and looking at what’s happening in other cities of similar size gives Bostonians the ability to take pride in our community while we strive for even better outcomes,” Hayden said.

Hayden also praised police and the community for the 20-percent reduction in 2023 shooting inci-

dents in Boston, from 180 in in 2022 to 144 last year. Hayden’s office assigns a prosecutor to every case of fatal or non-fatal shooting in Boston to work with detectives on identifying suspects and to help spot any patterns that could develop information on past shootings and help prevent future shootings.

“The intersection between guns, gangs and drugs is perfectly clear to us. Developing data and intelligence on cases involving any of these elements can give us valuable insight into prior incidents and how those incidents may lead to future violence. This is a crucial aspect of our approach,” Hayden said.

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90 years ago
January 27, 1934
Pres. Leslie Griffin of the Winthrop Community Hospital announced in the annual report that the hospital saw 1163 patients in 1933 with gross revenues of \$57,000 and expenditures of about the same. The citizenry of our town have much to be thankful for with the efficient and resourceful manner in which the hospital is being operated.

Selectman Leonard Atkinson's report on the proposal to dredge Shirley Gut notes that he has written a letter to our congressman, William D. Connery of Lynn, urging funds for dredging of the gut. He said the Gut primarily was used by fisherman, who now must go around Deer Island, thereby presenting a hindrance to the great ships that use the channel.

The selectmen have appointed Harold Tewksbury as the new Chief of Police.

100 years ago
January 26, 1924

About 100 men and women attended the meeting concerning the proposed consolidation of many of the town's departments. Frederick Dews, who chaired the meeting, said there could be a great savings to the town by lopping off the overlapping duties of town departments. He also presented a proposal that the selectmen be chosen by having one member of the board be elected every three years, rather than the present system of all three being elected every year.

The Winthrop Daughters of Maine Club held their annual dinner last week.

110 years ago
January 24, 1914

The showing "for women only" of the film, The Reincarnation of Karma, was halted after only a few feet of the motion picture were shown because of the protests of the Winthrop Women's Civic League, who called the film "indecent and immoral." The film shows women garbed in practically nothing but

gauze. A few nights before, the film was shown "for men only." Winthrop Police Chief Burrill has described the film as "vile and wicked."

The placing of several electric lights at night at Lewis Lake has been appreciated by the young people who skate there.

120 years ago
January 23, 1904

A recent sermon by the Rev. Joseph Carden of St. John's Episcopal Church highlighted the increasing moral degeneracy of our country. Pointing to the crime rate, he noted that whereas in 1860, there was one criminal for every 1647 citizens, there now is one for every 715. In 1886, there were 1146 murders in this country, a figure that increased to 14,000 by 1896. Rev. Carden also pointed to the corruption of government in our cities and how rich men and corporations defy the law with impunity. Still, Rev. Carden said the solution is not to teach religion in the public schools, but rather, it should be taught in the home and the churches should be filled every week.

130 years ago
January 27, 1894

A masquerade surprise party was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Small

of Grovers Ave. Music, games, and dancing were indulged in until a late hour. The full course menu was superb.

A majority of the town's citizens voted against the granting of a permit for an electric railroad company to operate in the town at a public meeting held last week.

The selectmen have authorized the Superintendent of Streets to purchase a gravel screen at a cost not to exceed \$7.00.

140 years ago
January 25, 1884

Mr. Oscar Light, who lost his sight in the summer while breaking stones, has not improved, we are sad to report. We commend his case to all charitably-disposed persons, as Mr. Light, a Revere Street resident, has a wife and family who depend upon him.

The schooner Emerline Sawyer narrowly escaped the shoals of Seal Rocks at Ocean Spray, managing to get off at the next high tide.

The high tide and high winds of last week's storm washed away a lot of the garbage that has been dumped at the beach recently.

Several more coins have been found near the bluff at the Highlands, among them an English guinea.



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