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**USS CONSTITUTION
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USS Constitution will be open for public visitation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Visitors will have the opportunity to witness a 21-gun salute aboard USS Constitution at approximately 12 p.m. to commemorate the holiday.

President George Washington, whose birthday the holiday celebrates, named the ship after the document that defines our nation.

Guided tours will be available every half hour, with the final tour of the day beginning at 3:30 p.m. Active-duty Sailors, knowledgeable about the ship's 227-year history, will lead guests across its three main decks.

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SNOWY SCENES AROUND THE TOWN



Crest Ave Park early Sunday morning, following one of the few New England snow storms this year. See more scenes from the snowstorm aftermath on Page 4.

Fire department hosting open houses for new fire station vote

By Adam Swift

The Winthrop Fire Department will host open houses at the two current fire stations on Pauline and Shirley Streets on Saturday, March 8 as part of the public outreach in advance of the debt exclusion vote for a new fire station at the old middle school site.

The open houses at both stations will take place from 8 a.m. to noon, and residents will get a firsthand look at the condition of the stations, which are both well over a century old. The fire department is requesting that the open house on March 8 be for adults only. While department officials said they are happy to schedule visits for any families who want to bring their children to the station, the focus of these open houses will be on providing information on the debt exclusion vote

and plans for the new fire station.

The debt exclusion vote is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the regular polling locations in the town. In addition to the fire station vote, there will be two school override questions on the ballot.

At the latest Firehouse Building Committee meeting on Monday night, the focus was on outreach to the public in anticipation of the April 5 vote.

In addition to the open house, building committee members discussed getting the firehouse building website updated, creating social media pages, and the possibility of sending out mailers, printing signs, and other informational tools.

Town Council President Jim Letterie said the town is also close to reaching the

See FIRE OPEN HOUSE Page 4

Longtime Winthrop mail carrier, Donny Trainor retires

Special to the Transcript

Donny Trainor always felt a personal connection to Winthrop. It is where both his parents were raised. So, when he took over the postal route 39 years ago, it was a sort of homecoming. A fixture on his route, "Donny the Mailman" will be walking the route for the last time at the end of January - retiring from the job that was always more than "a job" to him.

Donny contributed in



Mailman Don Trainor on his route.

many ways to the community, helping to run the annual Winthrop Food Drive, and organizing friends and family to pitch in.

He developed a kinship with the people on his route - lending a hand to help carry in groceries, shovel out walkways, or take part in snowball fights with the kids. And every year he would help Santa's elves during the holiday season by delivering the letters

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Women's Suffrage discussed at WIHA meeting

By Marianne Salza

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries Women's Suffrage Movement demonstrators united in an effort to obtain their lawful right to be represented in public elections. Congress's passing of the 15th Amendment -- granting the suffrage of

African American men -- incentivized women. They became increasingly more determined to assert their right to vote, which was not ratified until 1920, with the passing of the 19th Amendment.

During the February 4 Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association

(WIHA) dinner meeting in the Deane Winthrop House barn, Park Ranger Will Watson, of the National Park Service, discussed the protests and civil disobedience practiced to achieve women's suffrage.

"Through the 19th century, abolition and women's

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FEELING THE LOVE AT ST. JOHN'S VALENTINE'S DAY SALE



Debbie Kearns holding her Valentine gnome wreath and heart sugar cookies. See more photos on page 12.

TRASH DELAY
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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, JANUARY 27

1633: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Somerset Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1654: An officer ordered a tow for a parked motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation on Crest Ave.

1846: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane on Shirley St. to move the vehicle.

2249: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

0553: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0602: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0623: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0826: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident in which the vehicle struck a building on Sturgis St. The vehicle was towed. Both the operator and a passenger refused medical attention. The officer filed a report.

0901: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0959: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he was confused by the detour signs.

-- 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 Main St. 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 speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving in-

fraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Bayou Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and Belcher Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for that offense. When the officer determined that the vehicle was uninsured, he directed the operator to park the vehicle and not to operate it until the insurance issue was resolved.

1140: A report of a tree branch in the roadway at Dix St. and Plummer Ave. was referred to the DPW.

1438: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially impeding a driveway on Nevada St.

1601: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1739: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his registration in his possession.

1752: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. When the officer learned that the operator did not have a valid driver's license, which is a criminal offense, he ordered the vehicle to be towed and issued a citation to the operator.

1849: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1916: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1925: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infraction of making an illegal turn. When the officer determined that the operator's license was suspended, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to the operator for the civil and criminal infractions. The officer stood by until a licensed operator came by to take control of the vehicle.

2014: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

0000: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0032: An officer responded to a report of a noise disturbance being caused by a loud fan in an apartment on Overlook Drive. The officer spoke to the parties and the fan speed was able to be lowered.

0100: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle.

1236: A resident came into the station to report that she had been defrauded of \$1200 in connection with an online loan scam. The officer filed a report.

1303: A Locust St. resident reported a breaking and entering into their motor vehicle. The officer filed a report.

1604: A passerby reported finding a three-foot machete on Winthrop St. at North Ave. An officer came by to take possession of the machete and filed a report.

1810: A resident came into the station to report receiving threatening texts toward his family and himself. The officer filed a report.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

0018: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0042: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0120: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0843: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Bowdoin Sts. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0848: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0852: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0900: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0907: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0926: 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 for that offense, as well as for the civil

infraction of not having his license in his possession.

0933: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0942: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0949: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1003: 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.

1010: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1326: A dog walker reported that the dog she was walking got off its leash. The Animal Control Officer responded and reunited the dog with the walker.

1506: A Woodside Ave. resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1825: 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 Veterans Rd. 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 red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

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

2133: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2337: An officer stopped a motor vehicle without a registration plate on Crest Ave. When the officer determined that the plate (which the operator had in the back seat of the vehicle) did not match the vehicle's VIN, he ordered the operator to park the vehicle on private property and not to operate the vehicle until the registration issue is resolved.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

0046: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cottage Park Rd.

0157: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1041: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with a suspended registration that was parked at Larsen Rink.

1246: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1427: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lewis Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1436: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lewis Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1500: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. in responding to a report of a grill fire on the front porch of a Highland Ave. residence. A piece of lamb had caught fire on the grill.

1651: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. in responding to a report of sparking and smoking wires at a Walden St. residence.

1810: A report of flashing traffic lights at Crest Ave. and Revere St. was referred to the DPW, which reported that a contractor was en route to fix the problem.

1827: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation.

The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

2104: A local restaurant reported that a food delivery driver took the wrong orders and is refusing to return them. The officer filed a report.

2148: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. When the officer determined that the operator's license was suspended, which is a criminal offense, the officer arrested the operator, Alvaro Contreras, 29, of Falmouth, for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He also was cited for the civil moving infractions of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal, an equipment violation (no bumper), and possession of an open container of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

0114: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Forrest St.

0303: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Faun Bar Ave.

1024: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The officer directed the operator to park the vehicle on private property and seized the revoked registration plates. The officer filed a report.

1029: An officer directed the operators of motor vehicles that were parked on the grass at Larsen Rink to park their vehicles on Walden St.

1957: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Pleasant St. and Vine Ave. One of the vehicles also struck a staircase at a Pleasant St. residence. Both parties refused medical attention and both vehicles were towed. The officer filed a report.

1112: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle that was parked and obstructing traffic on James Ave. to move the vehicle.

1317: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident involving a parked vehicle on Bowdoin St.

1349: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a larceny and identity theft.

2104: A Shore Drive resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

0259: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Crystal Cove Ave.

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Derderian named new Town Tree Warden

Special to the Transcript

Winthrop has a new Tree Warden with the appointment of Tom Derderian, a long-time Tree Committee member, replacing Paul O'Donnell. Derderian says, "I hope to follow in Paul O'Donnell's deep footsteps. I see my mission as two-fold: to ensure public safety by ordering the removal of trees that pose a danger to people or property and to enhance the green canopy of Winthrop for the next 100 years.

Derderian is a member of the Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association and has been certified in UMass extension Green School arboriculture courses.

While in college at UMass in Amherst, Derderian worked summers at Weston

Nursery in Hopkinton transplanting thousands of seedlings from the greenhouse into outside planting beds and on the UMass campus spent a summer working with the University tree department. He took many courses in botany and entomology at UMass but earned a degree in journalism and English literature. He worked for the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture as an apiary inspector for Worcester County. For many years after college, Derderian was an executive at Nike in New Hampshire and Oregon. He has written several award-winning books and produced an acclaimed documentary film about the Boston Marathon.

Derderian says, "Now I want to work to enhance the number and size of the

tree cover in Winthrop. We have many old trees that in the next decades will reach the end of their lives. But when a big tree with a diameter of 24 inches or more is replaced by a young tree with a diameter of two inches, the town has a net loss of three cover. That is the future Winthrop faces unless the trees lost are replaced by many more trees than are lost. To do that, the town has a memorial tree program in addition to its usual yearly plantings.

The town will plant a tree of varying species and size on private property anywhere in town. The property owner will buy the tree at the market rate which would hover around \$300 to \$500. The tree warden would approve of the suitability of a specific species to the site and the DPW

would decide whether their equipment can dig in that location. If so, a check to the DPW would cover the cost of the tree. A memorial marker could be affixed to the tree with the name of the person to be remembered. Such trees could be planted on public property as well.

Predictions for Winthrop in the near future are for hotter weather and sudden torrential rains. Trees help ease those extremes by providing shade especially over black, heat-absorbing pavement, slowing winds in summer and winter, catching downpours, and slowing the progress of water into the town's drainage system. Scientists expect summer temperatures to more frequently reach 100°F that can be life-threatening to vulnerable people.

For a new tree on your



Left Steve Calla, DPW director, Tom Derderian, Tree Warden, right, Tony Marino, Town Manager. The pine tree is yet to be named.

property send a check to The Town of Winthrop at the Department of Public Works, 100 Kennedy Dr., Winthrop, MA 02152. Explain exactly where you would like the tree and what kind of tree. A photo of the spot and an email address

would facilitate a response. If it is the right tree in the right place the Tree Warden will approve the planting or suggest a species. If it is to be a memorial tree, include the name and dates.

MASTER CLASS FROM THE PROS AT WSPA



This past weekend The Winthrop School of Performing arts welcomed professional and semi professional dancers Jordan Celli, Danny Pace and Tyla Tognarelli to hold a master class for their 5th-12th grade dancers. Focusing on new technique building skills. The classes ranged from contemporary to hip hop dance. "The energy and knowledge shared from the guest teaching team was so inspiring and beneficial for our extremely talented and hungry dancers," says WSPA director Alicia Colangelo.

Public outreach continues on school override questions

By Adam Swift

With several big money items on a special election ballot on Saturday, April 5, a citizens' committee is working to get out the word about the school override questions on the ballot.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 for the special election at the town's regular polling locations, which are Golden Drive for Precinct 4 and the old middle school on Pauline Street for all other precincts.

The two school override requests, which seek to close an anticipated \$3.5 million budget shortfall for the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget and to set aside \$1.45 million for a school

stabilization account, will be on the ballot with the fire station debt exclusion vote.

On the school side of the ballot, voters will be able to vote yes or no on both school override amounts. If both figures pass, it would equal the \$4.95 million override request that failed at the ballot last November.

Since last year's vote, school committee members and school officials have highlighted the importance of the full \$4.95 million override request for the schools and the town, noting that there could be cuts to town departments in addition to the schools if the overrides fail.

At Monday night's school committee meeting, Chair Jennifer Powell gave a brief

update on the citizens' committee that is working to get the overrides passed.

"They met last week with a number of people who are on the firehouse building committee, and also citizens who are interested in making the next steps," said Powell. "Their next steps are to be understanding the implications of what would happen if it does not pass, and what the benefits would be if it does pass so that that information can be disseminated."

The citizens' group meetings are ongoing, and Powell said any residents interested in being a part of it should reach out to yesforwinthropskids@gmail.com or contact Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard.

Trainor // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

from the North Pole making sure the kids who left letters for him to deliver to Santa got a handwritten, personal reply from the man himself.

The people on his route, his friends and family in Town are the reason he loved his job. He would walk roughly 30,000 steps a day by the time he finished making all his stops and chatting with friendly faces along the way.

Donny has always had a positive impact on any community he has been a part of. In his hometown of Saugus, he coached the high school football team for more than 30 years, and took part in many commu-

nity events and activities. An interesting day on his route would be the day after a Saugus-Winthrop football game. There was extra incentive for Saugus to win, so he wouldn't get heckled on his route.

In retirement, he is looking forward to spending time with his wife, children, and granddaughter. He plans on doing a lot of traveling and golfing with his newly found free time. (And he'll probably walk the course.)

If you have any nice stories about mailman Donny, we would love to hear them! Please email us at Mailman-Don02152@gmail.com.



Don Trainor and his children during the 1998 Winthrop Food Drive.



Don Trainor receiving help from a natural foe.

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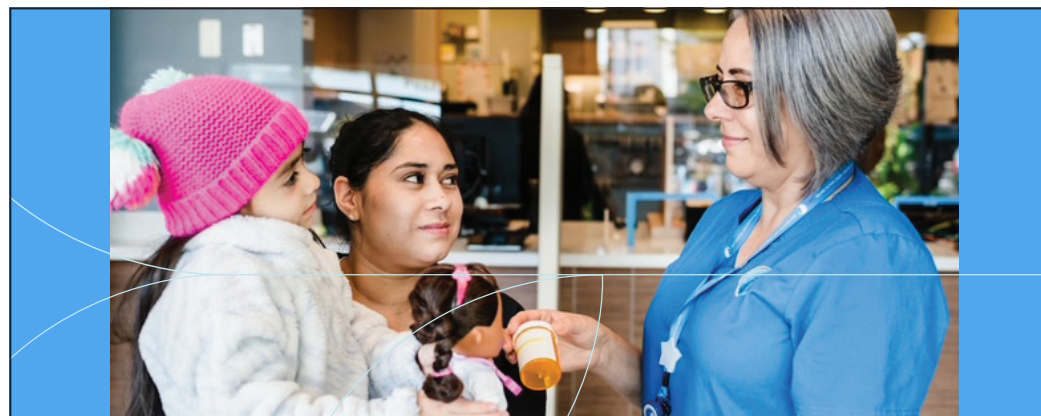
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OUR Opinions

TRAFFIC SPEED CAMERAS ARE A BAD IDEA -- RED LIGHTS ARE BETTER

As our regular readers know, when it comes to the issue of motor vehicle safety, we take a back seat (pun intended) to no one.

However, we believe that the budget put forward by Gov. Maura Healey that would allow local and state authorities to place traffic speed cameras on our roadways is misguided.

In a nutshell, the legislation provides that tickets for \$25 may be issued to persons operating 11 miles or more over the speed limit and \$100 to those driving more than 25 over the limit. A first offense within any two-year period would result in a warning. In addition, the tickets would not go on a person's driving record for insurance purposes. They would essentially be the same as a parking ticket.

Our objections are as follows:

First, state law requires that, absent exigent circumstances, a police officer must issue a citation for a moving infraction at the time and place of the violation. This ensures that the officer is giving the citation to the person who is committing the violation. However, the traffic cameras only will be capturing a license plate, which means that the ticket will be sent to the registered owner without regard to whether the owner was actually the operator of the vehicle. If your child (or spouse, friend, or somebody else) is speeding in your car, you're stuck with the ticket and the hassle of trying to prove your innocence.

Second, local authorities (who are limited to installing one camera per 5000 of population in their communities) presumably will be installing these cameras on their most heavily-traveled roadways. However, this invariably means that non-residents, who may not be familiar with the speed limit on those roads, will be the ones who will be subject to getting a ticket. This will be doubly true because the speed limits on almost every local road in this state are poorly-marked and often change (up or down) without warning. In some communities, there is a discreet sign at the entrance to the town that the speed limit in that community is 25 m.p.h. "unless posted otherwise." Given the scattershot nature of speed limit postings across the state's 351 cities and towns, issuing speeding tickets based on a camera will be inherently unfair and arbitrary.

Third, the cameras will not deter those drivers who are the real problem: Habitual traffic offenders who speed excessively on a routine basis. In fact, the cameras will give them a green light (again, pun intended) to speed. If the tickets under the new system will have no real consequences for either their license or their insurance premiums, these habitual offenders will be able to drive as they like with impunity. For the juvenile-minded members of the Fast and Furious crowd, the ticket will not even be a slap on the wrist.

And that brings us to our fourth problem with the new law: Relying on traffic cameras to enforce the traffic laws on the main roads in our state will make our roadways less safe. Traffic stops by police officers do not merely deter unsafe drivers, but they also remove from our roads persons who have suspended licenses, court warrants, vehicles that are unregistered and uninsured, and drivers who are under the influence -- 40 percent of speeding drivers in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or above. A camera will address none of those issues -- leaving criminals and those under the influence to operate on our roads without fear of the possible consequences.

More broadly, if communities take the cheap way out, so to speak, by replacing officers with cameras, the entire community will be a lot less safe. We realize that every city and town in the state will soon be facing major budget issues and that many cities also are having a hard time filling the ranks of their police departments, but there is no substitute for having police officers patrolling our streets. In our view, if these cameras begin to replace police officers, our communities will be far less safe.

Finally, there is no doubt that most of these speed camera tickets will be issued to otherwise law-abiding and safe drivers, including many seniors, who might happen to exceed by a few miles the statutory threshold for a few seconds. We are being only semi-facetious in suggesting that drivers who obsessively are watching their speedometers and looking for changes in speed limit signs will add immeasurably to the plague of distracted driving. Driving 11 miles over the speed limit on most of our roadways is not unsafe, but the new law would punish normal everyday driving behavior.

But we have a better suggestion: If our state officials want to introduce traffic cameras, we think they should do so at red light intersections. More than 1100 persons nationwide, of whom half were pedestrians and bicyclists, were killed (and more than 100,000 were injured) in 2022 by motor vehicle operators who ran red lights. Statistics show that red light cameras reduce serious accidents of the horrific "T-bone" variety by 25 percent (although there is some evidence that rear-end accidents may increase).

Large, clear signage at every red light intersection proclaiming that cameras are in use would be a huge deterrent to anyone who might be tempted to run a red light (i.e., every driver on the road).

In addition, by requiring that communities must conform the light signalizations on their local roads to nationally-accepted standards, this will make intersections safer for everybody.

So we urge our legislators, if they are inclined to introduce traffic cameras in Massachusetts, to allow these devices to be placed at red light intersections in order to achieve the goal of improving roadway safety with the least amount of intrusion upon everyday, law-abiding citizens.

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Town council still awaiting answers from MBTA, state on ferry service

By Adam Swift

The town council is still waiting to hear back from the state and the MBTA regarding a letter it sent this summer requesting that the Winthrop ferry service be made permanent.

This week, the town council was expected to discuss sending a second letter to MassDOT Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng regarding the ferry service.

"The Winthrop Town Council sent a letter dated July 31, 2024 to you regarding our frustrations regarding the Winthrop ferry, to which we received no response," the proposed letter stated. "It is deeply disturbing that we would not receive any communication

— a response letter, email, phone call, or meeting request after our letter was received. Our letter outlined a number of concerns regarding the Winthrop ferry, including boat maintenance, travel routes, affordability, and scheduling."

The letter states that the town council is seeking to ensure reliable transportation for its residents, especially given the town's proximity to Boston and unique geography.

The primary requests in the July letter were for year-round, seven-day a week service from Winthrop with no more than a two hour maximum wait between trips. Councilors stated that prior to the 2024 ferry season, the schedule had not been wholly advantageous to those working in the city

who wanted to use it as their primary method of commuting.

During the 2024 season, the letter stated that Winthrop saw a decrease in ridership as the boat was turning away passengers at the town dock due to its reaching capacity at the Quincy stop.

"It is wholly unacceptable that Winthrop riders were turned away when it is Winthrop's vessel and Winthrop that originated the service," the letter continued. "While Winthrop faces a number of challenges in the public transportation space that we seek to partner with the MBTA to address, and we do wish to engage in discussions about these in the near future, we ask that you focus on the ferry first as we move towards the typical

season of operation. Ensuring direct, frequent, and affordable access from Winthrop to the city of Boston is paramount in supporting our community's transportation needs at this time."

The proposed letter from the council asks that the MBTA prioritize correcting issues, beginning with the ferry service.

"In our last letter, we highlighted that it is time for action, not discussion," the council letter stated. "We requested a proposal for 2025 ferry service inclusive of 7-day service and divorced from Quincy. We did not receive this proposal, an offer of discussion, or an estimated timeline on when we should expect either of those things."

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budget figure that will be on the ballot. He estimated the figure would likely be around \$38 million.

Building committee members also discussed the potential income the current Shirley Street fire station could bring into the town if it was converted to residential units.

Earlier this year, the town council voted to move forward with a request to build a new fire station at the Walden Street basketball courts, but later decided to move forward with the old middle school site.

Under that plan, the middle school building and auditorium would be demolished, but the school gymnasium would remain

intact for use by the town.

The initial cost estimate for a three-story fire station at the old middle school was around \$40 million, but Letterie said because some of the infrastructure work that it was initially thought would need to be done is under the gymnasium, the total cost should come in closer to \$38 million.

Fire Chief and building committee Chair Scott Wiley noted that a lot of the real work for the building committee will start if the debt exclusion passes.

"The real, heavy lifting of this committee starts after it passes," he said. "Once this passes is when the real work starts; hiring (owner project managers), hiring

architects, hiring builders, going through interviews, interviewing multiple architects, interviewing multiple builders. Then we break up into sub-groups and go from

there, and it is a couple of years project.

"I think it is safe to say that from the election date, it is two-and-a-half years."

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LODGE OF ELKS HOSTS VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Cary Shuman Photos

The Winthrop Lodge of Elks hosted its first Valentine's Day Dance fundraiser Feb. 1 at the

Elks function hall. The guests enjoyed a Chinese food buffet dinner, desserts, music, and dancing. There were drawings for a 50/50 prize, a \$500 door

prize, and raffle baskets.

Revere vocalist Olivia Freni provided the musical entertainment, accompanied by her father, DJ Rick Freni.

Proceeds from the event went to the Elks Kitchen that provides meals for veterans and other individuals in the community.



The event committee, Dawn Clark, Past Exalted Ruler Bettie Dalton, Jane Leonard, and Roberta Daly.



Seated, Richard Summers, John Leonard, and Leading Knight Michael Fuller. Standing, Roberta Daly, Paula Ward, Darren Ward, Jane Leonard, Benita Carey, and Loyal Knight Dennis Boudrow.



Seated, Jim Joyce, Sayre Wilson, and Heidi Nicholson. Standing, Kathleen Doyle, Anthony Avallone, Kathleen Joyce, Beth Arena, Jay Larosee, Mike Larosee, and Sal Arena.



Seated, Kevin Daley, Kayla Croto, and Anna Oliveira. Standing, Jesse Carman, Mary Croto, and Donna Carman.



United States veterans in attendance, seated, Tiger Nelson, Bob Dion, and Bill Brown. Standing, Rich Barry, Richard Tewksbury, Fiore Pagano, and Al Bell.



Providing the entertainment at the Elks' Valentine's Day Dance were disc jockey Rick Freni and his daughter, rising vocalist, Olivia Freni.



Enjoying the Elks' Valentine's Day Dance are Elks Inner Guard George Lescaj Sr., George Lescaj Jr., Elks Esquire Michael Westcott, and Patricia Wells.



Seated, Bill Donovan, and Belle Isle Rotary Club members Randy Cipoletta, Joseph Steffano, and Vera Carducci. Standing, Nancy Ranahan and Past Exalted Ruler Dennis Ranahan.



Seated, Mary Bartzak, Andy Pena, and Robin Pena. Standing, Bob Bolduc, Past Exalted Ruler Bettie Dalton, Michele Morris, Raoul Deserres, and Jazmyn Pena.



Seated, Rob Girard, Sheila Girard, and Linda Boyer. Standing, Darlene McLaughlin, Joanie McPhee, Janet Garufo, Dawn Clark, Joetta Yutkins, and Cheryl Crawford.



Seated, Andrew Lariviere, Kelly Vernarelli, and Lisa Anzalone. Standing, Nubia DiPrima, Chuck DiPrima, Kim Vernarelli, Renee Bartholomew, and Dominic Bartholomew.

OBITUARIES

Carmella "Bella" DiMare

She had a kind disposition and a heart of gold

Carmella A. "Bella" DiMare of Westford passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, February 3rd. She was 92 years old. Born in Somerville and raised in Medford, she was the cherished daughter of the late Frank and Antoinette (Iapicca) Albano.

Bella had a kind disposition and a heart of gold. She truly was an angel. The old saying states that "God broke the mold after she was born" and that is an understatement. Bella was known to make friends everywhere she went and touched everyone's heart in their own distinct way.

Bella loved to sing. She would sing for everyone and everywhere. She enjoyed going to concerts and was invited on stage two times to sing personally with David Foster.

Bella enjoyed playing bingo at the Westford Senior Center, watching her beloved Red Sox on TV and traveling with her Charlie to Aruba, Las Vegas, the Caribbean and all throughout Europe. Bella will be greatly missed by those who had the privilege to know her.

Bella was the beloved wife of 66 years to Charles R. DiMare, Jr. She was the devoted mother of Charlene Costa and her husband, Stephen of Westford, Charles "Chip" DiMare III and his two daughters of Peabody, and Christina DiMare of Topsfield.



Relatives and friends visited with Bella's family at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., Medford, on Saturday, February 8th followed by a Mass of

Christian burial celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church, 489 Broadway, Everett. Services concluded with entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bella's name to the Cameron Senior Center, 20 Pleasant St., Westford, MA 01886.

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Sports

Piece of history

Ferrara's winning goal versus Peabody could stand the test of time

By Cary Shuman

If anyone knows the history of Winthrop High School girls hockey, it's Anthony "Butch" Martucci. Fifteen years behind the bench, he's seen some big goals scored by Winthrop players during a string of tournament-qualifying years, including an undefeated campaign in 2022.

And Reese Ferrara's goal – in a 2-0 victory over Peabody during a first-place showdown Jan. 29 at Larsen Rink – could become one of the biggest in Vikings' lore if the Vikings go on to claim the Northeast Hockey League title.

"Reese and Talia [Martucci] were out in front of the net banging away at the puck, and Reese was able to finish it up, which was great," said Butch Martucci. "We were in a power-play situation, and Reese's job was more or less, to be in front of the net, trying to take the goalie's eyes away and look for any tip or rebound that might come through. Reese pounced on the puck and delivered. She's so fast and such a good puck retriever."

Talia Martucci later scored an unassisted goal.

Of course, the goal scorers and the team needed a sensational effort from goaltender Riley Towse to protect the lead.

"Riley was absolutely immense, she played unbelievably," said Martucci about the junior's 25-save performance. "[Defensemen] Amelia Spencer, Fran Indrisano, Tegan Pereira,

and Avalina Coffey did an excellent job against a high-scoring Peabody team."

Interestingly, Ferrara's goal was her first of the season. "It was a perfect time for Reese to strike," said Martucci. "Last year, she scored her first goal in the Peabody game. It just so happens that she shows up in the biggest games. Reese is a heart-and-soul kid for our team. We as coaches value Reese so much because she plays a 200-foot [the length of rinks] game – excelling in all three zones. She's just a great player."

Reese Ferrara brings tremendous athletic stock to the ice. She is the daughter of Paul Ferrara and Elizabeth [Lally] Ferrara, part of the sports-rich Lally sisters, who have all etched their names in Vikings' history.

"Paul was an unbelievable athlete, a fantastic football player," said Martucci. "And Elizabeth was a good athlete in her own right, she was a gymnast and a track runner of note. And Reese's two siblings, are also great athletes. Paul's a defenseman on the boys hockey team, logging the most minutes. And the younger daughter, Lola, a seventh grader, is a phenomenal soccer player and also plays hockey as well."

"It was a huge win over Peabody," said Martucci, whose team must win its final two league games to claim a Northeast Hockey title – and ensure that Reese Ferrara's goal versus the Tanners will be remembered forever as a championship banner-producer.

SCENES FROM WINTHROP GIRLS HOCKEY VS. PEABODY



Reese Ferrara (5) emerged from this scramble in front of the Peabody net to score Winthrop's go-ahead goal in the first period.



Riley Towse makes a glove save, one of 25 on the night as she notched her fourth shutout of the season.



Talia Martucci (52) goes to her knees in a scramble in front of Peabody net



Avalina Coffey (10) lines up a shot on net.



Winthrop players form a pyramid of celebration after Reese Ferrara's goal gave the Viking a 1-0 lead. As it turned out, it was enough as the Viking topped Peabody 2-0 and avenged an earlier loss, improving their record to 9-2-1.

Vikings remain on path to league title

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High girls hockey team bounced back from a rough outing against Burlington with a 7-1 victory over Marblehead, keeping its Northeast Hockey League title hopes on course.

Senior captain Talia Martucci scored two goals. Chloe Couture, Tegan Pereira, Amelia Spencer, Reese Ferrara (two assists) and Angie Coscia also netted goals. Goaltender Riley Towse had 18 saves.

Talia Martucci is one of the region's leading scorers with 16 goals and 13 assists for 29 points.

Butch Martucci said one of Marblehead's top defensemen, Paige Waldman, has Winthrop ties. "Paige's father, Matt, lived on Grovers Avenue. Her mother, Amy McGillicuddy, is also

from Winthrop," noted Martucci.

Reflecting on the Vikings' 7-1 loss to Burlington in a non-league contest, Martucci summarized, "They were very good, and we were not. We've been battling that flu, but that's not an excuse, they just heavily outplayed us. We just didn't have our 'A' game that night, and they made us pay for it."

Sophomore center Angie Coscia scored the Vikings' goal against Burlington (8-6), who play in the tough Middlesex League and could be a sleeper in the MIAA Division 2 Tournament.

Winthrop (11-3-1) was set to play Beverly Tuesday night and hosts Newburyport Saturday on Senior Day at Larsen Rink. A non-league game against Weymouth concludes the regular season.

Dempsey joins Boston Fleet lineup

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop's hometown hockey star Jillian Dempsey has been called up to the Boston Fleet on a 10-day contract.

Dempsey was set to make her debut for the Fleet Wednesday night in an away game against the New York Sirens.

The Fleet have a home game versus the Minnesota Frost Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at Tsongas Center in Lowell.

Dempsey was a standout at the Rivers School and Harvard College where she was a finalist for the Patty Kazmaier Award which is presented to the nation's most outstanding player.

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A snowstorm moved across the region overnight Saturday into Sunday, dropping about 5-inches of snow across the Town.



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The regular Sunday morning walk in Winthrop was a little slippery after the storm Saturday night.



The sign welcoming everyone to the Town of Winthrop was covered with the snow that was left from the storm on Saturday evening.



Ingleside Park was quiet early Sunday morning, following the winter storm that hit Winthrop and the surrounding areas Saturday night.

Holgerson Hits 100

Senior hockey captain joins elite Winthrop High career point club

By Cary Shuman

Michael Holgerson, whose family name has long stood for athletic excellence in the Town of Winthrop, is the newest member of the Vikings' 100-point career milestone club.

A senior captain and four-year player, Holgerson knocked the door down to legendary status-ville with two goals and two assists in a 6-0 victory over Beverly Saturday night

at Endicott College.

Holgerson's late first-period goal, assisted by captain Philip Boncore and Aidan Survilas, was the milestone-producer, giving Winthrop a 3-0 lead over Beverly, who was coming off a solid 5-2 win over tournament-bound Essex North Shore Tech.

"I've had three Holgersons (Steve, Joe, and Michael) 12 years total of Holgersons, and all have been great captains," said head

coach Dale Dunbar. "It's a tremendous family (led by Steve Holgerson and Jeanne Hurley Holgerson). Michael has been a great player for us for four years."

Sophomore Joe Pumphet had a goal and two assists. Senior Nolan Upton scored his first goal of the season. Following a scoreless second period, senior captain Philip Boncore traveled the unassisted-goal route for a 4-0 lead. Holgerson's second goal made it 5-0 before

sophomore Dom Spinale completed the scoring, assisted by Paul Ferrara and Holgerson.

Senior goaltender Michael Donahue stopped 22 shots to earn the shutout.

Dunbar said the shutout was impressive against a rising Beverly team.

"Our objective was to make a statement," said Dunbar. "Beverly is much improved. I knew they were going to be a tough opponent, and we had to play our best hockey. We came out flying and we were rewarded for it, getting pucks into the net."

In a matchup of perennial NEC contenders, Winthrop fell to Marblehead, 3-1, last Wednesday at Salem State University.

Holgerson made a sensational play in the Magicians' end to account for the first goal. Holgerson adroitly stole the puck and instantly sent a shot past Marblehead goalie Leo Burdge for an unassisted tally and a 1-0 lead.

Winthrop had a great opportunity to extend its lead and build momentum late in the first period and early in the second period on a 5-on-3 power play situation (for 1 minute, 48 seconds). But the Marblehead PK unit rose to the challenge.

While All-Scholastic candidate Michael Donahue matched Leo Burdge save for save, Marblehead took advantage of some miscues to score three unanswered goals, including one of the short-handed variety.

"We generated chances, but we needed more scoring, and you need that to happen if you want to be a champion," said Dunbar. "I thought Donahue gave us a chance to win. He gives us a chance to win every single game. He's amazing."

Comments from Marblehead coach

Marblehead head coach Mark Marfione, who is in his third season, called the game with Winthrop "a hard-fought battle, same

as our last meeting (a Winthrop 3-1 victory)."

"It was a very even game, just like the last one," said Marfione. "I think the home ice is important, and we had the fans behind us. It was a solid effort. We made a few adjustments from last game, but both teams worked hard, and it was a good battle. We try to play physicality with a purpose. With these two teams, it's a rivalry, and both teams really wanted to win and it turns into a physical game. I thought overall it was pretty clean, and just a physical hard-fought game on both sides."

Marfione said he previously worked at as a special education teacher at Winthrop Middle School. "I also coached Cambridge hockey, so I was teaching in Winthrop and coaching Cambridge, and we came to Winthrop to play a non-league game. I took a year off from teaching, and this is my second year at Marblehead High as a teacher and third as a hockey coach."

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago February 12, 2015

The Winthrop High boys basketball team earned its first victory of the season, a 57-52 triumph over Revere. Three Vikings accounted for the bulk of the Winthrop scoring, led by Bobby Fisher with 19 points. Jake Chiodina hit for 18 and sophomore point guard Dimmore Marshall added 16.

The Winthrop High girls basketball team shook off a slow start and then revved into high gear to earn a 56-30 triumph over Saugus last week. The Winthrop offense was led by Nina Bartlette, who turned in a highly-efficient performance, scoring a game-high 16 points in 16 minutes on 7-of-10 shooting from the field, grabbing seven rebounds, making four steals, and blocking two enemy shots. Kristen Siscaman was next for Winthrop with 15 points, while also pulling down eight rebounds. Allie Love reached double figures with 10 points, hitting for two three-pointers and making four steals.

The Winthrop High boys hockey team, the champion of the North Division of the Northeastern Conference, raised its record to 12-2-2 on the season with a win and a tie against a pair of non-league opponents this past week. The Vikings traveled to Belmont and came home with a 1-1 tie. After Belmont scored a goal in the opening period, Pat Todisco notched the equalizer in the middle frame when he put home a rebound of a shot from the point by Noah Hodgkins. Charlie Page had won the face-off, sending the puck back to Hodgkins. Saturday evening saw the Vikings jump out to a 5-1 lead in the opening period against NEC South Division foe Lynn and cruise to an eventual 5-3 victory. Mike Norris scored the first and fifth goals of the evening, assisted by Alex Anzuoni and Todisco. Sean Gillis made it 2-0 with an unassisted, shorthanded goal and Todisco, assisted by Page, scored the third Viking

tally. Anzuoni, assisted by Norris and Dylan Driscoll, lit the lamp for the fourth Winthrop goal. WHS goalie Tom DiBenedetto earned the victory between the pipes, keeping his undefeated record intact. Winthrop had been scheduled to play in the Eddie Burns Memorial Tournament in Arlington Sunday and Monday, but the snow postponed those plans.

The Winthrop High girls indoor track team concluded its 2015 season at Revere last week. Although the Lady Vikings came out on the short end of a 47-38 decision, a number of Winthrop girls turned in fine performances. Amy Sena captured the high jump with a leap of 4'-10". Carly O'Keefe won her specialty, the 50-yard hurdles, with a time of 7.9 seconds.

Holly Benson came across first in the 600 dash with a clocking of 1:53.4. Heidi Benson took the 1000 in 3:44.4.

Chris Beaudray and William Holden won their races for the Winthrop High boys indoor track team in the Vikings' meet last week against Revere. Beaudray captured the 600 yard dash in an exciting race with a clocking of 1:38.0. Holden handily captured the two-mile run in a time of 11:39.1.

The Winthrop High gymnastics team competed in the league meet at the Sterling YMCA in Beverly this past week. Lady Viking Christa Vaccaro not only received an all star award for her performance all season on vault, but she took first place on all four events and won the first-place all-around award. Vaccaro will be competing in the state championship this coming week at Algonquin High School.

20 years ago February 3, 2005

Freshman Vin Eruzione scored two goals and had an assist for the WHS hockey team in a 4-3 loss to Danvers. Paul Eruzione scored the third goal for the Vikings.

The WHS boys basketball team earned a 66-60 win over Beverly led by

Alex Hoomis, who sank five three-pointers en route to a career-high 26 points. Jamal Baptiste hit three treys and scored 14 points.

The WHS gymnastics team captured first place at the Coaches Invitational Meet held in Tewksbury last week. Leading the way for coach Kim Russo's squad were sophomore Courtney Pino, freshman Cassi Mignosa, sophomore Jane Derderian, and Brianna Maylor.

The WHS girls basketball team made it three in a row with a 54-43 win over Beverly. Ari Flavin scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds. Freshman Kristen Finn led all scorers with 15 points, including three treys.

30 years ago February 16, 1995

Paul Struzziero scored 23 points and David Lynch added 20 to lead the WHS boys basketball team to a 69-57 win over Swampscott.

The WHS girls basketball team was eliminated from contention for the state tourney with a 51-35 loss to Marblehead. Katherine Spinney scored nine points for the Lady Vikings.

Despite two goals by Michael Palmer, the WHS hockey team dropped a 4-3 decision to Swampscott.

Sophomores Kim Russo and Elizabeth Lally were the top scorers for the WHS girls gymnastics team this past season, as the Lady Vikings finished the year with a 3-5 record.

40 years ago February 13, 1985

The WHS girls indoor track team captured its first-ever NEC title, as coach Larry Keegan's squad compiled an undefeated 6-0-1 record.

The 15-1-0 WHS hockey team is set for a showdown for first place with 14-2 Marblehead this weekend at Salem State College. Winthrop, the fourth-ranked team in Division I, rolled past Salem 12-0, led by John Ferullo, who scored a hat

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS GIRLS CELEBRATE SENIOR NIGHT WITH WIN; RANKED 27TH IN D-4

The Winthrop High girls basketball team celebrated Senior Night in appropriate fashion with a 58-22 triumph over Northeastern Conference North rival Salem last Tuesday night on the Chris Tsiotos Floor at the Winthrop High gym.

"Our three senior captains, Zoey Bogusz, Sophia Lindinger, and Lily Conway, have been members of the varsity program for four years. I've had the pleasure of coaching them for three years and it has been an absolute joy doing so," said WHS head coach Anthony Hatzisavas. "It was nice to be able to get them the win on their Senior Night."

The Lady Vikings, who now stand at 5-11 on the season, were ranked 27th in Division 4 in the MIAA's power ratings as of this past Friday, which would guarantee them an automatic berth in the post-season state tourney. (Teams can qualify for the tourney via either a ranking in the top-32 or by attaining a record of .500 or better.)

With four games left in the regular season, the Lady Vikings will be looking to hold onto their 27th seeding in order to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney. They were sched-

uled to travel to Beverly this past Tuesday night and to Cathedral (the #1 team in D-4) this evening (Thursday). They will host Manchester-Essex next Tuesday at 1:00 during the holiday week and will make the long trek to Gloucester in the season finale next Thursday in a contest that was postponed from this past Friday because of an illness among the Lady Fishermen.

GYMNASTS COMPETE VS. MARBLEHEAD, GLOUCESTER

The Winthrop High gymnastics team recently competed in a tri-meet vs. teams from Marblehead/Swampscott and Gloucester/Ipswich.

The Vikings started off on uneven bars. First up was eighth-grader Gaby Ilie, who hit her routine and scored a season-high 8.1. Sara Jurovich and Callie Anderson tied with scores of 7.7. Ninth-grader Macy Werstak stuck her dismount, earning an 8.0, her highest score of the season. Senior Isabella Rice had great form, taking second-place in the competition behind junior Zoe Rey, who has been the team's most consistent bar worker all season long, scoring an 8.8.

"Our bar scores have been consistently going up all season," noted WHS coach Peter Gobel.

The next event for Winthrop was the balance beam.

Ilie scored a 7.1. Although Rice and Anderson had falls, they scored a 7.5. Both Rey and Julia Hurley stayed on the beam, scoring 8.0 and 8.1 respectively. The star of the day for Winthrop was Werstak, who hit her routine for a score of 8.3, which was good for second place in the meet.

Next up for the Vikings was the vault. Hurley, competing for the first time in this event, scored an 8.0. Seniors Brooklyn Banfield and Jurovich stuck their handsprings, scoring an 8.4. All around Zoe Rey stuck her best vault of the season with a personal-best score of 8.55. Rice and Werstak tied with both scoring a season-high of 9.0.

"That was the best vaulting we have done all season long," said coach Christa Vaccaro.

The last event for the Vikings was the floor exercise. Banfield was up first, scoring a 7.3. She was followed by Jurovich, who displayed her new tumbling skills, scoring a 7.9. Anderson completed a layout full-twist going backwards for the first time this season, followed by a front layout full twist to a seat drop.

"It was very impressive tumbling by Callie," noted Gobel.

Seniors Hurley and Rice hit their routines, with both scoring an 8.6. Rey then hit her routine, taking first place in the meet with an 8.9.

WHS VIKINGS BASKETBALL FALLS TO SAUGUS AT HOME



Sophia Lindinger (2) makes pass in front of Shawn Sewell (4).



Lily Conway (24) defends against her opposite number, Saugus's Kaitlyn Hashem.



Bailey Ferguson (3) drives on Saugus guard Madison Botta (2).



Zoey Bogusz (10) races up court chased by pair of defenders as teammate Sophia Lindinger (2) trails the play.



Josie Barry (1) goes one-on-one with Saugus's No. 1 Taylor Deleidi.



Angela Tshowa (15) reaches for rebound over Sydney Deleidi (21).



Lily Conway (24) to basket guarded by Saugus's Madison Botta.



Amina Barry (22) has an eye on the basket gets past as she gets past Saugus defender Kaitlyn Hashem (24).

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trick, and Steve Acone, the NEC's leading scorer.

If Winthrop defeats Marblehead to clinch the NEC crown, it will be the Vikings' eighth NEC title in the past 13 years.

With a tradition of nine post-season state tourney appearances on the line, the WHS girls basketball team will face a tall task in qualifying for the tourney once again when coach Ron Spinney's squad takes on an 18-1 Salem squad in a must-win situation. Winthrop kept its tourney hopes alive with a win over Beverly this past week, sparked by the play of Paula Cavalieri and Sue Murphy.

50 years ago February 12, 1975

The Winthrop High boys basketball team made the most of its visit to Boston Garden, where they played in a preliminary to a Boston Celtics game, with a 73-63 win over Swampscott to

improve to 9-6. Junior Bob Lundberg scored 21 points, with Steve Demetriou adding 15 and Kevin Corkhurn hitting for 12.

Jackie Burke scored two goals to lead the WHS hockey team to a 3-0 win over Salem that eliminated Salem from the post-season tourney. The Vikings are three points behind Lynn English in the race for the NEC regular-season title with four games to play before the start of the NEC playoffs.

60 years ago February 11, 1965

Tim Sheehan, the dean of coaches at WHS, where he has coached golf for 34 years and been a teacher for 40, has announced his retirement.

The WHS basketball team, featuring four juniors in the starting lineup, played its best basketball of the season with a 66-49 win over No. Andover. John Conway led the way with 22 points,

followed by Bill McGillicuddy with 15 and captain Mike Princi with 12.

70 years ago February 10, 1955

Bobby Usseglio scored 16 points, Jim Evans added 15, and Charlie Rand hit for nine to lead the WHS basketball team to a 64-37 win over Marblehead that allows Winthrop to cling to a chance for an NEC title

80 years ago February 8, 1945

Billy Countaway led Winthrop with 17 points in a 40-13 win over Amesbury to keep its record at 8-0 in the Northeastern Conference. However, Winthrop dropped a 21-17 contest to non-league rival, hapless Revere, in a game that turned into a free-for-all when the lights went out twice in the Revere junior high gymnasium. The referees lost control of the game when more than 50 fans mobbed the floor.

Revere's Beachmont Resilience Project meets with residents adjacent to Belle Isle Marsh to discuss flooding, climate impact

By Transcript Staff

The Beachmont Resilience Project (BRP), which consists of city officials, the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability (NSORS), and the Woods Hole Group (WHG), held a meeting via TEAMS last Wednesday, February 5. The virtual meeting was a follow-up meeting to one that the BRP held in-person the previous week.

The meetings were aimed primarily for the benefit of Beachmont residents whose properties fringe Belle Isle Marsh to inform them of what the BRG is doing to address the problem of flooding and to hear their concerns and suggestions.

Beachmont long has been viewed as the proverbial canary in the coal mine for the impending impacts of sea level rise attributable to climate change. The meeting was moderated by Kristin Homeyer, who is the Resilience Manager for NSORS.

Also on hand were Justine Rooney, Conor Ofsthun, and Linnea Laux from WHG; Rebecca Haney, Katherine Glenn, and India Mackin from Office of Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (MCZM), which is providing the funding for the project; and Tom Swierawski, the head of Planning and Development for the city, and Elle Baker, who is the city's Open Space and Environmental Planner.

Ofsthun from the Woods Hole Group (WHG) explained that resilience work has been ongoing around Belle Isle Marsh for the past five years. He said the marsh, which is an Area of Critical of Environmental Concern (ACEC), is a habitat to birds, fisheries, animals, and pollinators. It is one of the largest remaining wetlands in Boston Harbor, but has been impacted by encroaching development

within the coastal zone.

He noted that presently there are two ongoing resilience projects in the areas of Bennington St./Fredericks Park/Morton St. and Short Beach/Winthrop Parkway. The focus of the discussion last week was the MCZM's Beachmont/Pearl Ave. Project, which essentially is the connecting link between those other two projects.

Rooney of the WHG explained that the focus area of the project is the residential and municipal roadways on the outskirts of the Belle Isle Marsh (Pearl Ave., Summer St., Crystal Ave., and Winthrop Ave.). The project's goal is developing a plan for protecting at-risk Beachmont homes that are near the marsh and that are vulnerable to the threats of sea-level rise, more-intense storms, and so-called "sunny day" flooding. She said the aim of the project is to enhance resilience and mitigate the effects of flooding in that section of Beachmont.

Rooney noted that the WHG already has conducted a wetland resource delineation of the area and a topographic site survey, and soon will be developing a coastal flood risk assessment and a cost-benefit

analysis with recommendations for both near-term and long-term solutions.

There will be another community meeting in May to present the findings of the BRP and to receive more community input, after which there will be a final report.

Laux from the WHG said that the community has been very helpful in providing feedback via photos and videos to show what is happening "on the ground" during flooding events. She also presented FEMA's 100-year flood map, as well as a map developed by the WHG detailing the vulnerability of the coastal areas to flooding from a storm based on a sea-rise level of 1.3 feet.

Another map showed the projected impact of so-called "sunny day" flooding events for the marsh for 2030, 2050, and 2070. A final map showed the homes in the area that are likely to experience flooding by 2070 thanks to sea-level rise.

"There is not going to be one silver bullet that will mitigate flooding for everyone," Rooney cautioned. "Each property is unique."

Jim, a resident of Beach-

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The marshlands at Belle Isle.

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mont for many years, commented, "You are dead-on with the sea level rise. We see multiple storms a year where the water comes over the Winthrop Parkway and floods the marsh. What kinds of measures are you thinking about, such as dam structures or anything else, to control water levels in the marsh during high-impact times?"

Ofsthun said that the idea of damming the marsh, such as putting up a storm-surge barrier at the inlet at the Winthrop/East Boston line that could be deployed for a Nor'easter, has been raised by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, among others.

"However, the feasibility for that is difficult and expensive and would have significant impacts on the environment," said Ofsthun. "In addition, there are other sources of flooding, so plugging just one of those holes does not really

solve the full problem."

Rooney also noted that the limited scope of the BRP is to address immediate needs and to do something that can protect homes in the short-term, which may be as simple as providing sandbags to residents.

A Pearl Ave. resident asked about the routine flooding in his section of the street that typically reaches 2-3 feet.

"That is the lowest-lying part of Pearl Ave., which definitely is 'ground zero' for flooding," said Laux, who noted that sunny-day flooding is common there.

Tom, another resident, suggested that private homeowners and the city should split the costs of deployable flood-barrier structures in their neighborhood.

Rooney noted that whatever is done, neighbors have to figure out how

to work together in order to come up with a solution that will benefit the entire neighborhood.

Another resident said, "I do not get flooding from the marsh, but from the underground stream and when the water comes over the seawall, there is a pool of water in our street." Haux noted that rainwater that combines with sea water is contributing to this problem.

Residents noted that they typically move their autos to higher ground in order to save them from flooding and communicate with each other about the possibility of a flooding event that would require them to move their vehicles.

Some residents noted that flooding has caused damage to their electrical and other systems in their homes. They said that even multiple sump pumps often do not provide relief, but that the cost of raising their

homes is prohibitively expensive.

A few residents said that they expect to be moving from the area within a few years because the flooding problem has made their neighborhood unliveable. Another resident said his recent tenants

moved out after just two months because of the flooding issues.

"This is a great neighborhood, but living with flooding is hard, especially when you're not expecting it," one resident commented, while another commenter noted, "Flooding is the worst (to

deal with) when it's nice out."

The meeting concluded with Homeyer thanking residents for their input. She added that the BRP will be looking forward to meeting again with residents in May.



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Bouquets of origami flowers decorated tables during the February 8 Saint John's Episcopal Church Valentine's Sale. Red heart champagne flutes and a serenading teddy bear were among the gifts on display, in addition to cozy blankets, a scratch ticket arrangement, and a wine basket curated for loved ones.

in full support to enjoy the day," said Danny Dalo, co-chair. "Chocolates, cookies, cakes, and pies were homemade with love and ready to gift to loved ones. Beautiful jewelry and themed gifts were grabbed for everyone on their lists. Lobster lunches hit the spot on the cold, winter day. A good time was had by all."

Saint John's next bazaar will be a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 12, 10am-2pm.

"Winthrop came



Renee Pike shopping for jewelry.



Gayle Callis, Dolores Russo, Jo Grillo, Angela Boncore, JoAnne Troisi, and Jenny Luongo.



Sandy Joneck-Schiff, Patty Stick, and Rosemarie Ottaviano shopping for baked goods.



Dona O'Donnell, Carol Belcher, and Susan Castella with carrot cake cupcakes, and white chocolate hazelnut cheesecake.



Parishioner, Helen Honan, and Father Walter Connelly, Pastor.



Valentine's Sale co-chairs: Ruth Ashton and Danny Dalo.



Jasper Ezekiel and Maria Tracy shopping for jewelry.



Madelyn, 1, holding an origami angel, and her mother, Jillian Broomfield.

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rights were linked together in a fight for human rights," said Watson, former Winthrop resident. "The [Massachusetts] State House has always been a very important spot for women's rights and suffrage back to the 1830s."

Angela Grimke was the first woman in American history to address the State House in 1838, when she gathered an assembly to advocate for the abolition of slaves in the United States, and support full equality for women.

Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin was an African American Boston resident who promoted African American women's rights on Beacon Hill in the 1860s. In 1879, she founded the West End Suffrage Association.

"Massachusetts women played an important role in these protests, and continue to do so," Watson asserted.

After years of stagnation, the movement for women's suffrage in the United Kingdom shifted in 1910, when advocates changed their tactics by engaging in more radical acts. Alice Paul (1885-1977) and Lucy Burns (1879-1966) were crucial figures in Britain during that time. After Paul and Burns, who met while



Will Watson, Park Ranger, National Park Service, presenting a lecture about women's suffrage.

studying abroad in England, returned to the United States in 1916, the suffragettes formed the National Woman's Party (NWP) to promote gender equality. The Massachusetts branch of the NWP was led by mother and daughter team, Katherine and Agnes More.

The first picketing of an American president was against President Woodrow Wilson at the White House, shortly after his inauguration in 1913. National Woman's Party leaders protested his election, raising awareness that women were still denied the right to vote.

"By 1919, suffrage in the United States was a patchwork of various rights differing from state to state," explained Watson, who

mentioned that anti-suffrage was also prominent.

Political organizer, Josephine Jewell Dodge, and Massachusetts senator, Henry Cabot Lodge, were main opponents of women's right to vote.

"World War I changed everything for the Women's Suffrage Movement. Women were seen as critical in the war effort while most of the men were fighting overseas," described Watson. "World War I also changed how protesters were viewed. People started turning against suffrage protesters after the war because they were seen as not patriotic. Suffragettes became targets of violence and verbal assault."

In February 1919, Pres-

ident Woodrow Wilson returned to the United States from Europe after negotiating the Treaty of Versailles that ended WWI. He addressed a crowd of 1,000 spectators outside the Massachusetts State House, where protesters demanded he take political action and change his position on women's suffrage.

Massachusetts Woman's Party members marched up Beacon Street and through the Boston Common, insisting that President Wilson

was failing to domestically implement the principles of democracy and self-government. Two women burned copies of his speech from atop the bandstand; and several protesters were arrested, creating national outrage that enhanced sympathy for the movement. The event was the last women's suffrage protest in Boston, 106 years ago.

"When women finally received the right to vote, Alice Stone Blackwell realized that the vote was very

important," explained Watson about the human rights advocate. "It was a powerful tool to be used in achieving equality."

Will Watson, originally from South Carolina, has lived in the Boston area for the past 10 years. Through his work with the Boston African American Historic Site, Watson conducts educational tours around Beacon Hill and along the Freedom Trail.



Jeanine Cash, WIHA member; Michael Herbert, WIHA President; Will Watson, Park Ranger; Kathy Masse, WIHA board member; and Deane Winthrop House caretakers, Jessica Dempsey and Robert MacOrquodale.