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Richard "Dick" Bangs
Sheila M. DeStefano
USAF Lt., Col. William Gillis
Bettie Faye Lane
Mary Claire Mahoney
Peter Maiolino

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CHELSEA, REVERE, AND WINTHROP PARTNERING WITH STOP & SHOP TO HOST REGIONAL VACCINE CLINIC

The Cities of Chelsea and Revere and Town of Winthrop (North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative) are partnering with Stop & Shop to host a regional vaccine clinic on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, located at 10 Riley Way in Chelsea. This is a walk-in only clinic;

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WINTHROP HIGH CLASS OF 1975 CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION



Shown at the WHS Class of 1975 50th reunion, Sadie Azmavourian, Bob Millerick, Joni Ferrino, Debbie Barker, Ken Boudreau, and Elaine Mahoney. See more photos on Pages 12 and 13.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Elizabeth "Betsy" Shane seeks Town Council Precinct 3 seat

Special to the Transcript

Betsy Shane has announced her intent to seek the Precinct 3 Council seat. The following is her statement:

"With the encouragement of friends and other commu-

nity members, I have decided to run for the open Town Council Precinct 3 seat.

After working as Executive Director of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce for the past 12 years,

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Betsy Shane

Grace Kingsbery announces run for Library Trustee

Special to the Transcript

I am running for Library Trustee because I love our library and I love Winthrop. I grew up moving around our country and the world as a member of a military family, but Winthrop has

truly become my home. Nine years ago, I moved here with my husband Austin, and we are thrilled to be raising our family here. We have two young children in WPS, and we come to the

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Grace Kingsbery

Shannon Kubik will run for election to School Committee

Special to the Transcript

I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to announce my candidacy for the Winthrop School Committee. Over the past year I had the privilege of successfully advocating for

the Proposition 2.5 override, and I hope to build on that momentum to ensure that the investment our community made translates into meaningful, long-term progress for our district.

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Shannon Kubik

Council President candidates debate at WCAT studio

By Adam Swift

The two candidates for Town Council President shared their vision for the future of the town on Monday night at a debate, sponsored by WCAT and the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce at the WCAT Studio on Monday night.

Incumbent President Jim Letterie is being challenged by current Council Vice President Hannah Belcher on the Nov. 4 town election ballot.

The debate was hosted by former Winthrop Superintendent of Schools John Macero. Panelists included Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Secretary Nicole Bettano, Winthrop High School Student Council members Jillian Buonopane and Francesca Indrisano, and Adam Swift from the

Winthrop Transcript.

Letterie and Belcher fielded questions about town infrastructure, how to best help the small business community, and their vision for the future of the schools from the panel during the first half of the forum. During the second half of the forum, the two candidates had the opportunity to question each other before providing closing remarks.

Right off the bat, Macero questioned the candidates on their stances on the MBTA 3A Communities Act. Letterie voted against a planning board recommendation to comply with the state law, while Belcher supported the compliance plan.

"We took an oath as counselors to uphold the laws of

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SJC denies petition filed by Tassinari recall committee

Staff Report

Last week, the state's Supreme Judicial Court denied a petition filed by the Committee to Recall Max Tassinari.

"The petitioner, the Committee to Recall Max Tassinari, seeks an order compelling the respondent, the Town Clerk for the Town of Winthrop, to prepare the November 2025 election ballot to include a question concerning the recall of Town Councillor Max Tassinari," the ruling from SJC read.

According to the ruling, the petitioner represented to this court that it "complied

with the recall process established by the Winthrop Town Charter, submitting more than the required number of certified signatures."

According to the petition,

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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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

0110: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Harbor View Ave.

0116: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Putnam Place.

0118: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Park Ave.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Irwin St.

0130: An officer issued parking tickets to 14 vehicles without resident parking stickers in the area of Banks St.

0150: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0630: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1221: Two officers provided traffic support for a funeral procession at Buchanan and Bowdoin Sts.

1440: A resident called the station to report that she had been on the phone for two hours with someone whom she thought was a representative from Amazon, but she now realizes she was scammed. When the caller said she had given all of her personal information to the person on the phone, an officer advised her to notify her bank and credit card companies.

1749: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles on the side streets between Shirley St. and Shore Drive.

1904: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle

parked in the Fire Lane at Twist and Shake on Shirley St. to move the vehicle.

2034: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lincoln St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

0109: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Madison Ave.

0119: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd.

0130: An officer issued 10 parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

0134: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Irwin St.

0151: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Faun Bar Ave.

0154: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Harbor View Ave.

0158: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Park Ave.

0209: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Buchanan St.

0222: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Somerset Ave.

0232: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bellevue Ave.

0240: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Winthrop St.

0304: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pauline St.

0306: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehi-

cles without resident parking stickers on George St.

0920: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1121: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Pauline St.

1137: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (35 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1726: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Veterans Rd. in the No Parking Anytime zone.

1748: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

0114: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Thornton St.

0124: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bates Ave.

0400: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0410: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0510: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1029: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1054: An officer ordered

a tow for a vehicle parked on Willis Ave. with an expired registration that was not renewable because of outstanding parking tickets. The officer advised the tow company not to release the vehicle until the tickets are paid and the registration is renewed.

1350: Officer Carter assisted families with the installation of their child car seats.

1427: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pauline and Putnam Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1454: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at the Public Landing for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1534: A report of a man urinating near the sitting-area bench at Shore Drive and Beach Rd. was referred to the State Police.

1607: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating with an expired inspection sticker. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator and advised him to tell the vehicle's owner to get a valid sticker.

1738: An Amazon driver reported that he was attacked on Tewksbury St. by a heavy-set white male on a bicycle. The victim declined medical attention. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

1813: Officers were able to locate the suspect from the previous call on Crest Ave. The officer will issue a summons to him for a court hearing before a clerk-magistrate.

1945: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

0036: An officer responded to a report of loud music coming from a Sea View Ave. residence. The officer directed the homeowner to turn it off for the night.

1246: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of an assault and battery. The officer advised her of her right to file a criminal complaint in the district court.

1626: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident on Bartlett Rd. There were no injuries and the airbags did not deploy. The officer filed a report.

1943: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of making an illegal turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said they were confused about the No Right Turn sign.

2100: A resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator while parked on Circuit Rd. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

0003: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Linden and Main Sts. The officer arrested Adel-Bal Nere, 35, of Saugus, for the criminal offense of failing to stop for a police officer. He also was cited for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation.

0224: An officer issued parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Harborview Ave.

0814: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes viola-

tion. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of unsafe operation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1146: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator, who had been stopped previously by the officer in the past.

1203: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle with only a front registration plate on Beal St. to park the vehicle in the driveway.

1554: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the crosswalk at Belcher and Winthrop Sts.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

0116: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Marshall St.

0122: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Girdlestone Rd.

0153: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Lincoln St.

0206: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on George St.

0219: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Centre St.

0247: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Main St.

0250: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Sunset Rd.

0258: An employee at the Seven Eleven reported that two male parties ran into the store, stole some items, and then took off in a car. An officer will check video footage in the morning.

News Briefs //

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there is no pre-registration required.

The following vaccines will be available during the clinic:

- Flu (ages 5+, no insurance required)
- COVID (ages 12+, no insurance required)
- Shingles (ages 50+, insurance required)
- Pneumococcal (ages 50+, insurance required)
- RSV (eligible patients ages 50+, insurance required)

Attendees are encouraged to wear short sleeves to allow for easy vaccination. Those who have insurance should bring their insurance card.

Spanish interpretation will be available. The Chelsea Senior Center is accessible, with a convenient drop-off and pick-up area for individuals with disabilities. For questions about accessibility, please contact Chelsea 311 at (617) 466-4209.

The clinic is part of an ongoing effort to increase access to preventive health-care across the region.

CHOWDERFEST RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN BOSTON

The Downtown Boston Alliance (DBA), in partnership with Conventures, is excited to announce the return of Chowderfest on Saturday,

October 25, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Downtown Crossing. This can't-miss fall tradition is entirely free and will welcome thousands of guests to savor Boston's most beloved autumn dish: chowder.

Chowderfest brings together some of the city's top restaurants and chefs, each serving up their own take on the classic New England favorite. Guests can register online or on-site, and vote for their favorite sample, all while enjoying great entertainment in the lively heart of downtown Boston. The event will follow the Dog-gone Dog Festival earlier in the day, creating a full day of family-friendly fun, community spirit, and local flavor.

"Chowderfest is more than a tasting event—it's a celebration of Boston's culinary traditions and our vibrant downtown community," said Michael Nichols, President of the Downtown Boston Alliance. "We are thrilled to welcome thousands of residents and visitors to enjoy this new fall tradition, and, of course, to enjoy the chowder that has helped make our city so famous."

Event Details

- What: Chowderfest
- When: Saturday, October 25, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Where: 425–431 Washington St, Boston, MA 02108
- Host: Downtown Boston Alliance
- Organizer: Conventures

- Cost: Free
- Register: online at bostonchowderfest.eventbrite.com

For more info, please contact Chandler Pettigrew at cpettigrew@conventures.com.

MALDEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS TO DEFEAT ALS



BY NICOLE DIANO

The Malden Catholic (MC) community continued its commitment to fighting Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehr's Disease, by fundraising for the annual Ride to Defeat ALS.

The issue is personal for many within the community, including Nicole Diano, who participates in the 40 or 50-mile annual bike ride. Diano's beloved grandfather, Charles Bent, succumbed to the disease, and ALS has also tragically impacted the MC community with the passing of alumni Christopher Snow '99 and Timothy Paquette '07, and Brother Joseph Comber, C.F.X., Ph.D. For the past three years, Diano has participated in and fundraised for the event, which starts and finishes at the Long-fellow Tennis and Health Club in Wayland, MA. This year, MC contributed significantly through an annual Dress Down Day, which raised \$2,192.50 for Team MC. On Saturday, Sept. 20, the total amount was presented to Ms. Hallie Cunningham, Manager of the Ride to Defeat ALS. The school thanked everyone who participated, stating that their collective efforts move them closer to the goal of defeating ALS.

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PRECINCT 4 WILL REMAIN AT O'CONNELL HALL ON GOLDEN DRIVE.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 617-846-1852 ext. 1036

Recreational clamming could reopen next year

By Adam Swift

The town may be able to open its clam beds for recreational clamming next year, according to Town Manager Tony Marino.

“We met with representatives from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries about opening our clam beds for recreational clamming next year,” Marino stated in his town manager’s report to the town council this week. “We will need to establish a Coastal Area Management Plan, which will be filed with the Division of Marine Fisheries, and develop our own local shellfish regulations that include permit fees and designated areas for clamming. However, this is an exciting first step in bringing recreational shellfishing back to Winthrop.”

In the report, Marino also

provided an update on the Revere Street TIP project, as workers have completed the binder installation on Revere Street down to Crest Avenue.

“They will continue sidewalk and curb installation for the remainder of the season, which they plan to wrap up in late November,” Marino stated.

In other business, the bids for the demolition work for the new fire station at the old middle school came in recently, according to the town manager.

“The low bidder was SMI out of Norwood,” stated Marino. “The bid price came in at \$2,389,533, which includes the removal of the asbestos. A pre-construction meeting with SMI is scheduled for this Thursday (Oct. 9), and we will have a schedule to send out after this meeting.”

The town will also be advertising and hosting neighborhood meetings to update the neighborhood on when the work will begin and what to expect during the demolition, Marino said.

Marino also informed the council that the water tank on Faunbar Avenue is back online, and the pressure reducing valve work has been completed, along with the roof repairs to the water tank. Additionally, the unidirectional water main flushing program will resume this Wednesday, Oct. 8 and will continue for two months. “Residents may experience discolored water; they can run their tub spouts or faucets to clear the discoloration,” Marino stated. “This work is necessary to maintain our water quality and is part of our ongoing maintenance plan, as required by the DEP.”

WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY HOLDS BARBECUE FOR TENANTS

Courtesy Photos

On September 30, Winthrop Housing Authority, through the WHA Gardens Tenants Association, Board and Staff, welcomed the community - tenants, emergency responders, neighbors and visitors - for a Barbecue last week. Winthrop Fire Department manned the grills and greeted residents with hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon and refreshments and good company.



George Collins shown during the barbecue.



Steve enjoys a plate fresh off the barbecue.

WFD Chief Stephen Calandra, Deputy Chief Montgomery are seen working the grills with fire fighters and responders that serve us all well in many capacities. WHA provides State aided housing for senior citizens, Veterans, low-income families and disabled persons. Conversations, laughter, shared memories

and a sense of safety and well-being are recognized as important priorities as the Winthrop community continues to take care of each other. Thank you to WFD, WPD, Tenant Association President Marylou Heigton and her committee for the hard work and dedication.

Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-3:30p.m. Friday: 8:30am-1p.m. Phone: 617-846-8538

Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

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, October 6

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
11:30am - 2:30pm: GameDay / Mahjong

Tuesday, October 7

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:30am-11:30am: Spanish Class
11:00am - 12:00pm: Blood Pressures
11:00am-12:00pm: Exercise for Arthritis
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)
12:30pm-1:30pm: Cario Drumming Demo

Wednesday, October 8

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
10:00am - 11:00am: CLEAR Team Meet-Up
10:00am - 2:00pm: SHINE Counseling
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)
12:15pm-1:30pm: Italian Class
1:00pm-2:00pm: Legal Aid Group Q&A

Thursday, October 9

9:00am-10:00am: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30pm: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:30am - 11:30pm: Council on Aging Meeting
10:30am-11:30am: Seaside Tappers
12:00pm: Dine-In Lunch
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, October 10

9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage
9:00am-10:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)



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 and Fridays 8:45am-12:15pm. 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. Please note that Friday van rides will be limited to Winthrop, Revere and East Boston destinations only. Return trips must be completed by 12:15pm. Rides may be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but must be scheduled at least 2 weekdays in advance by calling the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. A full list of destinations/pricing is available in our newsletter and online at www.winthropma.gov/council-aging.

Computer Usage. The Senior Center has computers available for public use. Computers are generally available from 8:30am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday, and 8:30am-12:30pm on Fridays. Please note that hours may change due to our program/activity schedule. To confirm if computers are available, you can call the Senior Center.

Day and Overnight Trips. The Senior Center offers a variety of day trips, casino trips and overnight, and multi-day trips. Trip flyers are available on our website and at the Senior Center.



State Rep Turco, WFD Chief Stephen Calandra, Peter T. Gill with WHA neighbors at BBQ.



Members of the Winthrop Fire Department manning the grills during the WHA Barbecue.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Restrepo, John J	Wichland, Bruce M	162 Shirley St	\$670,000
Mckinnon, Kelly	Tessa Jean LLC	215 Court Rd	\$1,300,000
229 Main Street Rt	Domenici, Paul	229 Main St	\$1,000,000
Pettee, Stephanie M	Jones, Marilyn E	29 Seafoam Ave #2	\$560,000
5 Bartlett LLC	Meralo Irt	3-5 Bartlett Rd	\$379,000
Dolce, Stephanie H	Bray, Steven L	470 Winthrop St	\$722,000
Osorio, Luz G	Restrepo, John J	500 Governors Dr #9	\$355,000
Sfeci, Klaid	Pascucci, David T	72 Sewall Ave	\$1,175,000
Maxson, Christopher	Mckinnon, Kelly J	94 Circuit Rd	\$920,000

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the process for a recall, as provided in the Winthrop town charter, requires that its proponents "collect signatures equal to 20% of the voters. The proponents of the recall petition at issue "collected 2,284 signatures. Of these, 1,994 were ultimately certified by the [respondent]," the ruling stated.

The Winthrop Board of Registrars initially ruled last month that the recall of Councilor-at-Large Max Tassinari should be placed on the Nov. 4 town ballot.

However, after taking advice from town counsel and the state, Town Clerk Denise Quist ruled that the recall question would not be placed on the ballot.

The SJC ruling on the re-

call committee determined that "the plain language of the Winthrop town charter is at odds with the petitioner's interpretation of its terms and with the basis for the petitioner's purported objection pursuant to G. L. c. 55B, § 7. See Appx., at Ex. 11. Article 5, § 5-1 (k), of the town charter requires in relevant part that, as to a recall petition 'for any officer elected at large,' the petition 'shall have been signed by at least 20% of the voters of the town[.]'"

Diana Viens, one of the recall leaders, stated that the "appeal to the SJC Single Justice was narrow in scope, given the time constraints of the impending election. We will now seek a more in-depth analysis in

Superior Court—one that takes all relevant factors of statutory construction into consideration (including constitutionality)—and aim to get the recall on the ballot next time."

With the recall not on the ballot in November, Viens said the focus this year will be on getting other candidates who are on the town ballot this fall elected.

"Meanwhile, let this legal setback serve as the strongest motivation to absolutely rock this November's election and get the right people on the Council from the start," Viens stated. "We have a golden opportunity to elect six Winthrop residents who care deeply about you and about the future of this Town."

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OUR Opinions

THANK YOU, MARY CRISAFI

We'd like to take a moment to offer our personal congratulations -- and thanks -- to former Winthrop Police Lieutenant Mary Crisafi, whose retirement after 29 years of service to the Winthrop community was reported on the front page of the Sun-Transcript last week.

Mary made history when she became the first female police sergeant on the Winthrop police force in 2012, from which she subsequently was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2021.

In addition to the many roles that Mary filled with the utmost competence and professionalism during her tenure, from a patrol officer to a School Resource Officer to the Community Policing Division, Mary was highly-regarded not only by her colleagues, but also by all of our fellow residents whom she treated with the utmost kindness and respect.

We know we speak for the entire Winthrop community in thanking Mary for her years of dedicated service and offering our best wishes in her retirement.

JIM EVANS

Winthrop lost one of the giants of the town's educational and athletic community with the recent passing of Jim Evans, who served in the Winthrop school system for 33 years. Jim, a 1955 graduate of Winthrop High, was the head coach of the Viking baseball team from 1965-1972 and then served as Athletic Director for 22 years until 1994.

Jim, who was named Massachusetts Athletic Director of the Year in 1987 and received the Northeastern Conference Man of the Year Award in 1976, was a revered and beloved figure by all who knew him.

Fittingly, plans have been announced to name the WHS baseball diamond at Veterans Field in his honor in the near future.

We know we speak for all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to his family.

May he rest in peace.

MAKE THE MOST OF THE LONG WEEKEND

The arrival of the long Columbus Day weekend means that the fall season is squarely upon us, the time of year that has special meaning for all of us in New England.

Although the weatherman (as of this writing) is forecasting a mixed weekend weather-wise, we urge as many of our readers as possible to partake of the simple pleasure of getting outdoors to enjoy the crisp, clean air and the autumn colors before the colder temperatures arrive.

A nice hike, whether along the shore of the Cape, or in the Berkshires or the mountains of northern New England -- or even as nearby as the Blue Hills in Milton -- provides an opportunity to enjoy the natural world, far away from the noise of our daily lives that will do wonders for our emotional and physical well-being.

One of our favorite things to do with our kids when they were young was to go apple-picking, which is in prime season at many farms that are a short drive from the city.

We've always viewed the Columbus Day weekend as the last chance to take a mental and physical break ahead of the freneticism of the upcoming holiday season --- which will be here before we know it.

THE TARIFF THAT REALLY HURTS

The latest tariff that has been imposed by Washington has begun to sting almost every American in our daily lives.

We are referring to the ritual of our morning cup of coffee.

Ever since the imposition of a 50% tariff on all goods from Brazil two months ago by President Donald Trump (who did so in a fit of pique over the trial of former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro on charges related to Bolsonaro's attempt to overthrow the government after Bolsonaro lost his bid for re-election), coffee prices -- which already were trending higher because of bad weather brought about by climate change -- have surged in recent weeks.

Before the 50% tariffs, Brazil had been the principal source of beans for our coffee addiction. But with the tariffs making the importation of Brazilian coffee beans all but cost-prohibitive, U.S. importers have turned to other sources around the world.

However, the immutable law of supply and demand inevitably has meant that every American today is paying more for our coffee addiction.

And as long as the 50% tariff on Brazil (with whom, by the way, the U.S. actually enjoyed a trade surplus) remains in effect, there will be no end in sight to the high cost of our daily Cuppa' Joe.

Forum

LETTER to the Editor

SEN. EDWARDS'S SUGGESTION ABOUT 3A SELLS WINTHROP SHORT

Dear Editor,

In a Guest Op-Ed in the September 29, 2025, edition of the Winthrop Sun Transcript, Lydia Edwards, who represents Winthrop as our State Senator, suggested that there is a reasonable debate over Winthrop's acceptance of the MBTA Communities Act, also known as 3A. Recognizing that Winthrop is in violation of 3A for not submitting a required plan and is being penalized by the state by losing the opportunity to obtain certain Massachusetts state grants, Edwards suggests that Winthrop should approve 3A and wait for the outcome of a state election that could repeal 3A. This would permit Winthrop to compete for said grants until the people of Massachusetts decide in the election of November 2026.

Senator Edwards is actually offering Winthrop the

possibility of state money for giving up Winthrop's - and its citizens - rights to home rule - as well as making a difficult and dangerous situation for Winthrop's residents worse.

Let me explain.

Developer Control: 3A is a first step in turning prescribed areas of Winthrop over to developers. 3A demands a plan from Winthrop as a prelude to taking Winthrop's zoning rights -- not for itself, but rather as "by right," to developers. These developers then can basically ignore the authority of Winthrop and its elected officials in developing new projects in the prescribed areas accepted by the new Executive Office of Housing and Living Communities (EOHLC).

Supposedly, Winthrop would not be harmed by its plan to be submitted to the EOHLC as, with a little sleight of hand, Winthrop would get credit for homes that are planned for construction or under construction. This is a ruse. The real

problem is that there is nothing to prohibit the EOHLC from changing its rules. It claims regulatory authority and is now on the fifth version of its guidelines. (It recently arbitrarily changed the rules for the equally egregious Accessory Dwelling Unit Law.) With that authority, there is nothing limiting the EOHLC from changing its guidelines and increasing its demands. So, Winthrop, and the other 176 towns under the EOHLC, can be rezoned at any time to give increased zoning control over to developers.

For Winthrop, that means that if, for example, the EOHLC, rezones Winthrop's coastal areas, developers could theoretically put apartment buildings along Winthrop's beaches.

Money: Then there is the question of money. Winthrop may have received an average of \$50,000 a year in state grants over the last decade. It is quite possible that Winthrop could do better. But whatever Winthrop may receive, it is unlike-

ly to come anywhere near compensating Winthrop for the millions that the town and its citizens will need to spend to accommodate its new citizens. Our schools are at capacity and it is unlikely to cost the town less than \$100 million alone for new school construction.

Living Conditions: Additionally, Winthrop is the most densely-populated town in Massachusetts with only two ways in and out of town for its residents. Congestion is normal and the situation is clearly high risk should there ever be an emergency.

So, NO Senator Edwards, we do not want to sell our rights to developers for a few dollars and then be forced to pick up the cost for the damage. And furthermore, I believe that the Commonwealth, through 3A, makes our citizens' living conditions worse and puts our already questionable safety at greater risk.

Respectfully,

Carl Eckstein

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the Commonwealth," said Belcher. "There were some challenges with this law, and I think Winthrop asked really good questions; we met with Secretary Augustus and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to advocate for Winthrop's unique position, both geographically and with our current density. They did allow us to present a plan that resulted in zero additional units, and Jim has acknowledged that that plan really does not result in real new units."

Belcher said the town needs to acknowledge the work done by the planning board with the compliance plan and work to make itself eligible for the grant funding the town has lost by not being in compliance with 3A.

Letterie noted that the 3A compliance plan has been voted on by the council twice and has not passed either time.

"I took an oath to protect the citizens of Winthrop, that's the oath I take and I feel very strongly about it," said Letterie. "The citizens of Winthrop do not want this law; it's a badly written law. Does it result in potential lost funding? It could potentially, however, we don't know that."

"We were fully compliant last year and we did not receive an MVP grant that we had been promised the year before."

Letterie said that while the plan the planning board brought forward technically results in zero new units, there is no guarantee that the state will not change the law.

Buopane, the president of the Winthrop High School Student Council, asked the candidates about their visions for the school district. The council president also serves as a voting member of the school committee.

"As a graduate of Winthrop public schools, it has been a challenge to learn about the things that were there when I was in school that aren't there anymore -- music programs, art programs," said Belcher. "Despite things like this, there is still a wonderful drama program, we see more AP classes than there were

when I was there. But looking at the beginning of the negotiations for the schools, it is clear that we are underfunding our personnel."

Belcher said it is concerning to hear that Winthrop has to increase pay by about 20 percent to reach the median salary for educators in the region.

"The lack of retention of teachers is very concerning, and I think the retention of teachers equates to the quality of the education," she said. "That needs to be a very strong focus as we move forward both in these negotiations and in the next few years to ensure that our students have teachers who are dedicated to not only their role as an educator, but their role as an educator in the Winthrop Public Schools."

Letterie said he wants to see increased programs and AP courses at the schools, as well as reduce class sizes.

"Money is always an issue," said Letterie. "We are so fortunate to have the citizens of Winthrop stand by and support an override that is going to help support the schools over the next several years. That will help with some programs."

Bettano asked several questions about how the candidates would help the small business community in Winthrop and how they would work with the Chamber.

"If you are looking at one initiative recently, we've put a lot of money into the CBD (Center Business District), the town, the taxpayers, the state, and federal money," said Letterie. "We did a lot of infrastructure repairs which enables us to keep new businesses and to expand businesses. We've been able to grab a couple of new businesses now and then, but we haven't done what I feel we should be doing."

"We have to look at re-development opportunities, but we don't want to limit the space," he continued.

Letterie said one initiative he would look at is one that shares money taken in from the local meals sales tax with local businesses and the Chamber to work on efforts to help those businesses.

"We have to be partners with the Chamber and help the businesses to grow," he said.

Belcher said she works with the Chamber to attend as many events as possible.

"That's something that I take very seriously," said Belcher. "I have shown up at as many events as possible over the past four years and I plan to continue to do that. I think in attending events like that, that's where we hear directly from the business owners, what they need from us, and how we can support them."

Indrisano asked the candidates what past experiences best qualify them to lead the community and their biggest accomplishment during their time on the council.

"In my professional role, I work on a team in a very bureaucratic system that is incredibly advantageous as you do government work," said Belcher. "This position is the leadership of a team, and it is a team that operates not only in the confines of our own charter and ordinances, but also Mass General Law and our state charter."

Belcher said the council accomplishment she is most proud of is the Winthrop Ferry coming off the town books and being operated by the MBTA.

"It was not a good use of taxpayer's money, but to get it picked up by the MBTA, so now we have direct service into Boston keeping all those cars off the road, that is something that I am proud of us being able to achieve as a council," said Belcher.

As Council President, Letterie said his proudest achievement has been getting the debt exclusion passed for the construction

of a new fire station.

"We've been working on that for the past 50 years," said Letterie. "Our two fire stations were built in 1882 and 1905, so that's just an incredible accomplishment. It's a win for the town, we couldn't have done it without the taxpayers."

"But I also look at the middle-high school, which was a fantastic project, and Mr. Macero was the superintendent when the school opened," he continued. "You look at the school and we paid \$80 million and got reimbursed roughly 51 percent, so the town paid a little under \$40 million. And you look at Revere building a school of a similar size, but for only a high school, and there's close to \$500 million, so the accomplishment of the school and the fire station is incredible."

The candidates were also asked how they believed the town and the council could best address stormwater mitigation and flooding issues in Winthrop.

"We have seen a variety of reasons for flooding in this town, some of it is failed infrastructure, some of it is coastal resiliency and climate change," said Belcher. "The first step to solving these problems is identifying them and putting price tags on them; which the climate commission has done over the past year-and-a-half. They have identified the nine hotspots across town that have the most trouble with flooding."

"It is an incredibly costly endeavor to solve all of these problems, and I don't think it's fair to ask the people on Cliff Ave. to pay for the flooding on Morton Street when we are not

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KURT MILLAR HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF



Kurt Millar recently officially kicked off his campaign for Councilor At Large with a warm and energetic event that brought together community members, family, and supporters. The campaign plans to continue engaging with residents through neighborhood meet-and-greets, social media outreach, and open conversations about the challenges and opportunities facing the town. With the campaign kickoff now complete, Millar and his team are focused on building momentum heading into the election season.

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I would like to continue giving back to the community representing Precinct 3 on the Town Council.

We are a small family town with several issues that we need to deal with to move forward. We have climate and resiliency, health and public safety, transportation, business sustainability, schools, and infrastructure issues just to name a few. Our relationships with Massport and the MWRA are critical to our community. I would like to work to strategize and plan for our town's future.

As the former Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, I worked closely with all the Town Departments, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, Representative Jeffrey Turco, and State Senators Anthony Petrucci, Joseph Boncore and Lydia Edwards. In 2013, when I started at the Chamber, I went to most of the Town's meetings to learn and to work with various boards on issues that impacted the business community.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, my main goal was to take care of the immediate needs of Winthrop residents and businesses. At the beginning, I worked with town employee Matt Rodes to coordinate getting food deliveries from our businesses to the Winthrop Community Food Pantry. Working with the Town Council and Board of Health, I was able to advocate for outdoor seating for the restaurants, allowing each of them the opportunity to keep their doors open. I am proud to say that not a single business closed due to COVID.

At the same time, the Town also had the Center Infrastructure Project in full swing. Working closely with town government and the construction company, the Chamber was able to help mitigate many of the issues affecting the businesses and the community trying to navigate Winthrop Center. When I began at the Chamber, I didn't know everything, yet through time, research and discussions, I built relationships and worked on issues to help keep our businesses growing.

I grew up in a small town on the water. My dad ran

his own small business. My mom worked in education and public service. My grandmother, a great influence on me, was also involved with education and public service. They all impacted my life and career.

I moved to Winthrop 28 years ago in the late 1990's. When my husband passed away a few years after we moved here, I had to decide, 'Do I stay in a community where I don't know many people, or Do I move?' I decided to stay, but I knew I had to meet people and get involved with the community. I joined the Chamber of Commerce and volunteered for several committees. It changed everything. I met people, some of whom are my closest friends today. I got to know the community and some of our leaders, and I got to make Winthrop my home. I now want to continue to work to support its growth and health.

As a Town Councilor, I will approach my role as I did at the Chamber of Commerce. I will listen and learn. I will do my research, talk with people and look at the opportunities to have this wonderful town have a future that will let kids grow and have the best pos-

sibilities, have the residents continue to have their properties grow in value, and allow businesses to open and grow.

Prior to working at the Chamber, I worked with the ICMA (International City and County Management Association) delivering workshops to City and County Managers throughout the country teaching leadership Team Development skills. I worked with communities like Leesburg, Virginia coaching department heads in the Planning and Development Department through the development of a Master Plan for the community. In addition, I worked with neighborhoods in New Orleans after Katrina discussing what the community wanted the city's redevelopment to look like.

We are in a moment to meet our challenges with a vision for the future. But what does our future look like? Representing you, I want to be a part of the decision to determine that future. I look forward to the opportunity to gain the support of the voters of Precinct 3 in my campaign for the Town Council."

LETTERIE ENDORSED BY WINTHROP FIRE



Council President Jim Letterie has received the endorsement of Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 in his bid for re-election.

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My husband Chuck and I moved to Cottage Hill ten years ago, and we are now raising our three young boys, ages 4, 6 & 8. As a family, we strive to give back to this exceptional community by participating in the GFB and ATC PTOs, coaching Little League and football, and serving on various committees so that we can give back so much of what this town has given us: support, acceptance and a place to grow.

I have experienced firsthand the opportunities that a strong public education provides; it is what opened the doors that led me to this wonderful town in the first place. I grew up in Albany, NY, where I attended public schools through high school before moving to Boston to attend Boston University. I earned a degree in Public Relations with a concentration in psychology and went on to help build a lifestyle and hospitality-focused integrated marketing and PR agency. I worked my way up to director of agency accounts and operations before stepping back from

my career to raise our three children.

Leaving behind a job and clients I loved was one of the most difficult decisions I will ever make, but I am grateful that stepping back has allowed me to devote my time to volunteering as a parent, PTO co-president and leader of the "Invest in Winthrop" campaign. I see firsthand what many don't—the daily challenges faced by our teachers, administration and students.

While the override was a huge achievement for our schools and our town, the work is only beginning. I believe now more than ever, our school committee must collaborate across the community to plan ahead for the next five years, not just maintaining a level-service status quo.

We must prioritize the development of the whole student, but the reality is that our current budget merely sustains what we already have. I would love nothing more than to offer new opportunities such as band, early language instruction, AP classes, financial literacy and

digital responsibility courses. But, in order to accomplish this, we must be more intentional, strategic, and collaborative in shaping the future of Winthrop's schools.

As a member of the School Committee, I hope to work closely with town leadership to create a long-term roadmap that prevents another 15-year override and avoids the cycle of year-to-year crises. I will prioritize giving our teachers and staff the support they need to stay in Winthrop for years to come, and I will advocate for creative, cost-effective ways to expand opportunities for students in the arts, languages, STEM, and life skills; programs that prepare them to thrive well beyond Winthrop.

The success of our schools IS the success of our town. The quality, care and effort that we put into educating our youth now is the foundation that we will all stand on for years to come.

It would be an honor to serve our students, families, and community on the Winthrop School Committee."

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library multiple times each week to check out books, see friends, and participate in programming. The library has played an enormous role in teaching my children how to read, and the staff and fellow patrons have shared a warm and welcoming sense of community with us.

In my professional life, I am an educator. I have taught in a variety of school

settings, and I have also spent time at DESE. In my current role as a public school math teacher, I use library resources to connect classroom content with the world outside the school walls. I regularly show my students the practical applications of mathematics in architecture, art, history, politics, sports, and more—all through library materials.

This is my first time

seeking elected office, and my motivation is to directly give back to the Town that I love. I want to serve as a library trustee so that I can support an institution that is so important to my family and my community. I believe our library is an essential element of our social infrastructure and that it has the power to change lives for the better. I ask for your vote."

Hannah Belcher for Council President

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Hannah Belcher in her campaign for Winthrop Town Council President.

I had the privilege of serving with Hannah on the Town Council for two years, and I witnessed firsthand her dedication and unwavering commitment to our community. Hannah leads with integrity, thoughtfulness, and a deep understanding of both the challenges and opportunities facing Winthrop.

Despite her qualifications and accomplishments, Hannah has been unfairly dismissed by some who point to her age or the fact that she has served fewer years than the current Council President. But time served does not automatically equate to effective leadership. What matters most is how one uses one's time in office, and Hannah has consistently used hers to take meaningful, forward-thinking actions that

benefit the entire town.

Before her election to the Council in 2021, Hannah was already deeply involved in municipal affairs, chairing the Air, Noise, and Airport Hazards Committee and serving on the Scholarship Committee. On the Council, she currently serves as Vice President and Precinct 3 Councilor, chairs the Rules and Ordinance Subcommittee, and is in her fourth year on both the Finance Subcommittee and the Finance Commission. Her service also includes the Appointments, Committees, and Commissions Subcommittee, and past roles on the Public Works and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittees.

Beyond the Council, Hannah continues to serve on the Charter Review Committee, Fire House Building Committee, Scholarship Committee, and the Affordable Housing Committee. She is the

Council's liaison to the Commission on Disabilities and represents Winthrop on the Board of Directors for CAPIC, Inc., a regional nonprofit supporting low-income residents.

It is imperative that the Town Council have a leader who collaborates with the other members of the Council and unites them with the clearest and most impactful vision for the future of Winthrop. Her leadership is rooted in transparency, collaboration, and a genuine love for Winthrop. Having worked with both Hannah and the current Town Council President, I know firsthand that Hannah is best suited for the position.

Please join me in voting for Hannah Belcher on November 4th for Town Council President. Winthrop will be stronger with her at the helm.

**Sincerely,
Tracey Honan, Precinct 5**

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USAF Lt. Col. William Gillis

Graduate of Winthrop High School,
Class of 1955

USAF Lt. Col. William A. Gillis ended earth's mission on 23 Sept. 2025.

After graduating from Winthrop High School in 1955, he entered the first class (as a cadet) at the USAF Academy in Colorado. He graduated in June of 1960 and married his wife (now of 65 years), Kathleen A. Schulz Gillis. Their family includes sons: Thor (Janice), Glen (Huong), Mont (Deceased), Sebastian; daughters: Dawn and Cecelia; grandchildren: Apollonia (Nick), Athena, T.J. (Skai), Luhi, Rosalie; great grandchildren: Aurora, Flora and Arelia. He was preceded in death by his proud parents: Fred and Helen Gillis; brothers: Fred (Geraldine), Robert and Paul (Carol). He also leaves his living Florida brother, Richard (Donna); his loving nephews, nieces, cousins, friends in Massachusetts, various USA areas and in Germany. All will miss their favorite loving Uncle Bill.

He served in the USAF as a Pilot in Vietnam, Thailand and Korea. He was a Fighter Pilot in the F106 and F4 and an instructor of the F15 and F16. He also



served as a realtor, financial planner, psychologist, Scout Leader, an Eagle Scout, in the Order of the Arrow, Ski Patrol, VFW, the American Legion and the Dandelions. He treasured his classmates and comrades, especially of the USAF 48th and 95th Squadrons.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, October 9th at 10 a.m. at the United States Air Force Academy Chapel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Interment will follow the service in the Air Force Academy Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sims Veterans Nursing Home for their loving care.

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Richard "Dick" Bangs

His memory will forever be cherished by his family, friends and this community that he served so diligently throughout his life

It is with great sadness that the family of Richard "Dick" N. Bangs announces his passing at the age of 94, on October 2, 2025, just shy of his 95th birthday. Surrounded by family, Richard peacefully left this world, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, service and commitment to both his family and community.

Richard was born on October 19, 1930, in Winthrop to Harold N. Bangs and Gertrude (Chisolm). He spent his entire life in his beloved hometown, graduating from Winthrop High School in 1948 and earning a business degree from Boston College in 1952.

Richard married Joan M. Sullivan in 1952 with whom he shared 65 years of marriage prior to her death in 2018. Together they raised five children in Winthrop. He is survived by his children: Paul F. Bangs (Sherree) of Port St. Lucie, FL, Patricia M. Winn (David) of North Attleboro, David L. Bangs (Janet) of Hudson, NH, Janice M. MacKay of Winthrop and the late Richard E. Bangs of Winthrop. He is also the proud grandfather to six grandchildren: Justin Bangs, Ryan Winn, Christopher Winn, Matthew Bangs, Stephanie Winn and Bridget Bangs. Richard's legacy also lives on in his five great grandchildren: Eloise and Evelyn Bangs, Charlie and Jack Winn and Baker Winn.

Richard was an integral part of the local community and his work was dedicated to serving others. A proud veteran, he served as a Petty Officer in the United States Naval Reserve from 1948 to 1960. Professionally he worked at Raytheon Company from 1952 to 1992, where he was an original employee of Lab 16, working as a Purchasing and Subcontracts Manager. After retiring from Raytheon, Richard owned and operated H.N. Bangs & Sons Moving and Storage, Inc.

Richard's contributions to Winthrop were immeasurable. He served as Selectman from 1989 to 1994, including Chairman in 1994. His dedication to the fire service spanned many years, including serving as Fire Engineer from 1975 to 1981, and as Fire Chief from 1977 to 1981. He also served on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, a gubernatorial appointment originally appointed by Governor Edward King



from 1979 to 2002, including as Chairman from 1982 to 2002. The "Richard N. Bangs Outstanding Student Award," which honors a recruit in each graduating class, is a testament to his lifelong dedication to training and mentoring the next generation of firefighters.

Richard was a respected member of several organizations, including the International Association of Fire Chief's, the Massachusetts Fire Chief's Association, and the Boston Sparks Association, where he was the oldest living member (1959-2025). He also held leadership roles as the President of the REW Foundation, Vice President of Winthrop Hospital, Director of Winthrop Savings Bank, and was a member of the Boston Fire Museum. He was a Town Meeting Member for over 40 years and served on the Advisory Committee. He was also active with Boy Scouts Troop 78 and a former member of the Cottage Park Yacht Club.

Though Richard's professional and civic accomplishments were many, he was happiest at home on his porch, greeting family, friends, neighbors, and even the furry companions of the street. His warmth, kindness and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

The funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, October 9 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Service will conclude with the interment in Winthrop Cemetery (Old Section).

Richard's memory will forever be cherished by his family, friends, and the community he served so diligently throughout his life.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Mary Claire Mahoney

Educator and a truly unique and nurturing woman

On Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 Mary Claire Mahoney passed away after battling cancer for over two years with dogged strength, determination and optimism. For 78 years she showered her creativity and passion upon all those she encountered... as a daughter, sister, aunt, Lynn school teacher, wife, Mom and Grammie. We celebrated her fantastic life on Sunday October 5th at Buonfiglio Funeral Home in Revere. What follows are some details and stories of her life, told in the manner and with a flair for colorful details (and lack of brevity!) that Mary loved:

Born in Roanoke, Virginia on July 17th, 1947, Mary Claire Skendall was the third daughter of John V. Skendall, a meticulous safety engineer with Lithuanian roots from Lynn MA, and Margaret (Dunn) Skendall, a feisty Irish homemaker hailing from Winthrop. Mary loved to tell vivid stories and would regale her children about how 'Grammie' Skendall courted 'Grammie' Skendall by rowing her around the harbor. Eventually, the pair married and settled in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, and Mary attended the nearby Catholic school. St. Ursula at Allison Park - a certain tale of justified fisticuffs between her and a nun are family lore - before graduating from Shaler Area High School with the Class of 1965. She then enrolled at Grove City College before transferring to Penn State to pursue a standard teaching career.

However, Mary was not a standard woman. She was fearless - she embraced offbeat paths with the confidence in which a proper "lady" of her generation was not to possess. In the summer of 1966, she was working at Cedar Point Amusement Park (as a train robbing cowgirl !!) when she encountered a young Marine from Medford MA - Lance Corporal Kevin Mahoney who had traveled to Ohio to officiate scores at the National Rifle Matches. There may have been bar top dancing involved... depending on the source. The pair fell in love and married on January 13th, 1968 after Kevin returned from multiple tours in Viet Nam.

The next chapter of the story took Mary to her mom's beachside hometown of Winthrop where she was the captain and ballast of the Point Shirley Mahoney Clan. At the end, all of the Mahoney children were together at her bedside when her ship set sail for the final voyage to heaven. Supporting her was first born Meghan Diane and her husband, Matt Whitler, with thoughtful messages from her boys: Aidan, Alex and Henry. Eldest Son Kevin Sean Mahoney - who married Mary Nicosia of Revere - stayed watch at her bedside. Third born was Kerrie Ann who married her husband, Daniel "D.J." Gottschall - they reside with their daughters, Maggie and Ellie in North Carolina and visited Grammie and Papa to swim in the Bay every summer.



mer. The youngest member of the family (and the author of this tribute) came along as Matthew Ryan Mahoney who (got lucky) and wed Kimberly Ann (Carvalho) and reside with mom's "Joy Boys" Owen and John in Topsfield, MA.

Once she finished raising her children, Mary recommenced her education career. Naturally, she began by teaching prisoners how to read and write for many years at Deer Island Correctional Facility, Shirley House of Corrections and South Bay House of Corrections. Eventually, she earned her Master's Degree from Lesley University. She procured a public school position and taught for decades in the Lynn Public Schools. She taught at Breed, Connery, Hood and Washington helping students from second grade through middle school. She was so proud and talented at sparking the love of learning in her children in a fun and original way.

Our Mom leaves this world as the first member of the Skendall children to embrace the Lord's final blessing. Her surviving family include sister, Ann Teele and her late husband, Jim of Ipswich, MA and their children, Lisa and Ted; Patricia Bernot and her husband, Ed with her children: Ed, John, Lynette, Patrick and the late Paul Bernot; John Skendall and his son, Jay.

Mary was predeceased in life by many, MANY cherished pets. Though Dad lovingly called her "Mary Mary quite contrary" she never wavered in her love for pets and having a full and raucous home. At one point our family had four dogs, two cats and a turtle! Our family takes comfort knowing she is resting in heaven surrounded by the wags, purrs and kisses of Sherman, Barky, Bonnie, Clyde, Trevor, Ms. Prim, Rocky Racoo (after Rolling Rock beer?, the 70's were a weird time), Rickey, Raja, Houdini, Vanilla Bean, Cuddles and Ditka Bear. Your current "snuggle pup" Amber Rose will meet you up there once she is done helping Dad and our whole family through this sad time adjusting to life without the love and energy of a truly unique and nurturing woman.

In lieu of flowers PLEASE consider donating to: The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) of which Mary was an active member in her retirement, The Kaplan House in Danvers whose staff cared for her in the final days with professionalism and expertise. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Sheila M. DeStefano

Beloved wife and mother

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Thursday, October 9th from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Sheila M. (Barry) DeStefano, who passed away on October 2nd at 85 years of age. A Funeral Service will be conducted in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m., followed by interment in Winthrop Cemetery - Belle Isle Section, Winthrop.

Sheila was born and raised in Winthrop and was the daughter of James and Evelyn (Burke) Barry. She attended schools in Winthrop and was a graduate of Winthrop High School. When she married Carl DeStefano, she remained in Winthrop with her family.

Sheila was a devoted wife and mother, and she also held several jobs throughout her life. She worked for several years as a bartender at the Sand Bar on Revere Beach and was also a nursing assistant for many years in several nursing homes in Winthrop. Her most recent career was in medical



records and at M.G.H. in Revere where she remained until her retirement.

She and her husband travelled to Florida for the winters for over 15 years, before taking full time residence there. As her health declined, she returned home and moved to Peabody.

The beloved wife of Carl C. DeStefano of Peabody, she was the devoted mother of Lisa Kirby and her husband, Daniel of Peabody, William DeStefano and his partner, Kathy Murphy of Peabody, Edward DeStefano and his partner, Angela Williams of Revere, Janine Sujko of Revere and the late Danielle DiChiara and Michael Flaherty. She is also lovingly survived by many grandchildren. She was the dear sister of the late Joseph Barry of Winthrop.

Donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

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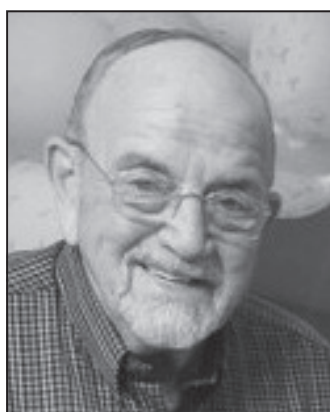
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OBITUARIES

Peter Maiolino

Long active in the Winthrop Sons of Italy and the Winthrop Auxiliary Police

Peter A. Maiolino, a beloved member of the Winthrop community, passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on October 4, 2025, at the age of 80. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on July 10, 1945, and became a cherished resident of Winthrop in 1957.



late Rosanne Leonardo and the cherished grandfather of Luke, Lilah, Bryce and Hadley. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Peter dedicated many years of his life as a Massachusetts State vehicle inspector at Bolster's Service Center, where he was known for his commitment to ensuring the safety of the roads. His diligence and professionalism left a lasting impact on the community he served.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, October 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, October 10, at 9 a.m.; followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m.; Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Beyond his career, Peter was actively involved in the Winthrop Sons of Italy, where he celebrated and promoted Italian culture and community spirit. He also proudly served for over 25 years with the Winthrop Auxiliary Police, dedicating countless hours to ensuring the safety and well-being of his neighbors.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

He was the devoted husband of Grace (Curran) and the loving father of Peter A. Maiolino and his wife, Erin of Wakefield and Wendi O'Brien and her husband, Richard of Winthrop; dear brother of Josephine Maurer of Hanover, Doreen Bolger of Saugus and the

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Bettie Faye Lane

March 17, 1940 — Sept. 13, 2025

Bettie Faye Lane, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away peacefully on September 13, 2025, surrounded by her family after a brief illness. She was 85 years old.



Born on March 17, 1940, in Welchers Creek, North Carolina, Bettie was the daughter of the late James B. Elkins and Annie Laura Babson, both of North Carolina. She spent her early years in Bladenboro, where she developed the deep love of family, faith and community that would remain central in her life.

Donna Fazio and Debra Inacio and her son Nathan Palecki, Jr. She was a proud grandmother to Paul Dunn, Corrinne McInnes, Matthew Fazio and Bradley Tirrell and great grandmother to Graham Dunn. She was a source of wisdom, encouragement and unconditional love.

As a young woman, Bettie moved to Massachusetts, first settling in Westfield before making her home in Revere and later in Winthrop. Throughout her years, she was admired for her warmth, grace and dedication to those she loved. She was predeceased by her first husband, Nathan Palecki and her second husband, Charles Lane, both of whom she cherished deeply.

She found happiness in life's simple pleasures, especially spending time with family, traveling to new places, tending to her garden and maintaining an active social life. Bettie's kindness, generosity and lively spirit touched all who knew her and leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Bettie's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her devoted daughters,



THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago October 8, 2015

Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo held his annual Women's Health Forum on Thursday, October 8, at the Cummings Elementary School. Guests met local health professionals and were able to get a free flu shot from the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and blood screenings from Commonwealth Clinical Services. The event was well-attended and this year's keynote speaker was popular Channel 7 reporter Cheryl Fiandaca, a member of the well-known East Boston/Winthrop Fiandaca family.

The hottest race for this election season is the School Committee, with six candidates vying for three seats. Current School Committee members Gary Skomro, Maryalice Sharkey, and Melissa Polino will not be seeking re-election, mostly citing time constraints or

medical issues. The six candidates are Valentino Capobianco, Ron Vecchia, Jared Wickham, Laura Callis, Marcie Moline, and Christopher Hurley.

Spectre and Steve Jobs are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago October 13, 2005

Local dignitaries and others were on hand for the official groundbreaking of the Atlantis Marina development on Pleasant St. that will feature condominiums, offices, and a new marina.

Tom Reilly, Martin O'Brien, and Barbara Survilas, the three candidates for the position of Town Council President under the new town charter, squared off in a debate held at the Senior Center this past week. The first-ever town election under the new charter is set for November 6.

Residents will be in for

a rude surprise with their next electric bill, as Mass. Electric will be increasing its rates by 27.5 percent effective November 1. The increased demand in energy world-wide is being cited for the rate hike.

Two more families with Winthrop connections are among those who have returned to this area to live with or near family members after being among the hundreds of thousands of persons whose homes were ruined in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

The 40 Year Old Virgin, The Corpse Bride, and Oliver Twist are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago October 19, 1995

If a new elementary school is approved by Winthrop voters, the School Committee has voted that the school be for grades K-4. School Supt. Joseph

Laino told the committee that the transition to the middle school by the fifth grade this year has gone smoothly and the committee said it wants to continue that configuration. In addition, a new elementary school for grades K-5, which will take all of the students from the present two elementary schools, was deemed to be too large a student body for one school by the committee members.

Town Treasurer Arthur Flavin told the School Committee this week that a new school will cost \$21 million and add \$3.19 onto the tax rate during the peak period of cost to the town in 1999. The present tax rate in Winthrop is \$13.00. For a Winthrop homeowner with an average assessment of \$147,000, the new school will add \$469 onto that homeowner's tax bill, which

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looking at all the other options, whether that's grants, partnering with regional coastal resiliency organizations," Belcher continued. "We have operated in a silo for a long time, especially regarding environmental things, and I think we need to come out of that silo and start reaching out in the region to see if there are creative solutions that are right at our fingertips."

Letterie said the flooding and stormwater management issues are ones that the town needs to and has been addressing.

"You can't handle this problem holistically, you can't go and solve all the problems, it's unrealistic," said Letterie. "Hannah or I can sit up here and promise we are going to fix all the flooding; I can tell you it's not going to happen in the next two years, it's probably not going to happen in the next four or five. But we have to start, and that is what we are doing now."

"We are on Phase 2 in Tilestone and Girdlestone, and that's something we have to address," he continued. "Certain parts of the project would affect water rates, other parts of the project might include a debt exclusion, some parts of the project might include a grant. I do believe though that we are one town and we all have to understand that we all have to pitch in and help everybody throughout the town."

During the one-on-one questioning portion of the debate, the focus was on experience and vision for the town.

Letterie questioned Belcher as to why she did

not vote to appoint Karin Chavis to fill a vacant Precinct 2 council seat earlier this year, citing Chavis's experience and knowledge of town government compared to the other candidate who was up for the appointment.

"I've served on many committees with her over the past four years, and while I appreciate her experience, her and I do not share the same vision for Winthrop," said Belcher. "Almost everything I had presented, she had disagreed with, and I think that it is my role on the council to move forward with the vision that my constituency tells me they want."

Belcher said it would be difficult to vote to put someone on the council who disagreed with her initiatives.

"Thanks Hannah, for your thoughtful response, I appreciate that," said Letterie. "Everybody has said it takes a good three to four to five months to get really

comfortable on the council, to be productive, to add to meetings, it just takes awhile and there is a learning curve. This was a six-month position ... and she would have been one of the most, if not the most qualified candidate on day one."

"In this situation, I have to disagree; this is not about your goals, it's about the town's goals and what's best to help us move forward."

Belcher questioned Letterie about his plans to pay for townwide infrastructure projects that are coming down the road.

"We're staring down the barrel of infrastructure and capital projects that have gone untouched in your time on the council, and we know we have attention that has to be paid to the schools," said Belcher. "When will we hear about your plans for paying for these, and will it be solely through tax increases?"

Letterie noted that there

has been much work down on infrastructure during his four years as president.

"We are approaching now 10 miles of infrastructure, and we have roughly 48 miles of infrastructure under our town, and most of that 48 miles is 80 years old or older," he said. "We've been addressing those as fast as we can. We cannot break the bank to fix it."

Belcher countered that the loss of grants through the town not being in compliance with 3A is handcuffing the town when it comes to helping pay for some infrastructure projects.

"I'm a little unsure what the plan is to pay for everything while we continue to poke the state in the eye and put ourselves in a disadvantage," Belcher said.

The full video of the debate is online on both the WCAT website and the WCAT YouTube page.



Council President Jim Letterie and Vice President Hannah Belcher at the WCAT studio on Monday before the Council President debate.

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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS SOCCER TOPS STONEHAM, 3-1; HOSTS SWAMPSCOTT FRIDAY FOR 1ST PLACE

The Winthrop High boys soccer team earned its fourth win in a row (and fifth straight shutout) with a 1-0 victory over Stoneham this past Friday night.

"Friday night in Stoneham may have been our best win of the season," said WHS head coach Phil Ronan. "We were sleepwalking and they scored 10 minutes in to take a 1-0 lead at the half.

"But after an earful from myself and Captain Noah Bayersdorfer, Camillo Belalcazar opened the scoring with a beautiful shot. Then the youngsters came through, first Joey Bebris and then Shane Turner, for a hard-fought 3-1 victory."

This past Monday the Vikings took on Masconomet, perhaps the best team in the Northeastern Conference, and came up short by a score of 6-0.

"We started slowly, maybe a little overconfident after winning four in a row," said Ronan. "We made two early mistakes and it was a long afternoon."

Ronan and his crew, who now stand at 6-4-3 on the season, have a huge match this Friday evening at home against NEC South rival Swampscott.

"If we can beat them, we have an opportunity to win the Northeastern South Division," said Ronan. The opening kickoff is set for 4:30 and a big crowd is expected to be on hand.

The Vikings will hit the road next week to Saugus, Gloucester, and non-league foe Arlington Catholic.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY DEFEATS DANVERS, SAUGUS

The Winthrop High boys cross country team earned a pair of victories over Northeastern Conference rivals Danvers and Saugus in a trimet on the Vikings' home course at Deer Island last Tuesday.

Winthrop freshman Owen Harty finished in first place with a time of 18:53.

Owen was followed by senior Liam Kenney (3rd place in 19:45), senior captain Liam Natareno (5th in 20:46), freshman Matteo Agri (7th in 21:13), sophomore Sean Mglain (8th in 21:20), junior Even Tallent (17th in 27:00), freshman Joseph Spinale (20th in 29:22), senior Guilherme Sodre (21st in 31:41), and freshman Ethan Harty (23rd in 33:02).

On the girls' side, senior captain Bailey Ferguson was the top Lady Viking runner, coming across the line in seventh place with a clocking of 26:39. Teammate Era Marra finished ninth in a time of 29:20.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Although the Winthrop High volleyball team came up short in its matches this past week with Swampscott and Beverly, WHS head coach Jeremy Wein saw some noticeable improvement from his squad.

"We still couldn't come away with a win, but we saw some major signs of improvement," said Wein. "We were able to compete with Swampscott and keep them on their toes. While our goal is not to simply keep the other team on their toes, we had been throttled by them the first time."

In the match with Beverly, the Vikings fell by a score of 3-1.

"We were able to take a set from Beverly and we held leads in three of the four sets," said Wein. "Helena Gajica, Lydia Louali, and Ana Piris kept the pressure on with serving and defense. Bree Rizz (Brianna Rizzoto), Mak Truck (Makayla Herdt), and Duda (Maria Pimental) played some pretty strong defense, which allowed for SoGon (Sofia Gonzalez), Mac and Cheese (Kylie Macfarland), and Helena to go to work on offense.

"We can do better and we will as long as we put the work in. No team will hand us a win. We have to earn it and take it from them," added Wein, whose squad is scheduled to trek to Danvers next Monday and to host Salem next Wednesday.



The Winthrop High football team gathers in celebration following their win against the Saugus Sachems.

WHS FOOTBALL

Vikings defeat Saugus, 40-6, in NEC opener

By Cary Shuman

In a near flawless performance, the Winthrop High School football team bolted into the win column with a 40-6 victory over Saugus at the Christie Serino Jr. Athletic Complex.

Senior captain Seth Sacco rushed for 130 yards on 9 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead the Vikings' three-tiered running attack that also featured Sean Dolen (7 carries, 49 yards) and Nick Romano (9 carries, 27 yards, TD).

After Dolen almost returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown, advancing the football to the 49-yard



Teammates celebrate in the endzone after a touchdown.

line where he was tripped up by a Saugus player, quarterback Charlie Ferrara completed the opening drive on for a 8-yard touchdown on a QB sneak that totally fooled the Saugus defense (and the entire press box).

With Saugus expecting a jet sweep or a handoff (and Dolen carrying out the fake to perfection, Ferrara used the blocks of center Roy Konopaska and guards Chris Messina and Riley Moccia to enter the end zone untouched.

"Sean ran a great motion to draw people with him, and Charlie snuck behind

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Pick-6 by Nick

Romano's interception return for a TD was the play of the game

By Cary Shuman

Before the year 1980 or so, football fans and TV play-by-play announcers would call the return of an interception for a touchdown exactly that. But it would soon come to be known as a Pick-6 and that is what virtually everyone calls it today.

Nick Romano, who's been having a superb season

for the Vikings, recorded the first Pick-6 of his career against Saugus High in the Vikings' 40-6 victory last Thursday night.

Instead of Saugus boosting its confidence with a possible touchdown and closing the gap to a one-score game, Romano pounced on a pass and returned it 91 yards for a touchdown and a 20-0 lead. Saugus never recovered from that momen-



Nick Romano, pictured after the Winthrop-Saugus game.

tum-turning play.

"I got the ball and my man, Riley [Moccio], Number 72, threw a great block, and I made one cut, and I was gone," said Romano. "The lane was right there,

and I got some good blocks from my boys. It was my first Pick-6 and my first interception. It feels amazing. I had so much adrenaline. All I was thinking was I have to keep running."

Romano had a great read on the developing pass play, coming over from his middle linebacker position to be in the perfect spot.

"I saw the quarterback's eyes looking at the receiver and I read it," said Romano. "We were in our pit defense."

Winthrop coach Jon Cadigan said the play resulted from a great call a perfect read

"It was a fourth down, and Coach [Mark] D'Ambrosio did a great job of letting everybody know that Saugus was going to throw the ball," said Cadigan. "They did a little bit of play-action, but we didn't bite on it. Nick made a great read and picked it off. The big thing on that play was Riley Moccio and Charlie Ferrara had two touchdown-creating blocks. As soon as Nick picked it off, Riley turned in to a guard

on offense and blocked one guy and sprung him."

Cadigan recalled that former Winthrop stars Will Murphy and Bobby Hubert each had Pick-6s in their career. Former linebacker Freddy Long intercepted a Revere pass on Thanksgiving and returned it for a touchdown in a Vikings' win under head coach Tony Fucillo.

Saugus head coach Steve Cummings said Romano's theft was a big, game-shifting play.

"We had 4th-and-13, and our quarterback is trying to make a play, and they had a linebacker jump out into an area, and he made a nice play on it," said Cummings.

"Nick's Pick-6 was awesome," said teammate Desmond Cassidy. "I'm hoping we can build off this win and keep it going."

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago October 7, 2015

The Winthrop High football team forfeited its scheduled contest with Gloucester Friday night when it was announced that one student had been suspended after an incident in the locker room. The student, presumably a football player, had videotaped another football player with his cell phone in the locker room. At a press conference last week with Police Chief Terence Delehanty, School Supt. John Macero said someone called the anonymous bullying hotline at the school and reported the incident. The principal took quick action. One student was suspended from school and up to 10 students are being investigated.

The Winthrop High volleyball team rolled to three shutout victories this past week. The Lady Vikings now stand at 10-3 on the season and have qualified for the post-season state tournament. In the 3-0 win (25-18, 25-13, 25-14) over Beverly last Wednesday, Meg Dolan served four aces

and accounted for 10 digs. Other leaders for Winthrop were Haley Holden, who smacked six kills; Allie Love, who dug out 10 balls; and setter Lacey Scott, who was credited with 18 assists.

20 years ago October 6, 2005

The WHS football team climbed back into the race for the NEC title with an impressive 27-12 win over Beverly Saturday afternoon at Hurd Stadium. The Vikings amassed 382 yards on the ground, led by Matt Murray with 131 yards on 13 carries. Chris Dalrymple ran for 109 yards on 16 attempts and scored two touchdowns. Sophomore Joe McDermott also scored a TD and ran for 77 yards.

Amidst hurricane-like winds and rain coming from the west, the WHS cross-country teams took on Swampscott. Although both the boys (21-38) and girls (28-29) lost their meets, Andrea Bruno came across in first place for the Lady Vikings in 13:35 over a shortened Deer Island course. Pat Medeiros was the top

Viking on the boys' side with a second-place effort in 11:44.

The WHS golf team defeated Lynn Classical and Wakefield to improve to .500.

The WHS girls soccer team continues to be the talk of the NEC and now stands at 6-2-1 on the season. Vanessa Caruccio, Julie Dowson, and Courtney Finn scored goals in a 3-3 tie with Gloucester. In a 3-0 triumph over Lynn Classical, Katerina Mallios earned her third shutout in goal, with Dowson, Kaitlyn Asquith, and Nikki Kneeland scoring the goals.

30 years ago October 12, 1995

Capt. Paul Ferrara rushed for 201 yards, including a 31-yard TD jaunt, to lead the WHS football team to a 28-6 win over Lynn English on a rainy Saturday afternoon at the Manning Bowl. Albee Maggio scored on a nine yard run; Jason Calla fell on a Viking fumble that went into the English end zone for a TD; and Michael Palmer returned a punt 45

yards to account for the other scores for the Vikings, who now are 2-2 on the season.

George McGrath handily won his match at No. 1 to lead the WHS golf team to a 46-26 win over Danvers and improve Winthrop's record to 4-1-1. Viking Alan Hersey sports a 4-1-1 record at No. 2 in the WHS lineup and Pat Lally is undefeated at No. 4, 4-0-2.

The WHS boys soccer team put on an offensive show in a 7-1 win over Gloucester. Nick Fernandez, Carlos Bonilla, and Mike Zedalis all scored two goals for the Vikings and Sean Gallagher added a solo tally.

40 years ago October 16, 1985

The WHS boys cross country-team now stands at 5-1 after a 16-43 romp over Danvers. WHS captain Buster Van Buskirk led the way for the Vikings with a first place finish in 15:55, followed by teammates B.J. MacPhail, Warren MacPhail, Scott Shore, Bill Larity, Jay Silver, and Paul

Silverman.

Winthrop eighth-grader Robert Higdon took first place among 65 competitors in the Brooksby Farm Cross Country Invitational Meet for middle schoolers in Peabody.

The WHS girls tennis team stands at .500 after 5-0 shutouts of Lynn English and Salem. Diane Musi, the Lady Vikings' top player, led the way with straight-set victories at No. 1 in both matches.

The WHS football team dropped a 28-12 decision to Marblehead Saturday. Viking quarterback Matt Lanza connected on 10-of-24 pass attempts, the most throws by a Winthrop quarterback in many years, for 104 yards.

WHS head football coach Bob DeFelice is slated to be inducted into the Boston College Hall of Fame Saturday evening. DeFelice was a star player for the B.C. baseball team in the early 1960s.

50 years ago October 15, 1975

With only about 50 Vi-

king rooters making the trek to Salem Saturday, the WHS football team dropped a 24-0 decision to the powerhouse Witches, who extended their unbeaten streak to 16 games. Salem is now in its third season in the Northeastern Conference, and it is becoming clear that they do not belong in the NEC, where they have become a dominant team.

60 years ago October 13, 1965

The WHS football team suffered its first loss of the season by a score of 20-6 to a strong Newburyport team under the lights Friday night at Newburyport. Winthrop marched 68 yards on nine plays after taking the opening kickoff for a 6-0 lead capped by fullback Ed Cavanaugh's one-yard plunge. However, Winthrop frittered away many scoring opportunities thereafter.

70 years ago October 13, 1955

Rocked by injuries, to say nothing of two defeats,

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the center and two guards," said Winthrop Coach Jon Cadigan.

Cassidy blocks a punt

Desmond Cassidy continued the Vikings on the road to victory with a huge play on special teams when he blocked a punt that gave the Vikings the ball at Saugus 22-yard line.

Sacco had a 12-yard gain before Romano scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to make it 13-0.

"Coach [Cadigan] told me all week that I'm going to get a great shot at it, and I just went out there and just did it," said Cassidy, reflecting on his punt-block. "The coach told me that the punter was going to take two

steps to the right, and I was there and made the play."

Nick Romano kept the momentum going while deflating the Sachems' hopes when he intercepted a pass at the Winthrop 9-yard line and returned it 91 yards for a touchdown (see related story). Dom Spinale's extra point made it 20-0.

Sacco's touchdown runs of 46 and 5 yards (set up by a Ferrara-to-Romano completion for 29 yards) made it 34-0 at the half.

"Seth is one of our best game - when he gets the opening, he's fast and you can't catch him," said Cadigan. "It was good to get him going. I thought we played a great game in all three phases."



Quarterback Charlie Ferrara celebrates his touchdown with teammates Nick Romano and Roy Konopaska.

Saugus Coach Cummings' comments

Saugus coach Steve Cummings said the Sachems knew about the Big

Three of Sacco, Romano, and Dolen and had prepared hard to contain the Vikings' rushing game.

"They're a true Wing-T, and the kids have been running it their whole lives," said Cummings. "We knew about [Numbers] 0 (Sacco) 5 (Dolen) and 8 (Romano), and our focus was on stopping them, but they just executed and took advantage of every misstep we had. Coach Cad is one of the best coaches in this area, and it's because of their attention to their detail and how focused they are. They're tough to stop when they're running like that."

A bye and then the Big Blue

Winthrop (1-4) is idle this week before making an Oct. 17 trip to Blocksidge Field in Swampscott for a game against the Big Blue.

WINTHROP FOOTBALL ACTION PHOTOS BY CLARK MCHUGH



Nick Romano begins his journey to the end zone following his interception.



Junior sideline assistants Jace Eruzione and Briac Cadigan photo their props to Desmond Cassidy after the game. Cassidy had a key block of a Saugus punt to help propel the Vikings to their first win.



Winthrop seniors Stephen Calla (front row), Nick Romano, Seth Sacco, Sean Dolen, Chris Messina, Roy Konopaska, and Chris Beshere unite in victory following the Vikings' win over Saugus.

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MORE SCENES FROM WHS VIKINGS SOCCER VERSUS PEABODY



Kylie McFarland (1) at the net.

Bob Marra Photos
Winthrop battled Bever-

ly on the volleyball court Thursday October 2, taking the first point but eventual-



Briana Rizzoto (9) celebrates a score.



Jacki Antonella (18) gets close to the ground to keep a ball in play.



Anastasia Gajica (17) has her back to the net as she makes a return.



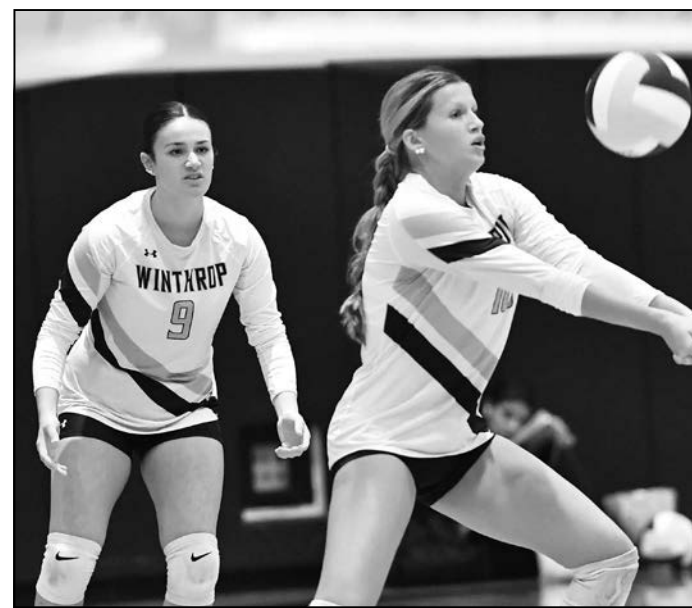
Anastasia Gajica (17) rushes the net.



Makayla Herdt (3) goes to the floor to return a volley.



Lydia Louali (7) watches the ball and lines up her return.



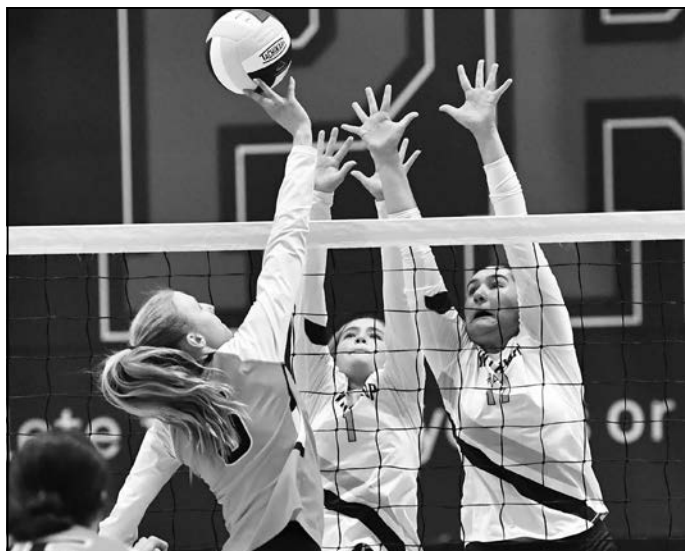
Sophia Gonzalez (10) returns a shot as teammate (9) backs her up.



Anastasia Gajica (17, left) and Sophia Gonzalez (10) make a block at the net.



Sophia Gonzalez (10) has her eyes on the ball.



Kylie McFarland (1) and Anastasia Gajica (17) attempt a block.

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the WHS football team will try to break into the win column this week against a strong Swampscott squad. After this past week's 25-0 loss, WHS head coach Ed MacFarland told his team, "Although you may not be Trainors or Mileses (referring to the WHS star running backs of 1951 and 1952 who led Winthrop to the best records in WHS grid annals), we do have the potential to be a winning team. But we need to get rid of our defeatist attitude."

80 years ago October 11, 1945

Coach Gordon Connors's WHS football team dropped a 13-6 decision to Amesbury Saturday. Davie Rowe scored the Winthrop TD on a 49 yard run. Connors said he plans some changes for this week's contest with Winchester, moving Jimmy Ambrose from left tackle to guard and end Sherman Reed to tackle. Henry Wilson will take over the flanker spot.

110 years ago October 16, 1915

The Winthrop High football team, by using old-style football tactics, plunging,

etc., smashed through the strong defense of Beverly Industrial and earned a hard-fought 7-0 victory Saturday at Ingleside Park. Capt. Talcott carried the

pigskin in for the Winthrop touchdown. The game was the best performance by a Winthrop team in many years. Barnett also played a star game for Winthrop.

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Holiday House Decorating Contest Halloween 2025!

- Register in the Google doc attached above! Registration opens 10/6 and ends 10/17
- You will be invited to join our exclusive Holiday Decorating Facebook page upon registration!
- Decorate the outside of your home for Halloween!
- Your decorated home will be added to a google map if you'd like so our residents can drive by and see all of your hardwork!
- Send in ONE video or photo of your home to the email address provided at registration by NOON on 10/27.
- The photo or video will be shared only in our Winthrop community group!
- The town votes for most decorated (to vote, you must be a Winthrop resident)!
- The house with the most votes wins!
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REGISTRATION For the Halloween House Decorating Contest opens 10/6 and ENDS 10/17

- Photo/Video due by noon on 10/27.
- Voting begins 10/28 and ends 10/30 by noon!
- Winner announced Halloween morning on 10/31!

THE WHS CLASS OF 1975 CELEBRATES THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION



Jeff Ferullo and Stephanie Vasilos



Christine Bernstein and Linda Burns.

Last Saturday evening the world has changes since that day crossing the stage at WHS 50 years ago. Local band JKR played many hits from the 60's and 70's bringing back many memories of great times growing up in Winthrop. Classmates that possibly haven't seen each other in many years gathered to catch-up on their lives, their families and how



From JKR bringing many memorable hits from the 60' and 70's, Justin Magee and John Wadkins.



Donna and Rickey Palecki.



Steve Petrillo and Maureen Riley.



Cherry Adreani, Debbie Barker and Cindy Silck.



Robert Smith, Joe Houghton and Paul and Valerie Inconiglios.



Stephany Vasilos, Joni Ferrino, Terry Visconti, and Anne Masterson.

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THE WHS CLASS OF 1975 CELEBRATES THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION



Kay Smith, Mary McGrail and Trina Benson.



Enjoying the reunion, Christina DeMetriou and Donny Harting.



Sheryl Inza, Julie McCarthy, and Ralph DeBenedito.



Linda Burns, Sheryl Inza, Maryann Woolf, Christine Egan, and Mary Ellen Flannery.



The Class of 1975 Reunion Committee, Pete Bagley, Karen Donnelly, Rose Visco, and Tom Fraher.



Doreen Milito, May McGrail, Trina Benson, Diane Buonopane, Jane Hellmett, and Denise Doucette.



A photo with the official cake of the Class of 1975, Jayne Cleary, Keri Hagag, and Rose Stasio.



Leo Cushing and Fred Massaro.



Karen Jaworski and Vanessa DiFlimeri.

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presently is about \$1950.

The Parks and Rec. Commission held a successful October Fair and Craft Show Saturday at Ingleside Park Saturday, while at the same time, the Chamber of Commerce held an enjoyable Taste of Winthrop contest in French Square.

The Advisory Committee already has used almost all of the \$200,000 in the Reserve Fund, leaving only \$1400 for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1996. Most of the funds that the committee voted to use went to the selectmen for collective bargaining costs and attorney fees.

The Scarlet Letter, Strange Days, and Assassins are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago October 23, 1985

Residents and town officials are intensifying their battle against the proposed construction of a new sewage treatment plant on Deer Island by the MWRA. Board of Selectmen Chairman Ron Vecchia said this week that the town's demands for a pier to be built on Deer Island to receive construction materials by barge and the relocation of the Suffolk County jail from Deer Island are non-negotiable items. Peg Riley, the town's representative on the nine-member MWRA Board of Directors, said that Mass. Congressman Chester Atkins is "all wet" for opposing a plan to dump sludge from the new treatment plant to a location off the New Jersey coast. Atkins is the only non-New Jersey member of Congress to oppose the idea, which was put forward by Congressman Ed Markey as a means of avoiding trucking

the sludge from Deer Island through the town's streets. The Winthrop Concerned Citizens Group is planning a march this week to oppose the MWRA's plans.

The Winthrop Savings Bank recently made a \$10,000 donation to Winthrop Hospital.

The state legislature has approved a bill that will provide for a three-year term for Town Moderator if approved by Winthrop voters.

An East Boston man was captured at the Belle Isle Bridge by local police as he was trying to leave the town with goods he had stolen from a Winthrop home.

Agnes of God, Silver Bullet, and After Hours are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago October 22, 1975

A 17 year-old youth has been charged with driving to endanger after striking two boys who were walking on the sidewalk on Beacon St.

A petition to ban firearms in the state is being launched for the 1976 state election ballot.

More than 100 local residents attended a meeting in Boston to hear Boston Mayor Kevin White explain why he favors relocating the Charles St. jail to Deer Island. However, after hearing from angry local residents from Pt. Shirley, White agreed that the plan needs further study.

The Youth Services Awards Breakfast of Winthrop Ocean Lodge B'nai B'rith will honor James Goldberg as its Man of the Year and Harris Zeltsar as Ben B'rith of the Year.

The Wind and the Lion is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago October 20, 1965

The Town Treasurer has received permission from the selectmen to borrow \$1.8 million in anticipation of revenue.

A crowd of more than 400 filled the main social hall of Temple Tifereth Israel for the annual installation of officers. Samuel Arkin is the new temple president.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. West have departed from the First Baptist Church to accept a pastorate at the American Church in Katmandu, Nepal.

A local Marine, PFC Peter R. Frederickson, is serving in the Chu Lai area in South Vietnam where his unit has launched two major offensives against the Viet Cong.

Burglars took \$600 in cash and a quantity of narcotics in a break-in at the Highland Pharmacy this weekend.

Mrs. Eugene J. Connor and her daughter, Janet, and Mrs. Daniel McGillicuddy and her son, Danny, were among the many thousands who attended the outdoor Mass celebrated by Pope Paul VI in New York's Yankee Stadium last week.

Help!, starring the Beatles, is playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago October 20, 1955

Although flooding in town was minimal and the old-fashioned sou'easter wasn't a hurricane, last week's storm brought huge waves and high tides that heaped tons of sand and rocks on coastal roadways.

The Transcript announces it will hold its annual Cooking School for local housewives in conjunction

with Mystic Valley Gas Co. November 1.

The possibility of a new, modern bridge at Belle Isle inlet was discussed last week by local and state DPW officials.

The new, 1956 model cars are on display this week in the showrooms of local car dealers Fullerton Chevrolet, Fred E. Miles, Petersen's Motor Sales, and Ocean Motor Sales.

Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse star in It's Always Fair Weather at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago October 18, 1945

The Debt Clearance Committee of the Winthrop Community Hospital has announced the start of a campaign to pay off the hospital's \$100,000 mortgage.

Lieut. Warren Wickwire, who flew 43 missions in a Wildcat fighter plane in the Pacific Theatre, is among the local servicemen who will be returning home shortly.

The Winthrop police wagon and ambulance, which is 17 years old, failed to pass its recent state inspection test and is now off the road.

All is in readiness at the Elks for the stellar minstrel show to be performed in the Elks Hall this week.

Betty Hutton stars in The Incendiary Blonde at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago October 19, 1935

The committee of five persons that was appointed by Town Moderator Fredric Muldoon took a tour of the Shirley St. School to inspect it for defects and needed repairs that are estimated to cost \$115,000.

St. John's Episcopal Church celebrated its 50th anniversary October 13. The Rev. Ralph Harper, who has been the parish's pastor for the past 21 years, presided over the festivities.

Bing Crosby stars in Two for Tonight at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago October 24, 1925

A meeting of the local chapter of the Red Cross will be highlighted by a showing by Mr. Harry Whorf of his color photo exhibit of Old Winthrop Views, which shows Winthrop as it was from 1861-1905.

The Florida land rush is being heavily advertised, though it appears that in the mad effort to sell property in the land of sunshine, highways and other means of transportation have yet to be developed.

The fifth season of the Winthrop Players will open with a production of the world-famous comedy, Charlie's Aunt, at the Winthrop Theatre with music by the high school orchestra.

110 years ago October 23, 1915

More seawalls are to be constructed along Pt. Shirley and at Great Head, adding to the quarter of a million dollars worth of seawalls already built to protect the Pt. Shirley peninsula.

Old Delta, one of the finest horses ever to serve our Fire Dept., collapsed while answering a call this week and is on the sick list. The call was a false alarm.

The Winthrop Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the new school year before an overflow crowd.

The Winthrop Suffrage Committee held a rally at

the Winthrop Theatre before a crowd of 400 persons at which Henry J. Skeffington, Commissioner of Immigration for Boston, spoke eloquently in favor of a woman's right to vote.

120 years ago October 20, 1905

Town Meeting's vote to issue water bonds to purchase the former Revere Water Company property for the town will cost the town \$250,000, with the final notes payable in the year 1935.

K.C. Brown's Pharmacy has Kodak cameras for sale at prices ranging from \$5 to \$20.

A large gathering of parishioners of the Unitarian Church welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. W.C. Litchfield and his wife, in the church vestry, corner of Hermon and School Sts.

The floats at the Winthrop Yacht Club are looking deserted with nearly all the boats being stripped and many having been pulled out.

140 years ago October 23, 1885

Midnight marauders and thieves are getting too close for comfort. They recently stole a load of cabbages from the premises of Cyrus Belcher and four bushels of tomatoes and a quantity of grapes from Mr. Clapp. It looks as if a night police may be necessary.

At the recent meeting of the Temperance Union in Clinton, the Winthrop delegate suggested that temperance textbooks be introduced into our schools.

The recent census of Boston shows a population of 1,941,465.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P2284EA Estate of: Conrad Gomez DaCosta Also known as: Conrad Da Costa, Conrad G Da Costa, Conrad DaCosta Date of Death: 07/14/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kim E. Saunders of Plymouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Kim E. Saunders of Plymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/17/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of

the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 06, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 10/09/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WINTHROP LEGAL NOTICE 2026-25 HVAC Maintenance and Repairs On-Call The TOWN OF WINTHROP invites sealed bids from Contractors for "HVAC Maintenance and Repairs On-Call". Bids will be received until: 11:00 AM on October 23, 2025 at the Procurement Office, Town Hall Room #12A, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Immediately following the deadline for bids all qualified bids received within the time specified

will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149. Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. The TOWN OF WINTHROP reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so. TOWN OF WINTHROP Dylan Cook Procurement Officer / CFO 10/9/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WINTHROP LEGAL NOTICE 2026-26 Fire Alarm System Maintenance and Repairs On-Call The TOWN OF WINTHROP invites sealed bids from Contractors for "Fire Alarm System Maintenance and Repairs On-Call". Bids will be received until: 12:30 AM on October 23, 2025 at the Procurement Office, Town Hall Room #12A, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Immediately following the deadline for bids all qualified bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149. Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Thursday-October 16, 2025: Case 2025-016. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Project Address: 152 Somerset Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152 Applicant Name/ Address: Vanessa Flavin and Ricardo Vergara Navarro- 152 Somerset Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152 The Applicant seeks a permit to remove the existing roof and construct a 2nd story addition to an existing single-family home. The permit was denied in

accordance with the Town's By Laws due to non-compliance of proposed structure with respect to the minimum right side yard setback. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chair Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 10/2/25, 10/9/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WINTHROP LEGAL NOTICE 2026-24 Elevator Maintenance and Repairs On-Call The TOWN OF WINTHROP invites sealed bids from Contractors for "Elevator Maintenance and Repairs On-Call". Bids will be received until: 10:30 AM on October 23, 2025 at the Procurement Office, Town Hall Room #12A, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Immediately following the deadline for bids all qualified bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149. Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Thursday-October 16, 2025: Case 2025-014

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday-October 16, 2025, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Project Address: 7 South Main Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 Applicant Name/ Address: Hampton Shahnaz Realty Trust/ Shahnaz Hampton- 7 South Main Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 The Applicant seeks a permit to construct a dormer in front of house and an addition on the left side of the property and a platform and new set of stairs on the right side leading to the second floor also a carport on the left driveway side of property.

Relief of a special permit for expansion of nonconforming. The proposed dormer will create a third (3) story which requires a variance. Noncompliance of proposed structure with respect to minimum side yard setback. The permit has been denied for noncompliance with respect to minimum side yard setback and non-compliance of proposed structure with respect to max stories/ height of two and a half (2 1/2) stories. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chair Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 10/2/25, 10/9/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WINTHROP LEGAL NOTICE 2026-23 Boiler Maintenance and Repairs On-Call The TOWN OF WINTHROP invites sealed bids from Contractors for "Boiler Maintenance and Repairs On-Call". Bids will be received until: 10:00 AM on October 23, 2025 at the Procurement Office, Town Hall Room #12A, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Immediately following the deadline for bids all

qualified bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149. Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. The TOWN OF WINTHROP reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so. TOWN OF WINTHROP Dylan Cook Procurement Officer / CFO 10/9/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Thursday-October 16, 2025: Case 2025-012 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday-October 16, 2025, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Project Address: 200 Main Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 Applicant Name/ Address: Wave Realty, LLC - 321- 325 Shirley Street,

Winthrop, MA 02152 The Applicant seeks to add to the existing structure and develop a two and a half (2 1/2) story, five (5) town house style condominiums in an R-A District. Parking was also submitted and shows the parking is in compliance. A variance for relief from the provisions to establish a five (5) town house structure in the R-A zone which does not allow for dwelling units. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chair Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 10/2/25, 10/9/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE

NOVEMBER 4, 2025, LOCAL ELECTION CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATIONS PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 6 WILL BE VOTING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AT 400 MAIN ST. THERE WILL BE ASSISTANCE ONCE YOU ENTER THE HIGH SCHOOL FRONT DOOR. PRECINCT 4 WILL REMAIN AT O'CONNELL HALL ON GOLDEN DRIVE. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 617-846-1852 ext. 1036 10/9/25 W



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Winthrop Middle School students launch 'Lemonade For Heroes' to support veterans

Staff Report

Sixth-graders Gabriella Blamer and Carmen Bauer from Winthrop Middle School have started a new initiative, Lemonade For Heroes, as a way to honor and thank veterans for their service. The girls believe veterans deserve to feel appreciated every day.

The project is a continuous fundraising effort to host various appreciation events for veterans. Gabriella, whose family includes

veterans from all military branches, including her father who served in OIF/OEF, and Carmen, whose late grandfather served in Vietnam, was inspired by their personal connections to service members.

Lemonade For Heroes plans to host multiple fundraising stands throughout the year, featuring lemonade, apple cider, and hot cocoa, to raise the money needed for their veteran-focused events.



Shown above, local veterans join Gabriella Blamer and Carmen Bauer outside of Winthrop Center Cafe during the fundraiser.

Shown right, sixth-graders Gabriella and Carmen with Richard Honan.

Shown left, Gabriella and Carmen with local veterans.



FRESH & LOCAL

Fritter away meal planning

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For eons, cooks from many cultures have looked at what they have on hand and decided to turn leftovers into fritters. Today, we consider avoiding food waste a social and economic benefit, but for many, it is a matter of survival.

What is a fritter? We often turn to our copy of The Food Lover's Companion for culinary definitions and explanations. Here, the authors call a fritter "A small, sweet or savory, deep-fried cake made either by combining chopped food with a thick batter or by dipping pieces of food into a similar batter."

Our only disagreement with this description is that, most recently, deep-frying has often been replaced by pan-frying or air-frying. Perhaps that's the reason so many food sites are featuring new takes on fritters.

Types of Fritters

This time of year is the perfect time to try local apple, corn, or zucchini fritters. These are three of the most popular in this part of the USA. Or, if you find

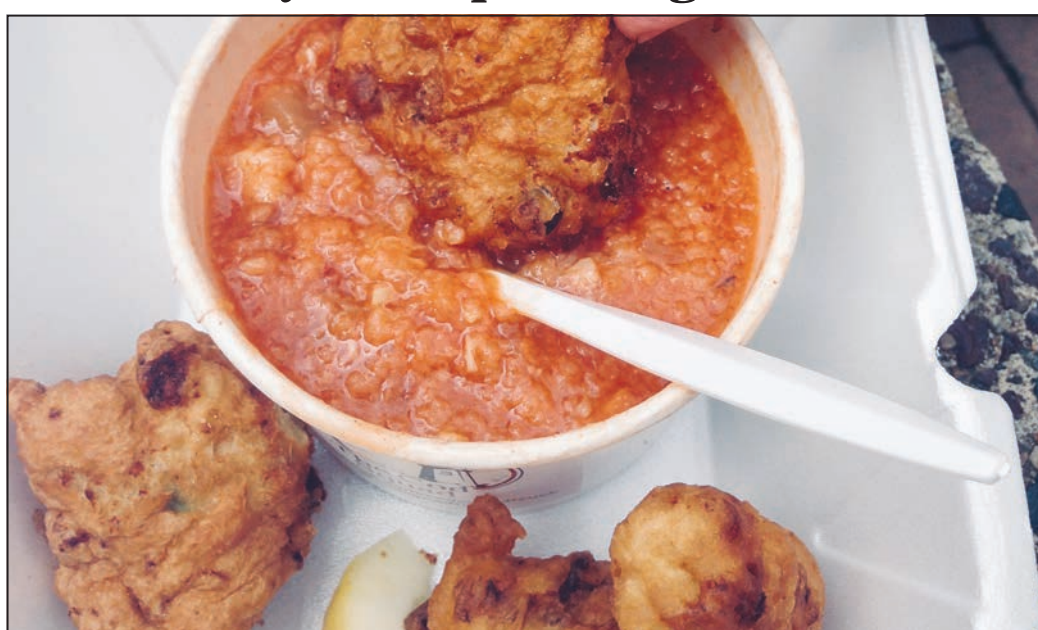
yourself at a Rhode Island clam shack, try our favorite fritter, "Clam Cakes", which are perfect for dipping into a bowl of chowder.

Wikipedia has a long list of fritters from around the world that you may have enjoyed but never thought of as one. From the Middle East and North Africa, we enjoy falafel made with chickpeas or fava beans. From South Asia, we love pakora and onion bhaji. Penny's uncle from the Philippines made banana fritters at family gatherings. Japan has takoyaki stuffed with octopus. The Bahamas are known for conch fritters. In the UK, fish and chip shops will fritter anything from mushy peas to a Mars Bar.

Fritter Basics

To discover the importance of fritters in the past, we consulted the 1896 Fanny Farmer Cookbook. The section on fritters begins with five numbered recipes for fritter batter, and then suggests which ingredients will work best with each of the five.

Most home cooks from cuisines less reliant on precise measurements and rec-



Clam Fritters, also known as "Clam Cakes" or "Sinkers" in Rhode Island, are perfect for dipping into a bowl of Rocky Point Clam Chowder.

ipes have used traditional ingredient ratios for fritter batter and then adjusted by eye to achieve the perfect batter for the fritter they were making. You can follow a recipe or search for "fritter batter ratios" to learn the traditional method.

For example, in his book Ratio, food educator Michael Ruhlman recommends a ratio of two parts flour to two parts liquid and one part egg for fritter batter. He also wrote, "Every time I make fritters, I ask

myself why I don't make them more often. Crisp and tender, sweet and spicy. A fritter batter, which is a muffin batter without the

butter, is a vehicle, like a crepe or a dumpling, for a tasty main garnish and seasoning, whether corn or clam or apple or zucchini.

Use just enough batter to hold the garnish together."

The flour used to make a fritter can alter the flavor, nutrition, and accommodate dietary limitations. You can use all-purpose flour, but consider the difference cornmeal flour could add to a corn fritter, or chickpea flour for an onion bhaji.

The next time you face the "what's for dinner" question, fritter away a few minutes to scan your pantry and refrigerator for staples and leftovers perfect for fritters. Mix up a batter, add the goodies you found, and serve up your own delicious version of a long-time favorite food!

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