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**WINTHROP DPH  
HOSTS HOLIDAY  
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TO BENEFIT  
HARBORCOV**

The Winthrop Department of Public Health is hosting a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit HarborCOV this winter. The drive aims to make a difference by collecting gifts for individuals and children who have experienced domestic violence. All gifts donated will go directly to those individuals and children.

**Donation Details**  
Deadline: Please donate all gifts by December 16, 2025.

**Drop-off Location:** Gifts can be dropped off at the Winthrop Department of Public Health, located at 45 Pauline Street, 1st Floor, Winthrop.

**Harbor Communities Overcoming Violence (HarborCOV)** is a nonprofit organization that provides free safety and support services,

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Santa visited French Square last Friday afternoon to spread holiday cheer and snuck in for a quick group photo (shown above) before his big arrival later that evening with the Winthrop Fire Department.

Shown to the right, following the countdown Santa hit the light switch and French Square lit up for the 2025 Holiday Season.

See more photos on Page 12.



## Martino updates Council on ongoing projects

By Adam Swift

Town Manager Tony Marino provided updates on the new fire station project and the Revere Street TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) project to the town council this week.

The new fire station project at the old middle school continues to work on the design plans as the asbestos abatement work continues at the old middle school and auditorium.

“The fencing and the Pest Control System and Controls have been installed,” stated Marino. “The water utility work has been completed, and the gymnasium and ice rink are now operating on the new water main service installed in the rink parking lot. The existing water main supplying the Old Middle School and Auditorium has been shut off on Pauline Street and will be cut and capped on December 5.”

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## Superintendent Howard highlights districts grants for Fiscal Year 2026

By Adam Swift

Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard highlighted the FY26 grant allocations from state and federal grants at Monday night’s school committee meeting.

“We submit a budget to and let them know how we plan to spend the money,” said Howard. “There are certain categories that they allow you to spend the money in. Again, grants are de-

signed to supplement your current school district’s budget, not to supplant.”

The early childhood special education grant is \$24,588, and Howard said that grant primarily pays for an educational support professional to support inclusion in the classroom, as well as some supplies and materials.

“The IDEA 240 grant, that is the biggest special ed grant that we receive every year; \$655,107,” said How-

ard.

The superintendent provided the school committee with a supplemental packet showing how the grant breaks down because it is the district’s largest grant.

“We break it down into support staff, which in-

cludes funding 11 of our instructional aides, and then contractual services for special education services, such as paying for independent evaluations, some outside therapy contracts, (and) home and hospital tutoring for students,” said How-

ard. “We also provide some stipends for folks who do our district program monitoring, restraint training, and for those who support speech and language and OT providers in our district

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### WSPA HOLDS HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE



The dancers and young singers of The Winthrop School of Performing Arts gathered for their traditional pre-performance photo before entertaining the crowd with holiday themed song and dance routines.

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**MONDAY, NOV. 17**

0822: An officer ordered a tow from Shore Drive of a motor vehicle with more than \$900 in past-due parking tickets.

0833: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0932: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving of an expired registration. When the operator was unable to renew the registration online, the officer directed her to park the vehicle on private property until the registration is renewed. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for the civil infraction.

0947: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a police cruiser and a Nissan Rogue at the intersection of Crest Ave. and Revere St. According to the police report, the Rogue was making a left turn onto Revere St. from Crest Ave. and did not yield to the cruiser, which was driving straight through the intersection from Revere St. to Crest Ave. Both vehicles were towed.

1052: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1158: An officer responded to a report of a loud boom on Grovers Ave. A transformer had exploded and National Grid was notified.

1646: The owner of a motor vehicle came into the station to report that her motor vehicle had been vandalized on Townsend St. The officer filed a report.

1856: An officer stopped two motor vehicles on Winthrop St. The officer arrested the operator of one of the vehicles, Carlos Dagoberto Miranda Solorzano, 56, of Worcester, for the criminal offenses of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a number plate

violation (attaching plates). The vehicle was towed.

2113: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident at Main and Payson Sts. in which a vehicle crashed into a tree. The vehicle was towed.

2137: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Wilshire St.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 18**

0107: An officer issued parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cross St.

0145: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

0149: An officer issued parking tickets to 21 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0218: An officer issued parking tickets to 13 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Banks St.

0232: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Wilshire St.

0244: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Marshall St.

0244: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0258: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bowdoin St.

0317: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Winthrop St.

1157: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

1220: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1232: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Bowdoin St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1245: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Lincoln Sts. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1703: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1826: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere

St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19**

0112: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Siren St.

0116: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Undine Ave.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Lincoln St.

0131: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Belcher St.

0842: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1309: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in excess of the two-hour limit on Woodside Ave.

1412: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Buchanan and Bowdoin Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1500: An officer retrieved a hypodermic syringe that was in the street on Tafts Ave. and brought it to the station for proper disposal.

1751: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1811: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1819: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in a crosswalk at Ocean View and Bowdoin Sts.

1833: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1947: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2133: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 20**

0103: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Payson St.

0106: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Harvard St.

0109: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Central St.

0110: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Pleasant Park Rd.

0114: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Amelia Ave.

0116: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cross St.

0120: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Fairview St.

0214: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pauline St.

1151: A Temple Ave. resident came into the station to report a breaking and entering into her motor vehicle while it was parked in front of her home overnight. A debit card and driver's license were taken.

1622: Officers responded to a one-car motor vehicle accident at Crest Ave. and Revere St. The vehicle was towed.

1644: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in which a pedestrian was struck at Revere St. and Golden Drive. The officers arrested the operator for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a license suspended for operating under the influence. The operator also was cited for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. (Ed. Note: The name of the person arrested was blackened-out on the police log.)

1753: The Animal Control Officer took possession of a loose dog that was in the backyard of a Shirley St. residence.

2000: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Shirley St. to move the vehicle.

2221: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here to Corner section at Hawthorn Ave and Beach Rd.

2245: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for that offense, but issued a ci-

tation for the civil infraction of not having their license in possession.

2256: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Grovers Ave. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 21**

0102: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Winthrop St. in which a vehicle crashed into a building. The vehicle was towed.

1552: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a scam involving an extended auto warranty. The officer filed a report.

2135: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation on Main St. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

2354: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 22**

0007: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked on the corner at Moore St. and Shore Drive. The officer then ordered the vehicle to be towed for having an expired registration.

0120: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hillside Ave.

1114: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lowell Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1140: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Hermon St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1402: An officer responded to the home of a resident whose son had found a hypodermic syringe at the Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Playground on Pond St. and brought it home. The officer retrieved the needle and brought it back to the station for proper disposal. Medical attention for the child was declined.

1752: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Circuit Rd. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. A licensed operator came by to take possession of the vehicle.

1946: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane at Twist and Shake on Shirley St. to move the vehicle.

2014: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Almont St. for a

civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2033: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walde-mar Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2235: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 23**

0144: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Summit Ave.

0201: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Franklin St.

0213: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Almont St.

0229: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hutchinson St.

0258: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Crest Ave.

0314: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd.

1250: A report of a dead rabbit on Elliot St. was referred to the DPW.

1634: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance between neighbors on Revere St. The officers spoke to the reporting party and restored the peace.

**MONDAY, NOV. 24**

0106: An officer issued parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd.

0107: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Prospect Ave.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Park Ave.

0130: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hillside Ave.

0151: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cottage Ave.

0153: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Crystal Cove Ave.

0210: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beacon St.

0219: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Moore St.

0240: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pauline St.

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The Revere Street TIP project will continue as the work on switching over to the new traffic lights and installing solar controls on the streetlights, so they go off during the daytime hours, said Marino. The curb and concrete work will resume next spring.

In other issues, Marino said town officials continue to meet with residents over their water/sewer bill complaints as the town works towards installing new meters and addressing the es-

timated water bills due to the meter reader devices not communicating with its billing software.

“We are investigating each complaint and will adjust as warranted,” Marino stated. “However, some of these increases have been attributed to water leaks in homes and irrigation systems, as well as an increase in the number of occupants in homes and apartments. Often, meter reader devices stop working due to work being done on homes or

apartments, wires being inadvertently cut, or normal wear and tear.”

The town also offers payment plans to its residents, allowing them time to get caught up once their water usage is accurately documented, Marino added.

Marino handed out special thanks to the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce for a successful and well-attended tree lighting ceremony last Friday, as well as to the police, fire, and DPW departments who participated in making this event a success.

Finally, Marino stated that the dredging work to be completed by Northeast Mosquito Control at Fishermen’s Bend is being coordinated for the winter months of 2026.

“The logistics and material hauling costs are being coordinated with the DPW,” Marino stated. “The Town will have to contribute to this project, as we will be responsible for hauling and disposing of the dredged material.”

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that require supervision as part of their licensure. We also have in this particular grant a line item called specialists, and that’s where we are providing some additional reading support for our students in the form of evaluating some of our programs, providing some direct service for students, and professional development for our staff.”

The grant also helps to pay for agencies that are sometimes used to fill open positions such as occupational therapists, or speech and language specialists.

“Some of the other grants, the Title grants, Title I, II, and III, those grants pay

for services for our staff, some of our Title I support for our students, some materials, supplies, programs for the ELL students, (and) academic achievement programs,” said Howard. “Title V is the student support and academic enrichment and offsets the costs for that.”

The superintendent said the district also has a number of competitive grants, such as the 21st Century afterschool program grant and a behavioral health grant, which helps provide mental health support for students.

“And then we have an earmark, (state Senator) Lydia Edwards worked very closely with (school com-

mittee Chair) Jen Powell and myself, this is the (third) year we have received an earmark (from) Senator Edwards,” said Howard. “This year, that grant was very specific to technology. In years past, it is how we built the parent information center, it is how we funded multi-language support systems for our kids.

“Although that has not come into the town yet, we are anticipating it will, and that will primarily be used to upgrade Chromebooks and laptops for the students, and iPads, and translation programs ... and some of the software that is involved.”

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along with housing and economic opportunities, to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Founded in 1998, HarborCOV offers linguistically and culturally appropriate emergency and support services to promote long-term stability for people affected by violence and abuse in communities including Winthrop, Revere, Chelsea, and East Boston.

### USPS REMINDS CUSTOMERS TO KEEP PATHS CLEARED FOR CARRIER AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The Postal Service is reaching out to communities throughout the region to raise public awareness of the importance of keeping

walkways, sidewalks, and approaches to mailboxes clear from snow and ice so letter carriers can provide safe and timely mail delivery.

Mounds of snow and patches of ice in front of mailboxes create havoc for carriers trying to safely deliver the mail. Postal officials emphasize that residents maintaining a clear path to the mailbox — including steps, porches, walkways and street approach — will help postal carriers provide timely delivery service. Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers from the street.

Postal employees make every reasonable effort to

deliver the mail in many difficult weather conditions. At the same time, we must insure the safety of our carriers along their routes. Carriers are not allowed to attempt door delivery when there is a heavy buildup of snow and ice on sidewalks, steps or porches. They are not allowed to dismount for curbside boxes blocked by snow and ice buildup.

If mailboxes are blocked off and conditions are difficult, letter carriers must always consider safety and accessibility first. Letter carriers are instructed to not deliver to mailboxes and locations which are too hazardous or unsafe to access.

The U.S. Postal Service and postal letter carriers greatly appreciate your support.

### SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Local gift shop Robin's Nest, an award-winning boutique at 79 Jefferson Street, saw plenty of visitors during the weekend's hol-

iday festivities. Shoppers were greeted by Robin and her dog, Tater, during Small Business Saturday. Robin's Nest offers a variety of

items, including gifts, home decor, and jewelry, with a focus on products made in the USA.



Jennifer, Crew, and Quinn Howard visiting Robin's Nest during tree lighting.



Robin and Tater from Robin's Nest greeting shoppers on Small Business Saturday.

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## Healey-Driscoll Administration releases statewide high school graduation framework

Special to the Transcript

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has released an initial statewide graduation framework designed to set nation-leading expectations and prepare all students for success after high school, regardless of their chosen career path. This framework, developed with the K-12 Statewide Graduation Council, represents the state's most robust education standards ever.

### Key Principles and Changes

The new system moves away from reliance on a single high-stakes test. Key changes include:

- Phasing Out 10th Grade MCAS: The 10th Grade MCAS exam would be phased out as part of the new framework.
- No Single Barrier: No single test will represent a barrier to graduation for any student.
- Comprehensive Approach: Massachusetts will be the first state to implement such a comprehensive approach to setting high educational standards.

### Seven Elements of the

### Framework

The framework is structured around seven elements that focus on building a strong academic foundation, demonstrating mastery, and developing real-world problem-solving skills.

### Strong Starts

- Students must complete a set of coursework that aligns with admissions requirements for higher education.

### Proven Skills

To show mastery of course content, students will complete:

- A limited number of end-of-course (EOC) assessments.
- EOCs are a more targeted and relevant approach than the current high school MCAS.
- Students do not have to pass an EOC to graduate.
- A capstone or portfolio.
- Capstones are cumulative projects, typically including research, a written assignment, and a final presentation.
- Portfolios are a collection of a student's best work demonstrating mastery in one or across content

areas.

### Bright Futures

- This element focuses on future planning and literacy:
  - Students create their own plan for college or career.
  - Students must complete the FAFSA or MASFA (financial aid application).
  - Students learn financial literacy.

Students can earn seals of distinction, such as the State Seal of Biliteracy.

### Stakeholder Engagement and Next Steps

This initial framework is the first step, following significant feedback from over 400 people who attended listening sessions, 6,615 respondents to a statewide online survey, and 103 district administrators.

The administration will continue to seek input from communities to refine the recommendations and work toward a final report next year. This work builds on the administration's existing "Reimagining High School Initiative," which includes expanding access to programs like Early College, Innovation Career Pathways, and MyCAP.

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OUR Opinions

REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED  
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SHOPPING LIST

Americans already have been spending a record amount of money thus far this holiday season, spurred on by the extended “Black Friday” (we are using quotes because Black Friday sales began in early November), Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday shopping days.

However, amidst our zeal to find the “perfect” gifts for our family members and friends, we hope that our readers make the effort, no matter how small, to remember those in need this holiday season.

Homelessness is at an all-time high in this country. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the number of unhoused Americans jumped significantly from 2023 to 2024 by about 18%.

It is estimated that homelessness in New York City has reached the highest level since the Great Depression of the 1930s.This past August, 103,391 people slept each night in NYC shelters. Even more depressingly, according to the Coalition for the Homeless, almost one-in-eight New York City school children experienced homelessness during the most recent school year.

The most vulnerable members of our society -- including people with disabilities, children, and older adults -- are experiencing homelessness at increasingly-higher rates. In addition, the proposed cuts to social safety net programs are expected to make the problem even worse.

The simple reality is that for far too many of our fellow Americans, the holidays bring little or no joy.

There are countless ways by which each of us can make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, ranging from toy drives to food banks to Salvation Army Santas. With Christmas fast approaching, we urge everyone who has the means to do so to make that small effort to help those for whom the holidays are just another day.

TRUMP DELIVERS  
ON GLP-1 DRUGS

Back in January, we wrote an editorial entitled, “GLP-1 weight-loss drugs should be made affordable for all Americans.”

We pointed out that the U.S. ranks among the most obese nations in the world -- an astounding 72 percent of Americans are deemed to be overweight. We also noted that the new GLP-1 drugs, which originally were designed to help persons with diabetes (by making sugary, salty, and high-fat foods less appealing), had the “side-effect” of bringing about significant weight-loss in the consumers of these drugs.

It also has been found that the GLP-1 drugs not only help to decrease users’ appetite for food, but also to reduce their cravings for harmful substances such as alcohol, drugs, and even cigarettes, and to reduce the “food noise” for those with eating disorders.

Researchers also have established that the GLP-1 drugs improve the health of our cardiovascular system, liver, brain, and kidneys, and even help with sleep apnea.

In short, the GLP-1 drugs offer the potential of a life-changing medicine that could benefit tens of millions of Americans.

However, as we noted in our editorial in January, the GLP-1 drugs were prohibitively expensive -- about \$1300 per month -- for those not eligible for a prescription for their diabetes, which is the only condition covered by most health plans and Medicare for the drugs.

That all changed this past month with an agreement forged by President Donald Trump with the makers of these drugs, Eli Lilly (Mounjaro and Zepbound) and Novo Nordisk (Ozempic and Wegovy), by which they agreed to reduce their prices by more than 50%. For some consumers (who had been eligible for a previous 50% reduction off the \$1300 sticker price), this has worked out to a greatly-reduced monthly rate of about \$350 per month.

In short, President Trump’s deal makes these drugs much more affordable for millions of our fellow citizens who now can begin to take advantage of this miracle medicine. Trump’s efforts not only will benefit the health of individual Americans, but also promise to reduce our national health-care costs in the years ahead.

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THE MORE Things Change ...

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10 years ago  
December 3, 2015  
Library Director Diane Wallace told the Winthrop Library Commissioners that she has filed for a waiver with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to be certified even though the budget is short and the library is not open 50 hours a week. The current budget of \$490,000 is short about \$35,000 and the library is currently only open 41 hours a week. She will appear before the state board in January.

Residents are mourning the passing this week of two long-time members of the Winthrop community. Former Fire Chief David Higginbotham, who passed away this week at the age of 78, was a consummate professional who devoted his entire life to making Winthrop a better place for his family, friends, and neighbors. Peter Grimes, who was 62, was an integral member of the Winthrop community for his entire life as a teacher, coach, and mentor. He was the co-director for many years of the town's summer basketball league, the state champion coach of the Winthrop High boys basketball team in 1995, the coach of a champion WHS girls basketball team that went 20-0, and a beloved guidance counselor in our school system.

Winthrop property owners will see an increase in their tax bills for fiscal year 2016. The new rate will be \$15.37 per \$1,000 of valuation, which is a 7.2 percent increase over the fiscal year 2015 rate of \$14.34 per \$1,000 of valuation.

The Good Dinosaur and Point Break are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago  
December 8, 2005  
The Board of Selectmen held a small ceremony and luncheon in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room to recognize 23 town employees for their years of service to the town ranging from five to 36 years. Fire Dept. Captain William “Ned” Hazlett was honored as the town employee with the most years of service, 36.

The Town Manager Search Committee has reopened its search process after the three finalists chosen by the committee all withdrew their names from consideration two weeks ago.

The Winthrop Gymnastics Academy, under the direction of owner Peter Gobiell, is marking its 20th anniversary this year.

The Viking Pride Foundation has announced the awarding of \$13,608 in 20 mini-grants to teachers across the Winthrop school system who will use the funds for enhancement of

classroom programs.

Rent, Pride and Prejudice, and Yours, Mine, and Ours are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago  
December 14, 1995  
A 13-member Search Committee has resubmitted the names of Middle School Acting Principal Todd Harrison and Boston Schools Administrative Asst. Thomas Giancristiano to School Supt. Joseph Laino for consideration for appointment as the next Principal of the Middle School. Laino had asked for more than two candidates from the committee, but members informed Laino that Harrison and Giancristiano were so far above all other candidates that they were the only two names the committee would be submitting.

For the first time in anyone’s memory, the School Committee has submitted a budget for the coming fiscal year by the December 11 deadline set by the selectmen for the submission of all budgets by the town departments. The school budget as submitted represents an increase of more than \$1 million above this year’s budget of \$10.4 million, and does not include any pay raises for school personnel.

A Somerset Ave. woman reports that she was robbed at gunpoint of a substantial amount of cash while returning from work at 3 a.m.

The new Ted Williams Tunnel will open for traffic for commercial vehicles Friday.

Father of the Bride 2, Toy Story, and Ace Ventura 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago  
December 18, 1985  
Winthrop suffered a pair of setbacks this week in the town’s effort to stop the construction of the new MWRA treatment plant on Deer Island when a Suffolk Superior Court judge threw out the town’s lawsuit against the MWRA and the federal EPA gave its approval to the project.

In response to concerns raised by the selectmen that sex offenders are using public transportation in the town to perform their work-release programs from the Deer Island jail, Boston Penal Commissioner Robert Walsh confirmed that this is the jail’s practice and policy.

The selectmen and the Airport Hazards Committee joined forces to condemn Massport’s new noise regulations pertaining to jets at Logan Airport as too little, too late.

Sculptor John Raimondi, a Winthrop native, has gained national attention for his works which are on display in public places throughout the country. Raimondi was named by

Esquire Magazine as being among the new leadership class of men and women under the age of 40 in America who are changing our nation.

Spies Like Us, Rocky IV, and White Nights are playing at the Revere showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago  
December 17, 1975  
A criminal complaint has been issued by the East Boston District Court against Fire Engineers Board member John F. Forristall for allegedly punching Deputy Fire Chief Edward Hazlett, bruising Hazlett’s cheek and knocking out some teeth. The incident arose at a meeting of the board which was attended by Hazlett and Capt. Charles Flanagan. According to the complaint filed by Hazlett, Forristall ordered Hazlett not to speak at an upcoming meeting of the Water Commissioners. When Hazlett said he would speak if he wanted to, Forristall allegedly came at Hazlett with both fists flying. Other members of the board present were Richard Bangs and George Riley.

The first meeting of the local chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) was held this past week in the public library. The topic of discussion was female depression.

The Towering Inferno, starring Charlton Heston and an all-star cast, is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago  
December 15, 1965  
The new Winthrop High School officially opened its doors for students this week. Work began on the new school in July, 1964.

Chamber of Commerce President George Frattaroli turned on the holiday lighting in the Centre this week.

The selectmen appointed Richard Kurland, 25, to the Winthrop Police Dept. this week. Kurland becomes the youngest patrolman on the force.

The selectmen have announced their intention to purchase the former Ft. Banks property from the federal government for town use.

Five homeowners reported the theft of their outdoor Christmas lights this past week.

Simone Signoret, Jose Ferrer, Vivian Leigh, and Lee Marvin star in Ship of Fools at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago  
December 15, 1955  
Ernest Bentley, Pres. of the Winthrop Community Hospital, has announced that the hospital will receive a breathtaking windfall of \$33,800 as its share of the Ford Foundation’s disbursement of \$500 million to charitable institutions across the country over the next 18 months.

The sons of the members of the local Knights of Columbus, their friends, and members of the Boy Scout troop of St. John the Evangelist Church, numbering 84 boys, took a tour of the Boston Naval Shipyard in Charlestown recently.

Former Winthrop School Supt. Arthur Boudreau, who now is the Asst. Dean of Faculty at the new Air Force Academy in Denver, Colorado, came to Winthrop this week to speak to a group of high school seniors.

Fred G. Soper has been named the chairman of the local March of Dimes campaign for the third straight year.

Walter Baker has been elected the new Commodore of the Pleasant Park Y.C.

Jack Palance and Shelley Winters star in I Die a Thousand Times at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago  
December 13, 1945  
Gov. Maurice Tobin visited Winthrop this week to view the damage from the near-hurricane storm that struck the New England coastline November 29 and caused significant damage from wind and flooding. State Rep. Arthur Verney and Selectman Ross Batchelder met Tobin and gave him a tour of the town. It is estimated that \$35,000 will be needed to make temporary repairs to the Shore Drive roadway with another \$60-\$70,000 needed to complete the job. The Winthrop officials also pointed out to Tobin the need to add more breakwaters along Shore Drive.

Winthrop schoolchildren will conduct a drive this week for clothing items to be donated to the underprivileged children in rural areas around the world.

More than 400 men were accepted into the Holy Name Society of St. John the Evangelist Church Sunday.

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# Council gets update on Voke school project

By Adam Swift

The new Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School in Wakefield is scheduled to open for students in September of 2026.

The newly expanded school will allow its 12 sending communities, including Winthrop, to increase the number of students they send to the Voke from about 1,400 to 1,600 students.

At a recent town council meeting, Winthrop Northeast Voke School Committee member Rob O’Dwyer and Voke Superintendent David DiBarri provided an update on the building project, as well as other programs at the school.

“We have 61 students from Winthrop currently attending, which is up three from last year,” said O’Dwyer.

The school committee representative noted that the Voke provides the training for local students in the types of trades that can provide solid careers and cannot be outsourced.

DiBarri said that the plan is to increase enrollment at the new building by about 20 percent, but that the increase will be staggered over three years so that it does not place as much of a financial burden on Winthrop and the other sending communities.

As the work on the new school continues, DiBarri noted that one of the positive aspects of the trade school construction is that the students have been going on tours of the site since day one.

“They are actually seeing the school be built, so that is very exciting, and some of our other programs, the design digital program, is helping to design some of those interior displays that go in there,” said DiBarri. “There have been a lot of great opportunities to have that building go up.”

The larger building will allow the Voke to add four new programs, including medical assisting, market-

ing, biotech, and construction craft labor.

Several councilors asked about the application process for the school, as well as how many Winthrop students apply.

DiBarri noted the state now dictates a lottery process for bringing in new students. He said that one of the most challenging aspects at the vocational school is that there are more applicants than spaces available.

“There is a short waitlist in Winthrop, not like some of the other cities and towns,” said DiBarri.

He said there are typically about a half dozen students from Winthrop who are on the wait list.

Districtwide last year, DiBarri said there were about 1,300 applicants for 350 spots.

“When I started at Northeast as a teacher, we were happy to get just enough applications to fill the seats,” he said. “As it was growing, we’re really proud of those numbers that people can see the benefit, but when you talk to the parents, and especially for me, the toughest is when you get the phone calls from the grandparents after students don’t get accepted, especially from some of the inner city towns – you just want to help everybody and you wish everybody could get accepted.”

The district is working on some new initiatives to help ease that burden, including a potential program where students would go to their home district high school in the morning and then go to the Voke for the vocational programs in the afternoons, DiBarri said.

The building project is currently on schedule and under budget, DiBarri said, although he said there wasn’t a definite figure yet for how far under budget. He said the district has been able to apply for and receive a number of grants to help with the construction costs.

Once the new school is complete, the current school will be demolished and a new multi-purpose field built on the property.

# OBITUARIES

## Terrence (Terry) Kelly

A kind-hearted, generous and loyal Boston Sports Fan who completed the Boston Marathon four times



Terry Kelly of Redington Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully with family by his side on October 25, 2025 at the age of 57. Terry was the devoted husband of 26 years to Michelle (Leslie) Kelly.

Born and raised in Winthrop, he was the loving son of Alice (O’Shea) and the late George Kelly. Terry was a beloved brother and uncle to seven siblings and their children: Michael Kelly and Susan (Kaitlyn, Sean), Joyce Kelly and Rick Hens, Timothy Kelly (Joshua, Matthew, Samuel, Grace), Kathleen Kelly, Eileen Cullen and Mike (Elizabeth, Caroline, Andrew), his twin Christopher Kelly, Karen Dickinson and John (Julia, Kate, Claire). Terry was a cherished son-in-law to Joanne and her late husband, Charles Leslie, brother-in-law and uncle to Suzanne Murray and Donald (Alec, John, Noah, Caroline). Terry will also be fondly remembered by his Aunt Sally Kelly and many cousins and their families.

Terry received his Bachelor’s degree in Economics from UMass Boston and his Master’s degree in Finance from Suffolk University. He met Michelle while working together at BNY Mellon. Terry enjoyed working for over 20 years at Loring, Walcott and Coolidge in Boston and is remembered fondly by his friends and co-workers. He later retired from FIS in Atlanta.

Terry loved growing up in Winthrop — running around and playing with all the kids on Cottage Park Road, including his lifelong friend, Donny Cirelli. He loved the ocean and fishing and in later years, enjoyed bringing his dog, Tek to Yirrell Beach before swinging by to visit his mother and father. Terry loved being part of his large family and always enjoyed the family

holidays and extended family reunions with both his and Michelle’s families.

Terry was an avid Boston sports fan. He appreciated and found joy in every championship won by Boston teams during this amazing time period in Boston sports’ history. For Terry, he passionately experienced the Boston sports’ highs ... the Red Sox winning eight straight after being down 0-3 to the Yankees in 2004 and their lows...losing Tom Brady to Tampa Bay.

Terry completed the Boston Marathon four times. In 2013, shortly after crossing the finish line for the third time, the bombs detonated at the finish line. Although 2013 was to be his last marathon, Terry purposely returned to run it again in 2014 as there was no way he would let terrorists take away the joy and community of Marathon Monday in his beloved City of Boston.

Terry was fun and funny. His smile would light up a room and the sound of his laughter made those around him happy. He was kind-hearted, generous and loyal. Terry treated everyone with the same friendly, respectful, and humor-filled manner. Those of us lucky enough to be family or friends to Terry, will miss him greatly.

Funeral services have been held and Terry has been buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Westfield, MA.

## Joseph Wright

Well-known throughout Winthrop for his signature cowboy hat that became his trademark

Joseph F. Wright, affectionately known as “Cowboy Joe,” passed away in Boston on November 26, 2025, at the age of 78. Born on July 30, 1947, in Chelsea, Joe was a long-time resident of Winthrop, where he became a beloved figure in the community.

At an early age, Joe enlisted in the Army and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, stationed in Germany. His dedication and commitment earned him the rank of Sergeant, a role he fulfilled with honor and distinction. Following his honorable discharge, Joe transitioned into a successful career in customer service at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust, where his warmth and friendly demeanor left a lasting impression on colleagues and clients alike.

Joe was well-known throughout Winthrop for his signature cowboy hat that became his trademark. With this iconic headgear, he embraced the persona of “Cowboy Joe,” bringing a touch of the Wild West to the coastal town. His jovial spirit and iconic look made him a favorite among residents, who often shared smiles and stories in his



presence.

He was the beloved son of the late Winifred (Hender) and Gilbert Wright; dear brother of Dorothy Hanes of Syracuse, New York, Donald Wright of Methuen, Grace Knipe of Cheshire, Connecticut and Shirley Wright of Saugus and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, December 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 6 p.m. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA at [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org).

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

## Gheorghe Pop

His warmth and humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Gheorghe Pop, 74, passed away peacefully in Winthrop on November 11, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Born on April 12, 1951 in Cluj, Romania, Gheorghe carried with him the rich heritage of his homeland throughout his life. He was a man whose warmth and humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Gheorghe is lovingly remembered by his wife, Anne Marie Pop; his daughter, Andreea Pop and son, Razvan Pop as well as many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Doina Cailide, his mother, Magdalena Pop and his father, Gheorghe Pop.

A man of great generosity and spirit, Gheorghe had a special place in his heart for



animals. He adored his dogs and extended that affection to all creatures.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gheorghe’s name to the ASPCA at [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org).

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved him.

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

## Thomas “Tom” Wescott

Graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1960

Thomas L. “Tom” Wescott, 83, shuffled off this mortal coil on November 28,

2025. He was the son of the late Frederic and Anne (Keith) Westcott;; husband of 61 years to Yvonne (Sirois)., father of Thomas, Jr. and Michael of Winthrop, step-grandfather of Melissa Bonnice, brother of Donald, the late Carol Kinkead and Kate Westcott and is also survived by many nephews, nieces, cousins, brothers and sisters in law.

Tom was a graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1960. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He did two tours of active duty on the icebreaker U.S.S Glacier where he traveled from Boston to Antarctica.

He worked as a Quality Control Inspector at General Electric. Then pursued a career in the printing industry. He was mechanically inclined. He was a voracious reader, averaging two or three books a week!

Before he retired, he enjoyed trips to Mexico, many of the Caribbean Islands, Canada and a cross-country trip from Massachusetts to California and back! From 2014 to 2023 he spent the winter months on Marco Island, Florida relaxing on the lanai reading his books.

Tom had a very dry, somewhat acerbic wit. He possessed a vast knowledge of history, war, planes, trains, automobiles and nature. Before Goggle, friends would call him for answers on a variety of subjects. For many years, Tom and his



crew were instrumental in placing flags on veterans’ graves for Memorial Day.

He was a member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks and a former member of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club.

No formal services will be held at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter 347 Highland Ave., Salem MA 01970, the Winthrop Food Pantry 222 Bowdoin St., Winthrop MA 02152 or to a charity of your choice.

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

Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

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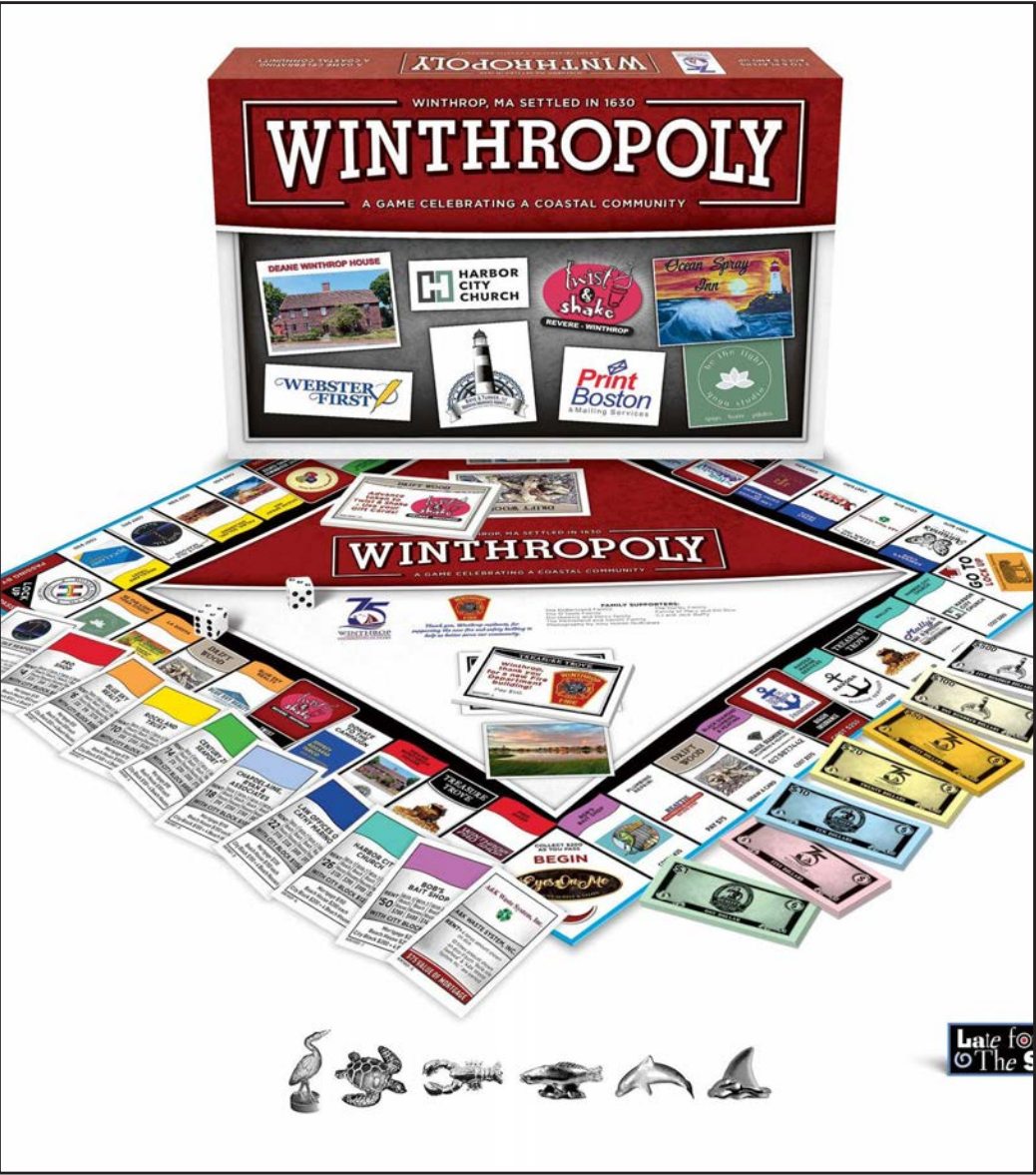
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# Winthrop Chamber launches ‘Winthropoly,’ the hometown board game

Special to the Transcript

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce has introduced Winthropoly, the ultimate board game that puts a hometown spin on the classic game of Monopoly. The game was launched as part of the Chamber's 75th-anniversary celebration.

Winthropoly features local landmarks, beloved businesses, and community favorites, allowing players to buy up familiar places like Shirley Street or Revere Street. Instead of houses, players build up businesses, and instead of landing in Jail, players might land in "Harbor Traffic!".

The game is described as fun for the whole family, a perfect gift, and a great way to support local businesses. The limited-edition board game is \$39.00. Only 600 copies of the game were made, making it a limited-edition Christmas or Hanukkah gift. Winthropoly can be purchased in-person at the Chamber office, located at 207 Hagman Road, or online through their website: [winthropchamber.com/product/winthropoly/](http://winthropchamber.com/product/winthropoly/).

## FRESH & LOCAL

### Inspired by street food

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

December is when entertaining friends and family adds to an already busy schedule. We suggest you choose to serve a meal inspired by street food. You could select a street food specialty that reflects your family's culture, features a family favorite, or honors a guest.

Food designed for last-minute preparation, served from a cart, food truck, or small stall, is usually limited in ingredients and makes great party food. As a bonus, most street food can be eaten out of hand, from disposable serving items, with fingers or wooden spoons and forks.

You can have one or two people play chef and prepare each person's choice to order. Or, make it self-serve. Set up a table of optional ingredients so your guests can be their own chefs.

**Menu Suggestions**

We consulted local food truck menus and drew on our favorite items from the past to offer menu suggestions for your street food

party. We also looked for items you could purchase if you have time to shop but not to cook.

If we were hosting a Vietnamese street food party, we would serve fresh rolls, banh mi sandwiches, and a big bowl of bun thit nuong (a noodle salad). Anyone who can build a sandwich can make a banh mi, and we have based parties around teaching friends to make fresh rolls. The preparation for this menu is mostly shopping and chopping.

One of our favorite food trucks, Mei Mei, has turned its menu into a dumpling business. You can buy their excellent products frozen and serve a selection of dumplings and sauces. Round out your menu with a takeout order from your favorite Asian restaurant.

Pennypackers is another well-loved food truck famous for its porchetta sandwiches. If you are a good home cook, you could make your porchetta in advance and surround it with a basket of bread, a tray of antipasto, and a big Italian salad.

Taco trucks are what

sparked the street food scene in this country, and a taco party could be the perfect theme to feed a crowd. Even when we make tacos for two, we set up our dining bar as a taco assembly line. You could offer a hot plate of fillings, including vegetarian and vegan options. Add salsas, shredded lettuce, cheese, and creamy toppings. Let everyone decide whether they want hard, flour, or whole-grain tacos, and fill them as they wish.

If you have a crew of less adventurous eaters, you could have a grilled cheese menu inspired by Roxy's Grilled Cheese truck. We geek out on grilled cheese by making them with an assortment of flavored breads from When Pigs Fly bakery. Or, you could duplicate Roxy's support of local businesses by choosing your ingredients from the vendors they proudly display on their website. Don't forget to have a simmering crockpot of tomato soup for dipping.

**Do It Yourself or Have It Catered**


One final note on this topic, many local restaurants and food trucks offer catering services. You could support a small business and have someone who's an expert in creating a popular street food menu handle the food for the party. The three who cater, mentioned here, are Mei Mei, Pennypackers, and Roxy's. If you have a favorite place for a favorite food, ask if they can cater your event. Small businesses can use the income and exposure, and you can use the free time!

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.*



A fill-it-yourself taco party could be a perfect theme for feeding a crowd.

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## Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Ronald Colman and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. star in The Prisoner of Zenda at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago  
December 14, 1935  
A Special Town Meeting will be held to appropriate \$41,500 requested by the selectmen for welfare, old age, WPA projects, and the laying out of Pond St.

Tax Collector Carl I. Nelson reports that excise tax bills for the 3928 registered automobiles in Winthrop have been sent out, an increase of 13 over last year.

More than 500 local res-

idents have joined the local Townsend Club affiliate, including many young men and women who desire to see themselves have good paying jobs when current workers retire. Retirees under the Townsend Plan would be supported with monthly pensions of \$200 at the age of 60.

Edward G. Robinson stars in Barbary Coast at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago  
December 19, 1925  
The vaudeville, concert, and picture show given by the Elks Friday at the Win-

throp Theatre to benefit the Elks' Christmas Charity Fund was a huge success. The annual Elks Christmas show at the theater will start at 9 a.m. sharp Saturday.

Verdi's, the original Santa Claus toy shop located at the corner of Winthrop and Jefferson Sts., offers a wide variety of toys for Christmas.

Automobile owners are reminded to register their cars for 1926. D.J. Honan has a large supply of blank auto registration forms on hand at his place of business on Pauline St. next to the fire station.

W.C. Fields stars in W.D.

Griffith's Sally of the Sawdust at the Winthrop and Dream Theatres.

110 years ago  
December 18, 1915  
More than 500 persons attended the plays Mother Goose and The Tyrolean Queen put on by the children of the primary and grammar schools at Osborne Hall at the high school.

One of the town's best-known young men, Charlie Hagman, 27, the secretary to the Board of Selectmen, is well-known for his prowess on the baseball field where he has hurled many no-hitters for the Winthrop Athletics.

Local merchants are conducting a contest among children with the lucky winner to receive a pony.

The deposits of the Winthrop Savings Bank total \$100,000, quite an accomplishment for the bank's first 20 months in existence.

140 years ago  
December 8, 1885  
Alterations to the lower level of Town Hall are being completed by D.W. Belcher. The dressing rooms formerly used by the children when the town's school was in Town Hall are being converted into storage space for town papers.

Perhaps the largest Town Meeting ever held in Winthrop's history took place for a discussion of the article on the warrant dealing with the overhead electric railway question. By a vote of 61-26, the members appointed the selectmen to study the issue.

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# Sports

## THANKSGIVING CHAMPIONS

### Sacco, Vikings take command in 29-12 victory over Revere

By Cary Shuman

Former coach Tony Fucillo always felt that Revere-Winthrop on Thanksgiving was a championship game unto itself.

In the 2025 meeting at Harry Della Russo Stadium, Coach Jon Cadigan’s Vikings played championship-caliber football from start to finish, and the reward for their dominating 29-12 victory was the Beachcomber Trophy and bragging rights in the rivalry for another year.

Led by All-Conference running back and linebacker Seth Sacco, the Vikings took control of the game in the second half. Sacco was the chief catalyst in the

takeover, unleashing a spectacular 93-yard run through the middle of the line, outracing two of Revere’s fastest players to enter the end zone on his feet.

All told, Sacco’s 202 yards rushing sent him soaring past the 1,000-career milestone. Sacco also had two interceptions, the latter after skying to bat down a pass from Revere quarterback Jose Fuentes and then securing the football on what would be the final defensive play of his career.

Unsung hero Sean Dolen Winthrop did the little things well, notably on special teams where Sean Dolen made one of the biggest plays of the game, one that Cicatelli admitted was frus-



TROPHY STAYS: Winthrop players surround the Beachcomber Trophy signifying the Vikings Thanksgiving Day victor at Revere.



ICE BATH: Winthrop coach Jon Cadigan is doused in ice water as the clock ticks to “OO” and a 29-12 Thanksgiving Day win at Revere. See more photos on Page 9.

## Seth’s Stats!

### Senior captain breaks the 1,000-yard milestone

By Cary Shuman

“If you’re going to play your last football game, you might as well rush for 200 yards and play lights out on defense, and that was Seth Sacco,” said head coach Jon Cadigan in reflecting on his senior captain Thanksgiving masterpiece.

Indeed, Sacco enters the record books as a 1,000-yard rusher (actually 1,083

yards). He was the team’s leading scorer with 16 touchdowns and had 171 receiving yards in combination with quarterback Charlie Ferrara.

Sacco crashing through the grand plateau on a 93-yard touchdown run that was key play of the game.

Revere head coach Lou Cicatelli felt that play was

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trating for the home side.

Following Winthrop’s second touchdown, place-kicker Domenic Spinale adroitly lofted a kick past Revere’s front line and Dolen recovered the kick in stride. Dolen was a major contributor in every role the coaching staff asked of him this season, most importantly on his blocking assignments on offense. Dolen also showed that he can bring the firepower on offense as well, rushing for 154 yards and a touchdown in the victory over Revere.

Though Winthrop didn’t score after recovering the onside kick, Revere coach Lou Cicatelli said it was “a huge moment” in the direction of the game.

“That play [onside kick] hurt us,” said Revere coach Lou Cicatelli. “We practiced it, but we didn’t react well. It took away a key possession for us late in the half.”

A stellar game plan It appeared early on that Sean Dolen would be the featured back in the offense as the Revere defense focused on Sacco.

“Revere clearly put their best defensive players opposite of Seth, which is probably what you should do, but I’ve been saying it for a while, you have to have three good backs, and we have three very good

backs, and you saw it on Thanksgiving.”

Nick Romano rushed for a touchdown in the game and was a vital part of the 380-yards rushing total for the Vikings. Romano was one of the key blockers on Sacco’s pivotal 93-yard touchdown run.

Nick Romano and Chris Messina were the “pulling” blockers through the hole

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“the turning point” in the Patriots’ 29-12 loss in the annual Thanksgiving game Nov. 27 at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

“They’re up 15-6 and we pin them inside the 7-yard line and I call a timeout. We go over the play and I told them exactly what was coming, it’s the criss-cross. We flop our best players on that side, and the play came, and we had no answer for it,” said Cicatelli. “That was a big, big play after we turned the field on them.”

Cicatelli said his team’s No. 1 goal on defense was to contain Sacco.

“He’s the real deal, he’s very, very good and has really quick feet, and I think he’s one of the best backs that Winthrop has had in a long time,” added Cicatelli.

Sacco lived up to the high expectations that the coaches had for him in his senior season.

“Seth was as advertised. What doesn’t get seen is the amount of work that the players put in during the off-season, and Seth was an unbelievable kid in the weight room,” lauded Cadigan. “He would come off the lacrosse field after a full practice, and he would do a football workout. The great thing about that is he brought everybody else with him.”

Sacco was one of the Boston Globe’s “Players of the Week” for his performance versus Revere.

And in addition to being an All-Conference, Sacco will likely have other major awards coming his way.

“In my opinion, he’s an All-Scholastic player, a Shriners Classic All-Star, and a Harry Agganis Classic All-Star,” said Cadigan. “He’s that guy. He deserves that recognition.”

Ultimately it would be fitting if Sacco and his two brilliant running mates, Sean Dolen and Nick Romano, enter the Winthrop Hall of Fame at the same induction dinner in the years ahead. As the humble Sacco would be the first to tell you, it was a team effort that ignited the Vikings’ running game this season, including, of course, the contributions of the entire offensive line.

Sacco has earned a spot among the all-time productive backs in school history – Chucky Sullivan, Steve Staffier, and Anthony Palmer, to name but a few.

### REVERE GAME

The two stars of the game defensively were Seth Sacco (Black Shirt Award winner) and Nick Romano. Seth had 13 tackles (5 solo, 3 TFL) & 2 INT. Nick Romano had 14 tackles (9 solo, 1 TFL) and a PBU. Mike Ferrara had 4 tackles including a TFL, with a QB hurry/hit that caused an interception and Michael D’Ambrosio had 6 tackles (5 solo) and a pass breakup.

## WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

**10 years ago**  
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A capacity crowd (the largest Winthrop-Revere crowd for the big game in many years) filled the brand-new Harry Della Russo Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. A win would have given the Patriots eight victories, the second best team in RHS grid history. However, the celebration after the Vikings’ thrilling victory (15-12) was done by a young but well-coached Winthrop team. The Viking defense, led by senior line-backer Justin Barker, Matt Tarantino, Joe Trenouth, and Luigi Spinazzola, shut down highly-touted Revere quarterback Dan Murphy and his offense, which had averaged 26 points per game this season. The Vikings trailed twice (6-0 and 12-7), but another comeback led to a victory for coach Sean Driscoll and company. Revere had a huge size advantage on their line, but the Vikings once again prevailed and had another fourth quarter victory, bringing back memories of 2007 when Winthrop won on a last-second pass from Will Milano. WHS junior quarterback Chris Zuffante scored two touchdowns, Jon Gonzales (106-yards on 28 carries) and the bruising running of fullback Matt Tarantino paved the route to victory. The winning touchdown was set up by a key fumble recovery by Gonzales on the Revere 24-yard line with 3:42 left in the fourth quarter, leading to Zuffante’s two-yard run up the middle with 1:39 to play for the clincher.

## WINTHROP’S CURRY COLLEGE CONNECTION



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Winthrop High School was well-represented in the Curry College football program this season. Pictured above after Curry’s Conference of New England (CNE) championship game against Endicott College in Beverly are (from left) freshman defensive lineman Gabriel Grein, senior starting defensive lineman Pete Jurovich III, assistant coach Rich Fucillo, Director of Athletics Vin Eruzione, and sophomore tight end Daniel Thomai.

In the photo (right), former Winthrop High head football coach Tony Fucillo and his wife, Carolyn Fucillo, are pictured as they arrive for the championship game. Curry finished a highly successful season with an 8-3 record.

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on the Sacco TD, according to Coach Cadigan.

“On the play side, you had [captain] Roy Kono-spaka, Chris Beshere, Riley Moccio, and Jeremy

Pena blocking down,” said Cadigan. “Normally the fullbacks leads on the criss-cross play, but we ran it out of an empty set (backfield) and the tackle kicks out and fullback acts like the pulling tackle. Any time you get Nicky Romano pulling, that’s pretty big.”

Sean Dolen also scored a touchdown on the new variation of the criss-cross play.

Special teams a big plus in 2025

Coach Cadigan was very pleased with Winthrop’s

**Revere coach Lou Cicatelli will retire following 2026 season**

Revere head football coach Lou Cicatelli was coaching his penultimate Thanksgiving game as he has announced that he will be retiring following next season (2026). He will also retire from teaching after one more year.

Cicatelli has been the head coach for 23 seasons in Revere.

**All-Conference/All Star selections**

Winthrop placed six of its standouts on the Northeastern Conference All-Conference and All-Star Teams.

Seth Sacco, Sean Dolen, Nick Romano, Chris Messina, and Riley Moccio were selected as All-Conference honorees.

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SCENES FROM THE THANKSIGIVNGDAY GAME MATCH UP AGAINST REVERE



GROUND GAME: Sean Dolen races from a pair of Revere pursuers.



POWER MOVE: Nick Romano (8) bulls his way into the end zone to give Winthrop a 15-6 lead in the second quarter.



AIR DEFENSE: Charlie Ferrara (11) leaps to break up a pass intended for Revere's Sergio Peguero.



OFFENSIVE FORCE: Shown to the left, Seth Sacco ran for more than 200 yards on the day. Here he looks for tough yardage inside.



YOU LEAD, I'LL FOLLOW: Shown to the left, Sean Dolen (5) follows the block of offensive tackle Riley Moccio (72).

Photos by Bob Marra

Senior captain Seth Sacco piled up over 200 yards rushing to break the 1000-yard mark on the season and lead the Vikings to a 29-12 win at Revere Thanksgiving morning. Sacco broke the game open in the third quarter with a 93-yard touchdown run on a third-and-five from deep in Revere territory. The score put the Vikings up 21-12 on the way to the win. The Vikings won five of their last seven games to finish the season with a 5-6 record that included a berth in the MIAA Division 6 post-season tournament.



DOUBLING UP: Seth Sacco (0) and Riley Moccio (72) team up to stop a run by Revere's Reda Atoui (13).



GONE WITH THE WIND: Seth Sacco (0) won't be caught on his 93-yard run that put Winthrop ahead 21-6 in the third quarter.



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

## Monday, December 8

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:00am-1:00pm: SHINE Counseling  
10:00am-1:00pm: Reiki Sessions  
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day / Mahjong

## Tuesday, December 9

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)  
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11:30am-12:30pm: Arts & Crafts Christmas Ornaments with PACE  
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12:30pm-2:30pm: Art with Dawn (\$6)

## Wednesday, Dec. 10

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
10:00am-11:00pm: Clear Team Meet-Up  
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12:15am-1:45pm: Italian Class

## Thursday, December 11

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

## Friday, December 12

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

**Senior Lunch Program:**  
The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm.

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**PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF DECEMBER 16, 2025**  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at on/about 6:30 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room that the Town Council adopt the following order: That the Town appropriates the sum of NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$980,000) to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) and/or §8(5), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

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TOWN HOLDS TREE LIGHTING IN FRENCH SQUARE



Cervizzi's School of Martial Arts performed in French Square.

The Winthrop Foundation and the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual French Square Tree Lighting, with special guest, Santa Claus.



Photo-op with Autumn Williams and Ellie Kotyluk.



The Gerow's, Daniel, Melda and Devin.



Winthrop Chamber of Commerce President and master of Ceremonies Friday evening at French Square Marc Chapdelaine with the guest of honor Santa Claus.



Aiden Mansfield tries on the Frosty outfit.



Sofia Gonzalez is all smiles with Santa.



Robin's Nest had a big sale and had carolers singing in front of the store in the early afternoon.



Santa with the special guests at the tree lighting, Councillor elect Kurt Millar, and Town Council Vice President Holly Belchner, Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Jeff Rosario Turco, and Winthrop Council President Jim Letteri.



Enjoying the holiday event, Amelia Machado, Scarlett Fuller, Jayden Guthro, Willow Lok, and Savannah Santiago.



Former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo with his sister Carole Manitilia with Santa.



The Winthrop Art Association, Dawn Mahoney, Sandy Joneck-Schiff, Joan Bobrycki, and Karla Murphy.



Santa arrived safe and sound to French Square thanks to the Winthrop Police and Fire Departments.



Lindsay and Zach Emanuelson visited with Santa.



Kids of all ages love a pic with Santa.



Santa tells Lt. Sean Delehanty he's on the nice list this year.



Nora Newman visits with Santa.

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