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RAISE THE ROOF RECOGNIZES METRO CREDIT UNION THIS YEAR

This year at Raise the Roof, TND is recognizing a Chelsea institution celebrating an incredible milestone. Metro Credit Union 2026 Community Partner Honoree Metro Credit Union is celebrating 100 years this year, with its roots and headquarters in Chelsea. On September 17, 6-9 p.m., we’ll come together on the Chelsea waterfront to recognize Metro and celebrate the community partners who help make TND’s work possible. Join us for Raise the Roof and help us celebrate Metro Credit Union at 99 Marginal Street Chelsea. Partner with TND as a Raise the Roof sponsor and help create more opportunities for individuals and families across Chelsea,

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Tom Hogan, Ken Griffin, Stephen Babine, and Joe Earl at the 26th annual St. Michael the Archangel Parish’s Golf Tournament held on Aug. 31. See Page 6 for more photos.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH’S GOLF TOURNAMENT



Elise Nolan teeing off at hole nine.



Juliet Bettano and Jane Nalieri selling raffle tickets and checking in participants.

It’s Game Week! Vikings open season Friday at Essex Tech

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High School head coach Jon Cadigan has noticed a different level of preparedness this week in practice. “I think our kids are excited to finally be in a game week,” said Cadigan, whose Vikings play their 2026 season opener Friday (6:30 p.m.) at Essex Tech following two pre-season scrimmages. “The captains relayed to me that the team is excited to get going and that they realize games count from here on out.” Winthrop has a tough test on the road, meaning a mid-afternoon bus

departure from the high school and the usual traffic on Route 1 through Saugus, Lynnfield, and Peabody heading to the game. Like Winthrop, the Hawks’ student body turns out in droves for home games. And as Shawsheen Tech has proven the past few years, regional vocational schools play tough, hard-nosed football. Essex Tech draws students from 17 communities while residents from any community (including Lynn, for example) wishing to study agriculture can apply for admission. The official name of the school is:

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The seniors on the Winthrop High School football team are pictured after the Blue and Gold Scrimmage Aug. 29 at Miller Field. From left are Eddie Leal, Michael Ferrara, Evan DeMayo, Nathan Previte, Jeremy Pena, Dom Spinale, Desmond Cassidy, head coach Jon Cadigan, Charlie Ferrara, Michael D’Ambrosio, Riley Moccio, Thomas D’Amico, and Michael Harrison.

West Nile Virus risk level raised to high in Winthrop and Revere

Special to the Transcript

Northeast Mosquito recently announced that Revere and Winthrop’s risk level for West Nile Virus (WNV) has been raised to high because of an increase in WNV in mosquito samples in the region. To prevent West Nile Virus, people should try to avoid mosquito bites. This can most effectively be done by applying insect repellent and wearing clothing that can help reduce mosquito bites, including long sleeves, pants, and socks. Residents should also be aware of peak mosquito hours from dusk to dawn, and limit outdoor activity during those times. Northeast Mosquito urges anyone with concerns about WNV virus or other mosquito-borne illnesses to check with their doctors or care teams. WNV is transmitted to humans from the bite of

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New police chief set to be announced

Special to the Transcript

Winthrop Police Chief John Goodwin is slated to retire on October 31 of this year. In his report to the town council this week, Marino said the town has completed the Police Chief Assessment Center and interviews with four internal candidates to be Winthrop’s next Police Chief. “We will announce this week who the next Police

Chief will be and look forward to the swearing-in ceremony at the Town Council Meeting on October 6, 2026,” Marino stated. Goodwin was sworn in as police chief in July of 2024, taking over for former Chief Terence Delehanty. Prior to becoming chief, Goodwin served for over 30 years in the Winthrop and Revere police departments.

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Healey invests \$4.2 million to grow offshore wind workforce and research

Special to the Transcript

Governor Healey and the Mass Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) announced \$4.2 million in funding to 20 projects that will prepare workers for offshore wind and maritime careers, and support research on fisheries, wildlife, and the marine environment. The funding is awarded through two MassCEC programs: \$1.7 million through the Offshore Wind Works program and \$2.4 million through the Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis program. These awards are part of Massachusetts’ continued investment in the people, infrastructure, and science needed to support the state’s offshore wind industry.

“Offshore wind means good jobs, more clean energy and real economic opportunity for Massachusetts,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We’re investing in

the workers who will build this industry and the research needed to develop it responsibly and protect our fisheries, wildlife and marine environment.”

“Massachusetts has everything it takes to lead in offshore wind: world-class ports, skilled workers and coastal communities with deep maritime experience,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “These grants will help more residents prepare for good-paying careers and make sure we’re ready for the next generation of projects.”

“The clean energy transition doesn’t happen without the people doing the work,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “We need skilled workers to build offshore wind and researchers who can help us better understand our ocean, fisheries, and wildlife. Investing in both is how we grow

clean energy responsibly and make sure Massachusetts continues to lead.”

“These two efforts work in tandem: one grows the talent pipeline for offshore wind projects, the other expands the knowledge base the industry needs for the long haul,” said Ben Downing, Mass Clean Energy Center CEO. “Investing in both is how Massachusetts prepares the way for future accelerated offshore wind deployment.”

Through Offshore Wind Works, \$1.7 million will support eight projects in building a Massachusetts workforce that is capable of planning, deploying, operating, maintaining, and manufacturing components for offshore wind projects. Many of the skills and credentials developed through these projects are transferable across clean energy, maritime, construction, and other port-based industries—strengthening workforce resilience beyond offshore wind alone. Since launching in 2018, Offshore Wind Works has awarded \$22 million to 35 grantees, leveraging more than \$11 million in additional cost-sharing.

“Massachusetts’ clean energy future depends on having a skilled workforce ready to build it,” said State Senator Jake Oliveira, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (D-Ludlow). “These investments will create pathways into good-paying careers, strengthen partnerships with organized labor, higher education, and workforce training programs, and give workers skills that can serve them across industries. By investing in our workforce alongside research and responsible development, we are positioning Massachusetts workers to benefit from the economic opportunities created by the clean energy transition.”

“The clean energy transition is also a workforce opportunity, and the Commonwealth must make sure our workers are positioned to lead it,” said State Representative Paul McMurry, House Chair of the Labor and Workforce Development Committee (D-Dedham). “From union trades and maritime workers to students and people exploring new careers, these investments are creating pathways into skilled jobs while building a workforce that can grow with the industry. That means more opportunity for Massachusetts workers and a stronger, more resilient economy for the future.”

This year’s awards will fund projects across three focus areas: Workforce Training & Upskilling; Training Equipment & Infrastructure; and Career Exploration & Education. The projects are expected to leverage an estimated \$892,241 in additional cost-sharing and in-kind contributions from grantees and their partners.

The 2026 Offshore Wind Works awardees are:

Massachusetts Maritime Academy: \$260,000 for Workforce Training & Upskilling

Funding will be used to establish the equipment, certifications, and instructional capacity needed to deliver Helicopter Underwater Escape Training.

Partners: RelyOn USA

TITAN Structural Group LLC: \$500,000 for Workforce Training & Upskilling and Training Equipment & Infrastructure

Funding will be used to equip trades workers with offshore wind safety and technical certifications.

Partners: Ironworkers; IBEW; IUPAT union affiliates

UMass Dartmouth: \$250,000 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to add 30 paid internship opportunities to the offshore wind internship program.

UMass Boston: \$249,243 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to develop and deliver ten learning modules covering offshore wind topics ranging from engineering and aquaculture to ports and supporting infrastructure.

Partners: Academic Center for Reliability and Resilience of Offshore Wind (ARROW)

STEAM the Streets: \$209,330 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to launch a statewide campaign to increase public understanding of offshore wind and clean energy careers.

Partners: Environmental League of Massachusetts; Boston Public Schools; New Bedford Public Schools; MassHire South Shore; MassHire Greater New Bedford

UMass Amherst: \$141,427 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to expand the Career Access Scholarship Program, enhance workforce training with a focus on transferable skills, and foster new partnerships between Massachusetts and Nova Scotia.

Partners: MANSA Consulting; Salem Alliance for the Environment; Spirit Advisory

MANSA Consulting, Inc: \$100,000 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to expand the WindWorks campaign to increase awareness of offshore wind career opportunities and connect participants to introductory offshore wind training.

Partners: Bristol Community College; IWNL Energy Trustees of Tufts University: \$40,000 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to publish findings on offshore wind workers’ experiences, safety culture, and working conditions, while highlighting industry best practices through a case study.

Through the Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis program, \$2.5 million will support 12 projects in advancing research that informs the responsible development and operation

of offshore wind in Southern New England and the Gulf of Maine. Each project has a direct connection to a Massachusetts-based business or research institution, a Massachusetts-based intern, or both. Collectively, these awards will create at least seven paid internships for students attending Massachusetts universities, giving early-career researchers hands-on experience in offshore wind science.

This year’s awards will address five topic areas: Fisheries; Habitat & Wildlife; Regional Transmission Planning; Regional Monitoring; and Science Communication.

The 2026 Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis awardees are:

New England Aquarium: \$246,075 for Fisheries research

Funding will be used to research how offshore wind development is affecting recreational and for-hire fishing activity in Southern New England.

Partners: Pelagic Strategies

UMass Dartmouth: \$280,501 for Fisheries and Habitat research

Funding will be used to continue a study focused on understanding offshore wind impacts on cod spawning grounds in Southern New England.

\$199,589 for Regional Monitoring

Funding will be used to create a regional data-collection strategy to guide future monitoring and inform responsible offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine.

Partners: Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative & Northeast Regional Ocean Council (separate \$30,000 award to support this project)

Center for Coastal Studies: \$284,642 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to evaluate the ability of ocean circulation models to predict zooplankton aggregations to inform methods for understanding potential offshore wind effects on North Atlantic right whale prey.

Partners: Integral Consulting

atdepth MRV Inc.: \$252,000 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to create a digital twin model of the Gulf of Maine to study potential effects of floating offshore wind turbines on ocean processes and North Atlantic right whale prey.

Tufts University: \$269,910 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to develop an implementation framework for incorporating nature-inclusive design into offshore wind projects.

Partners: Outer Harbor Consulting; Responsible Offshore Science Alliance; Nomadic Foundry

JASCO: \$246,746 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to examine existing offshore wind wildlife protection measures using quantitative modeling to assess risk reduction and implementation costs.

Ocean Tech Services, LLC: \$77,414 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to install a Motus radio telemetry receiving station at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute’s Air-Sea Interaction Tower, re-establishing important offshore detection capability for migratory birds and bats.

Power Advisory LLC: \$186,995 for Regional Transmission

Funding will be used to build on existing offshore wind energy transmission studies to investigate interregional transmission scenarios for New England, New York, and Atlantic Canada.

Partners: Johns Hopkins University; UMass Amherst

Responsible Offshore Science Alliance: \$149,997 for Science Communication

Funding will be used to communicate results of existing offshore wind fisheries research to Massachusetts fishing communities and the general public.

Partners: Fat Moon Creative

Biodiversity Research Institute: \$149,206 for Science Communication

Funding will be used to translate and communicate offshore wind science and research into accessible, stakeholder-informed materials for Massachusetts and beyond.

Partners: Consensus Building Institute

CBN Media, LLC: \$125,000 for Science Communication

Funding will be used to increase public understanding of marine life interactions with offshore wind infrastructure in Southern New England.

For more information on Offshore Wind Works and Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis, visit masscec.com/our-focus/offshore-wind.

West Nile // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes that carry this virus are common throughout the state and are found in both urban and rural areas. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection, according to Northeast Mosquito.

Northeast Mosquito also recommends that residents mosquito-proof their homes by draining standing water and installing or repairing screens.

Many mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limiting the number of places around a home for mosquitoes to breed can be done by either drain-

ing or getting rid of items that hold water. Residents should also check rain gutters and drains and empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools and change water in birdbaths frequently.

Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly fitted screens on all your windows and doors.

Revere residents also still have another week where they can request free mosquito spraying from Northeast Mosquito. They can call (978) 352-2800 to request service, or (781) 485-8486 for more information.

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Marino also had several major construction updates in his report to the council.

Construction bids for the new fire station on Pauline Street came in, and the low bidder for the project was G&R Construction out of Hanover.

“The bid came in under our estimators’ projection, and the project is on time and under budget overall,” Marino stated. “Construction will begin at the beginning of October as we finish up the stormwater pipe installation and the retaining wall against the old gymnasium wall.”

Improvements are also underway for the girls soft-

ball field at Ingleside Park, with work begun on a dugout.

“We also poured a new slab behind the backstop fence for a storage shed that will store the outfield fence and a lawnmower to cut the grass around the infield and drag the infield dirt to prevent weed growth,” stated Marino.

In other infrastructure news, Marino said a deteriorating structure located at 242/244 Grandview Avenue has been removed, and the town is moving forward with getting pricing to install a new rip-rap structure to prevent erosion.

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Revere, Everett, and beyond. Sponsors receive recognition before and during the event while supporting affordable homes, financial well-being, and community development.

Raise the Roof is grateful to the community leaders and partners whose time and generosity are helping make this year’s event possible.

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Jury acquits Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins of extortion charges

Special to the Transcript

A federal jury acquitted Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins of extortion charges this past Wednesday, September 2, following a trial in the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston.

Tompkins had been charged with two counts of extortion related to an investment in a cannabis company.

Tompkins was appointed

Sheriff of Suffolk County in 2013. He won a special election in 2014 and two general elections for six-year terms in 2016 and 2022. His current term ends on January 3, 2029.

During his 13 years in office, Tompkins has always been highly visible at events throughout the county that includes Boston, Revere, Winthrop, and Chelsea. He was known for being greeted warmly by fellow officials and residents and often delivered remarks at ceremonies and public events that displayed his wittiness and vibrant personality.

State and city officials spoke about the jury’s unanimous decision and wished Tompkins well as he prepares to return to his position as Sheriff of Suffolk County.

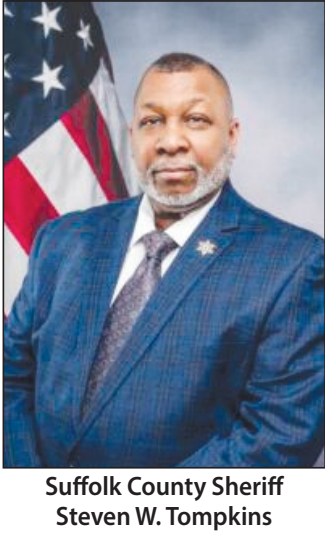
“I am so grateful for the jury’s service,” said Sen. Lydia Edwards. “Sheriff Tompkins has been acquitted and can now move on. He wants nothing more

than to get back to serving the people of Suffolk County.”

State Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco of Winthrop said, “I am pleased that a jury has unanimously acquitted Sheriff Tompkins. Upon hearing the news, I immediately recalled the words of former Labor Secretary Ray Donovan, also acquitted, when he asked, ‘What office do I go to get my reputation back?’ Steve Tompkins has been a champion of criminal justice reform,

and I look forward to him continuing to serve the people of Suffolk County.”

Chelsea Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, a longtime friend and supporter of Tompkins, said, “I’m glad that the jury acquitted Sheriff Tompkins and that he will be returning to his position of leadership in Suffolk County. The sheriff has been a friend of mine for many years, and I think he’s done a great job overall.”



AG Campbell releases annual labor day report spotlighting actions to protect Massachusetts workers

Special to the Transcript

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell released the Attorney General’s Office (AGO)’s annual Labor Day Report, spotlighting the AGO’s dedicated efforts to protect the rights of Massachusetts workers and ensure access to fair pay, benefits, and safe working conditions for all.

“While decisions by the federal government create new uncertainty for workers and families, my office continues to do what it’s always done: protect working people,” said AG Campbell. “I am proud to release this year’s Labor Day Report, which highlights the efforts of my office’s Fair Labor Division to ensure that workers are paid for every hour they work and receive the minimum wage and overtime they have earned.”

dent contractors. As a result of the investigation, Master Millwork agreed to pay more than \$280,000 in restitution and penalties.

In addition to enforcement, FLD continues to utilize a dedicated, multilingual investigative team to conduct unannounced compliance visits to active construction sites throughout the Commonwealth with the goal of ensuring a continuous and supportive presence in the field. This field team visited 37 construction sites in FY26, successfully engaging over 160 employers and nearly 400 workers to provide direct guidance on state wage and hour laws.

Following a visit by FLD’s Construction Field Team to a construction worksite, FLD conducted a full investigation and issued five citations totaling more than \$218,000 to Donizetti’s Tile Services, Inc. for failure to pay overtime, failure to furnish pay slips, misclassifying employees as independent contractors, failure to permit employees to earn and use sick time, and failure to keep true and accurate payroll records.

Combatting Independent Contractor Misclassification

Addressing worker misclassification remains one of the AGO’s highest enforcement priorities. Misclassification occurs when companies improperly classify workers as independent contractors, as opposed to employees. Misclassification by non-compliant employers strips workers of their rights as employees and denies basic workplace rights, including guaranteed minimum wage, overtime pay, timely compensation, accrued sick leave, employer retaliation protections, and essential benefits. In FY26, FLD took action against nearly 60 employers who misclassified approximately 1,500 workers, totaling more than \$2.1 million in restitution and penalties.

As part of the ongoing efforts to address worker misclassification, FLD reached a settlement with online grocery-delivery company Weee! to resolve allegations that the company violated Massachusetts independent contractor and earned sick time laws. As part of the settlement, Weee! paid more than \$865,000 in citations, including restitution for over 160 impacted workers and penalties.

In another matter, FLD issued citations totaling nearly \$420,000 against Beverly-based cleaning/janitorial company Advanced Maintenance Solutions, Inc. regarding allegations that the company failed to pay

overtime, failed to comply with the state’s earned sick time law, and misclassified employees as independent contractors.

Protecting and Empowering Restaurant Workers

In FY26, FLD issued nearly 400 citations and assessed almost \$2.5 million in restitution and penalties involving the restaurant and hospitality sectors. This enforcement effort impacted over 3,400 workers in these industries, particularly workers who rely on customers’ tips to earn at least the minimum wage.

One such enforcement action involved Carrie Nation and The Dubliner, two restaurants located in Boston’s Beacon Hill neighborhood. After receiving a complaint that the businesses failed to remit the total proceeds of service charges to service employees, FLD investigated and ultimately cited the employers for tips violations. As a result of the citations, the employers paid a total of \$422,000 in restitution and penalties.

The AGO’s Fair Labor Division and Relevant Resources

The AGO’s Fair Labor Division consists of attorneys, investigators, intake and support staff. The Division enforces state laws

regulating the payment of wages, including minimum wage, overtime, prevailing wage, child labor, earned sick leave, and labor trafficking. It also protects employees from exploitation and wage theft through strong partnerships and community education.

In accordance with state and federal law, the AGO works to serve and protect all workers, without regard to immigration status, does not ask about workers’ immigration status, and does not voluntarily provide workers’ personal information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Workers in Massachusetts who believe their workplace rights have been violated are encouraged to file a complaint with the AGO’s Fair Labor Division at mass.gov/ago/fla. For more information about the state’s employment laws, workers may call the AGO’s Fair Labor Hotline at (617) 727-3465 or visit mass.gov/ago/fairlabor for information available in multiple languages.

FY2026 By the Numbers

In Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, the AGO’s Fair Labor Division (FLD) took 1,292 enforcement actions against 1,183 employers for violating various protections, helping more than 16,410 workers and assessing nearly \$12.7 million in restitution for unpaid wages and penalties.

The construction industry faced the highest rate of enforcement actions (20%), followed by restaurants/hotels (19.5%), healthcare (8%), landscaping/snow removal (6.3%), and cleaning/janitorial (5.6%). Failure to Make Timely Payments was the most common type of violation (474 citations).

Fighting Exploitation in the Construction Industry

In FY26, FLD assessed more than \$2.5 million in restitution and penalties related to investigations in the construction industry, entitling over 1,300 employees to restitution payments.

One such enforcement action involved a complaint against Master Millwork – a West Wareham company that specializes in the manufacturing and installation of custom cabinets and millwork – alleging that the company was not paying workers properly. FLD’s investigation revealed that the company failed to properly pay overtime and misclassified workers as indepen-

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OUR Opinions

REMEMBERING 9/11

For every generation of Americans for the past near-century, there have been seminal events for which those who were of a certain age can recall “where they were” when they “heard the news.”

Every member of the Greatest Generation could recall with vivid clarity the announcement by President Roosevelt of the Day of Infamy of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A generation later, everyone knew where they were when the announcement of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy came across our TV screens. A generation after that, the Challenger space shuttle disaster riveted our nation.

And then, on September 11, 2001, every American watched with horror and disbelief as the Twin Towers of the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. came under attack from a terrorist organization we barely knew existed.

In each case, long-held views about our world and our nation were shattered. Before Pearl Harbor, we had thought that the thousands of miles of oceans separating us from the warlords of Europe and Asia would keep us out of harm’s way. John F. Kennedy’s assassination made us realize that history could be altered by a single bullet. The Challenger disaster made us aware that despite three decades of travel in space and despite our prowess in the realm of technology, in the end, everything we do as humans is subject to failure, because that is the human condition.

As we viewed the images on our TV screens on 9/11 of the fireballs in the upper parts of the Twin Towers, and then watched with horror and disbelief as those skyscrapers crumbled, trapping thousands of our fellow Americans, we realized that America no longer was insulated from the sort of outside terrorist threats that had plagued almost every other country the world over.

Every American knew that our lives would be different from that point onward.

However, in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attack, it became clear that countless of our fellow Americans responded with incredible strength and bravery. Police officers and firefighters responded fearlessly without regard to the impending danger to their own safety in order to save the lives of their fellow Americans.

A total of 343 firefighters and 71 police officers perished when the towers crumbled, and hundreds more suffered lifelong illnesses because of the toxic air they inhaled while searching for survivors both that day and beyond.

There were many civilian heroes as well, most notably the “young man with the red bandana” who led occupants of the towers to safety and the passengers who thwarted the hijacking of the plane that was headed for the White House when it crashed into Pennsylvania farm fields.

The events of 9/11 deeply affected the Boston area. The two planes that struck the Twin Towers, United Airlines Flight 175 and American Airlines Flight 11, took off from Logan Airport that fateful morning, carrying a total of 147 crew and passengers who mainly were from our area, including American flight attendant Kathleen Nicosia from Winthrop and United employee Marianne MacFarlane (who was headed for a vacation) from Revere. Their names and those of all of the passengers and crew are marked on the 9/11 memorial at Logan which is located just outside of Terminal A.

It is hard to believe that 25 years have passed since 9/11, and even harder to conceive that there are millions of a younger generation of Americans who have been born since that day and who have no first-hand knowledge of that tragic event.

So let us resolve to remind ourselves, and to inform the young people we know, that this was a day not merely of great tragedy, but that it also was a day of great heroism that exemplified the best of what America stands for.

HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH

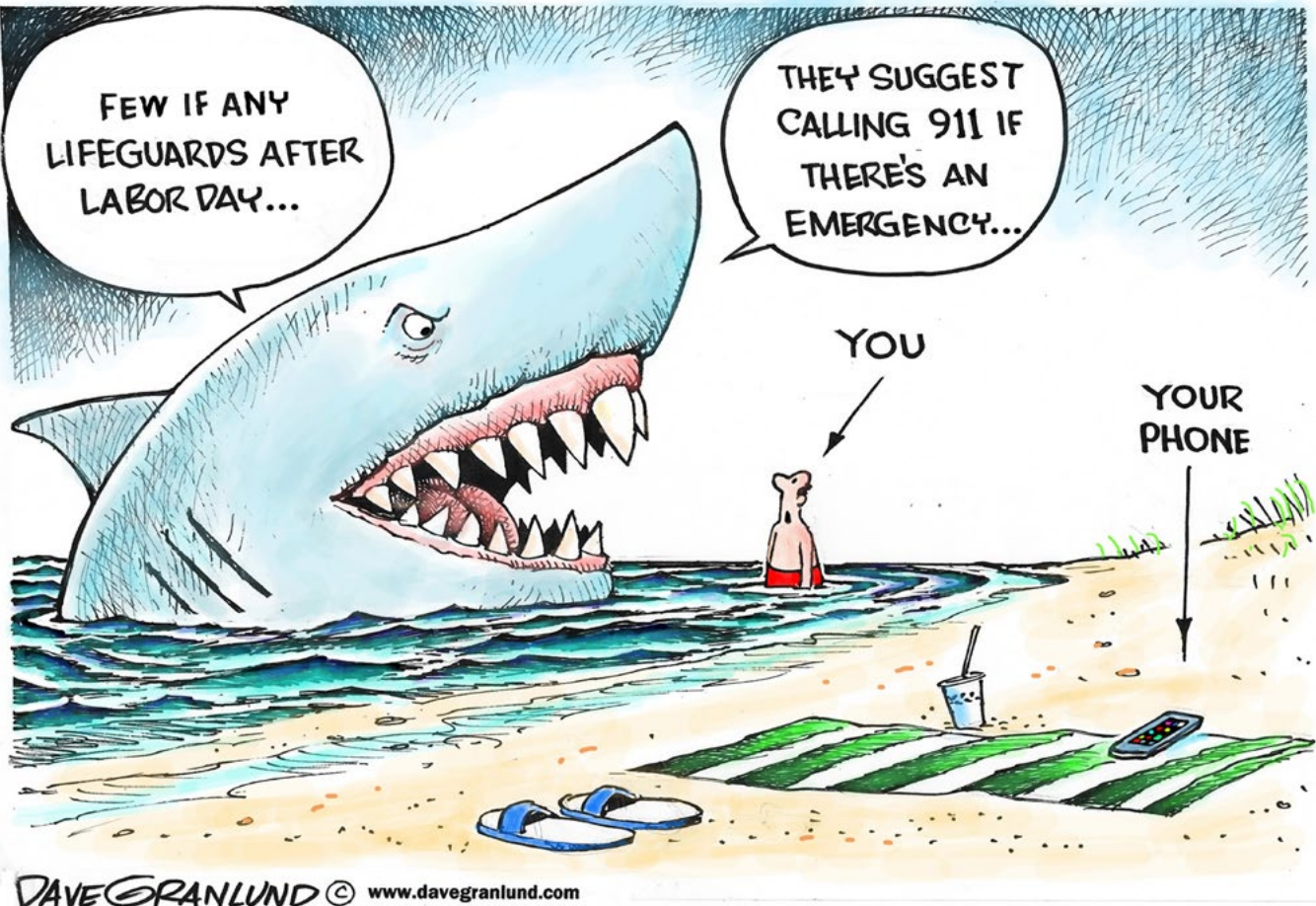
Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will start at sundown this coming Friday (September 11) and will end at sunset on Monday (September 13). During the three days of festivities, members of the Jewish faith will gather with family and friends to engage in prayer services and share traditional foods.

Rosh Hashanah begins the Ten Days of Repentance, the high holy days for Jews worldwide, culminating in Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year and will be observed starting at sundown on Sunday, September 20, and ending at nightfall on Monday, September 21.

To all of our friends of the Jewish faith, we express our wishes for, “Shanah Tovah.”

Forum



LETTER to the Editor

CONCERNS REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 210 WINTHROP STREET

To the Editor,
Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing to formally submit my comments regarding the proposed development at 210 Winthrop Street. (RE: Site Plan Review, Application Number: 2026.PB2)

While I understand the potential for growth in our town, I have significant concerns regarding the project’s impact on local traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, and the overall adequacy of the submitted Traffic Mitigation Study.

Importantly, the current proposal introduces a massive, urban-style building directly into a historic and deeply residential neighborhood. This dense, out-of-scale architectural footprint is fundamentally incompatible with the existing character of the area. By introducing an urban mass of this magnitude, the project will permanently alter the neighborhood’s aesthetic while severely aggravating local traffic infrastructure ..

A primary driver of these concerns is the proposed first-floor parking garage. Dedicating the street-level facade to a parking struc-

ture completely disrupts the active, pedestrian-friendly storefront aesthetic that defines our historic town center. Furthermore, a first-floor garage creates a high-volume conflict point where vehicles will constantly cross the sidewalk to enter and exit. This layout poses a direct, daily hazard to the high volume of foot traffic on Winthrop Street.

Crucially, the Planning Board must evaluate how this density and the garage’s placement will impact public safety and emergency response times. Winthrop Street serves as a vital,

non-negotiable artery for both the Winthrop Police Department and the Winthrop Fire Department. Gridlock along this corridor directly jeopardizes the ability of cruisers and fire engines to rapidly navigate the town center during emergencies. Introducing a high-volume garage access point right onto this main artery creates severe friction, compounding existing bottlenecks and potentially delaying first responders when seconds matter most.

Beyond vehicle logistics, the sheer scale of the building presents critical environmental risks regarding stormwater management. A building of this volume creates an immense expanse of non-permeable roof and vertical wall surfaces. Without an extraordinarily robust

internal management plan, water runoff cascading from the roof and shearing down the sides of the building will quickly overwhelm the immediate vicinity. In a dense, historic district where aging drainage systems are already strained, this localized, high-volume runoff threatens to flood adjacent properties, saturate foundations, and wash out pedestrian sidewalks.

Because Winthrop Street is already a heavily burdened corridor, introducing this high-density layout will compound multiple community stressors. I request that the Planning Board closely scrutinize the developer’s environmental and traffic studies with the following points in mind:

- The study must explicitly address how vehicle ingress and egress from the first-floor garage will affect the flow of emergency vehicles from the Police and Fire Departments, ensuring zero degradation to response times.

- Comprehensive Stormwater and Runoff Engineering:

The board must demand an exhaustive drainage plan detailing how runoff from the expansive roof and vertical side walls will be en-

tirely captured, contained, and safely mitigated on-site rather than dumped directly into the municipal system or onto abutting properties.

- First-Floor Garage Ingress/Egress Dynamics:

- The study must explicitly analyze the sight-lines and safety vectors for vehicles exiting the first-floor garage directly onto the sidewalk and roadway, detailing exactly how pedestrian conflicts will be prevented.

- Baseline Data Accuracy:

The study must reflect realistic, real-world peak traffic conditions rather than idealized or off-peak averages. It must account for how a high-density urban building will alter traffic patterns within a historic residential zone

Thank you for your time, dedication, and continued service to the Winthrop community. I urge the Board to protect our historic neighborhood and require a robust, independent review of the traffic, parking, public safety access, and environmental drainage impacts before granting any final approvals for 210 Winthrop Street.

Sincerely,
Ellen Connors

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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 Sept. 10, 2016

In a joint meeting, the Town Council and the Planning Board voted to grant to the owners of 15-17 Walden St. a Special Development Overlay District (SDOD) designation, which is intended to rehab or reuse a property that no longer is serving its original use.

The first debate between Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump is projected to be one of the most-watched political events of all time.

The Winthrop Ferry has been doing well. A tourism video has been created showing a couple with bicycles leaving Rowe’s Wharf. When they arrive in Winthrop after 20 minutes on the ferry, they get on their bikes and drive around the bike path at Deer Island. Also shown are several sights of the living by the water as well as the Deane Winthrop House and several award winning restaurants. Town Manager James McKenna said the ferry is moving in the right direction. He said acquiring the Quincy stop was key. Ticket sales have been good. From April 19 to May 5 there were 544 tickets sold. From May 6 to July 31 there were 2,350 tickets sold and from August 1 to Sept. 6 there were 2,263 tickets sold.

40 years ago September 24, 1986

The beautification plans for Winthrop Centre took a step forward when the selectmen unanimously voted to move the utility pole from the middle of French Square to another location.

The School Committee voted to change the terminology of extracurricular activities to co-curricular activities. School Committeeman John Lyons said the name change will emphasize to students the importance of their participation in the school band, the drama society, and similar activities.

The state primary election proved uneventful, with the contest for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor drawing the most interest. In that race, Evelyn Murphy defeated Gerald D’Amico and will join the Democratic ticket with incumbent Governor Michael Dukakis in the November election.

An MWRA truck loaded with sludge from Deer Island spilled some of its foul-smelling offal onto Shirley St., raising the ire of residents and town officials.

The Board of Selectmen, engaging in an off-the-cuff discussion after completing their agenda for the evening, agreed that Winthrop is changing rapidly, with many “newcomers” replacing the “old-timers.”

50 years ago September 22, 1976

Malden State Representative Edward Markey topped a field of 12 candidates to win the Democratic nomination for Congressman to fill the seat left vacant by the death earlier this year of long-time incumbent Torbert Macdonald. Markey received 22,014 votes, with Joe Croken, Macdonald’s long-time aide, finishing second with 16,190 votes. In Winthrop, Governor’s Councillor Vincent LoPresti topped the balloting among Democratic voters here, but finished well-behind Markey district-wide.

Samuel’s Pharmacy in the Centre has announced that it will celebrate another successful year by giving its customers a free cup of coffee.

An East Boston woman has been ordered by the court to pay restitution of \$2500 which she flim-flammed from a Winthrop man.

60 years ago September 22, 1966

The selectmen have asked Building Inspector Wilfred Bennett to meet with them

in executive session to discuss a recent report made by Bennett to the selectmen regarding new construction projects in the town that the selectmen say contains “irregularities and contradictory statements.”

Mrs. Evelyn Powers, a resident of the Bay View Nursing Home, celebrated her 102nd birthday this week. She received a congratulatory telegram from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

70 years ago September 20, 1956

Winthrop Democrats

avored State Senator Andrew P. Quigley, a long-time summer resident and publisher of the Winthrop Transcript, by a 2-1 margin over incumbent Congressman Thomas J. Lane in Tuesday’s primary election, but Lane narrowly defeated Quigley district-wide in a contest in which five challengers to Lane split the vote to give Lane the nomination. Lane, a 15-year incumbent, only recently had been released from federal prison after serving a six months sentence for income tax evasion.

In the contest for Quigley’s vacant State Senate

seat, Revere State Rep. Harold Canavan easily topped the field both in Winthrop and across the district to gain the Democratic nomination.

80 years ago September 19, 1946

The selectmen will interview the 124 applicants for the 24 units of housing for veterans being constructed at the site of the former Battery train station. Three, two-story barrack buildings that are being transported from an Army base in Connecticut will be converted into housing for the vets and

their families.

Young Jimmy Wallace, popular 15-year local lad, was welcomed home this week by family and friends after spending the past 13 months in a hospital where he was recuperating from an attack of polio with which he was stricken last summer. Wallace had just completed his freshman year at B.C. High and was vacationing in Newport, R.I., when he came down with a fever.

Peter W. Princi, Commander of the Metcalf V.F.W. Post, has been

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OBITUARIES

Ralph “Butchy” Zirpolo

He will be remembered for his dedication to family, service to his country and the many friendships he formed throughout his life

Ralph J. “Butchy” Zirpolo was born in Boston on April 25, 1947 to the late Thomasina (DiCicco) and Ralph J. Zirpolo, Sr. He was raised in East Boston and attended East Boston High School.

Following high school, Ralph proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served honorably and attained the rank of Sergeant. After his discharge, he worked as a laborer in the construction industry and was a proud member of Carpenters Union Local 33.

Butchy enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing. He was also a member of Winthrop Golf Course, where he spent many enjoyable hours pursuing one of his favorite pastimes

He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his service to his country, and the many friendships he formed throughout his life. His memory will remain with all who knew and loved him.

He was the loving father of Mark Zirpolo of Delray



Beach, Florida; dear brother of Susan Locigno and her husband, Phil and the late Loretta Scalfani; loving uncle of Phil, Renee and Anthony and the former husband of Sandra Gallo (Tiso).

Services were private. Memorial donations may be made to the DAV 5K at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/MA/Boston/dav5kboston>

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

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

Margaret Patricia “Pat” Connors

She brought joy and laughter wherever she went

Margaret Patricia “Pat” (Faherty) Connors of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2026, shortly after celebrating her milestone 80th birthday.

Born in Boston on July 29, 1946 to John and Anne Faherty, Pat grew up in Brighton and graduated from St. Columbkille Partnership School. She began her career as a dental assistant, working for Dr. Flaherty in Brighton until his retirement.

Pat met the love of her life, Robert “Bob” Connors of Winthrop in 1967. They married on October 4, 1975 and settled in Winthrop to raise their family. Pat was an incredibly devoted mother, deeply embedded in her children’s lives as a room mother, Girl Scout leader, and active PTA member. She could always be found shuttling them to sports practices and dance classes. She volunteered at many fundraisers and especially enjoyed participating at bake sales. Her homemade peanut butter balls would sell out before hitting the display. Her constant, welcoming presence at school naturally turned into a career and she began as an aide at the N. E. Willis School and spent 26 years serving the Winthrop Public School System, ultimately retiring from the payroll department in 2014. During their retirement, Pat and Bob traveled to England, Ireland and Scotland and shared unforgettable journeys on cruises to the scenic landscapes of Nova Scotia and Alaska.

Pat brought joy and laughter wherever she went. She loved music, dancing, and attending musicals. If a Broadway tune was playing, she could name the show. Pat was also a member of the Ladies Bowling League at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, meeting every Tuesday, and sometimes even bowling! Her profound love for reading was evident in her dedicated membership in many local book clubs. She was also a talented seamstress and she took great joy in crafting elaborate Halloween costumes. Pat found her greatest joy in gathering loved ones to her home for holidays and special occasions and welcoming her children’s friends to her dinner table.

Pat will be lovingly remembered for her incredible patience, love, wonderful sense of humor and quick wit that kept everyone



on their toes.

Pat leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love and family. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bob Connors; her sister, Anne “Joy” McNeil; her daughters, Robin McElligott and her husband, Shawn and Megan Connors; and her son, Kevin Connors and his wife, Valerie. She was the incredibly proud grandmother to Cora, Cullen, Hunter, Noah, Liam and Michaela and a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Pat was reunited in heaven with those who passed before her, including her parents, John and Anne Faherty; her brother, John “Jack” Faherty; and her beloved infant son, Scott Robert Connors.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Thursday, September 17, 2026 from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, September 18, 2026 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church (St. Michael’s Parish) 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Pat’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association at www.alz.org.

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH’S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Photos by Marianne Salza

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish held its (6th) 26th Annual Golf Tournament on August 31 at Winthrop Golf Club. The scramble format game raised funds for Youth Ministry faith formation programs, and included raffle prizes and a barbecue lunch. This was Father Paul

Aveni’s first tournament as pastor; and he expressed his gratefulness for participants’ generosity before teams began their rounds. “We pray that this be a day of fun and good sportsmanship,” blessed Father Aveni. “We pray for the safety of those playing, and we pray for good fellowship and community.”



Dennis Murray and Dave Ambrose.



Wendy Walsh hugging her father, Jack Cimino.



Gina Murray, Vivian Leo, and Coleen Magee.



Tommy DiBenedetto and Scott Wiley, retired Winthrop firemen.



Father Brian Daley and Joe Melchionda.



Father Paul Aveni, pastor, blessing golfers before the tournament.



Lorenzo Caraglia, St. Michael the Archangel reader, and Father Brian Daley.



Joe Earl teeing off at hole five.



John and James Oliver, and Chris Schena.



Golfers gathering for a blessing from Father Paul Aveni.



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Sports

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST MANCHESTER-ESSEX

The Vikings tuned up for Friday night's season opener with a pre-season game against Manchester-Essex. The season starts Friday night at Essex Tech Stadium in Danvers as the Vikings face Essex North Shore Agricultural.



Johnny Ferrara (14) is dragged down by a Manchester-Essex player that grabbed just enough jersey to make the play.



Desmond Cassidy (10) hauls in a Charlie Ferrara pass and breaks away for a 79-yard touch-down play in the second quarter of Winthrop's pre-season game against Manchester-Essex on Saturday, September 6 at Miller Field.



Eddie Neal (50) zeroes in on the Manchester-Essex quarterback



Dom Farrell (32) fends off a Manchester-Essex tackler.



Riley Moccio (75) pressures the Manchester-Essex quarterback.



Quarterback Charlie Ferrara (16) rears back for a pass.



Dom Spinale (40) fights for tough yardage up the middle.



Mike D'Ambrosio grinds out a couple of yards.



Nate Previte (24) finds some running room along the Winthrop sideline.



Nate Previte (24) follows the block of Riley Moccio (75).

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WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST EVERETT

The Lady Vikings rolled to a 5-1 win over Everett in pre-season girls soccer action at Miller Field on September 3.



Goaltender Edyn Ferullo beats Everett's Johanna Flores (15) to a loose ball in front of the Winthrop goal.



Sara Yepes braces as she jumps for control of a bouncing ball.



Giuliana Grimaldi defends against Everett's Bertha Flores (2).



Giuliana Grimaldi puts some hop in her ball control in front of Everett's Connie Paz Hernandez.



Ana Freitas (left) Ella Survilas are on either side of Everett's Tiffany Aguilar (12) in a race for the ball.



Rosa Romero (11) battles Winthrop's Lola Ferrara for a loose ball near midfield.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

FALL SPORTS
SWING INTO GEAR
THIS WEEK

The 2026 fall sports season swings into high gear this week for Winthrop High athletes. The WHS golf team, which opened its season last Tuesday with a 178-138 victory over non-league opponent Northeast Regional, was scheduled to trek to Northeastern Conference (NEC) foe Beverly this past Tuesday. The Vikings will host NEC rival Sampsco

tt today (Thursday). They will entertain non-league opponent Everett on Monday and NEC rival Danvers next Thursday. The WHS volleyball team was slated to open its season this past Tuesday at NEC foe Saugus and will travel to non-league opponent Chelsea tomorrow (Friday). The Lady Vikings will make the long treks to NEC foes Gloucester on Monday and Peabody on Wednesday. The WHS boys soccer team will entertain Gloucester this afternoon (Thursday) and will travel to non-

league opponent Arlington Catholic tomorrow (Friday). They will host Danvers on Monday and trek to Salem next Wednesday. The WHS girls soccer team, which turned in a strong performance in a 5-1 victory over Everett in a pre-season scrimmage last week, will open their 2026 campaign at Danvers next Monday. They will host Salem next Wednesday. The WHS cross country teams were scheduled to host Masconomet yesterday (Wednesday) and will travel to Beverly next Wednesday.



Aoife Turner takes a tumble over Everett's Bertha Flores after a collision.



Lily Bayersdorfer (left) and Ella Survilas celebrate a Winthrop goal.

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named the head of the Salvation Army.

90 years ago September 19, 1936

Local banker Edward R. Thomas defeated two rivals to win the Republican nomination for State Representative in Tuesday's state primary election and now will face incumbent Democrat Daniel Honan in November.

The Winthrop Community Hospital is in great need of glass jars for preserving its vegetables.

100 years ago September 21, 1926

A 65 year-old mother and her son, vacationing visitors who had arrived here August 15, have been found dead in their cottage at 21 Siren St. from gas asphyxiation.

Local residents are con-

tributing to the Red Cross to aid the victims of the recent great hurricane that struck Florida. There is concern for the many Winthrop natives who now live in that state and who still have family members and friends here. Some Winthropites reportedly were among those who drowned when a 20-foot tidal wave surged into Miami.

A local couple are recovering from injuries they suffered when they were run off the road by a Canadian rum runner while they were traveling in their car in Kent, Maine.

110 years ago September 23, 1916

The East Boston District Court was filled to overflowing this week for the trial of Mr. and Mrs. Green, who have been charged with operating a hotel without a license in

defiance of the Board of Selectmen, which refused to grant them a license. The Greens have contended that they were denied a license for their hotel solely because they are Jewish. The judge found them guilty on the charge of being an unlicensed common victualer and fined them \$200, but found them not guilty on the charge of being an unlicensed inn holder on the basis that the court accepted their contention that they operate a boarding house, not a hotel.

An 18 year-old youth was given a suspended sentence of six months in the East Boston court after being found guilty of breaking into the grocery store of Charles Lombard at 7 Pauline St. When the judge asked the youth why he broke into the store, he replied, "Because I was hungry."

A four year-old young-

ster was seriously injured when he was struck by an automobile near his home at 375 Revere St.

120 years ago September 22, 1906

Interest in the upcoming primary election is keen with three candidates seeking the Republican nomination for the two state representative seats that are shared by Winthrop and Revere.

The whist party recently given by Mrs. Nina Bearse Wilbur was one of the highlights of the closing of the social season last week.

A Winthrop man reported that his watch was stolen by a man who had stopped him to ask the time, only to snatch the watch right off the Winthrop man's wrist and flee.

130 years ago September 19, 1896

Mrs. H. Otis Floyd held a gala musicale at the Deane Winthrop mansion that was well-attended by local residents.

Those who are interested in building a home should consult Mr. I.A. Whorf, who recently completed his beautiful home at the corner of Pleasant and Somerset Sts.

140 years ago September 24, 1886

The War Dept. is considering the case of Geronimo, the Apache chief and his warriors, but they cannot decide which tribunal, civilian or military, should decide their fate. After the Minnesota raids, 38 Indians were hanged. Many Americans are clamoring for the same treatment for Geronimo and his band of followers.

The rapid growth of the

town is shown by the recent statistics that indicate that from 1874 to the present, the number of parcels of land has increased from 430 to 2309, the public highways from nine to 29, and houses from 131 to 619.

Town Meeting, after choosing the jurors, accepted the new town seal. The seal depicts the first chapel and the first schoolhouse that were standing when the town was incorporated in 1852. A scroll above the buildings indicates this, and a plough signifies the agricultural pursuits of the early settlers. In the foreground, a sheet of water, with a yacht upon it, depicts the present aquatic pleasures of the town.

The selectmen have called for another Town Meeting for September 30 that promises to be a lively affair.

Football // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School and it is located in Hathorne (an historic village and neighborhood in Danvers).

The Hawks were 8-4 and a playoff team a year ago and have several players returning from their 2025 contingent.

"We have a strong challenge in the opener," said Cadigan. "Any time you play a tech school, they have tough kids. That's what we're preparing for, meeting that challenge. I was encouraged by how well we played from the second quarter on against Manchester-Essex (a 27-13 win for the Vikings). We dominated the scrimmage and did what we wanted to do. You could tell we're getting better."

Charlie Ferrara set to lead offense

Charlie Ferrara returns as a senior captain and quar-

terback of the Winthrop offense. Ferrara closed out a solid pre-season with a 79-yard touchdown pass to Desmond Cassidy in the scrimmage versus Manchester-Essex (a play that was preceded by a big interception by John Ferrara).

Dom Spinale will start at fullback alongside a rotation of four running backs, Nathan Previte, captain Desmond Cassidy, Dom Farrell, and John Ferrara. Michael D'Ambrosio is the No. 1 target at starting wide receiver.

The offense line consists of tight ends, captain Michael Ferrara and Stephen Barron, left tackle Jeremy Pena, left guard and captain Riley Moccio, center Evan Demayo, right guard Eddie Leal, and right tackles Michael Harrison, David Hickey, and Chase Hester.

On defense, the line will feature Moccio (defensive

end), Leal (defensive end), Pena (nose tackle), Harrison, Teddy McEvoy, and Thomas D'Amico.

The linebackers are Dom Spinale, Michael Ferrara, Stephen Barron, and Michael Barron.

D'Ambrosio will start at free safety. The strong safeties are Cassidy and Previte. John Ferrara and Dom Farrell will be cornerbacks.

Spinale will handle the placekicking duties for his third season with Charlie Ferrara as the holder. Farrell will return for Year 2 as the Vikings' punter. Michael Ferrara will be the long snapper (punts) while Tyler Smith will be the short snapper (PATs and field goals).

Cicatelli begins his final season

The Sun-Transcript (Revere Journal) spoke on Monday with Revere High School head football coach Lou Cicatelli, who is be-

ginning his 25th and final season at the helm of the program.

Revere will play Winthrop in the annual Thanksgiving game at Miller Field, and the Patriots will no doubt be very determined to deliver Cicatelli a victory over the Vikings in what could be the final game of Cicatelli's coaching career. Cicatelli will also retire from teaching at RHS in June, 2027.

But Cicatelli said his only focus right now is his team's opening game Friday night versus Quincy.

A 1982 RHS graduate, Cicatelli recalled his own Thanksgiving games against Winthrop when he was a defensive lineman for the Patriots.

"Winthrop was very, very good [in 1981]," said Cicatelli. "I remember that team well with John Tiano, Chucky Sullivan, and Joe Guaquinto. I had to go up against their huge lineman, Mike Brenner, and he just pushed me and our line around the whole game."

For the record, Winthrop demolished Revere, 49-13, in the 1981 Thanksgiving game and Coach Bob DeFelice's Vikings went on to defeat Tewksbury, 14-0, in the Division 2 Super Bowl, the first of three consecutive unbeaten seasons.

Freedom Trail hosts after dark experiences

Discover the Freedom Trail in a new light – after dark – on the official Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Freedom Trail Foundation announces the return of the unique Lantern Tours, offering visitors and residents the opportunity to experience the sinister history and mystery of the Freedom Trail by lantern-light! The annual Lantern Tours will be offered on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 6 p.m. from September 17 until October 30, and Wednesday, October 28. Official Freedom Trail historic sites' evening Crypt Tours at King's Chapel and Old North Church also return this fall.

Duels, the grave of a ruthless pirate, punishments of convicted witches and more: all real and explored on the Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Investigate the ghoulish side of Boston's iconic red-lined path and hear historic tales too dark and macabre for daytime. Join Freedom Trail Players, darkly garbed with lanterns, and bring true accounts of appalling crimes, spies and assassins, to life on these 90-minute walking tours.

Lantern Tours start from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center plaza and illuminate the Granary and King's Chapel burying grounds as the final resting places of convicted pirates and others connected to Boston's less-illustrious past. Locations such as the Bos-

ton Massacre Site and the former site of the Old Gaol (Old Jail), adjacent to the Old State House and home to many of old Boston's most infamous criminals, are also featured along the way on the Freedom Trail.

"The Freedom Trail Lantern Tours and sites' Crypt Tours are a great way to experience the darker side of our history," says Suzanne Taylor, Executive Director, Freedom Trail Foundation. "These nighttime tours give visitors and residents the opportunity to learn about Boston's true, yet lesser-known, ghoulish history as people celebrate the spooky Halloween season."

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children 12 and under. Purchase of a ticket includes a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund, which helps support preservation projects at official Freedom Trail historic sites. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center (8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) or online at The-FreedomTrail.org. Lantern Tours may also be scheduled as a private group tour year-round. For more information about the Lantern and Crypt Tours, please contact the Freedom Trail Foundation at 617-357-8300 or visit The-FreedomTrail.org.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 14TH–AUGUST 18TH, 2026



MONDAY

10:00am-11:00am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

11:00am-1:00pm
REIKI Sessions

11:30-2:30pm
Game Day
(Mahjong, Cards and Cribbage)

1:00pm-2:30pm
Mahjong lessons

4:00-5:00pm
Cardio Drumming (\$5)



TUESDAY

9:30am - 10:30am
Exercise (\$1)

10:30am-11:30pm
Spanish Class

11:00am-12:00pm
Blood pressures

12:30pm - 2:30pm
Art with Dawn (\$6)

Public Computer Usage

Monday-Thursday
9:00am-3:00pm

Friday
9:00am-12:00pm

WEDNESDAY

9:15am-10:15am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-12:00pm
Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group

10:00am-12:00pm
Low vision support group

10:30am-11:30am
Zumba with Cindy (\$5)

11:00am-1:00pm
Notary Services (requires prior registration)

11:45am-12:45pm
Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy

12:15-1:45pm
Italian Class

THURSDAY

9:30am - 10:30am
Exercise Class (\$1)

10:00am-2:00pm
Shine Counseling

10:30am-11:30am
Coffee & Conversation (with Winthrop Fire Department)

12:00pm-12:30pm
Dine-In Lunch (must order by 11am Wednesday)

12:45pm- 3:00pm
Bingo
\$3 for 2 cards; \$1 each extra card. 6 cards max

FRIDAY

9:00am-10:00am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-11:00am
Line Dancing (\$5)

For more information on Senior Center programs and trips, as well as lunch menus and resources, go to our website



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FRESH AND LOCAL

Many farmers’ markets are still open

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If you’re someone who thinks that September brings an end to the fresh, local, healthy ingredients you’ve been purchasing at a local farmers’ market, you are wrong. While some markets run for a short time, many others continue into November.

Halley Stillman from Still Life Farm and Stillman’s Farm recently told us why this is a great time of year for regular visits to area farmers’ markets. She said, “This is the best time of year to shop. You have all the stuff from the summer, and we are going into all the best stuff of the fall. The seasons will converge in this month.” (Below you’ll find a list of the markets that remain open.)

Longer Seasons and More Crop Diversity

Today’s farmers’ markets have expanded beyond produce. You can purchase local seafood, meat, bakery products, flowers, eggs,

grown and foraged mushrooms, and prepared food.

Every year we notice new offerings at the markets we attend. Once okra was a rare sight; now we have had it much longer. A wide variety of berries keep farm stands filled with healthy options for snacking and cooking.

Some family farms have expanded their scope with each generation. For example, today you’ll find Stillman’s Farm offering items from the original farmstead, plus Halley and Curtis Stillman’s Still Life Farm fruit and berries, and Kate’s Stillman Quality Meats.

Greenhouses and hoop-houses have allowed regional farmers to extend their growing seasons, offering earlier and later crops that once had very short seasons.

What About Prices?

Recent produce recalls and distrust of the government’s ability to ensure food safety have expanded the market for our farmers. We’ve noticed longer lines and people surprised by the

offerings at local markets. And when we suggest that people concerned about these issues shop at farmers’ markets, they complain about the prices.

Yes, food is expensive! It’s expensive at the supermarket and when dining out. However, food waste is even more expensive. The food you purchase at a farmers’ market is fresher, will last longer, has more nutrition, and you can usually buy exactly the amount you need.

Farmers face higher prices for all the elements that go into growing the food you want. These farmers drive large trucks long distances from their rural farms to city markets. They face higher fuel and energy costs to run farm equipment and heat greenhouses.

Farms are labor-intensive, and with many potential workers prevented from entering or forced to leave this country, they must pay workers a competitive wage. Additional workers



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are needed to staff farmers’ markets, and they pay fees for market space.

The list goes on and on: seeds, equipment, taxes, interest payments on loans and mortgages, equipment purchase and repair, water, insurance, and all the other costs any business requires.

We’re fortunate they are willing to keep providing the safety of a local food source and deliver it to markets near our homes.

Here’s that list of markets. (Exact locations, dates, times, and other details are available at www.massfarmersmarkets.org.)

Open into late September: Assembly Row, Kendall Square, Revere Beach and Winthrop. Open into late October: Boston Fish Pier, Charlestown, Chelsea, Mission Hill, South End Greater Neighborhood, SOWA, and Union Square.

Open into Thanksgiving Week: Central Square - Cambridge, Copley Square, and Davis Square

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

Kori bustard chick hatches at Franklin Park Zoo

Special to the Transcript

Throughout the day, the dedicated team at Franklin Park Zoo takes turns visiting a small fluffy, striped kori bustard to make sure the month-old chick is getting enough exercise and reaching important developmental milestones.

Hatched on August 1, the female kori bustard chick is being raised by the Animal Care team to ensure it has the best opportunity to thrive. This is a significant hatch for this species, and marks the first successful hatch at Franklin Park Zoo since 2003.

The chick has been eating well and is continuing to gain weight daily, growing from 83 grams when it

hatched to now more than 300 grams. There is a steady rotation of care team members who are ensuring that the chick receives enough exercise, which is critical to healthy development.

“Exercise for long-legged birds like cranes, storks and kori bustards is essential for proper development of their legs, muscles and behavior. In the wild, the chicks follow their parents all over grasslands and plains, and through the exercise schedule we have established, we are emulating that here,” said Bill Robles, Area Curator at Zoo New England.

Zoo New England’s Franklin Park Zoo is committed to the conservation of kori bustards, and this

hatch was the result of a recommended breeding. Franklin Park Zoo is home to Onyx, a male kori bustard, and females M’Guu and Kibibi. When this chick is old enough it will move to another institution accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Native to southern and eastern Africa, kori bustards live in open grasslands and the lightly wooded areas of the savannah. This species is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world, and adults can weigh more than 40 pounds. While these birds are classified as near threatened, they do face threats in the wild from human encroachment on their habitats.



The kori bustard chick.

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As we welcome the new year, may it be filled with love, joy, and prosperity for all. Happy Rosh Hashanah!



Lydia Edwards
State Senator

Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head of the year," is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere.

As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, let’s look forward to a year of peace, happiness, & community.



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