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**NEWS Brief**

**ANNUAL POLAR  
PLUNGE FOR  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
MASSACHUSETTS  
SET FOR MARCH 21  
AT REVERE BEACH**

Get ready to freeze for a cause! On Saturday, March 21, hundreds of brave participants will gather at the historic Revere Beach for the 2026 Revere Polar Plunge. This high-energy event, formerly known as the Nahant Polar Plunge, invites community members to take a chilly dip in the Atlantic Ocean to raise vital funds and awareness for Special Olympics Massachusetts.

The festivities will take place at the Reinstein Bandstand (350 Revere Beach Boulevard). Registration and check-in begin at 10 a.m., followed by the official Plunge at 12 noon. After the splash, an awards program will be held at 12:30 p.m. to celebrate the top fundraisers and most spirited participants.

The Polar Plunge is about more than just cold water; it's about going to the extreme to support the 20,000+ Special Olympics athletes across the Commonwealth. Every dollar

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**YOUTH ART SHOW**



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Shown above, during the Youth Art Show at the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School, Krishna, Diya and Ada Tumala, Second-Grade students, with Marta Brandt.

Shown to the right, Rowan Tasinari, of Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School. The Art Show was a collaborative effort of Winthrop Public Schools and the Clock Tower Gallery. See more photos on Page 12.



## Town officials address storm response

By Adam Swift

During last week's town council meeting, Public Works Director Steve Calla and Town Manager Tony Marino gave a detailed presentation on the town's preparation and response to the blizzard that hit the region at the end of February.

Much of the focus was on the seven water main breaks in the town, and the steps that were taken to address those breaks and restore service to the town.

Several councilors and residents praised the actions taken by the public works department to address the many issues caused by the storms. However, there were concerns raised that the town has not stepped up to address the long-term issues that have affected the parts of town hit by the water main breaks and flooded basements for years.

Calla said the pre-storm preparation that weekend included putting a parking ban into effect on Sunday evening, checking equipment and confirming when DPW personnel would arrive for storm operations, and conducting a number of calls with the DCR about the length of time it planned on closing the storm gate on Winthrop Parkway.

The public works director then detailed the early morning hours on Monday,

when the first power outages and water main break were reported.

During the early morning hours, Calla said staff was working hard to keep roadways passable while dealing with downed trees, downed power lines, and downed telephone poles. By 6:30 a.m., Calla said he got the first call of a water main break on Veterans Road on a 12-inch feeder and he and the operations manager headed to the site to assess and start isolating the break, which was made difficult due to the valves being buried under the snow and ice.

Within five to 10 minutes, there were additional calls for additional water main breaks, bringing the total up to seven.

After digging into the snowbound PRV (pressure reducing valve) station, Calla said they saw a high system flow and erratic pressure from the seven active water main breaks, as well as a dangerously high water level in the Faunbar water tower, which he said was quickly nearing overflow conditions.

The PRVs were manually throttled to lower the system pressure and slow the rising tank level, and Calla said he communicated with MWRA to request a system back-feed, as he said it was

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## Yirrell Beach dune construction gets underway

By Adam Swift

Work is getting underway on the construction of a coastal dune on Yirrell Beach.

The construction of the coastal dune is part of the Yirrell Beach management plan, which aims to maintain public access for swimming and recreation, maintain and protect the

shorebird nesting habitat, and maintain the beach functions of storm damage prevention and flood control because it fronts the only transportation route to the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Facility.

"Given the harsh winter, we are starting later than anticipated and will work to install as much as possible before April 1, 2026,

when we need to get off the beach for the Piping Plovers," stated Town Manager Tony Marino in his report to the town council at last week's meeting. "Once the sand is installed, we will begin planting the vegetation, which will help hold the dune in place during inclement weather."

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## Winthrop Educators rally at 'Full Court Frenzy' to celebrate students and highlight commitment beyond the classroom

Special to the Transcript

Winthrop educators packed the stands at Winthrop Middle School Thursday night for the "Full Court Frenzy," a spirited basketball event where teachers and staff came together to cheer on their colleagues and celebrate the communi-

ty they serve. The event also highlighted one of the many ways Winthrop educators volunteer their time outside the classroom in support of their students, and why they feel so demoralized by their 193rd day without a contract.

From academic enrichments and school social

events to mentoring students after hours, educators across Winthrop devote countless unpaid hours to making schools vibrant places for student learning. Thursday's event served as both a celebration of that

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**SAINT MICHAEL'S HOSTS \$10,000 RAFFLE DINNER**

MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish hosted its \$10K Raffle and St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 14. See more photos on page 9.

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# Winthrop Chamber of Commerce to host 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Business & Community Awards on April 9

Special to the Transcript

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce will host its 34th Annual Business & Community Awards on Wednesday, April 9, celebrating the individuals, businesses, and organizations that make Winthrop a vibrant place to live, work, and do business.

“The Business & Community Awards are an opportunity for our community to come together and recognize the people and organizations that go above and beyond for Winthrop,” said Diana Aliberti, executive director for the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce. “These honorees represent the spirit, resilience, and generosity that make our town special.” The awards night has been an annual tradition since 1992.

Award categories typi-

cally include honors for local businesses, community leaders, students, academia, and individuals whose volunteerism and commitment have had a meaningful impact on the town.

The event will feature a reception at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, heavy appetizers, a cash bar, and dessert.

Community members, business leaders, and supporters are invited to attend and celebrate the accomplishments of those who help drive Winthrop forward.

Additional event details, including award recipients and ticket information, can be found online on the chamber of commerce website or social media platforms. Tickets are available for purchase online. Please scan the QR code to visit ticket purchase page.



### 2026 Business & Community Award Recipients

- Business of the Year: Winthrop Arms, Casey Goll
- Chamber Member of the Year: Nicole Bettano of Lantern Residential
- Coach of the Year: Phil Ronan
- Patriot of the Year: Al Bell
- Philanthropist of the Year: Al Petrilli, for Marie C. Petrilli Cancer Fund
- Civic Impact Award: Karla Murphy
- Past Distinguished Service: Chucky Flannigan

- Visual Award: Be the Light Yoga, Kathleen Coffey
- Town Service: Denise Quist
- Chamber Champion: Mike Cabral, WCAT
- Excellence in the Arts: Jessica Gordon School of Performing Arts

- Lifetime Achievement: Richard Honan
  - Students of the Year: Nathan Previte and Safiatou Barry
  - Teacher of the Year: Alex Brown
- The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting local businesses

and non-profits, fostering economic development, and strengthening connections across the Winthrop community. The Chamber functions as a contemporary marketing arm to members, enhancing promotion and magnifying small business and nonprofit endeavors.



We waited in line in Boston to experience a low-cost rabies vaccine and license clinic in Boston's South End.

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Marino said the goal is to complete about 200 feet of the dune before the deadline hits for the piping plovers.

“The big thing is to get the plantings in ... the plantings will help deter storms,” said Marino.

The town manager said he will keep Precinct 3 Councilor Joseph Romano updated about the progress, since it is in his precinct, as well as other key people along the shoreline.

“One of the big concerns they have is the stairways,” said Marino. “This first 200 feet is only going to impact one stairway, which we are going to leave in place for

now, and then we will discuss the five or six entry points that we will have and where we want those; what the neighbors will decide is best.”

Marino said the project is starting at the furthest point back of the beach.

“We have to be off by April 1 for the plovers, and then we will be back after Labor Day and maybe do a little bit in September and do a little more planting, and then hit it again next year,” said Marino.

The town is under a five year plan with the state to get the work done.

“This was supposed to

start in February, but obviously with the weather it hasn't,” said Council President Jim Letterie. “Potentially, the good thing about this is if we see, instead of doing 1,300 feet and we see it all wash away, if we do 200 feet ... and do the plantings, the plantings have time to take root and hold.”

Letterie asked what would happen if the plantings and dune did wash away after several hundred feet were completed. Marino said the town would then go back to the environmental protection agency with an alternate plan.

## CITY PAWS

### License your animals now!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Did you receive your dog license renewal package in the mail? If not, it's time to pick up an application or download one from your local Animal Control Department. Under Massachusetts state law, all dogs must be licensed by April 1st of each year. You may also be required to license and provide proof of rabies vaccinations for cats in some places.

#### Gather What You Need

You'll need a valid rabies certificate. Proof of spaying or neutering may lower the cost of an annual license from your city or town. There are potential fines for non-compliance.

Some veterinarians include confirmation that the animal is spayed or neutered on their rabies certificates. You can also ask your current veterinarian to issue a confirmation that your dog is not intact if you have lost your original paperwork.

If you or someone you know is age 70 or is licensing a service dog, you should check whether your city or town has adopted a provision of state law. Chapter 140 Section 139 of the Massachusetts laws says, “No fee shall be charged for a license issued under this section for a service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated thereunder. No fee shall be

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raised helps provide year-round sports training, competition, and a sense of belonging for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Registration: Participants can sign up as individuals or teams at [specialolympicsma.org/events/979](https://specialolympicsma.org/events/979).

To participate, Plungers are encouraged to raise a

minimum of \$100. Those who reach this goal will receive a limited-edition 2026 Polar Plunge long-sleeve shirt or crewneck sweat-shirt.

Current top fundraising teams include GE Aerospace - Lynn and South High & Friends, but there is still plenty of time for new teams to join the lea-

derboard. Whether you are plunging with a corporate team, a school group, or as an individual, your bravery helps build a more inclusive world on and off the playing field.

For those taking public transportation, the event is conveniently located near the Revere Beach MBTA stop on the Blue Line. Parking is also available along Ocean Avenue.

Special Olympics Massachusetts provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. These opportunities allow athletes to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience the joy of sharing gifts, skills, and friendship with their families and the community.

### OPENING DAY AT FENWAY: LANSLOWNE STREET BARS KICK OFF THE SEASON WITH LIVE MUSIC, RED SOX TICKET EASTER EGG HUNT

Opening Day at Fenway Park returns on Friday, April 3, and Lansdowne Street's most iconic venues are celebrating with a full day of live music, DJs, and pre- and post-game parties. Loretta's Last Call, Lansdowne Pub, Bill's Bar, Bleacher Bar, and Game On! will open early to welcome fans heading to Fenway Park for the first home game of the season and one of Boston's most anticipat-

ed spring traditions.

To add to the excitement leading into Easter Weekend, the Lansdowne Street venues are launching a citywide Fenway Opening Weekend Easter Egg Hunt. On Friday, April 3, Easter eggs will be hidden around Boston containing pairs of Red Sox tickets for the Sunday or Monday home games. Each egg will include instructions on how winners can claim their tickets via the MLB Ballpark App. Clues will be posted through the venues' Instagram accounts with minimal hints about the egg locations. Fans are encouraged to follow along for clues: @gameonfenway | @lorettastlastcall | @bleacherbar | @lansdownepub

All Lansdowne Street venues will open at 10:00am on Opening Day, four hours before first pitch, continuing their tradition of opening early for every Red Sox home game to give fans a place to celebrate before and after the game.

### SPARKY THE FIRE DOG IS TURNING 75!

Sparky the Fire Dog®, the official mascot of the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), is turning 75! This milestone birthday reflects a legacy that spans the generations. Since his official launch on March 18, 1951, Sparky has helped fire professionals, teachers, safety advocates, civic organizations, businesses, and the media, among others, share educational fire and life safety

information with the public, delivering invaluable impact.

“Sparky is an emblem of fire safety for kids and adults alike, and his messages are just as relevant today as they were nearly 75 years ago,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “His dogged determination to highlight the importance of home fire safety over the decades has ultimately helped reduce fire loss and injuries in North America.”

Among his many achievements, Sparky has touted long-lasting fire safety messages in support of Fire Prevention Week™ – NFPA's largest annual public awareness campaign – such as “Stop, drop and roll”; “Get out, stay out”; “Dial 9-1-1”; and “Know two ways out”. He has also served as the brand for countless NFPA educational programs, resources, and initiatives, including NFPA's Learn Not to Burn® curricula, children's books, online activities, videos, apps, safety tip sheets, and brochures, to name just a few, promoting basic but critical fire safety information with a mix of spirit, authority, and compassion.

In recognition of Sparky's big day, NFPA is reminding the public that while we've continued to make signif-

icant progress in reducing the home fire problem, real risks remain. A U.S. fire department responded to a

fire every 23 seconds, on average, in 2024.

A home structure fire was reported every 96 seconds, while a home fire death occurred every three hours,

and a home fire injury occurred every 59 minutes. In addition, the majority of U.S. fire deaths (70 percent) continues to occur in homes.

“The number of U.S. home fires has declined significantly over the past decades, which reflects significant progress, but the home fire death rate has not seen the same declines in recent years. In fact, you're more likely to die in a home fire today than in 1980,” said Carli. “These sobering statistics reinforce that our work is far from done.”

Visit Sparky's website at [sparky.org/](https://sparky.org/) for a wealth of age-appropriate games, videos, apps, and other activities that make learning about fire safety easy and fun, along with fun resources and activities that can be used to celebrate his big day. In addition, Sparky School House offers fire safety lesson plans, resources, and activities for teachers, parents, caregivers and students, many of which can be easily downloaded and shared.



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After completing the form, you will also need to complete the online pre-registration using the code at left. You will be contacted by the school to schedule an appointment for Kindergarten screening. Screenings will be held May 4-8, 2026.



Please contact the William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School at 617-846-5509 with any questions.

## Storm Response // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

apparent that the PRV station control was compromised and that a full closure is necessary to prevent additional pressure spikes and tank overflow.

While the MWRA coordinated a valve team to initiate the back-feed, DPW management returned to the field to continue isolating the seven breaks and to start clearing snow and ice from the valve chamber at Tafts Ave. that MWRA needed to access in order to provide a system back-feed from Deer Island.

"It's an unprotected area, the snow rates, the wind, we were soaking wet, it was like having two-by-fours strapped to your legs with duct tape, you couldn't even bend," said Calla. "We fought through it, we got the valves uncovered and prepped for MWRA and were still waiting on an ETA for the valve team to arrive."

The town PRV was shut-down at 8:20 a.m., killing all water pressure throughout town, while the main break isolation efforts were temporarily interrupted while DPW assisted MWRA with the initiation of the back-feed.

The MWRA supply from Deer Island started at 9:15 a.m., restoring controlled water pressure throughout town. This new supply re-fed the active breaks which Calla said they were still working to isolate. He said the isolation effort was incredibly challenging and dangerous due to the weather conditions and physical hazards of downed power lines, falling trees, ice, and sink holes.

The final main break was isolated at noon, according to Calla. The DPW then coordinated an MWRA pump team to pump the flooded roadway at Girdlestone with an initial ETA of 1:30 p.m. The fire department began basement pump-outs in the area of Girdlestone around 12:30 p.m.

While this was happening, Calla said he was able to return his office manager and water tech to their plow routes, which he said had somewhat fallen behind because of the work on the water main breaks.

"We did have coverage on these routes during their absence," said Calla. "I had to get back on my route, I also work a loop during the storm. While I am working my route, I am making phone calls to contractors and supply houses - this is still in the middle of a storm and there are still weather conditions that are terrible - so trying to get people to commit to responding is a little difficult, but we did get a couple of contractors to agree to dig out their equipment and come down."

Calla said the department does have parts on hand, but not enough to repair seven different size mains at the same time. He added that he was able to send a person whose truck was stuck in a sinkhole on Marshall Street to pick up the supplies.

The snowfall finally began to taper off around 6 p.m., allowing crews to start widening the roadways that were being maintained throughout the storm. The snowplow and salting operation didn't end until 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, meaning it was a storm duration of 29 hours for the DPW personnel, according to Calla.

The MWRA arrived shortly after 3 p.m. due to the weather conditions and Girdlestone was fully pumped down by 4 p.m., Calla stated. He added that five of the seven main breaks were able to be isolated in a manner that didn't interrupt water service, although residents on Marshall Street and Beal Street were affected.

"There was a lot going on with this storm, but we had all water restored to all affected people by 9:30 p.m.," said Calla. "That's a pretty big feat for our department, and obviously with the help of contractors and MWRA. National Grid, an organization with almost endless resources, didn't restore power to the town to everybody until over a day later."

Calla and Marino highlighted some of the next steps the town needs to take in the wake of the storm.

"There were several issues that contributed to the events," said Calla. "The manual presets on the PRVs were improperly set to a range that was above the operating parameters of the system. What this means is that when the power was lost at the PRV and they system changed to from PLC (programmable logic controller) control to manual operation, the system pressure was not controlled in the proper range."

Calla said that was an oversight by the engineer and their vendors.

"The town paid for construction administration on this project and we had a team of specialists; we even had MWRA's eyes on it," said Calla. "Why the manual PRV set points did not correspond to the operating parameters of the PLC is clearly an oversight."

The town has notified both the engineer and the contractors of the issue and the town will be pursuing their insurance, said Calla.

The second major issue, which didn't protect the town against the pressure spike, was the failure of the pressure release valve to open, Calla said. He said the town is looking at the valve manufacturer, and noted that the valve was tested during commissioning of the station.

"We are trying to understand why it didn't open at the proper pressure, even though it was told to us that it was properly set," said Calla.

Calla said that anyone looking to make an insurance claim due to the water main breaks has the proper information for the town's insurance carrier. He added that the town will also make sure that its insurance carrier will file a claim against the PRV vendor and the engineering group.

Marino said there have been concerns from residents about where the town is with plans for the storm-water system in the area affected by the water main breaks.

"The council has allocated in the past all the necessary funds we need to do the rest of the engineering work and design work for Tilestone, Girdlestone, and Pico stormwater systems," said Marino. "We still need the additional funding to do the seawall extension and permitting over at the Pico area, and that costs approximately \$204,000 and we still need to find a funding source for that. The Tilestone, Girdlestone, and Pico stormwater systems are just about done, what we are waiting for now ... is to finalize the easement plan for the Pleasant Park Yacht Club because we have to cross over there with a pipe."

Once that easement is finalized, the town will be ready to have documents to put out to bid.

"At that point, we'll need to identify a funding source," said Marino, with a total cost that could be between \$4-\$6 million.

"This project is designed and ready to go, we have to figure out how to pay for it

so we can get the upgrades done," said Marino.

Even with a proper system in place, given the amount of water and snow from the storm, it still may have resulted in some flooded basements and home damage, Marino said.

"Regardless, this work needs to be done, we have been working on it since I got here back in 2022 when it was brought to our attention," said Marino. "We have been working on it and we want to make sure we finish the project."

Marino said work will continue on looking for funding sources to replace the most vulnerable water mains in the town.

"Obviously, we regret the flooding on Tilestone, Girdlestone and the damage that caused stress for the families there - flooding basements and the loss of heating systems," said Marino. "But rest assured, we did everything we could to minimize those impacts and that was our goal throughout the entire storm once we learned the problems we were having."

Girdlestone Road resident Chris Yarrow said the issues in his neighborhood have gone on for decades, not years.

Yarrow said that two years ago, a home health aide said she couldn't get to Yarrow's mother for a visit because of the flooding issues.

"When you get a call from a home health aide saying I cannot visit your mother today, I cannot get down the street - a woman dying of cancer in her home ... does anyone here find that acceptable in any way?" Yarrow asked. "I just remodeled that house two years ago, put a ton of money into it because I love the town, my daughter's going to live there, wonderful - wiped out, wiped out. And this could have been fixed years ago but we are dilly-dallying with money; and I know it takes time, but how much time?"

Precinct 2 resident Marci Hamilton said her home and property were damaged due to the most recent drainage issues caused by the water main break on Marshall Street.

"For three-plus years now, I have worked tirelessly with this government to ensure that this flooding would not happen again," Hamilton said. "It took years to investigate and relay the issue to you, let alone to identify the solution and further develop a workaround to stabilize the problem in the absence of funding of a pump to be put on Girdlestone Road that served the purpose."

Hamilton said the pump on Girdlestone Road was not activated on that Sunday night into Monday morning of the blizzard.

"Water came running toward me and I was on the phone with people that I know saying activate the plan, activate the plan," said Hamilton. "It was too late, we were in chaos, we were wringing our hands, a few men were doing the work of maybe 12 to 20 men, and that's unacceptable. My basement, shed, garage, and all my property were again all destroyed."

"This was preventable by the town, and after all my efforts, I feel betrayed by this neglect and lack of proactivity," Hamilton continued. "This is not new news, this is a drainage issue that you have known about, that I have known about since 2017 when the DPW went down into the hole and saw the duct flap and the cracked pipe."

# Council selects Martin Finn for vacant Precinct 6 seat

By Adam Swift

Martin Finn will serve as the new Precinct 6 Town Councilor, filling the vacancy left by former precinct councilor John DaRos.

Finn was selected to fill the vacancy at last week's meeting, garnering five votes to fellow nominee Michael Gillespie.

During the March 10 council meeting, there was some discussion as to whether the vote for the Precinct 6 Councilor would take place at that meeting or be taken up as new business at the March 24 meeting.

Council President Jim Letterie said there were four candidates who had initially expressed interest in the precinct seat, and that there were one or two candidates he believed may have wanted to withdraw from consideration. He said he wanted the opportunity to hear from those candidates and have the vote under new business on March 24.

However, Precinct 3 Councilor Joseph Romano successfully challenged

Letterie's motion to hold the vote on March 24, requesting that the vote take place at the March 10 meeting.

Councilor-at-Large Max Tassinari amended Romano's motion requesting that the two candidates present at the March 10 meeting, Finn and Gillespie, be able to address the council before the nomination process and vote.

Five councilors voted for Finn - Tassinari, Romano, Pat Costigan, Paul Reardon, and Suzanne Swope. Letterie, Kurt Millar, and Kim Dimes voted for Gillespie.

Finn noted that his family has deep roots in Winthrop.

"When I look at the decisions this council makes, I don't just see policy, I see the future of the town and the future that my son and his peers will inherit," said Finn. "I want to make sure the Winthrop we leave them is even stronger and more resilient than the one we have today."

For the past six years, Finn said he has been a youth soccer and little

league coach in the town.

"In those six years, I've had thousands of conversations with parents and neighbors," said Finn. "I've heard their concerns firsthand and I understand the pulse of this town because I am in the thick of it with them every single week."

One of the major issues Finn said he wants to see addressed is the flooding, such as the floods caused by the recent storms and water main breaks this winter.

"It has devastated so many of our friends, neighbors, and loved ones," said Finn. "We have seen the damage to homes and the toll it takes on our residents' peace of mind and finances, especially following the storms we just faced last month. As a coastal community, we cannot afford to wait; we need to be proactive about our infrastructure and coastal resiliency to protect our people."

Letterie said Finn will be officially sworn in prior to the March 24 council meeting.

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## OUR Opinions

### MASS. SHOULD END SNAP FOR JUNK FOOD

First and foremost, we wish to express our abhorrence that federal SNAP benefits (formerly known as the Food Stamp program) have been eliminated for more than two million Americans thanks to the budget that Congress enacted last year.

America is the richest nation in the history of the earth, yet millions of our fellow citizens suffer from food insecurity on a daily basis, a state of affairs that is nothing less than shameful.

However, we think one aspect of the SNAP program everyone can agree upon is that SNAP benefits should not be used for the purchase of junk food items.

For decades, the junk food industry successfully lobbied federal officials to allow SNAP recipients to use their benefits to buy items such as soft drinks, candy, and other sugar-filled, ultra-processed foods, which are "food" only to the extent that they can be consumed.

Not only do these junk foods lack any nutritional value, but they also are incredibly harmful to human health.

It is estimated that 40 percent of all Americans meet the definition of obesity and another 30 percent are overweight. Thanks to our appetite for sugar-filled junk food products, diabetes has reached epidemic proportions throughout our society.

Even worse, these products are highly-addictive. The food industry's scientists have designed their formulas both to stimulate the pleasure receptors in the brain and to send signals from the stomach to the brain indicating a lack of satiety.

In other words, almost no matter how much junk food you eat, your stomach never tells your brain that it is "full."

We ourselves know the addictive nature of these products. Our mother's grocery list always included packaged cupcakes and similar products in boxes of 12 -- and we (four boys) would attack them like locusts.

As young adults ourselves, our shopping list at the wholesale clubs for our young families included bulk cartons of candy bars. (They were "for the kids," wink, wink).

When we lost power during Hurricane Irene in 2011, we had to throw out a bunch of food from our downstairs freezer -- which included (no exaggeration) 43 pints of premium ice cream.

In short, we ourselves were lifelong junk-food junkies. And the cumulative result of our decades of a poor diet? A triple by-pass because of clogged arteries. Even though we ran marathons and triathlons for our entire lives, we learned first-hand that you can't outrun an unhealthy diet.

It is ironic that the "N" in SNAP stands for "Nutrition" (the full acronym is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) when almost 25 percent of SNAP benefits reportedly are used to purchase sugary drinks, candy, and snack products. Soda is the top item bought with SNAP benefits.

Studies have shown that reducing consumption of junk food for just three weeks can reset both our palates and our mind-body connection to make healthier foods more appealing.

For too long the federal government has been subsidizing the purchase of foods that are a major contributor to chronic diseases.

We urge Massachusetts officials to take immediate advantage of a new regulation by the federal government that allows states to eliminate the use of SNAP benefits -- of which about 40% are used for children -- for the purchase of junk food products.

These addictive and unhealthy foods have no place in the diets of any American, especially our children.

# Forum

## LETTERS to the Editor

### THANK YOU!

**Dear Editor,**  
I would like to take this opportunity, long overdue, to publicly thank the members and officers of Winthrop lodge of Elks #1078 for their continued support. A special shout out to the Daly sisters for spearheading the efforts.

Whether it's the veteran BBQ/Horseshoe tournament, fishing charters, to the incredible Christmas party which not only are Winthrop vets in attendance.

The lodge invites veterans from the Chelsea Soldiers Home and New England Shelter for veterans, some of our most vulnerable folks spreading cheer at a very challenging time for many.

In addition, they purchase gift cards for needy veterans and Welcome Home baskets for our returning troops. The lodge holds annual events such as Flag Day, Purple Heart Day, and POW/MIA Day. They welcome all veterans back to the Elks after the Town holds Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies for refreshments. As we say in the 2nd Infantry

they are Second To None!

On behalf of all veterans, we commend you on your benevolence, charitable efforts, and kindness to all who served our great nation. God Bless,

**Phil Ronan**  
Veterans Service Officer  
Town of Winthrop

### FACING THE END OF LIFE

**Dear Editor,**  
I wrote a letter to the Winthrop Transcript last year urging support for moving the Medical Aid in Dying bill forward in the Massachusetts Legislature. Since then, New York's Governor Hochul signed such legislation into law, with full implementation slated for later in 2026. It will be one of 13 states plus the District of Columbia legally permitting medical aid in dying. There are 12 additional states including Massachusetts that are currently considering such legislation.

To clarify what medical aid in dying is, sometimes it's best to distinguish it from assisted suicide, which is legal in Canada and in a number of other countries.

In Canada, people seeking assisted suicide do not need to present with an immediately foreseeable death and will be able to access the option beginning in 2027 even if mental illness is their only medical condition. Medical Aid in Dying in this country by contrast gives a mentally capable, terminally ill adult the option to request and self-ingest prescription medication to peacefully end their suffering if it becomes unbearable. Among other safeguards are the requirement that two health-care providers certify that a patient has a prognosis of six months or fewer to live and that s/he is found to be mentally sound by a mental health specialist. It also makes it a crime to coerce a terminally ill person into using medical aid in dying.

Lest someone think that there is a slippery slope leading from medical-aid-in-dying as practiced in the United States to assisted suicide as practiced in Canada, little has changed in almost thirty years since the law first went into effect in Oregon in 1997. In fact, fewer than 9,000 individuals in

the U.S. have used medical aid in dying through 2022, and 30-40% of those who opt for medical aid in dying never actually end up using it to end their lives. The discussion of medical aid in dying has been incorporated into many hospice and palliative care programs, and its presence is said to have promoted pain management and end-of-life care more broadly.

I've observed previously that many people out of personal religious or philosophical conviction would not choose such a path as they approach their final days. I'm fully respectful of their right to hold such beliefs. All I'm asking is that I and others like me be given a similar right to live out our final stage of life according to our own personal beliefs.

If you agree that medical aid in dying should be an option in Massachusetts, please contact Senator Lydia Edwards at Lydia.edwards@masenate.gov or 617-722-1634 and urge her to support Senate bill S.1486.

**Bill Demo**  
Winthrop



## 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 March 19, 2016

Since the word got out last week about a skimming device attached to an ATM machine at Cumberland Farms, many victims have come forward. Winthrop Police are now also working with Revere Police since another skimming device was also found on the gas pump at the Sunoco station on Revere Beach Parkway. In Winthrop, at least 16 victims have come to police, many noting that withdrawals of cash were made from their accounts by persons in New York. So far, about \$60,000 total has been taken from victims in Winthrop.

Last Thursday, after a joint meeting and public hearing of the Planning Board, and the Winthrop Town Council, the new FEMA flood maps for the town were approved unanimously. Al Legee, head of inspectional services, said the town had no choice but to approve the maps. If they had not, homeowners would not have been able to get flood insurance through FEMA.

At a recent meeting of the Winthrop School Commit-

tee, the community came out to support the Winthrop School district's education support personnel (ESP) during a public hearing on the proposed FY17 school budget. School Supt. John Macero said he will do whatever he can in order to keep the positions in the budget.

Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice and Deadpool are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago March 23, 2006

The Town Council has named former Lexington Town Manager Richard White as the first Town Manager in Winthrop history under the new town charter that went into effect this year.

The town's Fire Dept. has received the new, \$800,000 ladder truck that was purchased with funds from the MWRA mitigation agreement.

Mass. Turnpike Authority Chairman Matt Amorello delivered a check for \$55,000 to the town this week that will be used to pay for a Harbor Walk from the public landing to the

Lewis Lake area.

The Shaggy Dog and V for Vendetta are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago March 28, 1996

Monday's town election will be highlighted by the selectman's contest to succeed long-time selectman Robert E. Noonan, who is not seeking re-election. The three candidates are School Committee member Gerald Ogus, former selectman Henry O'Connell, and political newcomer Thomas Donovan. In the School Committee contest, incumbents Nancy O'Malley and Steve Machcinski are facing challenges from Rick Robert and Frank Daloia.

The claims by selectman candidate Thomas Donovan that he is a graduate of Holy Cross and that he rose from the rank of Seaman to a Commander during his seven years of service in the U.S. Navy have been called into question following an investigation by the Sun-Transcript. Naval officials say they have no record of an officer matching Donovan's Social Security

number and Holy Cross officials say they have no record of his attendance.

The School Committee has issued pink slips to teachers who may be laid off if funds are not available to rehire them. The teachers held a demonstration at the Belle Isle Bridge to protest the failure of the School Committee to reach an agreement for a new contract. The teachers have been without a contract for two years.

Fargo, Diabolique, and Happy Gilmore are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago April 2, 1986

Monarch Industries, the high bidder for the Chase School, said it will take the town to court after the selectmen awarded the bid to the Crowninshield Corp., which won the bid despite offering a price that was \$90,000 less than Monarch's. However, Town Meeting ultimately will have the final say on the sale of the former school.

The annual town election

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charged for a license for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over in a city or town that accepts this provision."

### Why License Your Animal?

Aside from the fact that it is required by law, we see licensing dogs as a form of dog advocacy. Adding to the list of homes with animals supports organizations fighting for services for those who share their lives with dogs and cats.

It's easy for politicians to ignore the wishes of people when setting funds for recreational space and services, when the official

number of dogs is vastly decreased by those who don't get a license. In addition, dog walkers, kennels, dog parks, and some residential buildings require licensing.

Should you ever face an animal control officer or a lawsuit, the fact that your animal is not licensed will work against you. A current license on a dog's collar also serves as proof that they have been vaccinated. It will allow those who might have to assist in caring for him in an emergency to interact with your pet securely.

In addition to a dog emergency, your pets might need assistance if something hap-

pens to you. First responders often have to call animal control when caring for a person. If that happens, you will want your dog licensed.

Should you have any incident involving a person or another dog, the license will provide immediate proof that your dog is vaccinated and legal. That can sometimes be enough to keep stress levels from escalating.

### Save Money at Rabies Clinics Statewide

The state provides a list of low-cost rabies clinics at this web address: <https://massnrc.org/rabies/editors/clinics.aspx>

Those in the Greater Boston area should note that the Boston clinics listed there are available to residents of other cities and towns at a slightly higher price. At many of these clinics, you can also obtain a dog or cat license. We have attended these events in the past to ensure we can recommend them. We found the staff and other animal guardians warm and friendly, and while we did wait in line, we walked away with the job completed.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

## VFW POST 6712 AND THE CITY OF REVERE WISH STAFF SERGEANT FAITH HERNANDEZ A SAFE RETURN FROM HER DEPLOYMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Faith Hernandez is a mother of three daughters, Delilah, Deanna, and Dakota. She is married to Daniel Hernandez and they reside in Revere.

Faith is a U.S. Army Reserve Staff Sergeant and is being deployed to the Middle East, with orders to serve 400 days. SSG Hernandez is attached to the 209th Support Regiment in the U.S. Army. Faith met her husband Danny, while both were serving in Iraq in the same unit back in 2004,

and have been married for 21 years. Danny is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant, chaplain of the Beachmont VFW Post 6712, and currently serving as the City of Revere's Veterans Service Officer. Faith is also a Trustee at Post 6712 as well.

Last week her brothers and sisters-in-arms, and friends gathered at the post on Bennington Street for a luncheon, giving them a chance to wish her well, and to stay safe.

Shown to the right, Commander of VFW Post 6712 Ken Holgersen and members Bob DeAmelio, JVC Ed Kantorski, Andrea Gay, Anna Siracusa, Bill Dickson, Camille Rossi Racca, Deborah Shaheen, Dena Mazac, and chaplain/VSO Dan Hernandez all turned out to wish all the best to SSG Faith Hernandez on her deployment.



Commander of VFW Post 6712 and U.S. Navy Veteran Kenny Holgersen has a moment with SSG. Faith Hernandez, a 15-year U.S. Army Reserve Soldier and Trustee of Post 6712 being deployed for 400 days to the Middle East. Commander Holgersen stated, you only have one objective, get home safely to your family.



SSG. Faith Hernandez is shown with VFW Commander Ken Holgersen, and Sgt. (US Army retired) Danny Hernandez, her husband of 21 years, Chaplain of Post 6712, and the City of Revere's Veterans Service Officer at a farewell luncheon at the post last Friday afternoon.



Joining in the good-bye, God's Speed luncheon for SSG Faith Hernandez are her friends, Andrea Gay and Gold Star Mother Camille Rossi Racca.

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Monday will be highlighted by the selectman's contest among incumbent Ron Vecchia, former selectman Walter Van Dalinda, and Richard DiMento.

The MWRA has announced that it will be using sealed container trucks to avoid the sort of accident that occurred two weeks ago at Magee's Corner when a truck carrying grit and screenings from the MWRA sewage treatment plant on Deer Island spilled its load into the busy street, causing a nasty cleanup.

Police Academy 3, Care Bears Movie II, and Gobots are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 50 years ago March 31, 1976

Six contests in Monday's town election will be highlighted by the selectman's race between incumbent Dick Dimes and challenger Arthur Cayon. School Committee incumbents Richard Gill and Roland Fluet are being challenged by Jeanette Pedoto and Charlie "Maxie" D'Amico.

Winterhawk is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

### 60 years ago March 31, 1966

James Bickford, 24, has been charged in the murder of his wife, Sylvia, who was found by police officers Richard Care and Charles Davie shot in the head in their home on Pt. Shirley at 69A Undine Ave.. The couple had been married for just three weeks. Mrs. Bickford, the mother of four children from two previous marriages, died on the operating table at Mass. General Hospital. Bickford was ordered held on \$50,000 cash bail at his arraignment in East Boston District Court before Judge Thomas Key.

Town Meeting members rejected all of the requests for budget increases by the town's department heads,

including a request by the Welfare Dept. to add three new employees.

Kiwanis Club President Andrew Benson is seeking the names of all local servicemen serving in Vietnam in order to honor them at an upcoming Kiwanis Club meeting.

Inside Daisy Clover is playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago March 29, 1956

In an unprecedented move in the history of the Limited Town Meeting, Town Counsel Peter Princi ruled that a motion by Advisory Committee Chairman Theodore Eldracher calling for a committee to be appointed to study whether the selectmen must appropriate \$12,000 for the town's employee group insurance plan was not legal and therefore could not be considered by the Town Meeting members. Princi said that since the town is obligated by state law to appropriate the funds needed to pay for the insurance, there was no basis to study the matter.

State Senator Andrew P. Quigley, the publisher of the Transcript, has filed a bill that will save Winthrop \$22,000 by having the state pay for the full construction of the new bridge at Belle Isle.

St. John the Evangelist parish will honor pastor Monsignor Aloysius Finn upon the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood Monday evening at the parish hall.

Frank Sinatra stars in Otto Preminger's The Man With the Golden Arm at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 80 years ago March 28, 1946

Debate on where to move the town dump consumed most of the Town Meeting session Monday. Members

ended up appointing a committee to study the marsh/Battery site and report back to Town Meeting in 90 days.

A five year-old local boy who became suddenly ill for two days has died at Children's Hospital in Brighton.

Ingrid Bergman and Bing Crosby star in The Bells of St. Mary's at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

### 90 years ago April 4, 1936

A WPA project has put more than 100 local men to work on the project at Lewis Lake, which is being dredged and then will be turned from its present unsightliness into one of the most attractive areas in the town.

A local girl, Loraine McEwan, has made her first

professional appearance at the Peabody Playhouse. Miss McEwan has appeared for the past two summers with theater companies in Malden and New York.

John H. Egan is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Broadway Melody of 1936, the MGM extravaganza starring Jack Benny and a host of stars, is play-

ing at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 100 years ago March 27 1926

Firefighters and police officers found an elderly woman dead in her rocking chair at 45 Irwin St., apparently from asphyxiation from gas in her house. Of-

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# Markey calls for FCC Chair Carr to resign following threats to revoke licenses over Iran war coverage

Special to the Transcript

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), member of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, today sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Brendan Carr, urging him to resign over his latest social media post threatening to revoke broadcasters' licenses if they do not cover the illegal war with Iran with Donald Trump's preferred narrative. Senator Markey highlights this

post as an extraordinary abuse of FCC authority and a clear violation of the First Amendment, as well as the Trump administration's latest authoritarian attempt to weaponize the FCC's statutory authority to censor the media.

In the letter, Senator Markey wrote, "Your post on Saturday demonstrated your continued effort to turn the FCC into Trump's personal speech police. ... Your Saturday post is not an aberration. It is the latest and most dangerous step

in a sustained campaign to use the FCC's licensing authority as a weapon against broadcasters and journalists whose coverage displeases the Trump administration. ... The FCC's credibility depends on its willingness to exercise its authority on the merits, not at the direction of the President, and not as an instrument of retribution against journalism. You have once again shown that you are unwilling to maintain that independence and uphold your sworn oath to defend the U.S. Constitu-

tion, and I once again call on you to resign."

Senator Markey has aggressively pushed back on the Trump administration's efforts to attack news organizations and intimidate the media. In November 2025, Senator Markey asked unanimous consent to pass a resolution condemning President Trump's suggestion that criticism of him is "illegal" and recognizing Americans' constitutional right to criticize the president. Republicans blocked it. In September 2025, Sen-

ator Markey, Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), and Senator Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) led seven of their colleagues in writing to Chairman Carr urging the FCC to cease its censorship of media organizations. Senator Markey then went to the Senate floor to ask unanimous consent to pass a resolution condemning Chairman Carr for his censorship of Jimmy Kimmel. Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) objected without any explanation.

In March 2025, Senators Markey and Lujan, along with Senator Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) introduced the Broadcast Freedom and Independence Act, legislation that would prohibit the FCC from revoking broadcast licenses or taking action against broadcasters based on the viewpoints they broadcast.

Read the full text of Sen. Ed Markey's letter online at: [www.markey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/letter\\_to\\_carr\\_on\\_iran\\_war\\_censorship.pdf](http://www.markey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_carr_on_iran_war_censorship.pdf)



Teachers rally outside the Winthrop Middle School.



Winthrop teachers hold signs advocating for fair pay during the "Full Court Frenzy" at Winthrop Middle School last week.

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commitment and a reminder of the many ways teachers show up for students every day.

"Events like this show what our community already knows," said Chris Beckvold, a sixth grade Early World History teacher at Winthrop Middle School. "We give so much time to our students because we care deeply about their success. What we are asking the School Committee and the Town Council President to do is simple. Respect the will of the voters and use the override money to invest in

our schools and the Winthrop students we serve."

Across the district and at every level, educators regularly go far beyond their contractual responsibilities to make possible events and opportunities that are central to the student experience in Winthrop. High school teachers write hundreds of college recommendation letters each year to help students pursue their futures. Teachers lead educational trips during their own vacation time to give students opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

Elementary school staff organize dances and community events that bring families together.

Educators say their commitment to students and the community is not being matched by town leaders in negotiations to ensure that Winthrop's schools remain strong for years to come. While Thursday's Full Court Frenzy highlighted the joy and dedication that define Winthrop's educators, many educators say ongoing contract negotiations have left them feeling



Winthrop educators during the basketball event at the Winthrop Middle School.

undervalued and taken for granted.

"Educators feel deeply disrespected by the current offer on the table," said Meg Schultheis, a sixth grade English-Language Arts teacher at Winthrop Middle School. "It is only going to make recruiting and retaining dedicated teachers more difficult. We love working in Winthrop, but it feels like they're trying to make us

leave."

Despite those concerns, the atmosphere inside Winthrop Middle School on Thursday night reflected the same enthusiasm and care that educators bring to their classrooms each day. For many in attendance, the event served as a reminder that the heart of Winthrop's schools remains the educators who continue to show up for their students, on and

off the court.

"What we are asking here is for the School Committee to roll up their sleeves like educators do every single day and work with us and get this done," said Daniela Foley, a Fifth Grade Teacher at the A.T. Cummings School. "Our students and schools need them to do the right thing and settle a fair contract."

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## Sports

### Capasso in Command

New WHS head baseball coach prepares for '26 season

By Cary Shuman

After serving for two seasons as an assistant coach in the Winthrop High School baseball program, Tom Capasso began in his new position as head coach Monday.

Appointed by Athletic Director Mark DeGregorio to lead the Vikings in the fall, Capasso officially made his debut as tryouts began for the 2026 season.

Capasso, 52, welcomed 36 players to the program, which will field varsity and junior varsity teams that will compete in the Northeastern Conference. Capasso said he coached some of the current sophomores and juniors on a Winthrop-based 13-year-old team in the Lou Tompkins All-Star Baseball League.

Among the returning starters for the Vikings are shortstop Joseph Pumphet, first baseman/catcher Dom Spinale, centerfielder Michael D'Ambrosio, and pitcher/infielder Braedon Lounsbury, all of whom just completed a strong run to the MIAA Division 4 Final Four in ice hockey. Returning starter Desmond Cassidy is sidelined with an injury.

Capasso has tabbed Lounsbury as the starting pitcher for the March 30 home opener against Northeast Regional.

Capasso's coaching staff includes assistant head coach Mike Vatalaro, and assistants Dan Shannon, Jack Wallace, Paul Pellecchia, and Frankie Fabiano.

Weather permitting, the Vikings will play their first of three pre-season scrimmages Saturday (11 a.m.) against Rockport in Winthrop. They'll travel to Stoneham on Tuesday, March 24 and host Everett on Saturday, March 28.

#### East Boston roots

Capasso grew up in East Boston, where he was a two-time All-Star in the East Boston National Little League.

"East Boston had three Little Leagues when I

played – American, Central, and National, which was in Orient Heights at Noyes Park," recalled Capasso.

He was a standout for the East Boston Senior Little League 13-year-old team that claimed the Massachusetts state championship. Other key members of that team were Jason Casaletto, Steven Autilio, Parrish Rossi, Derek Disciscio, and Craig Pacitta. Kim Rossi, Parrish's father, was the head coach.

Capasso went on to play three varsity baseball seasons at Boston Latin School, one (sophomore year) alongside his older brother, Tullio Capasso, when the Wolfpack advanced to the MIAA Division 1 quarterfinals. A 1992 graduate of the nation's oldest public school (founded in 1635), Tom was a two-year starter, excelling as a right-handed hitting infielder and outfielder.

"We used to play at a field in Brighton right behind the movie theater in Cleveland Circle which was near Boston College," said Capasso.

He returned to coach an East Boston American Legion baseball team with Ronnie Jordan and then piloted an Eastie travel team for two years in a regional tournament in Haverhill.

#### Northeastern, Suffolk Law graduate

Capasso majored in English at Northeastern University before receiving his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Suffolk Law School in 1999.

He holds a prestigious leadership position as the deputy court administrator for the Massachusetts Juvenile Court system that oversees all court cases for persons under the age of 18 throughout the Commonwealth.

"I hope I can be a role model for the kids – that's part of the plan, here, to teach our student-athletes life lessons, it's not just about baseball," offered Capasso.

Capasso and his wife, Lauren, live in Winthrop, with their three daughters, Talia, a game day captain for the Winthrop High cheer team, Alena, a member of the Winthrop JV cheer team, and Daniela, a middle school student.

#### WHS TRACK TEAMS BEGIN PRACTICE FOR 2026 SEASON



Athletes on the Winthrop High School outdoor track team are pictured with coaches Billy Hubert, David Ford, and Scout Grifoni on the first day of practice for the 2026 season inside the school gymnasium.

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New Winthrop High School baseball coach Tom Capasso (second from left), pictured with assistant coaches Dan Shannon, Frankie Fabiano, Jack Wallace, and Paul Pellecchia, in the school gymnasium on the first day of practice for the 2026 season.

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# BLO announces landmark 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season

Special to the Transcript

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO), New England's largest and most enduring opera company, celebrates its 50th anniversary with an expansive 18-month observance that spans calendar year 2026 (its 50th year) and the 2026/27 programming season (its 50th Season). Collectively, the anniversary includes the company's most extensive year-round onstage and community programming in its history, a deepened commitment to community engagement throughout the city, and a reimagined creative space in one of Boston's most historic and culturally significant neighborhoods.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary follows a period of extended success for the company, including a five-year-plus growth in budget size and a significantly diversifying audience demographic. During its 2024/25 Season, BLO welcomed more than 22,000 audience members — its highest figures in more than a decade, marking a 14 percent boost in ticket buyers. Between 2019 and 2025, audience members 18-34 years old have tripled in number and audience racial diversity has increased by 70 percent, with notable growth in attendees who identify as AAPI and Black or African American.

Since 2021 BLO co-commissioned and co-produced the Pulitzer Prize-winning

opera *Omar* (Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels) and the Grammy-nominated opera *An American Soldier* (Huang Ruo and David Henry Hwang), and supported the creative economy by creating more than 3,000 paid artist engagements. In the same period, the company strengthened its governance by expanding its Board of Directors from 23 to 30 members, and reinforced its financial and operational stability, positioning BLO for continued growth and innovation in its next chapter.

With a board-approved 2026/27 fiscal year budget that exceeds \$15 million, the company moves into Budget One status, a designation by national service organization OPERA America that places BLO among America's eleven largest opera companies, including San Francisco Opera, Washington National Opera, Seattle Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Los Angeles Opera, The Metropolitan Opera, and others. In a move to ensure BLO's ongoing stability and growth, the Board of Directors has renewed Stanford Calderwood General Director & CEO Bradley Vernatter's contract through June 30, 2030. Vernatter has led the company since 2021 and began his tenure with BLO in 2013.

A cornerstone of BLO's anniversary is the opening of its Opera + Community Studios next month. The renovated and repurposed space at Midway Artist Stu-

dios in Boston's Fort Point neighborhood will serve as a rehearsal center and administrative headquarters, and operate as a shared creative hub available to regional arts organizations and community groups. The opening is marked by a new production of Gustav Mahler's *SONG OF THE EARTH* (*DAS LIED VON DER ERDE*), reimagined and staged by BLO Artistic Associate Anne Bogart, and conducted by BLO Music Director David Angus, March 20-29, 2026.

"Celebrating 50 years is a milestone that speaks to the remarkable legacy of Boston Lyric Opera, and to the enduring role opera plays in civic life," Vernatter (l.) says. "For five decades, BLO has created spaces where people gather, collaborate and create shared cultural experiences. This anniversary is both a celebration of the company's legacy and a recognition of what sustained cultural investment makes possible: artists and audiences growing together, generations connecting through music and storytelling, and a region strengthened by vibrant creative expression. Celebrating 50 years reminds us that opera's greatest value lies in sharing creative, multicultural experiences that inspire, nourish and expand our hearts and minds."

For more information and a full schedule of upcoming events for the 50<sup>th</sup> season, please visit: <https://blo.org/50years/>



PHOTO BY DAVID LEIFER

Participants during the 2025 Walk for Hunger.

## Project Bread's 58<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Hunger opens registration

Community Fundraiser Returns to the Boston Common Sunday, May 3

Special to the Transcript

Registration is now open for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, the organization's signature community fundraiser and one of Massachusetts' most enduring anti-hunger events, turning compassion into action. Set for Sunday, May 3 on the Boston Common, the one-day celebration will bring together thousands of walkers for a family-friendly 3-mile loop featuring food, entertainment, and activities

for all ages.

Now in its 58th year, the Walk for Hunger remains a beacon of hope for local families, raising \$1 million to support Project Bread's proven, statewide approach to advancing food security and ensuring access to nu-

tritious food for children and families across Massachusetts.

Like-minded anti-hunger organizations are also invited to participate through Project Bread's co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth. Participating nonprofits can form teams to raise funds for their own missions while contributing to Project Bread's broader statewide impact.

Ready to get involved? Register to walk in-person or virtually, start a personal or team fundraising page, or make a donation at [projectbread.org/walk](http://projectbread.org/walk). For more information, email [walk@projectbread.org](mailto:walk@projectbread.org).



Scan to register or donate.

## Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

officials believe she has been deceased since November. A 10 year-old boy, who was chasing his kitten which had gone into the woman's basement, smelled the gas and informed his mother, who in turn called the police.

Mrs. Anna Sperber of 144 Shore Drive found an abandoned baby on her doorstep last week. Officials took the infant, who is believed to be two months old, to the Winthrop Community Hospital.

### 110 years ago April 1, 1916

Winthrop now has its own true "fish story." A cod,

weighing 30 pounds and measuring 42 inches, was bagged off the Winthrop Yacht Club by club custodian Gus Johnson, who used a shovel to subdue the fish when he saw it splashing in shallow water just off the clubhouse.

John E. Gilman, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, addressed the Holy Name Society of St. John the Evangelist Church Sunday. Gilman spoke of his experiences during the Civil War and told the crowd that had the North been prepared for war, the disaster

at Bull Run never would have happened and the war could have been over in six months.

### 120 years ago March 31, 1906

Town Meeting, with 225 members present, voted to accept the minority report of the School Building Committee and appropriated \$80,000 to build a new high school. Acceptance by Town Meeting of the minority report was attributable to the ability of Dr. O.E. Johnson, who authored and presented the minority report.

Town Meeting, while approving most of the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee, delayed taking action on a measure seeking to purchase a new steam roller for \$3000. Members also delayed taking action on whether to turn on the town's streetlights at 4 a.m. instead of the present 4:30 a.m.

This week marks the 50th anniversary of horse car passenger service in New England. Some old-timers among us recall the horse carriage line that carried passengers between Maverick Square and Winthrop

that began service in 1873.

### 130 years ago March 28, 1896

Bids for construction of the new schoolhouse were opened by the School Committee last week. Low bidder for the general contractor contract was James Bacon, with a bid of \$17,100. W.A. Sanborn was the low bidder for the heating work with his bid of \$4195. McNeil Bros. was the low bidder for the plumbing work at \$543.

### 140 years ago April 2, 1886

The reporting of the Bos-

ton papers about the sewage problem at Revere Beach is being blamed as the reason for the lack of rentals for the upcoming summer season in the Winthrop Beach area. Prospective clients are asking whether there will be adequate sewage facilities.

Presiding Elder Thayer visited the Methodist Church here Sunday. He spoke of man's assimilation with God. Thayer said it was possible for man to study God's character through his teachings and the example of His Son, so as to be able to transfer His moral qualities to ourselves.



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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

MARCH 23-27, 2026

#### MONDAY

- 10:00am-11:00am Indoor Walking @ St. Michael's Parish Gym (pre-registration required)
- 10:00am-11:00am Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 10:00am-1:00pm Reiki Sessions (appointment required)
- 11:30am-3:00pm Game Day (Mahjong, Cards and Cribbage)
- 3:30pm-5:30pm Movie - Knives Out (pre-registration required)

#### TUESDAY

- 9:30am-10:30am Exercise (\$1)
- 10:00am-12:00pm Tech Support (pre-registration required)
- 10:30am-11:30am Spanish with Pete
- 12:30pm-2:30pm Art with Dawn (\$6)
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Home Tweet Home - bird house painting with Buonfiglio Funeral Home (pre-registration required)

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:15am-10:15am Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 10:00am-11:00am Indoor Walking @ St. Michael's Parish Gym (pre-registration required)
- 10:30am-11:30am Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
- 11:30am-12:30pm Mystic Valley Elder Services Office Hours
- 11:45am-12:45pm Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)
- 12:15-1:45pm Italian with Michael
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Staying Safely in Your Home; presented by the Winthrop Commission on Disabilities

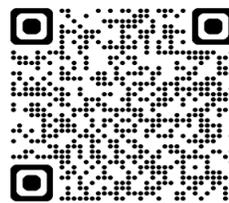
#### THURSDAY

- 9:30am-10:30am Exercise (\$1)
- 10:00am-2:30pm SHINE Counseling (appointment required)
- 12pm-12:30pm Dine-In Lunch (must order by 11am Wednesday)
- 12:45pm-3pm Bingo

#### FRIDAY

- 9:00am-10:00am Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 10:00am-11:00am Line Dancing with Diane (\$5)
- 10:00am-11:00am Indoor Walking @ St. Michael's Parish Gym (pre-registration required)

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



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## SCENES FROM SAINT MICHAEL'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY \$10K RAFFLE DINNER

Photos by Marianne Salza

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish presented its Saint Patrick's Day \$10K Raffle Dinner on March 14, featuring two grand prizes and opportunities to win gift certifi-

icates to local businesses, as well raffle baskets. The festivities included dinner, musical entertainment by parishioner DJ Michael Gaeta, and personalized commentary by pastor, Father Chris O'Connor.



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Personal Representative has been filed by Natalia Shcherbina of Winthrop, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Natalia Shcherbina of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/02/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

tion. **WITNESS**, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 03, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
Register of Probate  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF MARCH 24, 2026  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that will conduct a Public Hearing

on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at on or after 6:30 p.m., in the Harvey Hearing Room that the Town Council grants permission to National Grid on the following:  
The following Streets and Highways referred # 31226970:  
Pauline Street - National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Pauline Street beginning at a point approximately 237 feet Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Pauline Street and Fremont Street and continuing approximately 24 feet in a South direction. National Grid to install 45' class 2 pole on Southern

sidewalk of Pauline Street in front of 22 Pauline Street. This pole is needed to install new OH XRFM that will be feeding new apartments at 22 Pauline Street and because existing nearby poles are at capacity. Winthrop, MA. All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) information can be requested by email to dquist@winthropma.gov or calling 617-846-1852, or in person at the Town Clerks Office, Room 5  
Denise Quist  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING

**BOARD OF LICENSE LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 5 of the Town of Winthrop's Board of License Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25,

2026 at or after 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room, Room 2, at Town Hall upon the application of Breeze and Bourbon Corp 561 Shirley St. Winthrop, MA requesting full liquor license to be served on premise.

All documents pertaining to this hearing can be viewed by calling 617-846-1852 x1036 Clerk of the Board of License during normal business hours of which a copy or email can be sent for review.  
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From the State House

## Gov. Healey demands \$1,745 refund for residents harmed by President Trump's tariffs

Special to the Journal

Governor Maura Healey sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Bessent demanding a \$1,745 refund to every Massachusetts household for the financial harm caused by President Trump's unconstitutional tariffs. Data from the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee estimates that the Trump Ad-

ministration's tariff actions cost American consumers approximately \$1,745 per household between February 2025 and January 2026.

"With approximately 2.8 million households in Massachusetts, my office estimates that \$4,886,000,000 is owed to consumers in our state who shouldered the burden of increased costs. I call on the Trump Admin-

istration to immediately formulate a plan to refund tariff proceeds and put money back in the pockets of the hardworking people of Massachusetts," wrote Governor Healey. "From groceries and household goods to construction materials and consumer products, Massachusetts residents paid more at the register and businesses absorbed higher

operating costs. Having unlawfully seized over \$100 billion dollars from American people and businesses, the federal government must immediately take steps to pay full restitution."

In the letter, she also continues to urge the President to reconsider his new global tariffs, as they will once again raise costs on consumers and businesses.

Since President Trump began imposing tariffs on our trading partners, Governor Healey has spoken out against them. In an effort to curb the impact in Massachusetts, her administration launched the Massachusetts Tariff Response and Business Operations Support Initiative to align state resources to aid Massachusetts businesses, convened

Massachusetts business leaders to discuss how tariffs were impacting them, and invited six Northeastern Governors and six Canadian Premiers to the State House to discuss regional collaboration.

The full letter can be read online at [www.mass.gov/doc/tariff-refund-letter/download](http://www.mass.gov/doc/tariff-refund-letter/download).

## Healey highlights recent wave of business expansions bringing thousands of jobs to Massachusetts

Special to the Journal

During her address to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Forum last week, Governor Maura Healey will highlight a wave of recent business expansions and investments across Massachusetts that are bringing with them thousands of jobs and strengthening the state's leadership in innovation, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence and life sciences.

Recent announcements from global firms and homegrown companies across multiple industries show continued momentum in Massachusetts' innovation economy, with businesses choosing to expand and invest in the state's talent, research institutions and collaborative business environment.

"Massachusetts is where companies come to build the future," said Governor Maura Healey. "We have the best talent in the world, unmatched research institutions and an innovation ecosystem that helps businesses grow and compete. Companies are choosing Massachusetts because they know this is the place to innovate, create jobs and lead the next generation of industries.

But we know that residents and businesses alike are facing headwinds driven by high costs and President Trump's policies, and that's why we're continuing to work every day to make Massachusetts more affordable and competitive."

"These announcements show that companies across industries continue to choose Massachusetts as the place to innovate, grow and create jobs," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We're proud to partner with businesses, universities and workers across our state to support economic growth and ensure Massachusetts remains a global leader in innovation – and we're going to keep doing everything we can to maintain this positioning."

"These announcements show the breadth of Massachusetts' economy, from innovative technology and life science companies to businesses that serve our communities every day," said Economic Development Secretary Eric Paley. "Companies from across the globe are investing here because of our world-class talent, our strong business environment, and the partnerships that help businesses grow. We're focused on making sure companies of

all sizes can continue to expand and create jobs across the state."

Governor Healey will highlight this momentum during her remarks to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, where she will discuss the state's economic competitiveness, investments in innovation and workforce development, and efforts to lower costs for residents and businesses.

While recognizing that the state faces headwinds, including high costs, Governor Healey will also highlight the many competitive strengths that Massachusetts has, starting with its world-class talent. Last year, Massachusetts students ranked number one among states on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) – often called the Nation's Report Card – and just recently, College Board announced that Massachusetts students earned the highest scores on Advanced Placement (AP) exams last year and broke the all-time record for the highest percentage of graduates who scored 3 or higher on an AP exam.

Data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis also shows that Massachusetts led the nation in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth on a percentage ba-

sis through the first three quarters of 2025, which is the most recent data available.

Several recent announcements represent significant new job growth in Massachusetts. Major global companies are also making substantial investments in advanced manufacturing and research in Massachusetts:

P&G Gillette recently announced plans to establish its Grooming Headquarters and Technical Innovation Center in South Boston, representing a \$1 billion investment. The facility will support 750 permanent jobs, while construction of the new campus is expected to generate hundreds of additional jobs for members of the building trades.

GE Aerospace announced a \$42 million investment in its Lynn facility to upgrade sites producing defense engines and components, strengthening the U.S. defense industrial base.

Global veterinary specialty care company Dechra will relocate its global headquarters from the United Kingdom to Boston.

Boston-based wearable technology company Whoop announced plans to add more than 600 new jobs, primarily in Boston,

as it continues to expand its operations and workforce.

Massachusetts-based grocery chain Big Y announced plans to open six new stores across the state, representing a \$50 million capital investment and creating approximately 750 full and part-time jobs.

The state continues to see strong growth in advanced manufacturing and life sciences as well:

- VulcanForms, a metal additive manufacturing company founded at MIT, recently secured \$220 million in financing and plans to open a third factory in Devens, adding more than 100 new jobs.

- Medical technology company TransMedics is expanding its presence at Assembly Innovation Park in Somerville, leasing nearly 500,000 square feet of lab space and acquiring additional land to support the company's continued growth.

- Biotech company Stoke Therapeutics also recently signed a lease for 98,500 square feet in Waltham, where it will relocate and expand its headquarters later this year.

- Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc., a leading RNAi therapeutics company, recently announced an expan-

sion of its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Norton.

Massachusetts is also continuing to attract investment from companies developing the next generation of artificial intelligence technologies. Anthropic, Lovable and xAI have recently established a presence in Massachusetts and begun hiring locally, further strengthening the region's growing AI ecosystem.

Massachusetts companies are also receiving global recognition for their innovation. A record number of Boston-area firms were recently named to the LexisNexis Top 100 Global Innovators list, including Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Moderna, Flagship Pioneering, Orna Therapeutics and SharkNinja.

Together, these recent announcements represent thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in private investment, reinforcing Massachusetts' position as a global hub for innovation, advanced manufacturing and emerging technologies. Massachusetts continues to attract companies from around the country and the world that are looking to grow, innovate and access the state's highly skilled workforce.

## Gov. Healey takes action to bring in 10 GW of new energy, save \$10 billion and promote energy independence

Special to the Journal

Governor Maura Healey is setting strong new targets for bringing more energy into Massachusetts and lowering energy bills. The Executive Order she has signed outlines her all-of-the-above approach to energy supply and directs her administration to secure

10 new gigawatts (GW) of energy resources for Massachusetts by 2035, as well as 5 GW of new energy storage.

Governor Healey's directive requires agencies to pursue a range of energy resources and ensure adequate supplies in place to meet growing demand and lower bills. The Executive

Order outlines directives for state agencies related to solar, storage, wind, load management, gas, nuclear, and geothermal, leading to an estimated savings of \$10 billion for Massachusetts residents and businesses. Governor Healey signed the Executive Order at Lynch Elementary School in Winchester, which is powered

entirely from roof-mounted and ground-mounted solar.

Governor Healey laid out her energy supply plan amidst a dramatic spike in oil and gas prices due to President Trump's costly war and his failed energy policies that have taken American sources of energy like wind and solar off the table.

"The American people are now paying the price as oil and gas bills go through the roof because of President Trump's costly war," said Governor Healey. "I believe in an all-of-the-above approach to energy – that means solar, wind, gas, nuclear and hydro. While the President is taking American-built energy sources off the table, in Massachusetts, we are saying yes to more supply from more sources of energy. We are saying yes to American jobs and American energy independence. And we are saying yes to lowering energy bills for all."

"When we invest in Massachusetts energy, we invest in Massachusetts energy jobs," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "It's Massachusetts gas, solar, offshore wind and electric workers that are keeping our lights on, homes warm and businesses moving. For many, these are 24/7, 365-day jobs. We need to support our in-state energy supply and the workforce that makes it possible."

"Setting firm targets and laying out a clear energy supply strategy will provide certainty and stability as we work to lower energy bills," said Energy and Environ-

mental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "And by building more energy resources with a fixed price, we can give Massachusetts a competitive edge. We're going to work as a region to power our communities and ensure more affordable, reliable service."

### More Energy for State

ISO New England projects that electricity consumption could rise by nearly 15 percent by 2035 and 50 percent by 2045, with peak electricity demand in the winter growing even faster. This is true across the country, as demand for electricity climbs and the cost to update the aging American electrical grid rises.

The Executive Order establishes a target of 10 GW of new energy supply-side and demand-side resources over the next 10 years, as well as a separate target for 5 GW of energy storage. 10 GW is roughly the equivalent of enough power for 2 million households. The 10 GW target includes 4 GW of new in-state solar and 3.5 GW of new electric demand reduction to be achieved through load management strategies such as energy efficiency, virtual power plants, and electric vehicle charging management. This builds on Massachusetts' successful strategy of demand management over the past 20 years, during which electricity demand has declined while the economy has grown, increasing our overall energy productivity. Because of these past investments, all customers are saving \$800 million every

year – or on average, \$20 each month – due to utilities not needing to spend on transmission and distribution infrastructure or buy electricity for their customers.

### How We Get There

Governor Healey is directing agencies to take a number of immediate steps to get more affordable energy built in the near future, including to:

- Ramp up efforts to build more solar projects before President Trump ends federal support;

- Expand opportunities for wind, nuclear power, and fusion energy;

- Explore natural gas and other fuel storage and delivery strategies to ensure reliability, avoid unnecessary spending and charges, and reduce reliance on imported liquefied natural gas.

- Lower the cost of geothermal for heating and cooling; and,

- Allow for flexible interconnection to make better use of the energy grid we already have and get more energy connected faster and cheaper.

Governor Healey filed the Energy Affordability, Independence, and Innovation Act to lower energy bills and bring more supply into Massachusetts. The legislation includes a key provision that would give the state more flexibility in procuring a range of energy resources when costs are at their lowest, rather than on a rigid schedule that locks ratepayers into high costs.

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### WINTHROP PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CLOCK TOWER GALLEY PRESENT YOUTH ART SHOW



Winthrop High School senior, Genesis Carias, pointing to her piece, "La Flor," with her mother, Helen Castellanos, brother, Marco Carias, and father, Stanley Carias.



Tony and Robin Crespo admiring their granddaughter's artwork with their niece, Ivanava Crespo.



Shannon Turner and Declan Philbrick admiring Children's Corner Preschool pipe cleaner pieces exploring movement.



Isla Dankner pointing to her collaborative piece.



Jonvienne Hanlon, Winthrop High School.

Photos by Marianne Salza

Some 800 students are represented in the Youth Art Show, a collaboration between Winthrop Public Schools and The Clock Tower Gallery, at the EB Newton School & Cultural Center. The exhibition features clay sculptures, watercolor and acrylic paintings, sketches, and photographs, by young artists like first grader, Isla Dankner, who enjoyed participating in a group project with her class.

"We made Olympic rings in black, blue, yellow, red, and green. What we used to make them was tape. It feels good," said Isla, Gorman Fort Banks Elementa-



Estee Gamble, 3rd grader at the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School, with her piece, "A Crowded Place."

ry School, about seeing her work on display. "We got to do it as a whole class. It was really fun. Art is my favorite because you get to make something together if you

want to." View the Youth Art Show on Wednesday, 1:30-4pm, and Saturdays, 1pm-3pm, now through April 18.



Katelyn Musaku, 6th grade student at Winthrop Middle School, pointing to her artwork, with her mother, Nora, sister, Alia, and father, Armand.



Art teachers, Ryan Coleman and Coni Moore, with The Clock Tower Gallery Curator, Joanne Hillman, and art teacher, Deborah Winters.



Nathan Dankner pointing to his penguin, with his mother, Teresa, and sister, Isla Dankner.

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