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SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED

National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater North Shore is hosting a Family & Friends Support Group and a new Individual (Peer) Support Group on Wednesday March 27 from 7 - 8:30 pm at Beverly Hospital, 85 Herrick St., Beverly. The two groups are for family and friends of those dealing with mental health challenges and for individuals (peers) and they meet the last Wednesday of every month. For more information e-mail csadkowski@yahoo.com or call 617-984-0504 and leave a message. Also visit www.namigreaternorthshore.org.

DOG LICENSE LATE FEE BEGINS APRIL 1

be fined by the Animal Con- was a man who put the intertrol Officer if not properly li- est of the people of Winthrop censed per MGL Chapter 140 front and center," said House Section 137. Residents were notified in the following ways:

- cluded in your annual Census. port Hazards Committee is This mailing went to every unparalleled. The town will household in Winthrop over sorely miss Bob Driscoll. I 12,000 homes received this census and license notification in January.
- press release on WCAT and the Winthrop Sun Transcript.
- email blast sent to residents that have signed up for Town Manager's Blogsign up at https://www.town. winthrop.ma.us/subscribe
- licenses in 2018 clearly stated that the license

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WCC CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

WCC Chairperson Joanne Hillman, with Joanna Ciampa and her painting, "Sky Heros," inspired by WWII fighter pilots, during the March 9 Women's History Month celebration at the Clock Tower Gallery. The program honored the brave women who fought fascism during World War II. See more photos and story on Page 8.

APPRECIATION

Robert Driscoll dead at 89

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Robert L. Driscoll, Sr. of Seal Harbor Road, Winthrop passed away at the Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston on March 7. He was 89 years old, and left a positive mark on the Town of Winthrop. "After meeting Bob more

than 30 years ago, I knew Beginning April 1, dogs can from that day forward that he Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "His work and dedication as a license form was in- longtime member of the Airwant to express my deepest



Robert Driscoll.

condolences to his family." Born in Taunton he was the beloved son of the late Anna (McNiff) and William J. Driscoll. A lifetime resident of Winthrop he joined the Army at an early age. After his honorable discharge he went on to work as a pharmacy representative for Smith-Kline-French.

He was also a founding member of the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee. In 1971 when the Board of Selectmen voted to set up the committee it included four selectmen and three residents, one was Driscoll.

"So sorry to see him gone," said Airport Hazards Committee chairman (and original member too) Richard Bangs, a long-time friend.

Driscoll was also a member of the Winthrop Planning Board, the Holy Name Society, a Boy Scout Leader and a weekly collector at St. John the Evangelist Church.

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Winthrop Middle School wins annual Quiz Bowl

By Kate Anslinger

For the first time in history, Winthrop Middle School has won the annual Quiz Bowl, besting 11 other private and charter schools. The six-person team included: Alex Daigneault, Ben Prew, Chris Rainey, Kate Dickin-

son, John Tracy, and Christian Buonopane, all of who spent countless hours preparing for the five different categories of the challenge; Mental Math, North American Geography including Central America, Chemistry, Greek Mythology, and General Knowledge.

"Interested students had to

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take a test at the end of January, and these were the final six selected," said science teacher and Quiz Bowl Coordinator, Chris Farnsworth. "We won the final round and it was pretty close, but they worked hard and deserved the

win." For each category, one student was sent to represent the team and the student who raised his/her pencil first, was given the opportunity to answer first. Winthrop won four out of five rounds, and received further points during the wildcard round, ultimately winning a plaque and making it to the final round.

To prepare for the bowl, the

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Neighbors liking Somerset Ave. smaller design

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The last time developer Joanna Schwartz came to Winthrop with plans to build on Somerset Avenue she got an earful from residents saying her plan was too tall, too big, too much of a parking concern – and on top that no one seemed to know where the specific area of the Center Business District begins and ends.

But Monday night when she brought her revised plans to the Planning Board the reception was a little warmer.

Initial plans called for

an overpowering five-story building with 40 units. There are some details to



A new rendering of the proposed Somerset Avenue develop-

WIHA ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER AND WINTHROP ARMS HISTORY LESSON



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Michael Herbert, WIHA president, with Judy Anderson, who donated her 50/50 raffle winnings to WIHA, during the March 5 Election of Officers at the Deane Winthrop Barn. The night was filled with fun, St. Patrick's Day themes, and a lecture on the history of the Winthrop Arms. See more photos on Page 16.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, March 4

Caller at the end of Madison Avenue reports that Action Ambulance dumped their snow in front of his house. He would like someone to come down and assist. C1 will contact Action and have them remove the snow. C1 reports fire assisted. Unsure who put the snow there.

Party at Cora and Lincoln streets reports a white plow truck is driving erratically and purposely driving down the wrong way down the road. He is purposely blocking cars. Nothing showing.

Caller from Sea Foam Avenue states a plow took a manhole cover off. C1 notified DPW. Cover is totally missing. 93 standing by until DPW arrives. DPW will cone it off until they get caught up with snow removal. Street is impassable and fire has been notified.

Party on Tafts Avenue states a tree is down and blocking the sidewalk. S1 notified DPW about the branch.

Caller on Washington Avenue states that someone is plowing her sidewalk and she is verbally arguing with a male party. Female will not respond on the phone. 94 off with units. It was verbal over snow removal. Detail officer will remain on the scene. Peace was restored.

Party on Pleasant Street states there is a man arguing with him over vandalism to his vehicle. Party is now walking away. The calling party would like to speak to an officer. 91 knows who the male party is and he is responding to him. 93 requesting medical aid to evaluate the male party. Both parties will be summoned to court Male party transported to MGH.

Walk-in from Shirley Street to report that she was going to pick up her Toyota from the repair shop today. She went there and they are closed. She is afraid that something happened to her vehicle. 91 spoke

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to the owner of the auto body and he will contact the owner of the vehicle. He has been busy with snow removal.

Caller from Wave Way Avenue states she wants to check the well-being of her elderly neighbor that she sees wandering around her property.

Party states this vehicle stopped and a male party came out and urinated. Party went back inside the vehicle and went down Jefferson towards the Center. Three males were inside the vehicle.

Motor vehicle stop at Revere and Sagamore Avenue. Verbal for red-light violation.

Tuesday, March 5

Motor vehicle stop at Nahant Avenue. Verbal for impeding the road.

Another motor vehicle stop at Revere and Shirley Street. Citation issued for taillight and failure to report.

Walk-in to report two separate issues. A larceny was reported to her bank in December. They have since reversed their decision and instructed her to file a police report to reopen it. Her vehicle was also involved in a hit and run.

Fire on scene at EB Newton School for an odor of gas in the building. Unit will be on scene to assist.

Report of a male driving erratically on Pleasant Street. Caller stated it could possibly be a stolen vehicle. No plate given. 91 has made contact with party. His boat is currently sinking, which is why he was rushing. Party is currently attempting to shovel snow off of his boat. Units will stay on scene and attempt to assist. Party is shoveling snow off of his boat, as well as running a pump to remove the water the boat has taken on. Units will be clear.

Caller on Walden Street states they and others have not heard from a tenant for three weeks. She has not returned any phone calls which is unusual. Caller would like

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a well being check. Party had dy. a stroke recently and has been living in an assisted living since the incident. She is not in her home.

A truck and motor vehicle are blocking Villa Avenue. Caller has been waiting for 20 minutes to get down the street. A crane was making a delivery on a job site, causing the vehicle to have to be in the street. All vehicles are now off to the side and in a safe area.

Party on Hermon Street reports harassment by a neighbor over the year, with escalation occurring yesterday with a snow removal issue.

Officer notified a local LTC holder on Grovers Avenue about he4r license suspension. She stated she would come up to the station later to get her paperwork and to turn in her LTC and provide paperwork on transferred firearms. Officer will make a report when this is complete.

Male party came in to report that someone had opened a credit card under his name and made purchases that were delivered to his address. He notified the bank an is returning the items back.

Firearms surrender made at the station. 91 state there was a previous call made and would add to that one.

Caller on Beach Road states he went home and his girlfriend stated she put a restraining order on him. Wants an officer to help get his things. Male party just wanted to know if he had a RO. Male party will head out and stay at a friend's house. Both parties were advised of their rights. It was a verbal argument.

Off with vehicle on Revere and Bayou Street. One in custody for paperwork. Units clear, station issued for equipment violation and operating under suspended license. 91 transport male party Vehicle was safely parked in front of house on Revere Street. Male party was transported to MGH for Section 12. Still in custoWednesday, March 6

Two car motor vehicle accident with no injuries. Papers were exchanged.

Housing Director reports one of the residents on Golden Drive is being taken advantage of by a known party. Report to follow.

Caller on Chamberlain Avenue states he has a squirrel in the house and has a baby inside. Caller is very panicked and requested police. Unable to help party since the animal is on the roof. ACO will give them contacts to call.

Party on Wilshire Street saw a black pickup truck with air conditioners in the back. House is vacant due to a fire. He is not sure if they have permission to be in there. Parties work for KPM and have been clearing out the house for a week to get ready for new construction.

Received amended abuse prevention order from court for records regarding the pickup and drop-off of a minor child.

Officer is enroute to speak with an employee at Dimitri Liquors who the male in question made the threatening statements to. Officer spoke with the employee confirming the threats.

Attempting to locate male party who made threats to father on Washington Avenue.

Walk-in from Girdlestone Road to report that he sold a pair of Red Givenchy Urban Knot sneakers on eBay. The buyer is accusing him of selling fake sneakers and is going to set up a case on eBay.

Walk-in from Governors Park to report that someone opened an Xfinity account with her social security number in Revere.

Party came in to the station to report a strange text that her 12-year-old daughter received.

Thursday, March 7

Caller on Pleasant and Palmyra streets state there is cars parked on both sides of the street. They are making it difficult for cars to get down the

Party on Hermon Street ates that her father-in-law was supposed to come to her house over two hours ago and he has not showed up. He is also not answering his phone. Caller would like an officer to go by and do a well-being check. Units spoke to party who stated that everything is fine and that he will call the party back.

Caller on Sea Foam Avenue states that his vehicle was hit a few days ago. Party will be coming in to the station to file a report.

Caller on Winthrop Street states that in the vicinity of crosswalk a manhole cover is off. DPW notified.

Officer reports that his vehicle struck a manhole on Winthrop Street that was uncovered. The cover was located in a snow bank nearby. DPW notified. 92 arrived on the scene. ACO also arrived on the scene and retrieved the manhole cover from the

snowbank and sealed the hole. Male party on Sea Foam Avenue came to the station to report a past hit and run to his vehicle. He stated damage was to the front of his vehicle and it occurred on Monday at 6:30 p.m. to Tuesday at 11

Revere Police request assistance in locating a party whose purse is at their station. Party lives on Lincoln Street. Party will come to the station to retrieve her purse.

Caller on Lincoln Street states there is a vehicle blocking his driveway. 92 responded and reports giving a parking ticket.

Female party walked into headquarters to report that someone has hacked into her phone and is threatening her to post personal pictures online if they do not receive

\$200 in iTunes gift cards. Caller on Shore Drive

ARREST Report

Washington Ave. Arrested March 5 for op-

Brian Lounsbury, 50, 156 erating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

states that a dog next door is barking. This is an ongoing issue. The dog is outside. Clear, the dog stopped barking.

Units going with the social worker to attempt to serve Section 12 to subject on Washington Avenue. Fire and EMS are meeting there also. Sierra 4 reports male transported (Section 120 to the MGH via Action EMS.

Alpha 1 reports there is a vehicle parked o the crosswalk on Pleasant Street. 93 will check this out. Clear, vehicle left prior to unit's arrival.

Calling party on Shore Drive states that while he was away his fence got vandalized. He would like to speak with an officer. He believes he knows who it may be. A 6 foot section of PVC fence was damaged or vandalized. No evidence. Caller will have it repaired.

Caller on Locust Street claims a car came by and knocked out his driver side mirror. 93 reports that the other motorist did leave a note with all of their information on it. The two parties will handle it between them.

Motor vehicle stop on Winthrop Street with expired license. The licensed driver was issued a citation for this.

Caller on Nahant Avenue claims a car drove into her yard and spinning its tires. Units report a lost Uber driver who is now hung up on a rock wall that he did not see due to the snow. Uber driver contacted his manager. They will send a tow. The homeowner is fine with it If it takes longer than that then the units will return and have G&J tow the vehicle.

Friday, March 8

Fire requesting police at Locust and Cross streets. Motor vehicle accident involving fire truck and parked vehicle. Party will be getting a private

On Revere Street, at the peak of the hill, a large construction truck blocking the street. Caller works at the senior center. Detail officer on the scene. Unit clear.

Attempt to serve warrant to subject on Shore Drive. No answer.

Well-being check on female party on Sea View Avenue. A 29-year-old female taken voluntary to the Whidden.

Headquarters notified to take a look outside the front door. Manhole cover missing right at church. DPW notified. 93 responded and stated that the cover is on now, but DPW notified to respond with a new

IRS scammer called party on Kennedy Road. She did not give any information. This is the third call in a month.

Todisco Towing came in and notified us that they towed a vehicle from the parking lot on Main Street as a trespass tow. The vehicle has been there during the snow storm and was still covered with snow.

Todisco Towing walked in and reported towing vehicle for trespassing from Governors Park.

Caller states a minor motor vehicle accident on Pauline Street. Believes that the other driver has been drinking and has a small child in the car. 93 reports locating the caller and they are on Pauline Street. 93 has the vehicle stopped in the vicinity of Quincy Avenue. Units report that the male driver does not appear to be under the influence of alcohol. 93 reports units are clear.

Todisco Towing reports private tow from Governors Park for a free lane violation.

Office at Governors Park called to say that the party is on the scene and is irate about a towed vehicle. He was given a courtesy ride to the Cummings School to pick up his

Party from Beal Street came to the station to report being harassed by an individual through the mail.

Son called 912. Reports that his brother is having a verbal dispute with a female party and her 10-year-old son when she rented a room to on Putnam Street. Multiple callbacks on 911 and 1212. Strong language barrier. Revere officer enroute to assist the units with translation. It was a verbal between two roommates. Both given their 209A rights and both were advised to stay away from each other for the night.

Spanish-speaking caller on Marshall Street stated that he received a phone call saying that he owed money from a hospital bill from mover 10 years ago. Caller provided all his information to the person calling and wired \$520 to them via Ria Money Transfer services. Caller also stated they told him that he has a criminal history which he has none.Caller was advised to file a report on the matter but he refused and stated the money is gone for good. He was advised to come to the station with all pertinent information if he changes his mind.

Saturday, March 9

Caller on Irwin Street reports he found contraband in his apartment in the ceiling. Caller would like an officer to recover the property. Drug paraphernalia will be properly disposed of.

92 flagged down by citizen on Washington Avenue. More drug paraphernalia. 92 will properly dispose of it.

Motor vehicle stop on Adams Street. Operator has no license. 93 standing by until licensed driver arrives. Female on the scene and will operate the vehicle. A criminal complaint will be issued.

Keeping the peace at Ingleside Park for peace protest.

Charles Street is impassable for fire due to a vehicle parked in middle of the street. No violations observed. Vehicle out a little further than expected due to snow.

Abandoned vehicle with expired Ohio plates. G&J on scene at the Landing. Parking ticket issued.

Car blocking a fire hydrant on Winthrop Street. 92 notified to have vehicle towed. G&J notified and enroute.

Caller reports a loose manhole cover in the area of library. Unit checked the manhole and the cover did budget slightly but was secure enough not to come off.

Male party, possibly drunk, on Revere Street does not know where he is. It was an elderly male. Female party standing by with him waiting for officers to arrive. A 62-year-old male transported to the hospital.

Caller on Walden Street reports that there are a couple of kids hanging out on the roof and she is worried that they will get hurt. Caller reports that they were getting down at the time of the call but said they have been up and down for a while now. Units checked the area and also checked the roof itself. Nothing showing.

Caller at Governors Park states banging noises coming from apartment. The banging was from children playing.

Anther call from Governors Park stating that a neighbor is banging on the ceiling. This is an ongoing issue. Unit spoke to both parties and the resident was advised to continue to file complaints with the condo management. Peace was restored for now.

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WATER BILL PROTEST





In the above photo are some of over 50 residents gathered to protest the increase in water bills Saturday at noontime rally at Ingleside Park. Spearheaded by Cathleen Napoli (shown right, in photo to the left) on social media, the group has called for a state audit of the management of the town water and sewer funds. The group plans to attend the

next Town Council meeting on March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Winthrop Middle/High School. Napoli plans to be on the porch of the senior center this Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon collecting signatures calling for an audit of the water and sewer system.

Water and sewer rates have been increased twice in the last year.

First the rate increased in 2018 from \$16.90 per hundred cubic feet to \$19.90. Recently the rate increased from \$19.90

Also attending the rally was Town Manager Austin Faison.

Bothered by the airport?

Residents urged to attend March 18 meeting

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Members of the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee urge residents to attend a meeting of the Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee on Monday, March 18 from 6-8 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Logan Office Center, 1 Harborside Drive, East Bos-

"The Town has repeatedly requested action to be taken towards reducing noise, air pollution and hazards arising out of the operation of Logan International Airport," said Committee Vice Chairman Jerry Falbo.

On the agenda for Monday night will be information that directly affects Winthrop residents such as an overview of the Noise Abatement Program, Soundproofing, Noise Model and Noise Measurements and history of the program.

"The operational capacity of Logan Airport has increased over the years with resulting increase in noise, air pollution, and hazards to the

Town and its citizens," Falbo said. "The Town is on record as opposing any further increase in the operational levels at Logan International Airport.

The Town of Winthrop, its citizens and officials, are on record calling on all the appropriate officers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government to explore all possible means to alleviate the dangers and hazards of noise, air pollution and low fly-over flights of aircraft in the vicinity of Logan International Airport."

The Massport Community Advisory Committee is a government agency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is subject to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law.

The mission of the Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee is to be the voice of communities impacted by Massport operations; we collaboratively offer local, regional, and national solutions through advocacy, information and Authority oversight.

Last Thursday the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee also met at the senior center. Many attendees expressed an interest in more community involvement regarding the airport expressing concern raised by living next door.

"I am aware and very concerned about the increase in flights over Winthrop and the health impacts on out citizens," said Council President Ron Vecchia.

He plans on having the Winthrop committee in front of the council in April."

The Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee holds monthly meetings usually the third Thursday of every month at the Robert DeLeo Senior Center. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend and welcomed.

The Committee's Mission

The Town of Winthrop and its residents have been seriously and negatively impacted by the operation of Logan International Airport. We work closely with the MCAC and the Town Council President and Council members to promote and champion the best interest for Winthrop res-

Somerset Ave. //continued from page 1

line and added new dormers to reflect the architecture on nearby homes and triple deckers," Schwarz said.

The new design shows off New England clapboard siding in seaside colors. The window and railing style are more New England. The building will also be modular construc-

the building back three feet to side of the building that she sidewalk. She's held several like in the front.

"We redesigned the roof- meetings with neighbors to understand their concerns.

> For the most part those attending the meeting said they loved the building and thought Schwarz and her team did an amazing job.

"It's not my taste but the community likes it," said Planning Board member Honor Mercet.

Schwarz intends to also set said she did not like the back-

"The revised plans are great," said Planning Board member Vincent Zappulla.

Abutter Tom Reilly said "we still don't have a map. One year later and no map (of the Center Business District area)."

The Town Manager's office is working on the issues regarding the center business Member Gina DiMento district, including a map that

"It's not you Joanna that's help expand and beautify the said was flat with no character the issue it's the officials," said abutter Jean Coughlin.



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The LAUGHTER begins at 6:00 when you walk thru the door at Giggles Comedy Club in Saugus. Your evening will include all-you-can-eat pizza dinner, cash bar, exciting and prized raffles, and the comedy of Lenny Clarke and many more!



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OUR Opinions

ROBERT L. DRISCOLL SR.

The passing this week of Robert L. Driscoll Sr. removes from our midst one of the truly great public servants in the history of the Town of Winthrop.

Bob served for many years on the Planning Board, not merely with distinction, but with a devotion to achieving the best result for our town and our residents on every issue that came before the board.

Bob's dedication to his community always was evident in his common-sense approach to the many and multi-faceted issues that came before the Planning Board. Bob could be counted upon to be the voice of reason, comporting himself with a grace and dignity that was admired by all and epitomizing the axiom that it was possible to disagree without being disagreeable.

We know we speak for all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to his wonderful family upon their loss. May he rest in peace.

HANDS-FREE DRIVING **MAKES SENSE**

Recent statistics indicate that the single-biggest cause of motor vehicle accidents these days can be attributed generally to what is known as "distracted driving."

According to some reports, more Americans now are killed on our roads because of distracted driving than from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

That is why we fully support the legislation recently filed by Gov. Charles Baker that would require all use of a cell phone or other device to be strictly hands-free. It simply is not possible for anyone to keep their eyes on the road while texting, dialing, or reading from an electronic device -- and the epidemic of accidents on our roads is the best evidence of that.

We also support another aspect of Gov. Baker's bill that calls for the non-use of a seat belt as a primary offense, thereby giving police the authority to stop a motorist and issue a civil citation solely for not wearing a seat belt. Under the present law, a person may be cited for a seat belt violation only if the operator has been pulled over for another offense (such as speeding). Massachusetts is fairly unique in this regard, but the governor's bill will bring us into line with the majority of other states.

Another key aspect of the bill would require anyone convicted of a first offense for operating under the influence who applies for a hardship license to use an ignition interlock device for a minimum of six months, and be subject to penalties from the Registry of Motor Vehicles for attempting to drive after drinking or tampering with the device.

In our view, drinking and driving should not be allowed at all. But to the extent that we have a 0.08 threshold, imposing the requirement of an ignition interlock device for first offenders is hardly draconian -- anyone who drinks to that extent and gets behind the wheel of a car clearly has a problem.

Moreover, we are in favor of any additional measures that serve as an added deterrent to drinking and driving and thereby improve public safety.

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LETTER to the Editor

NOT TIERNEY

Dear Editor,

With due notice of your otherwise commendable front page article about the Irish Memorial on Deer Island, and its dedication this May, you have done a disservice to the driving force behind this ongoing effort, by your mis-

taking our very own MIKE CARNEY (not Tierney), as the individual responsible for making this happen. As a longtime friend and always willing collaborator on many announced, and as many unsung, projects in this community, Mike Carney has been a positive force in helping to

decades. This Irish Memorial has taken almost two years of his hands-on effort with MWRA and on site at Deer Island, plus much coordination all over NE and other eastern states, some gentle coercion, and unflagging commitment to pull all the pieces together for this fitting tribute. Mr. Carshape our Town for over four ney, who otherwise reaps his

own satisfaction, rather than the public's, from his numerous contributions and good works for Winthrop, this instance requires that the Transcript set the record straight. Thank you, Transcript, for the correction; and thank you Mike, for all you do, and have done, for our Town.

Frank Costantino

GUEST OP-ED

Lenten Letter: Summit to protect children and minors was powerful

By Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap.

As we begin the holy season of Lent, this annual time meeting was the need for an ing up and running soon and of prayer, fasting and almsgiv- effective reporting mecha- will provide more information ing affords us the opportunity nism when a Bishop or Car- at that time. to be renewed by God's love and mercy as we recommit ourselves to lives of prayer and service to others.

This year, Lent has particular significance for the leadership of the Church at every level, local, national and universal. Recently Pope Francis called bishops from every country in the world to come together at the Vatican for the Summit to Protect Children and Minors. The summit included powerful testimony from survivors of clergy sexual abuse, religious sisters and laypersons who made clear that a meaningful and effective response from the Church is long overdue and of critical importance. I participated in the summit as the President of the Pontifical Commission for Protection of Minors and, with all present, was deeply impacted by those who addressed us.

Given the depth and seriousness of the crisis and the failures of the leadership of the Church, the expectations for the meeting were high and people are anxious to see concrete results. I left the meeting convinced that no bishop could possibly say that his diocese is not affected by these issues or that this is not a problem in his country and culture. Patience among our people and in the wider community is exhausted and understandably the call is rising for effective action.

dinal has failed in his duty to protect children or has himself abused children or vulnerable adults. Although I believe an effective set of procedures will be developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I nonetheless wish to address this need immediately for the Archdiocese of Boston.

To that end I have decided to implement EthicsPoint, a confidential, anonymous and third-party system, exclusively for the reporting of misconduct by a Cardinal, Bishop or Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Since 2011 we have utilized EthicsPoint for concerns of potential ethics violations, financial improprieties, and other violations of the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct related to financial matters.

Like the existing system currently in use, this will be web based and have a toll-free hotline to make a report. Reports will be sent to members of my Independent Review Board who will be charged to immediately notify law enforcement for claims of abuse as well as the apostolic nuncio; the diplomatic representative to the U.S. of the Holy See. The system will be hosted on secured servers at the EthicsPoint facility and is not connected to the Archdiocese of Boston website, intranet

system or the existing EthicsPoint system currently in use. A dominant theme at the We anticipate the system be-

> In January 2002 the clergy sexual abuse crisis was revealed by the media in powerful and compelling reports on the failures of the Church to protect children. Courageous survivors came forward and forced the Church to face the crisis and accept responsibility for the crimes committed against them. That same year the American Bishops implemented the Dallas Charter of Norms. Where it has been faithfully implemented, it has been effective. But we must aggressively build on the Charter to ensure that there are clear paths for reporting misdeeds of the hierarchy by utilizing the expertise of independent lay professionals.

> During the meeting in Rome, the most powerful moments were when survivors of abuse spoke to us. This confirmed my own experience. The way forward for the Church is to hold as a priority the voices and experience of survivors, to keep them close to every step we take and make all possible efforts to provide the means for them to be heard. In Boston we will continue to provide pastoral care and counseling for survivors. We will continue to carry out programs of prevention and education in our schools and parishes. We will continue to do background checks annually for bishops, priests,

all archdiocesan personnel, and all volunteers who work with children and young people. You may find the depth and breadth of those efforts in the Archdiocese of Boston on our dedicated website at Commitment.BostonCatholic.org.

For more than 26 years my ministry has involved responding to the abuse of minors by clergy. The crisis of sexual abuse by clergy is the greatest failure of the Church in my lifetime. It has eroded our moral authority, it endangers our pastoral, social and educational ministry, but worst of all, it devastates children and families.

We must face our past with transparency. Those who were sexually abused by clergy, their families and loved ones must always be the central focus of our response to the crisis. Their courage in coming forward has forced the Church to face the crimes committed against them. We are committed to accompanying them on their journey toward healing. Often it is survivors who teach us not to lose hope.

As we strive to live this season with renewed seriousness and commitment we pray and work for renewal in the life of the Church. We are firmly committed to zero tolerance, transparency and accountability, at all times holding survivors as the priority, always being vigilant to do all possible to prevent any harm to children.

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Sunday, March 10

Caller on Main Street state that her packages were stolen from her doorstep. She believes that her neighbor may have done it. Packages were delivered to the wrong address, and the neighbor took them. Officer saw the packages addressed to them.

Minor motor vehicle accident at Harvard and Revere Street. Both parties refused medical attention. Unit standing by with the expired operator until an active register arrives. A summons to court will be issued to the expired driver for operating. A licensed operator arrive on the scene and took over operation of the vehicle.

Caller states she can see two females on foot No description. They are screaming and yelling at each other heading to Magee's Corner. Unit

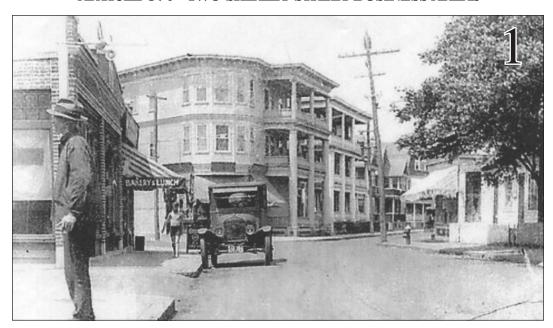
checked the area with nothing showing. Will return if they receive another call.

Motor vehicle stop at Halford Beach. One female coming in for warrant arrest. Male party given written warning for idling.

WINTHROP HISTORY WEBSITE: WIHAONLINE.ORG WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 870 - TWO SHIRLEY STREET BUSINESS AREAS





As the first and longest road in Winthrop, Shirley Street has witnessed many facets of commercial development. Ever since the "Ocean Spray" seaside resort area was established on eight roads from Neptune Avenue to Dolphin Avenue 1875, Shirley Street has provided the stores, theaters, garages, schools and public safety facilities to support this ocean front community that now extends the full length of Winthrop Shore Drive from the Highlands to Cottage Hill. This business area has been the heart of our vibrant Jewish Community Shirley Street to where it in- where ferry service ran to who established and operated tersects. Hawthorne Avenue the many retail stores located there. The two Synagogues in Congregation Tifereth Abraham built in 1950 and the new Temple Tifereth Israel built in 1963, are also located on Shirley Street, along with the building that served as

the Jewish Community Center, which is now the Atlantic Shores Extended Stay Hotel. The 1887 to 1940 Narrow Gauge Railroad, which ran along the current Veterans Road, had three stations to serve the summer vacationers and commuters living in the area. They were Ocean Spray Station (at Shirley St. and what is now Veterans Road), Shirley Street (aka Playstead Station at Pearl Avenue) and Beach Station (at Shirley Street and Washington Ave-

Picture one looks north up and Beach Road. The automobile parked in front of the Bakery and Lunch Shop, dates this picture to be sometime in the 1920's. This is now dedicated in honor of Sergeant Joseph Madonna. In the second picture taken in 2008, one can

still see the same building in the center but the Beach Street three story porches have been removed. On the right is Simon's Bookstore and on the left, the bakery has been replaced with the most easterly building of the Bolster Car Mall which exits there today. Much further down Shirley Street, past Delby's corner, is the Shoreham Inn with a Confectionary Store on the street level as depicted picture three taken in the early 1900s. This Inn was located next door to the Main Office of the Winthrop Steamboat Company Boston for a short time ending in 1902. Picture four shows this building as it appeared in 2008 where now serves as an apartment house. Notice the small triangular roof over the front door where the Inn's name was displayed the previous picture.







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

20 years ago March 11, 1999

The Winthrop police union has jumped into the thick of the selectmen's race. Union president Michael Delehanty said the police are urging citizens to step forward to challenge incumbent selectman Gerald Ogus, whose re-election the union is opposing. The union has produced bumper stickers that say, "Jerry Bogus is Anti-Labor" and "Anyone but Ogus in '99." Thus far, Ogus has only one challenger, Albert Van Buskirk.

The Mass. House has moved a bill one step closer to enactment that will allow the town to use open space at Ft. Banks for the construction of a new elementary school.

The Winthrop High Drama Society, under the direction of faculty member Neil Shapiro, has advanced to the semifinals of the annual state drama festival. The WHS students have produced an original one-act play, I Promised I Would Tell, which adapts the poetry and essays of a Holocaust survivor, Sonia Schreiber Weitz, of Peabody. The play was written by WHS students Erin McGhee, Renee Ortolani, and Beth Wolf.

The Winthrop Middle School Quiz Bowl team handily defeated all of its competitors in the recent Malden Catholic Quiz Bowl. Members of the team are Matt Roan, Brendan Murphy, Ed. Hurley, Alex Vannoni, Cori Bamberg, Jennifer Crombie, Lydia Rainville, and Jill Marshall.

"The Deep End of the Ocean," "She's All That," and "Analyze This" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago March 14, 1979

A month-long investigation of a series of armed robberies here has resulted in an arrest warrant being issued for a 24-year-old East Boston man.

Hearing Officer Albert Shaw held the second session of his hearing into charges brought by the selectman against Police Chief David Rice. A number of witnesses testified at the recent hearing, but 11 more remain to be heard. Selectman Tom Reilly testified that he has been dissatisfied with Rice's performance and that he saw a police car parked at the First National Store in East Boston that was the same car he saw Rice driving in Winthrop earlier in the day. An editorial in the Sun-Transcript asserts that thus far, no basis has been shown that would warrant Rice's removal as chief.

The killers of a Winthrop man, whose beaten body was found by Police Sgt. Angelo LaMonica and Detective Robert MacFarlane in the victim's apartment, have pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree murder this week.

Winthrop resident Anthony LaCamera, longtime Boston TV critic, will play a key role for the Catholic Charities drive this year.

"Ice Castles" is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago March 13, 1969

Town Meeting gets underway Monday and among the chief items for members to consider will be a pay raise request of eight percent being sought by town employees. Robert DeGregorio, the Acting Chairman of the School Plans Committee, said his committee will recommend that the new Winthrop High School be returned to a system serving Grades 10-12, as it originally was planned for, instead of the present set-up of Grades 9-12, and that the junior high school serve Grades 7-9. He also said his committee is recommending that the wooden Centre School building be torn down and that the former high school building be demolished, not renovated, to make way for the construction of a new elementary

Earl Wilks, who served as the administrator of the Winthrop Community Hospital for three years until his retirement in 1968, has passed away after a lengthy illness. He was 53.

The Rotary Club's annual Dollars for Scholars fundraiser will get underway this week. The money raised will be awarded to WHS seniors at graduation.

Steve McQueen and Jacqueline Bissett star in "Bullitt" at the Winthrop Theatre.

60 years ago March 12, 1959

The Winthrop American Legion Post will join with member posts world-wide to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion, which is comprised of veterans of WWI. The Winthrop post was organized on Aug. 16, 1919.

A new law requires that all boating accidents that cause loss of life, injury, or damage in excess of \$100 must be reported to the Coast Guard.

The annual Town Meeting is set to get underway Monday evening. The Advisory Committee is recommending an "economy" budget with no pay raises for town employees so that the town can maintain the present tax rate of \$64.

Police received yet another in a recent string of bomb scares at the high school, this call coming into the station at 12:25 a.m.

Richard Widmark stars in "The Trap" at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago March 10, 1949

A voter turnout of almost 50 percent for Monday's town election chose incumbents Robert E. Kirby and Walter Smith and newcomer Peter Princi to the Board of Selectmen. Former selectman Ross F. Batchelder finished just 85 votes behind Princi. In the School Committee race, political newcomer Joseph G. Barry pulled off a major upset, defeating incumbent John Orrall. Voters approved two ballots questions that call for higher pensions for town employees and instituting Civil Service of

Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein will be installed as the new spiritual leader of Winthrop Jewry in ceremonies to be held Sunday at the Temple Tifereth Israel.

80 years ago March 11, 1939

all town employees.

A voter turnout of 58 percent, despite the inclement weather, returned incumbents Walter G. Baker and David Belcher to the Board of Selectmen and chose newcomer Ross F. Batchelder.

Basil Rathbone and Boris Karloff star in "Son of Frankenstein" at the Winthrop and State theatres.

90 years ago March 16, 1929

Town Meeting members will address a warrant consisting of 58 articles when they convene for the annual Town Meeting Monday. Among the articles to be considered are proposals to spend \$62,430 for an addition to the Highland School and to demolish the old Town Hall and dispose of the property.

Clara Bow and Gary Cooper star in "Wings" at the Winthrop and Dream theatres.

100 years ago March 15, 1919

Townspeople are mourning the passing of the Mrs. Timothy J. Mahaney, the wife of selectman Timothy J. Mahaney, who passed away this week at the age of 40. Mrs. Mahaney had been ill for a number of years after being diagnosed with a number of ailments, including nervous indigestion. However, Mrs. Mahaney often complained over the years to her doctor, "There is something in there that you aren't reaching." Finally, when her pain became more acute, she was diagnosed with gallstones, for which she was operated upon at the Frost Hospital in Chelsea. Although she recovered well immediately after her surgery, her condition soon deteriorated and she passed away after her husband was called to the hospital with their 15-year-old son. When Mr. Mahaney arrived at the hospital, his wife said to him, "Tim, I'm going to die," and he replied, "Oh, nothing like that, Kitty," but she rapidly sank into unconsciousness, saving her last smile for her husband and son, and soon passed into "the great beyond." Her physician explained that heart failure, which had been brought on by a severe attack of influenza this past winter, caused the passing of this estimable woman. The start of Town Meeting was postponed for a week on account of her pass-

The police and firefighters, unhappy wth the pay raises that are being recommended by the Advisory Committee, will present their case on the floor of Town Meeting.

110 years ago March 13, 1909

There are now very few vacant lots in town compared to 20 years ago, thanks to the steady growth of Winthop. Among the real estate firms that have thrived locally is the Edward T. Harrington Co., which has sold many homes in the Court Park section of

It is hoped that the new Board of Selectmen, who are expected to wield a "big stick," will have a stick big enough to prohibit the wearing of the one-piece bathing suits by men that were so prevalent on our beaches last summer. These suits not only are vulgar and ridiculous, but they prevented many refined women from enjoying the beaches.

120 years ago March 17, 1899

A hearing was held at the State House last week calling for the appointment of policemen in the state's towns to be made under Civil Service. The Winthrop selectmen meanwhile, announced their appointments to the Police Dept. this week.

The season for bicycle-riding is approaching. Opportunities for purchasing or renting bicycles from A.W. Hubbard's, in the Steamboat Block at the Beach, are enticing.

130 years ago March 15, 1889

Diphtheria in its worst form presently is very prevalent in cities and towns throughout the state. However, that is no reason for people to be fearful every time there is a new case of a sore throat.

Winthrop has lost a friend with the passing of Edwin Walden, the President of the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad Co., also known as the Narrow Gauge Railroad, who envisioned great growth for Winthrop where others saw only valueless land.

Quiz Bowl //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

team came to school at 7 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, to practice for an hour before classes started. Practice classrooms were set up the same way that the final round was, complete with light up buzzers similar to "Jeopardy." In addition, each of the six students were assigned nightly questions geared toward their

specific category.

"I'm thrilled that the hard work of these six students paid off, they represented WMS and made us so proud," said Amy Gallagher, Educational Support Personnel (ESP) and Quick Bowl Coordinator. "All those early mornings were worth it!"

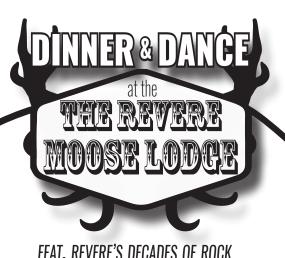


Adrianna Ferarra and eighth-grade Math teacher, Vasili Mallios, showing off their inner nerd

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was an annual license due again in January of 2019

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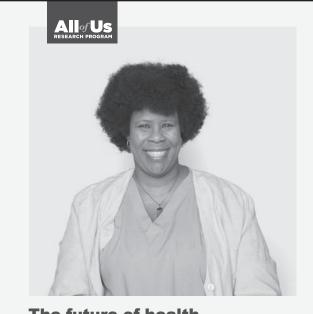


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Pictured to the left, Noah Arajou and Adrianna Ferarra dress up as nerds last Friday for the Quiz Bowl pep rally.

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"Bob's passing is a considerable loss for the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee. Bob's commitment to the health and welfare of the people of Winthrop was steadfast. He was smart, kind, classy, and honorable; this is how we will remember him. In addition to losing the institutional memory of his decades of service, we have lost a good friend and a great man, said Secretary Dawn Quirk.

"I was very sadden to hear about the passing of Bob Driscoll Sr. Bob was a true gentleman, family man and one who cared deeply about Winthrop," said Ron Vecchia, Town Council President. "He was involved in many committees in town government over the years, but the one that stands out the most is his dedicated work on the town's Airport Hazards Committee. His passing is a great loss to the community he loved. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.'

Another one of Driscoll's friends was former Town Council President, Tom Reillv, who couldn't say enough about Driscoll's commitment to family and the community.

He was the devoted husband of Clara (Magee) and the loving father of Kathleen Driscoll of Winthrop, Robert L. Driscoll, Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Winthrop, Nancy E. Rodes and her husband Richard of Winthrop, Timothy Driscoll of Cambridge and Michael Driscoll and his wife Suzanne of Burlington. Dear brother of the late Mary Bachini, William Driscoll, Ann O'Reilly and Edward Driscoll. Cherished grandfather of Kenneth, Robert, III, Matthew, Christopher and Andrew.

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Franklin William Sawyer

Decorated 'Atomic Veteran' of World War II



Franklin William Sawyer, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, died on Thursday evening,

March 7. He was 94 years old. The husband of Elizabeth A. (Trites), the couple met while working at Suburban Gas and Electric and had been married for 63 years as of last August.

Born Oct. 20, 1924 in Winthrop, the son of the late Gertrude Viola (Hill) and George Harold Sawyer, Frank graduated from Boston Trade School where he was captain of their Fife and Drum Corp. After graduation, in 1943, he volunteered and was inducted in the US Army serving with the 41st Infantry Division, 186 Infantry Regiment, Company E throughout the Pacific Theater. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Service Arrowhead, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with One Bronze Service Star. His Company was one of the first units brought onto Hiroshima in 1945, identifying Frank as an "Atomic Veteran," thus being awarded that medal of distinction in time for his 90th birthday in 2014. Frank enjoyed sharing history of his military time and continued to be a contributor to The Jungleer, the newsletter for the 41st Infan-

Upon returning at the end of World War II and being trained prior to the war as a cabinetmaker, Frank began working for the J. M. Came Company in Boston. He made and repaired pool tables and constructed parts for bowling lanes. When that company went out of business, he worked as a salesman for Suburban Gas and Electric, then was promoted to a Field Representative for Mystic Valley Gas Company, where he was quickly made the Assistant Merchandise Manager. In 1968, he was transferred to North Shore Gas Company in Beverly, becoming their Merchandise Manager. When Boston Gas purchased the gas division of New England Power, his position changed to the Supervisor of Heating Engineers, retiring in Febru-

Oldermiro "Jose" Pereira of

Atlantic St., Winthrop passed

away at the Massachusetts

General Hospital in Boston on

March 7. He was 71 years old.

beloved son of the late Felize

(Berta) and Arlindo Pereira,

he was a resident of Winthrop

for over 55 years and was em-

ployed as a mechanic for the

Winthrop Housing Authority

prior to his retirement in 2011.

band of Maria (DoCanto)

and the loving father of Nel-

son Pereira, Steven Pereira

and Christine Campos, all of

Winthrop; the dear brother of

Arlinda Pina of Dorchester,

Miguel Pereira of Randolph,

Ofelia Santanna of Brazil,

Jorge Pereira of Portugal, Eu-

clidio "Peter" Pereira of New

Bedford and Maria Emilia

Fernandez of Cape Verde and

the cherished grandfather of

Sabrina, Priscilla, Nicholas,

He was the devoted hus-

Born in Cape Verde, the



ary of 1990. He also had been a licensed Real Estate Broker. Frank served the Town of Winthrop on their Advisory Board from 1973 – 1977.

He was a lifelong member of the First Church of Winthrop-United Methodist, serving as a Lay Leader and Lay Preacher from 1973 – 1977.

While spending summers in Center Ossipee, N.H., he attended the Riverside United Methodist Church in Porter,

Among Frank's hobbies were oil painting, woodworking, and photography. He made two Queen Ann style chairs for his church's ushers several years ago.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Kathleen E. Kligge of New Hampshire, Diane G. Videtto and her husband, John and Nancy A. Doucette and her husband, Michael, all of Massachusetts; his grandchildren, Stephanie A. and Kenneth E. Kligge, Jennifer T. (Videtto) Bell and her husband, Christopher, Joseph W. Videtto, Nicole E. and Michael T. (Max) Doucette, Jr. and a great-grandson, Riley J. Bell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ellsworth H. Sawyer, and his son-in-law, Steven A. Kligge.

A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m. at the First Church of Winthrop- United Methodist, Metcalf Square, 217 Winthrop Winthrop, MA. Burial followed at the Winthrop Cemetery-Belle Isle Section. Donations in his memory can be made to the First Church of Winthrop-United Methodist. Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 winthrop St. Winthrop, Mass. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Haven, Tegan and Jace.

His funeral was conducted

from the Caggiano-O'Ma-

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Winthrop on Tuesday, March

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Mass in St. John the Evange-

list Church. Rev. Peter Gra-

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offered prayers at the inter-

ment in the Belle Isle section

of Winthrop Cemetery. To

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Oldemiro 'Jose' Pereira

Winthrop Housing Authority retiree

Robert Driscoll, Sr.

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Active in the Winthrop Community



Seal Harbor Rd., Winthrop passed away at the Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston on

Robert

Driscoll, Sr. of

March 7. He was 89 years old. Born in Taunton, the beloved son of the late Anna (McNiff) and William J. Driscoll, he was a lifetime resident of Winthrop.

He joined the Army at an early age and after his honorable discharge he went on to work as a Pharmacy representative for Smith-Kline-French. He was also a founding member of the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee, a member of the Winthrop Planning Board, the Holy Name Society, a Boy Scout Leader and a weekly collector at St. John the Evangelist Church.

He was the devoted husband of Clara (Magee) and the loving father of Kathleen Driscoll, Robert L. Driscoll, Jr. and his wife, Kathleen, Nancy E. Rodes and her husband Richard, all of Winthrop, Timothy Driscoll of Cambridge and Michael Driscoll and his wife, Suzanne of Burlington; dear brother of the late Mary Bachini, William Driscoll, Ann O'Reilly and Edward Driscoll and cherished grandfather of Kenneth, Robert, III, Matthew, Christopher and Andrew.

His funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Wednesday, March 13, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Rev. Charles Bourke celebrated the mass and offered prayers at the interment with military honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or go to www.stjude. org. To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Florence Testa

Filene's Department Store retiree

Florence N. Testa of Winthrop passed away on March 8. She was 84 years old.

Florence enjoyed listening to music, playing cards, movies and traveling. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Filene's Department Store working in the clerical office.

Born in Winthrop, the daughter of the late Eugene and Florence (Amerena) Testa, she was the dear sister of Jean T. Testa of Winthrop and is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Don Orione Nursing Home and the Season's Hospice Agency for all the care and support they have given Florence over the last few years.

Visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 10:30



a.m. A Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home following the visitation at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 355 Lexington Ave. 15th Floor, New York, NY 55105-2897.

For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Marie Pauletti

Of Winthrop, previously of Somerville

Marie T. Pauletti of Triton Ave., Winthrop passed away at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital on March 7. She was 71 years old.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Theresa (Rosetti) and Frank Volpe. A resident of Winthrop for over 27 years she previously lived in Somerville.

She was the devoted wife of Albert A. Pauletti and the loving mother of Jennifer Gullotti and her husband, Andrew of Winthrop and the cherished grandmother of Marissa.

> 3rd Anniversary **Mary Lewis**



If roses grow in Heaven Lord please pick a bunch for us. Place them in our mother's arms and tell her they are from us. Tell her we love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek, and hold her for awhile. Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day. But there is an ache within our heart

We Love You Mom, Lisa, Jimmy & Melissa We Miss You Nana, Courtney, Ryan, Collin, Christian & Liam

that will never go away.

Services were private. To sign the online guestbook go www.caggianofuneralto: home.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral home, Winthrop.

> 2nd Anniversary Remembrance

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January 24, 1937 - March 12, 2017



I thought of you today, But that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake, From which I'll never part. God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.

Wife Cindy & Daughter Ginny

In Memory of Anthony March 15th 2018



It's been a year, already,

since the passing of Anthony can't believe that a year has passed It seems such a short time ago. I miss him every day as my family does too. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about him. I especially think of him Anthony Jr playing hockey, football and baseball. like his dad He's the image of his dad. There are no words or feelings for having such a loss. was a gifted and special person. Winthrop's greatest athlete, I can be partial. Although you can't argue with his records. It's easy to go on with life, not so easy for his family. "May he never be forgotten and we keep him in our hearts till we meet ĥim again in heaven' Love Uncle Jim

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When we close our eyes, we see you When we open our eyes, we miss you Our hearts are full of memories With pride we speak your name. Though life goes on without you, it will never be the same. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, but missing you is the heartache that never goes away.

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We love and miss you Bob, Ann, Bobby, Robin, Michael, Terry Joe, Amanda, Matt, Michael, Angela, Sam, Liz and Yianni

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WCC CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Photos by Marianne Salza

Jazz music played in The Clock Tower Gallery on March 9 during a Women's History Month celebration that honored the brave women who fought against Fascism during WWII.

Judith Kalaora performed a multi-media presentation, "World War Women: The Unsung Heroines of WWII." The History at Play performance recalled the trials and accomplishments of influential women who organized the Resistance, rescued down planes, and exploded rail tracks. Guests also enjoyed documentary street photography from the Jan. 19, 2019 Women's March in Boston, and posters against sexual harassment, anti-violence, and gender equality.

View the Women's History Month exhibit at The Clock Tower Gallery on Saturday, March 16, 2-4 p.m., at The Winthrop Cultural Center, 45 Pauline St., Winthrop.



Councilor Richard Ferrino, WCC Chairperson Joanne Hillman, and her granddaughter, Delilah Wainwright.



Anna Wainwright looking at Women's March images at The Clock Tower Gallery.



Madeline and Lily Calkins with their grandmother, Lisa Welsh.



Judith Kalaora performing History at Play, 'World War Women: The Unsung Heroines of WWII.'

WHS Drama Society heads to semi-finals

By Kate Anslinger

Hard work paid off for the Winthrop Drama Society. For the third year in a row, they are headed to the semifinal round of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG) High School Drama Festival. The preliminary round was held last week at the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts, and with their performance of "Golem," came several awards including the following:

All-star company awards went to:

<u>Acting</u> Dan Tracy Allison Earl

Ensemble Acting Maria Tracy Olivia Festa Heather Buccini Jared Owen

Samantha Long Anthony Melchionda

Set/light Design Alex Ramirez Conor Clarke

Brenna Nolan

Makeup/Hair Design Ian Page Miya Grein

<u>Music Composition</u> Jackson Tolliver

The Drama Society will be performing "Golem" in the semifinal round of the METG High School Drama Festival on Saturday, March 16th at Andover High School at 3:30 pm. In preparation, they will be doing a performance at WHS at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, in the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts.



The Winthrop Drama Society members.

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Sports

A GAME OF HEROES AT PORRAZZO RINK IN EAST BOSTON THIRD ANNUAL WOUNDED VETERANS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT





U.S. Armt Staff Sqt. and sniper JD Williams drops the puck between Revere Police Lt. Steven Ford and Winthrop Police Officer Mike Connolly.

The Winthrop Fire and Police combined hockey team. See more photos on Page 11.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Sophomore excels at juggling sports and academics

By Kate Anslinger

Daigneault is a busy, young man year, but as I matured man is an understatement. In addition to being a threesport athlete, the sophomore ter at home and after school. coaches youth basketball, assists at town hall, works I had to accomplish my asfor his father's construction signments. Being both an athcompany during the summer, and coaches youth league lacrosse. He's received countless athletic awards including the MVP of the Thanksgiving rivalry game against Revere last season where he had one touchdown on offense and one interception on defense. While he is busy juggling his many activities and commitments, he has managed to receive honors status in school, earning all A's and B's.

and do you have any advice drowsy during the school on how you juggle athletics and academics?

I play basketball, football, and lacrosse and I was a starter on all three varsity teams. Being a three-sport athlete is definitely challenging. I love each sport I play and pour a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into

all of them. Managing both school and sports is some-To say that Austin thing I struggled with freshand grew as an individual, I began to manage my time bet-I started to use any free time lete and a scholar is definitely challenging, but if you are dedicated and have the right mindset you can manage each of them both effectively and efficiently.

> What are some obstacles you've encountered with your busy schedule?

I definitely have come across several obstacles in my high school career. I was struggling with the usage of my phone for a while and What sports do you play began to lose sleep and feel days. I began to think about this phone habit and decided that if I just stayed focused for a short period of time, the assignments could be accomplished much quicker, leading to better sleep and better school days.



Austin Daigneault.

What is your favorite several to make an income for subject?

Physical Education class is I love competing with classmates and maybe even the teacher. It's also a nice class to relieve the stress of school and normal sports. The sports we play tend to be unusual and different compared to the traditional American sports.

Do you have any college/ career goals?

While I do plan on going to college, I have not yet thoroughly looked into any specific colleges, but I am interested in the business field or possibly the sports training/health field. I also have intentions of playing a sport in college, although I'm not sure which one yet. I also plan on starting a business or maybe even comfortable lifestyle.

my family and myself. My father is very successful and has definitely my favorite subject. started several businesses that allow him to earn an income.

Who are your role mod-

My role models are 110% my parents. They have taught me how to carry myself properly and how to live a successful and happy life. I truly owe it all to them and I am so grateful they are my parents. They push me in each and every way and sometimes I might not like it, but they always know what's best for me. I love each of them a lot and I am very thankful for them. They themselves are very hardworking and loving, each leading a happy and

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LITERACY NIGHT AT THE WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY



Young Adult Librarian Mary Kate Schulte, with Jake Kowalczuk and Iman Belghiti.

Photos by Kate Anslinger

In the first of many events that the library and schools hope to share, "Literacy Night," was held at the library last Tuesday evening, March 5. Elementary school students participated in a scavenger hunt that led them on an exploration of the various areas of the library. Crafts and snacks were a hit on the second floor, and young children had an opportunity to sign up for their first library card.

"Since the library and the schools have a common goal of inspiring young readers we think it's a wonderful fit," said Diane Wallace, Library director. "Students who read for pleasure and frequent the public library regularly do better in school and we'd love to see everyone succeed. It would be terrific if each new family made room in their schedules to visit the library on a regular basis."



Librarian Mary Connolly stamps Vincent Butler's scavenger hunt



Jadon Trainor, Matthew Vasel, and Reese Teixeira.



Katrina Donovan (Library Assistant), School District Curriculum Coordinator Lori Galvin, Program Coordinator Catherine DelVento, and School Superintendent Lisa Howard.



time.



Ibtissam and Naima Bourkiche, with Ava and Ricky Mackenzie.



Jake Titemore and Lucy Boncore.

WINTHROP STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

FRAMINGHAM STATE ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST AND DEAN'S LIST

The following local Framingham State University students were named to the Dean's List or the President's

list for the Fall 2018 semester: * Jamie Gobiel of Winthrop was placed on the President's

List. * Lauren Paolini of Winthrop was placed on the President's List.

To be selected for the Dean's List, a matriculated undergraduate student, carrying a minimum of three course credits, must earn a GPA of 3.30 or higher for the semester. To be selected for the President's list, a student must have been named to the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters.

Framingham State University was founded in 1839 as the nation's first public university for the education of teachers. Since that time, it has evolved into a vibrant, comprehensive liberal arts institution offering small, personalized classes on a beautiful New England campus. Today, the University enrolls more than 6,000 students with 58 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences and professional fields. As a State College and University, Framingham State prides itself on quality academic programs, affordability, and commitment to access for

all qualified students.

ON DEAN'S LIST AT **BOSTON UNIVERSITY**

Three Winthrop residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semes-

Students recognized for this honor include:

Andrew E. Almeida, William C.

Holden, Ysabelle A. Regis. Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course

load as a full time student. Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission. With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU), a nonprofit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

RESIDENTS **GRADUATE FROM BU**

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 2,129 students in January 2019.

Receiving degrees were Winthrop students,

Kathryn R. Beadle, Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Development;

Andrew E. Almeida, Bachelor of Science in Film and Television:

Mark Baxter, Master of Science in Financial Management;

Renato Ilia, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology;

Sunny Rosenthal, Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

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Jenna Hincman and Ella Giacalone partake in craft time on the second floor of the library.



Mary McGunigle, ATC Reading Specialist, and Heather Buccinni, volunteer.

A GAME OF HEROES AT PORRAZZO RINK IN EAST BOSTON

THIRD ANNUAL WOUNDED VETERANS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Welcoming everyone were Linda Fennelly and Stacie French.

zo Rink last Saturday morning. Local EMS and veteran hockey teams faced off to help raise funds for wounded veterans. Andy Biggio and his team brought is special honored guest Staff Sgt. JD Williams, U.S. Army sniper, a triple-amputee wounded in battle, to drop the puck for the championship game. Teams from Revere PD, Saugus Fire and Police, Winthrop Fire and Police, National Guard, Transit Police, Malden Police all played a grueling four games of 25 minutes each to get to

It was a great day a Porraz- the championship round. It came down to two teams at 4-0, returning champs the Revere Police and the challengers, Winthrop Fire and Police. It was a tough match, and at the end of regulation time they were tied 2-2. The Revere Police took it in overtime to be back-to-back hockey champions. The real winners were everyone who attended the event, they got to see great hockey and meet real heroes on and off the ice and the American veterans who were wounded in battle defending our country.



John Poto sitting on the Zamboni had a great time at the event.



Revere's own ice specialist, Richard Capoccia.



Sgt. Jamie Chambers joins Revere Veteran's Agent and veteran Marc Silvestri, Mayor Brian Arrigo and Joe DeFeo.



Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo presents JD Williams a Revere Challenge coin, also shown is event organizer Andy Biggio.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. JD Williams and family, wife Ashlee and daughter Kaelyn shown with Andy Biggio, Mayor Brian Arrigo and Revere Veteran's Agent Marc Silvestri.



The National Guard donned a different uniform for the day, led by team Captain/Sgt. Jamie Chambers.



Revere Police Officer Matt Leslie brought his cheering section, his wife Lainey and 2-month old son Charlie, who remained bundled up in his carriage.



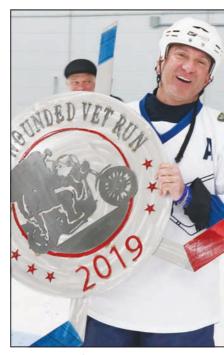
Dom DiMarzo readies for the championship game.



Boston Police Officer Dom DiMarzo welcome JD Williams to Porrazzo Rink.



"The National Anthem" was sung by local performer, Vanessa Salvucci, shown with event organizer Andy Biggio.



Revere PD officer Andrew Lauria skates to center ice holding the 2019 Championship Trophy.



Pictured above, Officers Steven Ford and Mike Connolly present JD Williams the ceremonial puck before the start of the game. Pictured to the right, Event organizer Andy Biggio is shown with the champions Revere Police and runners up Winthrop Fire and Police at Porrazzo rink last Saturday after-noon at the Third Annual Hockey Tournament for Wounded Veterans.



DRESS-UP FUN FRIDAY FOR CHARITY AT THE ARTHUR T. CUMMINGS SCHOOL



Paul Ferrara, Zach Margardo, Elizah Cabrera, and Ryan Murphy show off their jammies during



Mary Healy, Brianna Rizzotto, and Grace Scorzella brought in the biggest stuffed animal.

Students at the Arthur T. Cummings School were dressed in their coziest pajamas last Friday, as they toted their favorite stuffed animals around.

Each month The Kindness Club votes on a "dress-up fun Friday" in conjunction with a particular charity that they will donate too. This month, the Children's Hospital was on the receiving end of the school's donations, as students are asked to donate \$1 if they wanted to participate in the PJ day. In the past, The Kindness Club has collected money and donations for the Lupus Foundation, the Northeast Animal Shelter, and the Crossroad Homeless Shelter. In addition to raising funds, the club has also held a food drive for the Winthrop Food Pantry, and collected eyeglasses for the Lion's Club and socks for the homeless. As a reward for

their donations, they have voted on having crazy hair days, character dress-up days, and more. The Kindness Club was developed in hopes of promoting an inclusive environment and members of the club work together to brainstorm ideas designed to show kindness to others in both school and the community. Last week, on their monthly "Fun Friday," students raised \$200 for the Children's Hospital.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAYS TO BRING BACK NON-CITIZEN VOTING MEASURE

CHELSEA - A small order on the Feb. 25 Council agenda likely didn't attract a lot of attention at the regular meeting, but Council President Damali Vidot said she had hoped it could have sparked a conversation.

That measure, which she introduced, revolved around looking at the possibility of allowing non-citizens who are here legally to vote in municipal elections.

Instead, she said, she was greeted with silence - and a 'no' vote.

"We have people invested in our community, who I would have organized beown homes, have kids in the schools and own businesses, but because they are citizens, they can't vote in our elections," she said. "Why not have a conversation about allowing them to vote? The fact my colleagues didn't want to at least have a conversation is a travesty."

The roll call consisted of a 5-6 defeated vote, with Vidot and Councillors Judith Garcia, Yamir Rodriguez, Enio Lopez and Giovanni Recupero agreeing to begin talking about it.

Those voting against were Councillor Roy Avellaneda, Calvin Brown, Joe Perlatonda, Luis Tejada, Leo Robinson and Bob Bishop.

Vidot said she fully intends to bring the matter back in 90

"I don't understand why we couldn't entertain this, to allow people to be part of the civic process," she said. "At the minimum, I thought we could have a conversation. If I had known there would be this reaction from my colleagues, fore. I have every intention of bringing it back again in 90 days. We can't be in the habit of saying 'no' without talking about it.'

Other cities in Massachusetts have voted to allow non-citizens to vote, including Cambridge and Brookline. Such a petition by the Council

would require a home rule petition by the State Legislature. It would also require legislative action by the State House as well.

The measure in Chelsea would not allow non-citizens to vote in state or federal elections.

STEPHANIE SIMON WINS NATIONALS

CHELSEA - At a certain point, it would be wise to just leave the Chelsea High record books in girls' track blank until junior Stephanie Simon graduates.

The champion jumper, runner and hurdler tends to break most school records, and then break her own records time and time again. At a certain point, her coaches say, they will probably fill it all in after she graduates.

Simon, 16, comes from a strong athletic family - and her sister, Martine - is the only runner to have ever beat her in a meet. Now, she has focused in on jumping events and has put together a string of wins during the indoor season this winter.

Recently, she took first place in the Division 2 state long jump, and took second place in the New England Championship meet. Earlier this year, at the multi-state Dartmouth Relays, she took first in the long jump and high jump.

This weekend, she will travel to New York City for the second year in a row to compete in the National Championship indoor meet.

But back in Chelsea, if you see a young lady cutting it up on a skateboard, that might be Stephanie Simon.

"When I'm not training or practicing, I like to ride a penny board," she said. "I ride it everywhere, even to school. I within the conference meets think that's why I can jump. I — she said she has learned that jumper has to have to be successful and that is being able to take a risk. You have to be willing to take a risk to throw yourself in a pit of sand or give it everything you have to flop up and over the high jump bar. It's the adrenaline I like."

Simon was born in Chel-

sea to Hubert and Mathilde Simon, who originally came from Haiti. Her older brother, Norbert, was also a track standout, as was her sister, Martine, who graduated last year. She said her younger brother, Emanuel, has potential in the 200 sprint.

She attended the Early Learning Center, the Berkowitz School, the Clark Avenue Middle School and has settled in at Chelsea High - where she keeps a 3.4 grade point average and is active in academics.

But her cool demeanor likely comes from having to contain herself on the track. Unlike with the sprints – where she also has great success a jumper (whether high jump, long jump or triple jump) needs to stay in control.

"Adrenaline is good for running, but for jumping you have to kind of put it in a bottle and use it to motivate you and counter it with technique," she said. "For jumping and sprints, unlike distance running, it's half mental and half physical."

It will be a very important quality when she arrives at the New York City Armory this weekend with her coach, Cesar Hernandez. Last year was her first indoor national meet, and she said it was overwhelming.

"Last year, stepping into that building was so overwhelming," she said, noting that there hasn't been another Chelsea runner since Bobby Goss decades ago to go to nationals. "Every runner there was working hard and wanted to win. I didn't do so well, but it made me even more determined to do better at the national outdoor meet in North Carolina last spring and I did."

When she went to the Dartmouth Relays earlier this year, she said that same New York feeling came upon her, but she was able to shake it off, which is something she said she will do when she goes back to New York this week.

"I told myself it's the same events and the same sand," she said. "I was able to recover and move on."

Amazingly, Simon was never a runner until she got to high school, unlike many top runners who have been at it since grade school.

"My freshman year I didn't even run that first season," she said. "I liked soccer. I was able to make varsity my freshman year. In the winter, I played basketball. Then I did outdoor track and I was really

good at it. In track, there was so much support and it was like a big family. My freshman year I was trying to figure everything out. Everyone kept telling me I had more potential in track. I listened to them and I'm glad I stayed."

Simon credited Coach Hernandez with helping her take bigger and bigger steps as a runner and, especially, as a jumper. As a raw athlete, she had talent, but she said Hernandez helped her to develop technique and pushed her not to just rely on athleticism.

"If he wasn't my coach, I would not be doing what I'm doing," she said. "He fits the kind of coach I need."

She also credited her teammates for being a great support system.

ly, who she said has been very proud of her academically and in sports.

"In our family, everyone has their thing they are best at," she said. "I guarantee I win at track."

OFFICIALS LOOK TO **REVAMP CENTRAL** AVE., PARKS

EVERETT - The City is seeking input from residents on a proposal to renovate and revamp two parks up the hill from Ferry Street - with one of them proposed to be a colossal dog park.

The City unveiled plans from Bohler Engineering on Monday at a public meeting cut thin by the snow storm, and the plans call for new concepts at the Central Avenue playground and the Hale School Site on Glendale Street. Both are just around the corner from one another, and City Planner Tony Sousa said they are being viewed as tandem projects.

Both parks are in a heavily and dense residential district on the west side of Broadway, and are funded within the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Central Avenue appears to be the most exciting of the two proposals, with a plan to convert the playground into a \$1.1 million dog park.

"Central Avenue is a small parcel and our proposal is to convert it into a dog park with some public gathering space," he said. "It's designed to be an active dog park with water features and other elements. It goes beyond the traditional stone dust and grass. We're putting in a small water splash

SHAMROCK SPLASH



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feature and misting stations with obstacles and equipment. It's no different than a traditional playground, but it is centered on dogs. It's not the first dog park, but it's the first one we're taking to this level with added amenities like a water feature and obstacle courses for dogs. It's excit-

Then, just around the corner on Glendale Street, the old Hale School site that is now a passive park would be converted to passive and active. The paths and benches would be retained, but new playgrounds would be added throughout the existing park.

"We do plan on putting playgrounds throughout the park space, and we're also potentially going to make space there for a community garden," he said.

That project is at a budget of \$1.5 million and all of the play areas would have a rubberized surface and would be ADA compliant.

Naturally, both parks would retain as many existing trees as possible, and new trees would be added along with new landscaping.

Sousa said they hope to bid out both projects as one tandem project in the spring.

"The game plan for these is to put it out to bid later this year an start construction late this fall with a completion in the spring of 2020," he said.

Ideally, he said, they would hope that one construction firm would big on both parks in order to reduce some of the mobilization costs - especially since they are only about a block from one another.

This would be the first two park projects in central Everett designed by Bohler. However, the company is not new to Everett. They are responsible for the design of the new Encore-funded playground at 7-acre Park – a playground that will be completed by June.

•Another park project on the way this summer is Rossetti Park by Waters Avenue and the Northern Strand Bike Trail. Already, the roller hockey rink has been taken down there, with plans for it to be moved to the seven-acre Park area. Sousa said they have \$1.1 million set aside to re-furbish the tennis courts and landscaping there.

Beyond that, and maybe more exciting, is the City is looking to locate shipping container retail opportunities on the area of the park nearest the bike path. That is an initiative championed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria earlier this year, and Sousa said they have taken his idea and hope to implement it at Rossetti.

"The electricity is already there for the tennis courts, and we're looking to get all of that together," he said. "That's a very exciting aspect of this project."

•Other Park projects in the queue: Phase 2 of Meadows Park (behind St. Anthony's Church) will go out to bid later this month. Appleton Street Park renovations will also be bid out this spring, and upgrades to Wehrner Park will also be bid out.

Sousa said it is a credit to the City Council working with Mayor Carlo DeMaria to fund a very active CIP for this year, a plan that helps to create new and improved park spaces every year.

CHARGES AGAINST FORESTEIRE OUTLINED

EVERETT - What is detailed in the Everett Police criminal complaint against former Supt. Fred Foresteire – though just an allegation at this point – is shocking and sad to many in the communi-

The redacted complaint which does not contain names of victims or interviewees became available to the media late last week, and the 15-page complaint relies on seven interviews with alleged victims, current administrators, City Hall employees, staff members and former employees of the district.

It paints a picture of a man who allegedly obsessed over certain women and allegedly took action - mostly at the School Administration Building – on those feelings.

It was a place, according to the complaint, that was like Las Vegas.

"(The victim) stated that on one occasion Foresteire allegedly told her that the Administration Building is 'Like Las Vegas, what happens here stays here," read the criminal complaint filed by Everett Police in Malden District Court.

The allegations in the voluminous report are graphic, but particularly for two of the victims - and some of the incidents are being corroborated by current and former school employees who told police they were informed of the allegations long before the controversy erupted publicly last

One of the victims was a long-time employee with the schools who, among other allegations, said her troubles began when she went into work at the Administration Building on a Sunday in 2012 or early 2013.

The problem started when her friend dropped her off and Foresteire allegedly asked her if that was her "lesbian lover."

Soon after, she alleged that Foresteire came towards her and unzipped her sweat jacket and allegedly began kissing her neck and chest area. She pushed him away and told him to stop, and then he allegedly suggested she go into an adjacent room and "bend over" so he could come up behind her.

As that unfolded a co-worker arrived and the day went on without incident.

However, when they were leaving, she went to tell him they were going home.

At that point, she began to leave the conference room and Foresteire allegedly pushed her up against a filing cabinet and forced her legs apart and allegedly rubbed his genitals on her. She was able to break free and flee the building.

On the following Monday, she said it was like nothing had happened.

The victim said that in her two years at the Administration Building, there were alleged routine harassments, and Foresteire would allegedly try to find opportunities when no one was around to touch her inappropriately. Early in 2013, however, she was finally told she would be re-assigned. However, the re-assignment she ended up with was not what was promised. She told police that was allegedly because Foresteire said she had told people about the alleged incidents.

Soon, she was working the switchboard at an elementary school. During the first year at that assignment, the victim said Foresteire would allegedly call the switchboard to speak with her. When he was assured it was the victim, he would allegedly ask her sexually explicit questions. During the final two years of her employment, this time at a different school, she said all of the alleged harassment stopped as if it had never happened.

According to the complaint, one of Foresteire's alleged common activities was to call select women on the switchboard and ask them sexually explicit and graphic questions.

Another victim, who worked at the Administration Building in 2017 and 2018, detailed other incidents where Foresteire would allegedly call and ask explicit questions. The woman said she did not report it for fear of losing her job and not being able to provide for her children.

That victim told police she felt Foresteire was allegedly obsessed with her, leading her to enlist friends and other vic-

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Giancarlo DeSario, energy director at Community Action Programs Inter-City (CAPIC).

CAPIC's fuel assistance program provides a vital service to residents

By Cary Shuman

Under the leadership of Executive Director Robert Reppucci, Community Action Programs Inter City (CAPIC) has been a national model in addressing the needs of low-income families in Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

CAPIC's fuel assistance program has been one of its most utilized services, aiding more than 2,700 residents in the three communities.

Since his appointment last July as energy director, Giancarlo DeSario has overseen the program that is in its sixth decade of existence. The recent addition of well-known Chelsea community leader Henry Wilson as an outreach coordinator has also helped expande the program and bring recognition to the valuable services CAPIC provides in many areas.

DeSario explained the process by which residents can apply for fuel assistance.

"If someone finds themselves in need - whether they're a tenant, homeowner, family or single person – they should call the CAPIC fuel assistance line to set up an appointment," said DeSario. We would conduct an interview with the individual and review all their paperwork. We'll let them know if we need additional information and then we'll process their application in about 30-45

Candidates for fuel assistance must meet some income guidelines.

"In order to qualify for fuel assistance, you need to be at 60 percent of the state median income, which for a single person would be \$35,510; for a family of four people, it would be \$68,280," said De-

CAPIC's program covers heating expenses between the months of November and

According to DeSario, the fuel assistance program is funded through federal and state grants. CAPIC is currently waiting for a supplemental budget to be approved by the

"What we're looking for is \$30 million extra dollars in funding to help out with this heating season, but we're looking closer to receiving \$11 million," said DeSario. He indicated that CAPIC has been working with Chelsea's state legislators to secure additional funding.

DeSario has made a point during his tenure to "get out in the field" and meet individual clients. He has earned praise for his accessibility.

"I'm always available – I hand out my direct extension to clients all the time," said DeSario. "I find it's really important that if you're going to serve clients correctly, you have to be in touch with them and understand their needs."

DeSario has local roots

Giancarlo DeSario grew up in Maine, but he has always had local connections. "I've been coming to East Boston since I was a child. My mother (Yolanda DeSario) moved here from Italy when she was 10 years old. And my grandmother (Maria Caserta) has been living in East Boston for 50 years.'

DeSario attended high school in Maine and graduated from Roger Williams University where he studied Business and Legal Studies.

He began his career in woodworking and was promoted to the position of project manager, working with clients in Manhattan and Long Island, N.Y.

From there, DeSario entered the solar industry as a district site surveyor and rose through the company to become operations manager, overseeing several projects throughout the New England

DeSario came to CAPIC last July. "I saw a position was open and I applied for it. I was ready to go back to my old job when I got a call from Executive Director Robert Repucci, requesting that I come in for an interview."

Like the entire staff at CAPIC and residents throughout the area, DeSario has come to appreciate Repucci's exceptional leadership of the agency. Repucci arrived at CAPIC in 1972 and has been of Chelsea's most influential and revered leaders.

"Mr. Repucci is an outstanding leader of CAPIC and in the community as a whole," said DeSario. "He really pushes you to be a better person. He's inspiring. He wants you to put people ahead of yourself, and you can tell, because he does that. He leads by example and I respect that about

DeSario has also been impressed by the dedicated and knowledgeable staff at CAPIC.

"I was fortunate to come in to an agency where we have some really key players who know the programs in and out," said DeSario. "The transition in to this industry was tough, because you don't know it – but I was lucky to have a very good support group here to help out. They really care about the programs succeeding.

DeSario said he finds his job rewarding and he appreciates the kind words from clients.

"There is nothing better than when we get a letter (of gratitude) or a phone call from a client who had no heat and we were able to restore a heating system that went out overnight, replace a heating system with a new one, or weatherize someone's home,' said DeSario.

Winthrop Senior Center News March 14 – March 20, 2019

Hours: Mon-Thurs:8:30-4pm/Fri:8:30-2:30pm

Thursday, March 14

8:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5) 10:30am - COA Meetin 10:30am - Zumba with Barbara

12:00pm - Lunch 1:00pm - Bingo

Friday, March 15

9:30am - Exercise Class 10:00am - Ceramics with Gerry 10:30am - Line Dancing with Cindy

Saturday, March 16

10:30am - Zumba with Cindy

Monday, March 18

10:00am - Art Class with Dawn

12:00pm - Lunch 1:00pm – Bingo

6:15pm - Zumba Toning with Barbara

Tuesday, March 19

9:30am - Tai Chi with Cindy 10:00-11:00am - Blood Pressures

10:00am – Arts & Crafts 10:00am - Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)

10:30am - Zumba with Cindy

12:00pm - Lunch 1:00pm - Senior Center Bake-Off (\$5, tickets must be purchased in advance)

1:00pm - Chorus Rehearsal

2:00pm - Technology Class with Betsy

Wednesday, March 20

10:00am - Vision Impaired Group Meeting

10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5) 10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church)

12:00pm – Eats and Treats Café (sample an Irish Tea Cake); \$2,

must sign up in advance 12:00pm - Lunch

1:00-3:00p – SHINE Counseling (Appointment Required)

3:00-3:45pm – Play Chess with the WMS Chess Club For additional information on our services, activities, programs, or to view our newsletters, lunch menus and more, visit our website:

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Part-Time Senior-Van Driver Wanted: The Senior Center is looking for part-time driver (16 hours/week) for its Senior Van. The van provides round-trip transportation for medical appointments, shopping, trips to and from the Senior Center, etc. for senior citizens in Winthrop. Salary: \$12/hour. To apply, please forward a letter of inter est, employment application (available on town website) and resume to Council on Aging Director, Kathryn L. Dixon at 35 Harvard Street,

Winthrop, MA 02152, or kdixon@town.winthrop.ma.us. 2019 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program: Applications for the 2019 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program will be available beginning Monday, March 11th at the Senior Center and online at www town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging. Applications are due back to the Senior Center by 2pm on Wednesday, April 17th. For more information on the program, please visit our website, or contact the Senior

Center at 617-846-8538. Get the Senior Center's monthly newsletter emailed to you. You can now subscribe to have the Senior Center Newsletter emailed to you each month. To sign up, go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe.

Tai Chi and Zumba with Cindy: Tuesday's Tai Chi and Zumba classes will resume on Tuesday, March 19th. Yoga with Kathleen: Beginning Thursday, March 7th we will be

offering a second yoga class with Kathleen. The new class will meet on Thursday mornings at 8:30am. Senior Lunch: If you would like to come for lunch, please call the

day before by 12:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day Computer Lab: The Senior Center computer lab is open Monday-

Thursday: 9am-3pm and Friday: 9am-2pm. Play Chess with the Winthrop Middle School Chess Club: Members of the WMS Chess Club will be at the Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 3-4pm. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Be ginner and experienced players are welcome to come and play. If you would like to sign up, or would like more information, please call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. All equipment will be provided.

Indoor Walking Club: Walkers can use the Middle/High School Monday-Friday from 4:15-5:15pm (when school is in session). If you would like walk, please sign up at the Senior Center. You will also need to fill out a CORI form (forms are available at the the Senior Center).

Technology & Learning with Betsy: The next learning sessions with Betsy Duplin will be on Tuesday. March 19th and 26th from 2:00 3:00pm. Bring your laptops, smart phones, or tablets, along with your questions. Learning this new technology can open up a whole new world for you

SHINE Counseling: Volunteer SHINE Counselors are here to help you with any health insurance questions you may have. If you would like to visit with one of our SHINE Counselors, please call the Senior Center (617-846-8538) to schedule an appointment.

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Tuesday, March 19 (1:00-2:30pm): First Annual Baking Contest Sample a variety of homemade cakes, pastries, pies and cookies baked by our Seniors. Coffee and Tea will be served. There will be a lively auction of baked goods. Tickets cost: \$5 and must be purchased by March 12th. There is no cost for bakers. If you are interested in partici pating in the contest as a baker, please contact Programs Coordinator, Pamela Aranov at the Senior Center, or email her at: paranov@town.

Wednesday, March 20 (12:00pm): Eats & Treats Café. Join us for our new, monthly cooking demonstration, and sample the finished product: Irish Tea Cakes! Cost: \$2.00 (space is limited to 10 people). Tuesday, March 26 (12:30-1:30pm): Winthrop Police/Senior Com

munity Open Discussion. Meet WPD Canine Officer, David Brown and his partner, Clint.

Wednesday, March 27 (10:00am-12:00pm): Legal Aid Appoint ments. Attorney Amy Gelineau will be offering free 15-minute ap pointments to provide legal advice and guidance to Seniors. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

Wednesday, April 10 (12:00pm): Eats & Treats Café. Join us for this monthly cooking demonstration, and sample the finished product: Chicken, ziti and broccoli with an olive oil and garlic sauce. Cost: \$2.00 (space is limited to 10 people).

UPCOMING TRIPS

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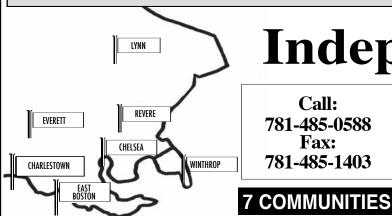
Sunday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 8: 3 Night Trip to Cape May and Atlantic City, New Jersey. Cost: \$875/double or \$1125/single. \$300 deposit due at sign up. Balance due March 22nd. There will be no cancellations after March 22nd.

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By-Law, which permits a bed and breakfast to operate as an accessory home occupation use within a private residence. It shall be unlawful to conduct a Bed & Breakfast/ Transient Lodging accessory use without a the Town. Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of

by-law. The home has 1 full bathroom that will be designated for guests and a driveway for parking 4 vehicles. Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are

on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours. Darren Baird, Chairman Winthrop Board of

March 14, 2019 March 21, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WINTHROP Re-Bid for School Bus **Transportation Service** for Athletics The Town of Winthrop invites sealed bids for School Bus Transportation Service for Athletics in accordance with BID Documents prepared by Bids will be received by the Procurement Office, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, Massachusetts until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019 at

which time they will be

opened and read aloud.

The bid package will be available for pick-up from the Procurement Office, Winthrop Town Hall, Room #6 on March 18, 2019. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities in or reject any or all bids as may be in the best interests of the Town of Winthrop. Bids from qualified MBE/WBE firms are encouraged. The Town of Winthrop is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. This solicitation is being bid pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Monica Ford **Chief Procurement** Officer

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INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION** NOTICE Docket No. Estate of: Hildegard Coulter Date of Death: 11/24/2018 estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Silvia L. Coulter of Manchester and accounts are not

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Silvia L. Coulter of Manchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory

required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the

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the Court to institute

of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition

formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>

INVITATION FOR BIDS for DIESEL FUEL for TOWN FERRY BOAT Revised bid due date The Town of Winthrop invites sealed bids for Diesel Fuel for the Town Ferry Boat in accordance with BID SPECIFICATIONS prepared by the Town. Bids for Diesel Fuel will be received by Monica Ford, Chief Procurement Officer, Town Hall - 1 Metcalf Sq., Winthrop, Mass.until 11:00 a.m. on March 18, 2019, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bid specifications and bid conditions may be obtained at Town Hall, Rm 6, 1Metcalf Square, Winthrop, Mass (617) 846-1750. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities in or reject any or all bids as may be in the best interest of the Town of Winthrop. Bids from qualified M/WBE firms are encouraged. The Town of Winthrop is an Affirmative Action/ **Equal Opportunity** Employer. Monica Ford **Chief Procurement** Officer 3/14/2019

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tims to help her so she would not be alone in the

building. "The victim told me that Foresteire was allegedly obsessed with her and that he would allegedly often touch her," read the report. "She told me that he has on countless occasions allegedly put his hand on her and allegedly grabbed her butt. She stated that he would allegedly parade her around the School Administration Building as if to show her off. When he saw her, he would allegedly make her stand up and turn around so that he could look at her and inspect what she was wearing.'

That victim also detailed two alleged incidents, one in 2017 and one in 2018, when Foresteire allegedly ripped her shirt and bra off with force, and allegedly began to kiss her exposed chest which she indicated terrified her. It wasn't long after that, she told police, that she began

to complain and was finally terminated.

Another former principal in Everett corroborated many of the accounts, and also reported another alleged account of a teacher who Foresteire allegedly tried to pull her clothes off during a visit to the school. The principal had written notes on the incident from 2011 that she had kept, and turned them over to police. The teacher had not wanted to report the matter so as not to risk her job, but she did request that the principal allegedly notify her if Foresteire was coming to the building so she could make sure she wasn't alone.

That principal also alleged she was the subject of a lewd comment, allegedly, by Foresteire. She alleged that after attending a School Committee meeting, the next day Foresteire called to tell her he liked to look up her dress when she sat in the front row of the

"(The principal) me that Foresteire allegedly would 'accidentally' rub against or touch her breasts," read the report. "She told me that if she reacted, Foresteire would allegedly apologize as if it was unintentional, but if she didn't react, he would say nothing."

To counter all of the allegations, a current high-ranking female official in the School Administration – the former director of curriculum according to the report – told police she has never heard anyone tell her of any harassment or assault by Foresteire.

"She told me that no one ever told her about Mr. Foresteire acting inappropriately," the report read. "She told me that she was the director of curriculum and that it was not her position, that any reports would go to the Title 9 director. I then asked her specifically if she recalled speaking with either (Victim 1) or (Victim 2) about Mr. Foresteire and she told me no."

The owner is applying

for a Bed & Breakfast/

Transient Lodging and

for a Special Permit

Several more incidents were detailed in the criminal complaint, which are just allegations. It has been pointed out by DA Marian Ryan consistently that Foresteire is innocent until proven guilty.

In the report, Attorney Mark Rotondo is mentioned as representing some of the victims. Contacted by the Independent, he said he would not comment on the specifics.

"This cannot be tried in the news," he said. "Even Fred Foresteire is entitled to due process of law. It will be up to a jury of his peers to determine if he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.'

Attornev Tara Swartz has been handling cases for three victims who have filed complaints with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). She is also mentioned in the complaint, and issued a statement last week.

women who filed sexual harassment claims with the MCAD against the former Superintendent of the Everett Public Schools, Frederick Foresteire," she wrote. "My clients have always believed that they are not alone in what they endured during their employment with EPS. They remain resolute in the pursuit of their claims, as well as their hope that coming forward will assist in effectuating real change within the school system. We have no comment about the criminal charges announced today against Mr. Foresteire. We will let due process unfold and the evidence to be presented for a jury to decide."

The Everett Teachers Association said they were disturbed by the charges and said they would support their members who have been victimized.

"These are very disturbing charges," wrote President "My firm represents three Kim Auger. "The Everett Teachers Association has taken important steps to support any members who may have been victimized and we will continue to do so."

3/14/19

Foresteire's attorneys, Spruce Law, have not returned repeated phone calls to comment on the allegations.

Foresteire is due in Malden District Court on April 4 for an arraignment on seven



THEATER REVIEWS

ONCE

By Sheila Barth

Phone: 617-846-3700 Fax: 781-485-1403

Before attending SpeakEasy Stage Company's production of eight Tony Award-winning musical, "Once," we were advised to arrive 15 minutes early, for a lively pre-show.

We weren't disappointed.

The actors and singers who collectively provide the musical accompaniment, opened the play, performing lively Czech, klezmer and Irish "kitchen" tunes, typical of a neighborhood Irish "kitchen" jamboree.

Theatergoers were enchanted with the group of 12 multi-talented, versatile actors-musicians, helmed by SpeakEasy general manager Paul Melone. The audience marveled especially at their musicianship, their harmonious vocals, solos, and blends, and their individual

ability to play a variety of instruments. Veteran Boston-national favorite Kathy St. George, originally from Stoneham, is a scene stealer, portraying Czech mother-grandmother Baruska. She sings, plays the melodica, piano, squeezebox, tambourine, and rhythmically pounds out percussion beats.

Did I say she also does nifty Irish and spirited Czechoslovakian folk dances with the ensemble? Kudos, ubiquitous choreographer Ilyse Robbins.

Moving chairs and a huge, black trunk that doubles as a table, platform, and more, the ensemble is perpetually singing, moving, strumming, fiddling, laughing, fighting, appearing to have a helluva time on stage.

Lending a comedic touch, when actors speak in Czech, Miranda McLean's white-lettered

supertitles flash overhead, in En-

The story line of girl-meetsboy, their blooming love, and girl-loses boy, all occurs in one week. The story seems secondary, though. "Once" is more of an exaltation of music and its beneficence to mankind.

Calling his portrayal as Guy,

depressed, discouraged Dublin street acoustic guitarist, "a dream role," Nile Scott Hawver captures the thirtysomething's heartache over his girlfriend's leaving him and the love songs he wrote for her. Guy suffers from writer-singer's block, even after meeting and being motivated by Girl, (Boston Conservatory alum Mackenzie Lesser-Roy) sweetfaced, sincere, pretty Czech immigrant, who enthuses over his musical abilities, Guy remains unsure, downcast, but Girl is

determined to ignite a creative fire under him. She's emotionally moved, in thrall with Guy's love songs, and is determined to become his muse, tenaciously refusing to let him give up. Girl also helps Guy secure a bank loan to get to New York. Luckily, the banker is a frustrated, Irish singer-musician, who sings offkey, but plays the guitar well, so he's invited to join the band.

Besides falling in love with Guy, Girl also yearns for but can't afford a piano to accompany him.

Guy and his father have a great relationship (talented Irish actor Billy Meleady), and Hawver and Lesser-Roy, (she also portrayed Girl in the national touring production), have a warm chemistry that starts off haltingly and blooms into love that cannot be.

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SpeakEasy Stage Company added performances to the multi-Tony Award winning two-act, 2-1/2 hour musical, book by Enda Walsh, music and lyrics by Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova. Based on the 2007 film by John Carney. By popular demand, play is extended to April 7. Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4,8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.; March 17 19, at 7:30 p.m.; March 28, 2 p.m. Boston Center for the Arts, Roberts Studio Theatre, 527 Tremont St, South End, Boston. Tickets start at \$25; senior, student, under 25-year-old discounts. SpeakEasyStage.com, 617-933-8600.

Or can it? We don't know. The play ends with Guy hesitantly calling his girlfriend in New York City to say he's coming, and Girl's remaining in Dublin with Ivonka (Reagan Gardiner), her young daughter, because her husband, who left them and returned to Czechoslovakia, wants to return to them.

We're left cliff-hanging about Guy-Girl's relationship. But we're acutely aware of the plot's focus - follow your dream - and

how the power of music connects us all.

Girl may lose Guy, but he has a special, surprise gift for her he knows she'll treasure.

Rounding out this talented, cohesive ensemble are: Jacob Brandt, Billy Butler, alternative Ivonka, Clara Cochran; Chris Coffey, Robert X. Newman, Marta Rymer, Stephen Shore, Jeff Song and Ellie van Amer-

LEANN RIMES LIGHTS UP THE CABOT

By Sheila Barth

Baby, it was cold out but the love and warmth emanating from singer-songwriter-actress-author LeAnn Rimes (a.k.a. Margaret LeAnn Rimes Cibrian) on stage at her recent performance at The Cabot Theatre in Beverly melted her packed audience's hearts.

Without fanfare, nor introduction, the 36-year-old, trim Rimes sauntered on stage, greeting her fans with an apology. Almost last-minute, Rimes had canceled her February 8th appearance at The Cabot, because one of her dogs was attacked and killed by a coyote, devastating Rimes and her family. "Our dogs are like our children," she said, followed by a song about love of a dog.

She knew devoted pet owners would empathize. They did.

Throughout her almost twohour, non-stop show, accompanied by a talented guitarist, who also skillfully played a few tunes on the piano, Rimes spritzled her songs with introductory anecdotes, sharing her life, pain, heartache, and ultimate love,love, we opined, with

handsome actor husband, Eddie

Dressed in a boxy white top and long pencil-thin black skirt, her long, blonde hair framing her pretty face, and her diamond ring sparkling, Rimes said she and her guitarist, (whom she didn't name), had drawn up a setlist but decided to perform songs she felt like singing instead. Theatergoers seized that opportunity to shout out requests and their enthusiasm for whatever she performed. She later commented about the static electricity in her hair, pulled it into a top bun, and let it fall later, in a long ponytail.

Rimes has an amazing vocal range. Her voice caresses every word, every syllable, as she totally immerses her body and soul into each number.

She added she generally sings songs she likes or feels strongly about, whether they're original or cover tunes. Her repertoire included "One Way Ticket," "Nothing New Under the Moon," "The Right Kind of Wrong,""Life Goes On," a soulful "I Need You," and others.

She chatted about being born

in Jackson, Miss., an only child, and lived in a small town across the road from a store, in Garland,

Her singing career as a country-pop-dance-pop performer started at local talent shows when she was 5 years old, continued performing, and at 13 years old, she catapulted to stardom, singing Dallas DJ-promoter Bill Mack's "Blue". At 18 years old, she became an established, well-known professional performer.

After co-starring in a Lifetime made-for-TV film, "Northern Lights," with co-star Eddie Cibrian, the two fell in love and left their spouses. Rimes, married to dancer Dean Sheremet, was vilified, and branded a home wrecker.

She discussed an especially vulnerable time in her life, punctuating it with a song.

Patsy Cline, to whom critics compare Rimes, would have been proud of Rimes' melodic, soulful renditions of "Sweet Drams of You," and "Crazy". Although the audience was enthusiastic with every song, including her signature "How Do I Live," the house erupted into thunderous applause and a standing ovation with her hauntingly beautiful rendition of Alex North and Hy Zaret's "Unchained Mel-

In another moving song, Rimes asked theatergoers to put on their lights and wave them. The effect was mesmerizing to all, including Rimes.

Another time, she said we could see her, but she wanted to see us, so she asked for the house lights to be turned on. She smiled, waved, and reached out to fans, shaking their hands.

Other times, Rimes invited the audience to join in and sing the refrain.

The effect was palpable. The evening was a love affair between Rimes and her ardent fans,

who left chatting happily, after her upbeat encore.

Rimes' performance opened with a half-hour set from singer-songwriter-guitarist Marina Evans, who splits her time living in Cape Ann and Italy. Saying she grew up listening to Rimes, Evans exclaimed it was an honor to open her performance.

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WINTHROP IMPROVEMENT AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS ST. PATTY'S DINNER AND HISTORY LECTURE THE WINTHROP ARMS 'THEN AND NOW'

Story & photos by Marianne Salza

The Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (WIHA) held a St. Pat's Day Dinner on March 5 in the Deane Winthrop House barn. The new Board of Directors was announced during the election night meeting, and Casey Goll, manager/proprietor of the Winthrop Arms, presented the history lecture, molding around the windows "The Winthrop Arms Then and Now."

"Our town in the middle of the ocean is packed with great people who call this home," said Michael Herbert, WIHA president. "He's [Goll] got great energy, he's a go-getter, he has great ideas, and great dreams."

Goll is a Winthrop resident who remembers growing up and hearing the legends of the historic restaurant and hotel in the Winthrop Highlands, where prominent figures such

as Babe Ruth and Johnny Pesky frequented.

"The Highlands are quiet, and has a spectacular view," described Goll about why travelers love visiting the Arms. "It's a beautiful area and we're only 15 minutes out of Boston."

Goll displayed old postcards and presented images of the 10 rooms which boast crown and doors, and breathtaking views of the ocean.

The Arms has been referred to as several names under various ownerships, such as The Argyle Hotel, and has experienced substantial alterations in the building's structure throughout its history. The roof that had once resembled the top of a castle is now pitched.

In 1978 Goll's father, Dave Goll, purchased the property, and in 2000 began massive renovations and repairs on



The new WIHA Board of Directors: Christine Riley, Recording Secretary; Jeff and Sandy Schiff, Vice President; Michael Herbert, President, and Dave and Claire Hubbard, Curator

the Arms, including the addition of an outdoor seating area along Grovers Avenue. Goll recalls his father cleaning the original 102-year-old tiled

in the lobby that now has a full-service bar with high-top tables and couches.

used to be, with attention to detail," Goll said. "This place "The beauty of this place is a piece of art. When you

floor on his hands and knees is it remains the same. It re- take care of something the minds you of the way things right way, it stands up over time. It's timeless."



Casey Goll, manager/proprietor of The Winthrop Arms, and his father, Dave Goll, owner of the Arms.



Edith Raymond and Jean Stoddard.



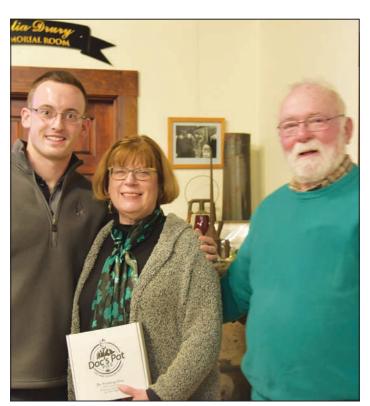
Casey Goll, manager/proprietor of The Winthrop Arms, presenting "The Winthrop Arms Then and Now" on March 5 in the Deane Winthrop House barn.



Alan Giangregorio and Sandy Schiff, WIHA vice president with



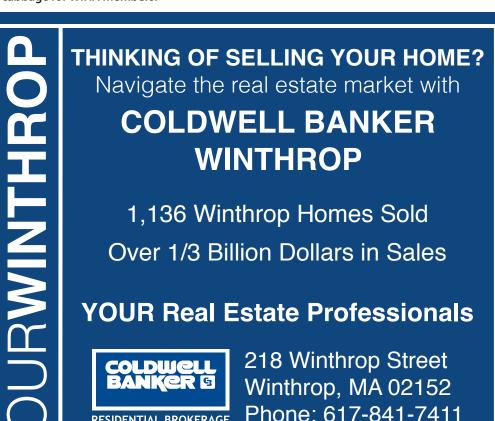
Joe Rosa and Patsy Cimino, who cooked a dinner of corned beef and cabbage for WIHA members.



Casey Goll with trivia winners, Helen and Steve Honan, who won Doc's Pot Pies.



Michael Herbert, WIHA president, thanking Sandy Schiff, WIHA vice president, for her outstanding dedication to WIHA as pres-



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