

Everett LNG and Mystic employees enthused about STEM science successes

Nine employees from Mystic and Everett LNG took a break from their day-to-day responsibilities to judge STEM science fair projects at Everett High School on Jan. 15. Science enthusiasts in Grades 9-12 proudly displayed 45 projects, which ranged from reverse engineering a glue stick to reinventing Monopoly by adding a robotics component.

“Exelon employees have volunteered as science fair judges for many years, and each year the projects seem to get more interesting and sophisticated,” said Northeast Region’s General Manager Archie Gleason. “It’s always good to hear the buzz from employee volunteers returning to work with stories about the student projects they evaluated. It’s a reminder to all of us to take a pause from time to time in our busy schedules to show our community commitment – and learn something from the next generation of employees who are showing initiative and an interest in science.”

“It was great to see so many students with enough



Exelon employee Mark Donahue talks with an EHS student.

interest in science and innovation to research something new, conduct experiments to test a hypothesis, and even apply computer programming in a creative way,” said Shipping Analyst Dan Foley. “To then take these projects and prepare verbal and written presentations for total strangers took it to an even higher level.” Foley was joined by Mystic 7 Plant Manager Mark Donahoe, along with Jonathan Bernblum, Dan Foley, Ying Ng, Connie Martin, Mark Rodgers, Archie Gleason, Carol Churchill and Chris Carr.

“The Everett Science

Department is truly grateful to have Exelon Generation as a business partner,” said Ann Ritchie, Director of Science for Everett Public Schools. “Not only are they generous in funding STEM programs, but their employees give of their time and expertise to students and add another important dimension to the learning process. The many ways that Exelon has chosen to connect students with the energy field and the Everett business community have been invaluable.”



The Exelon volunteers who took a break from their day-to-day responsibilities to judge STEM science fair projects at Everett High School.

MVES seeks Healthy Aging Group leaders

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking Healthy Aging Program Group leader volunteers to help advance the mission of its Healthy Aging Program by assisting people with chronic medical conditions to manage their medical problems and disabilities by leading the workshops that support, educate, and nurture a greater control over their lives. Group leaders receive a \$300 stipend for facilitating a Healthy Aging Program workshop(s) and will also receive training.

MVES offers a variety of free, evidence-based workshops to promote health, wellbeing, and happiness including:

- My Life, My Health Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDS-MP)
- My Life My Health

Chronic Pain Self-Management

- My Life, My Health Diabetes Self-Management
- Tai Chi for Arthritis Self-Management
- Matter of Balance
- Healthy Eating

Healthy Aging Group leaders lead workshops at various locations across the 11 cities and towns served by MVES. They encourage interactive discussion, as well as socializing, idea sharing, and problem-solving among the participants. New leaders attend a two to four day Leader Training for the program(s) that they would like to facilitate. Ideal candidates for this role have strong communication, interpersonal and listening skills. Leaders should be comfortable teaching, facilitating group discussion and role play. A leader is responsible for

teaching the six week (2.5 hour class) to eight week (1-2 hour) class to participants in a community setting. Once trained, lay leaders are asked to commit to leading two classes within one year of certification. Most importantly, the group leaders have fun!

Interested? Contact MVES’ Healthy Aging Program Coordinator Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mes.org or 781-388-4867 about current opportunities.

About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

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School Committee meeting. However, he left knowing little more than when he arrived.

“I decided to personally investigate what happened after someone sent me a picture of the sign before our meeting last Thursday,” he said. “The name had been vinyled over, sure enough. No one from the School Department had any knowledge of it – not the interim superintendent, the assistant superintendent, not the principal of the high school or the vice principal of the high school. No one knew who did it. We didn’t authorize it at the School Committee, so it was a mystery...After calling a couple of people and no one knowing anything about it at the meeting, it became harder and harder to believe.”

After some discussion, and still having no an-

swers, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros suggested it must have been vandalism. So, the Committee decided to report the matter to Everett Police the next day.

However, Abruzzese said about an hour after the meeting, Mayor Carlo DeMaria called him to say he had ordered that it be covered up, citing that some women’s groups had been offended and complained.

This week, Mayor DeMaria confirmed he did cover up the name on the sign, and felt it was appropriate.

“Mr. Foresteire is no longer the Superintendent of the Everett Public Schools. Under my direction, the Department of Public Works removed his name to reflect that change,” said Mayor DeMaria on Tuesday.

Abruzzese said he was also informed that the sign

was put up without the proper permits, and the administration wished to get it properly permitted and moved to a better location as well.

Abruzzese said the School Committee developed a policy some time ago about Foresteire’s name on school facilities.

“Our take on it as a School Committee was we were going to let the legal system play out before anything is done,” he said. “That was agreed to some time ago by the Committee.”

He said it was an interesting ending to a very charged mystery.

“That’s what’s crazy about the situation even when I said no one knew anything about it, it was hard for anyone to believe,” he said. “It is the truth though. We didn’t know.”

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480,000 – a 303-percent difference. The next largest gain for communities were Chelsea at 79-percent increase and Somerville at a 68-percent increase.

“This is one of a series of studies we’ve done in cities across the United States,” said Micromobility Coalition CEO Ryan McConaghy. “These studies look at the access of mobility options like e-scooters and e-bikes to unlocking economic opportunity... Greater Boston is one city area that could be a prime beneficiary for e-scooters. Around 49 percent of car trips are under three miles. These trips are easily replaced by dockless e-scooters and e-bikes. Boston is the most congested city in America. By moving people out of cars and into e-scooters and other means of transportation, that can change. Boston is uniquely positioned to benefit.”

And, as said above, nowhere in Boston would benefit more than Everett – primarily because of the lack of quality public transit in the City now. McConaghy said one of the greatest time-savers for commuters using micromobility is to bridge the gap for the last mile – such as using e-scooters to get from Wellington to Everett Square without having to take a bus.

“They might be using them to go directly to a job opportunity, or maybe they are using them to bridge a public transit desert – going the last mile much faster,” he said. “It’s no surprise to us there are significant jumps in opportunity in Boston. In particular, you look at a place like Everett which sees an increase of 300 percent of jobs available. You look at places like Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill where it adds to increasing access to existing transportation. These jumps usually happen in places underserved by public transit and places where there are large transit deserts. Micromobility there can unlock economic opportunity quickly.”

Everett Transportation Coordinator Jay Monty said they have seen presentations about micromobility and have considered it as an option to combat the poor transit options now in Everett.

“The fact that we’re the

community with the largest increase in the study speaks to the fact that our public transportation isn’t what it should be,” he said. “That’s pretty amazing to me and why Blue Bike and Lime Bike are so important. We can’t build a new Orange Line or Silver Line overnight and BRT is still a little ways out...We don’t have very readily available public transit here and these kill the travel time for people.”

Right now, users can operate e-scooters or e-bikes if they own them, but the rental companies – such as LimeBike or BlueBike – cannot operate e-scooter/e-bike sharing platforms in the state. While places like Everett, Brookline and Boston have tried them out and have prepared for them to come, the state still has not passed legislation that allows them to be rented out like bikes.

Charlie Palleschi was an early convert to e-scooters, and owns one that he uses year-round. As a resident of Charlestown, he said he commutes to Somerville often, goes to downtown Boston, and frequently travels to Everett and Revere on his scooter.

“I was blown away when I first tried one in Cambridge as a demo,” he said. “I began to think that if I had one of these, I could commute from my house in Charlestown to Assembly Row in minutes...It totally changes everything on good days – and getting downtown is super easy. I’ve used it a lot to go to Revere, taking the train there and then jumping on the scooter to get to my destination – kind of using it for the last mile. I can even keep it in my office, which is crazy. I just throw it under my desk. You can’t do that with a bike, and certainly not a car or anything else. Going into downtown, parking can be \$40 or \$50, and this is free.”

He added that it has expanded the places he considers going.

Now from Somerville or Charlestown, he said he will often ride to the Encore Harborwalk and go further up into the Gateway Mall or Main Street Everett. Those are places he wouldn’t have thought about using the Orange Line, a bus or even a car.

“I wouldn’t have thought

of zooming up to the Gateway Mall on lunch, but this expands where I can go and I can get there really fast,” he said.

He also said that, unlike riding a bike, you don’t arrive at work hot and sweaty. That’s an issue for many bike commuters, who need to shower when they arrive at work on a hot day.

He added that the e-scooters are powered by electricity, and his is very easy to charge and runs at about 15 mph on flat terrain.

Monty said they are seriously considering such micromobility options in Everett, and he added that any new construction in the City has micromobility lanes in mind. That includes, in particular, places like the Commercial Triangle on the Parkway.

“In the future, we won’t call a bike lane just a bike lane,” he said. “It will be a micromobility lane for bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters...It’s harder in an established neighborhood where you have existing uses to accommodate, but with new construction areas, it will be a standard for us.”

He said if they were to adopt micromobility sharing in Everett, they would probably use some lessons learned from the LimeBikes – which were somewhat controversial in that they could be left on the sidewalk anywhere. That bothered a lot of people and caused some issues, so he said they would look at corralling e-scooters or e-bikes in one location if allowed.

“With LimeBike, people were leaving them everywhere,” he said. “We want to address that if we adopt these. You can geofence certain areas. If we want to roll them out on a large scale, we would go that way to corral them in certain areas so they aren’t everywhere. You could do that on several blocks so they aren’t so far away. They could be geo-fenced into one parking spot.”

Added to the practical uses, McConaghy said they are simply a fun way to get to work or any other destination, “They really are a fun experience because on a nice day you’re outside and the wind is going through your hair under your helmet. It is just a fun way to get around.”

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Shorter Council meetings may mean more public participation

By Laura Plummer

One may have noticed that the first Council meeting of 2020 was shorter than usual. This could have been due in part to a new Council rule limiting who can speak on certain topics.

The Council meeting on Jan. 13, which was the first meeting of the new session, lasted just under an hour, a record for a body that is known to have meetings that run long into the night.

According to recently updated Council rules, only the councilor who presents an item is allowed to discuss it in the meeting if he desires to postpone it or move it into committee. Postponing an

item will put it on a future agenda, while moving it to committee will allow it to be discussed in greater detail in a smaller and more focused meeting of the Council. Most new business items fall into these two categories.

Previously, all Councilors were able to ask questions and give opinions on any agenda item, regardless of what action the sponsor was requesting. This led to long, drawn-out discussions that ultimately served no purpose.

Councilor Michael Marchese originally introduced the change on Oct. 15, which was then approved unanimously by the 10 members of the Council present for the vote. Appar-

ently the Ccouncilor was not alone in thinking that Council meetings could be streamlined. The new subsection went into effect Oct. 28.

At one point during the Jan. 13 Council meeting, Councilor Wayne Matewsky attempted to opine on a new business item but was quickly shut down by the Council President Rosa DiFlorio because he was not one of the original sponsors.

All Councilors still have the ability to weigh in on old business items and on new business items seeking favorable action.

Everett Community Television streams all City Council meetings live on its website, which allows

viewers to watch from the comfort of home. However, shorter meetings may mean that more community members are able to attend Council meetings in person and to participate in their city’s government.

Most meetings will not be an hour long, however. Another reason why the first meeting of the year was so short was because there was no old business to attend to. Any old business that is not resolved by the end of the session has to be reintroduced in the new year as new business.

The City Council meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in City Hall and all interested residents are invited to attend.

BRIEFS

POLANCO NAMED TO LASELL UNIVERSITY DEAN’S LIST

Jennifer Polanco of Everett was named to the fall 2019 Dean’s List at Lasell University in Newton, Massachusetts.

To be named to the Dean’s List, they needed to complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

SMALL NAMED TO SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE DEAN’S LIST

Springfield College has named Kaya Small from Everett to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the fall 2019 term. Small is studying Psychology.

Criteria for selection to the dean’s list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanities philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

Metro Credit Union continues its growth and expansion

Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union, announces that Metro’s fiscal year 2019 exceeded expectations and plans for 2020 are on track - further establishing the financial institution’s position as the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts. Most notably, Metro surpassed the \$2 billion in assets mark in November. The factors that contributed to the impressive milestone include historic levels of home mortgage originations and expansion of its Commercial Lending division.

In 2019, Metro’s commercial lending capabilities expanded with two new executives as Kevin Malone, Senior Commercial Lender, and Jason Truong, Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager joined Metro. Mr. Malone is focused on

offering innovative, customized financial solutions that help establish and improve the surrounding communities served by Metro, while Mr. Truong brings a personal perspective to managing and overseeing those business relationships of Metro’s commercial members. Metro’s residential mortgage division leveraged its expanded Mortgage Originations team and produced closed loans in excess of half a billion dollars by year-end, a 66% increase over 2018.

In addition to its financial growth Metro continued its internal investment of technology infrastructure aiming to both enhance and improve the overall member experience. This multi-year project, which has entered its second phase, will be two-fold: offering members an ability to better manage their financ-

es by way of a more holistic banking experience, and simultaneously making internal processes and workflows more efficient.

“Through new tools, new partnerships and new team members, we are able to provide more than standard products and service,” says Cashman. “With this overarching organizational investment we will elevate what we offer our more than 225,000 members, along with how we serve them. We are focused on delivering on our foundational offerings in what makes us a thriving financial institution while also aiming to deliver an experiential “part better” aspect to our members. As we look to 2020, everything is aligning for another impactful and successful year to the benefit of our members and employees.”

Metro Credit Union is the

largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$2.0 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to more than 225,000 members in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Rockingham and Hillsborough counties in New Hampshire, as well as to employees of over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates 14 branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Salem, and Tewksbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos (“Together We Advance”) designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers.

Learn more at MetroCU.org.

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term rentals and a general ordinance laying out requirements that all rental operators had to comply with.

Council passed the general ordinance and seemed to be well on its way to passing the zoning ordinance, only to reject it at its meeting on Dec. 9. Without the zoning ordinance, the general ordinance is unenforceable. Councilor At-Large John Hanlon was the single vote that sabotaged the short-term rental efforts, and by then it was too late to reintroduce it prior to the end of the session. Old business that is not finalized by the end of the calendar year during a Council change has to be scrapped and reintroduced in the new session.

City Clerk Cornelio had admonished Council that its decision would mean that Airbnbs would be operating without oversight for the foreseeable future.

It is now up to the new Council or the adminis-

tration to reintroduce the zoning ordinance, which it could do as early as its next meeting on Monday, Jan. 27. It would then have to pass through several stages in order to become law, a process that the clerk had said could take up to four months.

“We already did that in 2019,” the clerk told Independent. “We were trying to pass it without having to do that [again] but that’s not what happened.”

The need for short-term rental legislation first came about when residents complained to Council that their neighbors were operating unsupervised rentals with guests blocking driveway access and throwing rowdy parties. In many cases, the owners of these properties were not Everett residents and did not care if their rentals drew noise complaints or fell into disrepair. The general ordinance addressed these issues, mandating that owners live at the property

year-round.

Paul Spring, of 193 Nichols St., was one of the residents who had complained to Council about an Airbnb operated by their neighbor at 191 Nichols St. Spring and his wife had laid out their concerns, describing that the rental is regularly the site of loud house parties, littering and drug use. Spring told Independent that he was disappointed in Council’s decision not to pass the zoning ordinance.

“We’re afraid that when the good weather comes and there’s nothing in place, our anxiety will go up again with all the parties,” he said. “We’re nervous because the people that own the house still do not live here.”

Spring mentioned that Ward 6 Councilor Michael McLaughlin helped he and his wife to make their concerns known to the Council and continues to assist them in pleading their case.

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signed the contract.

“It is with profound pleasure that I just signed this (contract),” she tweeted. “I feel honored to have been chosen to serve the great city of Everett.”

The details of her contract were not immediately available, as City officials said the document had not


yet been officially returned.

One key component of the document is that Supt. Tahiliani will start on March 1. Most School Department contracts begin on July 1 after the end of the school year and at the beginning of the City’s fiscal year. However, School Committee members were

pushing to have her start earlier and get acclimated to Everett while school is in session. Then, in September, she would be able to hit the ground running with the new school term.

That wish was granted in the contract, as she starts a full four months ahead of the fiscal year.


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WINTER: SO FAR, SO GOOD (AND NOT SO GOOD)

The winter season thus far has been fairly easy to take for those of us who have lived in New England for all of our lives.

The warmer-than-normal temperatures, highlighted by the record-breaking highs in the 70s two weekends ago, have been welcome, especially for our home heating bills, which are much less than usual. And as we write this at the beginning of this week, the forecast through the end of the month is for continued warmer-than-normal temperatures.

The lack of snow also has been a nice respite from the usual onslaught of winter, both for our backs (for those of us who shovel) and for municipal budgets, whose snow removal costs have been under control through the first two-thirds of what is considered to be the meteorological winter months of December, January, and February.

Of course, we all know that February often is associated with huge blizzards and March can roar in like a lion -- so we'd be the last to suggest that we should count our mild winters before the first crocuses push through the ground. Ol' Man Winter no doubt will have a few tricks up his sleeve.

However, what is undeniable is that the record-setting days of warmth that we have experienced this winter, as well as in the past few winters, are part of the trend toward warmer temperatures around the world.

When we were growing up (in the 1960s), the term "January thaw" referred to a few days when temperatures might have climbed to the high 30s after a period of a few weeks with temps in the single digits and teens.

But the January thaws of our childhood were nothing compared to the spring-like days we have experienced in the middle of these past few winters.

Climate change no longer is just a hypothetical. The recently-concluded decade of 2010-19 was the hottest that ever has been recorded on earth. The resultant changes to our climate are fitting the models predicted by scientists since the 1950s, who correctly surmised back then and ever since that the infusion into the atmosphere of man-made greenhouse gases would have a significant impact on our climate.

Our warming planet will have negative effects that only now are becoming evident, as scientific theory meets real-world conditions -- the burning of Australia within the past few weeks being a case in point.

Moreover, it is becoming increasingly clear that the previous scientific models of a warming planet understated the rapidity with which dramatic changes to our environment are taking place. We no longer can take comfort in thinking that climate change is something that is decades away.

Climate change is happening now -- and it is becoming more evident with each passing day that the planet is being sacrificed to the greed of corporate interests who control our government officials, to the detriment of every living creature, including ourselves.

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TOM BRADY'S FUTURE IS STILL UP IN THE AIR

GUEST OP-ED

Live up to the values of Doctor King

(Remarks as delivered by Mayor Carlo DeMaria on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020)
"Leader of Tomorrow" Scholarship

Good Morning .. again

It is my pleasure to present the first annual Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship to two outstanding Everett High School students, who most represent the values of Doctor King including

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These two students represent the best of our community. They are not only scholars, but they are selfless scholars.

As Dr. King said --

"Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love"

Please join me in welcoming the recipients of the Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship award winners: Rothsaida Sylvaince and Briana Alyssa Delarosa.

Today, we are also honoring Guerline Alcy. Guerline has served in my office over the last 6 years helping families to navigate City Hall.

Whether she is helping residents to find housing, or

residents who experience food insecurity, or providing translation services, her compassion shows through every day,

Beyond work, she volunteers for many organizations both locally and in her native country of Haiti.

She has also added much to the vitality and culture to our community by organizing an annual art show over the past four years.

I am proud to not only have her part of my administration, but also as a part of our community and a friend.

Carlo DeMaria
is Mayor of Everett

GUEST OP-ED

Tariffs will hurt small businesses on Main Street USA

By Ryan Maloney

The effect of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced tariffs on small U.S. businesses is dramatic and have the potential to become devastating. Not only would it effect suppliers and wholesalers of wine and single malt scotch, but it would also have an influence at the retail level. Jobs and stores will be lost right on Main Street USA where the impact will be felt most.

Wine in the first round of tariffs was a 25-percent increase. Some suppliers were able to absorb it, but 100-percent will be much tougher and for smaller retailers, impossible.

In the case of European Whisk(e)y, there are different hurdles. Single malt scotch sent to the U.S. has to be specially bottled in a 750ml. While the rest of the world (except South Africa) uses 700ml. So if there are more impediments like a 25-100-percent tariff, anything but the basic whisk(e)y will be shipped to US. The slack will be taken up elsewhere especially China where demand is high.

Many smaller retailers of wine and whisky have invested deeply in specialty items that the big chains and big box stores do not carry, these items are exactly the products that have been targeted by the tariffs! You are essentially taking away the

one advantage these stores have to stay relevant and in business. It is unfathomable that they are being sacrificed to prove a point about a dispute between two international mega corporations in a field not even relevant to the same industry!

Further these new round of tariffs are now being used a bludgeoning tool against the European Union to help internet corporations that are not even paying their fair share domestically! Boeing, Facebook, Amazon, and Google are well equipped to weather international trade disputes within their own industries.

Unfortunately, the Mom and Pop stores are not designed survive when their

livelihood is being used as a chess-piece in a multi country trade dispute. Especially a trade dispute in which they have no say and no recourse. It is important to note that there are no subsidies to the small businesses that will be effected by these tariffs, as there were with agricultural tariffs. There are better ways within each of these disputed industries to handle this without putting undue stress on an industry that is dominated by small businesses.

Ryan Maloney is President, Massachusetts Package Store Association

LETTERS to the Editor

LOOKING AT THE WAY COUNCILORS ARE ELECTED

Dear Editor:

In regards to the changing the way the Ward City, Councillors are elected as proposed By City Councillor Matewsky, I disagree with him (and he is a good friend of mine) for a number of reasons.

One of the main reasons is that it would be very unfair to Councillors who are running at-large. The at-large candidates would have to spend much more money and time soliciting votes and they would receive the same salary as those that run for a Ward Seat, also the the at-large

candidates would vote on measures that are good for the entire City, as the ward candidates possibly would only have to be concerned about their particular Ward

At-large candidates would have to compete for one of the five Councillors seats whereas there would be a larger number of Candidates competing and the ward candidates would only have to compete probably between one or two candidates.

I attended many meetings on the new charter reform committee (not as a member) but as a citizen who was concerned, as many other did and the voting city wide was discussed and debated, the decision

now was as it s now!

Please reconsider, Mr Matewsky, and new council members, if it comes up again, please vote to leave it the way it is .

Salvatore Sachetta
Former President of the Board of Alderman
Member of the Newly Councillors.

A JOB WELL DONE

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Mayor DeMaria on a job well done during Saturday's snowstorm. I drove from Woburn to Everett via 93S. When I got on to 93S it was a snow covered ice skating rink. It did not look like a plow or sander had

touched the road in hours. I was very concerned how I was going to get through Everett if the highway was that bad. Well imagine my surprise when I got to Hancock St. on the Everett/ Malden line and saw pavement! Everett had the best plowed streets I drove on that night! The streets were plowed better than the highway. I was also impressed when I woke up Sunday morning to Bradford St. being plowed to pavement as well as Moreland Place (and I didn't have to use 311 to get Moreland Place plowed!) Thank you so much for a great job with the plowing and keeping the people of Everett safe!

Lisa Boys

CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The City of Everett hosted its 16th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship breakfast at the Connolly Center on Monday morning, Jan. 20. Bishop Robert G. Brown, the senior pastor, was pleased to host the event and welcome the community – as well as give out four scholarships to local students.



Haitian artist Sylvestre Telfort was honored to share an original portrait of MLK at the event.



Rev. Lucy Marshall provided the opening prayer before breakfast.



Bishop Brown presented new city councilors with a recognition, including Councilor Jimmy Tri Le.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros, Mark Puleo, and Councilor Stephanie Martins posed for a selfie at the breakfast.



The Zion Sanctuary Choir performed musical selections throughout the morning.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico greeted members of the Everett School Department at the breakfast on Monday, including Supt. Janice Gauthier, Principal John Obremski, Principal David Brady and Dr. Omar Easy – among others.



Bishop Brown congratulated award recipients who were recognized in the memory of MLK.



Councilor Fred Capone spoke on behalf of the City Council in honor of MLK's legacy.



Bishop Regina E. Shearer welcomed guests to the annual MLK breakfast.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Rev. Dr. W.C. Watson Jr., and Bishop Robert Brown celebrated MLK day on Monday. Dr. W.C. Watson Jr. was honored to give the keynote speech at the MLK breakfast on Monday



Briana Delarosa and Rothsaida Sylvaince were honored with the "Leader of Tomorrow" scholarships from Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



Rothsaida Sylvaince and Briana Delarosa were honored with citations and scholarships at the MLK breakfast.



Guerline Alcy was honored with the Service Recognition Award at the MLK Breakfast.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Bishop Brown celebrated MLK Day at the Connolly Center.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented Darryl Grant Jr. with a citation as congratulations for his scholarship.



Award recipient Guerline Alcy was pleased to be joined by friends and family at the breakfast, including Dr. Omar Easy and Councilor Gerly Adrien.



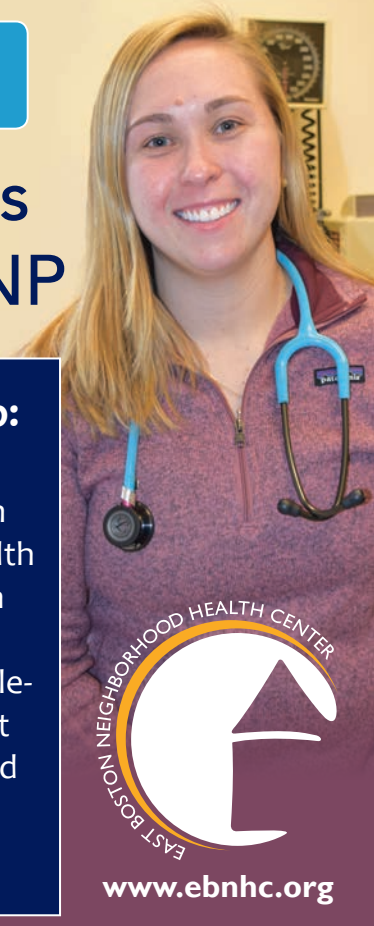
The MLK Breakfast in Everett was well attended by members of the community, including the Cambridge Health Alliance, School Committee member Marcony Almeida-Barros, and incoming Supt. Priya Tahiliani.

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Deveney assumes hybrid role in communications, government relations at City Hall

By Seth Daniel

There was always an allure to City government and City Hall for Deanna Deveney growing up in neighboring Medford.

The oldest of five siblings, Deveney was unique in that she was always interested in what was happening in local government – even as a kid.

“I loved government growing up,” she said. “I was always wanting to see what (Medford) Mayor McGlynn was doing. I watched City Council meetings and the govern-

ment access channel. One thing just spiraled into another.”

Deveney, 31, is the new deputy director of communications and Intergovernmental affairs for the City of Everett, and comes after working as an attorney and at Medford City Hall.

“The dynamic is similar in Everett, being next to Medford,” she said. “It’s a very similar city. The form is government is a little different as they don’t have ward representation in Medford. I have always been interested in making sure the correct message is conveyed. There are times

when the message isn’t clear. When I worked in Medford, it was my goal to clearly communicate the goals and object of the administration. One thing is I wanted to get the message out to all age groups. The younger generation and the senior citizens – they used different platforms to communicate. That’s important to understand.”

Deveney graduated Matignon High School, and then graduated from Curry College. She first worked for the Middlesex Sheriff’s Department under Sheriff James DiPaola with an eye towards working in crimi-

nal justice. However, after his sudden death in 2010, she decided to change her focus, and that resulted in heading to law school.

Deveney attended Massachusetts School of Law, and passed the Bar Exam – working as a prosecutor in District Attorney Marian Ryan’s office. After changing course there, she took a job as communications director for Medford.

This month, she has accepted a role in the DeMaria Administration that is part communications and part liaison to the State House. That hybrid role is something she is looking

forward to.

“Mayor DeMaria is ahead of the curve,” she said. “He’s innovative and he’s inclusive and he truly wants to make things easier for the residents of Everett. That’s been clear to me since the first time I met him...It’s all about streamlining City Hall. It’s a goal of the mayor to increase accessibility to City Hall. If we can increase access via communications, it would allow people not to have to come to the building. The more people know, the better for everyone.”



Deanna Deveney has assumed the role of deputy director of communications and intergovernmental affairs this month in the DeMaria Administration.

MVES Healthy Aging Group leader Susan Becker wins Outstanding Leader Award

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) Healthy Aging Program Group leader Susan Becker of Winchester recently won the Outstanding Leader Award. The Outstanding Leader Award recognizes the dedication and passion of the leaders who positively impact the lives of thousands of adults every year through the Healthy Aging evidence-based programming.

Susan has been a volunteer leader with MVES since 2013. She has taught over 65 Tai Chi (8 week) classes, 12 Matter of Balance programs, 5 Chronic



Pictured (l to r) Donna Covelle, Healthy Aging Program Coordinator at Mystic Valley Elder Services, congratulates Susan Becker for winning the Outstanding Leader Award.

programs and 3 Healthy Eating workshops and has helped to run a Healthy Eating control group this past summer 2019.

She was MVES’ first Tai Chi leader and has grown the Tai Chi program by recruiting other Tai Chi leaders and helping them manage their classes. The participants love Susan and her class retention rate is extremely high. Through word of mouth, the demand for Susan’s Tai Chi classes has expanded and there is always a waitlist to take her class.

Stoneham couple Eddie

and Pauline have taken Tai Chi classes at the Stoneham Senior Center. One of the reasons the couple continues to take the course is because of their class leader, Susan. “Susan is a people person,” says Pauline. “She is very personable and a great leader. She explains the process making sure all of us understand it and will work with you until you have the movement down.” Both agree that having Susan lead their class really adds to the sessions. “She’s an excellent teacher,” says Eddie. “She goes over the actions until we

have retained what we have learned.”

“Mystic Valley would not be able to run as many programs as we do without Susan,” says Donna Covelle, Healthy Aging Program Coordinator with Mystic Valley Elder Services. “She is always willing to help out and improve the programs in any way that she can.”

Mystic Valley Elder Services is seeking Healthy Aging Program Group leader volunteers like Susan to help advance the mission of its Healthy Aging Program by assisting people with

chronic medical conditions to manage their medical problems and disabilities by leading the workshops that support, educate, and nurture a greater control over their lives. Group leaders receive a \$300 stipend for facilitating a Healthy Aging Program workshop(s) and will also receive training.

For more information on Mystic Valley Elder Services’ Healthy Aging Programs or how to become a group leader, please contact Donna Covelle at (781) 388-4867 or dcovelle@mv.es.org

Gross Gaming Revenues hit a high for Dec. at Encore

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor recorded its highest monthly Gross Gaming Revenues in December since opening last June, surging behind steady slot machine revenues and much larger table game revenues in December.

The total wagered in December was \$330.5 million, which includes the total coin-in on the slots and the Table game revenues.

Encore recorded \$54.01 million in Gross Gaming Revenues for the month of

December, largely considered to be one of the slower months for Northeast gaming facilities. However, it was the strongest month so far for the casino, as its previous high had been \$52.4 million last August.

A key reason for the surge in December was a very high table game revenue number. Table game revenues slid last fall, but rebounded in December by almost \$7 million over November. The Table revenues for December were \$31.4 million, which was up from \$24.5 million in

November and \$23.5 million in October. The largest Table revenues came in August when Encore hit \$52.4 million.

The slot numbers held steady from their increase from last month at \$22.6 million in slot revenues, just down from November’s \$22.7 million number. The slot hold was up from November though, at 8.18 percent – meaning that the casino kept more of the money wagered. It was the highest slot hold since the opening days in June, when it was at 9.75 percent.

Everett lead services replacement project

Drinking water for the City of Everett is some of the highest quality drinking water in the nation. Many years ago the Commonwealth of Massachusetts annexed three towns in central Massachusetts and created the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs. Today our drinking water travels nearly 100 miles through an underground system to your tap. The MWRA and the Everett Department of Public Works perform thousands of tests each year to ensure Everett’s water is safe and of the highest quality.

However, lead in drinking water continues to be a concern. The MWRA has been below the lead action level system-wide for many years now, but there are still many lead service lines within MWRA member communities, including in Everett. Service lines are the pipes that connect the water main in the street

with the pipes in a home. Lead was widely used in service lines until 1944, and lead is common in many of the older cities and towns in Massachusetts. Homeowners and the cities have replaced many lead service lines, but some remain. Over time, lead from pipes can leach into drinking water.

The MWRA has developed a \$100-million, zero-interest loan program to help communities remove these lead service lines, and Everett has implemented Phase 1 of a Lead Services Replacement Project. The Water Department focused on the neighborhoods west of Main Street and north of Waters Avenue, replacing service lines at approximately 150 properties with known or suspected lead water services.

Per Everett Water Department Rules and Regulations, service lines on private property are the responsibility of the property owner and not the responsibility of the City. However, to resolve potential health concerns, the City of Everett continues to fund the entire cost to replace the affected water service lines, the typical cost of which is \$5,000 to \$7,000 per service.

Preliminary design of Phase 2 is already underway, with Tata & Howard, Inc. providing engineering services to the City as was the case during Phase 1. Construction of Phase 2 is anticipated to take place in 2020. The City is making a proactive effort to aid the community at large through a systematic, area-by-area approach to replacing suspected lead service lines.

For more information or to request an inspection please call the Everett Lead Service Replacement Hotline at 508-251-5919 or emailing everett@tataand-howard.com.

Legislation passes to help protect persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities from harm

Rep. Joseph McGonagle along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation to create a registry of care providers who harmed a person or persons with an intellectual or developmental disability. The bill seeks to prevent those providers from being hired for programs funded or operated by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

The legislation, An Act to Protect Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities from Abuse, creates a registry of care providers against whom the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DCCP) has made a final decision regarding “substantiated findings” of acts resulting in serious physical or emotional injury of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

“I’m proud that the House to action today to further ensure the safety and wellbeing of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities,” said Speaker DeLeo, (D – Winthrop). “Thank Chair Michlewitz and Chair Khan for their important work on this issue. This legislation will save lives.”

“One of the most important parts of being an elected official is to help those who cannot help themselves,” said McGonagle. “We must be advocates for our communities. Starting 2020 by passing a bill that protects those with intellectual or developmental disabilities is essential to the wellbeing of our society.”

The bill requires care provider employers to check the registry prior to hiring or retaining any person as a care provider and prevents employers from hiring or retaining any provider who appears on the registry. Those employers include those with DDS licenses for day services, those that have contracts with DDS, and those receiving funding from DDS. Under the bill, DCCP imposes monetary fines or other penalties on any employer that fails to comply. The legislation also includes due process protections for care providers.

The legislation builds on ongoing increased support for those departments serving adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities. From 2012 to 2020, DPPC funding has increased by 93 percent.

The bill will now go to the Senate.

Rep. Joseph McGonagle has served as the State Representative for the 28th Middlesex District, consisting of the City of Everett, since 2015. A Democrat, Rep. McGonagle is Vice-Chair for the Joint Committee on Housing, and also sits on the Joint Committee for Healthcare Financing and the Joint Committee for Transportation.

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of the area and will do our part to provide impetus,” continued Bouvier. “We believe that getting out front of the Everett Square redevelopment with an important beautiful building will provide a great centerpiece to the exciting work ahead...The restaurant, with the City’s greenspace at its front door, can become a real focal point for the community.”

The announcement of the plans come after years of contention around the building, which was deemed unsafe by the City. That has resulted in a years-long case in Superior Court between the City and the Bouvier family about making life-safety improvements in the building – and perhaps selling it to someone that would re-develop it rather than let it sit vacant.

An attorney for the family has refused to comment to the Independent on that case for a number of years.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria identified the Bouvier building and several others during numerous comments in 2019, saying the City would take properties that are blighted and vacant in Everett Square per the powers of Urban Renewal.

With that history in mind, many in City Hall didn’t initially believe that the plan was

“A lot of us in City Hall don’t really believe that’s a real proposal,” said one source.

The consensus by many in City Hall was that the proposal was about seeking to increase the value of the property in the face of a potential eminent domain tak-

ing. With a proposal in the works, many felt it would be an easy way to increase the value and prevent the City from taking the building for Urban Renewal at a lower price.

That said, the Bouvier family put forth a complete plan to the Planning Board, which will begin reviewing the proposal at its Jan. 27 meeting.

They have proposed to re-purpose it as a Peter Quinn-designed boutique hotel, using the first floor as a restaurant with the basement as a fully-functioning work area. The floor plans, read the filing, are arranged so that the floor could be extended to other properties to enlarge the hotel if such an expansion next door came to pass.

“The proposed development would remove the existing interior floor configuration while saving the exterior walls,” read the filing. “A new steel structure would be installed to support the new uses. Two partial stories would be added at the attic level with a new roof room. Much of the historic detail on the exterior would be restored and the vertical additions would be imaginatively extended from the existing.

“While the project may appear to be rather modest in scope, the applicant believes that the unique location of the building and its active commercial use will provide a great enhancement for the Everett Square area and will serve as an important cornerstone for the future redevelopment of the Square as contemplated by the City,” continued the

filing.

Peter Quinn Architects of Somerville would design the rooms, and no two rooms would be alike, read a release from the Bouvier’s. Each room provides a unique view through different historic windows, arches, added skylights or hidden balconies. A cupola-like roof-top lounge for guests and attic penthouses will be added. Guests will enter the hotel through a ground level lobby with gather-areas and concierge services.

The new hotel and restaurant would have no parking added to it, but the applicants propose to have a curbside drop-off area for ride-share users and for a valet that the hotel would use in conjunction with a privately-owned nearby parking lot. The drop-off zone in the front would also be used for deliveries and trash removal also.

The applicant also gave a nod to the historic nature of the building, saying that restoring it would provide an iconic architectural cornerstone for the Everett Square area.

The post-Civil War building has a storied history. The building was originally designed by George Wallis, who designed many of Everett’s important civic and commercial buildings of the era. In the first few decades it served as a grocery and provision store, the City’s first library, and was most well known as the Odd Fellows Building. A large meeting hall for the Odd Fellows can still be found on the upper levels of the building, though



The Bouvier Building as it looks today.

now unoccupied. As time ensued, the building accommodated a multitude of different commercial uses.

Little Caesar’s building proposed for residential development

A Wakefield developer has proposed to demolish the Little Caesar’s pizza shop on Broadway and build a nine-unit, three story building on the property near the Malden line.

Rex E LLC, controlled by Sheriff Abuzahra, of Wakefield, has applied to the City for Zoning Board relief to build the project.

The project would need three pieces of relief, including parking relief. They would provide nine spaces of parking, but need 18 (two per unit).

The will be before the Zoning Board on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.



IMAGE PROVIDED BY PETER QUINN ARCHITECTS LLC

The proposed 23-room hotel as seen from Norwood Street. The ground floor will be re-imagined and the upper levels are restored and extended up to provide a new roof lounge.



IMAGE COURTESY OF MASS. HISTORICAL RECORDS

A 19th-Century postcard view of the Odd-Fellows Building.



IMAGE COURTESY OF MASS. HISTORICAL RECORDS

An early 20th-Century view of the Odd-Fellows Building. Much of the original facade remains at the upper levels.

Rep. McGonagle testifies on behalf of low-income tenants

Rep. Joseph McGonagle testified before the Housing Committee about his bill H. 1306, An Act to further protect low-income tenants following termination of affordability restrictions.

Rep. McGonagle’s bill pertains to Section 7 of Chapter 40T of the Massachusetts General laws. Chapter 40T was designed to help both tenants and landlords by using publicly assisted buildings as affordable housing. In return for the landlord receiving the public funds, they must offer housing according to the affordability restrictions. However, after a certain period of time, these restrictions are terminated.

The current law of Section 7 under Chapter 40T,



Rep. Joseph McGonagle testifying before the Housing Committee about his bill H. 1306,

provides a three year leeway period where the rent can only be increased once annually. Rep. McGonagle’s bill differs slightly, by changing the three year

leeway period to five years. This would give tenants more time to either adjust to the new cost of living, or in the worst case, finding other housing.

“Amidst our housing crisis,” said McGonagle, “it is crucial that we remember how difficult it is for low-income families to find and retain affordable housing, and thus we must grant them extra time to either adjust to the raise in rent, or find other affordable housing.”

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AROUND THE CITY

BURNING MANHOOD

Atlantic Works Gallery presents its new group show through February 22, 80 Border St., Third Floor, Boston.Fridays, Saturdays, 2-6 p.m. or by appointment. 857-302-8363.

WOLF PLAY

Company One presents Hansol Jung’s new play, January 30-February 29, at Boston Public Library, Rabb Hall, Central Library, Copley Square. Boston. Pay-what-you-want. Companyone.org.

LITTLE WOMEN

Wheelock Family Theatre presents the popular

Broadway musical, “Little Women,”January31-February 23, Recommended for ages 7+ years old.200 Riverway, Boston. \$20-\$40. 617-353-3001,Wheelockfamilytheatre.org, 617-353-3001.

BRIGHT HALF LIFE

Actors’ Shakespeare Project presents Tanya Barfield’s play, directed by Megan Sandberg-Zakian,January 23-February 16:preview shows, Jan.23,24, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Regular shows, Jan.26, Feb. 2, 9,16, at 3 p.m.; Jan. 29,31, Feb. 5-7, 12-14, at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., Feb. 1, 8,15, at 3,8 p.m.; Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theatre,

539 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$25-\$60; student, senior, group discounts. Actorshakespeareproject.org/box-office/single-tickets/, 866-811-4111.

LAST CATATROPHIST

Sarah Gazdowicz directs local playwright David Valdes’ new one-act, 90-minute play, January 24-February 8:Jan.24, pay-what-you-want preview, Jan. 25, 31, Feb. 1,7, all at 8 p.m.; Jan.28-30, Feb. 5,6, at 7:30 p.m.; Feb.8, at 3,8 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Black Box Theatre, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Freshinktheatre.simplerix.com/.

Mayor DeMaria praises Cataldo Ambulance for their donation to help Brandon Conde

Mayor Carlo DeMaria thanks Dennis Cataldo and the entire Cataldo organization for their willingness to go above and beyond to help a member of the community.

In Monday’s Martin Luther King, Jr. speech, Mayor DeMaria highlighted Everett’s willingness to come together as a community. Last week, the Cataldo company donated a handicap-accessible van to Brandon Conde, who had suffered a life-altering spinal cord injury which rendered him a tetraplegic this past July.

Mayor DeMaria stated, “People like Dennis Cataldo continue to show that

this is much more than just a city; Everett is a community. Cataldo’s extremely generous donation to Brandon Conde will make life much more easier and give him much greater mobility than he would have had in a regular vehicle.”

Knowing Conde was facing an uphill battle following the accident, his friend and American Ambulance Association’s Stars of Life award recipient, Widmac Laterion, who is also a National Guard combat medic and paramedic with Cataldo Ambulance Service, started a GoFund-Me page before reaching out to Mayor DeMaria.

Dennis Cataldo said,

“Widmac Laterion is a true hero and caring person, who has made everyone at Cataldo Ambulance so proud and honored to work besides him. We are happy to donate this van to his good friend Brandon Conde.”

After discussing with his staff, Mayor DeMaria decided to dedicate a day to Conde. On October 24th – “Brandon Conde Day” – everyone city-wide, wore red and donated to Brandon’s cause. The fundraiser was spear-headed by Widmac and received an outpouring of support throughout the city.



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CONGRESSWOMAN PRESSLEY, SEN. MARKEY ATTEND ZION’S 18TH ANNUAL MLK WORSHIP SERVICE



Zion Church Ministries held its 18th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Sunday at the church. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Edward J. Markey each delivered inspiring speeches during the service. Pictured, from left, are Bishop Robert G. Brown, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Sen. Edward J. Markey, Ward 2 Councillor Stephanie Martins, and Deacon Calvin Brown, a member of the Chelsea City Council.



Mystic Valley head boys basketball coach Tony Ferullo (back row center) is flanked by senior captains Kenny Jean Pierre and Alfie Tseng. MVRCS Lower School students Ethan Phejarasai, Jayden Belliveau, Mariano Spadafora and Colin Okoth were among the many on hand to recognize and support Coach Ferullo on this 200th win at the helm of the Eagles.

Ferullo wins 200th game at MVRCS

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School (MVRCS) career win number 1 opposite South Shore Charter School to career win 200 on January 16 against Innovation Charter, boys basketball coach Tony Ferullo has made an indelible mark on the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School community. The lives touched, the lessons learned, the guidance given: the 17th year Eagle head man, the only coach the program has ever known, attained the milestone victory in front of a spirited crowd on Eastern Avenue.

“Coach Ferullo is a true point of pride to Mystic Valley Regional Charter School,” Director/Superintendent Alex Dan, who took in the momentous win, said. “He is our longest tenured coach and someone that is synonymous with Eagle athletics not just on the court but in making impact in the lives of our student-athletes even after they have graduated. We congratulate him on this wonderful achievement and certainly look forward to many more wins and celebrations in the future.” Coach Ferullo, who for

the last 21 years has worked in the media relations department of a local university, has loved the game of basketball since his days as a youngster in Revere. The proud father of three sons began his coaching career 24 years ago, serving as the head coach at Newman Prep in Boston for a season before his hometown Revere came calling. After five years at the helm of the Patriots and a year on the bench as an assistant at Melrose High School, the prospects of building a program from scratch enticed Ferullo to accept a challenge and opportunity, one that he has embraced for the past 17 winters. Along the way, much success has come as his teams have hung a quartet of banners in the Eastern Avenue Athletic Complex, the first in 2011-2012, followed by back-to-back trophies in 2014-15/2015-16 and finally last season as the Eagles came away with the CAC large division title. For his career, he now has tasted victory 251 times overall. Someone who eschews the spotlight and constantly preaches collective team success, Ferullo shied away from celebrating the victory, instead focusing on the next task at hand, a conference tilt with CAC foe Northeast Tech the next night. As an aside, MVRCS’ first-year assistant Fran Brown ’07 was a captain and on the floor 17 seasons ago when the Eagles downed South Shore Charter to give Ferullo his maiden win.

“Tonight is all about the players both past and present,” Ferullo said. “I’ve never taken a charge, hit a three-pointer or dunked the ball, it’s been my players throughout these 17 seasons, they’ve been the ones that deserve the credit. I have enjoyed shaping lives and my players have almost become like sons to me.”

OFF MY WAVE.

Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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Sports

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL IN HOCKEY ACTION AGAINST ROCKPORT

The Everett Crimson Tide hockey team pulled out a thrilling win, 4-3, over Rockport on Saturday, Jan. 18, in a home game at Allied Memorial Rink. The game was knotted at 3-3 in the third period when Brian Delorey hit the game-winning shot to put the Tide on top. The team sits at 7-4 now, and needs only six more points to qualify for the post-season tournament.



Brendan Currie on a breakaway into the offensive zone.



Goalie JD Schovanec.



Brendan Currie on the faceoff.



Max Brown throws some ice as he looks for a teammate.

EHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

EHS girls basketball improves to 9-1

Although the Everett High girls basketball team fell from the unbeaten ranks this past week, coach Tammy Turner's crew solidified its hold on first place in the Greater Boston League and moved within one game of qualifying for the post-season state tournament.

With their 43-40 victory over Somerville last Tuesday, the Lady Crimson Tide improved to 4-0 in the GBL, two games ahead of Revere and Somerville, both of which sport 2-2 records. Everett is the defending GBL champion, having won the title in 2017. The GBL teams merged with the Northeastern Conference in the spring of 2017 and played in the NEC for the 2018 and 2019 seasons, only to get back together in the fall of 2019, with Revere (which itself had forsaken the GBL for the NEC in 2005) also reuniting with its long-time rival schools.

On the holiday this past Monday, Everett handily dispatched former NEC foe Salem, 56-28. Sandwiched between the twin wins was the Lady Crimson Tide's first setback this season, a 53-51 loss to Arlington Catholic of the Large Division of the Catholic League.

Turner and her squad, who now stand at 9-1 on the season, need one more victory to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney,

which they will try to accomplish when they travel to non-league foe Haverhill tomorrow (Thursday).

They then will make the short trek to Revere this coming Tuesday. The Lady Crimson Tide easily topped their Revere counterparts by a score of 69-36 in their initial meeting in the season-opener in mid-December.

EHS girls track shines at relays

The Everett High girls indoor track & field team turned in fine performances at this past Saturday's Division 1 State Relay Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

The Lady Crimson Tide quartet of junior Dajana Tadic, sophomore Rejeana Guillaume and senior captains Victoria Chaparro and Lucia Seide earned two medals at the meet.

In the 4 x 50 relay, they placed fourth overall and then came back in the 4 x 200 to take an eighth-place medal. Those two relays were the most competitive at the meet, with 38 teams competing in the 4 x 50 and 32 teams in the 4 x 200.

In the shot-put relay, Kira Gray threw a personal record toss of 30'-10 1/2", a distance that placed Kira seventh overall among the field of 63 individual competitors. Together with teammates Ann Laurie Pierre and Alyssa Hurley,

the Lady Crimson Tide trio finished in 11th place in the shot-put competition.

"Overall, it was a good day for the girls," said EHS head track coach Jehu Cimea, whose girls' squad finished in 16th place overall in the team standings.

Murphy, Seide, Previlon victorious in meet with Malden

Although the Everett High girls and boys indoor track teams came up short in their recent meet with Greater Boston League rival Malden, a number of EHS competitors turned in strong performances.

On the girls' side, Lyanne Murphy and Lucia Seide took first place in their respective specialties. Lyanne demonstrated why she is one of the top hurdlers in the GBL with a first-place finish in a time of 8.7 seconds.

Lucia, among the speediest girls in the league this season, claimed victory in the 50 dash in a sprint of 6.4. Her closest competition came from teammate Jessica Santos, who crossed the line in second place in 6.8.

Three other members of the Lady Crimson Tide team contributed three points to the Everett side of the scoresheet with second-place performances: Rejeana Guillaume in the 300 dash in 49.1; Eduarda Bernardo in the high jump

with a leap of 4'-4"; and Kira Gray in the shot-put with a throw of 25'-6.75".

For the boys, Brendon Previlon took first place in the 300 dash with a clocking of 39.8, while five teammates claimed second place in their events.

The Everett second-place performers were: Elijah Auguste in the 50 dash in 6.0; Justin King in the 50 hurdles in 7.6; Arthur Rosa in the two-mile run in 12:07; Mario Sheard with a shot-put throw of 38'-5"; and Mac Shillingford in the

high jump with a leap of 5'-4".

Adding single points for the Crimson Tide with third-place finishes were: Ryan Vu with a high jump of 5'-2" and a 600 dash of 1:46.8; Shillingford in the 300 dash in 40.6; and Brandon Hu in the 50 dash in 6.0.

EHS hockey now stands at 7-4

The Everett High hockey team split its two contests this past week. After

coming up on the short end of a 4-1 decision to Greater Boston League rival Somerville last Wednesday, the Crimson Tide got back on the winning track with a 4-3 victory over non-league foe Rockport/Manchester on Saturday.

Coach Erick Naumann and his crew host O'Bryant High of Boston this evening (Wednesday) at 7:00 at Allied Veterans Rink and then will travel north to face Nashoba Tech/Greater Lowell on Saturday morning.

MEDAL WINNERS



Dajana Tadic, Lucia Seide, Victoria Chaparro, and Rejeana Guillaume of the Everett High girls indoor track team display one of the two medals the quartet won this past Saturday at the Division 1 State Relay Meet or their fourth-place performance (out of a field of 38 teams) in the 4 x 50 relay event and their eighth-place performance in the 4 x 200 race.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CENSUS OUTREACH HEATS UP IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Chelsea there's been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

In Chelsea and across the state nonprofits like the Chelsea Collaborative have been making an extra push to get marginalized groups to fill out the census and be counted.

In the spring of 2019 the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund (MCEF) distributed grants totaling more than \$560,000 for organizing and education activities in under counted communities for the months leading up to the census.

The Chelsea Collaborative was one of those organizations to receive grant monies.

"We have taken this project seriously and we have incorporated Census Charlas throughout all of our training, classes, and workshops," said Gladys Vega, Executive Director of the The Chelsea Collaborative. "We have organized street fairs, network gatherings, canvassing and in our Noches Sociales, which happens every six weeks we have made the Census a table conversation. The Collaborative has to ensure that the hard-to-locate individuals are counted, we know that, without a non-profit organization like ours involved, we will continue to be under counted. I have no doubt that in Chelsea, Revere, East Boston and Lynn more people will be counted as long as the trusted members of the

community are knocking on their doors and getting people to participate. "

Recently, the MCEF announced its second round of targeted grants, totaling \$350,000.00, to 34 grassroots nonprofit organizations to support efforts across Massachusetts to reach hard-to-count communities in the 2020 Census.

Alexie Torres, Chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund and Executive Director of Access Strategies said, "2020 is upon us and the time is now for philanthropy, grassroots organizations, state and civic leaders to join together to ensure the most accurate count of Massachusetts residents in the 2020 Census. The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund is proud to be supporting such an amazing group of groups across the state."

Torres added that the impact of the results from the upcoming decennial census will be immense, bringing into focus the importance of collecting accurate data from historically under counted communities.

Census data determines political representation and the allocation of federal funds for social programs, including more than \$16 billion per year for Massachusetts.

"In other words, the Commonwealth could stand to lose almost \$2,400 in federal funding per year for each person not counted in the census," she said.

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - After years of planning, design, and debate, the City Council has given the go-ahead for a shared bike and bus lane on Broadway, at least temporarily.

Last week, the Coun-

cil voted 9-2 to approve a nine-month pilot program making Broadway one way from Fifth Street to Second Street, with the shared bike and bus lane. If deemed successful, the transportation realignment for one of the city's main thoroughfares could become permanent.

"As you know, for many months we have been deliberating on the merits of the various designs for a new One-Way Broadway configuration from Fifth Street to Second Street," stated City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Four options were presented to the Council, with the one recommended by Ambrosino favored by the Council, with a minor tweak.

"The preferred alternative of my Administration is Option 2 - the dedicated, shared bus/bike lane," according to Ambrosino. "This Option 2 prioritizes public transit riders, a critical constituency in the Downtown, and at the same time provides significant benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists."

The design of the reconstruction of the Broadway corridor could take as long as two years, according to the city manager.

"However, understanding that there remains some legitimate concern over the viability of any option that reduces vehicular traffic to one lane, I am prepared to move forward, as expeditiously as possible, with a pilot program to test the shared bike/bus lane concept before finalizing the design," said Ambrosino.

District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia said of all the options city officials have been presented with over the past year, Option 2 makes the most sense.

"This accommodates all traffic flow, including residents who use the bus so

DUNK THE DIRECTOR FUNDRAISER NETS \$2,500 FOR PIERS PARK SAILING CENTER



Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo recently took the plunge into the frigid Boston Harbor on his birthday to raise money for the Sailing Center. This was the third year in a row DeFronzo did his 'Dunk the Director' birthday fundraiser at Piers Park Sailing.

much," said Garcia. "It is a matter of access and accommodation for all our residents."

Councillor At-Large Damali Vidot said she agreed that the shared bike/bus lane option was the option that had the most support from the Council, adding that the nine-month pilot program would give the City more time to assess the impact of the shared lane.

"This accommodates the most modes of traffic, including pedestrians," she said.

While there was wide Council support for the pilot program, there was disagreement among members over an amendment proposed by At-Large Councillor Leo Robinson.

Robinson asked that the Option 2 plan move forward, but that there not be the widening of sidewalks as proposed in the plan, with the exception of sidewalks at bus stops and crosswalks.

The pilot program, with Robinson's amendment, passed by a 7-4 vote, with Vidot, Garcia, and councillors Yamir Rodriguez and Enio Lopez voting against the plan, as amended.

"I am supporting the project as presented by the Planning Department," said Vidot. She said it was unfair to change the plans on the fly after they have been brought forward by expert city officials and consultants.

Robinson countered that he believed keeping the sidewalks at the current width, and not bumping them out an additional two feet on either side of the street, would improve safety.

Garcia also stated that she wanted to vote on the plan as presented.

"We do not need to send this to another subcommittee, when we have had two to three years of meetings on this," she said.

A vote earlier in the evening on a proposal by District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown to send the proposal back to subcommittee failed by a 9-2 vote. Brown said he was attempting to give the three newest members of the Council more time to examine the Broadway options.

Ambrosino said the City will work with downtown businesses and residents, and that he believes the pilot program will be successful.

"But, if that is not the case, and if the pilot truly results in substantial negative feedback, adverse impacts on downtown businesses, and intolerable inconvenience to vehicular traffic, then the City will abandon this Option 2 and

redesign for a different alternative," he stated.

SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB KIDS TO GET FREE CHARLIE CARDS


EAST BOSTON -The Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street has been an oasis for working parents that need after-school care for their children. Knowing their children are in a safe place for the afternoon when school lets out and involved in enriching activities has made the Salesian a go to place for hundreds of families. However, getting there by public transportation has been tricky for some Club kids who rely on MBTA buses or trains to get to and from the Salesian program. For others the cost of public transportation can sometimes be a barrier for kids who want to participate at the Boys & Girls Club on a more frequent basis. However, a new program by the MBTA may increase participation at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club as well as Boys & Girls Club programs across the city. Last week the MBTA announced that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston have joined the ongoing program to increase the availability of CharlieCards to Eastie kids who rely on public transportation. Under the program, free no-balance CharlieCards are now available at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, as well as all Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston during their open hours. "Expanding this program ensures that more customers have access to lower fares through the use of our re-loadable CharlieCard," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "I want to extend my appreciation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston for partnering with the T in expanding this access that ultimately allows the MBTA to be even more accessible for our customers." The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston join a growing list of organizations, cities, and towns partnering with the MBTA to increase access to CharlieCards. "Thanks to the MBTA's initiative to increase accessibility to CharlieCards, our children and teens will have the opportunity to travel outside their neighborhoods to discover opportunities in Boston and beyond related to education, the arts, jobs, and more," said Josh Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. "Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is grateful for the chance to partner with the MBTA." Unlike CharlieTickets, CharlieCards are reusable plastic

cards that can be routinely loaded with stored cash value or one-day, seven-day, or monthly passes. As a way to encourage use of CharlieCards, cardholders pay lower single-ride fares on bus and subway services than customers who pay cash or hold a CharlieTicket. CharlieCards also offer enhanced options for transfers over tickets and cash."We are always grateful for the relationship we have with Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston," said Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant. "Josh (Kraft) and his team have been incredibly supportive of me and Salesian Boys & Girls Club since my first day on the job here. This is a great example of how cohesiveness leads to opportunity. Our club members and community members are our greatest resources and we strive to simplify their lives however possible. As a kid who grew up in Eastie, I know how at times we can feel disconnected from other parts of the city so access to Charlie Cards is a great step toward making travel for our club members a lot easier."CharlieCard availability has historically been concentrated around major rapid-transit hubs. Similarly, fare vending machines are clustered around rapid-transit stations. Under this program, the MBTA continues to acknowledge that access to cards needs to increase, especially in communities with a higher reliance on buses. The MBTA hopes to partner with nonprofit organizations or cities and towns to provide residents with CharlieCards, either blank or pre-loaded with a dollar amount for purchase. By providing easier access to CharlieCards, the T hopes to incentivize riders to use CharlieCards and fare vending machines throughout their travels, resulting in a savings of both time and money. Organizations and communities seeking to partner in this effort should contact MBTA Chief Customer Officer Danny Levy at DLevy@MBTA.com.

TASTE OF EASTIE SET FOR JAN. 23

EAST BOSTON - For more than two decades, the annual Taste of Eastie has become a local culinary tradition that brings the neighborhood and old friends together through food. The event's success has long been attributed to its perfect blend of community, camaraderie and cuisine — and this year will be no exception. This year's 24th Annual Taste of Eastie will kickoff at the Logan Hilton

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ATTAINING A HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE Saint Anthony School offers a strong faith-based education

Saint Anthony School isn't resting on its many successes.

The proud Catholic school on Oakes Street in Everett that serves students in Grade K-8 (in addition to a Pre-School program) is moving forward with energy and innovation under the effective leadership of Principal Maria Giggie and a dedicated faculty.

Carla Castillo, the school's new enrollment coordinator, has been delivering the message to parents about the school's academic, athletic, and after

school programs.

The school has built a reputation for sending its graduates on to the top Catholic and private high schools. The school has formed a partnership with Malden Catholic High School where students can take classes and earn credits for high school.

One of the school's greatest assets is its principal, Marie Giggie, a revered educator and school administrator whose ability to motivate teachers and students and promote the school's Catholic identity

and values have enhanced the overall learning environment and drawn praise from the Saint Anthony parents. Mrs. Giggie has been a teacher at the school since 1995. She became the principal in 2006.

"Mrs. Giggie is a great leader – and she's welcomed me with open arms," said Castillo. "She knows the school inside and out and is very much on top of things. She knows every single parent and student at the school and she's very invested. She works very hard for the school every day."

Castillo is excited about her new role at Saint Anthony.

"The school is doing very well and I'm enjoying my new position," said Castillo, who was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in Lawrence. "I'm learning about the community and getting to know the people of Everett. Everybody has been very welcoming. I've visited a lot of the businesses in the area and everyone has been very nice."

Castillo said Saint Anthony has been broadening



Saint Anthony School Enrollment Coordinator Carla Castillo (back row, right) is pictured with a group of seventh grade students at the school.



Carla Castillo, enrollment coordinator at Saint Anthony School, with Kathy Walhstrom, seventh grade teacher at the school.

its curriculum with offerings in computer technology, art, and music.

The after-school programs and activities have been a big draw for students, with clubs ranging from cooking, sewing, and arts and crafts to music, band, and basketball.

Castillo has been attend-

ing weekend Masses at the Saint Anthony Church and reaching out to Latino and Portuguese residents "so they can learn more about the school."

As a result of their school's success and achievements, Saint Anthony school administrators have received an invita-

tion to attend the Catholic Schools Foundation of Boston Gala in April.

Saint Anthony will host Open Houses on Monday, Jan. 27 (9-11 a.m., and 6:30-8 p.m.), and Tuesday, Jan. 28 (9-11 a.m.) and community welcoming events every Tuesday (9-11 a.m.).

St. John School poised for academic success and future growth

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- Owl Program is used in K3 and K4
- Super Kids Reading Program is used in Grades K5 – 2
- Wit n Wisdom program is used in Grades 3 - 8
- Collins Writing Program – K3-8
- Choral music program through NEMPAC
- Wood working and Bookbinding class for Grades 5- 8 at NBSS
- Weekly gym and art classes.
- STEM-centric learning experience
- Science Lab Program – 5-8
- Foreign language in

Grades K3-8

• Seasonal cookery classes for Grades 7 – 8 at Boston Public Market.

St. John School also has an exciting afterschool program that runs till 6pm daily, where there are activities and programs in place for children to enjoy themselves in a structured and fun environment. St. John School also offers extra-curricular classes such as drama, dance, yoga, fitness, Chinese Mandarin, Scratch and Mine Craft.

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vancement/development, marketing, or business office administrators to be sure they have immediate access for their school pages. Please note: a school or diocese-affiliated email address will ensure the fastest access to the portal. Any questions about your day of giving page should be

directed to nceagiving@factsmgt.com.

Each school that customizes their page by December 31, 2019 will automatically be entered for a chance to win \$500 from National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to kick off your day of giving.

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans: “Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation.” Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. However, many adults have lost touch with their local Catholic school community. It is time for those people who have been impacted by your school to reconnect with the community that gave them so much, and give back.

With this recognition in mind, NCEA is pleased to present the online giving campaign: Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. Make your gift to a Catholic school today! This day is made possible with the generous support of FACTS.

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2020 is January 26 - February 1. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2020 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

“Why is Catholic Schools Week in January? Our admissions deadlines

have passed and we nearly always cancel because of snow. What gives?”

We hear you! National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 46th anniversary year, CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January.

Each year, National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) relies on valuable feedback from Catholic schools across the country on how we might help improve your CSW experience. Year after year, we have heard your concerns. In 2016, we introduced a “year-round marketing” mentality to Catholic school communications strategy. The purpose of this mentality is to have schools take the spirit

(and theme, and logo) of CSW and implement into a full year’s marketing strategy.

We will host the traditional Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This will serve as the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate.

Please note that Catholic schools may choose to participate in both or one – and that is okay! The important thing is to join in on the national celebrations in a way that works best for you. Make CSW your own and share your ideas with other schools using #CSW20.

Marketing Your Catholic School

National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present resources, tools, templates, partnership opportunities and professional learning offerings to Catholic school staff – both in and outside the classrooms! NCEA member schools are asked to include the information for school leads in the areas of advancement, development, marketing, communications and admissions.

By filling out this quick form, the leaders in your school community responsible for school vitality, advancement, enrollment and retention, and marketing will receive resources directly related to their work throughout the school year. This includes, but is not limited to, year-round

marketing tips, resources for the Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools, information about our new Seton Philanthropy Symposium, and details about relevant professional learning webinars and events, such as NCEA 2019 Convention & Expo.

Effective marketing is essential to a school’s success in today’s competitive education environment. What you do to highlight your school’s participation in National Catholic Schools Week is only part of the effort. A school’s success is dependent on a year-round marketing program that builds support for your school and sells its unique benefits.

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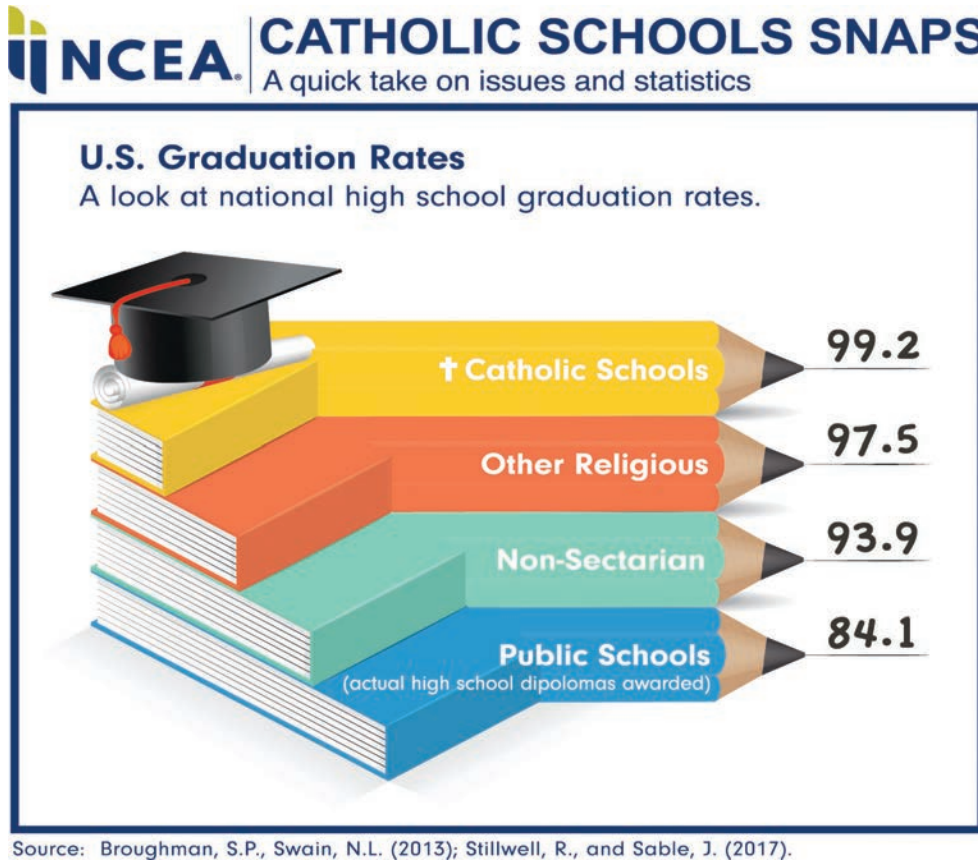
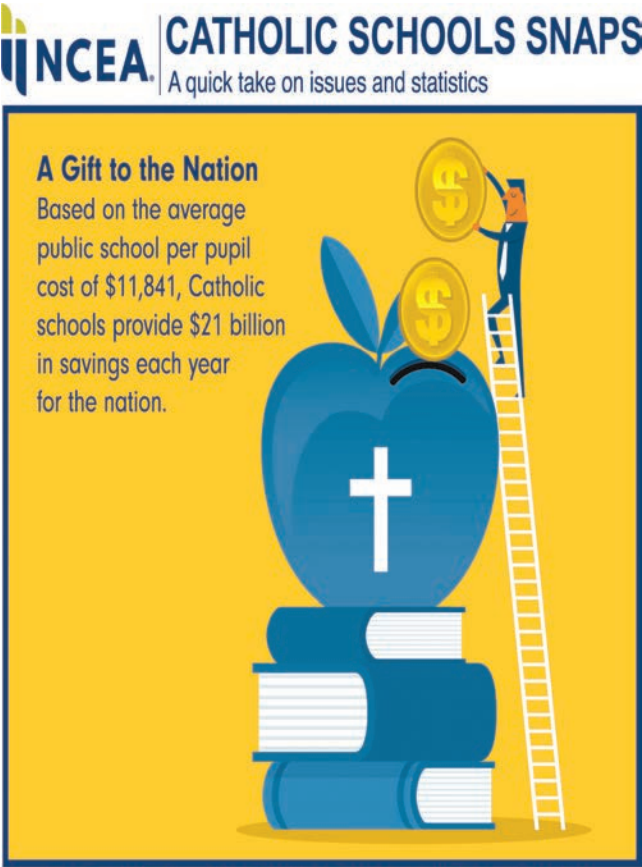
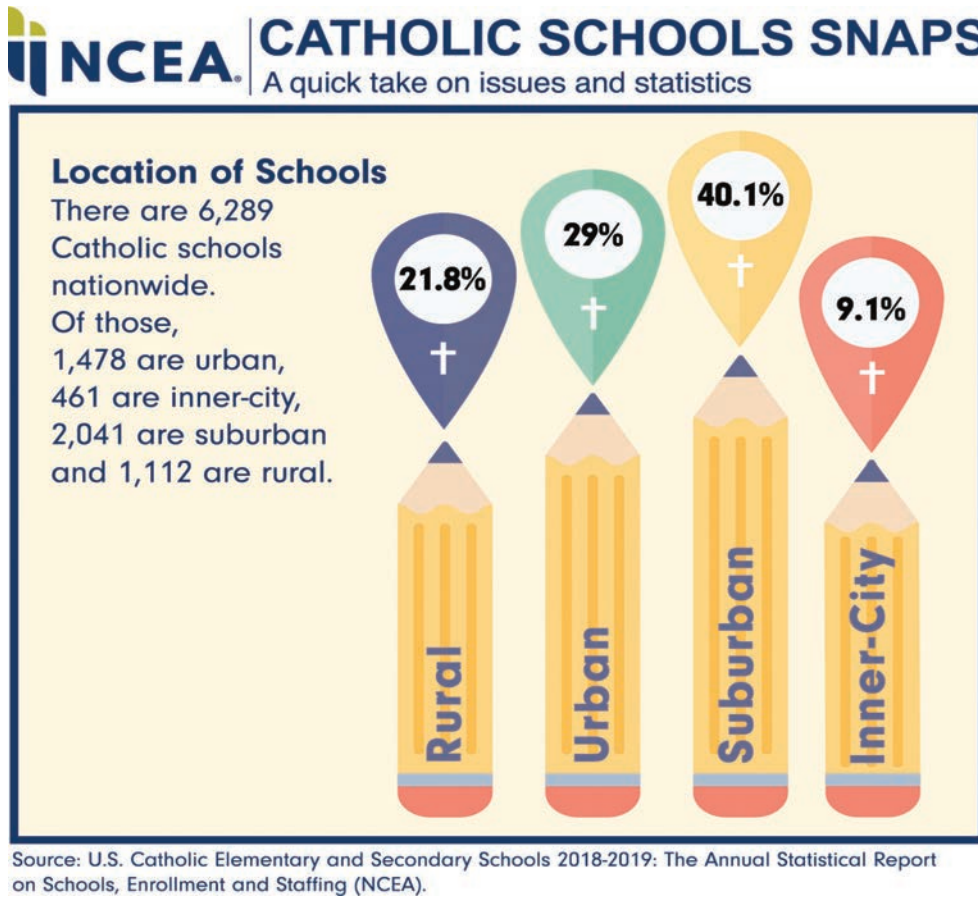
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Building a successful marketing plan will help communicate your strengths, drive enrollment and proclaim the good news of Catholic education. To find resources that help with your marketing enrollment efforts, visit the NCEA Backpack.



OBITUARIES

Alan Sawyer

Retired EMT

Alan G. Sawyer of Everett entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Jan. 18 in the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital after a brief illness. He was 69 years old.

Born in Brookline, Alan lived in Everett for many years. He retired from the Boston Emergency Medical Services, where he worked for many years as an EMT.

He was the beloved and devoted husband for more than 32 years of the late Winifred LeVine Sawyer, loving son of the late Mary (Selig) and Harold Sawyer, dear brother of the late Donna Sawyer and brother-in-law of Rita Nevulis of Braintree and Joanne Strano of Everett. Alan is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



As requested, services are private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Alan’s memory to the Winifred LeVine Sawyer Scholarship Fund, c/o Everett High School, 100 Elm St., Everett, MA 02149, Attention: Linda Maloney, would be sincerely appreciated.

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Eugene Rosa

Geologist and passionate outdoorsman

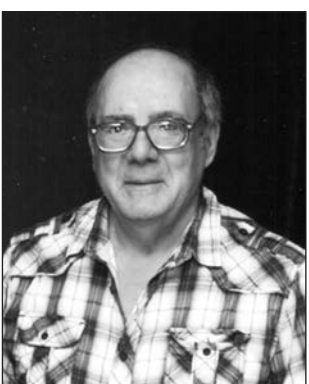
Eugene Rosa of Everett, 70, passed away on Jan. 17.

Eugene was born on Aug. 19, 1949 in Fagnano Alto, L’Aquila, Italy to the late Assunta and Emidio Rosa. He grew up in Everett, completed his undergraduate degree at Boston College and received a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of Kentucky.

Eugene worked as a geologist for the Atlantic Richfield Company for many years. He enjoyed travelling throughout the U.S. for his job and was a passionate outdoorsman.

In Everett, Eugene loved to visit local eateries, catch up on news at the Parlin Library and show kindness to friends old and new.

Eugene was preceded in death by his brother, Domenico and parents. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Julia of West Hartford, CT, niece, Katie and her husband, Samuel Martinez of Everett, nephew, Robert and his wife, Vatana of Glastonbury, CT, and three grand-nephews: Robert Jr., Zachary and Justin. Eugene was a devoted friend, un-



cle, brother and son who was dearly loved.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Eugene’s visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett today, Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. His funeral will be held from the funeral home on Thursday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Sierra Club at: <https://www.sierraclub.org/giving/com-memorative-gifts> would be sincerely appreciated.

Helen Barbati

Of Everett

Helen D. (Cafarella) Barbati of Everett, 90, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Helen was born in Everett on July 11, 1929, the daughter of the late Gaetano and Catherine (Downie) Cafarella. She was the beloved and devoted wife of Ernest J. Barbati, with whom she shared 61 years of marriage, loving mother of Alessandro Barbati and his wife, Jennifer of Tewksbury and Deborah Morrison and her husband, Paul of Bolton; sister of the late Vincent Cafarella, Joseph Cafarella, Thomas Cafarella, Catherine Ingalls, Mary Perrella, Rose Muollo and Evelyn Giannino. She was the proud grandmother of six, great-grandmother of six and is also survived by



many nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary’s Church, Revere on Monday. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Helen’s memory to the charity of one’s choice would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. Everett 617.387.3120.

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Frame and Fortune

Rogers honored for her breathtaking photography

By Cary Shuman

Katy Rogers has become one of the major eyes on Everett, capturing events and news stories across the city through the lens of her trusty Nikon camera and the pages of her reporter’s notebook.

From the opening of Encore to city government to political functions and social gatherings, Rogers has been behind the camera shooting photos for the Everett Independent and her own successful photography business, Katy Rogers Art.

In recent months, the 27-year-old Everett resident has been stepping out from behind the camera and in to the spotlight as the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her superb photos.

Rogers is on a major roll on the photography circuit, having won five of the past six monthly awards from the Greater Lynn Photographic Association (GLPA), which is one of the largest photography clubs in New England. Earlier in 2019, Rogers received the GLPA’s “Image of the Year” Award for a photograph titled “Gypsy.”

To what does Katy Rogers attribute her succession of awards?

“I think working with the newspaper has given me a lot of various opportunities as some of the awards have been for images I have created for the newspaper,” said Rogers. “The other opportunities have allowed me to try new things such as landscape and bird photography. So I’ve been trying to expand in to all kinds of photography.”

One of Katy Rogers’ award-winners was a spectacular photograph of professional boxers Brian Urdy and Greg Bono going toe-to-toe in the ring during an Aug. 23 show at Encore Boston Harbor.

“I hadn’t photographed boxing before,” said Rogers. “Interestingly, the boxers were making their



The award-winning photograph (above) was taken by Katy Rogers at ringside during the Aug. 23 boxing show at Encore Boston Harbor. “Ringside has become one of my favorite photos in my portfolio,” said Rogers. “I think sometimes I am underestimated as a sports shooter since it’s not something I do frequently, but this photo is proof that I’m fully capable. It’s all about capturing photos that convey a story no matter what the subject is, and one of the appeals to being a photographer is getting to experience all these different parts of life.”

pro debuts in that show.”

Rogers’ newspaper photo of Bob Marley’s former band, the Wailers, taken at Everett’s Village Fest, also garnered an award. An award-winning photo of an American goldfinch (bird) was taken right outside Rogers’ home in Everett.

“People don’t realize that there’s so much nature in Everett, which is important to me in my personal life,” said Rogers, who is an animal lover. “I took that photo from my back porch and you would never know it was taken in Everett.”

A 2010 Everett High graduate, Rogers studied at the Montserrat College of Art where she received her degree in Fine Arts with a minor in Art History.

Though she was an award-winning artist as well, Rogers became enamored with photography after one of her first professional photos - that of actor Adam Sandler who was filming a movie in front of the old Everett High School



Everett resident Katy Rogers proudly displays two of the photography awards she received at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association Awards Banquet. To view Katy’s photo collections, please visit her Web site: KatyRogersArt@gmail.com.

– appeared in the newspaper.

“It wasn’t a great photo but it stood out because I don’t think anyone else had it,” recalled Rogers.

As for her decision to transition from art, where she was a highly acclaimed illustrator, to the photography industry, Rogers said, “Photography is my art.”

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico is one of many Everett residents who have come to admire Rogers’ wide array of photographs.

“Katy Rogers is a woman of immense talent and a good friend of mine,” said DiDomenico. “I know she’s worked many years at honing her craft and I consider her one of the top photographers and journalists in the area. She’s at every event but more important than just doing the job, she’s a



Hilltown Sleddogs was part of a series of images where I documented a woman named Marla Brodsky and her sleddogs in Western Massachusetts. At the time, they were preparing for the 250 mile Can-Am Crown, and they were practicing mushing on a nearby farm. The farm was large and covered in a fresh coat of snow, making for an awesome backdrop. I also enjoyed playing with the dogs and got to experience a ride firsthand.

personable, kind person who always makes sure that she makes everyone look great in her outstanding photos. I always joke that she gets me re-elected every two years. I congratulate her on winning these prestigious awards for her photography.”

Rogers humbly credits her parents, Thomas and Patricia Rogers, for their support in her career as a professional photographer. She loves being based in Everett.

“My family is fourth-generation Everett and I definitely take pride in being a photographer in this city because it’s a community that otherwise might not get the kind of photo attention that I try to give it,” said Rogers.

She’s grateful for the assistance from her mother who doubles as her photography assistant at some events. “She personally helps me a lot,” said Rogers. “She’s really involved in the business side of things and does everything that I could need.”



American Goldfinch is a nature photo shot right in my backyard on the Everett/Chelsea line. My backyard has always been a nature haven that attracts all kinds of animals. These particular birds vary in vividness depending on their gender. They’re very small and easy to miss, but they’re very common around here and often found in sunflowers in the late summer and early fall. We also frequently get bluejays, cardinals, and hawks.



The Wailers was shot at Everett’s Village Fest. Live music has its own set of challenges when it comes to photography, and I’m thrilled to have won an award for one of my live music shots since it is among the more challenging types of photography in my personal opinion. I’ve always been a fan of live music, so I’m hoping for more opportunities in that genre in the future.



Expansive Skies at Cape Neddick was my attempt at a classic New England scenic light-house in Maine. I went there with my friends from GLPA, Chris Arbeene and Peter Miller. The two of them have been in the club much longer than I, and have been an asset in expanding my photography work, introducing me to landscapes and scenes throughout the region that otherwise don’t necessarily overlap with my jobs. We call our group “Arbeene Tours” since Chris is always the driver.

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