

1. Call to order
2. Approval of March Minutes
3. Officers' Reports
 - Chair Report
 - i. March Expenditures
 - Vice-Chair Report
4. Standing Committee Reports
 - Design
 - Economic Vitality
 - Organization (Tourism Task Force)
 - Promotions
5. Downtown Manager Updates
 - Farmers Market
 - Other
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment– The next OTAC meeting will be held in City Hall at 5:30 p.m. at **May 9, 2019. (Note this is the second Thursday of the month due to Apple Blossom)**

Attendees: Holly Redding (Chair), Drew Van Laeken (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Minor, Greeley Myers, Kimberly Sowers, Nate Crandell (ex-officio OTWBA) and Downtown Manager Jennifer Bell.

Absent: Charlie Fish

(Notes taken by Sarah Acuff Chapman)

➤ **Call to Order**

➤ **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of February meeting minutes – *Unanimously approved.*

➤ **Officers' Reports**

- Chairperson's Report – Holly Redding
 - Expenditures Report – review February expenditures.
 - Holly noted that she will miss the May OTAC meeting.
- Vice Chairperson's Report – Drew Van Laeken
 - No report.

➤ **Standing Committee Reports**

- Design – Liz Minor
 - No report.
 - Invite members to next meeting on March 20 at 8:30 a.m.
- Economic Vitality – Drew Van Laeken
 - Next meeting on March 20 at 9:30 a.m.
- Organization – Greeley Myers
 - Met February 26. Will meet on March 26 at 9am. At the last OTAC meeting it was decided to table the Civil War Trails sign request. Justin Kerns, Tourism Director, will attend the next committee meeting and give input on the signs. Will have an update from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation regarding the civil war walking tour at the next meeting. Working on confirming locations of Apples on Parade for the Harley Rally. Will also have a downtown scavenger hunt during the Harley event. Would like to possibly send a reminder to restaurants mid-March about the June event.
- Promotion – Report given by Holly Redding
 - Mother's day proposal handout based on Jennifer's notes from calling into the meeting. Rough proposal. Hashtag contest and winner will be announced at opening day of the farmers market. Winner will be chosen by number of likes. OTWBA will collect prizes. No dollar amount discussed for posts or prizes. Do have greatness funds available in local media. Do not really have printing funds. Next meeting scheduled for March 11. Hope to hash out details then. Several concerns were raised by OTAC members. Short discussion about using funds for farmers market promotion instead. It was agreed to go back to Charlie with the board's concerns.

➤ **Downtown Manager's Updates**

- Downtown Manager Report – Jennifer Bell. Copy distributed.
- Old Town Farmers Market Pot Luck was held. Four applications have been received so far.
- 2019 Event Press Conference was held. 275th Winchester anniversary. Question about where 275th comes from. Jennifer explained varying dates.
- Chocolate Escape was successful. Survey data was emailed to the board.
- Celtic Fest. Reached out to OTWBA on how to include businesses. Schedule and promotions sheet. Volunteers needed to assist with balloon delivery Saturday at 10:30am. Will again ask for feedback in a survey. Question about purpose of the event and Jennifer explained that it was created based on business feedback for an event in the off season on a Saturday in businesses. Tried a scavenger hunt

before. Trying promotions this year. Celtic Fest coverage in Old Town newspaper. Over 30 businesses participating.

- March Newsletter distributed. Jennifer shared that Nibblins is coming in where Flavor Pourfection was located, and Flavor Pourfection is relocating on the mall. There is also a new antiques shop.
 - Jennifer will be out of the office at the end of the month for the National Main Street conference in Seattle.
 - Map concept presented. Fold out pocket guide. Would it be used? Consensus that it isn't any better than guide map.
 - First Night Winchester request to add their schedule of events to the OTW app. They would pay for it. This is a new concept. Feedback? No objections.
 - Jennifer presented the proposed FY20 budget to the City Manager and the 2018 Year in Review to City Council.
 - Handout on Tourism Board presentation on competing business for tourists and dollars spent.
 - OTWBA Egg Hunt poster. Nate will start handing them out on Monday. Jennifer reminded Nate to send invoices.
- **Old Business**
- None.
- **New Business**
- None.
- **Public Comments**
- Nate reported that the OTWBA is very happy right now.

The next OTAC meeting will be on **Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Loudoun Conference Room, Roush City Hall.**

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Unanimously approved 5/0. Adjournment 6:23 p.m.

Post meeting discussion. Greeley decided to cancel the March 26 Organization Committee meeting and move it to April 4 at 9 a.m. Going forward, meetings will now be the same day as the monthly OTAC meeting, except at 9 a.m.

March 2019 Expenditures

FY19

Professional Services/Special Events (31-66)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
Monthly Retainer - April		\$6,866.67	
W-08 Event Expenses		\$448.24	
W-09 Event Expenses		\$705.68	
FYTD Account Total	\$218,000.00	\$8,020.59	\$46,773.45

Professional Services/Other (31-70)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
Web Content Management for February		\$300.00	
FYTD Account Total	\$12,350.00	\$300.00	\$6,360.00

Local Media (36-01)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
Chocolate Escape FB Boost		\$40.00	
OTW Guides Clearbrook Welcome Center		\$120.00	
FYTD Account Total	\$5,725.00	\$160.00	\$2,829.14

Postal Services (52-10)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
City Hall Postage - February		\$3.20	
FYTD Account Total	\$455.00	\$3.20	\$434.78

Office Supplies (60-01)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
Supplies		\$9.05	
FYTD Account Total	\$380.00	\$9.05	\$235.24

Food & Food Service (60-02)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
Farmers Market - Potluck Supplies		\$12.08	
FYTD Account Total	\$200.00	\$12.08	-\$25.08

Books/Subscriptions (60-12)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
iContact Newsletter Service Annual Subscription		\$142.80	
FYTD Account Total	\$300.00	\$142.80	-\$20.80

Other Operating Supplies (60-14)	Budgeted	March Expenditures	Current Balance
Chocolate Escape Balloons		\$52.65	
FYTD Account Total	\$3,260.00	\$52.65	\$1,411.08

Program Funding for Main Street

Five Year Leveraging ¹

Ratio of budget to all investment:	\$6.05
Ratio of budget to private investment:	\$4.58
Ratio of budget to public investment:	\$1.47

Value of Volunteers

Estimated market value of time ² :	\$1,026,478
Hours contributed since 1997:	38,373

Economic Impacts on Main Street

Created, Retained and Expanded

Businesses to date:	574
Jobs to date:	2,248
Five year cost per job:	\$8,871

Physical Improvements ¹

Private Investment

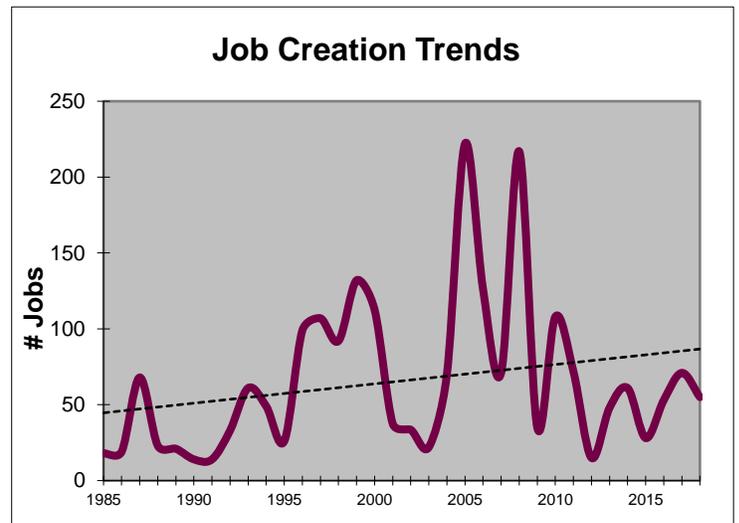
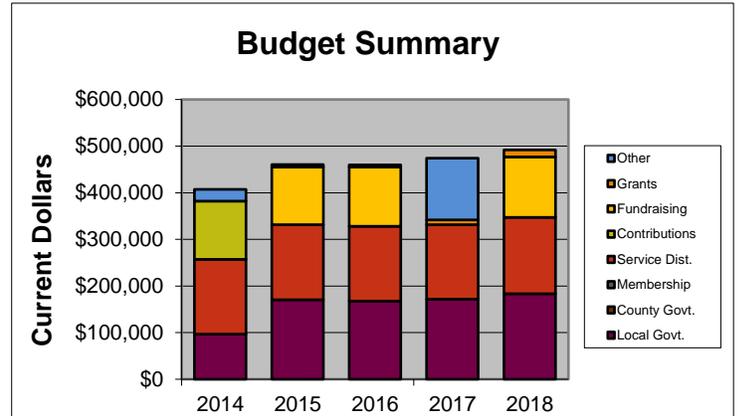
Cumulative investment to date:	\$140,830,569
Cumulative rehabilitation projects:	765
Average Investment:	\$184,092

Public Investment

Cumulative investment to date:	\$74,227,665
Cumulative projects:	121
Average Investment:	\$613,452

Old Town Advancement Commission

Holly Redding, Chairman
 Jennifer Bell, Executive Director
 (540) 535-3661
www.oldtownwinchesterva.com
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Notes and Sources

All figures are from the Virginia Main Street Database (VMSSD) except where noted.

¹ All monetary figures have been adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index.

² Independent Sector, Giving and Volunteering in the United States, 2017. Independent Sector's value of a volunteer hour is based on annual Bureau of Labor Statistics average hourly wages and increased by 12% to account for benefits.

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30 Day Event Recap**Date Delivered: Monday, March 18, 2019**

EVENT TITLE	Celtic Fest
EVENT DATE	March 9, 2019
WEATHER CONDITIONS	Attached
SURVEY RESULTS	none
TICKET SALES NUMBERS	n/a
ATTENDANCE	1250 +/-
REVENUE EXPENSE REPORT	Attached
EVENT SPONSORS	Partlow Insurance; Magic Lantern Theater; SPCA; Bright Box; 50/50 Taphouse; Winchester Brewworks; Brewbakers Restaurant; 147 North; Handley Library; George Washington Hotel;
SERIES SPONSORS	Kee Construction; Signet; Prime Lending; Compass West Realty; iHeart Broadcasting; Centennial Broadcasting
OTW VENUES PARTICIPATING	Bright Box/ 50/50 Taphouse/Winchester Brewworks/Brewbakers Restaurant/147 North/George Washington Hotel/Handley Library/Traipse Scavenger Hunt participants
GOALS ACHIEVED	<p>Partnered with local businesses and non-profits to bring patrons to dine, shop and enjoy Old Town Winchester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added additional dance studio to perform • Added more vendors on the walking mall • Used for the first time, the inflatable, branded arch on the courthouse lawn • Hosted a new band at the GW • Again partnered with Magic Lantern for movie at the Handley Library • Had more live animals on site near the children's activities area • The 5' tall inflatable Leprechauns were a hit for photo opportunities and participating venue identification • Distributed better quality table toppers to OTW restaurants this year, (last year was paper, this year card stock)
AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	<p>Weather will continue to play a very important role in the success of the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer participation to Macados and Cork Street, if we can find celtic style bands • Identify early who will produce the schedule of events (OTW office or FCM office) There was redundancy this year
PROMOTINAL EFFORTS	Attached
a. Newspaper	Winchester Star and NV Daily
b. Radio	Liners and copy
c. Web Ads	Winchester Star and NV Daily
d. Video	Link provided
e. Posters	Copy attached
f. Schedule of events	Copy attached
g. Table Toppers	Copy attached

SATURDAY, MAR 9



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Record High 80°

Record Low 16°

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Sunset ↓ 6:09 pm

Moonrise ↓ 9:14 am

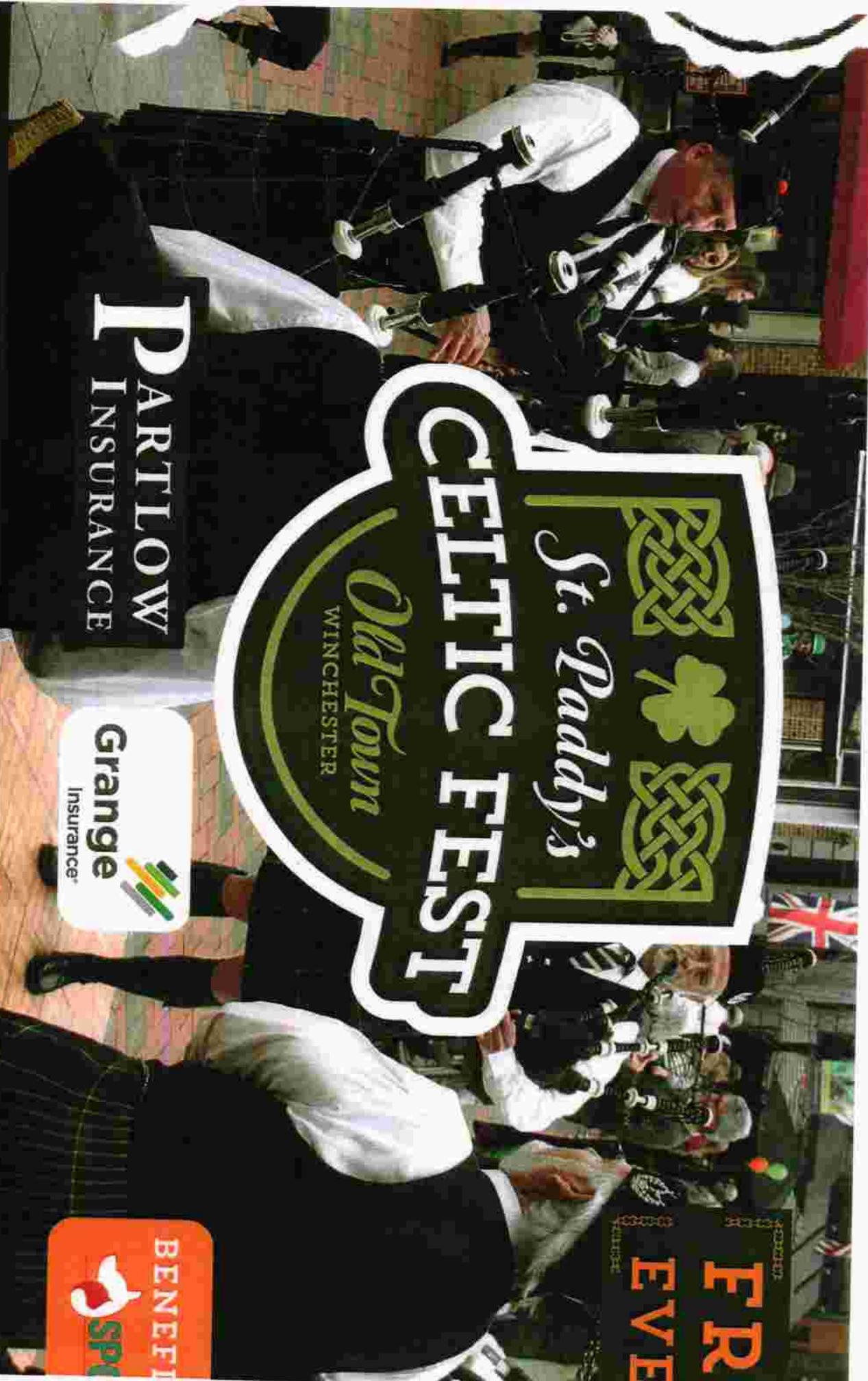
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Full Circle Marketing, City Custom Transaction Detail Report January 1 through March 13, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Split	Amount	Balance
Jan 1 - Mar 13, 19								
Deposit	01/09/2019		NATKO	vendor (due \$...	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	175.00	175.00
Deposit	01/29/2019		Alpha Voyages	Deposit	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	500.00	675.00
Check	02/12/2019	3037	NATKO Inc. - SunFlo...	reimburseme...	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	-50.00	625.00
Deposit	02/12/2019		Arto/Sin Trading	thru paypal	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	130.78	755.78
Deposit	02/12/2019		Girl Scouts	Thru paypal	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	33.68	789.46
Deposit	02/15/2019		Mize Painting	vendor	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	140.00	929.46
Deposit	03/13/2019		Chrms Concession	vendor	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	125.00	1,054.46
Deposit	03/13/2019		Creative Concessions	vendor	Celtic Fest Income	Full Circle City ...	125.00	1,179.46
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Deposit	02/02/2019	City of Winchester	alan for poster	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	165.00	165.00
Deposit	02/02/2019	City of Winchester	mary malyhe...	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	200.00	365.00
Deposit	02/02/2019	City of Winchester	across the po...	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	600.00	965.00
Deposit	02/02/2019	City of Winchester	winchester pl...	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	200.00	1,165.00
Deposit	02/12/2019	City of Winchester	Armstrong Da...	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	100.00	1,265.00
Deposit	02/12/2019	City of Winchester	one street over	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	200.00	1,465.00
Deposit	02/12/2019	City of Winchester	Chelsea	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	175.00	1,640.00
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	capital celtic	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	500.00	2,140.00
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	signal 41899	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	120.30	2,260.30
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	emily martin a...	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	400.00	2,660.30
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	clear choice	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	33.17	2,693.47
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	jimco	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	200.00	2,893.47
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	oriental trader	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	70.15	2,963.62
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	amazon flags	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	13.98	2,977.60
Deposit	03/01/2019	City of Winchester	sl hunter	Celtic Fest/Reimb	Full Circd...	175.00	3,152.60
Jan 1 - Mar 13, 19						3,152.60	3,152.60



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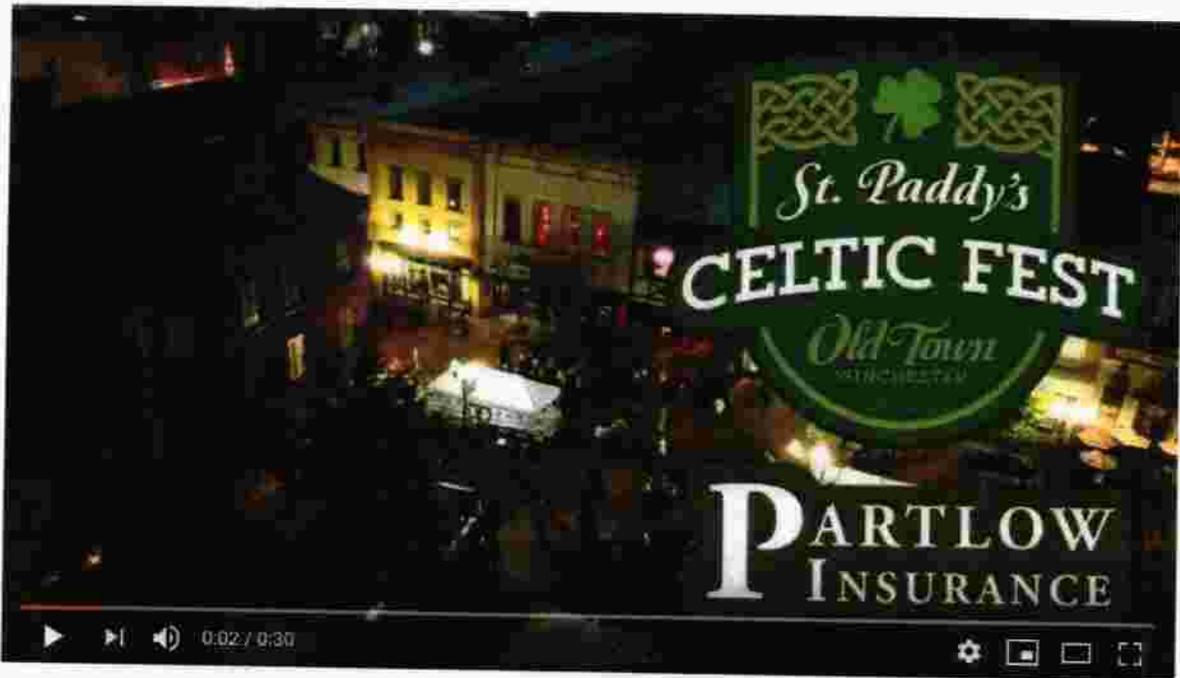
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RADIO LINERS:

GRAB YOUR KILT AND PREGAME IN OLD TOWN WINCHESTER FOR ST. PADDYS CELTIC FEST ON MARCH NINETH FEATURING CELTIC INSPIRED BANDS, BAGPIPERS, KIDS ACTIVITES, IRISH DANCERS, AND MORE. VISIT [ENJOY O T W DOT COM](http://ENJOYOTW.DOT.COM).

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2019 Celtic Fest

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Old Town
Winchester

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MARCH 9
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LIVE CELTIC BANDS
KIDS ACTIVITIES
IRISH DANCING

Celebrate the community's Irish and Scottish heritage at the annual Old Town Winchester St. Paddy's Celtic Fest on Saturday, March 9 from noon to 9:00 p.m. This festival is free, and activities will take place inside Old Town Winchester businesses and along the Loudoun Street Mall (weather permitting).

Throughout the day join us in restaurants/bars to enjoy Celtic style music and special deals on food and beverages. Bands will be playing from noon to 9pm in selected venues, so just look for the leprechauns!

Band Schedule

- 12pm-3pm - Bright Box Theater - **Capital Celtic**
- 12pm-3pm - 50/50 Taphouse - **Across the Pond**
- 3pm-6pm - BrewBakers Restaurant - **Emily Martin and Friends, w/ Brendan Mulvihill**
- 5pm-8pm - Winchester Brew Works - **Merlin's Beard Band**
- 6pm-8pm - 147 North Restaurant - **Winchester Celtic Circle**
- 6pm-9pm - George Washington Hotel - **One Street Over**

Not only will there be bands throughout the day, but other activities will include kids activities on the Old Courthouse Lawn, provided by the SPCA, Irish step dancers, a showing of the Irish comedy film "Waking Ned Devine" at 2 PM in the Handley Regional Library, and much more!

A portion of the food and drink beverages will go to our new charitable partner, SPCA. So come out and pregame your St. Paddy's day with us in Old Town Winchester and help support our community! Visit EnjoyOTW.com for a full schedule of events and information.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

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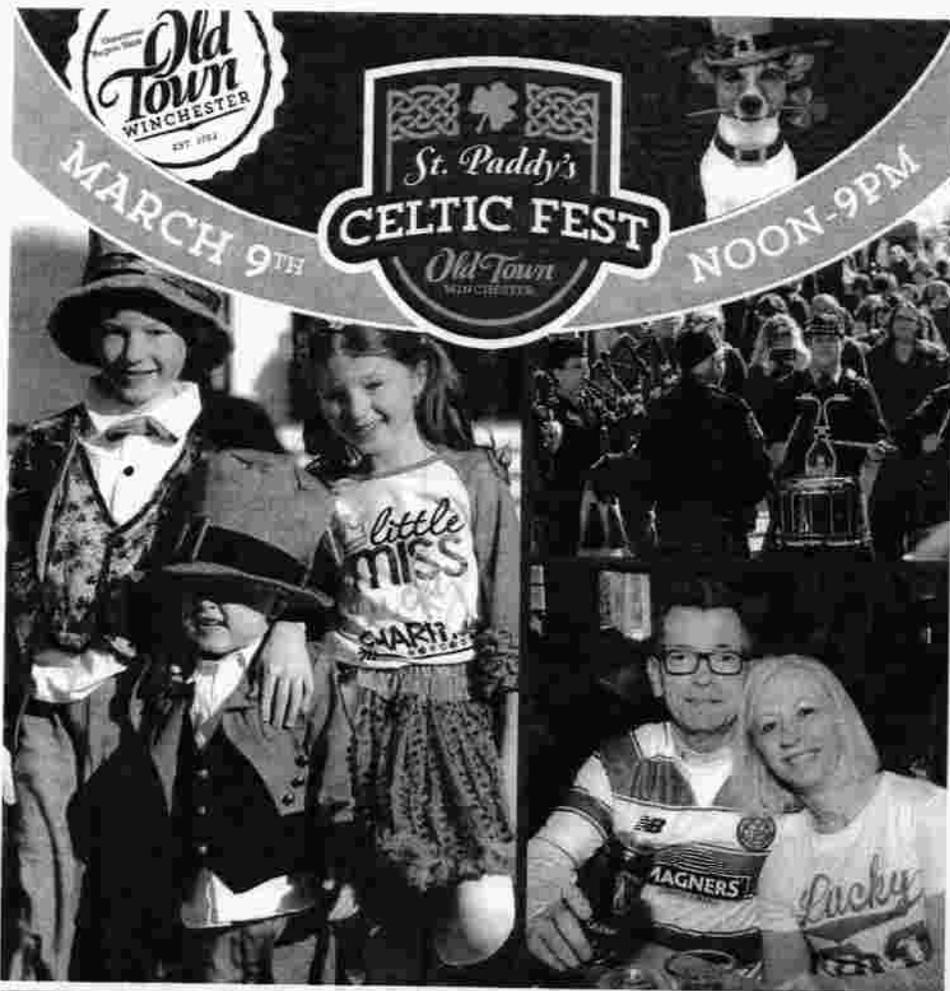
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Unwind and enjoy all that Old Town Winchester has to offer at Friday Night Live. This fun event is the perfect opportunity to meet up with friends, shop, dine and enjoy great live music, street performers and family fun. The Loudoun Street Mall will be filled with music and activities while the Taylor Pavilion will host performances every third Friday in June, July and August with a beer and wine garden.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- JUNE 21** BRICKYARD ROAD BAND
LYNYRD SKYNYRD TRIBUTE BAND
- JULY 19** THE WORK COVER SONGS FROM ALL GENRES
- AUG 16** ROBBIE LIMON BAND
CLASSIC ROCK HITS

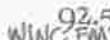




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2019 EVENTS

Chocolate Escape	Feb. 9
St. Paddy's Celtic Fest	March 9
Indoor Mini-golf Tourney	March 30
OTWBA Egg Hunt	April 20
Apple Blossom Festival	April 26-May 5
OTW Farmers Market Opening	May 11
KidzFest	May 18
2019 Winchester Great Strides	May 19
Loudoun Street Mile	May 27
Hop Blossom Craft Beer Festival	June 8
Classic Movie Night	June 8
Friday Night Live	June 21
Curves To Cores H.O.G. Rally Parade	June 22
Pride Celebration	June 29
Rockin' Independence Eve	July 3
Classic Movie Night	July 13
Friday Night Live	July 19
National Night Out	Aug. 6
Classic Movie Night	Aug. 10
Friday Night Live	Aug. 16
Skyline Indie Film Festival	Sept. 11-15
Oktoberfest	Oct. 11 & 12
Pet Halloween Parade	Oct. 26
Spooktacular	Oct. 26
Old Town Holiday Parade	Dec. 2
Santa's Headquarters	Dec. 14
Holly Jolly Celebration	Dec. 14
First Night Winchester	Dec. 31

EVENT SERIES

OTW Farmers Market	Saturdays, May 11-Sept. 28
Movies on the Mall	Thursdays, June 6-July 25 (except July 4)
First Friday Celebration of the Arts	First Friday of every month





EVENTS SCHEDULE

Time	Activity	Location
Noon – 3:00 pm	Live Music: Capital Celtic	 Bright Box Theater
Noon – 3:00 pm	Live Music: Across the Pond	 50/50 Taphouse
Noon – 5:00 pm	Children's Celtic Games	 Old Courthouse Lawn
1:15 – 1:40 pm	Armstrong Irish Dance Academy	 50/50 Taphouse
Times Vary	Winchester Pipes and Drums	Loudoun Street Mall
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Armstrong Irish Dance Academy	 Old Courthouse Lawn
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Movie: Waking Ned Devine Presented by Magic Lantern Theater and Handley Library	 Handley Library
3:00 pm	Celtic Rhythm School of Dance	 Old Courthouse Lawn
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Live Music: Emily Martin & Friends with special guest Brendan Mulvihill	 Brewbaker's Restaurant
5:00 – 8:00 pm	Live Music: Merlin's Beard Band	 Winchester Brew Works
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Live Music: Winchester Celtic Circle	 147 North Restaurant
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Live Music: One Street Over	 The G.W. Hotel

- FREE ADMISSION TO ALL VENUES -

For more information, visit www.EnjoyOTW.com  or stop by the Information Tent during the event

A portion of food & beverage sales benefit SPCA of Winchester, Frederick, and Clarke Counties.



Thank you to our event sponsor Partlow Insurance!





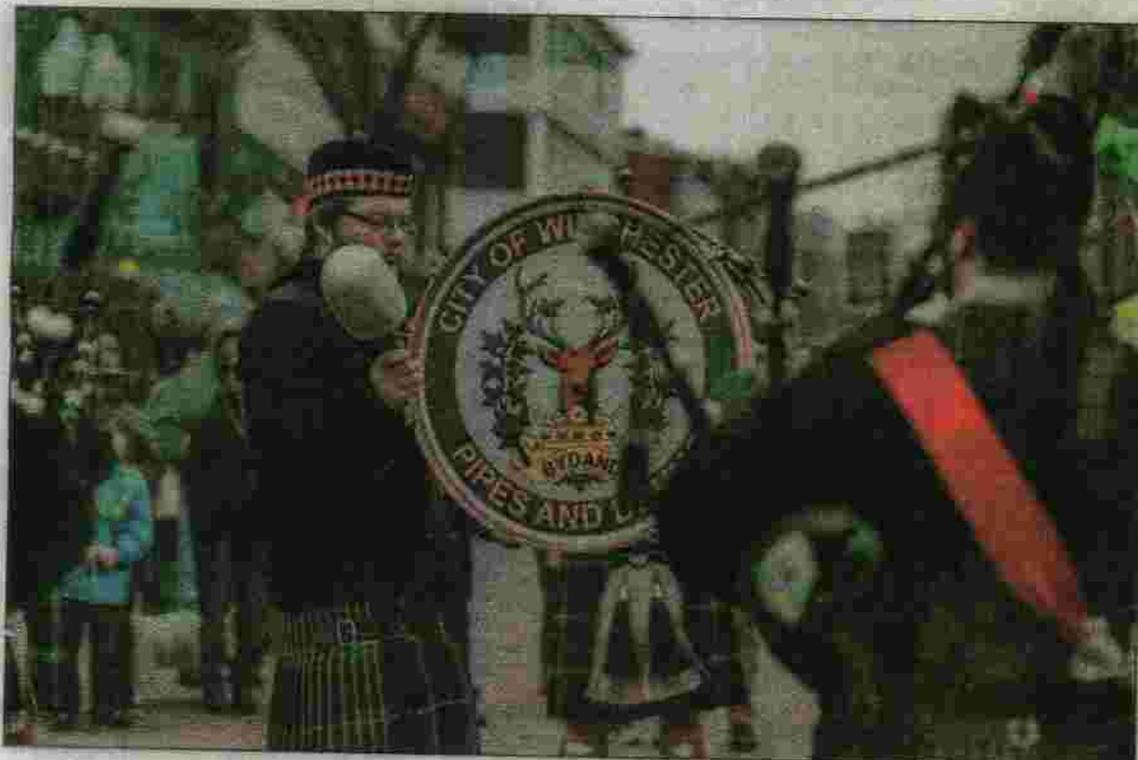
The Winchester Star

Monday, March 11, 2019

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CELEBRATING CELTIC HERITAGE



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A member of the City of Winchester Pipes and Drums performs Saturday on the Loudoun Street Mall during the fourth Old Town St. Paddy's Celtic Festival. St. Patrick's Day is Sunday.

Festival brings wee touch of Ireland to Loudoun Street Mall

By MICKEY POWELL
The Winchester Star

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Toronto Ethiopian community Sunday for the victims of the the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo church. Ethiopian Airlines flight from Ethiopia's capital Sunday, the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft, including 184

Ethiopia 157, spread

By ELIAS MESERET
and YIDNEK KIRUBEL
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopian Airlines jet fell and crashed Sunday shortly after takeoff from the country's capital, carving a gash in the earth and spreading global grief to 35 countries that had someone among the 157 people who were killed.

There was no immediate information why the plane went down in clear weather while on a flight to Nairobi, the capital of neighboring Kenya. The crash was strikingly similar to that of a Lion Air jet that plunged into the sea off Indonesia minutes after takeoff last month, killing 189 people. Both accidents involved the Boeing 737 Max 8

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During the afternoon, 68 youngsters and adults from the Armstrong Irish Dance Academy of Winchester performed traditional Irish dances on the steps of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum. Sarah Armstrong, a certified Irish dance teacher who operates the academy, said she enjoys watching and teaching the dances because they are unique and anyone can perform them.

"Ballet is beautiful," she said, "but it's not as fun to watch."

Some of the dancers have been performing for only a few months, while others have been performing longer. Armstrong mentioned that a younger dancer who performed on Saturday, Izzy Degenhardt, learned some dances in only an hour-and-a-half on Friday night so she could stand in for a girl who suddenly got sick.

The crowd of spectators gathered around the museum's steps gave Degenhardt a special round of applause.

Standing between the display windows of a storefront, Robert Mitchell, of Shepherdstown, W.Va., played his bagpipes. Passersby stopped to talk with him about his instrument when he took short breaks between songs.

Mitchell said he is of Scots-Irish heritage and has been playing bagpipes for more than 50 years. He said he likes bagpipe music because "it has great rhythm and simple melodies."

"It's a little unusual," he said. "It's just one scale and just eight notes. It's simple yet complex (to per-



MICKEY POWELL/THE WINCHESTER STAR

Standing in a storefront along the Loudoun Street Mall, Robert Mitchell, of Shepherdstown, W.Va., plays the bagpipes during the festival.

(form) at the same time."

Asked if playing the bagpipes was tiring, he said no.

"No blowing required," said a smiling Mitchell, who used a bellows to play the instrument.

Other performers included the City of Winchester Pipes and Drums group and the Sing Shenandoah

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The crash shattered more than two years of relative calm in the Ethiopian skies, where travel had been chaotic. It also was a setback to state-owned Ethiopian Airlines, which has expanded its routes to become the continent's largest and best-managed carrier and has moved Addis Ababa into the gate of Africa.

"Ethiopian Airlines is the safest airlines in the world. At this stage we cannot r

Trump battles another battle

By LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is reviving his wall fight, preparing a new budget that will seek \$8.6 billion for the U.S.-Mexico barrier while imposing steep spending cuts to other domestic programs and setting the stage for another fiscal battle.

Budget documents are often seen as just a starting point of negotiation, but fresh off the longest government shutdown in Trump's 2020 proposal, he is eager to confront Congress again to reduce domestic spending and refocus money on priorities. It calls for boosting defense spending and making \$1 trillion in nondefense cuts.

Trump's proposal, titled "Budget for a Better America," promises to keep tax cuts and set for release Monday bodies fiscal responsibility. Russ Vought, the acting director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The rise, set and rise of Daylight Saving Time

By GILLIAN BROCKELL
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As you grumble about your lost hour of sleep this week, just remember: Don't blame Benjamin Franklin. Despite legend, the nerdiest founding father did not invent daylight saving time. (He did, however, suggest cities wake residents earlier on summer mornings by the sound of cannon fire, so perhaps it's best he didn't get his way.)

No, the reason you may have had an extra cup of coffee Sunday is because of World War I. And golf.

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Englishman William Willett both wanted more time after work in the summer for their sunlight-required pastimes — in Willett's case, hitting the links, and in Hudson's, collecting bugs. And really, why let time itself keep you from your hobbies?

Neither man's proposal gained

much traction, however, until the outbreak of the World War I. The Germans were the first to do it, on April 30, 1916, as a way to save on coal-powered lighting in factories. British politicians moved to follow

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TODAY'S FORECAST

55 Mostly sunny with west winds 10-15 mph and gusts up to 30 mph. Light winds clear with northwest



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3pm	Old Town Courthouse Lawn	Celtic Rhythm School of Dance Performance
3pm - 6pm	BrewBakers Restaurant	Emily Martin and Friends w/ Brendan Mulvihill - Band
5pm - 8pm	Winchester Brew Works	Merlin's Beard Band
6pm - 8pm	147 North Restaurant	Winchester Celtic Circle - Band
6pm - 9pm	George Washington Hotel	One Street Over Band

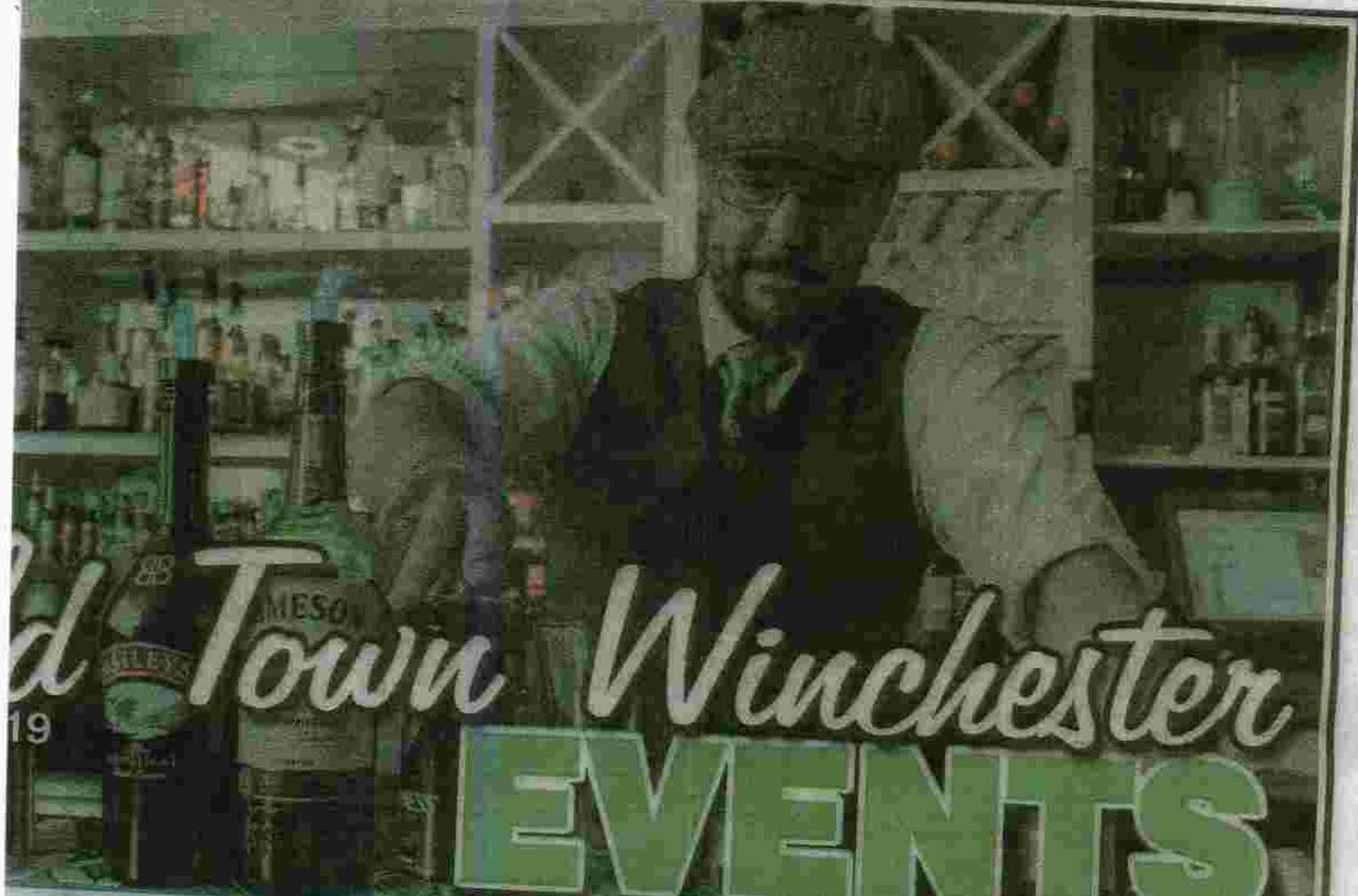
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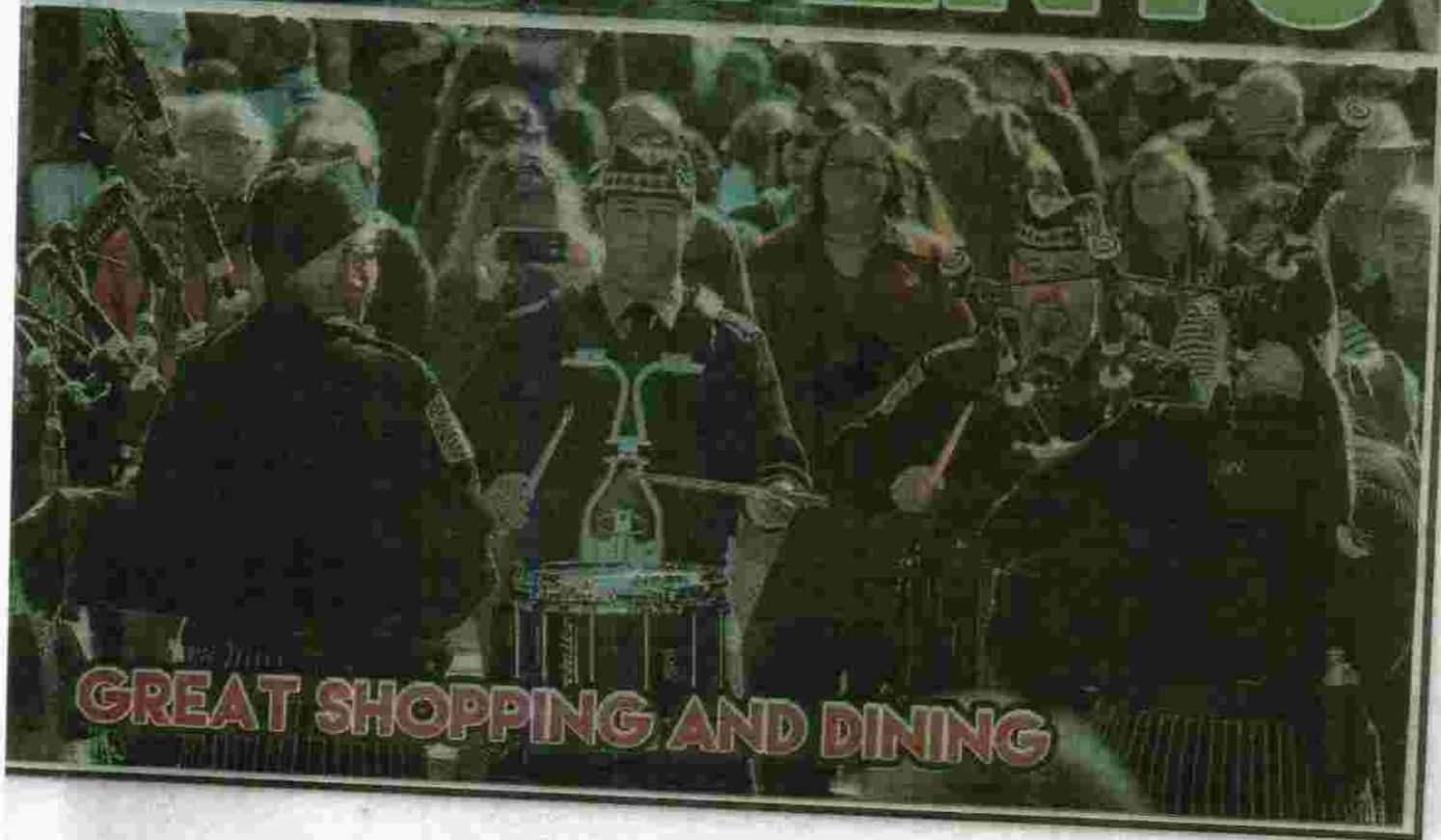
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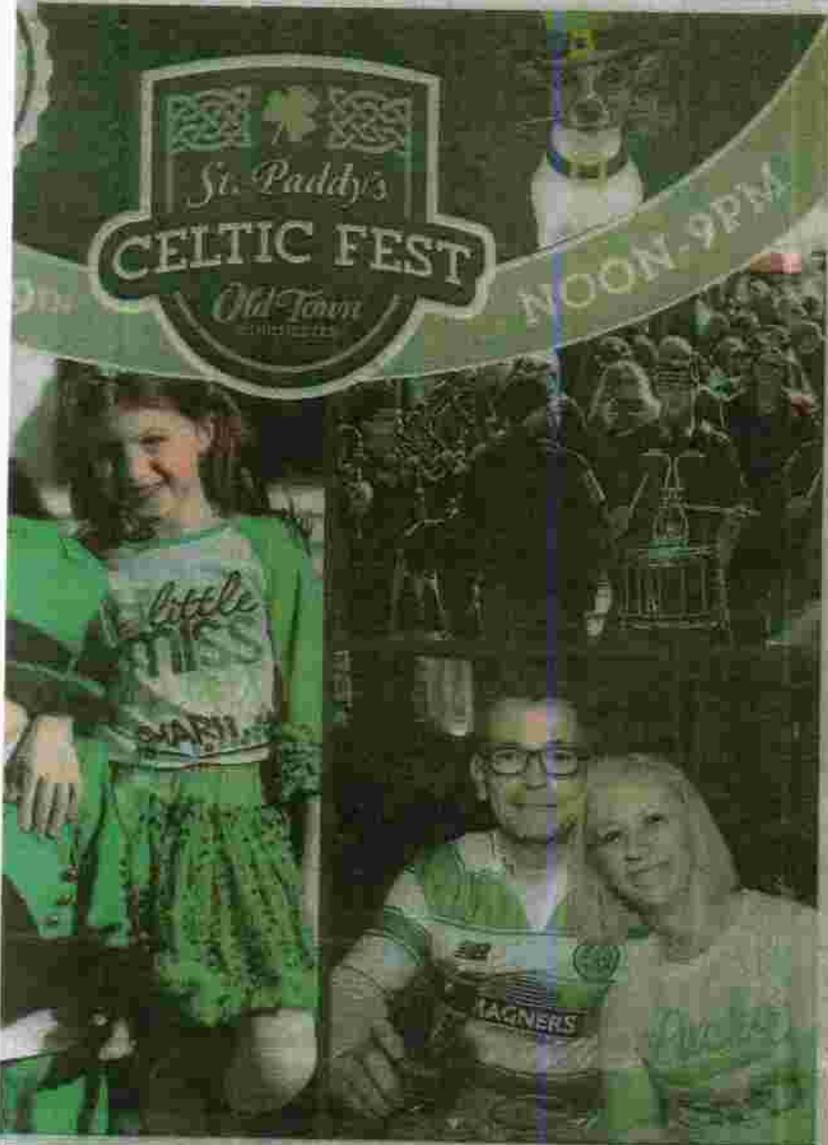
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2019 EVENTS

Chocolate Escape	Feb. 9
St. Paddy's Celtic Fest	March 9
Indoor Mini-golf Tourney	March 30
OTWDA Egg Hunt	April 20
Apple Blossom Festival	April 26-May 5
OTW Farmers Market Opening	May 11
KidzFest	May 18
2019 Winchester Great Strides	May 19
Loudoun Street Mile	May 27
Hop Blossom Craft Beer Festival	June 8
Classic Movie Night	June 8
Friday Night Live	June 21
Curves Te-Cores H.O.G. Italy Parade	June 22
Pride Celebration	June 29
Rockin' Independence Eve	July 3
Classic Movie Night	July 13
Friday Night Live	July 19
National Night Out	Aug. 6
Classic Movie Night	Aug. 10
Friday Night Live	Aug. 16
Skyline Indie Film Festival	Sept. 11-19
Oktoberfest	Oct. 11 & 12
Pet Halloween Parade	Oct. 26
Spooktacular	Oct. 26
Old Town Holiday Parade	Dec. 2
Santa's Headquarters	Dec. 14
Holly Jolly Celebration	Dec. 14
First Night Winchester	Dec. 31

EVENT SERIES

OTW Farmers Market	Saturdays, May 11-Sept. 28
Movies on the Mall	Thursdays, June 6-July 25 <small>(Movie Only)</small>
First Friday Celebration of the Arts	First Friday of every month



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