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Dan Richard and Erica Richard, former St. Mary's softball star and current Lynn Classical head coach, joined family at the annual Fourth of July Celebration at Gowdy Park. Dan and Erica are pictured with their children, Avery and Lucas Richard, who are dressed as pirates, and Erica's parents, George and Stephanie Sonia, before the group participated in the neighborhood parade in to the park. See more photos on Page 12.

'GREATER' REACH

Lynn Chamber of Commerce changes name

By Cary Shuman

Lynn's Chamber of Commerce has just become "Greater."

The local business agency, led by Executive Director Colin Codner, announced Monday that it is changing its name from the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce to the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce.

Codner explained the reasons for the name change in an interview with the Lynn Journal Monday.

"It's our goal to promote a regionalistic approach to business support, advocacy, and all the factors that go in to growth and development – and we [The Board of Directors and Mr. Codner] felt that a broadly inclusive

aim and image would best reflect our decision to focus in a regionalistic manner," said Codner.

While there are various interpretations to the geographic areas encompassed by Greater Lynn, Codner said the agency's Greater Lynn perspective consists of "the communities we are casually referring to as southern Essex County," including Lynn, Lynnfield, Saugus, Swampscott, and Nahant.

Businesses in Lynn make up the large majority of Chamber members but there is "healthy representation" in the other four communities.

Codner said Monday's official

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The Place to Live

Lynn deemed one of 'Most Livable Cities in America'

Special to The Journal

Mayor Thomas M. McGee and the City of Lynn have been honored in the 2019 City Liv-

ability Awards Program during The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 87th Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

The award recognizes may-

oral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities, focusing on the leadership, creativity and innovation demonstrated by the mayors. This year's winning cities were selected by former mayors from a pool of over 150 applicants.

"Our City Livability Awards Program gives us the chance to celebrate the extraordinary role mayors across the country play in making urban areas cleaner, safer and more livable," said Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "We are grateful to



The leaders of the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce, which announced a change in name for the organization. Front row are Executive Director Colin Codner and Accountant Anthony Yeannakopoulos. Back row are Membership and Events Coordinator Samantha McHugh and Operations Manager Christine Neals.

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EDITORIAL

MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER

Our founding publisher, Andrew P. Quigley, who lived an extraordinary life, used to say, "When you look back on your life, you realize that all you really have is a lot of memories."

What brings these words to mind is the realization that the long, hot summer is upon us. With school out and the excitement of the Fourth of July behind us, we now have arrived at what often are referred to as the dog days of summer -- humid, steamy, and languid -- that have burned indelible memories into our mind's eye from our earliest childhood into adulthood.

For those of us who live in the Greater Boston area, numerous vacation spots, from the mountains and lakes of Maine and New Hampshire, to the pastoral serenity of the Berkshires, to the world-famous beaches of Cape Cod and the islands, are within a short distance.

The Greater Boston area itself is full of summertime pleasures and recreational opportunities, whether it be a visit to the 15 beaches maintained by the state, boating in our beautiful Boston Harbor and nearby environs, concerts at numerous venues, or taking in the vibrancy of the Boston waterfront scene.

However, what summertime always has meant to us -- the time we spend with our families, friends, and children -- reinforces the notion that the best things in life are free.

While life itself is short and passes all too quickly, summer is even briefer. There are just seven weeks from now until Labor Day weekend (how depressing is that?). All of us will lament, "Where did the summer go?" when we return to work and school on the day after Labor Day, Sept. 2.

Let's make sure that when we do so, we can look back on a summer that created memories that will last a lifetime for ourselves and for those whom we love.

CONGRATULATIONS, U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER

Every now and then the accomplishments of an individual athlete or team will transcend whatever it is that they have achieved in the world of sports. Prime examples include the late Muhammad Ali and the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team.

In our view, the incredible run by the U.S. Women's Soccer team during the recent World Cup in France that culminated with Sunday's 2-0 victory over the Netherlands in the championship game is one of those events that made us proud to be Americans far beyond their feat of winning a world title.

Not only did the team prove to be the best in the world on the pitch itself, game-after-game, with thrilling victories over Spain, France, and England in the knockout rounds, but off the field, they were incredible representatives for our nation and women the world over.

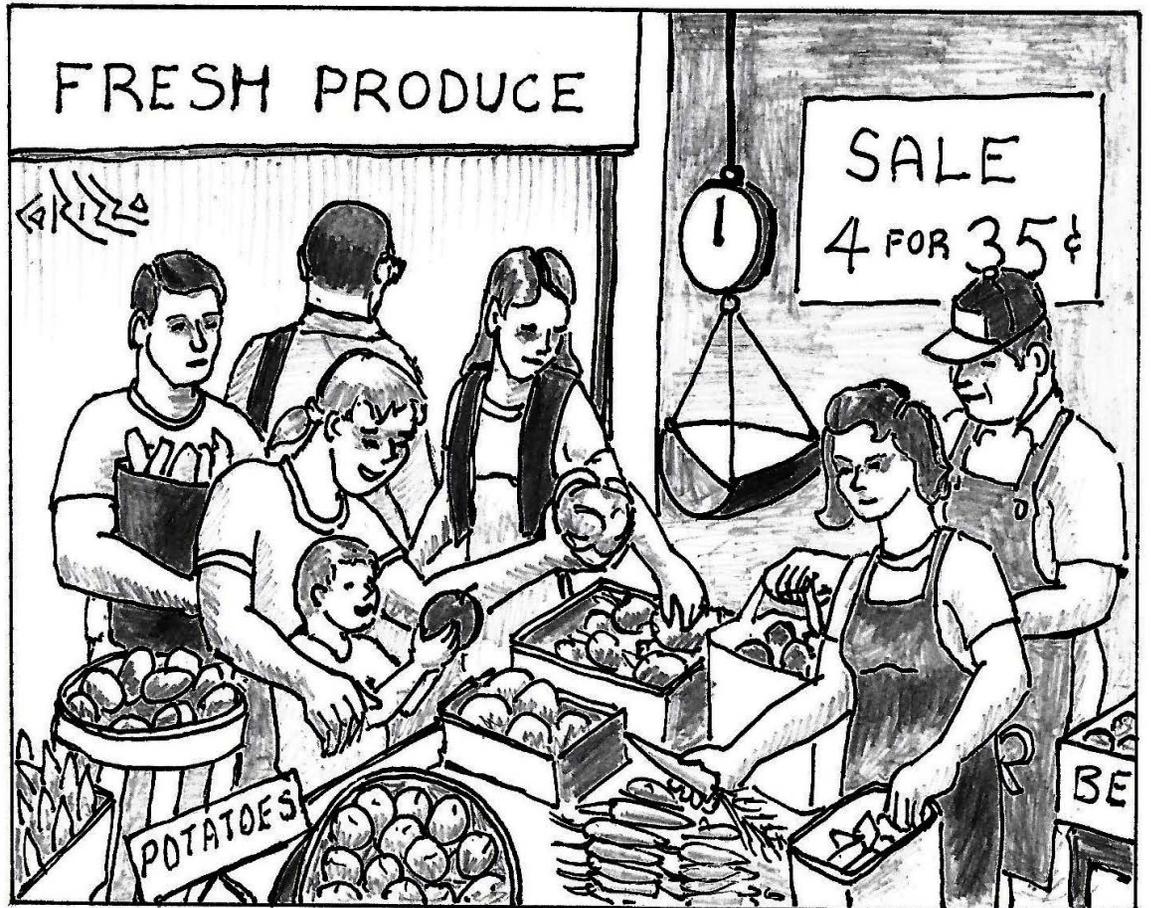
Beyond their amazing athleticism, the U.S. women displayed grit, class, and, smarts. Unlike some players on other teams who were a bit "chippy," the American women were strong without resorting to rough behavior and never lost their cool.

Moreover, the U.S. team displayed an unbridled joy for the game that all too often is lacking in sports in these days, all the way from youth to the professional levels.

Jill Ellis, the U.S. coach, noted afterwards that her team members not only were outstanding soccer players, but they also were wonderful people who were superlative teammates and supportive of each other.

With the U.S. women suing U.S. Soccer for equal pay with the men's team, as well as the comments from some members of the team about the politics existent in the country today, the 2019 team's accomplishments on the field may be remembered a generation from now as less significant than the changes they are seeking to bring about in the perception of women athletes by society at large.

We are grateful for the excitement the USNWT brought to us during the past month. We know that their team will serve as an inspiration for future soccer players, both boys and girls, and we are hopeful that they will be able to bring about much-needed changes in the realm of gender equality in the sporting world.



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launch consisted of an unveiling the agency's new logo on the Website. The rebranding is continuing on social media and a letter has been sent to all members notifying them of the change.

"We also have an event on Friday (July 12) at Land of a Thousand Hills (61 Munroe St.) between 9 and 11 a.m.," said Codner. "We hope that members come on down and have a cup of coffee and get our new logo on top of your latte."

The acronym for the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce is likely to be "GLCC," eschewing the preposition "of" as most chambers do. Conversely, the Point of Pines Yacht Club (adjacent to the General Edwards Bridge) does use the letter 'O' in its acronym, which is POPYC, perhaps an attempt to differentiate itself from the Pleasant Park Yacht Club (PPYC) in nearby Winthrop.

Friday's introductory event is, in fact, being called "Meet the GLCC." Lynn's Chamber of Commerce experienced unprecedented growth under previous Executive Director Leslie Gould. The Lynn Chamber is one of the largest in Massachusetts with approximately 400 members.

The Chamber's business and social events, including the

Annual Business Excellence Awards Dinner – with its Academy Awards-style feel and the considerable prestige associated with being an award recipient – have attracted large turnouts.

The Chamber has become a strong and effective voice for the business community with

leaders and members appearing at City Council and other governmental board meetings.

The Chamber has continued its resurgence under the reign of Codner and his management team – and even "Greater" things are expected under its new name and logo.

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Residents to pedal in the 40th Pan-Mass Challenge

On Aug. 3 and 4, more than 6,700 riders, including four riders from Lynn, will pedal up to 192 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) with the goal of raising \$60 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Riders from Lynn include Mayor Thomas McGee, Brendan Callahan, John Coulon and Kevin Pimental.

Cyclists from 43 states and 12 countries will convene in Massachusetts to participate in the PMC, taking on one of 12 routes, which pass through 47 towns and range from 25 to 192 miles, designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability. Riders range in age from 13 to 88 and include everyone from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors. Many ride to honor a family member or friend who has battled cancer, while more than 950 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients themselves—considered Living Proof of the progress made in cancer research and treatment.

Participants are required to raise between \$600 and \$8,500, depending on their chosen route,

though the average cyclist raises more than \$8,825, which exemplifies the spirit of the PMC and has helped the organization continue to increase its gift year after year, despite declining trends in the industry. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are also part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

“As we prepare for our milestone 40th PMC, we are humbled by the continued support from our growing community,” said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. “It is thanks to the unwavering passion and commitment of our riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors that the PMC has been able to make such a tangible impact on advancements in cancer research and treatment since 1980. We can’t wait to see everyone on the road come August for what we hope will be a safe and enjoyable ride!”

If the PMC reaches its 2019 fundraising goal of \$60 million, Overstock.com CEO Patrick Byrne, a cancer survivor and PMC rider, has committed to do-

nate an additional \$1 million to the cause. One hundred percent of every rider-raised dollar is donated directly to Dana-Farber through the its fundraising arm, the Jimmy Fund and the PMC is the institute’s largest single contributor, accounting for more than 55 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. In 2018, the PMC donated an unprecedented \$56 million to Dana-Farber, bringing it’s 39-year contribution to more than \$654 million.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and New Balance. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or become a virtual rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2019 #PMC40 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

ACCIDENT ON LYNNWAY



PHOTO BY MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

Just after 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, Troopers from State Police-Revere responded to the Lynnway northbound, at Harding Street, in Lynn to reports of a motor vehicle that had crashed into pedestrians at a bus stop. Preliminary investigation on scene indicates that, for reasons still under investigation, a 2009 Hyundai Accent sedan operated by a 32-year-old Lynn man veered off the road and struck the bus stop shelter. An adult woman at the bus stop suffered serious, life-threatening injuries and was taken by medical helicopter to Massachusetts General Hospital. An adult male suffered serious injuries and was transported by ground ambulance to Salem Hospital.



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LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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The following local student has earned Boston College High School Fourth Quarter Honors:

Richard Rowe 2021 of Lynn achieved High Honors.

For High Honors a Soph., Jr., Sr. must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

For Honors a Soph., Jr., Sr. must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Emmanuel College celebrated its 97th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 11, adding hundreds of graduates to the global network of Emmanuel alumni who are making their mark on the world. World-renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin delivered the Commencement Address to the Class of 2019 and the more than 3,000 family members, friends and guests in attendance. The College also conferred an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Sister Elizabeth Michaels '46, SND-deN, who served on the faculty at Emmanuel for 40 years. Local students who graduated include:

Kamille Bautista of Lynn. Bautista received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics during the ceremony.

Tatiana Dejesus of Lynn. Dejesus received a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience during the ceremony.

Sarah Haferman of Lynn. Haferman received a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience during the ceremony.

Luz Matul of Lynn. Matul received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a concentration in Counseling and Health during the ceremony. Matul graduated cum laude.

Shadia Nabalindwa of Lynn. Nabalindwa received a Bache-

lor of Arts in Psychology with a concentration in Counseling and Health during the ceremony.

Emmanuel College, founded in 1919, is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CONGRATULATES SPRING 2019 DEAN LIST

Grace Couillard of Lynn received Deans List Honors for the Spring 2019 semester. In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

JONATHAN CABRERA MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT RIT

Jonathan Cabrera of Lynn was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 Spring Semester. Cabrera is in the computer aided drafting program.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,000 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sus-

tainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREES AT 151ST WPI COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday, May 11, on the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) campus quadrangle, 1,019 bachelor's degrees were awarded during the university's 151st commencement ceremony.

Heather Cummings of Lynn, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering with high distinction.

Jennifer Payano of Lynn, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in bioinformatics and computational biology.

WPI President Laurie Leshin and Board of Trustees Chairman Jack Mollen presided over the celebration, at which the keynote address was given by Ellen Stofan, the John and Adrienne Mars Director of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

In her remarks, Stofan lauded the graduating seniors, whom she called "the next generation of STEM innovators," before pointedly asking, "Where do you go from here?" She noted that students are graduating 50 years after the Apollo 11 Moon landing on July 20, 1969. The historic milestone was spurred, in part, Stofan noted, by the challenge President John F. Kennedy placed before Congress in an address in May 1961.

Stofan, who has more than 25 years of experience in space-related organizations and a rich background in planetary geology, also received an honorary doctor of science degree.

WPI awarded Gordon Hargrove, executive director of Friendly House in Worcester, an honorary doctor of humane letters degree for his "distinguished leadership of a vital Worcester institution, his passion for making miracles happen in the lives of others, and his inspiring example to generations of WPI students, faculty, and staff."

President Leshin told the graduates that while she is sad to see them go, she and the campus community feel a great sense of pride in all of their accomplishments at WPI. "Over

the past four years, we have all watched, and hopefully helped you discover, your passions and strengths, we've seen you work very hard, and we've seen you truly make a difference."

Class speaker Emily Molstad, of Newington, Conn., a major in mechanical engineering with materials science and engineering, recalled for her classmates the "nine words we heard when we arrived, and over and over again throughout our four years here: Go to class. Do the work. Ask for help. These words, repeated so often, weren't always easy to practice day to day, but once we followed them, they put us on the path to success."

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

Isabella Castiello of Lynn was among the 2,330 students at the University of Maine recognized for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,649 are from Maine, 623 are from 35 other states and 58 are from 30 countries other than the U.S.

The student who received Dean's List honors for spring 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

CALNAN RECEIVES GRADUATE DEGREE AT 151ST WPI COMMENCEMENT

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) President Laurie Leshin and Board of Trustees Chairman Jack Mollen presided over the university's 151st Commencement celebrations, awarding over 850 master's and doctoral degrees at the Graduate Ceremony, held on the campus Quadrangle. Joseph Calnan of Lynn, was awarded a master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

This year's graduate address was given by Freeman A. Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

In his remarks, Hrabowski expressed his excitement at being asked by his longtime friend, Laurie Leshin, to speak at WPI's graduate commencement. "I've been watching the progress of WPI for a long time," he said. "You're a national leader in project-based learning, and you're the alma mater of Robert Goddard. In my area, that's a big

deal."

WPI awarded honorary degrees to Hrabowski and to Kevin O'Sullivan, who recently retired as president and CEO of Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives.

President Leshin congratulated the Class of 2019 for "enduring stress, overcoming setbacks, and pushing boundaries." As students leave campus with a degree, Leshin said she anticipates they will continue to "break barriers and open new doors."

Graduate student speaker Do-reen Manning then gave her remarks. Manning, who received her master's of business administration, told her fellow graduates that she took an indirect route since "earning a master's degree had simply not been on my career radar."

Manning said her worldview is different now.

"So as I leave the podium today, I will do so not only with a diploma, but with new insights into myself and my role within the world," Manning said. "Yet even more important, when I meet with alumni in my position as editor of the WPI Journal, I get to tell them, with pride, 'I'm an alum, too!'"

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR FAUSTO CABRERA A GRAND NIGHT

Fausto Cabrera received tributes for his two consecutive years as Grand Knight. Citations from Gov. Baker, Mayor Thomas McGee, and the Lynn City Council were presented to him for his successful tenure as Grand Knight. Guest speakers included PGK Michael Phelps, PGK Charles Rowe, and PGK Patrick Gecoya as each paid respect to GK Cabrera for his service and leadership as Grand Knight.

This was an evening of acknowledgements to a wonderful individual who dedicated his time as Grand Knight for two years. Outgoing GK Fausto Cabrera will now become a District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus appointed by State Deputy Paul Flanagan.

During this evening's festivities, recognition was extended to Valladolid Treasurer James Smart upon retirement after 40 years of service to the Council.

Congratulations to DD/PGK Fausto Cabrera for his contributions to the Knights of Columbus and to James Smart for his years of commitment.



Past Grand Knights attend GK Testimonial: (Seated): William Magarian, Jerry Marzeotti, Patrick Gecoya, GK Fausto Cabrera, David Solimine, Ralph Jamieson, William Travascio, and Sal Tavernese; (Standing): Lou Modini, Larry Donovan, Joseph Gunning, Thomas Weiser, Thomas Aylward, Robert Smith, Frank Harrington, Chris Kennedy, Larry Donahue, Frank Carrabba, Lawrence Sheehan, Michael Phelps, and Charles Rowe.



City of Lynn Citation: PFN Mark Natti, GK Fausto Cabrera, Counselor-at-Large Brian Field, and PFN Thomas Weise.



Lynn School Committee members, Brian Castellanos and Michael Satterwhite, congratulate GK Fausto Carbrera with Connie Pacheco.



Family Tribute to Grand Knight Fausto Cabrera.



The Carrabba Table – Cindy Carrabba, Barbara Carrabba, Donna Molligi, Former Lynn School Committee Member PGK Frank Carrabba, and Michael Molligi.



James Smart Service Award: PFN Thomas Weiser, Former Treasurer James Smart, GK Fausto Cabrera, Emcee & Financial Secretary Michael Scarlata, and PFN Mark Natti.



Grand Knight Plaques and Gravel: Chaplain Rev. Godfrey Masube, GK Fausto Carbrera, and Emcee Michael Scarlata.



The Sacred Heart Table – (Seated): Julie Moran, Rev. Brian O'Hanlon, Former KofC Chaplain Rev. James H. Riley, Ms. Marion Riley; (Standing): GK Fausto Cabrera, Jean O'Donnell, Jean Nerich, Deacon John and Josephine Hardy, Mary Jane and David Solimine Sr.

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VOLUNTEER AND LYNN YACHT CLUBS BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Retired Lynn Firefighter, Rocco Brienzo, age 100, christening the "Rocky B" Lynn Fire Rescue Boat with Chief Stephen Archer.



Before the summer boating season begins, the Blessing of the Fleet is a traditional event at the Volunteer and Lynn Yacht Clubs. For the past 50 years both yacht clubs joined together with local religious leaders offering spiritual enlightenment and songs for a safe and bountiful season on the ocean.

A touching and emotional segment of the service remembers recent passing members with the playing of TAPS, a bell ring for last call, and the laying of the Floral Wreath into the harbor's waters.

Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard extended the greetings from the Lynn City Council and the Mayor to have a very safe 2019 boating season with blue skies and calm waters.

A historic moment occurred when 100 years old retired Lynn Firefighter Rocco Brienzo christens the Lynn Fire Rescue Boat named "Rocky B" along with Fire Chief Stephen Archer.

This was certainly a great day for all the passionate boaters to begin another season. Boats are moored at dockside and soon to navigate the New England waters.



Ringling the Bell remembering recent deceased members at the Volunteer Yacht Club as Commodore Jackie Eichel reads each name as Fleet Captain Jay Ross rings the bell.



Maddy Harrick and Ashley Dunn sing the "Star Spangled Banner" during the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony.



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Attending the Blessing of the Fleet event - John Walsh of John's Oil in Lynn, Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, State Representative Peter Capano, School Committee Member Brian Castellanos, Cinda Danh, and Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi.



Lynn Yacht Club Treasurer Barry Cohen joins Rabbi Margie Klein Rankin of Essex County Community Organization in Lynn singing "Oseh Shalom" (Bring Peace).

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LYNN'S YACHT CLUBS ARE READY TO SET SAIL



The annual of Laying of the Floral Wreath for honoring departed mariners from the Volunteer and Lynn Yacht Clubs - Father Brian Flynn of St. Mary's Parish, VYC Fleet Captain Jay Ross, LYC Fleet Captain Glenn Howard, Rabbi Margi Klein Rankin, and Congregational Church Rev. Alan Ferguson.

Lynn Yacht Club Commodore Gregory Deterding with his Officers and past LYC Commodores.



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Participating in the Blessing of the Fleet Service - US Army Roger Comeau, US Army Special Forces R. Gary Hunt, and US Air Force Roger Peladeau.



Volunteer Yacht Club Commodore Jackie Eichel with her Officers and past VYC Commodores.



ABOVE: VYC Chuck Domenicis at the Cannon to open the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony and to close the ceremony immediately after the Wreath is placed into the water by the Fleet Captains known as "Pass over the Bar."

RIGHT: U.S. Navy Veteran Jack Pickell plays a rendition of "TAPS" in memory of passed members.



Independent's 19th Annual
Beach Baby Pages

The Revere Journal, Winthrop Sun Transcript, Lynn Journal, The Everett Independent, Chelsea Record & East Boston Times Free Press would like you to join us in putting your Beach Baby in our **18TH ANNUAL BEACH BABY PAGES**. Photos should be of a beach or swimming pool setting (anywhere). Please include Name, Age, Address, City & Phone # & which paper you would like it published in.

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The photos will be printed in our August 21st & 22nd issues of The Revere Journal, Winthrop Sun Transcript, Lynn Journal, The Everett Independent, Chelsea Record & East Boston Times.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT AT ISLAND END RIVER

CHELSEA - Few places in the food supply chain for Greater Boston and beyond are more vulnerable than the New England Produce Center.

That huge food resource for the region, along with other industries, are very close to sea level and, as discovered a few years ago, very prone to flooding and sea level surges.

Now, the City of Chelsea is poised to begin a major project at the Island End River that will help to protect the industrial areas along Beacham Street and enhance the environment around the improving Island End River.

"That area is about 6 or 7 feet above sea level now, and experts expect sea level and storm surges at 14 feet above sea level by the end of the century," said Alex Train, of the Chelsea Planning Department. "This project is in concert with Everett and it's gathered a lot of momentum. It's a priority of the City Manager and our department because we understand how much is at risk. It's a gamble otherwise and we don't like to gamble in the planning industry."

Such a gamble was clearly seen two winters ago when huge coastal surge storms lifted the water levels into the industrial areas along the Island End, nearly causing major disruptions and opening a lot of eyes to the vulnerability of the situation.

The project has been supported by a grant from the Coastal Zone Management Office, as well as the Chelsea and Everett City Councils.

The project includes gray infrastructure, such as flood walls and berms by the Island End River. It also includes green infrastructure with the restoration of the salt marshes abutting the Island End. At the same time, they will also be able to add some amenities for the public like a Boardwalk to connect to the Admiral's Hill Marina area.

"It's going to be a sizeable project, but in the context of the surrounding industrial businesses and the produce center, it's easily a worthwhile initiative on our end," said Train.

Right now, in Chelsea, they are at 60 percent engineering design on the project. Everett is a little bit further behind as they are in the Designated Port Area (DPA) and require many more steps. Everett is currently in a schematic design phase.

On the Chelsea side, Train said they will culminate design this summer, and then look for further grants this winter. Then they will engage in the final engineering, permitting and construction phases.

The project will also be tied into the large Beacham Street roadway, sidewalk and bike path improvements that are also coming soon.

A report in 2015 by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) showed that the Produce Center generates \$2.3 billion of economic activity per year, and the entire industrial district generates \$7 billion per year. There are 5,000 direct jobs there and 10,000 supportive jobs there.

"Many of that activity and those jobs benefit Chelsea and Everett residents and they are solid middle-class jobs and we're committed to protecting them for our residents," said Train.

OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

•The City has received a PARC grant for rehabilitation of the O'Neil Playground on the hill up from Williams Street. The new design will encourage water features and tree canopies. The restoration will look to prevent heat islands and provide a cool place during the summer. The project is currently under construction and should be substantially completed by the fall. It came in at a cost of \$884,000.

•The Eden Street playground is currently in design. The new design will also feature a robust tree canopy and more permeable surfaces. The project will be bid out in September, with a fall start. Construction will start up again in the spring for a substantial completion by summer 2020. That project was supported by a \$400,000 PARC grant.

•Voke Park is another area that will soon receive more attention. The Bocce Court and fields were done over two years ago, but now it's time for some attention to be paid to the playground. Already, they have had one public meeting to get input on the park, and they are working on conceptual designs now.

"We'll apply for a grant in July to secure funding," said Train.

Design will be done in June 2020 and construction on that is likely to be 2021.

•The City is preparing to modernize the traffic signals and intersections at Williams/Chestnut and Williams/Broad-

way this summer. That upgrade will include new Smart Traffic Signals that are able to read the traffic flow and adjust signal timing on the fly. One of those lights has already been installed on Broadway and Webster earlier this year. Sidewalks will also be touched up as well.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL

CHELSEA - Since 2016, Chelsea photographer Darlene 'Dar' DeVita has been traveling around the City Hall area and Broadway with her camera and portable backdrop - meeting the people of Chelsea and chronicling their images and their thoughts.

Such a seminal work is hard to narrow down for just one show, but DeVita will do just that on July 9, from 5-7 p.m. in the City Hall Gallery when she presents her 'People of Chelsea' work.

"I started in 2016 and got a grant from the Cultural Council in 2018, and now I'm going to be showing this work at City Hall," she said. "I interviewed and photographed so many people, black, white, old, young, Hispanic and non-Hispanic."

The exhibit is not only DeVita's photographs of people, but also text that describes some of their opinions and feelings about Chelsea.

Being a majority Spanish-speaking community, DeVita - who doesn't speak Spanish - had to find a helper. She found that in Sarah Putnam, who spoke fluent Spanish and helped DeVita tap into the entirety of the community.

"I tried to find a few people and I needed someone who could speak fluent Spanish," she said. "I ended up working with Sarah Putnam who speaks fluently. We had a blast. We went out and set up our backdrop and it wasn't that hard. We would smile and people would smile back at us. We would speak to them in Spanish and most people were cooperative."

DeVita said there was one man outside City Hall that they were trying to speak with who understood Spanish, but was mute. After finding that out, they were able to communicate with him. The man, who is well known for riding a bike in the neighborhood, allowed her to photograph him.

"Everyone knows him from the bike he has," she said. "I ran into him a few weeks later and we saw each other and it was a

beautiful moment."

DeVita said she is still finalizing the text, but found that everyone - aside from one woman - really enjoyed living in Chelsea.

Others included were City Councillor Leo Robinson, former Treasurer Bob Boulrice, and folks from the waterfront as well.

Even though the show is coming up and the City Hall area is played out, DeVita said the work isn't finished.

"I really want to continue with it and I think I will," she said. "The challenge is I can't just go on the street with a backdrop. I have to get a permit from the City. They have been wonderful about it. I'm dying to go to Admiral's Hill because I'd like to hear what they have to say about Chelsea. That's definitely the place I want to go shoot next."

MEETING ON TUFTS TOBACCO SEEKS CHANGE TO ADULT USE MARIJUANA FACILITY

EAST BOSTON - It seemed a majority of residents who showed up to last week's well-attended meeting regarding Tufts Tobacco wanting to convert to an adult-use marijuana facility were in support of the plan.

While there was the usual opposition, mainly by those who don't support any marijuana facilities opening in Eastie, the city was very clear that the meeting wasn't to debate state marijuana laws.

At Monday night's Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meeting, Tufts Tobacco owner Jimmy Sheena and a team of other Eastie residents led by attorney and former Boston City Councilor Mike Ross, pitched the idea of turning Tufts into an adult-use marijuana facility under the name Local Roots.

"Everyone on the team lives in neighborhood so we all got together and attempted to do this Local Roots business," said Ross. "Over half of the ownership are East Boston residents or have had roots here or done business here for decades and that's why we decided to name the company Local Roots."

The ownership team consists of Sheena, Ross, former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, as well as Nicole Modica, (whose mother is Carla Santarpio of Santarpio's Pizza and father is Dave Modica, who owned Ecco

for many years), Lorraine Curry, Jane England and Tracy Glissman.

Ross said Tufts would cease selling tobacco products and switch over to adult-use cannabis sales under the Local Roots banner.

"Jimmy (Shenna) has been running a successful and highly regulated business in the community for 25 years without incident," said Ross. "Like his current business no one under the age of 21 would be able to step foot into the adult use facility. It's not like a liquor store where minors can walk in to buy chips or a soda or other non-alcohol products. This would strictly be for adults, and it will be highly regulated."

Ross explained that Tufts interior would be turned into an adult-use shop. Security measures would include a foyer between the street entrance and actual interior shop. There customers would have to produce identification showing they are adults before being let into the shop.

"There will be no flashy signs, marijuana leaves or any other signage that would advertise the business," said Ross.

Like his current business Ross said Shenna would be instrumental in keeping cannabis and cannabis related products out of the hands of minors because he has been able to do so with tobacco for many many years.

Longtime residents and businesses leaders like Joe Mario came in support of the project.

"Look, I've never smoked marijuana but it's coming," said Mario who lives near the proposed shop. "I've known the Modica and Santarpio families for years, I've know Jimmy (Sheena) for years. I'd rather do business with people I know than some corporations from outside the state. If there was ever a problem they'd be a phone call away and they've always supported the community. I'd rather be dealing with a business that we can work with on things like improving Orient Heights and supporting youth organizations than a corporation that tells us to call the corporate office and then you never hear back."

East Boston Chamber of Commerce President Jim Kearney also spoke in favor of the project. Kearney, a longtime educator, scoffed at the notion that an adult-use facility would lead to more teen use as some sug-

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gested at the meeting.

"I've worked in schools for three decades and if you think marijuana is not in the schools right now or wasn't in the schools before the laws were passed you are mistaken," said Kearney. "At least with the taxes coming in from this business we can add more education and drug prevention programs that are underfunded to keep marijuana out of the hands of teens. In the end we have to approach this like alcohol or cigarettes. It's for adults and not for children, and parents have to start having that conversation as more and more of these types of businesses open. I also agree with Joe (Mario). These families involved care about this community and have always helped, no questions asked, when it came to donations or support for local organizations."

Former District A-7 Captain Frank Mancini was brought in as an independent party to assess Local Roots' security plan. Mancini has no stake in the proposal but gave his honest assessment and likened the security plan to the security plans the Israeli government uses for facilities that may be prone to terrorist attacks.

"It's by far one of the better security plans I've seen," he said.

As far as crime in or around the shop, LaMattina again said during a trip to Colorado when he was on the Council to get suggestions from officials there on how to regulate and zone the new industry many officials there said it actually reduced crime.

"The city councilors there who were against adult-use marijuana admitted that the shops reduced street crime and petty crime in the neighborhoods in which the shops were located," he said.

WEIGHING IN ON SUPERINTENDENT PROCESS

EVERETT - On Tuesday, June 25, around 40 people gathered at the Parlin Library for the first public meeting on the process of finding a new superintendent for Everett Public Schools.

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and the Everett School Committee are joining forces in its search to replace Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier. Gauthier took over in 2018 for Fred Forrester, who resigned suddenly last December following claims of sexual harassment during his 30-year tenure.

Leading the meeting were MASC Field Director Kathleen Kelly, MASC Executive Director Glenn Koocher and School Committee Chair Thomas Abruzzese. Translators were provided by the Everett Public Schools.

Those in attendance included Sen. Sal DiDomenico; School Committee members Marcony Almeida Barros, David Ela and Frank Parker; City Councilors Fred Capone, Rosa DiFlorio and Michael McLaughlin; members of the Everett Education Coalition; parents of children in the Everett Public Schools; current and former educators in the district; and other concerned citizens.

Participants were asked to share their views about what priorities and characteristics they are seeking in the next superintendent, as well as what they perceived to be the strengths and weaknesses of the school district.

•Strengths

Participants commented that teachers and students were what made Everett schools great, highlighting the resiliency and diversity of the student body. They also cited that the high school is open until 10 p.m., giving the students a safe place to hang out away from the city streets.

Councilor McLaughlin mentioned the many programs and sports teams available to students.

"So much happens that isn't about math and history," he said. "There are so many opportunities for children to advance."

•Weaknesses

The collective sigh came when the crowd was asked to identify areas for improvement. It was apparent that the community was still reeling from the events of the past year. They alluded to a system that supported sexual harassment for decades, but also one permeated by a "pervasive culture of fear."

This has left some feeling distrustful and wary of any potential repeats of the mistakes of the past.

"It's a damaged culture," offered one educator and resident. "There's a lot of distrust. I was [there] for 31 years. I left to save myself. But a lot of people in this room knew what was going on and did nothing about it. I have a big issue with that. It's a trust issue."

In addition to rebuilding trust with the community, other potential ideas for growth included improving teacher retention, bringing community resources to the awareness of parents and families, hiring more educators

of color, allowing the potential for more collaboration among elementary school classes, making after-school programs more affordable, and emphasizing restorative justice not just at the high school level, but across the district.

•The ideal candidate

Traits the community listed for their ideal candidate were community-oriented, bilingual, open to feedback, professional, communicative, compassionate and independent. They are seeking a delegator, a bridge builder, a strong advocate for teachers; someone who values diversity, is committed to transparency, and who isn't afraid to challenge the status quo. Ideally this person would be capable of earning the respect of the teachers as well as the students.

"Someone who has authority without being authoritarian," added Everett Education Coalition member Jessica Haralson. "There is a way to be the boss and be supportive."

School Committee member Ela echoed that sentiment, saying, "We need someone who will take over and lead the schools, not run the schools."

Sen. DiDomenico was adamant that the new superintendent have the intention of staying on.

"I don't want someone who's going to be here as a stepping stone," he said. "I have seen other communities that have that problem where every three years they start from scratch. We need a commitment from them that they're not here so they can gain experience and go on to a bigger community."

The reverse argument was also made, with one resident saying he didn't want to see another 30-year superintendent.

"They lose perspective and there's too much corruption," he said. "When it's time for them to leave, they gotta' leave."

If there was one point that every participant agreed on, it was that the new superintendent should be a career educator with classroom experience. In a show of hands, nearly all present expressed that it would be a deal-breaker if he or she did not have experience in the classroom.

Abruzzese concurred, likening a superintendent who had never been a teacher to a judge who had never been a lawyer.

"It would be difficult to accept criticism from someone who's never done what I'm doing," he allowed.

The community was also mostly aligned in their desire to hire someone from within

the community, rather than an out-of-town or out-of-state hire. There are currently 14 employees in the district who fit the prerequisites for the position of superintendent.

"Everyone in the community knows everyone," said Sen. DiDomenico. "We need someone entrenched in this community."

Participants expressed that a candidate from the outside would not have an understanding of or appreciation for just how diverse and energized the community is.

"It's a big universe in a small city," said one participant, mentioning diversity not just of race and ethnicity, but of language, religion and socioeconomic status.

Abruzzese, on the other hand, says he's heard from others who want a candidate who can't locate Everett on a map.

"There are strong feelings both ways," he said. "It's vital for someone to come in with a fresh outlook to everything. We'll be getting applications from out of state."

"It's going to take a very special person," he concluded. "But I think that person's out there."

•Next steps

Abruzzese said the School Committee was dedicated to realizing a fully transparent process in their search for a new superintendent, with a robust public input period. He also mentioned that all evaluation documents of superintendents are public record and that the School Committee has the authority to dismiss a superintendent that does not live up to their expectations.

The Search Committee will be conducting focus groups in the fall as well as producing an online survey in multiple languages. It will also be hosting several other community meetings to solicit public input and hope to select a viable replacement before the winter holiday.

The Everett Education Coalition was to have had a second community meeting on the superintendent search on Monday night, July 1, which came beyond Independent deadlines.

FERRY FACES PROBLEMS

WINTHROP - Due to serious mechanical issues the Winthrop Ferry service will be suspended until repairs can be made, according to Town Manager Austin Faison.

Last week the Winthrop Ferry, Valkyrie was out of service on June 25 with a problem in the

port engine. Then town officials announced on June 28 that there were "serious mechanical issues" and service would be suspended until further notice due to "engine malfunctions".

"The problem is an overheated engine. We may have to replace a cylinder or the entire engine," Faison said, adding that the town may be looking for an outside operator of the ferry. "The town has done a commendable job running the ferry service."

The Winthrop Ferry Valkyrie had to suspend service on Wednesday, June 19, and the morning shift on Thursday, June 20 due to a shortage of eligible captains to drive the boat.

Town officials had hope to jump on board the opportunity to utilize the ferry for shuttling people to the new Encore Boston Harbor via the ferry stop at the Aquarium.

"The ferry will be down for the remainder of the week and my office is working hard to continue to service commuters in Winthrop and Quincy," Faison said. "We are looking how to continue service in the near term."

Going back in history, the town sought to construct the pier, marina and terminal building between 2003 and 2005. Both were finished by 2012 at a cost of \$3,429,993 funded through a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant, the Seaport Advisory Council and the Executive Office of Transportation. There is an agreement for the state to purchase the vessel if the town stops operating the ferry. The final cost to build the ferry was \$981,252 with the town paying \$196,250. Another \$28,000 was also paid by the town for electronics and navigation equipment. The town began running the ferry service in March 2016 after having the 73-seat vessel built in Maryland.

Please check the town website at www.town.winthrop.ma.us for further information.

SENIOR CENTER GETS NEW VAN

WINTHROP - Members of the Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center celebrated a long-awaited gift last Friday. Thanks to a MassDOT grant, the old bus was replaced with a brand new, eight-passenger bus, that will be used to bring seniors to and from medical appointments, grocery store trips and local field trips.

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Lynn resident Wendy Joseph was the organizer for this annual event.



Brad Nelson and his friend Carol Spinelli enjoy the entertainment.



Donnie Gomez enjoys a pony ride.



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Lynn's Starry Starry Night

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Nebula, the details of the moon's crust or Jupiter and her Moons.

"The restoration and reuse of High Rock Tower and the observatory has spanned the administrations of four mayors, all of whom played a part in getting us to where we are today," said McGee. "Mayor Pat McManus originally obtained an Olmsted grant to begin the restoration of the tower, followed by Mayor Edward Clancy, who started the observatory program, and Mayor Judith Flanagan-Kennedy who successfully secured Massachusetts State Historical Grants for the tower's continued restoration."

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT GOWDY PARK

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Families gathered at Gowdy Park for the annual Fourth of July Celebration and Parade.

Children donned Patriotic costumes, traveled in decorated floats, rode bicycles, and marched in the parade, enjoying an official escort by the Lynn Fire Department.

The many guests also enjoyed refreshments and prizes on a picture-perfect day in Lynn celebrating the 243rd birthday of the United States of America.



The Newhall family, known for its athletic excellence, Alex Newhall, Adyson Newhall, and Lily Newhall, with St. Mary's Athletic Director Jeff Newhall and Jon Newhall, accompanied by two canine friends.



A junior delegation in a nicely decorated fire truck replica, from left, Liam Phelps, Rorey Phelps, and Finn Wass.



Ward 1 Councillor Wayne Lozzi joins Lynn firefighters Randy Sansone, Rusty Jordan, Tom Hogan, and Kevin Brinkler for a pre-parade photo at Gowdy Park.



Charles Gaeta, executive director of Lynn Housing and Neighborhood Development, was on hand to march in the parade with his grandson, Christian (not pictured).



Ward 1 Councillor Wayne Lozzi greets Ray Richard and Lucas Richard at the annual Fourth of July Celebration at Gowdy Park which is located in Lozzi's ward.



Isabella Dennis with Sabrina Dennis and Maureen Testa (left) ready for the parade.

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