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ONE AND YOUNG

Lynn's Amelia Spencer holds two distinctions on Winthrop hockey team

By Cary Shuman

This winter Amelia Spencer was going to be an athlete without a team, a skater without a rink, a talent without a showcase.

But thanks to the gargantuan efforts of Lynn English Director of Athletics Dick Newton and Vice Principal Gary Molea, Amelia now has a team to call her own: the Winthrop High School Lady Vikings.

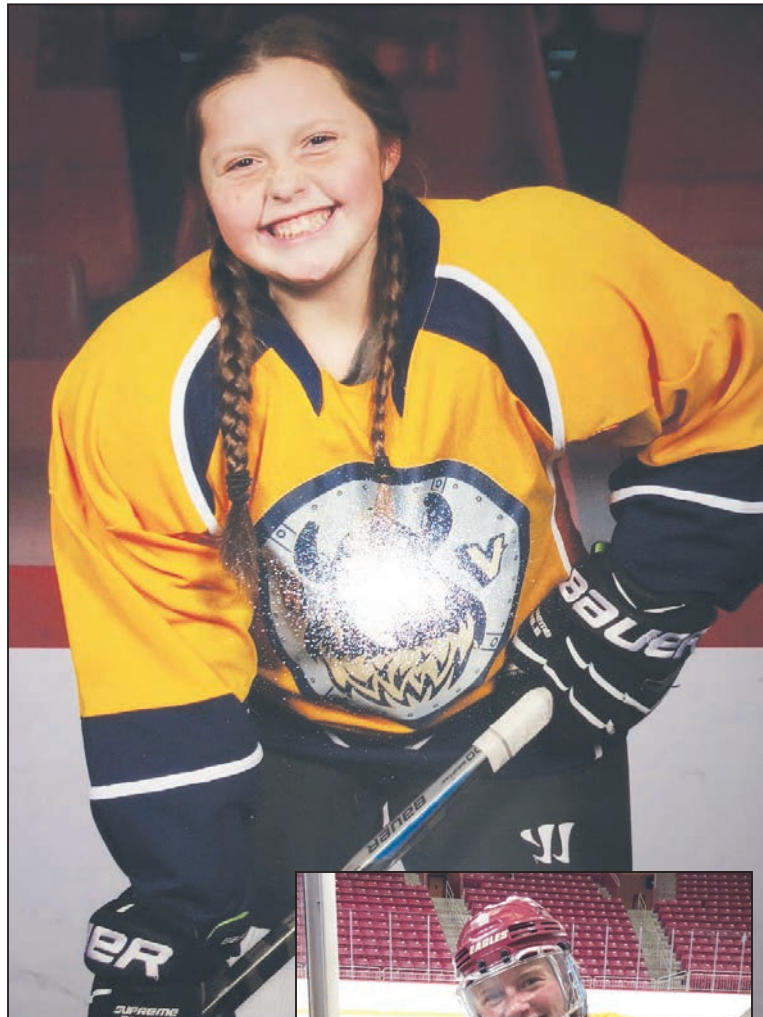
Amelia, a 12-year-old, seventh-grader at Breed Middle School, has received a waiver to play varsity hockey for the Winthrop High girls hockey team. The co-op program between Lynn and Winthrop was supposed to end last year, but the connection continues thanks to the combined efforts of Messrs. Newton and Molea - and Amelia Spencer, daughter of Steve and Laurie Spencer, will be the one carrying on the Lynn hockey banner in Winthrop. Amelia also holds another distinction: she is the youngest player on the Winthrop team.

And Spencer has been enthusiastically welcomed in to Winthrop by her teammates and coaches.

Winthrop Coach Butch Martucci is familiar with Spencer's hockey-playing talents. She has competed for Martucci's Winthrop Youth Hockey teams for the past four seasons.

"Amelia has been with us in our youth program for and she had indicated that she would like to continue in our high school program," said Martucci. "She's

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Amelia Spencer (above) of Lynn is a member of the Winthrop High School girls varsity hockey team. Amelia is pictured with BC women's hockey player Savannah Norcross of Lynn (right).



WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

The Lynn Journal will be taking a brief hiatus Christmas week. The next edition of the newspaper will be published Thursday, Jan. 2

The Advertising Deadline for the next issue

IS FRIDAY, DEC. 27TH

The Office will be **CLOSED Dec. 25** and **Jan. 1** in observation of Christmas and New Years holidays.

More apartments are coming to downtown Lynn

By Thomas Grillo

A Chelsea developer is planning a \$2 million transformation of the mostly vacant Masonic Hall at the corner of Market and Liberty streets.

New Boston Cos. secured a permit to turn the four-story brick landmark into 35 market rate apartments above the first floor furniture store.

"We want to be part of the revitalization of the downtown," said Rick Costa, the company's presi-

dent. "We are really excited about it."

When completed, the National Register of Historic Places property will offer 27 studio apartments and eight two-bedroom units on the second, third, and fourth floors.

He pledged to keep as many of the original architectural features of the building, such as the detailed wood paneling in many of the rooms.

Costa paid \$1.5 million for the

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Dual Language Program under way at Lynn Schools

By Kate Anslinger

Staff members from the English Learner Education Department were present at last week's school committee meeting, updating committee members on the Dual Language Program. If all goes according to plan, the program will be instituted at Harrington Elementary School in September 2020.

The push for the Dual Language Program kicked off last December, after Lynn Public Schools (LPS) and Salem Public Schools applied for and received a joint grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which serves the monetary purpose of support-

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Christmas is still special

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Make a mental decision that Christmas is going to be great. Our world exists in the space between our ears known as our brains. We can dread or hate something or just decide it's going to be wonderful.

Faking it is not always easy. We can fool people some of the time, but we can't fool everyone all the time. The hardest person you actually have to fool is yourself. Sometimes we can fool ourselves for awhile, and it's never fun fooling ourselves for a long period of time. Sometimes it's necessary to fool ourselves briefly if we need to convince ourselves of something in order to survive.

For example, if you are going to be in a big gathering for Christmas there is probably going to be one or two obnoxious or ridiculous people in the crowd. You may already dread seeing them. Just convince yourself it is okay and that people are different and no one is perfect. Just decide to let ungratefulness, weird or negative comments roll off your back. You can override stupidity with Christmas cheer for a day. Just remember this is only for a day or two.

Also, this Christmas will not bring back any past Christmases. There will be an empty chair

or maybe several empty chairs. It may be tough and depressing when we think about how Christmas was a few years back. Christmas will never be the same for those of us missing loved ones and tears often come. Go ahead and cry but determine you won't spend all Christmas day crying. As you remember the past remember what it is about that person or Christmas you miss and hold tight to that joyful remembrance.

Keep in mind that this Christmas is still special because you are here in the world to celebrate the occasion. Whoever the people are in your life today hold them close and be merry together.

From the Old Testament the people of God were instructed by Joshua to "Hold tight to God, your God, just as you've done up to now." (Joshua 23:8) For all of us holding tight to our faith, our family, our friends and our life's values.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.



THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BEGINS AT SUNSET DEC. 22

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ing districts interested in opening a Dual Language Program. Since then, the Salem and Lynn school districts have formed a partnership with Boston College, helping guide the next steps of the process.

"Being able to have this partnership with Salem has been amazing," said Director of LPS English Lerner Education department, Rania Caldwell, who has been attending conferences and visiting other dual language schools throughout the Commonwealth. "We've made key programmatic decisions, identified staffing needs, established coursework pathways and a community engagement plan. Boston College had been so helpful and really instrumental in getting course work to our staff members."

The Department has also applied for other DESE grants designed to fund staffing and bilin-

gual coursework for teachers to complete to guide their instruction of the curriculum.

According to studies conducted by well-known researchers, Thomas and Collier, students enrolled in dual language programs exceed the average performance of their monolingual peers. Unlike a foreign world language program, where the student starts learning a language in a 45-minute class in middle school or high school, a two-way dual language program would require the student to commit to a six-year curriculum, starting in kindergarten. Half of the student's day would be spent amongst peers who are also learning a new language and they will end the program knowing how to speak, read and write in both English and Spanish.

"These dual language programs are all over the country, and the languages vary depending on the local population," said

Caldwell. "The end result is a higher level of proficiency of the student's target language."

Caldwell shared the three pillars that a successful dual language program is built on.

- Bilingualism and Biliteracy-A high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing both English and Spanish.

- Academic Achievement-The primary goal of the program is to graduate students with excellence in all subject areas in the Spanish and English language

- Socio-cultural competence-The most important aspect of the program is to provide the opportunity to bring students of different backgrounds together to provide opportunities to collaborate, work together and learn from one another and teach them to understand and value cultures that may be different from their own.

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a fantastic person, a typical Lynn kid – tough, but just a solid person all around and her teammates love her. She played in our opening game [a 3-1 win over Beverly Saturday] and will see a lot of ice time this season.”

Amelia has earned a spot on the defensive tandems in front of goaltender Summer Tallent, one of the best players in the area. Tallent had 39 saves versus Beverly and Amelia contributed well to the team’s success on the penalty-killing unit.

A youth hockey standout in Lynn and Winthrop

Amelia Spencer enjoyed a stellar youth hockey career in Winthrop and Lynn. “We [Winthrop] did well and reached the state finals – we lost to Arlington in six overtimes,” she recalled.

Amelia began her career at the age of four in the Lynn Youth Hockey “Learn to Skate” Program under the direction of Kevin Clougherty. She was the only girl on the Lynn Mites and Squirts teams.

She is grateful to her hockey coaches, especially Butch Martucci and Dan Driscoll, who is the director of athletics at the Berkshire School.

“I’ve learned so much hockey,” said Amelia. “I thank all my coaches for teaching me the game and making it fun.”

Playing for the Winthrop High team means that Amelia needs

transportation for practices at the Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzone Center in Winthrop.

“My parents and grandfather [Buddy Barrett] take me to practice,” said Amelia.

“We’re very proud of Amelia,” said Mrs. Spencer. “She absolutely loves skating and she has since she was little. She makes a lot of sacrifices to be able to skate seven days a week. She misses out on a lot of birthday parties and sleepovers, but it’s her decision.”

Enjoying her new team

Amelia said the transition has been smooth to varsity hockey thanks to a group of helpful Winthrop teammates.

“It’s been so much fun and they’re my family now,” said Amelia. “I have some great partners on defense, Abby Holmes, Fallon Hurley, and Brooke Costin. We have very smart and intelligent players. Our goaltender is amazing and our captains are great team leaders.”

Carrying on the co-op tradition

Amelia used to go and watch the Winthrop-Lynn-Saugus co-op teams that were formerly called the Lady Bulldogs.

“I want to step in to Abby Stafford and Kayla Morrill’s shoes [two former Lynn-based players who excelled for the Winthrop team and graduated last June],”

said Amelia.

Laurie Spencer said there were some anxious moments as the Lynn English administrators sought the waiver for her daughter to play this season.

“There are a lot of people we need to thank,” said Mrs. Spencer. “We thank Dick Newton and Gary Molea at English because they were in contact with my husband, letting him know that the process was in the works. Thankfully, they were able to get the waiver and Amelia was able to continue the Lynn-Winthrop girls co-op program.”

Amelia said her favorite women’s ice hockey players are Olympic gold medalists Meghan Duggan and Cayla Barnes, Lynn’s Savannah Norcross, who

is a sophomore on the Boston College team, and former BC superstar goaltender Katie Burt, who is now playing professional hockey.

This past summer Amelia played softball in the Wyoma Little League organization. She is the starting catcher for the Breed Middle School team that had an excellent fall season.

An older sister, Madison Spencer – a former winner of the Grace Rogato Award - is an athlete at St. Mary’s High School where she plays basketball and softball.

“I haven’t decided about high school,” said Amelia, whose Winthrop team faces off against St. Mary’s in the Winter Classic on New Year’s Day.



Lynn’s Amelia Spencer is pictured with her favorite NHL player, Brad Marchand of the Boston Bruins, during a visit to a local hockey rink.

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Macorri returns following intensive research project

Eric Macorri of Lynn, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in electrical and computer engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research through the WPI project center in Zurich. The project was titled Nanotechnology: Perceived Risks and Risk Management. In their project summary, the students wrote, "Through interviews with advanced technology companies and nanotechnology researchers, we concluded that nanotechnology, like all modern technology, has risks, and these technologies cannot improve without assuming a certain amount of risk."

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the

project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives—and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of the WPI Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

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historic building in August, according to the Southern Essex County Registry of Deeds. He purchased the 23,000-square-foot property from Charles Patsios, who paid \$1.1 million for it last spring.

At the time, the Swampscott developer said he planned to convert the building into a hotel. Instead, he flipped it and collected a \$400,000 profit in the deal.

So far, efforts by a city agency and a panel comprised of local and state officials to attract an investor to construct a hotel in Lynn have failed. Among those that have tried include the Economic Development & Industrial Corp., the city's development bank, and the Lynn Economic Advancement and Development team, formed to jump-start development in the city.

Built in 1880, the Victorian Gothic architectural style property originally housed the Lynn branch of the YMCA. The building was sold to the local Masonic lodge in

1907. The Masons held onto the property for 112 years before the recent sale.

The Masonic project comes as construction is underway on nearby Munroe Street for The Caldwell, a 259-unit high-rise luxury apartment project. The 10-story development promises amenities such as a rooftop deck, pool, fitness center, a lounge, underground parking. Rents are expected to range from \$2,000 to more \$3,000.

The \$90 million project is a joint venture between developer Procopio Cos. of Lynnfield and affiliates of the Carlyle Group, a publicly-traded global investor in Washington, D.C. Leasing could start as early as next year.

In addition, a North Andover developer broke ground last week on the 14-acre former Beacon Chevrolet property on the Lynnway for a \$100 million apartment waterfront community. Expected to open in two years, rents for the 331 studio, one- and two-bedroom units are expected to be in the

\$1,800 to \$2,500.

Costa said the number of units in his project could change and rents have yet to be determined. But his apartments will not be high-priced, he added.

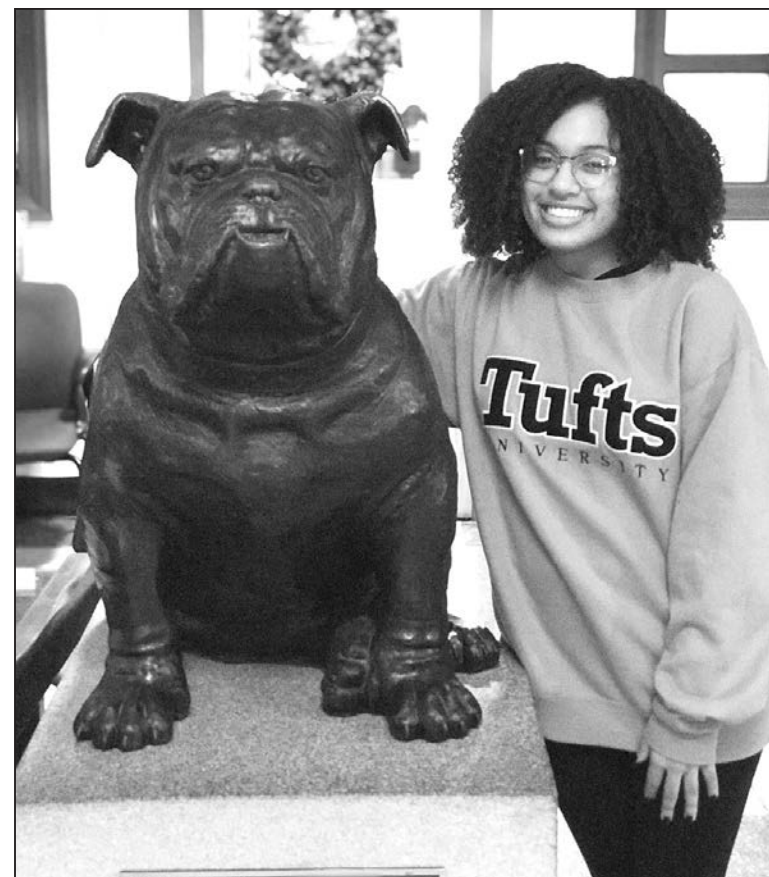
"Our rents will not be anywhere close to those other two developments," he said. "We want to make sure it's a project that's affordable to people who want to live downtown, but can't pay luxury rents."

Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis, whose district includes the downtown, said she was unfamiliar with the project and declined comment.

But Seth Albaum, a longtime downtown resident and a founder of the Downtown Lynn Neighborhood Association, said more housing will fuel vitality in the downtown.

"Having more neighbors in the downtown is a good thing," he said.

LYNN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL - QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Lynn English High School is proud to announce that senior Tallia Dudley has been awarded the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship. Match Scholarship Recipients are admitted early to QuestBridge college partners with full four-year scholarships that are provided by the colleges and universities, ensuring for these students and their families that an education at a top college can be affordable. QuestBridge's 40 college partners include top liberal arts colleges such as Amherst, Pomona, and Williams and exceptional research universities such as Columbia, Duke, Rice, Stanford, and Yale. The Match Scholarship is offered as part of a generous financial aid package provided by the college that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses. Tallia will attend Tufts University in the Fall 2020, and the annual \$76,000 cost of attendance will be covered all four years. QuestBridge, a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California, connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students — beginning in high school through college to their early career — QuestBridge aims to help talented low-income students attend the nations' best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities. Principal Thomas Strangie would like to congratulate Tallia, her family, and all the Lynn Public Schools teachers who educated and supported her throughout the years!

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ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS 54, ST. MARY'S 46 FOR OPENERS, A DOWNER

In a season-opening matchup of two of the best high school girls basketball programs in Massachusetts, St. Mary's High School fell to Archbishop Williams (Braintree), 54-46, Friday night at the Tony Conigliaro gymnasium.

The game was a rematch of last year's Division 3 state semifinal won by St. Mary's, 62-59, on an Olivia Matela basket with 5.2 seconds left at the TD Garden.

Maiya Bergdorf, a transfer from Belmont where she was the Middlesex League MVP, had 14 points for the Spartans. Freshman guard Yirsy Queliz also netted 14 points.

Gabby Torres, Jannise Avellino, Alyssa Grossi, Olivia Matela and Nicolette D'Itria are also off to strong starts to the 2019-20 seasons.

Coach Jeff Newhall's Spartans (2-1) were successful in their next two games, defeating perennial Merrimack Valley League powerhouse Andover, 59-41, and Catholic Central League mate Austin Prep, 83-40.

St. Mary's will play in the Hoosac Valley Christmas Tournament this weekend. Hoosac Valley defeated St. Mary's in the Division 3 state championship game in March.



Freshman Guard Yirsy Queliz brings the ball into play.



Junior Guard Maiya Bergdorf at the foul line early in the game.



Senior guard Gabby Torres was tough on defense as she stripped the ball away for a St. Mary's possession.



Senior guard Olivia Matela goes to the hoop for two.



Junior Guard Nicolette D'Itria looks to make a play.



Senior Jannise Avellino playing defense.



The St. Mary's girls basketball players take the floor for the playing of the National Anthem on opening night at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium.

CPL. PETER J. PENNUCCI SQUARE RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY A PERMANENT SALUTE

Under a cloudy sky, Vietnam veterans, city officials, and local dignitaries paid tribute to CPL Peter J. Pennucci who was killed in action in Vietnam. On the corner of Alley and Blossom Street in the heart of the Brickyard was the rededication in memory of this fallen hero only a footstep from his childhood home.

State Representative Daniel Cahill touchingly explained the sadness on the loss of CPL Pennucci, as well as the loss of his uncle, USMC LCPL Kevin A. Cahill also killed in action in Vietnam. As Dan stated, "I am grateful so many people came out to this dedication to give Peter the due respect and admiration he deserves. I know it continues to be difficult for his family as well as ours. By being here, the family appreciates the support from the local organizations and the community. I thank all of you for attending and celebrating this re-dedication to honor Peter".

Peter Pennucci graduated from Lynn Trade. One of his former teachers, Al "Mal" Malagrifra, remembered Peter being a student in his Electrical shop. Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard who graduated from LVTI and a former teacher as well said, "This Square is in the shadow of the current Lynn Tech campus. It now overlooks this Square.



State Rep Daniel Cahill finds strength to speak remembering CPL Pennucci and Cahill's uncle, USMC Kevin Cahill, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

This is an honor and privilege to have this place dedicated in Peter's name, so he can be remembered by those in the Italian American Citizens Club and the school, whenever someone passes by here and looks at the sign for all that it means".

Commemorating Peter Pennucci's 70th birthday, State Representative Peter Capano and resident of Ward 6 stated, "This is particularly special for me to stand here before you and recognize Peter today. The Pennucci family is very much like my own. They came



The Pennucci family remembering Peter.

here from Italy to make a better life for themselves and to take advantage of every possible opportunity offered in this country. The Pennucci family are a great family and great neighbors. It gives me a great honor to recognize them for what they are - "salt of the earth". I stand here with the Pennucci family, with friends, and community members to honor Peter. We shall not forget his sacrifice and

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Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Mark Natti, LPD Officer Ned Shinnick, Director of Veteran Service Michael Sweeney, and Lynn English Marine Corps JR ROTC Presenting of the Colors.



Peter Pennucci's family - nephew Peter Sclafani, Simone Sclafani, Beth Pennucci, brother - Joseph Pennucci, sister - Maria Sclafani.

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what the family has had to endure with a loss of a loved one. Today, we remember Peter who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Rededicating Pennucci Square is important so that we never forget”.

Brother Joseph Pennucci recollected the time when Peter left for Vietnam and when the family was notified of Peter’s death. Both were very poignant times for the family. The family is very grateful

for the rededication ceremony for Peter.

Thank you to Master of Ceremonies David Solimine Sr, William McDonald of The Friendly Knights of St. Patrick, Lynn Veteran’s Services, Lynn Police Department, and Gerry Raffaele and Fausto Ricciardi of the Italian American Citizens Club for organizing this ceremony saluting CPL Peter J. Pennucci.

Joseph Pennucci remembers his brother, CPL Peter Pennucci of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.



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COMMERCIAL CREDIT UNION HOSTS GLCC HOLIDAY PARTY HOLIDAY INSTITUTIONS

The holiday spirit was flowing among everyone at the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce party hosted by Community Credit Union in Lynn. Everyone had smiles of joy during the evening.

This was a good opportunity for GLCC membership to experience a happy time during this occasion by meeting and greeting each other. Having this traditional gathering was very much appreciated by all in attendance.



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NORTH SHORE TOY DRIVE KICKS OFF IN LYNN

TOY CAPITOL OF THE NORTH SHORE



The holiday spirit was in full swing at the Capitol Diner with State Senator Bruce Tarr's annual North Shore Toy Drive.

Local officials and customers arrived before sunrise making toy donations to the Family and Children Services of Lynn.

The radio show hosted by Senator Tarr with North Shore FM 104.9 personalities, Erika Hemingway and Jay Foss, interviewed local officials and customers who arrived. Making donations were Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Thomas McGee, and Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger.

Capitol Diner owner Robert Fennel said, "Capitol Diner has been involved in this Toy Drive program for many years. We kick it off in Lynn; this is a day that our customers and employees look forward to. We receive a lot of toys from generous donors throughout the city during this time. Ralph Sevinor of Wayne Alarm is our main sponsor; our neighbor down the street, North Shore Community College, brings in a lot of toys. This is a special day; my father, Buddy Fennel, was involved in this program and the tradition continues".

This is a great benefit for children to receive toys during Christmas. The City of Lynn steps up helping and supporting programs like this in special ways.

North Shore Community College Veteran Services & Accessibility Services – Kenalle Jones, Kristine Babcock, and Donna Rosato of NSCC Alumni Association.

Capitol Diner owner Robert Fennel with State Senator Bruce Tarr for the North Shore Toy Drive.



Governor Charlie Baker arrives to support the North Shore Toy Drive as he greets patrons.

Team Capitol Diner – Chef William Gomez, Jen Jackson, Jack Chavez, Jan Betz, long-time cook Charlene Mercaldi.



FM 104.9 North Shore with "Scottie Mac" MacDonald, Host State Senator Bruce Tarr, Erika Hemingway and State Representative Peter Capano.



Live on 104.9 with Mayor Thomas McGee interviewed by host State Senator Bruce Tarr and State Senator Brendan Crighton and State Rep Peter Capano stand by.

Deputy Maurice Pratt of the Essex County Sheriff Department with Bill Chiccarelli of Geico North Shore supporting the Toy Drive.

Lynn Officials with Governor Baker at the Toy Drive – State Senator Brendan Crighton, Mayor Thomas McGee, State Representative Peter Capano, Robert Fennel, and Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger.

OBITUARIES

Nathan Reed

Found love and support at Habitat Plus in Lynn



On Dec. 8, 2019, Nathan Lemuel Reed suddenly and unexpectedly left this life far too early, and is now in heaven with Jesus, his Lord and Savior.

Nathan was born in Dover, NH on Jan. 5 1983. He was the first born child to Barbara Frank of Lisbon, Maine and Daniel Reed of Lewiston, Maine.

His parents were over the moon about his arrival and fell in love hard and fast. His early years were spent in West Kennebunk, Maine where he spent many hours playing with his younger sister, Rachel, enjoying time in nature, many days at "Mothers Beach" in Kennebunk catching waves, building sandcastles and playing with other children in the neighborhood.

Nathan was a superior student who had a reputation for being an excellent chess player, so good that once at the age of eight, he played against the Maine Chess Champion who was quite impressed by his abilities. Nathan was also an avid Scrabble player who took no prisoners! He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball and was well liked by his teachers and peers. Nathan also enjoyed learning to play the drums and carried his love of music with him his whole life.

Nathan had many great qualities; he was a gentle, compassionate, kind and polite young man with a heart of gold. He had an amazing sense of humor and gave the very best hugs. He loved his family and friends and he was extremely loved by them.

Nathan was proud to be a United States Veteran as he served time in the Iraq war from 2002 to 2004.

There are no words to describe the pain of losing him so soon. Much of Nathan's adult life was spent fighting battles with mental illness and addiction. In the end Nathan beat addiction and conquered barriers that a lesser man would not have overcome. Nathan found the love and support to do this at Habitat Plus in Lynn where he found his tribe with other veterans who were like brothers to him. We cannot begin

to express our gratitude to all of them and the beautiful souls who work so hard everyday to make Habitat Plus home. You all were his second family and he loved you as much you loved him.

Nathan fought many battles in his short life but he ultimately won the war on addiction and had taken back his life. Nathan will be remembered and celebrated as a hero. We are so proud of Nathan's fight, strength and persistence. Nathan will always be cherished in our hearts, remembered and celebrated as a hero.

He is survived by his both his parents, Barbara Frank of Lisbon, ME and Daniel Reed of Lewiston, ME, his sister Rachel and Jason Hatch, his niece, Imogene and nephews: Miles, Memphis and Dax of Lewiston ME, his grandmother, Betty Josephson of Auburn, ME, his grandfather, Jack Carey and his wife, Noreen of Lawrence, his aunt, Cheryl Carey of Biddeford, ME, uncles, Brian and Kevin Carey of Gloucester, many cousins, extended family and friends.

His visiting hours were held at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly on Saturday, Dec.14 with a graveside service at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 163 Mount Vernon Road, Augusta, Maine on Tuesday, Dec.17 at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in Nathan's honor to Habitat Plus, 516 Essex St, Lynn, MA. Information, directions, condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.

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