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LYNN CLASSICAL SENIOR NIGHT



The Lynn Classical High School girls basketball team seniors were honored before the Feb. 13 game. Front row, from left, are Amber Crayton, Jean Gupton Morrison, Lindsey Valeri, and Kiara Edmonds. Back row, from left, are Chantelle Blanco, Lauren Hennessey, Molly Mannion, Sailor Brinkler, YNI Michele Serrano of the U.S. Coast Guard, Reese Brinkler, Amelia Pedro, Natalie Masse, and Ava Thurman. See Page 5 for more photos.

McGee announces closure of all public buildings

Special to the Journal

Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee released the following statement this week:

Mayor Thomas McGee is announcing that out of an abundance of caution, essential city services from Lynn City Hall, the Department of Public Works and the Lynn Public Library will be provided to the public remotely. All public buildings will remain closed until further notice and all non-essential city services will be limited during this time. All public safety services, including the Police and Fire, will continue to operate at full-staffing levels and curbside trash and recycling pickup will continue on a normal schedule.

In light of this truly unparalleled situation, the city continues to take precautionary measures in order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 within our own community. During these unprecedented times, we cannot proceed with business as usual when the health and welfare of community is at risk.

During this time of limited remote services, we will be shifting our resources to addressing and

staffing the COVID-19 emergency management operations. Part of these operations will include growing the capacity of task force teams which will focus on coordination of concerns in the community, enforcement of state and local government declarations, and overseeing public health needs of residents.

Residents are encouraged to conduct any urgent City Hall business via phone, email or at www.lynnma.gov. If you do need to conduct business with City Hall, please call 781-598-4000 during City Hall hours which will be Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:00PM and Fridays 8:30AM-12:30PM. Residents should anticipate slight delays in response.

Essential city employees including all department heads, public health officials, information technology, the Mayor's office along with certain DPW, Parking and ISD employees will be working to address the most pressing needs.

If you are not able to make city related payments online, you can mail them or drop them off in our

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City to pay \$1.2 million to widow of shooting victim

By Thomas Grillo

The City Council approved a \$1.2 million payment to the widow of a Dorchester man who was killed by a Lynn Police Department detective five years ago.

The money was authorized without discussion at a council meeting last week. The session was closed to the public amid coronavirus fears, but shown on Lynn Community Television.

City Council President Darren Cyr asked the panel to approve the "emergency" payment to the Law Department noting the city is "under a court order to pay the

judgement within 45 days."

Following an inquiry by The Journal, City Solicitor George Markopoulos revealed the cash is for Gabriela Paling-Suazo, widow of Rafael Suazo, to settle a wrongful death suit.

The 23-year-old father of two was fatally shot by undercover officer Stephen Emery during an investigation of an alleged drug deal in the Highlands neighborhood in the summer of 2015.

Markopoulos declined to provide details on the council vote or whether the members knew why the money was requested.

Authorities allege Suazo

drove his Ford Escape into Emery while trying to escape arrest. Emery then shot him in the head and the car crashed on Jefferson Street.

Suazo, a native of the Dominican Republic, was airlifted to Massachusetts General Hospital where he died from a single gunshot wound to the head. Emery was taken to Salem Hospital where he was treated and released.

A review of the incident by Essex District Attorney Jonathan

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EDITORIAL

THANK GOODNESS FOR DR. FAUCI

Watching the daily press briefings of the White House Task Force on the current corona virus crisis, we know we speak for all Americans in being thankful for the calming and professional presence of Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has served as the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1984.

It's hard to believe that Dr. Fauci is 79, not only because of his energy, but also because of the spot-on answers he has for every question from the press, which often includes having to make sense of the typical off-base pronouncements from President Donald Trump.

It is fair to say that there are few in the entire world who has Dr. Fauci's breadth of experience and expertise in the realm of infectious diseases. If there is one person who is irreplaceable in our government at this critical time, that person is Dr. Fauci.

We know we join with all of our fellow citizens in thanking Dr. Fauci for his many years of service to our country and for all that he is doing today in order to help us through these difficult times.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, TOM

For the past 20 years, there has been no public figure in New England who has been more well-known, and more idolized, than Tom Brady. Regardless of whether you are a football fan, male or female, young or old, everyone knows who Tom Brady is.

Up until this season, the thought of Tom Brady not finishing his career as a Patriot was unimaginable.

But this past week, Brady's departure for Tampa Bay was the emotional equivalent of a bucket of ice water in the face. The young man who grew from a last-round draft pick into a legend, both on and off the field, has left us with an ache in our hearts, even for those of us who don't know a first down from first base.

Tom Brady never has been the most athletic person on the gridiron, nor did he possess the strongest arm. But what he demonstrated during his 20-year career is that hard work, dedication, and mental toughness matter far more than natural ability.

It is a lesson that transcends the game of football and that constitutes the essence of what made Tom Brady the GOAT.

In the vein of the maxim, " 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," even though it may take another 20 years for the Patriots to get to the Super Bowl, the six championships that Tom Brady brought our region will forever be inscribed in our collective memories.

Thanks for the memories, Tom.

House passes legislation to support workers effected by the public health emergency

Staff Report

Last week House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Rep. Joseph McGonagle, along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed legislation to waive the one-week waiting period for workers seeking unemployment insurance benefits related to, or resulting from, the COVID-19 pandemic or the effects of the State of Emergency declared by Governor Baker on March 10.

"Massachusetts workers drive our economy, and the action we took today will help thousands of individuals and families as we confront the economic effects of this public health crisis," said Speaker DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I

am grateful to my colleagues in the House for their work to addressing the urgent needs relating to the outbreak. I am proud of the work Chair Michlewitz did to move this legislation so quickly."

"I am very proud to be a part of the Legislature for prioritizing such a profound piece of legislation," said McGonagle. "In these uncertain times, we need all of our residents to be certain that we are doing our best to protect them, and waiving the unemployment waiting period is a huge step for that. Thank you to Speaker DeLeo and Chair Michlewitz for their leadership in passing this."

"Ensuring that workers have immediate access to unemployment benefits is critical," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Co-Chair of the Joint

Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "I want to thank my colleagues in the House and our partners in the Senate and the Baker administration for moving this legislation along so quickly so that people can receive expedited benefits."

On March 18, the bill passed in the Senate, and the Governor signed it into law.

The following list is a summary of House action taken in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis since the State of Emergency declaration on March 10.

•On March 12, the House and Senate approved a \$15 million fund in response to the coronavirus outbreak. One March 13, the Governor signed it into law.

April 15 becomes July 15 for Tax Day: Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline and federal tax payments

Staff Report

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced March 21 that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15 to July 15.

Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15 to July 15 without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline, can

request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

"Even with the filing deadline extended, we urge taxpayers who are owed refunds to file as soon as possible and file electronically," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds. Although we are curtailing some operations during this period, the IRS is continuing with mission-critical operations to support the nation, and that includes accepting tax returns and sending refunds. As a federal agency vital to the overall operations of our

country, we ask for your personal support, your understanding – and your patience. I'm incredibly proud of our employees as we navigate through numerous different challenges in this very rapidly changing environment."

This announcement comes following the President's emergency declaration this month pursuant to the Stafford Act. The Stafford Act is a federal law designed to bring an orderly and systematic means of federal natural disaster and emergency assistance for state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to aid citizens. It was enacted in 1988.

Treasury and IRS will issue additional guidance as needed and continue working with Congress, on a bipartisan basis, on legislation to provide further relief to the American people.

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MassBay student athlete signs with Benedictine University Mesa

MassBay Community College is pleased to announce Men's Basketball forward, and general studies major, Javaris Hill of Lynn, will transfer to Benedictine University Mesa in Mesa, AZ and has signed to play with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II Men's Basketball team.

"I was so impressed watching Javaris play this season and very proud of him for earning a scholarship to continue his education and play basketball for Benedictine," said MassBay Director of Athletics, Adam Nelson. "He is an explosive player on the court,

who has a knack for scoring around the rim, which will make him very successful at the next level. I know that he has great things ahead of him, and I am excited to follow his journey."

Hill played his season freshman year at UMass Boston as a starting forward. He was the second lead scoring player on the team, averaging 12.6 points a game, and led the Little East Conference with a 63.6 shooting percent. This season, his first year as a MassBay Buccaneer, he was a starting forward and led the team in scoring averaged 19.9 points per game. Hill was ranked ninth in the National

Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Region 21 with 8.3 rebounds per game and shot 67.8 percent from the field ranking him second in Region 21 and fourth nationally. He scored a season high on November 14, 2019 with 33 points against UConn Avery Point. Hill is also a team captain and was selected as a Region 21 First Team All-Region honoree.

"I am extremely happy that I'm signing to play at Benedictine University Mesa," said Hill. "It has always been a dream of mine to play basketball at this level, while continuing my education. I am proud to have had

the opportunity to be a MassBay Buccaneer and I look forward to becoming a Benedictine Redhawk. I want to thank MassBay and all the people there who have guided me to this opportunity and my family for always supporting me."

Hill, a 2017 graduate of Lynn English High School in Lynn, MA, where he also played basketball, will begin at Benedictine University Mesa in fall 2020.

To learn more about MassBay visit www.massbay.edu

MassBay Community College is ranked by the Brookings Institution as one of the top schools for value added and

earned salaries in the workforce. Ranked #1 for two-year colleges in Massachusetts, #2 in New England, and #16 nationally. The College's facilities in Wellesley Hills, Framingham, and Ashland house day, evening and weekend classes that meet the needs of degree-seeking students and career minded lifelong learners. Online options provide convenience and allow faculty to facilitate the learning process. Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and strives to meet the needs of the diverse local communities it serves.

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Blodgett's office said the shooting was justified because Emery acted in self-defense.

"The investigation found that Mr. Suazo purposefully accelerated his Ford, drove straight at and struck Detective Emery," Blodgett said in a statement. "Emery reasonably believed that he was in danger of serious injury or death, and therefore, bears no criminal responsibility for shooting Mr. Suazo in defense of himself."

But in 2018, Suazo's wife filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the city and Emery, then an 18-year veteran of the police force assigned to the Drug Task Force.

The 14-page federal civil rights suit alleged the shooting of Suazo, who was unarmed, was "unnecessary, unwarranted, and unreasonable...the defendants'

actions and conduct resulted in the unlawful use of excessive force in the shooting and killing of Rafael Suazo."

The complaint said Emery was not at risk of deadly force from the car because Suazo's vehicle had already passed him and was headed downhill.

In 2019, U.S. District Court Judge Jennifer Boal suggested mediation and both parties agreed. The deal was finalized earlier this month.

Gabriela Suazo and her attorneys, Clyde Bergstresser and Russell Pollock, did not respond to requests for comment.

Markopoulos declined to comment on the settlement. When the suit was filed, he told The Daily Item "...the city and the Police Department will be cleared of the allegations."

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lock box that has been installed at the Johnson Street entrance of City Hall. Both the lock box and U.S. postal mail will be checked regularly throughout the week by the appropriate department. Please do not deposit cash in the lock box. The "Grab and Go" lunch program will continue to be operational and available to any youth within the City of Lynn Monday-Friday from 11:00AM-1:00PM at the following locations: Marshall Middle School, Lynn English High School, Lynn Classical High School and Lynn Tech High School.

We will continue to provide regular updates on the City website, social media, and through

the Smart 911 emergency notification system as the situation evolves. We encourage all residents to visit the City of Lynn Health Department "Coronavirus Resources" page at

www.lynnma.gov/coronavirus which includes information and links on COVID-19 from the CDC, and to sign up for the Smart 911 updates at smart911.com/

As we work to mitigate this current public health emergency, we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time.

Please follow www.lynnma.gov for more updates.

East Boston Savings Bank announces assistance during COVID-19 Crisis

East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) announced assistance for consumers and businesses facing financial adversity due to the economic impact of COVID-19, continued branch accessibility, as well as additional funding for local community organizations.

"East Boston Savings Bank has a rich history of servicing the City of Boston and its surrounding communities. It is our long-standing tradition to be responsive to the needs of people during good times and challenging times. We recognize that the rise of COVID-19 has created financial and other hardships for our customers and communities and we are committed to providing financial flexibility to the individuals, businesses and communities that we serve," said President, CEO and Chairman, Richard J. Gavegnano. "In our 172-year history, we have endured many devastating events and while these may be trying times, we will all stand together to get through this with the same integrity, strength and hard work we have practiced throughout the century."

To support EBSB customers affected by the pandemic, effective immediately our bankers are ready to provide flexible solutions to relieve financial pressures. Initially, this support will include; upon request increasing individualized daily EBSB debit card spending limits, providing greater flexibility by increasing remote deposit limits to individuals, waiving penalties for early CD withdrawals and placing a

90-day foreclosure moratorium on EBSB residential loans. We will continue to monitor the situation and make accommodations as the need arises.

Our employees are our greatest asset, and we are taking steps to keep them safe so they can continue to deliver exceptional service for our customers. These steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission include encouraging customers to bank remotely by using convenient and secure Online Banking, Mobile Banking, ATMs and our Automated 24-Hour Telephone Banking System (866-774-7705). We are also reducing foot traffic in our branches by limiting access in the branch and encouraging the use of drive-up windows for conducting transactions as well as our ATMs which are available 24-hours a day.

East Boston Savings Bank will continue supporting local organizations throughout this ordeal. Additionally, we will immediately donate another \$100,000 to support nonprofit organizations throughout the Bank's footprint. These additional contributions will assist funding essential services to the public during this unprecedented crisis.

We also want to reassure our customers that we take their financial security seriously and that East Boston Savings Bank remains well capitalized and financially strong. In addition, all EBSB deposits are insured in full through the FDIC and Depositors Insurance Fund. Our top priority is to maintain a safe workplace for our employees, and a safe place of business for our customers. Thank you for your understanding.

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Baker announces stay at home advisory; requires all non essential businesses to close

By Lauren Bennett

On Monday and Tuesday, Governor Charlie Baker provided updates to the public regarding the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

After several states have issued what they call “shelter in place” or “stay at home” orders, Governor Baker directed the Department of Public Health to issue a stay at home advisory that began Tuesday, March 24, at noon and will last until Tuesday, April 7, at noon. Residents are advised to stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel and other unnecessary activities during the advisory. He also said that those over the age of 70 or who have underlying health conditions should especially limit social interactions.

The order also limits gatherings to 10 people during the state of emergency, a change from the previous 25 that were allowed.

“This includes community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events, and any similar event or activity that brings together more than 10 persons in any confined indoor or outdoor space,” according to a release from the state. Gatherings of 10 or more people in an outdoor space such as a park or athletic field are not prohibited by the order.

“The Baker-Polito Administration does not believe Massachusetts residents can be confined

to their homes and does not support home confinement for public health reasons,” the release states, though some people have written to the governor asking him to put a stricter order in place.

Governor Baker also issued an emergency order “requiring all businesses and organizations that do not provide ‘COVID-19 Essential Services’ to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public as of Tuesday, March 24, at noon until Tuesday, April 7, at noon,” the release states. A list of designated businesses that are allowed to remain open can be found at mass.gov.

A short list of those businesses includes:

- Health Care & Public Health
- Law Enforcement, Public Safety & First Responders
- Food & Agriculture
- Critical Manufacturing
- Transportation
- Energy
- Water & Wastewater
- Public Works
- Communications and Information Technology
- Financial Services
- Defense Industry Base
- Chemical Manufacturing & Hazardous Materials
- Other Designated Community Based Essential Function & Government Operations
- News Media

Businesses that are not on the official list are encouraged to continue their work remotely, the governor said. Restaurants are permitted to continue offering food for takeout and delivery as long as social distancing protocols are followed.

“People will not lose access to food or medicine,” Baker assured residents. Additionally, he said a goal for the state is to be testing people for the virus “at a significantly higher level.”

On Tuesday afternoon, Baker announced that the state is continuing to ramp up testing capabilities, including adding 10 additional labs in combination with the State Lab and other private labs that have been processing COVID-19 tests. As of press time, nine people in the Commonwealth have died from the virus. There are three positive cases in Everett as of Tuesday that have been identified and are being tracked.

As of press time, Baker said that almost 9,000 tests have been completed in Massachusetts, up from 6,000 on Sunday.

Baker advised people who are showing flu-like symptoms to first contact their healthcare provider before going anywhere.

“We need to keep people who don’t need to be in our hospitals and medical facilities out,” he said. The state has expanded telehealth services to make it easier

for people to call and video chat with healthcare providers, as well as made it easier for nurses who are licensed in other states to work in Massachusetts.

As of Tuesday morning, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has made 89 deliveries of personal protection supplies, including more than 750,000 masks, face shields, surgical masks, and pairs of gloves from the strategic national stockpile. He also said that the dental community has donated masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer as well, and similar outreach to other communities like the construction community have gone out too.

Baker said that the only things people should be going out for are groceries, medications, and for some fresh air, but physical distancing should be maintained.

The state has also announced its own text alert system. Baker said that while the state is not looking to inundate people with even more information, they felt it was important that people are getting information from trusted sources, and only one or two notifications would be sent out per day.

The service would provide latest news and updates, public health tips, information on social and physical distancing, personal hygiene, and more. To sign up for the service, text COVIDMA to

888-777.

“It’s a great way to stay in touch with the Commonwealth,” Baker said.

When asked about relief for rent and mortgage payments, Baker said that it is hard for the state to know what to do without clarity from the federal government. He said that it is not possible to foreclose or evict without going to court, and courts are currently closed. He said they are talking about what the state could do on this matter, but he said in Massachusetts, under existing state law, it takes 90 days to cure on mortgages and 60 days on rent, and this law will be enforced.

The Baker administration also announced new legislation that would cut down on some of the “bureaucratic processes for local governments,” Baker said. (see accompanying article)

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said that the package includes things like giving local governments more flexibility on collecting taxes from taxpayers, working with project proponents on local projects and permitting processes, and giving local businesses who are offering takeout and delivery services permission to include beer or wine in a sealed container with meals.

“We know that we will all do better when we work together,” Polito said.

Banks will remain open

Consumers strongly encouraged to bank electronically

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Bankers Association announced on Monday that banks throughout the Commonwealth will remain open while keeping their customers and employees safe.

According to Gov. Charlie Baker’s order issued earlier today, financial institutions such as banks are considered essential services and will not be subject to the closure.

“While we strongly encourage all Massachusetts residents to heed the Governor’s stay at home advisory and use online or mobile banking, consumers will continue to have access to banking services during the mandatory non-essential business closure,” said Daniel J. Forte, MBA President & CEO. “The safest

place for your money right now is in your local bank where it is insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Many Massachusetts banks also have excess insurance to protect your funds.”

Consumers needing access to banking services should check with their institution, as many banks have closed branch lobbies, reduced hours or shifted to drive-through only at some locations in an effort to protect their customers and employees. However, bank staff are available to serve customers and answer questions. In addition, access to funds through online and mobile banking, ATMs and at Point of Sale transactions remains available during this time.

Courts continue emergency-only operations

The Massachusetts Trial Courts will remain closed to the public except for emergency matters, after more than a week of closure already.

Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday issued an order minimizing non-essential activities outside of home for effect on Tuesday, March 24 at noon.

The Order confirms that it does not apply to the Judiciary.

However, as detailed in a Supreme Judicial Court Order and Trial Court Standing Orders issued on March 17, 2020, courts continue to operate on an

emergency-only basis. Courts are closed to the public but are staffed to enable the handling of emergency matters. Whenever possible, these emergency matters, such as restraining orders and juvenile protection cases, are being conducted by telephone or videoconference.

Court leaders are coordinating emergency staffing levels and Court Officers are ensuring public and staff safety through a variety of measures. Court Officers are screening the public at courthouse entrances to provide guidance on emergency court matters

and assess the level of risk posed by individuals arriving at courthouses across the state. Courts have created designated six-foot distance boundaries from any counters. Facilities are cleaned thoroughly each day with industrial cleaning supplies.

All updates regarding the court system’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic are available on the court’s website: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/court-system-response-to-covid-19>.

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LYNN CLASSICAL GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT

Senior Night is always one of the most emotional games of the season as a sports team honors those players who are participating in their final home game of the regular season, usually following multi-year careers in the program.

Four Lynn Classical seniors were honored before the Feb. 13 game versus Danvers. Though Coach Tom Sawyer's Lady Rams fell to the Falcons, the team showed its resiliency by going on the road to defeat Somerville and Winthrop and earn a berth in the MIAA Tournament.

The seniors displayed excellent leadership in helping the Rams reach their goal of a post-season berth and continuing the winning tradition of the program.



Coach Tom Sawyer, seniors Amber Crayton, Lindsey Valeri, Jean Gupton Morrison, and Kiara Edmonds, and Coach Helen Ridley Ashe.



Amber Crayton and family.



Jean Gupton Morrison and family.



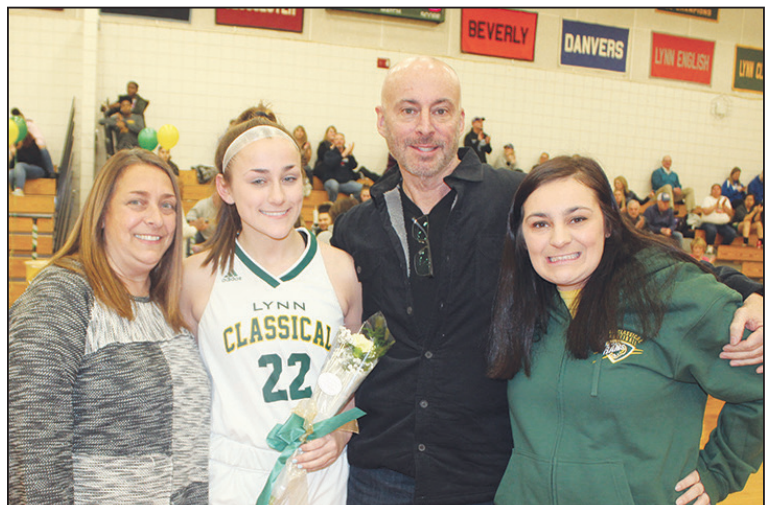
Kiara Edmonds and family.



YN1 (Yeoman Petty Officer First Class) Michele Serrano, Recruiter for the U.S. Coast Guard, and Classical Coach Tom Sawyer.



Classical junior varsity coach Rob Smith did a great job as the announcer for the Senior Night pre-game ceremony during which Classical seniors and their families were recognized on the court.



Lindsey Valeri and family.

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ENGLISH BOYS SOCCER CELEBRATES NEC TITLE SEASON

Kings of the Conference

By Cary Shuman

The Lynn English High boys soccer program celebrated its undefeated Northeastern Conference championship at an awards banquet at the Prince Restaurant.

The 2019 soccer Bulldogs, led by Coach Kerry King, finished with a 14-0-2 record inside the conference. It was English's first NEC title since 1983.

King, who has been the head coach for the past 20 years, said, "This was my best team ever."

Team MVP Chris Lazo scored 18 goals and had seven assists. "He was also an Eastern Mass. All-Star," noted King.

Ryan Lima was honored as the Offensive Player of the Year while Ryan Zollo was the recipient of team's Most Improved

Player Award.

Goalkeeper Jack Mancaniello had a phenomenal freshman season to backbone an excellent defensive corps led by Obed Baswa, the Defensive Player of the Year Award recipient. Mancaniello received the Rookie of the Year Award.

King had cause to envision the squad's championship potential during a challenging pre-season schedule. "We scrimmaged Melrose, Revere, and Manchester-Essex and we did very well. We knew going in that we were talented, but we weren't sure how successful we were going to be. But they worked tremendously hard and after their performances in the scrimmages, we knew that they could compete with anybody."

King said the team benefited

from excellent leadership by the captains, Obed Baswa, Chris Lazo, Ryan Zollo, Yonel Espinoza, and Andric Barrios.

"We had a team that had very unselfish players who had a tremendous work ethic and on top of that, they were terrific kids, and

they were talented," said King. "You couldn't ask for a more hard-working, humble bunch of good kids."



NEC CHAMPIONS: The 2019 Lynn English boys soccer team. Front row, from left, captains Chris Lazo, Ryan Zollo, Andric Barrios, Yonel Espinoza, and Obed Baswa. Middle row, from left, Jalen Coriolan, Jose Aleman, Marvellous Efosa, Steven Regalado, and Ryan Lima. Back row, from left, Yahir Hernandez, Alberto Ampudia, Francis Korkpor, Coach Vladrim Xhemajli, Kelly Nwaxchukwu, Roldophe Joseph, Luis Aleman, Jack Mancaniello, Bruno Cabral, Dario Gomez, Allen Pablo, Robyn Barrios, Coach Peter Pappagianopoulos, and Coach Kerry King.



The Mancaniello Family, from left, Jennifer Mancaniello, Rookie of the Year Award recipient Jack Mancaniello, Libby Mancaniello, Lily Mancaniello, and Ryan Mancaniello.



Head coach Kerry King and assistant coaches Vladrim Xhemajli, Tim Harro, and Peter Pappagianopoulos present flowers to Soccer Booster Kim Zollo at the awards banquet.

ENGLISH BOYS SOCCER CELEBRATES NEC TITLE SEASON

Coach King thanks the Soccer Boosters

King thanked the Soccer Boosters for their outstanding volunteer efforts during the season and organizing a superb banquet.

“We would not be here tonight without all the hard work of our Boosters,” said King. “Mrs. Zollo, with the help of Mr. Zollo, also the Mancaniellos – they’re an integral part of our team, absolutely incredible. Their fundraising efforts, from ordering

jackets, ordering t-shirts, providing snacks for games, the water – it’s such a big part of our team that you have done for us, and trust me, the boys and the coaches are so appreciative. You’ve done a tremendous job.”

King went on to further shine the spotlight on Kim Zollo. “Mrs. Zollo was a godsend. She’s an incredible fundraiser. She was supportive of our team whether it was for refreshments

before games to keep us hydrated, having snacks. She did a tremendous job.”

At the banquet, King also credited the English administrators in attendance, Principal Thomas Strangie, Vice Principal Jennifer Mancaniello, and Athletic Director Dick Newton, for their support of the boys soccer program.



“Thank You, Mrs. Zollo,” was the message of appreciation for Soccer Booster Kim Zollo, as delivered by team captains, from left, Chris Lazo, Andric Barrios, Yonel Espinoza, Obed Baswa, and Ryan Zollo.



Head coach Kerry King and assistant coaches Vladrim Xhemajli, Tim Harro, and Peter Pappagianopoulos present flowers to Soccer Booster Kim Zollo at the awards banquet.



From left, Brendan Zollo, English soccer captain Ryan Zollo, Kim Feeney Zollo, and Bob Zollo, also a guidance counselor at Lynn English.



Athletic Director Dick Newton, Vice Principal Jennifer Mancaniello, and Principal Thomas Strangie congratulated boys soccer coach Kerry King (second from left) on the team’s championship season at the awards banquet.

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LYNN JETS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM AWARDS BANQUET

The Lynn Jets high school ice hockey team, consisting of student-athletes from Classical, English, and Tech, held its awards banquet at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

The players, coaches, parents, and guests enjoyed dinner and dessert followed by the award presentations.

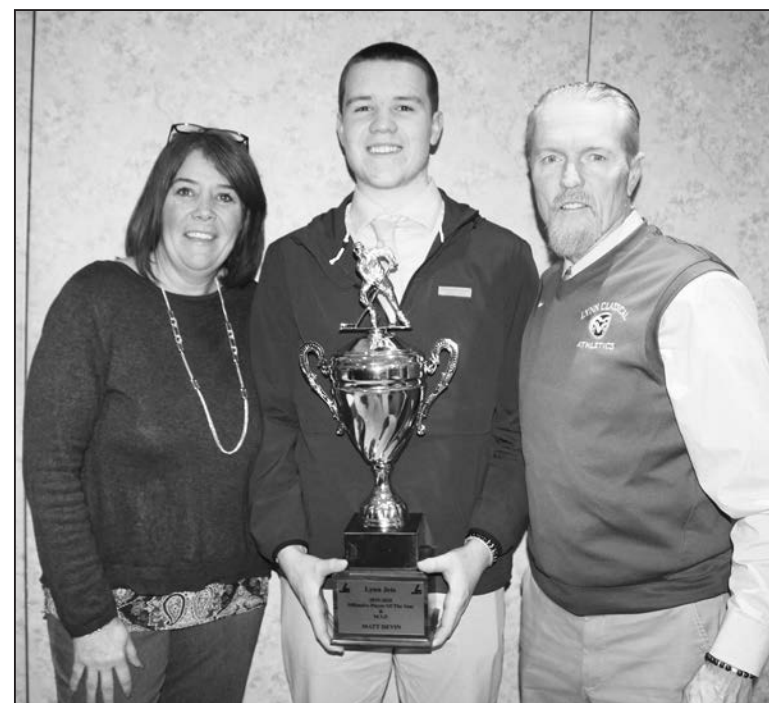
Coach Mike Roberts paid special recognition to the graduating seniors – John MacDonald, Luke Rao, Kenny Perez, and Matthew Leonard – for

their contributions to the program during the past four years. Roberts also announced the new captains of next season's team: Matt Devin, Matt Patrie, and Christian Alquinta.

Roberts thanked the Lynn Jets Booster Parents for all their support of the team. "Your fundraisers have allowed us to continue the program in the fashion that we have over the last few years, giving all the players everything they need, as far as warmup

suits, equipment, uniforms, et cetera – so thank you very much and we appreciate all of your efforts," said Roberts.

Roberts also thanked Lynn English Athletic Director Dick Newton, Vice Principal Gary Molea, and Lynn Classical AD Bill Devin, who attended the banquet, along with Principals Thomas Strangie (English), Amy Dunn (Classical), and Carissa Karakaedos (Tech).



Classical junior Matt Devin, recipient of the Team MVP and Offensive Player of the Year Awards, with his parents, Lynne Devin and Classical Athletic Director Bill Devin.



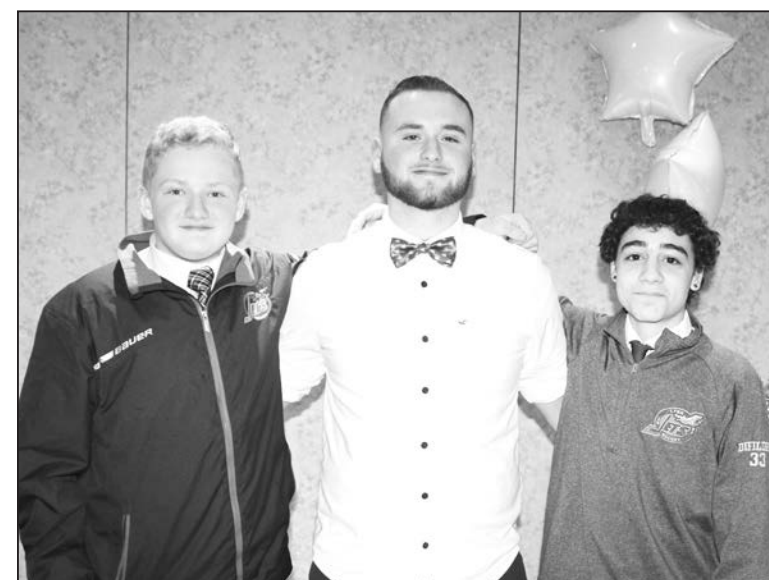
The Lynn Jets Boosters, front row, Lynne Devin and Terese Leonard. Back row, Charlene DiFilippo, Katie McHale, Tara Porter, Diane Downey, Christina Alquinta, and Sheri Rao.



Wearing their alumni hats are Lynn Jets graduating players John MacDonald, Luke Rao, Kenny Perez, and Matthew Leonard.



The Lynn Jets' individual award recipients for the 2019-20 season, from left, Kenny Perez (Coaches Award); John MacDonald (Defensive Player of the Year Award); Matt Devin (Team MVP and Offensive Player of the Year Award); Luke Rao (Coaches Award); Matt Patrie (Unsung Hero Award); Matthew Leonard (Academic Excellence Award); and Tyler Desir Kearns (Jet Engine Hustle Award).



The Lynn Jets' goaltenders, Richie Avery, Kenny Perez, and Stephen DiFilippo.

LYNN JETS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM AWARDS BANQUET



Assistant Coach Brian Boisson, Alisha Boisson, Melanie Roberts, and Coach Mike Roberts.



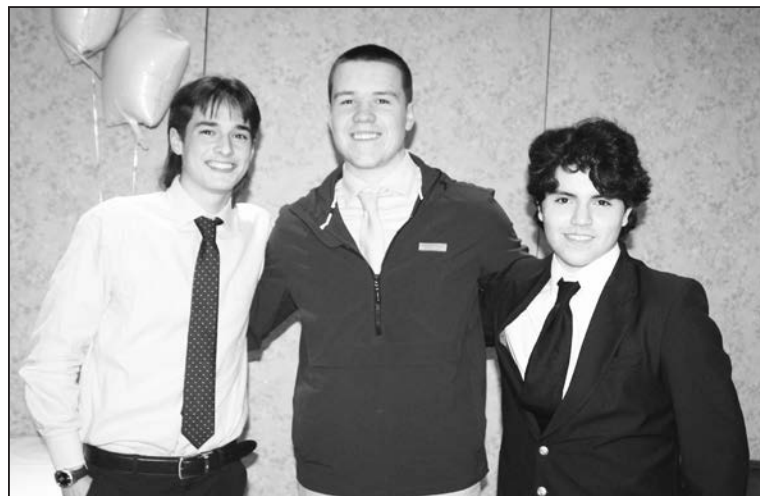
Looking forward to their future seasons with the Lynn Jets' hockey team are Richie Avery, Stephen DiFilippo, Alex Wonoski, JJ Avery, and Christian Serino.



The First Family of Lynn Jets' hockey, Coach Mike Roberts, his wife, Melanie, and their children, Makenna and Mikie.



Matt Devin was the recipient of the Team MVP Award and Offensive Player of the Year Award for a prolific season that included 24 goals and 11 assists, making him one of the highest point producers on the entire North Shore. Making the presentation were assistant coaches Joe Gunning, DJ Pinkham, and Brian Boisson, and head coach Mike Roberts.



The captains-elect of the 2020-21 Lynn Jets hockey team, Matt Patrie, Matt Devin, and Christian Alquinta.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Local Students Named to Dean's List for Fall 2019 Semester

Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.3 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 556 students representing 22 states and 5 countries received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following Lynn students has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New

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Hannah Bates, Biology, 2023
Meaghan Hennessey, Politics, 2023

Adelina Katzounos, Nursing, 2020

Olivia Shkiew, Biology, 2020
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COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts as of March 24

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 1159

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Massachusetts residents subject to COVID-19 quarantine by current status as of March 17

Total of individuals subject to quarantine 2054

Total of individuals who have completed monitoring (no longer in quarantine) 886

Total of individuals currently undergoing monitoring/under quarantine 1168

COVID-19 INFECTION BY AGE BRACKET

≤19 years of age: **24** 20-29 years of age: **188**

30-39 years of age: **205** 40-49 years of age: **214**

50-59 years of age: **208** 60-69 years of age: **153**

≥ 70 years of age: **164** Unknown: **164**

These do not reflect the most up to date numbers, as they were not reported by press time. Please scan the QR code to the left to see them.

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

Total Number of Cases by County

Barnstable	40
Berkshire	37
Bristol	31
Dukes and Nantucket	2
Essex	118
Franklin	5
Hampden	24
Hampshire	8
Middlesex	304
Norfolk	129
Plymouth	64
Suffolk	234
Worcester	73
Unknown	90

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What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Researchers at the South End's NEIDL have started working to find COVID-19 treatments

By Seth Daniel

One researcher at Boston University's National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory (NEIDL) in the South End of Boston has received samples of the COVID-19 virus late last week, and has permission to begin working to find a treatment for those with the virus – with the NEIDL being one of only about 10 places rushing for a breakthrough therapy.

Professor Robert Davey, PhD., said the NEIDL started on Thursday, March 19, growing the virus in the Level 5 biolab with samples of the COVID-19 collected from the first patient that died in the United States, a man from a nursing home in Washington state.

With the virus samples in their possession, Davey said the entire scientific community in Boston and at the NEIDL is invigorated to begin working in combination on a successful treatment for a sickness that has rocked the entire globe off its normal axis.

"That's why it's great working in Boston because you have all this great stuff going on here," he said, noting that he worked in Texas for about 20 years before being recruited by the NEIDL in 2018. "That's how great science is done and how you find great treatment...All the schools and universities here have come together to try to nail this. That is very invigorating and exciting.

"Otherwise, scientists tend to be stuck to their own thing," he continued. "I have my niche and exist in that niche. I might practice my science and do great work, but usually there isn't everyone coming together at once like this. I'm looking forward to doing our work and seeing if we can make an impact on this outbreak."

Those helping Davey in the testing will be Harvard University, MIT, the Broad Institute and other industry partners.

Samples came in just in the last few days, and Davey said they are growing the virus right now in the lab to be used in testing over the next month. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had taken samples from the first man in the U.S. that died in Washington state on Feb. 29. Those specimens were sent to the University of Texas where they have a repository for infectious disease samples. From there, they were sent to the NEI-

DL this week, along with about 10 other places.

Having all those places working at the same time is a strategy similar to taking as many shots at goal as possible, with the idea being that one will eventually get through for success. He said that having 10 places is not a lot of places nationwide, so they do consider it an honor to be part of the group looking for a successful treatment.

"Finding an effective treatment is much like finding a needle in a haystack," he said. "To swing the odds in our favor, you need to throw a lot of needles into that haystack and you'll find one that works. With our testing, it's like taking as many shots on goal as you can and by doing that you'll have a greater chance of success."

The NEIDL will be testing small molecules on the virus. Small molecules are drug treatments that have been made by chemists as potential treatments to a virus of this kind. They will test these small molecules on tissue samples infected with the virus with the goal of finding something that stops the virus from replicating. Once they find a "hit," they would begin testing it on lung cells that are in the possession of the lab – as lung cells are most relevant to what the virus attacks.

To get to that point, they'll be using 20,000 small molecules produced by their partners.

"We are expecting to test 20,000 small molecules," he said. "A (typical) pharmaceutical company (trial) would test one million, but this is a very directed session."

Finding one of those small molecules that work is the first step, Davey said, to identifying a treatment.

The testing, he said, would likely last for about a month. However, any success they have would then have to be run through testing with mice, then to Phase 1 clinical trials and finally to licensing with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There is no sense of how long that might take, but the FDA has said it is focusing all its resources on approving anything that is successfully produced at the NEIDL or any of the other approximately nine sites across the country.

Davey clarified they are only working on a treatment for those who already have the COVID-19

virus, but there are others within the NEIDL preparing to work on a vaccine for COVID-19, which would be given to those who are not yet sick in order to prevent them from getting sick.

"There are other groups here doing vaccination development, and in the near future you will hear about them," he said.

As he and his team began to prepare for the work of finding

a therapy, he said he did feel a sense of extreme purpose.

"It's important to be part of a team effort contributing to trying to find a cure," he said.

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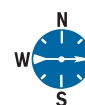


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