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APPRECIATION

Deborah Smith Walsh helped make Lynn a better place

By Cary Shuman

She fought hard for Lynn's schoolchildren as a member of the School Committee. She was an advocate for all residents as a councilor-at-large.

Wherever Deborah Smith Walsh went, often in the company of her well-known husband, John "Coley" Walsh, a giant himself in the political circles of Lynn, she was welcomed in respectfully and enthusiastically and people embraced her presence in return with equal warmth and grace.

Mrs. Walsh found the perfect fit for her talents and her lifelong commitment to helping others as

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A LITTLE HOPE



COURTESY PHOTO BY ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR

Encore Boston Harbor shined a little hope into the community this week as the shuttered resort casino aligned the lighting at its hotel rooms in the shape of a heart. The company said it's simply a show of love and caring for the community, a way to bring a smile to people's faces during this challenging time. To respond to the immediate needs in Greater Boston, Encore this week donated 46,000 standard masks, 4,000 n95 masks, 6,000 gloves, 40 pallets of food, seven pallets of bottled water, five pallets of toilet paper and 13,000 daffodil plants.

Attaining high goals

Three-sport standout Hannah Trahant will attend Emmanuel

By Cary Shuman

She is the reigning NEC Diver of the Year, a three-sport captain, a cheerleader, and a state qualifier in the 400-meter hurdles.

But ask Lynn English scholar-athlete Hannah Trahant what one of the fondest memories of her athletic career is and she might tell you it was the 2019 English-Classical Powder Puff Game at Manning Field.

Displaying the speed, athleticism, and versatility that are her trademarks, Trahant scored the only touchdown of the game on a sensational 16-yard run in the



Hannah Trahant.

second quarter of English's 7-0 victory over Classical.

English quarterback Julianna Perry handed the ball of to Trahant who "got to the edge" and blazed down the sideline and in to the end zone. Brooke Zahine, one of Hannah's best friends, booted the PAT for the seventh and final point of the game. Head Coach Matt LaFratta's English defensive unit maintained that advantage for the victory, ending Classical's three-year winning streak in the series.

"Powder Puff is a big senior year tradition, so the seniors were looking forward to playing

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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.

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Lynn unites to battle COVID-19

By Thomas Grillo

Not content to be sidelined by the pandemic, the city's schools, elected officials, and a nonprofit have joined the fight against the coronavirus that has infected 87 Lynn residents.

As the COVID-19 threatens more damage, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, KIPP Academy Charter School, school nurses, and the Brickyard Collaborative have stepped up to provide personal protective equipment to

hospitals and clinics. In addition, the City Council began a food drive last weekend and its 11 members are planning to deliver the goods to needy residents.

"All of these efforts have made a big difference in people's lives when you consider equipment shortages at hospitals and the difficulty for some people to get to the supermarket," Lynn Police Capt. Mark O'Toole told The Journal.

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EDITORIAL

THERE ARE MANY HEROES IN THE BATTLE AGAINST COVID-19

The current crisis in which we find ourselves has been compared to a war.

But instead of an opposing army, our enemy is a novel virus that is 1/900th the width of a human hair and that can be transmitted in ways that are both stealthily insidious and ruthlessly efficient.

As with any battle, it is the soldiers on the front lines who are doing the hard fighting and bearing the heavy burden of loss.

In this case, the army responding to take on COVID-19 consists of our first and second-level responders -- the police officers, firefighters, EMTs, nurses, doctors, and other health care and emergency workers -- as well as the truckers, grocery store and pharmacy clerks, utility company employees, municipal employees, and the countless others whose jobs have been deemed "essential" in order that their fellow Americans can maintain some semblance of normalcy.

Although these heroes perform many disparate tasks, the one thing that they have in common is that they literally are putting their lives, as well as the safety of their loved ones, on the line by exposing themselves to possible infection when they deal with any member of the public.

For our first and second-level responders, the danger has been particularly acute. The tragic stories making the headlines about nurses and doctors who have died because of exposure to COVID-19 have cast into stark reality the very real, life-and-death battle that these heroic Americans are facing every minute of every day that they are on the job.

Thanks to a level of unpreparedness by our nation that is nothing less than shocking -- from the lack of available test kits that could have identified those first cases that ensnared so many unsuspecting victims, to the scarcity of necessary protective and life-saving equipment (masks, gowns, and ventilators) -- our first and second responders have been left defenseless in their battle against this onslaught.

As one emergency room nurse in New York aptly put it, "We are being asked to fight a war without any ammunition."

We know we join with our readers in thanking all of our heroes for their selfless service to our nation and upon whose continued devotion to duty our very survival is dependent.

THIS WILL BE A LONG HAUL

It has become evident to everyone that the effort to hold back COVID-19 is not conducive of either an easy or a quick fix.

This is going to be a long and difficult ordeal that will test the fabric of our nation, both collectively and individually.

No one among us is immune to the effects of this plague. It will reach into every corner and crevasse of society, regardless of age, gender, fame, or wealth.

The \$2 trillion relief bill that Congress approved last week is just the beginning of what promises to be the unlimited spending of vast sums in order to provide all Americans, from the biggest corporations to individual citizens, the means by which they can make it through to the other side of this pandemic, however long that may take.

With almost all of the country essentially quarantined in place, these additional, enormous government outlays will be the only available option to ensure that no American goes hungry and to save hundreds of thousands of businesses, both big and small, from disappearing forever.

Unlimited government spending to achieve these ends also will be necessary to prevent our society from descending into a state of total anarchy.

Moulton to face Democratic challengers for reelection

By Thomas Grillo

For the first time since he ousted an incumbent congressman six years ago, U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.) will likely face a Democratic challenger of his own this fall.

So far, three rivals have emerged. Candidates have until May 5 to collect 2,000 signatures from 6th Congressional District voters, including Lynn, to be on the September primary ballot.

Some Democrats say they were angered when Moulton opposed Nancy Pelosi's bid to resume her role as House speaker after the 2018 midterm elections.

Last spring, Moulton launched what would be a four month campaign for the presidency. Unable to get the traction needed to put him on a national stage with other Democratic contenders, he ended his campaign for the White House in August.

Critics said the congressman's failed bid for the White House shifted his focus from the problems of the 6th District.

A Moulton spokesman said the congressman continued to deliver for the district while campaigning for president. He said Moulton welcomed the primary.

"Seth was elected in a primary and is not afraid of democracy," said Matt Corridoni, Moulton's former press secretary.

The Democrats seeking to deny Moulton a fourth term include:

- Jamie Belsito, an advocate for improved mental health services. The 46-year-old Topsfield resident said she plans to bring her expertise on the topic to Capitol Hill to seek better health outcomes for moms and families. She has said the district is seeking leadership that reflects the region.

- Nathaniel Mulcahy is a former elementary school teacher who founded WorldStove. The nonprofit produces a pellet-fueled cook for developing nations that reduces air pollution. The Rockport resident said the major issues facing the nation include the climate crisis, Medicare for all, free education from daycare through college, and immigration reform.

- Angus McQuilken, 50, of Topsfield, who once served on the staff of former state Sen. Cheryl Jacques, has also entered the race. In 2004, McQuilken failed in his bid to replace the Needham Democrat after she resigned the post. He lost to Republican Scott Brown, then a state representative from Wrentham. He co-founded the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. His platform also includes addressing the climate crisis, transportation, healthcare,

and the high cost of college tuition.

Moulton is far ahead in fundraising, according to the Federal Election Commission. Through Dec. 31, the most recent data available, he raised \$734,739.

Belsito followed with \$42,979, McQuilken has a war chest of \$25,070 while Mulcahy raised \$8,740.

The winner is expected to face Billerica Republican John Paul Moran in the November final election. He describes himself as an openly gay, conservative Catholic who operates a digital marketing agency in Boston.

In 2014, Moulton defeated U.S. Rep. John Tierney in the Democratic primary by a 51 to 40 percent margin. Tierney had served on Capitol Hill for nine terms.

He became vulnerable when his wife, Patrice, was convicted on federal tax charges in connection with her brothers' offshore betting operation.

Moulton, 41, a Harvard Business School graduate who served four tours of duty as a U.S. Marine in Iraq, was the first Massachusetts Democrat in more than two decades to defeat a congressman from his own party. Moulton went on to beat Republican Richard Tisei by a 14 percentage point margin.

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Lynn nonprofits among recipients of Zakim Fund early emergency grants

Staff report

To best assist communities throughout the Commonwealth now reeling from the challenges of covid-19, The Lenny Zakim Fund has fast-tracked its annual grant-making process and delivered \$576,000 to 56 community nonprofit organizations working at bridging inequities throughout Massachusetts, including several in Lynn, according to a press release.

Lynn grant recipients in the Child and Youth Development and Education category include Building Bridges Through Mu-

sic; and Chica Project, a nonprofit that operates in Lynn, Lawrence and Boston to empower Latinas and other women of color; and LYSOA (Lynn Youth Street Outreach Advocacy).

In the Access to Food, Housing and Economic Security category, Lynn United for Change Empowerment Project was among the recipients, while the Lynn Worker Center received a grant in the Organizing and Support for Immigrants and Refugees category.

"The global pandemic and our new normal has laid bare the structural inequities that exist in our society," LZF Executive Di-

rector Eric Esteves said in a press release. "As we consider our 25-year legacy as an organization focused on social, racial, and economic justice, we must continue to listen to those closest to the problems and support them as they implement solutions. LZF aids those who demonstrate the will and potential to make a difference - but may lack the necessary resources. These resources have suddenly become more urgent than ever before."

For 25 years, The Lenny Zakim Fund has been committed to identifying, listening to, and supporting grassroots community organizations operating "be-

low the radar screen" of many large charitable and government funding sources. Grant recipients include community-based organizations providing services in diverse ways within a variety of very vulnerable populations. This year, more than half of the organizations receiving LZF grants are led by people of color.

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Fund has more than doubled its pool of emergency grants to \$56,000 thus far, with the goal of raising at least \$100,000 more in order to increase its ability to support grassroots community organizations in the coming

weeks and months.

The fund has identified both current and former grant recipients who are worried about the programs they have had to suspend or cancel, funds lost, balancing critical staffing decisions, and the vulnerable individuals families they serve who are now even more isolated and at-risk, according to Esteves.

"We do not know how long this uncertainty will last, but what I do know is that small, grassroots organizations are even more important now than ever to the communities they serve," Esteves stated.

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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 lock box that has been installed at the Johnson Street en-

trance 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.

No reservations for a Lynn hotel...yet

By Thomas Grillo

A groundbreaking for Lynn's first hotel since the Days Inn closed on the Lynnway in the 1990s continues to elude the city.

While a half dozen developers have expressed enthusiasm to alleviate the city's hotel drought, none have taken the next step.

"There's interest, but no one is ready to pull the trigger and get a site under agreement," said Samuel Vitali, a real estate attorney. "The irony is the cost of borrowing money is free, but developers have to choose to borrow it."

David Zeller, owner of the David E. Zeller Insurance Agency on the Lynnway, said the city's reputation may be keeping hotel operators at bay.

"Why is it that no one wants to sleep in Lynn?" he asked. "Is it public safety, the lack of transportation, taxes? It seems like people prefer to sleep in Revere."

Last fall, Zeller conducted a tour of his vacant 1.2-acre waterfront parcel on the Lynnway for Synergy Investments for a potential mega project that would include offices, apartments, shops, and a hotel on the Lynnway.

But the Boston developer, which created a \$100 million

fund to invest in Opportunity Zones, has not made any commitment to build.

"We've looked at Lynn and other communities for possible development including hotel construction, but that was a while ago," said Ryan Chamberlain, Synergy's director of business development. "We like Lynn, we think it has lots of potential, but there's nothing we are close on."

Congress designated 8,700 neighborhoods nationwide as Opportunity Zones. Construction in these economically depressed areas offer developers federal tax incentives.

There are four zones in Lynn that extend from Essex Street in the downtown to Western Avenue up to the General Edwards Bridge on the Revere border.

Zeller said his parcel was too small for Synergy's multi-acre project. The team also looked at five adjacent lots owned by the Economic Development & Industrial Corp., the city's development bank, he said. But two-thirds of the 5.3 acres are restricted to marine uses under state law.

"My take is this location is not a viable deal for their vision," Zeller said. "We came close. My waterfront site still offers opportunities for the right project."

Sebastian Colella, vice president at Pinnacle Advisory Group, the Boston-based hospitality consulting firm, said Revere was in a similar place a decade ago. But with the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs and the growth from Logan Airport, the city has attracted lots of development.

Revere has five hotels with five more either under construction or in the planning stages, he added.

Colella said the timing, given the uncertainty of the coronavirus, has put any talk of building or financing new hotels on hold. He said the occupancy rate in Boston's hotels has been in the single digits due to the coronavirus for the past month.

Last year, Charles Patsios considered a boutique hotel at the Masonic Hall on Market Street which he purchased for \$1.1 million. Instead, the Swampscott developer flipped the four-story brick building to the New Boston Cos. for \$1.5 million. The Chelsea company is turning the landmark into 35 market rate apartments above the furniture store.

Mayor Thomas M. McGee and City Council President Darren Cyr were unavailable for comment.

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McGee appoints Aaron Clausen as Principal Planner

Special to the Journal

Mayor Thomas M. McGee announces the appointment of Aaron Clausen as Principal Planner effective April 6, 2020.

Mr. Clausen comes to Lynn with extensive urban planning experience, having served as Director of Planning and Development for the City of Beverly since January 2014. Prior to his appointment in Beverly, Mr. Clausen served first as Associate Planner and later Senior Planner for the City of Lowell from 2007-2013.

In Beverly, Mr. Clausen led the department through an unprecedented period of economic development including the revitalization of its historic downtown area. Thanks to his work, in collaboration with stakeholders in government, local business, community groups, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations, Beverly has strengthened its reputation as a vibrant cultural destination where people come to live, work, and play. Mr. Clausen managed development of the Beverly Community Housing Plan creating a comprehensive strategy for addressing the City's many housing needs. He oversaw the implementation of a number of key objectives of the plan including an update to the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and creation of the Beverly Affordable Housing Trust. While acting as the Chair of the Beverly Affordable Housing Trust board of directors, the Trust has invested over \$700,000 since its inception in 2017 to create several new Affordable

Housing development opportunities in that City.

During his time in Lowell, Mr. Clausen served as project manager in development of A City Building Vision for the Hamilton Canal District and the Neighborhoods, a planning study that included an intensive public visioning campaign to identify improved physical and programming links in four inner-city neighborhoods, coordinated significant community outreach. He played a lead role in advancing Sustainable Development initiatives in Lowell including achieving Green Community designation, and incorporating sustainability concepts into the City's master plan created in 2010.

"I am excited to welcome Aaron Clausen on board as the Principal Planner for the City of Lynn," said Mayor McGee. "As the city continues to grow and develop, we want to make sure we have

a 21st Century approach to our planning needs. Aaron is the right person to help us shape the future of our community in a thoughtful, inclusive manner."

As Principal Planner, Mr. Clausen will work on setting long-range planning objectives and coordinating a long-term vision for the City of Lynn that aligns with the Mayor and City Council's goals. He will coordinate with the Mayor's economic development working group and ensure priorities are implemented by working with its members which includes: Economic Development & Industrial Corporation Executive Director, Community Development

Director, Inspectional Services Chief/Building Commissioner/Planning Director, Department of Public Works Commissioner, Lynn Water & Sewer Executive Director, and Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development Executive Director. He will provide advice and support on planning matters to other city departments, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, City Council and the Mayor's office.

Mr. Clausen will lead the efforts in initiating and overseeing the creation of the City of Lynn's Master Plan and lead community engagement to solicit input and feedback, manage consultants, and represent the City on broader projects. He will seek, prepare, and coordinate applications and management of relevant grants, as well as state and federal funding opportunities.

"I'm honored Mayor McGee has asked me to join the team and serve the City of Lynn during this time of transition," said Mr. Clausen. "It is an exciting time for the City of Lynn, I believe this moment presents an opportunity to build on renewed interest and investment in the City to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach to development that will benefit the broader community. I look forward to jumping in and facilitating the creation of a comprehensive vision for the whole City."

Mr. Clausen is a graduate of Bentley College; Aaron received his Master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning with a concentration on Urban Design from the University of Michigan.

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the community relations director at the Lynn Community Health Center, working at the Center for the past 15 years. She excelled in her position as the Center's liaison to city and state officials and other non-profit organizations and educational institutions.

The City of Lynn is remembering Deborah Smith Walsh, one of its most prominent residents as a hard working dedicated public official and goodwill ambassador who helped make Lynn a better place.

Mrs. Walsh died March 27 following a courageous battle against cancer. She was 72.

Mayor Thomas McGee said he worked with Mrs. Walsh in many capacities in the city through the years.

"She was just such a big a part of the City of Lynn in so many ways both in elected office and in her commitment to making Lynn a better place, whether it be the Lynn Community Health Center or so many other organizations that she was a part of, because she really cared about this city and wanted to make a difference," said McGee.

"Deborah Smith Walsh didn't just talk about how things could be better, she really lived and breathed and worked to make this city a better place in many capacities," added McGee, "She had an amazing record as an elected official, but her work at the Lynn Community Health Center and in other parts of this community made a difference – it's a big loss for our city and she will be missed."

Councillor-at-Large Buzzy Barton said, "Debbie Smith Walsh was a shining example of what public service should be all about. She dedicated herself to making the lives of others better. Lynn was blessed to have her and she will be sorely missed."

Cindy Steger-Wilson, director of marketing and communications at the Lynn Community Health Center, worked with Mrs. Walsh at the Center.

"She really helped build and cultivate relationships throughout the community," said Steger-Wilson. "She was amazing. She brought her skills and her connections from her time as a city councillor to the Health Center and was just really good at getting things done and working with lots of different constituencies to put everybody on the same page and make something happen."

Steger-Wilson said Mrs. Walsh was a hard worker who was always very positive and supportive of her colleagues. "She was com-



Deborah Smith Walsh.

pletely dedicated to the Health Center – she was truly our best advocate in the community."

Steger-Wilson admired Mrs. Walsh's fighting spirit in her bout against cancer. "She was a fighter and never, ever gave up," said Steger-Wilson, "Even when she became ill, she never missed an opportunity to advance the position of the Health Center in the community. She really was a very selfless and courageous person."

Coley Walsh, who shared 49 years of marriage with Deborah Smith Walsh, said his wife, "loved people and she would always stand up for a person, no matter if she was only the one in the room standing up for that person."

Mrs. Walsh was so proud of her three children and became the perfect grandmother.

Her son, Steven Walsh, contributed well to the family's legacy of public service as a state representative before leaving it to take a prestigious post as president and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association. Marissa Walsh became a highly respected publisher of books. Joseph Walsh has worked internationally as a musical theater director.

Marissa Walsh said of her beloved mother, "If you ever worked with my mother or sought out her help, you will be not be surprised to learn that her struggle with cancer was long, and hard, but that she never gave up. She did everything – and I mean everything – she could to keep going. I hope her strength, especially during this last phase of her life, serves as an inspiration."

In a gesture typifying the caring and thoughtful nature of the Walsh family, Marissa Walsh added, "If you are able, one way to honor my mom is with a blood donation. Cancer patients undergoing treatment often need blood transfusions, and the pandemic has caused a severe blood shortage."

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Baker extends stay-at-home advisory, closure of non-essential businesses until May 4

By Lauren Bennett

As the coronavirus outbreak continues to develop, Governor Charlie Baker continues to update the public with new announcements.

After President Trump over the weekend announced the extension of the federal guidelines for social distancing until April 30, Governor Baker on Tuesday announced an extension of his previous executive order requir-

ing the closure of all non-essential businesses as well as the stay-at-home advisory until May 4. The orders were previously set to end on April 7. "This order also extends the 10 person limit on social gatherings until May 4 as well," the governor said.

The state will also put out an updated list of businesses and organizations that will continue to operate during this period of time, which can be found at mass.gov/covid19.

"These actions will improve our ability to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the impact the surge has on our healthcare system," Baker said.

The governor said he recognizes the "high cost" this has on small businesses and on residents who have to stay away from their loved ones for even longer.

"If we can limit face-to-face, person-to-person contact now, we can slow the spread and get back to work as soon as safely as we can," he said.

Additionally, the governor said that hotels, motels, and short term rentals like Airbnbs are to be used "for limited purposes only"—ones that serve "direct efforts related to the fight against COVID-19," which includes nurses, doctors, workers part of the essential business community, and Massachusetts residents "who have been otherwise displaced."

Baker said that restaurants may continue providing food for takeout and delivery only, and stressed the importance of social distancing when outside and inside grocery stores and pharmacies.

"The next couple of weeks are going to be critical in this battle," Baker said. "People need to play their part."

He thanked all the workers on the front lines, including nurses, doctors, first responders, pub-

lic sector workers, the National Guard, and essential workers like grocery store employees. "The state is filled with remarkable people and remarkable communities," he said.

Baker also talked about the 13 confirmed deaths at the Solders' Home in Holyoke, six of which have been officially attributed to COVID-19.

Baker said that in the short term, a primary focus of the state will be on the residents of the Solders' Home in Holyoke, and assured that the state "will get to the bottom of it."

On March 30, the governor also announced actions that would increase the health care workforce in Massachusetts, including expediting licensing for certain health care workers and initiatives to recruit volunteer medical professionals. Health care professionals who are licensed in other states or have allowed their Massachusetts licenses to expire within the past 10 years while in good standing can receive expedited licenses to help out in hospitals.

Additionally, the Baker-Polito Administration's COVID-19 Response Command Center is working to create dedicated facilities for people who are infected with the virus but are stable enough to not be in the hospital. This will free up hospital beds for those who need more critical

care.

Baker also spoke about the federal relief package passed by Congress last week, calling it "a lot of good news." He said that states are still waiting on guidance from the federal government about how to "implement and distribute these funds."

Additionally, "our administration is committed to getting the resources to people who need them," Baker said. Updates will be posted on mass.gov.

Baker said that the state continues to look for personal protective equipment (PPE) through a variety of different supply chains, and the national stockpile did send additional supplies over the weekend. He added that there is a "crucial need" for blood donations right now as well.

The surge in cases in Massachusetts has been calculated to start somewhere between April 7 and April 17, Baker said.

"For the most part people are doing a good job" of social distancing, he added, stressing the importance of doing so when going outside.

"We are about to enter what will be the most difficult period associated with this virus," Baker said on Tuesday, adding that there is "no doubt in my mind... that you will all perform above and beyond."

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The 49-year-old officer was one of two city employees who tested positive for the virus more than two weeks ago. His symptoms included a fever, aches, and the loss of taste and smell, he said.

After being quarantined in his home's basement for two weeks, his mild case disappeared and O'Toole was cleared to return to work Tuesday. The second city worker, whose ailments mirrored a cold, is back on the job as well.

Also on Tuesday, School Superintendent Patrick Tutwiler provided details to the School Committee of nearly \$62,000 in donated protection gear from the district's school nurses and Lynn Tech for the Lynn Community Health Center.

Nurses contributed 8,000 gloves, 604 masks, 170 containers of wipes and hand sanitizers, and 22 boxes of thermometers. Lynn Tech provided 5,000 gloves, 350 face masks, and 50 gowns.

"I am very proud of our schools donating supplies to local hospitals," said School Committee-woman Lorraine Gately. "Lynn is working together to fight this virus. Our teachers are educating students in their homes...remotely. Our mayor and City Council are sponsoring food donations to take care of our seniors and veterans."

KIPP, Lynn's only charter school, provided 150 pairs of

goggles, 400 gloves, and hundreds of masks from their science department to Everett Hospital.

"We want to make sure kids are learning, but we are also thinking about how to support families and healthcare providers," said Caleb Dolan, KIPP's executive director. "The hospital asked for whatever they can get and we are doing whatever we can to help."

Last month, the Brickyard Collaborative, the shared workspace on Linden Street, asked its members to sew masks. He said 25 volunteers produced 500 medical-grade masks that were delivered to the Lynn Community Health Center.

"We like to make stuff with our hands and we're leveraging people's creativity," said Ted Dillard, director. "This is part of a worldwide movement of spaces like us who are putting their shoulder to the wheel and coming through with products the industry and government can't deliver right now."

Cynthia Steger-Wilson, a spokeswoman for the Lynn Community Health Center, expressed appreciation for the generosity.

"These donations have been very meaningful because they allow us to provide services to patients who potentially have the coronavirus," she said. "Their generosity also keeps our wellness clinics open for anyone with a chronic disease."

Office of Economic Empowerment launches digital financial resources amid COVID-19 outbreak

The Massachusetts State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment has launched a new digital tool for residents in Massachusetts experiencing financial changes due to the COVID-19 outbreak. With the goal of providing relevant financial education for families, the Office of Economic Empowerment created a new page on [Mass.gov](https://mass.gov) with timely free resources available to the general public.

The page, <https://www.mass.gov/ma-financial-resources-for-covid-19>, features state-of-the-art financial education tools designed by Everfi, an education technology company. The page also includes critical

resources on identifying scams and fraud during this time, directions to file for unemployment, and much more. The Office of Economic Empowerment is committed to updating the page regularly with new materials as they become available.

"The COVID-19 outbreak has had an impact on all of Massachusetts, so it is important that we provide support during this unprecedented time," said State Treasurer Deb Goldberg. "This website is designed to offer resources that will assist everyone with everyday life challenges."

The Office of Economic Empowerment is dedicated to providing financial education for

residents of Massachusetts. In 2017, the Office launched MyFinancialLifeMA.org, a first-of-its-kind website providing money management strategies and tools that can help guide users through each stage of life.

On day one of becoming Treasurer, Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE), led by a deputy treasurer, with the deliberate goal of implementing a range of economic empowerment initiatives that include closing the gender wage gap, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.



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in the game for four years,” said Hannah.

And though Hannah’s achievements will likely land her in the English Hall of Fame one day (where she will join her mother, former swimming star and current English swimming coach Lisa Trahant, a 1987 graduate), she has many more competitive days ahead as an athlete. She will hopefully begin her final outdoor track season at English May 4 (the season has been pushed back twice due to COVID-19) and then it’s off to college in the fall.

Trahant has made her college destination and sport known, deciding to attend Emmanuel College and compete in the track program. A member of the Student Council and an excellent student ranked in the top 10 in her class, Hannah intends to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Her father, Matt Trahant is a teacher at Fecteau-Leary High School, Lynn.

“I’m really excited about going to Emmanuel,” said Hannah. “I’ve visited the school and walked around the campus and it’s great. I want to be a school-teacher and all the work that my father has done definitely influenced my decision.”

Another plus about Emmanuel is that Hannah won’t have far to travel to visit her role model, older sister Emma Trahant. A star athlete herself at English, Emma is a soccer player at Simmons College, located a stone’s throw away from the Emmanuel campus.

“Growing up, Emma was and still is a great role model for me,” said Hannah. “I’m excited that I will be able to watch Emma play soccer for Simmons and maybe enjoy some lunches with her on campus.”

A proud product of Lynn public schools

Hannah was one of 14 high school students in New England recognized by the Positive Coaching Alliance as a Triple Impact Competitor. It was a prestigious honor for the 18-year-old senior.

Lisa Trahant said Hannah’s years in the Lynn public schools (Lynn Woods, Pickering, and English) “made my daughter the person she is today.”

“Every program that the Lynn schools have offered, like the GE Girls At MIT and Day In The Arts, that Hannah and Emma have been part of – I can’t say enough about the Lynn school system and how my children both benefited from it,” said Lisa.

Matt Trahant was president of his and his future wife Lisa’s class at English. Matt assists Lisa in the English swimming program.

“I just love that my kids have followed the path of their mother and father,” said Lisa.

Hannah showed an early affinity for sports as a gymnast at Baker’s School Gymnastics.

“I feel her gymnastics brought out her athletic skills and in to cheerleading and swimming,” said Lisa. “I think it really set the foundation to her success in athletics. Learning to flip in gymnastics helped her in diving, and she was a flyer on the cheerleading team.”

Hannah said she received “superb coaching” throughout her career at English, crediting track coach Brenda Martin and diving coach Donald McKenney for her development and progress in the respective sports.

“Coach Martin is amazing –

she’s done so much to help me become a better track athlete,” said Hannah. “She’s taught me so much. She’s been a great supporter and a great influence in my decision to go on and compete in track in college.”

Hannah said she came to English as a newcomer to the sport of diving.

“I have been a diver for the past four years and Coach McKenney has helped me so much and been a great influence,” said Hannah. “He really advanced my career in diving. I knew little about diving and he brought me to the level of sectional and states.”

Hannah also enjoyed the somewhat unique experience of being a member of a high school team coached by her mother.

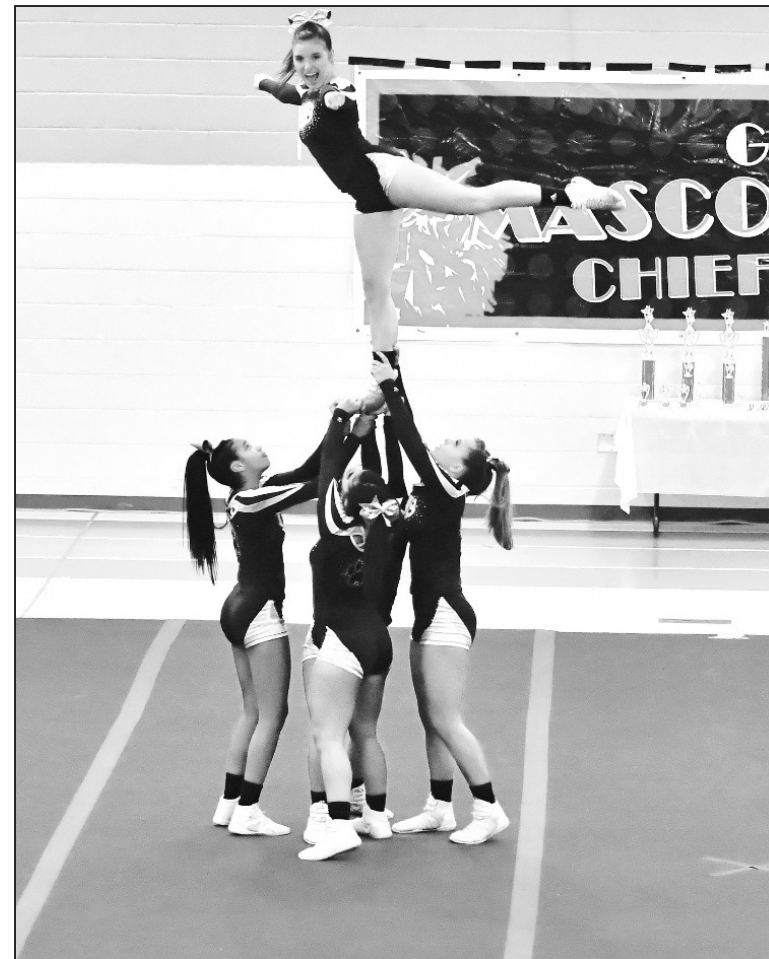
“At first, it was a little different, but I actually liked it a lot,” said Hannah. “I’ve had a good bond with my parents, but we grew a different bond. My mother was involved in something school-related and she met all my friends on the team, and she’s definitely a good coach – you can tell by all of her successes.”

Hannah also thanked English AD Dick Newton for being “a big supporter of my career 100 percent – he always helps me out.”

Credit, too, must go to the English school administration, Principal Thomas Strangie, Vice Principals Jennifer Mancaniello, Gary Molea, and Heather Fabiano, and the Guidance Department for creating a positive, educationally productive environment where well-rounded students like Hannah Trahant can excel and continue on to top-tier colleges and sports programs like the one at Emmanuel College in Boston.



Lynn English senior Hannah Trahant celebrates in the end zone after scoring a touchdown in the 2019 English-Classical Powder Puff Game that English won, 7-0.



Lynn English flyer Hannah Trahant and other members of the cheerleading team skillfully perform a routine.

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Housing Court standing orders will bar new eviction cases through April 21

By Seth Daniel

Though it is an unintended consequence of the state court system trying to promote social distancing and health, there will also be an added protection for tenants affected by the COVID-19 response who are in fear of being evicted from their homes for not being able to pay rent.

April 1 has been circled on the calendar of many homes for the past three weeks since the bottom fell out of the world economy, and with such job and income loss – it left a lot of folks wondering how they would pay rent at the first of the month, that being the first rental payment due since the outbreak.

Housing Court Chief Justice Tim Sullivan and Deputy Court Administrator Benjamin Adeyinka said this week they have issued a Housing Court standing order through April 21 that will allow only emergency cases to come before them, and those do not include the typical summary process evictions.

“The answer as to whether we are taking those cases is no – we are not taking the garden variety eviction cases until after April 21,” said

Chief Justice Sullivan. “The only actions we’re hearing are emergency conditions and they do not include the garden variety eviction cases. Only emergency cases are being heard, and so eviction cases are being suspended presently.”

That order really doesn’t have a lot to do with protecting people from being evicted. In fact, the standing order spells out that the order is to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

“Consistent with the Trial Court’s goal in slowing the spread of the virus, and considering the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and from state health officials, the Housing Court’s aim during this time is twofold: first, where practicable, to reduce the number of people who come to each courthouse where Housing Court business is conducted; and second to promote ‘social distancing,’ thereby minimizing the risk of exposure to court staff and litigants.”

That has, however, stopped evictions at a time when people also need help staying in their homes.

Across all the Housing Courts – which have expanded in the last year across the state – case filings

have gone down dramatically because of the order and the inability to appear in court unless an absolute emergency. Filings statewide in Housing Court were down 63 percent two weeks ago, and were down 68 percent last week.

“We think the message has been received loud and clear by the general public,” said Chief Justice Sullivan. “The emergencies we’re doing with telephonic hearings... Still, we want to make sure they fully understand that despite the access to the building, we’re still accessible. They can call us.”

Right now, the typical Eastern Division Housing Court session in Chelsea – which serves Chelsea and Revere once a week – will be suspended for a period of time. Operations for the Eastern Division have been fully moved to the Edward Brooke Courthouse, which has been closed recently.

For those in Everett, typically they had sessions in Woburn for Housing Court, those are also suspended. The headquarters for those operations now are in Salem or Lawrence, but again only for emergencies.

Adeyinka said they cannot take a position on evictions or protections

at the court, but they are encouraging communication between all parties.

“We do encourage individuals in this time to exercise common sense and communicate – landlords with tenants and tenants with landlords,” he said. “We’ve found anecdotally that large landlords have taken measures... We’ve found some of the larger landlords have made that contact. We can’t support or offer any advice though.”

Chief Justice Sullivan said a key item is the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) standing order that reinforced the order from Housing Court. That order calls on all local housing authorities to allow forbearance of rent on subsidized tenancy. He said that is an important precedent and helpful to those tenants.

“If someone feels they have their back against the wall, whether a landlord or a tenant, they should contact the court’s hotline,” he said.

It is also important to note that any default judgements entered between March 1 and April 21 will be vacated.

Sullivan and Adeyinka said they have Housing Specialists still work-

ing diligently who can offer advice on how to access rental programs like the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT). They also said Housing Specialists are bi-lingual in Spanish, and interpreters can be patched in on an advanced conference call line that can handle up to 20 people at once.

“We don’t want language to be a barrier,” Adeyinka said. “We do have the ability to conference in an interpreter.”

Chief Justice Sullivan added the attorney for a day program is also available virtually for those who need it, and they are working with several organizations to have that available by telephone or online.

“We are here to help even though the building is physically closed,” he said.

Sullivan added the situation and the times are like nothing he has seen, and that has justified the measures that have been taken in Housing Court.

“I agree with is a unique time we’re in,” he said. “I’ve never experienced anything like it in my 60 years. I can’t remember anything being more disruptive than this pandemic.”

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Baker administration launches online portal for PPE, volunteers to support COVID-19 outbreak

The Baker administration on Sunday announced an online portal where individuals and companies can easily donate or sell personal protective equipment (PPE) and volunteer to support the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts. This effort will ensure that front line responders get the protective equipment they need to stay and push for more trained volunteers to join the response.

“Massachusetts has already received generous donations from countless organizations, and by launching this portal we’ll make it easier to streamline these offers and quickly distribute supplies to those in need,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We also need more volunteers to help support our response to this unprecedented public health emergency, and urge people to sign up to lend a hand. Our administration will continue making every effort to secure supplies from all possible resources to support our front

line workers during these tough times.”

The Commonwealth’s COVID-19 PPE Procurement and Donation Program creates an easy portal allowing companies and organizations to sell or donate protective equipment that is in short supply given the global demands for such items.

By visiting the COVID-19 PPE Procurement and Donation website, businesses and organizations can offer for purchase or donation critically needed personal protective equipment, including:

- N95/N99 masks (respirators)
- Facemasks with integrated shields
- Goggles
- Protective suits/gowns
- Headcovers
- Sanitizing wipes
- Powered Air-Purifying Respirators (PARR)
- Gloves
- Booties/shoe covers
- Hand sanitizer

The initiative announced today bolsters current efforts to leverage traditional and emergency supply chain channels.

“We have a constant demand and need for personal protective equipment (PPE) available to our medical, first responder and essential service communities. Over the past week, hundreds of deliveries of PPE have been made to front line health care providers, and first responders, but we need so much more,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders, the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 Command Center Director. “Last week more than 28,000 masks, and 120,000 pairs of gloves were distributed, and we’ve placed more than \$50 million in orders for additional supplies. We are also waiting on our third delivery from the Strategic National Stockpile.”

The program also provides an entry point for local manufacturers to get more information

on adapting their businesses to produce more equipment here in Massachusetts, an effort being led by the administration’s recently established Manufacturing Emergency Response Team, co-chaired by Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, and Mike Tamas, President and CEO of Accu-Rounds, a precision components manufacturer located in Avon.

“It comes as no surprise that both manufacturers and university R&D partners across Massachusetts have stepped up during this challenging time to support those saving lives and provide logistical expertise toward stopping the spread of this virus,” said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy, Co-Chair of the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative. “This portal serves as a front door for companies that think their operations can be adapted to address manufacturing supply chain issues and pro-

duce the equipment needed by those on the front lines.”

A call for volunteers:

To support ongoing COVID-19 emergency response efforts, the Baker-Polito Administration has partnered with the Massachusetts Medical Society to match health and medical volunteers with our communities and health care providers based on skillsets and need. There is an immediate need for respiratory therapists and public health nurses, and the administration is asking health care professionals interested in volunteering to sign up by clicking here. Since launching the initiative, more than 1,000 people have already registered.

For more information on COVID-19, visit Mass.gov/covid19. Get notifications to your phone or other mobile device by texting COVIDMA to 888-777.

State announces Command Center Advisory Board of Medical Experts, Infectious Disease Specialists

On Weds., March 25, the state announced the COVID-19 Advisory Board, a group of medical experts that will support the Response Command Center as the Commonwealth continues to respond to COVID-19.

The Response Command Center, under the leadership of Secretary Marylou Sudders and reporting to Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, is the Commonwealth’s single point of strategic decision making and coordination for the Administration’s comprehensive COVID-19 response.

The COVID-19 Advisory Board, which first met on Wednesday, March 19, will advise the COVID-19 Response Command Center on key decision points in the state’s response, including expanding access to testing and planning for medical surge, and will formally meet weekly for updates. Advisory Board members include:

•Scott Gottlieb, MD, American Enterprise Institute – Scott Gottlieb, M.D., is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). He returned to AEI in 2019 after serving as the 23rd commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At AEI, he continues his work on improving public health through entrepreneurship and medical innovation and on expanding regulatory ap-

proaches to maintain patient and physician autonomy.

•Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital – Dr. Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and a practicing Infectious Disease physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Dr. Walensky’s research interests focus on model-based analyses of the cost-effectiveness of HIV testing, care, and prevention strategies to inform HIV/AIDS policy internationally and domestically.

•Paul Biddinger, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital – Dr. Paul Biddinger holds the MGH Endowed Chair in Emergency Preparedness and is the Director of the Center for Disaster Medicine, and Vice Chairman for Emergency Preparedness in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Mass General. He is also the Director for Emergency Preparedness at Partners Healthcare. Dr. Biddinger additionally serves as the Director of the Emergency Preparedness Research, Evaluation and Practice (EPREP) Program at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, and holds appointments at Harvard Medical School and at the Chan School. Dr. Biddinger serves as a special advisor to the Massachusetts Medical Society’s Committee on Preparedness and serves

as a medical officer for the MA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) in the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

•Michael Wagner, MD, FACP, Wellforce – Dr. Michael Wagner is a physician leader who combines his unique experience as a primary care physician, hospitalist, entrepreneur and CEO to transform health care. Dr. Wagner has worked with caregivers in academic and community health care settings throughout the country. Today, he is the Interim CEO and Chief Physician Executive of Wellforce, a \$2B and growing health system in Eastern Massachusetts that has been recognized for its high quality, lower cost value position and its commitment to keeping care in the community.

•Eric Lander, PhD, Broad Institute – Eric Lander is president and founding director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. A geneticist, molecular biologist, and mathematician, he has played a pioneering role in all aspects of the reading, understanding, and biomedical application of the human genome. He was a principal leader of the Human Genome Project.

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the creation of a new COVID-19 Response Command Center on March 14, 2020.

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Consumers facing financial hardships due to COVID-19 urged to contact local bank

The Massachusetts Bankers Association urged consumers who are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic to contact their financial institution for assistance. Local banks throughout the Commonwealth have pledged to work with their customers – individuals and businesses – to mitigate the financial impact of the current health crisis.

“We strongly encourage anyone who is unable to make a payment on their loan, needs access to funds in a certificate of deposit or other relief to contact their fi-

ancial institution for options to help them through this unprecedented situation,” said Daniel J. Forte, MBA President & CEO. “Local banks are ready and willing to help during these challenging times, but it is important that you reach out as soon as possible.”

Most local banks have already announced programs to assist consumers. For example, Greenfield Cooperative Bank is offering a “payment holiday” for residential and commercial loan customers; Berkshire Bank has established special relief

programs for the LGBTQ and minority-owned business communities while Rockland Trust Company, Eastern Bank, Bank of America and many others have announced significant initiatives to support local residents and small businesses. MBA has created a COVID-19 Resource page on our website with additional information. We encourage you to visit www.massbankers.org.

In addition to relief on mortgages and other loans, banks are working with customers who may need access to funds in Certificates of Deposit (CDs),

waiving fees for certain products or transactions, and increasing daily debit or ATM limits where appropriate. We anticipate that additional programs will be developed in the coming days and weeks to assist individuals and businesses as Congress considers a major economic stimulus package in Washington, D.C.

It is also important that consumers beware of scams and fraud, which tend to increase in uncertain times. MBA reminds consumers that the safest place for money is in their bank, where all accounts are insured up to

\$250,000. Many Massachusetts banks also have excess insurance to protect your funds. Large cash withdrawals are uninsured and at risk for loss; 95% of all transactions can be done on mobile/online banking, debit/credit cards or at an ATM, without the health risks of in-lobby visits.

“These are challenging times for Massachusetts families and businesses and local banks are doing our part to help ease the financial burden,” Forte said.

Massachusetts bar examination postponed

The Supreme Judicial Court and the Board of Bar Examiners today announced that, due to the ongoing public health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Massachusetts bar examination will not be administered on July 28 and July 29, 2020 as previously scheduled. The bar exam has been postponed until fall, on dates to be determined.

The Board of Bar Examiners, in consultation with the Supreme Judicial Court, will continue to closely monitor public health and safety guidelines, including prohibitions against large gatherings, related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the event that limitations on large gatherings continue to interfere with a fall administration of the Massachusetts bar examination, alternative

means for testing of applicants for Massachusetts bar admission will be devised and announced.

The Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) is established by G.L. c. 221 §§35 & 36 to evaluate the qualifications of persons seeking admission to the bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

North Shore Navigators add future UMass Lowell pitchers

The North Shore Navigators will welcome multiple UMass Lowell prospects to their Futures Collegiate Baseball League roster for the second consecutive summer.

Both future River Hawks slated to join the Navs in 2020 will reside on the mound in Massachusetts natives Zach Fortuna and Michael Quigley. President and General Manager Derek January announced the signings on Tuesday.

Newburyport’s Fortuna continues a long line of St. John’s Prep products to play for the local club. He made 10 appearances for the Eagles last spring as they advanced to the Super 8 championship round, compiling a 1.19 ERA and 43 strikeouts on the season. The 6-foot, 200-pound left-hander held opponents to a .196 batting average during his 3-0 junior year, allowing just one earned run over 11.1 innings of tournament action. He earned Honorable Mention All-Star status from The Salem News.

Scouting Report: Lefty with three pitches ... big curveball ... gets better with every outing ... MLB comp: Ted Lilly.

A 5-foot-11, 180-pound righty from Halifax, Mass., Quigley finished his junior year at Silver Lake Regional High School as the Most Valuable Player in the Patriot League’s Keenan Division. He compiled a 7-3 record with three saves, 1.94 ERA and 73 strikeouts over 54 innings on the way to earning Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic honors as well as becoming the Patriot Ledger Player of the Year. Quigley, who also plays shortstop, has tossed two no-hitters at Silver Lake and spent previous summers with the Bourne Mariners of the Cranberry League.

Scouting Report: Throws 86-89 with an above-average slider ... very good athlete ... plenty of poise on the mound ... MLB comp: Austin Brice.

Fortuna and Quigley will join two of their future college teammates on the Navs this summer. UMass Lowell freshman infielder Jon Gibride (Beverly) and pitcher Harry Painter (Essex) will appear at Fraser Field again in 2020.

The Navs are now preparing for the 13th season of collegiate ball at Fraser Field and their

ninth in the Futures League. The 2020 opener is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27. Until then, stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The health and safety of our players, staff and fans is of the utmost importance to the North Shore Navigators.

We will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and are in constant communication with our local authorities as well as the Futures Collegiate Baseball League.

In the meantime, we are working hard to prepare for the upcoming season, which is still scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 27. Our main goal is to offer a fun, safe environment for everyone who walks into Fraser Field, and we look forward to coming back together at the park this summer.

We will be sure to share any additional information as it becomes available.

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Lottery sales down nearly 30 percent since beginning of March

By Seth Daniel

State Lottery officials reported this week sales have dropped off steeply on lottery products across the board, and if that drop continues, it could have a major effect on Local Aid payments to cities and towns this year.

That news comes just as worried municipalities begin to put together City or Town Budgets in one of the most uncertain times on record. Budgets always have relied on Local Aid payments from the state, which come from a variety of sources. However, lottery disbursements were always a steady and reliable stream within the Local Aid formula – even in tough times.

However, the lottery products are mostly based on physically going to a retailer, and with many stores closed and social distancing in place for those that aren't, it's a tougher sell. That combined with tremendous job loss in the last four weeks has led to steep declines.

"The health and well-being of Lottery employees and residents of the Commonwealth are our

top priority and the Lottery will continue to follow the guidance and orders of state and federal officials regarding public health and safety," said Michael Sweeney, executive director of the Massachusetts State Lottery, on Tuesday. "Representative of the whole economy, Lottery revenues have decreased significantly over the last three weeks. This will affect the revenue returned to the state and could potentially impact unrestricted local aid returned to cities and towns. The decreased sales and revenue production will also negatively impact the small business owners who are increasingly under financial duress. As an in-store cash-only business, with a stay-at-home advisory currently in place and many of our retail partners being closed, we anticipate that these figures will continue to be drastically lower than usual."

Since the week beginning on March 1 – which featured fairly "normal" Lottery sales, the overall Lottery products are down 29 percent. That meant sales went from \$111.6 million during that week, to \$78.9 million the week

beginning March 22.

Overall, Keno sales are down the most, dropping 52 percent since the beginning of March. Instant tickets were down 24 per-

cent., while numbers game sales were down only 17 percent.

Below are the weekly sales numbers from the Lottery for March:

- March 1-7: \$111.6 million
- March 8-14: \$110.2 million
- March 15-21: \$88.7 million
- March 22-28: \$78.9 million



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