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EXPANSION TEAM



St. Mary's High School field hockey head coach Victoria Ault (far left) is pictured with the Spartans team that is beginning its first season as a varsity program.

Ault, St. Mary's launch new field hockey program

By Cary Shuman

St. Mary's High School field hockey coach Victoria Ault was a record-setting basketball star at Drew University and is a certain future Hall of Famer at the New Jersey college. Twice in the same season she hauled down 22 rebounds in a game to establish

Landmark Conference records. It was no small achievement for the 5-foot-9-inch forward who had transitioned to center when the head coach needed a versatile athlete to fortify the Rangers' frontcourt. The coaches knew the consistent 12 points-a-game scorer would find a way to deliver big in her new assign-

ment, having already seen Ault excel in her role as a team captain during her senior year, one that ended with All-Landmark Conference honors for the former Mater Dei High School two-sport (basketball, field hockey) standout.

After receiving her undergraduate and master's degrees from Drew and serving as a graduate assistant basketball coach and later teaching in the Newark school district, Ault came to Lynn and accepted teaching and coaching positions at St. Mary's High School.

Ault, 30, has served as an assistant coach for Head Coach Jeff Newhall's girls basketball team that reached the state finals in 2019 and won the 2020 state title in March.

Having experienced the success of the Spartans' tradition-rich girls basketball program, Ault is now ready to establish her own coaching record as



St. Mary's field hockey head coach Victoria Ault (center) is pictured with the seniors who will be playing for the Spartans' varsity field hockey team. From left, are Pajae Parent, Janella Diowo, Achan Wol, Coach Victoria Ault, Shannon Lovett, Makayla McGrath, and Gina Palermo. Missing from photo: Ann Romelus.

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His Service Continues

Former city councilor, GLSS director is still helping out the community

By Cary Shuman

With a storied career in public service, Paul Crowley is moving on to his next chapter by providing financial and management services to small businesses and for individuals approaching retirement.

Paul Crowley has opened a new office in the Clock Tower Business Center at 330 Lynnway.

The former Lynn city councilor and chief executive officer of Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS), Crowley has jumped right in by helping 35 businesses secure loans in the Paycheck Protection Program [established by the CARES Act].

"Those businesses received about \$3 million and put 300 people back to work," said Crowley. "As a result of this work, my clients have looked to me to provide further help in other areas."

Three terms on the City Council

A 1977 graduate of Lynn Tech, and 1987 graduate of Northeastern University's business program, Crowley served three terms on the Lynn City Council from 2005 to 2011.

Prior to his first election, he



Paul Crowley, former Lynn city councilor and chief executive officer for GLSS, is pictured in his new office at 330 Lynnway.

had become a board member on the Lynn Council on Aging, having been appointed by then-Mayor Patrick McManus. He became very active in the Lynn Chamber of Commerce and the Lynn Lions Club.

"Around the year 2000, I just started helping everywhere I could and I was enjoying it," said Crowley, whose family owned the Lynnway Bowling Center at that time. "I also realized how important it was to give back to the community."

In 2005, he was elected as a councilor-at-large in his first bid for public office. "I finished sec-

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EDITORIAL

WINTER SURVIVAL: MASKS AND FLU SHOTS

The testimony of Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, before a U.S. Senate subcommittee last week regarding the need for every American to wear a face mask in public to thwart the spread of Covid-19 was stunning for its sheer simplicity.

"A face mask is the most important and powerful public health tool we have," said Redfield. "If we did it for six, eight, or 10 weeks, we could bring the pandemic under control. We have clear scientific evidence they work, and they are our best defense. I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine."

Dr. Redfield's statement provided Americans with the most direct and easiest-to-understand medical advice that we have heard in our lifetime from any health professional regarding any illness or disease.

Face masks have been shown in the past to be effective against the spread of airborne illnesses. During the 1918 flu pandemic, American cities that required their citizenry to wear face masks in public had much lower incidences of the flu and much lower death rates from that deadly disease than cities that did not require the use of masks.

The other significant thing we can do for our individual and collective health this winter season is to get a flu shot as soon as possible. Although flu shots typically do not have 100% effectiveness, they nonetheless can provide significant protection against the flu for most Americans, thereby reducing to a large extent the number of persons who might require medical treatment and hospitalization.

We also would note that there is substantial evidence that flu shots also provide protection for the heart, although it still is not completely understood why.

Together, masks and flu shots offer our best chance to avoid the so-called "twin-demic" this coming winter. Indeed, if everyone masks up and gets vaccinated (as well as stays home when they are sick), this could be the healthiest winter our nation ever has experienced.

COVID IS THE LEADING KILLER OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Recently-revealed statistics have brought into sharp focus the deadly and tragic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our nation's police and firefighters.

At least 101 police officers have died from Covid-19, and it is estimated that this figure represents only half of the Covid-19 deaths among police officers. This compares to 70 officers who have died in the line of duty from accidents and felonious attacks.

For firefighters, deaths from Covid-19 likewise have exceeded fatalities from other service-related causes.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that our public safety personnel put their lives and health on the line just by showing up for their jobs. They do not have the luxury of working remotely from the comfort of their home, as so many of us are able to do these days.

The work of first responders always has been difficult enough, but the added layer of the risks posed by Covid-19 has increased their line-of-duty danger exponentially -- and makes us even more grateful for the job they do in our communities each and every day, 24/7/365.



AUTUMN NOW IS HERE, LEAF PEEPERS WILL APPEAR

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ond as a dark-horse candidate," he recalled. "Tim Phelan topped the ticket."

Crowley said he has no current plans to run for public office.

"It's in my blood but as it stands right now, I feel like I've given my service in government," said Crowley. For the past 20 years, I have been a passionate advocate for the City of Lynn through my work on the council, in non-profit organizations and other endeavors." In recognition of his public service and contributions to the community, he received the Lynn Journal "Man of the Year" Award in 2007.

He is currently a board member of the Lynn Shelter Association and a member of the board at the Riverworks Credit Union.

His years at GLSS

Crowley became the chief executive officer for GLSS in 2009, serving for 10 years. In that role, he also oversaw the MBTA's "The Ride" public transportation program for seniors on the North Shore.

"The Ride is a good service and a needed service," said Crowley. "At our peak, we were doing 2,500-3,000 rides per day."

He is proud of his achievements at GLSS.

"I worked with some extraordinary people at GLSS and it is an outstanding organization," said Crowley. "I was blessed to

be a part of that and I'm very proud of the accomplishments we had there.

"We set the standard for elder care during the ten years I worked there," said Crowley. "People were looking to us for guidance across the state. We were a \$75 million agency when I left. When I took over, it was a \$50 million agency, so we grew by 50 percent. We were the largest non-profit doing elder care in the state."

Crowley praised GLSS Chief Executive Officer Kathryn Burns.

"Kathy Burns, the new CEO, is an extraordinary talent and has a warm spot in her heart for the elderly," said Crowley. "She has been taking care of seniors for many years. She is a natural fit for that position and I think GLSS will be on good hands for many years to come."

Paul Crowley and his wife, Kathy, a native of Augusta, Maine, have been married for 33 years. They have a daughter, Emmy, 24. Kathy is the owner of Payroll Express Services, a full-service payroll and financial company in Lynn.

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the leader of the Spartans' new field hockey program.

Starting a new varsity team

After having a delayed start of the pre-season due to the coronavirus, Ault and assistant field hockey coach Farrah Parent conducted tryout sessions over the weekend at Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody. Twenty-three girls attended the workouts and there was excitement in the air as the team began preparations for its historic, first-ever varsity game.

Last year while coaching a club program, Ault led the Spartans to a 6-5-1 record against junior varsity opponents. Now she begins her new year at the varsity level.

"It's super exciting and I'm very happy with the turnout," said Ault. "We've kept all 23 athletes for our mainly varsity games and a few JV games."

Last year's leading scorer, Pejae Parent (daughter of assistant coach Farrah Parent, Achan Wol, and Shannon Lovett) received the honor of being elected the team's first-ever field hockey varsity captains.

"I'm very optimistic about the season," said Ault. "I told the girls after practice that they should be very proud of themselves because on Day 3 of practices this year we look way better than we did Day 3 of last year. They're really coming together as team."

Ault said the seniors – Pejae Parent, Janella Diowo, Achan Wol, Shannon Lovett, Makayla McGrath, Gina Palermo, and Ann Romelus – are all outstanding leaders. Romelus will be the starting goaltender.

"Our seniors are doing a great job leading the way, so it's a promising season ahead of us," said Ault. "The competition is going to be tougher than last year but I'm excited. We have a lot of skill, a lot of talent and great leadership."

Asked about the challenge of launching a new program, Ault said, "I was definitely a little nervous, but the excitement outweighs the nerves. The girls are focused. They're ready. Start-

ing a program, especially at St. Mary's with the winning culture, we have high expectations to live up to, but I definitely think our girls are going to rise to the occasion."

In addition to the talented senior cast, the Spartans will also look to returning sophomores Gianna Korisianos and Jody Kirby, who bring playing experience and offensive firepower to the team. Yirsy Queliz, a dynamic guard for the state championship basketball team, will also bring her speed and athletic talent into the new program.

St. Mary's will play its first game against Catholic Central League new entry Bishop Feehan High School. Though the St. Mary's club team was undefeated at Manning Field last year, all Spartan games will be on the road this fall due to Lynn being in the COVID-19 higher-risk zone.

Reflecting on her athletic exploits

Let's just say Victoria Ault was very humble in discussing her brilliant high school and collegiate career.

Ault was a two-sport All-Conference athlete and so- at Mater Dei High school in New Jersey. She was the basketball conference's defensive player of the year and the field hockey MVP and record-breaking scorer. She chose basketball over field hockey at college.

"My college coach at the time didn't really want me to play two sports," said Ault.

She became a four-year starter for the Drew University Rangers, becoming a consistent double-double (points and rebounds) producer. Her single-game rebounding records still stand in the Landmark Conference.

"I was one of the shortest post-players in the conference," she recalled. "I came into the program as a small forward but my senior year I was the tallest player on the team and the coach said, 'we need you in the middle.' "I said, 'whatever you need.'"

Ault received her undergraduate degree in Business and her master's degree in Education from Drew University.

Arrival at St. Mary's High School

Ault moved to the Boston area in 2018 and continued her career at St. Mary's.

"Mr. Ridley and Mr. Newhall, whom I had known from the basketball circuit, were instrumental in getting me a job at St. Mary's and the rest has been history," said Newhall. Ault teaches U.S. History and Geography.

"I love teaching at St. Mary's. The administration is great. The staff is great and the kids are even better," said Ault.

On the basketball sidelines at St. Mary's, she's been to the Boston Garden twice, including last year's state championship-clinching victory.

"I've learned so much about

coaching from Mr. Newhall," said Ault. "He really does a great job with the kids. He's taught time management skills when it comes to coaching and teaching and how to oversee a program and handle a variety of situations. He does so much for the school and the MIAA. I will try to model my coaching after him. He's been a great role model as a head coach, for sure."

Jeff Newhall, athletic director at St. Mary's, has been impressed by Ault's coaching abilities and feels she's a great addition to the athletic program.

"We're very fortunate to have Coach Ault contributing to the success of our athletic program in two sports," said Newhall.

"Ms. Ault is an excellent role

model for all the students at St. Mary's with her very impressive background in sports and academics. I know our new field hockey program will continue to grow and prosper under her capable mentorship."

Asked whether he was aware of Victoria Ault being a collegiate conference record-holder in rebounds, Newhall replied, "I've seen her work constructively with our forwards in practice, but I have a new appreciation for her rebounding and boxing-out skills right now. To set conference and school records as a 5-9 center is a most impressive accomplishment. It also reflects very well on her leadership that she was a captain of her college team."

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RMV renews over 163,000 licenses and IDs online during REAL ID promotion

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) continues to encourage all eligible customers to renew their Standard Massachusetts driver's license or Massachusetts ID card online at Mass.Gov/RMV in order to qualify for a free upgrade to a REAL ID credential in 2021. This promotional opportunity, authorized and extended by Executive Order, will remain in effect until Massachusetts' State of Emergency is lifted to provide customers more time and flexibility to conduct transactions and to support the RMV's ongoing efforts to implement social distancing protocols while limiting in-person service center visits to keep customers and staff safe.

Customers are eligible to renew online and take advantage of this offer up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, or up to two years after the expiration date. Customers will not be able to seek their free REAL ID upgrade until at least six (6) months after the State of Emergency is lifted.

The RMV continues to see a dramatic increase of online renewals by customers during the pandemic and this promotional opportunity period. More than 163,000 online renewals were completed since promotion began June 12th, compared to just 49,600 over the same time pe-

riod in 2019. In August 2020, there were over 62,000 online credential renewals, compared to just 15,739 in August 2019. The RMV has bolstered back office support efforts to accommodate this continuing increased demand.

Beginning in mid-August, limited in-person license renewal appointments became available in Service Centers for customers. The RMV suspended those in-person transactions due to the pandemic and applied multiple extensions to expiring licenses and IDs as outlined below. The RMV asks that those who can renew online please do so and preserve these limited appointments for those individuals with credentials expiring in September 2020 who cannot, especially if their license or ID currently benefits from an extension.

Qualifying customers who complete their renewal online and wish to upgrade to a REAL ID for free will have to wait until at least six (6) months after Massachusetts' State of Emergency is lifted to visit an RMV Service Center. Customers currently do not need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights prior to October 1, 2021, as the federal government delayed the compliance effective date by one year. The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or REAL ID

license is \$50, while the fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID card is \$25. The typical \$25 upgrade / amendment fee will be waived under these qualifying circumstances.

Obtaining an initial federally compliant REAL ID requires customers to visit a Service Center in-person to present verifying documents. The RMV introduced this initiative and fee waiver pursuant to Executive Order 39 which was issued by Governor Baker on June 12, 2020, and was subsequently extended through Executive Order 47 on August 11, 2020, in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency to encourage social distancing and limit unnecessary travel by reducing the need for many customers to visit a Service Center. This also allows for the prioritization of essential in-person transactions, which remain by appointment only.

Customers should take the following steps to determine their online renewal eligibility and qualify for this offer:

- Visit Mass.Gov/RMV, login to their "myRMV" account, and find out if they are permitted to renew online.
- Renew online – their new standard license or ID card will be sent via U.S. mail.
- The cost for renewing a driver's license is \$50. The cost for renewing an ID card is \$25.

These costs are the same for both a standard or REAL ID license or ID card. The cost for upgrading or amending a license or ID card outside of their renewal cycle is \$25, which will be waived for participating, eligible RMV customers.

- Customers who renew online will have to wait until at least six (6) months after Massachusetts' State of Emergency is lifted to make an appointment for a REAL ID and have their \$25 upgrade / amendment fee waived. Anyone who holds a valid U.S. passport or other federally-compliant form of identification may never need an RMV-issued REAL ID.

- As a service to its members, AAA continues to issue REAL ID credentials for their members only and members should make an appointment before visiting a AAA location.

- Limited in-person license renewal reservation appointments are available in RMV Service Centers for customers. The RMV asks that those who can renew online please do so, especially if their license or ID currently benefits from an extension, thus preserving these appointments for those individuals with credentials expiring in September 2020 who cannot renew online.

While the RMV has previously announced the below automat-

ic extensions to certain expiring licenses and ID cards, all eligible customers are encouraged to take advantage of this offer by renewing online up to one year prior to their expiration date:

- Driver's licenses and ID cards that expired or were set to expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until September 2020.
- Driver's licenses and ID cards that expired or were set to expire in June have been extended until October 2020.
- Driver's licenses and ID cards that expired or were set to expire in July have been extended until November 2020.
- Driver's licenses and ID cards that will expire in August have been extended until December 2020.

All RMV customers are encouraged to visit the RMV Online Service Center or www.Mass.Gov/RMV to renew their license or ID card, and complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

For details on these and other credential expiration date extensions and additional information on RMV service offerings during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

State Treasurer Goldberg receives Jesse M. Unruh Award

The National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) announced that Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg was honored with the Jesse M. Unruh Award.

Utah Treasurer David Damschen made the presentation to Treasurer Goldberg.

The Jesse M. Unruh Award is named for a founding member of NAST and former California State Treasurer. This distinguished award recognizes a current Treasurer's commitment to the association, the profession, and his or her state.

"Treasurer Goldberg truly epitomizes outstanding service to the association and the profession," said Utah Treasurer David Damschen. "Her tireless work as the NAST President during these unprecedented times has steadied our course, as she provided truly extraordinary and timely leadership."

Goldberg is currently serving as President of NAST. Throughout her year-long term she has successfully led the association's efforts to support sound fiscal



State Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

NAST Executive Director Shaun Snyder, "While COVID-19 was certainly not contemplated when she was elected NAST President, she quickly pivoted and led us through very difficult times. As a result of her skillful stewardship, we have been able to provide meaningful virtual learning and networking opportunities for our members and have maintained and increased strong advocacy efforts, helping to shape legislation and regulations impacting public finance and the Treasurers' constituents across the country."

Treasurer Goldberg's extensive business and fiscal management experience provided her with a strong foundation to effectively carry out NAST's top priorities.

After being elected State Treasurer in 2014, Treasurer Goldberg was reelected in 2018. She is known for her deep commitment to the advancement of policies that break down barriers and create economic opportunities for everyone.

"We are grateful for Treasurer Goldberg's leadership," said

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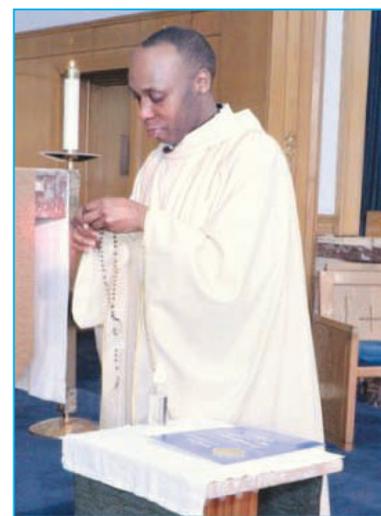
Grand Knight Matt Harrington addressed the audience accepting his new role at Valladolid Council 70.

The theme was Fraternity, Charity, and Unity for the Knights of Columbus Valladolid Council 70 Installation of Officers. A catholic MASS was celebrated by Chaplain Godfrey Musabe assisted by Deacon William Jackson before the Installation. This is the first time for an Installation to be conducted inside Holy Family Church, instead at the council.

Installed Grand Knight Matt Harrington said, "Having a MASS is part of the context of us being Christian gentlemen. We are here beginning a new fraternal year with the energy and spirit to guide us through a safe and healthy period. Each month we

will have activities such as, helping My Brother's Table to distribute bags of food for the needy. Other programs will include the Catholic Citizen Writing Contest where a winner will advance to another state competitive level and on October 20th there will be an Open House inviting Catholic gentlemen who would like to join the Knights of Columbus".

Valladolid Council 70 is a very active organization. It reaches out to the community helping others. During Covid-19 the facility is open on Friday evenings serving meals to members and friends. All safety protocols are followed and guests are welcome at the Valladolid Café.



Reverend Chaplain Godfrey Musabe received a gift of rosary beads from Council 70 for his spiritual services.



PGK Donald Collins received a Lynn Journal new article collage for attending a Food Service Training Course from PGK Patrick Gecoya.



Chaplain Musabe blessed water from the Sea of Galilee, a lake in Israel, from PGK Donald Collins which was presented to him by Brother Robert Irving.



Valladolid Council 70 Officers – (Front): Deacon William Jackson, DGK John Minor, Grand Knight Matt Harrington, Scholarship Director PGK Brian Magrane, Chaplain Godfrey Musabe; (Back): FS Michael Scarlata; Building President Michael Phelps, Recorder John Sumares, DD/PGK Fausto Cabrera.



Officers to lead Council 70: Deacon William Jackson, Deputy Grand Knight John Minor, GK Matt Harrington, District Deputy/PGK Fausto Cabrera, and Chaplain Musabe.



Valladolid Council 70 Past Grand Knights – Deacon Willam Jackson, PGK Patrick Gecoya, GK Matt Harrington, PGK Robert MacIsaac, Chaplain Godfrey Musabe, and PGK Brian Magrane; (Back): FDD/PGK Donald Collins, PGK Michael Phelps, DD/PGK Fausto Cabrera, and PGK Frank Harrington.

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St. Mary's High School - campus of the future

By Stacy Director

The excitement at St. Mary's High School continues to grow as the new STEM building climbs higher and higher. The fall of 2020 will include not only 30,000 square feet of state-of-the-art classroom space and labs, but will transform the school into a campus with the Mosakowski Gardens, the Molloy-Twomey Green, the Cardinal Sean O'Malley Sanctuary, outdoor dining, an amphitheater and space for events.

Chartwells is creating a unique dining experience for the student body and faculty with a \$300,000 renovation that includes outdoor seating in addition to unlimited breakfast, snacks and lunch in the STEM building. Head of School Dr. John F. Dolan believes the dining space will be a "living and breathing part of campus." Also in the new building will be: classrooms, labs, 3D printers, rooms with movable walls and gathering spaces. "With the world coming at us, our students will be ready for college and beyond," said Dolan.

The Molloy-Twomey Green, named for Dr. Elizabeth Molloy Twomey, will be an area for theater performances, a place to show movies and space for classroom instruction. The school's Environmental Club is working with Barbara Heath, Professor of Horticulture from North Shore Community College, to create a beautiful space.

The Mosakowski Gardens, named for Bill and Jane Mosakowski, will be the home of the Cardinal Sean O'Malley Sanctuary, a special sacred meditative space where benches will

surround a water fountain similar to the baroque gardens in Krakow, Poland. There will be eight stones at its base with a special quote translated into the eight languages Cardinal O'Malley speaks.

The outside space will also be available for the public to use for St. Mary's alumni reunions, weddings, catered events, etc. This "venue of choice" will have plenty of parking. In addition, ten percent of the money raised through these events will be used for the care and upkeep of the grounds.

Starting in the summer of 2021, the facilities will host STEM summer camps. St. Mary's will be a full twelve-month program open to all the private, charter and public school students in Lynn. Private donations will make it possible for activities on nights, weekends, vacation weeks and the summer.

St. Mary's future looks bright, will be the "go to for STEM" and will not just be a high school, but a fully functioning modern campus.

North Shore Medical Center, Mass General Brigham join Lynn City Leaders to fight COVID-19

COVID-19 infection rates in Massachusetts may be down overall but they remain stubbornly high in some communities, including Lynn. To keep cases down in these hard-hit spots, North Shore Medical Center (NSMC), Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC), the City of Lynn and Mass General Brigham have collaborated on a public education and outreach campaign to increase testing and encourage residents to remain vigilant about avoiding the disease.

For the past several months, NSMC has joined Lynn community partners to host a series of outreach events where residents can receive free COVID-19 testing and Care Kits containing masks, hand sanitizer, soap and information in multiple languages about avoiding COVID-19. To date more than 40,000 Care kits have been distributed to Lynn residents. NSMC is partnering with the City of Lynn to distribute an additional 15,000 kits in the upcoming weeks and with the Lynn Community Health Center to expand testing for area residents.

In addition, a "Keep Cases Down" public information cam-



NSMC, Lynn Community Health Center and the City of Lynn partnered to offer COVID-19 testing at the Ingalls School in downtown Lynn. Pictured: NSMC staff Natasha Shah, M.D., (left) and Dierdre Smith-Horton, LICSW, distribute free care kits to local residents.

campaign has launched and includes multilingual digital, billboard and social media advertising as well as personalized patient messages through the Mass General Brigham Patient Gateway system. These ads appear in Lynn as well as other communities and LCHC physician Carlos Capas, M.D., Chief of Behavioral

Health, is among the prominent community leaders featured in the campaign.

"We know that we can reduce COVID-19 infections if we continue to mask, practice hand hygiene, and maintain social distancing, says Tina McLoughlin, NSMC Manager of Community Benefits. "This campaign ramps up our efforts to deliver this mes-

sage deep into our communities and in multiple language to ensure it is effective in diverse communities."

The Mass General Brigham campaign is targeting communities where higher rates of COVID-19 are reported including Chelsea, Revere, Lawrence, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Mission Hill, Roxbury, Dorchester, East Boston, Lynn and Everett. The ads include animated videos in English, Spanish and Portuguese to reach communities hard hit by the virus.

North Shore Medical Center is a regional health care provider headquartered in Salem, Mass.,

and includes NSMC Salem Hospital, multiple outpatient facilities and the physician network known as North Shore Physicians Group. NSMC is a member of Mass General Brigham, an integrated healthcare system founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. NSMC and Massachusetts General Hospital together provide care at the Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care and the Mass General/North Shore Cancer Center in Danvers. For more information, visit our website at nsmc.partners.org.

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TITO'S BAKERY CLOSES AFTER 45 YEARS

CHELSEA - Unfortunately, there's no way to say 'Hola' without eventually saying 'Adios,' and while Vicente 'Tito' Avellaneda and his wife, Isabel, said hello to the community 45 years ago at the opening of Tito's Bakery on Broadway, this summer they have sadly had to say good-bye as they closed the store so they could retire.

On Aug. 8, Tito's Bakery served its last Bulkie roll, its final cup of joe and the last sandwich and pastry on Broadway – a bakery that has stood the test of time and has changed with the tastes and the population of the city over the years.

"So much time, so many things in between in those 45 years," said Tito in an interview on Tuesday.

"When my father opened up in 1980 here, he was the first Latino business established on Broadway," said his son, Council President Roy Avellaneda. "Now to say you are a Latino-owned business on Broadway is anything but unique. Honestly, the transition of Chelsea can be tracked through the display case in my father's bakery. When he started he had coffee rolls, cheese Danish, Bulkies, frozen dough, figure eights and half-moons. That was what was selling back then and what people wanted. The display case now has been filled with Mexican bread and a lot of Salvadoran pastries and tres leches. It's completely different. It shows how the product transitioned with the clientele."

Beyond the great products in the past and present, though, is the loss of community that was sparked by Tito's. It was a place where neighbors gathered, where they spoke Spanish and they spoke English and caught up with each other. It was also a familiar place people who had left Chelsea would come back to and enjoy fond memories. That, for the Avellaneda family, is the greatest loss.

"The sadness that is felt by so many as a whole is because Tito's wasn't just a bakery, but it was a community and the first stop for many who came to Chelsea," said Roy. "It's where you got the Chelsea Record, El Mundo, Planeta, The Vocero. You went there to catch up with neighbors and the news. You went there for job leads, or a potential apartment rental. It was as much a bakery

as it was a community center for residents, especially those who were immigrants."

Tito told the Record he became a baker at an early age when his mother brought him to a baker in Rosario, Argentina. He had been rambunctious and to keep him out of trouble, she figured he could learn to bake. And he did.

After compulsory military service in Argentina at the ages of 18 to 20, he opened his first bakery in Argentina. There, he had a coffee shop and bakery, but would also sell his goods to local stores in the area to broaden his reach – something he actually perfected at Tito's many years later (though not many know that, he said).

He first came to the United States and was working as Kasanofs Bakery on Blue Hill Avenue in Boston – a Jewish bakery where he learned to make many of the breads that became such a treat on Broadway and also where he learned to make his Bulkie roll, often served with cream cheese.

However, he had come on a tourist visa, and was eventually sent out of the country. The baker's union, however, sponsored him so that he could get his Green Card and he returned to the U.S. free and clear and went back to Kasanofs. On the side, to make extra money, he would often work at the pizza shops and make their dough for them.

That's where he got acquainted with the Falzone family, who now own John's Pizza on Central Avenue. Tito worked with Giovanni Falzone at his Chelsea bakery and eventually they became partners; Tito ran the bakery/coffee shop and Giovanni ran the pizza side. Eventually Tito bought him out and started Tito's Bakery in Chelsea Square.

After a good run there, he needed to expand to branch out into his wholesale business and create a reach for the Tito's brand beyond Chelsea.

"My father was not just operating in Chelsea with the coffee shop and bakery," said Roy. "He was putting a lot of product on the wholesale market that was being sold in the bodegas and Latino supermarkets in Boston. That growth required an expansion."

That is where Tito said a great friendship between himself and the Chelsea Record newspaper began. Late Record publisher Andrew Quigley owned the current Tito's location and stored

rolls of paper for the Record there. Tito had expressed an interest in the building, but so had others. Despite better offers, Quigley decided he would rather give a break to a hard-working baker from Argentina.

"If there's anyone to talk about why Tito's Bakery opened and grew, it's Mr. Quigley," said Tito. "If anyone gets any credit for the location and the success, I have to give a lot of credit to Andrew Quigley – the owner of the Chelsea Record at the time. Mr. Quigley saw all the hard work I had been doing down the street for some time and he recognized my potential and hard work and wanted to give me a chance. He told me, 'I'm getting some better offers, but I think I'm selling it to the better guy.'"

From that time, forward, the business took off. Many in Chelsea were regulars, including staff members at the time from the Chelsea Record. Over time, more and more came to the bakery – even those that had left.

He said he loved the variety he had at Tito's, and was hard pressed to say what his favorite item was. In the end, he said he enjoyed the 'Butterflies.'

However, Roy said he believed it was the tremendous variety of breads he served that were his favorites. That included the well-known Bulkie that he had learned to make so long ago on Blue Hill Avenue.

"When he started in the 1980s, there was still a Jewish population in Chelsea and that was a popular item," said Roy. "To the last day, he was making the Bulkie rolls and cream cheese. That was even popular with the Central Americans that came in and loved the sandwiches because of the Bulkie roll he used that he learned to make so many years ago at Kasanofs Bakery."

Tito, now 74, and Roy both said that it wasn't so much COVID-19 that closed down the bakery, but it did hasten the decision.

"He's been working since he was 14 and he deserves a rest and that's the plan," said Roy. "It's a fitting end. There were questions about whether COVID-19 was behind the decision, but not so much. COVID-19 probably pushed along the decision. The real reason is he needs to enjoy his life now."

EAST BOSTON SOUP KITCHEN MARKS ANNIVERSARY

EAST BOSTON - It started as an idea and a way to address what Sandra Nijjar saw as a growing problem in East Boston. Nijjar was seeing an ever-increasing number of homeless in and around Maverick and Central Squares. So three years ago, Nijjar recruited Pastor Britta Carlson, John Ribeiro, Jr., Lydia Edwards and Baljinder Nijjar to establish the neighborhood's first-ever soup kitchen.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (EBCSK) in the basement of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Paris Street was feeding hundreds of people a week that are both homeless or just in need of a hot meal.

However, like many organizations, the EBCSK had to shift gears and reinvent itself in this age of social distancing. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the EBCSK was forced to stop serving hot meals on Tuesdays from the basement of the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Instead, staff handed out grocery gift cards to residents and families in need.

This week marked the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen's Fourth Anniversary and while the usual celebration and fundraising event has been scrapped due to the virus, the EBCSK volunteers are still going strong.

"Around this time last year we gathered at ZUMIX with our friends, supporters, and partners to celebrate our achievements and envision the year ahead of us," said Sandra Nijjar. "Never could we have imagined how the year would unfold. It's disappointing that we won't be able to hold an event this year. One of the things we will miss most is honoring the people at the heart of our mission, those who make the soup kitchen a true community."

While the EBCSK team can't invite them onto an event stage this year their stories can still be shared.

"Hundreds of guests visit the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen every week," said Nijjar. "Yes, they come for a hot meal and groceries but many guests are seeking much more than the soup."

Nijjar said pervasive inequality and material hardship manifest in many forms.

"For some of our guests it results in homelessness and addiction," she said. "Our friend Victor, for example, has sought

our help in finding rehabilitation for chronic alcoholism. He trusts us at the Soup Kitchen to make a connection, without judgment. We celebrate his successes alongside him, and we share his fears that the despair of being discharged back to the streets will lead to relapse. East Boston does not have a day shelter--or an overnight shelter for adults without children. Geographically isolated, with unique demographics, people like Victor don't have a neighborhood safety net. With your help, EBCSK can continue weekly services — distributing food, clothing, essentials, referrals for treatment programs and housing — and we can plan to build a more robust program that Victor and the larger East Boston community deserve."

WALK FOR ERSILIA ON OCTOBER 3

EVERETT - The Kiwanis Club of Everett announced this week that the second annual Walk for Ersilia will be a virtual 5K this year that will culminate on Oct. 3.

Last year's inaugural Walk was very well supported by the community and beyond. As a result, three scholarships; the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Scholarship, the Ersilia Humanitarian Award and the Ersilia Service award – each \$1,500, have been endowed and were awarded for the first time this past June to three deserving Everett High graduates. Also as a result of the immense support of the Walk For Ersilia, The Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Stabilization Program was established at the award winning non-profit organization Portal To Hope, which provides comprehensive services to those in our community impacted by domestic violence. This year we will be adding a third focus around the issue of food insecurity and will endeavor to provide financial support to our local food assistance programs.

To participate, sign up online at walkforersilia.racewire.com and walk the 5K route of choice between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1. Each runner/walker should take a picture of themselves and tag the Everett Kiwanis Facebook page and use the hashtag #walkforersilia. Random prizes will be awarded and winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail. A 50-50 raffle will be drawn live on Everett Kiwanis Facebook page

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at noon, Oct. 3. Tickets are \$50 and can be had by contacting Jerry Navarra at (617) 784-7718.

The annual Walk for Ersilia will be a collaboration between the Kiwanis, the City of Everett, Carmine, Amata and Guiseppe Matarazzo and the Cataldo Family.

“Like many other things, this year’s Walk for Ersilia will be different,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “However, the important part is that we continue to carry out her memory and remember of the things she did for our community. She will forever be missed, but her memory will continue to be carried out by her children, her community, and my Administration.”

Said Amata Matarazzo, the daughter of Ersilia, “My mother loved to give back to her community. Our goal as a family is to continue my mother Ersilia’s mission in giving back to the community and several organizations. All proceeds will go to the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Fund which will disburse funds to numerous charities including those raising awareness for domestic violence. We are uncertain whether we will have much of an impact on the community and do as much good as she did, but we will try. We hope you all will join our family and be a part of a special event in honor of my Mother Ersilia.”

For more information, go to the website- ersiliamemorialfund.org, said Amata Matarazzo.

Kiwanis Treasurer Marlene Zizza said they have announced the Angel Sponsors, and they include EverettBank, Rocco Longo, Michele & Ed Bauer, our Leader Sponsor Senator Sal DiDomenico along with Mayor DeMaria, Marlene Zizza, Gianna D’Angelo, Jim Mitchell, Vin Panzini and Metropolitan Credit Union.

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HOUSING PROJECTS IN EVERETT MOVING FORWARD

EVERETT - The City is preparing to put out an RFP for affordable senior/veterans housing at the former Pope John High School this month in a move to get the transformative project on upper Broadway into the hands of a developer and onto the design boards.

After a recent Zoom meeting on the matter, City officials got good input from residents and neighbors about what they would like to see there – giving them ample momentum to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP). After Pope John closed in 2018, the City moved earlier this year to purchase the 2-plus acre site to be transformed into housing targeted to seniors and veterans.

“Ultimately at the end of the month we will be putting out an RFP to put together proposal to the development community to design the building,” said City Planner Tony Sousa.

They expect to have RFPs back by late October.

The canvas for the property is wide open at the moment, but Sousa said it must be affordable housing and must have a good deal of open space included.

“We would allow for re-development of the existing school building and even the field house too,” he said. “We would contemplate a demolition and contemplate townhouse units on the side street for first time homebuyers. That is a similar model to St. Theresa’s...It could be low-income, first-time homebuyer properties. Other amenities would be open space and we would contemplate mixed-use for the right development. But we would really want open space to compliment Wehner Park that is under construction...With that density, we’re looking for proposals that keep in mind the character of the neighborhood but don’t take away from the neighborhood.”

He said they like things they have seen from developers like TND, Winn Development and the developer that created the Everett Co-Op (66 Main St.).

Sousa said it is exciting because any new development

would inject a great deal of activity in that neighborhood, helping existing businesses and perhaps spawning new businesses.

“We are excited to get proposals,” he said. “Even in this climate, there is strength in the affordable housing market with state and federal tax credits. There’s definitely a demand for affordable housing. This is the mayor’s vision and Pope John was his idea...It’s not every day a City or Town in Massachusetts puts up its own money to buy a property and bid it for affordable housing.”

•St. Theresa’s Project Likely To Break Ground

The Neighborhood Developers (TND) is reportedly looking to break ground on its first affordable housing proposal in Everett – after many years of such developments in Chelsea and Revere.

City Planner Tony Sousa said despite COVID-19 slowdowns, the project has been moving forward and is just about ready for construction.

“It’s all been moving forward and they expect to break ground this fall,” he said.

The plan for St. Theresa’s, a former Catholic church on Broadway shut down several years ago (and whose parishioners staged one of the longest vigils to keep the church open in many years), is to have 77 units of senior affordable housing in a building above a service center operated by Mystic Valley Elder Services. The plan also calls for six, new deed-restricted homeownership units for families. The townhouses would be so-called “workforce housing” and would be on the Gledhill Avenue side.

The 77 units would be for those earning 60 percent of AMI. For seniors in a one- or two-person household, that would mean anywhere between \$50,000 and \$56,000 per year.

Sousa said the units would likely be determined with a lottery, as they expect there to be more demand than supply.

“There will be a lottery and that will be done by TND,” he said. “It’s anticipated that would take place at the end of the year or early 2021.”

He said he is excited that TND is doing their first project in Everett, and hopes there might be

more.

“It’s important to emphasize the St. Theresa’s project is the first for TND here and they’ve been known for developments over many decades in Chelsea and have many projects already in Chelsea and Revere.”

Bringing TND to Everett is largely credited to a partnership between Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Carlo DeMaria. To help along the project, both have been able to secure state and local funding to help the project along.

Sousa said the mayor has authorized using \$1.5 million in HOME funds and \$467,000 in Community Development Block Grant money. The state has committed \$500,000 to the project and the state Housing Choice program has awarded \$250,000 to Everett for use there too. There are also a number of tax credits that can be applied to the project as well.

“You put all these combined together and it helps get these projects together,” he said. We hope to be successful on this and then do it at Pope John too.”

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Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for August

The state's August total unemployment rate is down 4.9 percentage points at 11.3 percent following a revision to the July rate at 16.2 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts added 51,600 jobs in August. This follows last month's revised gain of 70,900 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 51,200 jobs as gains occurred in Education and Health Services; Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; Manufacturing; Other Services; Information; and Construction. The one loss occurred in Financial Activities. Government added jobs over the month.

From August 2019 to August 2020, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 403,200 jobs. Losses occurred in each of the private

sectors, with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Construction; and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

The August unemployment rate was 2.9 percentage points above the national rate of 8.4 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 127,600 from 3,673,400 in July, as 65,400 more residents were employed and 193,100 fewer residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 8.5 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – dropped to 62.6 percent. Compared to August 2019, the labor force participation rate is

down by 5.2 percentage points.

August 2020 Employment Overview

Education and Health Services gained 17,400 (+2.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 60,700 (-7.5%) jobs.

Leisure and Hospitality gained 13,100 (+6.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 146,000 (-38.7%) jobs.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 12,300 (+2.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 60,600 (-10.5%) jobs.

Professional, Scientific and Business Services gained 4,300 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 33,100 (-5.5%) jobs.

Manufacturing added 2,300 (+1.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 10,800 (-4.4%) jobs.

Other Services gained 1,100 (+1.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down 34,500 (-24.8%) jobs.

Information added 500 (+0.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 3,800 (-4.0%) jobs.

Construction gained 300 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 20,200 (-12.4%) jobs.

Financial Activities lost 100 (0.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 6,100 (-2.7%) jobs.

Government added 400 (+0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 27,200 (-5.9%) jobs.

Labor Force Overview
The August estimates show 3,144,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 401,200 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,545,800. The unemployment rate at 11.3 percent was down by 4.9 percentage points from the revised July estimate of 16.2 percent. The August labor force decreased by 127,600 from 3,673,400 in July, as 65,400 more residents were employed and 193,100 fewer residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was down 2.3 percentage points over the month at 62.6 percent. The labor force was down 276,400 from the 3,822,200 August 2019 estimate, with 569,200 fewer residents employed and 292,800 more residents unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates

are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends. The Bureau of Labor Statistics implemented the Current Population Survey level-shift outliers into the estimation models to incorporate the state claims and CES inputs starting with the revised March estimates. These level shifts preserved movements in published estimates that the models otherwise would have discounted as sampling error. Seasonal factors, which were suspended beginning with the March estimates, have been resumed and were applied starting with the June estimates.

NOTES:

The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website <https://www.bls.gov>.

Local area unemployment statistics for August 2020 will be released on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The preliminary September 2020 and revised August 2020 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, October 16, 2020. See the 2020 Media Advisory annual schedule for a complete list of release dates.

Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi.

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“Lynn Is All In” - Lynn caps 2020 Census

Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA) Series on Friday

The 2020 Census will soon be ending, but the *Lynn Is All In* Complete Count Committee (CCC) still has one Final Push to help its residents respond to the 2020 Census. The very active CCC will conclude a series of at least 20 **Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA)** events this week with a major push on Friday, September 25 at Albert Malagrifa Lynn Vocational Tech Institute Annex. To date, the CCC has held more than 100 MQAs in the city. Translator services will be available Friday in Bengali, French, Haitian/Creole, and Spanish.

Census Response Representatives (CRRs) will be on hand with iPads to help residents safely and securely fulfill their civic duty by responding to the census. All census employees and partners will be wearing masks and adhering to local and state health and safety guidelines.

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RCN, Grande Communications and Wave Broadband conclude acquisition of EnTouch Systems

RCN, Grande and Wave, award-winning providers of high-speed internet, digital TV and phone services across the U.S., today finalized its previously announced acquisition of EnTouch Systems, Inc. (EnTouch). The agreement adds residential and business services in Houston, TX to the organization's joint service portfolio, as well as approximately 22,000 customers to its coverage area in Texas. This closely follows another September announcement that RCN, Grande and Wave surpassed the milestone of serving more than one million

customers nationwide.

"With the acquisition of EnTouch, the company will be joining the Grande Communications eco-system, which also includes RCN and Wave Broadband, allowing customers to take advantage of Grande's higher internet speeds and streaming services," said Jim Holanda, CEO. "The addition of EnTouch creates further opportunities for sustained growth in our Texas service area and continues the expansion of our reliable, robust fiber-rich network on a national scale for both residential and business customers."

EnTouch is one of the fastest-growing providers of high-speed internet, video, voice and home security services in the greater Houston area. This new addition expands the organization's existing Texas presence established with Grande Communications, servicing both residential and business customers in Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Waco, Temple, San Marcos and Midland/Odessa.

"As part of Grande Communications' service network, we will continue to focus on providing customers with high-quality

technology and customer service," said Sam Luxton, President and CEO of EnTouch. "Together, we will offer new and improved products and services and continue to grow and innovate."

In 2017, TPG Capital, the global private equity platform of alternative asset firm TPG, acquired RCN and Grande Communications. In 2018, the organization finalized its acquisition of Wave Broadband, creating the sixth largest cable provider in the U.S. Now a nationwide broadband service platform managed by Patriot Media Consulting, the joint orga-

nization provides industry-leading high-speed internet, broadband communications solutions, digital TV, phone services and fiber optic solutions for residential and business customers across the United States.

For more information on EnTouch, please visit www.entouch.net. For information on RCN, please visit www.rcn.com. For more on Grande Communications, please visit mygrande.com. For more on Wave Broadband, please visit www.wavebroadband.com.

Supreme Judicial Court issues new order regarding jury trials and operation of courts

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) last week issued an updated order regarding the operation of Massachusetts state courts and courthouses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The order goes into effect immediately.

Under the new order, on or after October 23, 2020, courts will begin Phase 1 of the gradual resumption of jury trials, in general accordance with the recent recommendations contained in the report of the Jury Management Advisory Committee (JMAC). Phase 1 will consist of a limited number of six-per-

son jury trials that will be conducted in person in a select number of locations, with no more than one trial at a time conducted in each location, and with specified limitations on the number of peremptory challenges available to each party. The cases that will be tried to juries during Phase 1, as well as the locations thereof, will be determined by the Chief Justice of the applicable Trial Court department, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Trial Court. The SJC shall issue direction regarding Phase 2 of the resumption of jury trials after

reviewing the JMAC's evaluation of Phase 1. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will begin in February 2021, although plans regarding the resumption of jury trials may be adjusted in response to significant changes in the rate of COVID-19 transmission in the Commonwealth.

Otherwise, courts will continue to conduct most business virtually and courthouses will continue to be physically open to the public for limited purposes, including certain other in-person proceedings. Judges will continue to schedule and conduct

bench trials, either virtually or in-person. Each Trial Court department will continue to post notices to the court system's COVID-19 webpage identifying how (virtually or in-person) it is addressing various categories of matters.

Clerks', registers', and recorder's offices will continue to be physically open to the public, while still endeavoring to conduct business virtually as much as possible.

New grand juries may be empaneled subject to certain approvals and such conditions as

may be necessary to minimize risk to members of the grand jury, court personnel, and witnesses.

All orders, standing orders, guidelines, and notices issued by any court department or appellate court in response to the pandemic, as well as all amendments, modifications, and supplements are posted upon issuance on the court system's COVID-19 webpage.

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The Friendly Knights of St. Patrick held an informal meeting to plan the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. March of 2020 the annual dinner was cancelled; hopefully by March of 2021, if Covid-19 decreases and the green light is given for the annual dinner, it will be a blessing to all who have attended in the past to resume this charitable event.

Proceeds from this annual dinner will support the scholarship fund. Last year's recipients, 2020 Irish Man of the Year Ned Shinnick and the Randazzo-Solimine Community Service winner George Sonia, will be rightfully honored even it was a year late. More information will be announced as time approaches for the dinner by Chairman William McDonald.



Following protocol: Friendly Knight Chairman William McDonald thanks Dave Raymond for his support.



The Friendly Knights – Dave Solimine, Stephen Spencer, Patrick McGrath, Michael Reddy, William McDonald, and Dave Raymond.



Checking the roster sheets – Stephen Spencer and Chris Michaud



A friendly discussion – Ned Shinnick, Charlie Stultz, and David Solimine.

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Friendly Knights before the Celtics game - Rick Cassidy, Patrick McGrath, Donald Brown, Acie Avery, Tyrone Brown, and Richard Aswad.

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