

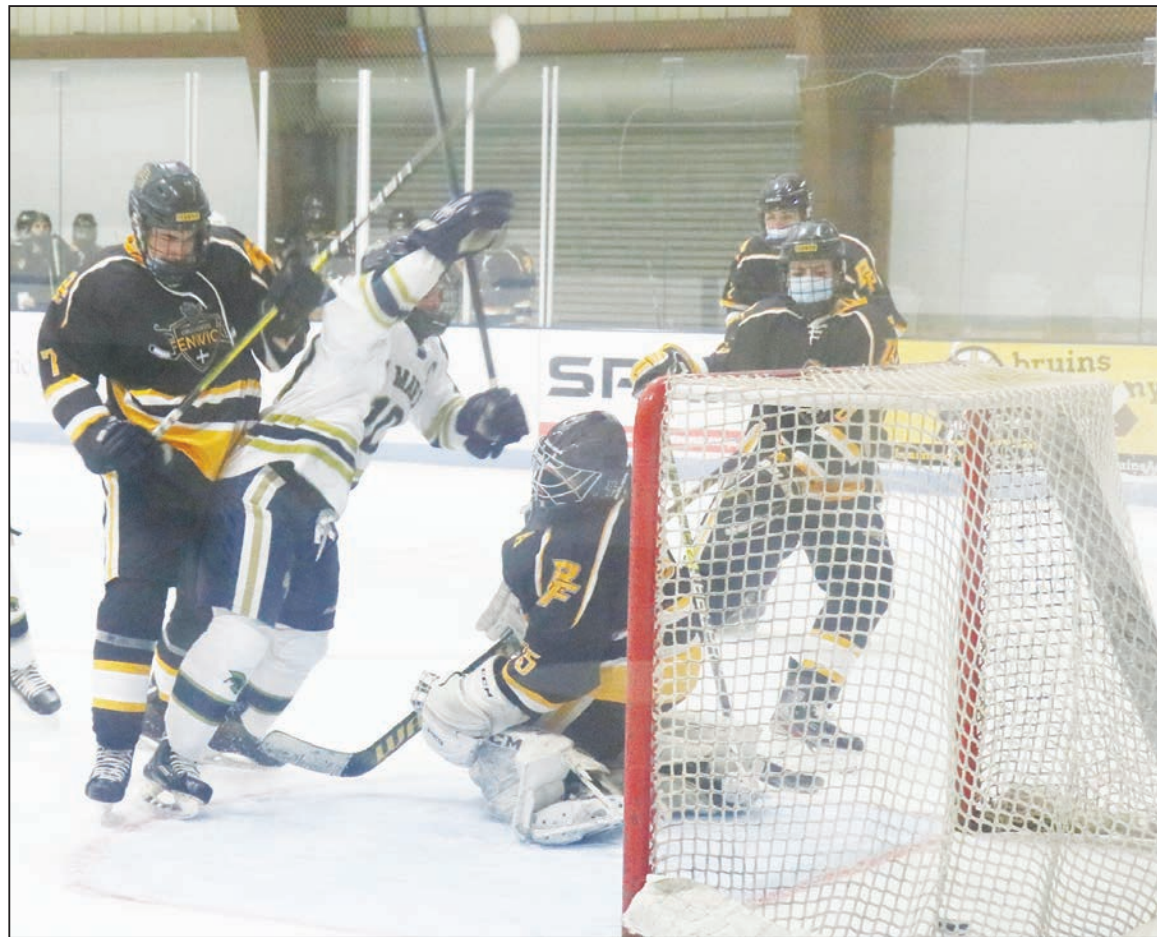


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Captain Colby Magliozzi starts the game off with the first goal of the game. St. Mary's Spartans of Lynn kicked off their home opener against rival Bishop Fenwick 10-1. See pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

A new leader of English soccer

Abby Driscoll continues family's coaching tradition

By Cary Shuman

If you've followed North Shore sports for many years, you know that the name "Driscoll" is synonymous with greatness in coaching.

The late Bob Driscoll was described as "a North Shore hockey coaching legend" by the Salem News. Mr. Driscoll coached hockey at Masconomet Regional for 33 seasons, directed the Cape Ann Hockey School, and was inducted into the Mass. Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame.

Though he also coached in other sports, John Driscoll is most recognized as the former head football coach at Northeast Regional where he made the Golden Knights' program a perennial contender in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference. But more importantly, John and his late brother, Bob, who were both teachers at Northeast Regional, prepared their students and athletes exceptionally well for their college careers, their jobs, and their lives. Many of the Driscoll-coached graduates have become coaches and youth sports leaders themselves.

The Driscoll brothers' niece, Abby Driscoll, like her cousins, Dan (400 career ice hockey wins at Berkshire School) Stephen (Bishop Fenwick boys varsity



Abby Driscoll is the new head coach of the Lynn English High School girls soccer team.

lacrosse), and Bridget (Lynn English girls soccer) will be continuing the family's esteemed tradition in the coaching ranks.

Lynn English Director of Athletics Dick Newton announced last week that Abby Driscoll will be the new head coach of the English girls soccer team. She had been an assistant varsity coach on Ed McNeil's staff for the past four seasons.

Driscoll, 32, is optimistic about the future of the program.

"Many of our soccer players compete in multiple sports, so they have the dedication and drive," said Driscoll. "I'm just hoping we can turn that into a

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Lynn's Lott develops new portable powered air respirator

By Cary Shuman

Lynn resident William B. Lott Jr. is well-known locally as the interim executive director of the Community Minority Cultural Council (CMCC) on Union Street.

In that organization, Lott has worked closely with community

leaders such as Darrell Murkison and Andrew Burton to help create opportunities and jobs for Lynn residents while strengthening the community overall. The CMCC's annual the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast has become the city's foremost celebration in honoring the outstanding civil rights leader.

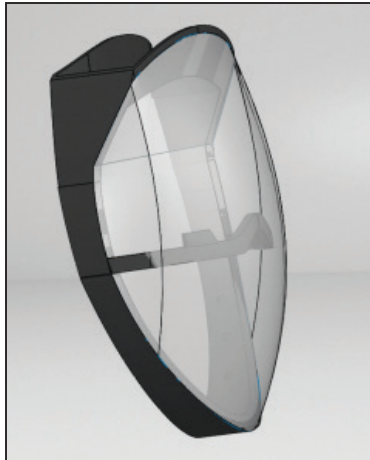
Lott is also a retired senior IBM computer software engineer, a licensed pilot, and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Through his work as a pilot and his service in the U.S. Air Force, Lott feels he "gained a unique perspective on oxygen and air delivery systems."

And Lott believes those experiences make him eminently qualified for his "ambitious undertaking" of creating a Portable Powered Air Respirator (mask) that was initially designed to combat the coronavirus.

"I have developed a PPE (Per-

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Pictured is William Lott's invention: a portable powered air respirator.

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EDITORIAL

HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

To put it another way, we might ask ourselves, "Where have we been -- and where are we going?"

The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

Who among us imagined on December 31, 2019, that 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic that already has killed more than 330,000 of our fellow Americans, devastated our economy, and directly impacted the lives of each and every one of us?

As bad as 2020 has been, we dread to contemplate what 2021 might have in store for us. There is no certainty that 2021 will be any better.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and self-awareness, two qualities that typically are in short supply, even during a pandemic when most of us are house-bound for more hours of every day than we ever have experienced.

But trying to figure out the, "Why?" of what we have done with our lives is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

As the philosopher said, if we do not learn from our mistakes, we are condemned to repeat them.

We do not pretend to have all (or any) of the answers, but we do know that in the difficult days ahead one thing is true: Each of us must step up to do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone around us.

We all have a role to play in combating COVID-19 (by wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a physical distance from others wherever we may be) AND in helping those who desperately are in need of assistance because of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic.

Although a New Year is here, our problems are not magically going away.

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.



~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~

GUEST OP-ED

Decisions for 2021

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year? If it's just another year then that won't be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life. Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months? Would you like to be ten pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be ten or twenty pounds lighter? If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today? Don't start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision because we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum pay-

ments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff. A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2800 payoff. Your company might or might not but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back breaking high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search online. Consider places you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try. You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A good word may seal the deal on your

next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two? What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something? Can you fix things? How can you help others? Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let's work together for a good year.

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Lynn filmmaker Jake Fay's 'The Process' is now streaming on Amazon Prime video

"The Process" is Lynn resident Jake Fay's directorial debut.

The feature length narrative film was shot on location in Lynn for 11 days in October, 2019. The film follows Sindile, a local Lynn rapper who has dreams to make it out of the city and share his music with the world. The film has a collection of 26 original songs, all from 11 Lynn artists. The cast was made up of 26 speaking roles and more than 25 locations.

The film has found success in its film festival run. The Process won Best Feature Film in the Massachusetts Independent Festival this past September. It was runner-up in the Urban Film Festival (Miami, FL) and Urban Mediamakers Film Festival (Atlanta, GA). The film was an official selection in the Orlando Film Festival and the Denton Black Film Festival (Dallas, TX).

Fay is credited as the writer, director, and producer on the film that is now streaming on the world's largest streaming platform Amazon Prime.

Jake is the son of former Lynn school principal Dr. Brian Fay and Kristin Fay. Jake attended the Lincoln-Thompson School,



Lynn film director Jake Fay is pictured behind the camera during the shooting of "The Process" in the city.

Breed Middle School, and Lynn played Division 1 college basketball at Fordham and Hartford. He



Lynn native Jason Gervacio, Marvin St. Jean of Dorchester, and Lynn native Adam Lawn, pictured on the movie poster for "The Process."

City of Lynn COVID-19 update

The Lynn Public Health Department has confirmed that as of today, the number of active, confirmed positive COVID-19 cases is 1,953 with 93 new cases today. 8,849 Lynn residents have recovered and 153 have died. The total number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Lynn since March 21, 2020, including those

who have died and recovered, is 10,955. Please visit the City of Lynn COVID-19 Data Dashboard which is updated daily.

Please visit http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1_2 for more information and updates on how you can get a free COVID-19 test in the City of Lynn.

We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 and any Snow Emergency Parking Bans through the City website (www.lynnma.gov), social media, and the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at www.smart911.com).

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dedication toward soccer."

The new coach also believes that the move to the Greater Boston League this fall is "perfect timing" for her program. English will play some of the GBL schools in the "Fall 2" season.

"I think with the girls that are returning to the team, and knowing their athletic ability and dedication, I think we have a good shot at having a great season," said Driscoll. "Hopefully, we can abide by the protocols in the "Fall 2" season. But I'm hopeful that when we're able to play, that we can be pretty successful based on whom we have on the

team."

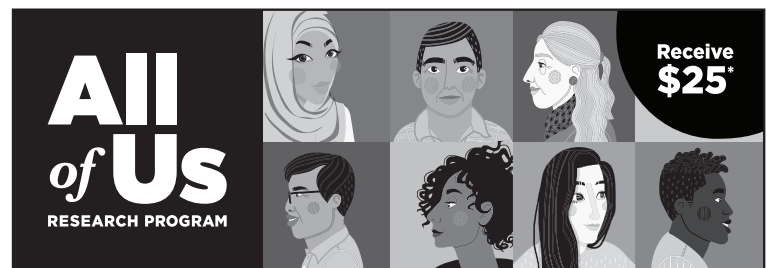
Abby Driscoll began her playing career in the Lynn Youth Soccer program. One of her youth soccer coaches was her father, David Driscoll, a prominent attorney (Her mother, Roseanne Driscoll is a teacher at Lynn Classical High School). Abby graduated in 2006 from St. Mary's High School where she was a four-year varsity player and a team captain. She continued her education at Salve Regina University and is currently a teacher in the Lynn public school system.

Abby said she is "really grate-

ful" to Mr. Newton for giving her the opportunity to be the head soccer coach at English.

"He's been a great support system and super helpful to me, especially along the way," said Abby. "As a new head coach, there's obviously a lot that I need to learn and he's been really helpful in that way."

As for carrying on the proud Driscoll heritage in high school sports and academics, Abby said, "I just think I had a great example set for me and I'm really excited to have my own opportunity at Lynn English."



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ST. MARY'S LIGHTS UP CONNERY RINK WITH OPENING NIGHT WIN OVER BISHOP FENWICK

St. Mary's Spartans of Lynn kicked off their home opener against rival Bishop Fenwick with a 10 goal game, defeating Fenwick 10-1.

It was a great night to be a Spartan, with the first period ending 4-0. A complete team effort was put forth, passing, checking and a strong defense kept Bishop Fenwick out of the Spartan zone.



Senior Forward, Dante D'Ambrosio had a great game.



In for his second goal in the first period, Captain Kyle LoNigro puts the puck in the net, up close and personal.



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ST. MARY'S LIGHTS UP CONNERY RINK WITH OPENING NIGHT WIN OVER BISHOP FENWICK



Head Coach Mark Lee enjoys the game from the bench, as his team goes up 3-0 in the first period.



Head Coach Mark Lee with the 2020-2021 Spartan Captains, Christian Moran, Kyle LoNigro and Colby Magliozzi.



Sophomore Forward, Brady Bullock.



Captain Kyle LoNigro fires a wrist shot for the Spartan's second goal.



Goalie Owen Giangrande gave up a single goal last Saturday night at Connery Rink.

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sonal Protective Equipment) that we (LottoGraphs Company – LGC) call a PPEE (Personal Protective Equipment for Everybody) – because everybody needs to wear a mask during the pandemic,” said Lott, who is the founder, creator, and CEO of LottoGraphs. “I have invented a mask that’s based off an inspirational thing I saw. The mask is as easy as putting on a baseball cap and it covers all three vital areas: your mouth, your nose, and your eyes.”

Lott said he is putting together a public relational campaign to raise awareness for his invention, help him fund his project, and begin production “and help with the fight against COVID-19.”

He has launched a GoFundMe campaign “to help support, a small minority-owned, veteran business.”

“The GoFundMe drive will fund the formation of a corporation and

the IP, which is the Intellectual Property rights – patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, utility patents and all that stuff,” said Lott.

He has been reaching out to the Lynn community for its support. “I’m just trying to help the cause.”

Lott said he has five prototype masks ready for the initial phase in the production process. He explained the exact design and function of his invention.

“Basically, it’s a mask that you slip on. There are powered fans that push nice, clean fresh air,” said Lott. “So instead of wearing a stuffy mask all day, you have a nice breathing environment. I’ve looked at the industry, looked at what the doctors and experts are saying, and incorporated some of the best technology and features into my design. Even with the vaccines, you are still going to need to wear a mask. Wearing a mask is going

to be around for a while. It’s not going away.”

Lott grew up in Sudbury and attended Lincoln-Sudbury schools before moving to Dan-



William B. Lott Jr.

vers. “In my sophomore year of high school, my dad moved us to Danvers, Massachusetts,” said Lott. “My dad was a doctor. He was the VP for years at the Family and Children’s Services Agency in Lynn. I used to work at General Electric and knew a lot of people in Lynn. I attended North Shore Community College and studied in the Professional Pilot Program. I got my pilot’s license at Beverly Airport. In fact, I used to live right behind the Beverly Airport on Burley Street in Danvers. It was a stone’s throw away from the airport.”

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA NURSE GETS COVID-19 VACCINE

CHELSEA - When Belza Betancur went into work last week, she had no idea she would make history as one of the first people in the country – and the first in the MGH system – to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

On Wednesday morning, as a priority health care workers in direct contact with COVID-19 patients for months, the Chelsea resident volunteered to be the first and got her first-round vaccination at the hospital during her shift. It was a moment for her that seemed long-awaited, but soon the historic nature of it began to dawn on her.

“At Mass General, they have a lot of diversity, so they wanted someone that represented the Latino population specifically because we’ve had probably 70 percent of our patients that are

of Latin background,” she said. “I wasn’t expecting it at all, but I was humbled and thrilled...It was a big moment. I don’t know if I still understand the full impact yet of it being history, but I was honored because of all we’ve gone through. It is history. We’ve had pandemics before, but maybe not to this extent...I feel I now have a responsibility to make sure people do get vaccinated and give us a chance to end this. We all need to get back to a normal life. It was a historic moment, and I feel that way about it too.”

For Betancur and her co-workers at the Blake 12 ICU unit at Mass General’s main campus, the vaccine could not come soon enough as they have spent the last 10 months caring for COVID-19 patients to the best of their ability. The challenges were monumental, but it was something she said she signed up for.

“This is what we signed up for,” she said, noting that she also cared for several injured people in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2014. “I care a lot about people’s health and doing my best for them. It has been very challenging... With me, since all this happened, I have a headache every day when I come home from work. It comes with the job and it’s okay because at the end you see patients recover and you hear good news and they send you pictures. It makes you encouraged and we feel it’s all worth it.”

Betancur came to Chelsea from Colombia, and got an Associates’ Degree in nursing from Northern Essex Community College. Then, while working at various medical facilities, she graduated from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. After stints at Elliot Hospital in New Hampshire, and at Beth Is-

rael Hospital, she began working in the ICU at Blake 12 in 2012.

When the pandemic hit last spring, Betancur said they often felt like they were in the bowels of the Titanic being thrown back and forth. She recalls April 11 as one of the most difficult days. On that day, they had to set up an expanded, temporary ICU unit. All of the equipment was there, but it wasn’t the same and became very difficult to take care of the surge of patients. It was at that time they were no longer just taking care of one patient, but two at a time.

Or there was the time when a man from the community showed up early in the pandemic sick with COVID after having been required to go to work cleaning an office building.

“One of his co-workers had COVID-19 because they were cleaning buildings and he couldn’t miss work and then he got COVID-19,” she said. “He ended up in the (ICU). People had to go out there and go to work and no one knew about the protocols we know about now. I wish we had known the things we know now in the beginning of all this.”

And so it is why Betancur and all of her colleagues have been waiting for the day the vaccine arrived, and why she jumped at being the first person vaccinated. She said she is confused by the skepticism in Chelsea, and said people need to educate themselves about it and make an informed decision based on the science and not hearsay.

“I’m surprised by that and it makes me sad,” she said. “We were looking forward to this

vaccine coming since it started. I feel like the more you know about the vaccine, the more at ease you feel about it. I was nervous at one point, but I educated myself on it and read three or four articles and understood what the science was behind it. I worried it was made so quickly, but now I understand it...They have been working on this type of vaccine for decades. It just so happens we are now using that technology for the virus.”

Betancur reiterated that she not only felt the history of the moment, but also feels the weight of convincing others in Chelsea to get the vaccine if they might be skeptical – or simply just to put them at ease.

She said she will get the second “booster” shot in about 21 days, and they say it takes three weeks to build up full immunity. Still, she will take the precautions that she has been taking for the past 10 months. Until about 70 to 80 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, it is suggested that people continue to wear masks and follow the safety protocols. She will do that, but said she looks forward to a day when people don’t have to wear masks in Chelsea – when you can go into a restaurant on Broadway at ease and without being six feet apart.

“Imagine the day we don’t have to wear masks?” she said. “It is the right thing to do right now. You have to protect yourself, and by doing that you’re protecting others too. In my case, I thought more about the community and protecting my patients as well.”

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

ST. JOHN’S PREP ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC HONORS FOR FIRST QUARTER

St. John’s Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2020–2021 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster’s List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal’s List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were

named to the academic honors list for the First Quarter 2020–2021.

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- Willem Hofeldt ‘24
- Gabriel Mieses ‘23
- Anthony Smart ‘24
- Principal’s List**
- William Bochnak ‘26
- Jacob Carter ‘21
- Henri Gjoka ‘21
- James Guy ‘22
- Nicholas Anthony Marino ‘23
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A Model of Excellence

Mayor McGee praises Roca's work in Lynn

By Cary Shuman

Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee has had a long relationship with Roca, the agency that has been a relentless force in the city in helping high-risk young people transform their lives and become productive citizens.

Roca's Lynn office is located at 52 Andrew St., close to the Lynn Police Station, Lynn District Court, and the Essex County/Lynn Juvenile Court. Roca Director Joseph Furnari II and Assistant Director Emily Fish lead the Roca staff that assists young men, ages 17-24. Scott Scharffenberg is the Mass. Executive Director of Roca.

Roca opened its office in Lynn five years ago, but its stellar reputation and nationally acclaimed work predated its arrival here, according to McGee.

"Even before Roca came to Lynn when I was in the state legislature, I was familiar with the work that [Roca founder and CEO] Molly Baldwin and her organization had done in working with people in our community who needed their support and help to be headed in the right direction," said McGee. "But just as important their interaction with the police in a positive way has been really good for our community."

"The fact is Roca has been a great asset and partner in Lynn and the national model that Molly Baldwin and her staff at Roca have put together is something that works for us and works for other communities like Chelsea," said McGee. "Roca has been successful in its mission of engaging people who want to get back on the right track and doing the kind of things that works for them in conjunction with different agencies in the city as well as working closely with the Lynn Police. Roca helps people address the challenges that they face in their daily lives and ensures that they are heading in the right direction and becoming strong, productive members of our community."

Re-establishing its presence

Like organizations and businesses across the country, Roca has been greatly affected by the coronavirus. The Lynn office was closed due to state and local regulations, but the work went on remotely throughout the pan-



Pictured outside Lynn's Roca office on Andrew Street are (from left) Assistant Director Emily Fish, and youth workers Abigail Leon, Sam Doung, and Hea Thai.

demic even when the office was closed.

"We were able to reopen [the Lynn office] in July and we are offering most of our services now to young people in person, though at a reduced capacity," said Emily Fish, a graduate of Wesleyan University, the prestigious school that Patriots head coach Bill Belichick attended and played college football. "We were very luckily able to start our transitional employment program again. We have a contract with the Salem Department of Public Works, so the young people go out with the Roca staff who are their supervisor and get their assignments for the day. And they get real pay for real work. It's been really great to allow young people to go back to work, especially during COVID-19 when employment has been unsteady for our young people."

Fish said that Roca in Lynn employs three youth workers – Abigail Leon, Sam Vuong, and Hea Thai – who assist more than 100 clients.

City, state officials helpful to Roca

Fish said that Mayor McGee has often visited Roca and sat in on some of the agency's meetings. She also credited Rep. Daniel Cahill and Sen. Brendan Crighton for their assistance to Roca and the Lynn Police Department for being "extremely helpful and cooperative with allowing Roca to outreach young people in the community that they've identified as high risk."

Police Chief Leonard Desmarais has been particularly supportive of ROCA during its five years of operations in the city,

according to Furnari, a 1982 graduate of Salem High School who holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Salem State and a Master's degree in Human Services/Criminal Justice from Springfield College.

"Chief Desmarais has been very supportive of Roca during our tenure in Lynn," said Furnari. "Chief Desmarais actually does a walking beat one day a week and he stops by our building and checks in on our staff. He

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NSCC HOSTS WINTER WONDERLAND EXPRESS RECEPTION

North Shore Community College Collegiality Committee planned a unique celebration for employees to meet Interim President Dr. Nate Bryant. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no official reception could have been arranged. The committee decided for an outdoor drive-through holiday greeting for staff members along with their families and pets to personally meet Dr. Bryant. Gift packages were distributed to each vehicle.

This Winter Wonderland Express was a fun and a warm way for everyone to enjoy a Holiday celebration.



English instructor Leah Brundige plays Elsa at the drive through Holiday express.



Staff Assistant of Student Affairs, Miguel Morris, direct vehicles to the Winter Wonderland Express.



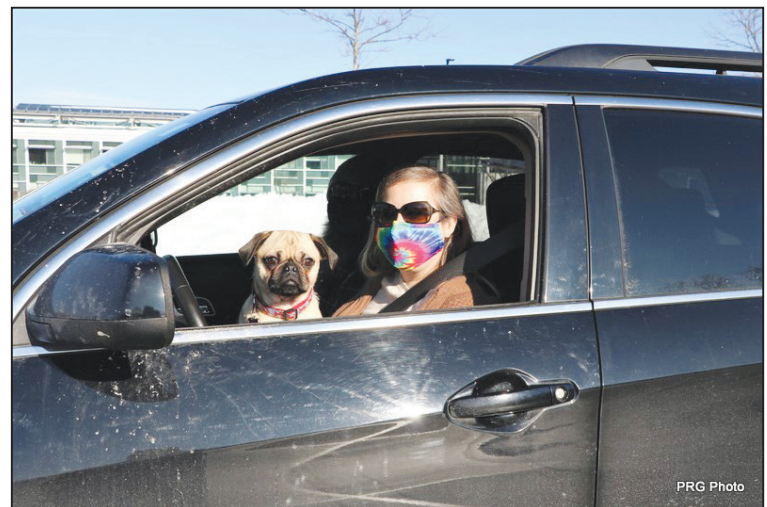
Tony Gangi smiles as Ripley waits to meet Santa Claus.



Amanda Dooling hands a holiday gift package to Timothy Hill.



Interim VP of Student Affairs, Stephen Creamer, waves a thank you as vehicles drive-through.



Ian Bourgoine Family with Romney drives through to meet Dr. Bryant.



North Shore Community College President Dr. Nate Bryant thanks Santa Claus being at the Winter Wonderland Express

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has been a good proponent and a good advocate of Roca.

“Deputy Chief Mike Vail has also been a strong advocate of Roca,” added Furnari. “He oversees the SSIYI [Safe and Successful Youth Initiative] Grant for us. Sergeant Donovan is on the Gang Task Force, as well as Lt. Kenny who previously held the position, and they have very helpful to us in sending young men our way. We have a great working relationship with the Lynn Police Department. We meet with them twice a month.

Scharffenberg, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, also noted that Roca has been working closely with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department and former Lynn Police Chief and current Sheriff Kevin Coppinger in assisting previously incarcerated young men who are re-entering

Lynn and surrounding cities.

“We’ve been trying to support them and help them hit the ground running in better shape than when they went into the Correctional Facility,” said Scharffenberg. “We’re continuing a strong partnership with Sheriff Coppinger and coordinating on programming with him.”

Also partnering with Roca in Lynn are LYSOA (Lynn Youth Street Outreach Advocacy) and Children’s Friend and Family Services.

“They’re [Children’s] incredible,” said Fish. “They’re actually right next door to us and they provide with us two licensed clinicians who work with us 20 hours a week. In that way, we can provide clinical services to our young people and have professional referrals if young people need further care.”



President Dr. Nate Bryant appreciated everyone for coming to the Holiday express celebration.



Santa Claus with his worker – Faith Hocter plays the Elf, Joe Hocter Jr. is Santa Claus, Donna Davis helps Santa, and Anne Tabet spreads Joy.