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President of Lynn Youth Services Management Brian Magrane officially cuts the ribbon for new Camp Rotary Dining Hall as Dr. Richard Cowdell and Jean-Marie Minton hold the ribbon.

Special to the Journal

On June 5, Camp Rotary had the ribbon cutting to open its new dining hall and to start its centennial year celebration. It was one hundred years ago in April 1921 when the Rotary Club of Lynn purchased 48 acres, including a small camp, bordering Stiles Pond in West Boxford and Camp Rotary was born. That first year of Camp Rotary a dining hall was built to provide meals for the campers. In 2020 that hall was razed and construction began on

its replacement. This year marks the centennial year of the operation of the Camp. It is believed that Camp Rotary in West Boxford is the oldest continuous Rotary Camp/project in the world.

It is amazing to think that over 100 years ago a relatively

new Rotary Club was formed in 1918 in Lynn. Those members of the Club had the foresight to envision a Camp which could be used to give underprivileged

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Silverbacks recognize Joel Machado with an award named in his honor

By Cary Shuman

The Lynn Silverbacks thanked Joel Machado for his efforts in founding the New England Youth Tackle Football League by naming a major award in his honor.

John Raye, president of the Silverbacks organization, made the surprise announcement at its banquet, with Machado and his proud family in attendance Friday at the Lynn English High School Cafeteria.

The first Joel Machado "Bravery" Awards were presented at the banquet. The plaques read:

"For Your Service to Our Country and Your Commitment to Our Youth."

"Joel served our country and is a firefighter in the City of Lynn," said Raye. "He's dedicated to our youth and he does a great and we're really proud to work with him."

Machado founded the New England Youth Tackle Football League five years ago. The league has grown from 400 players to 2,200 players throughout five of the six New England states.

Machado was born in the Dominican Republic and came to

the United States at the age of 13. He served in the United States Army with tours of duty in Iraq, Bosnia, and Kosovo. He played semi-professional football in Georgia while he was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"I played defensive end and offensive end," said Machado, who is 6-foot-2.

Machado said he was honored to have an award named after him and that he's proud of the growth of the New England Youth Tackle Football League.

"I'm glad that people appreciate what we've been doing

for the community and trying to make Lynn a better place for our community," said Machado. "We're very proud of the league we started and the fact that we've

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SHE ENRICHED LIVES

Community leader Muriel Clement is relocating to Florida

By Cary Shuman

The seniors to whom Muriel Clement has given so much turned out for the Love Inspired Senior Enrichment Program (LI-SEP) Summer Party Saturday at the program's new home at the Demakes Family YMCA of Lynn.

Muriel was everywhere in the new meeting room, helping to serving the seniors a delicious buffet meal, going table to table accepting the well-wishes of her friends, and delivering the welcoming remarks and farewell address.

Muriel Clement announced that will be moving to Florida at the end of the month, completing 41 years of residence in Lynn.

"I'll be on the plane on June 30 and I'll be starting my new life in Florida," said Clement.

Clement grew up on the beautiful Caribbean island of Barbados and moved to Lynn in 1980. She worked for 18 years at Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS), starting as a case manager and then becoming the leader of the wellness programs.

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EDITORIAL

A LONG, HOT SUMMER?

The images of parched reservoirs in the western part of the country that have been filling the news lately paint a devastating picture of the effects of climate change coupled with the overuse of natural resources.

While it is true that the West has been experiencing drought conditions for the past few years, the reality is that western states have been using far more water than nature is able to provide, even under normal circumstances.

The combination of large-scale farming operations -- which require enormous amounts of water for irrigation -- and the rampant expansion of housing developments into desert areas has created a scenario that is clearly unsustainable for the environment.

Water always has been a precious resource in the West that has been ripe for meddling by politically-connected special interest groups, but in the present situation, with more than 75 percent of the West in extreme drought, there is barely a drop of water for anybody to fight

The combination of a lack of moisture on the ground and extreme heat creates a feedback loop that makes for even hotter temperatures and even drier weather, not only affecting water levels in lakes and reservoirs, but making for prime conditions for the wildfires that have been a scourge in the western states for the past few years.

By contrast, the southern coast of the U.S. has a different kind of problem. The warming atmosphere is making our oceans warmer, providing the primary fuel for a different sort of cataclysmic event catastrophic hurricanes.

The South was assaulted by a fast-forming tropical storm this past weekend that wreaked havoc in its path with heavy rain and tornadoes. Meteorologists are predicting another active hurricane season that promises to cause billions of dollars of damage, both along the coastline and further inland.

We in the Northeast have been lucky for most of the past decade. Hurricane Sandy occurred in 2012 and we've been fairly fortunate since then. However, if ocean temperatures and sea levels continue to rise, it is only a matter of time before a storm of a magnitude far greater than the fabled Hurricane of 1938 strikes this area.

Bob Dylan wrote that we don't need a weatherman to tell us which way the wind is blowing.

What we are seeing on our TV screens in the South and West is giving us a glimpse of a future dominated by the effects of climate change -- and it isn't pretty.

The best investment you can make is in yourself.

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You can work, invest, save and accumulate wealth but what good is it if you ignore yourself? A friend of mine once said, "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

A sure way to undermine your financial security is to neglect your health. Failing health always results in life insecurity. When your health fails you don't feel like working. You aren't able to enjoy life or take care of others. Whatever you have accumulated financially will go to pay for emergency medical costs, rehabilitation or a nursing home.

A family member was sick years ago and the out of pocket monthly cost for her care was over \$15,000 a month. Obviously, this soon became financially debilitating.

While you are living life, working, going to school, raising your family, enjoying your golden years, keep this in mind,

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Invest in yourself

an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I know there are no silver bullets when it comes to our health. I've had health issues, two cancer procedures and other ailments. I've spent the last 30 years eating grilled chicken and salmon. I've walked, jogged, played sports and lifted weights most all of my life. My doctor told me I have to do more. He literally said, "No red meat, no sugar, no dairy, no fried foods." What is left? He did say I can eat some bison, venison and elk which I have tried and enjoy them all.

My 100-year-old friend who lives close by says she eats a little of everything but very little of everything majoring on vegetables, fruits and staying active. There has to be something to her lifestyle because it works for her. She still lives alone, in her own house and cares for herself. She laughs a lot and has a lot of adoring friends.

So, while you are building your financial security, invest in your health. See you doctor. Have routine blood tests. Monitor your blood sugar, LDL (bad cholesterol), blood pressure and have an occasional CT or MRI scan to find out what you really look like on the inside. If your doctor finds something then you can tackle what you know about. If you don't know what your enemy is then you can't put up a defense or an offense.

Investing time in taking care of yourself means you can enjoy your life longer. You will be in a better position to help your family or friends, instead of them taking care of you. Keep moving. Take your vitamins, eat as healthy as possible and try. What do you have to lose? Consider, all you might gain.

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boys of Lynn an opportunity to experience an overnight camp in the woods of West Boxford. Some of those boys may have lost a father during the Great War. In 1975 the Camp was opened to girls as well. For 100 years, Camp Rotary has created lifelong friendships, fostered independence, developed leadership skills, and instilled positive memories for thousands of campers as well as their families. And, at the helm for the past 30 years, is Camp Rotary's Director, Dr. Richard Cowdell. "One of the goals at camp is to not only have fun but maximize personal growth. Camp offers a safe place for kids to learn independence, confidence, respect, fairness, and kindness. We want camp to be an

experience that lives on long after your cabin door has closed for the last time," said Cowdell.

About 100 people, both Rotarians and others, gathered at the new Dining Hall for the ribbon cutting. Dr. Cowdell was the Master of Ceremonies, and after thanking all those who came out on a hot Saturday and giving a short history of the Camp, he introduced Mr. Brian Magrane. Brian is president of Youth Services Management, the current management company of the Camp. He delivered some opening remarks and thanked various individuals who were instrumental in the construction of the hall. He also thanked the Lynn Rotary Club for its continuous support of the Camp over the past 100 years.

Massachusetts State Senator Bruce Tarr, representing Boxford, presented a citation from the State Senate, and remarked about how great it was to have a summer camp for boys and girls in that beautiful location, and he touched on the good works the Lynn Rotary Club has done over the last century. State Representative Lenny Mirra, also representing Boxford, presented a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives commending Camp Rotary in its long standing success, and to commemorate the start of its 2nd century of providing growth, development, new relationships and a lots of fun for young boys and girls.

Warren finishes with a flourish

Classical softball star earns a save in Agganis All-Star Game

By Cary Shuman

Lynn Classical's Brooke Warren will leave the stage as one of the most unheralded stars in Lynn's high school sports history.

But Warren will go out in style, having nailed down the save in her South team's 4-3 victory in the Harry Agganis All-Star Softball Classic Sunday at Fraser Field in Lynn.

The crafty lefthander struck out the North's final batter to complete two stellar innings of work in relief. Warren also had a basehit and patiently worked for a walk with runners on base in her other at-bat. Had she been competing for herself and not putting her team first, Brooke Warren could have aggressively pursued an RBI basehit and emerged as the premier MVP contender, though Saugus pitcher Leah Ventre (2-for-2, 2 RBI, two innings pitched) was a deserving choice.

Like many high school athletes, Warren saw her junior season (2020) canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rams played an abbreviated softball campaign in the Greater Boston League this spring.

Warren delivered big for Coach Erica Richard's contingent, leading the Rams to the GBL championship game where she gallantly pitched 10 innings in a tough 5-2 loss to the Revere. Warren also excelled in a 2-1 defeat to North Andover in the opening round of the Division 1 State Tournament.

But the matchup of aces everyone wanted to see - Classical's Brooke Warren versus St. Mary's Lily Newhall in the championship game of the Holland Memorial Softball Tournament – never materialized due to the pandemic.

The two mega-pitchers did face off in the Rams' 2021 season opener but the dream match-

up occurred after just a four days of pre-season practices. Newhall outdueled Warren for the 5-0 victory.

Following Sunday's career finale in the Agganis Classic, Warren deflected a question about her game MVP credentials.

"She [Ventre] deserved it," said Warren in true sportsman-like fashion.

Warren understood the reality that her career was played under unprecedented circumstances.

"I'm happy with my career," she said. "It's sad that it's over, but it was a good run. There was a lot going on this season [because of the effects of the pandemic]. The season kind of felt rushed, but it was still a good time."

Selected as Classical's GBL Scholar Athlete of the Year, Warren, also a standout volleyball player, will be attending Emmanuel College and studying Biology. Brooke hasn't decided whether she will be continuing her softball career in college.

Because the pandemic derailed a regular four-year career path and denied the rising totals in strikeouts, shutouts, and no-hitters (she did pitch a perfect game in her freshman year) that Brooke Warren could have compiled, there is no telling the records she would have set or the individual awards she would have amassed. The hope is that when the Lynn Classical Hall of Fame Committee considers Brooke Warren's candidacy a decade from now, they will make note of the obstacles she and her teammates encountered during the final years of their high school careers. Warren truly deserves to be recognized among the school's best all-time athletes.

Warren credited her coach, Erica Richard, for being such a positive influence in her softball career

"I love my coach," said Brooke. "She's helped me so much. She's just been the best for the past four years and I can't thank her enough for everything she's done."

Brooke also thanked her parents, former Lynn English Super Bowl quarterback Chris Warren, who is a vice principal at Classical, and Leah Kalapinski Warren, a teacher at Classical, for their support and inspiration from her beginnings in East Lynn Little League through her high school career.

"They've just helped me through everything," said Brooke. "They've been my support system forever and I don't know what I'd do without them. I'm so grateful to them."



Lynn Classical softball star Brooke Warren, is pictured with her parents, Chris Warren and Leah Kalapinski Warren, following the Harry Agganis All-Star Softball Classic Sunday at Fraser Field.



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Sick of cooking?

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we slowly re-enter some degree of normal, many people (even those who have always loved cooking) find themselves weary of the demands that pandemic food preparation took on their time, mental energy, and creativity. They are sick of cook-

For some, this is simply a need to take a break, and we have some tips for doing that. For others, including those who never found the "Joy of Cooking," it may be time to find a different way to feed themselves and their family.

Take a Break!

If you have the financial resources to do so, you can take a break from cooking. Now is a good time to support restaurants and artisan food vendors who have lost income over the past

With our vaccinations providing some degree of comfort, we've been dining out more often and prioritizing the businesses we want to be here when all this is over. We began with places we could walk to and who had outside dining areas.

If you're able, tip well! We decided to spend our stimulus money on increased tips to the delivery people who endangered themselves by bringing us food during our months of isolation. Now that we're shopping for



When you're too tired of food preparation to toss together a salad, it's time to find another way!

ourselves, we add a bit extra to each tip on a check or increase the percentage when we have the option of tipping on a pay-byphone transaction.

Semi-Cooking

If dining out often is beyond your budget right now, or you are not ready to interact with others to that degree, try to ease your time spent in the kitchen by semi-cooking.

This takes a bit of research and sampling, but we found an array of prepared meals that fit our personal guidelines for minimal processing and few unnecessary ingredients. (Trader Joe's is a good source.) We are also careful to check the "best used" or "freeze by" dates when we purchase these. Food waste can gobble up any effort to eat on a budget.

If you don't mind leftovers, consider takeout from restaurants that serve large portions. Neither of us ever finish the chicken pie at Cornwall's in Kenmore square, but we often order that and make a second meal of the leftovers. Vegetable dishes at Asian restaurants are often good values and reheat well.

Meal Services & More

Some of our neighbors subscribed to meal services during the height of the pandemic and plan to continue. When you consider the price of these options compared to buying all the ingredients, you may find the reduced food waste makes them comparable.

As those in the traditional hospitality business pivoted to find ways to make money while closed or unemployed local versions of meal service plans emerged. For example Stillman's Quality Meats offers a range of prepared meat pies Formaggio Kitchen has a weekly dinner menu at all locations. Mei Mei has pivoted from a dining-in restaurant to all take-out, offering their own menu options plus food from other local producers.

If you are a chief cook and bottle washer and need a break for your well-being, take one! However, our final word on the subject is that delegating some of the work of putting food on your table may be just what you need Figure out precisely what you are tired of doing and see if anyone else in your household or a service provider can do it for you!

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State officials launch VaxMillions Giveway lottery for residents

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration, Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg and the Massachusetts State Lottery announced the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway for residents who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated residents 18 and older will have the opportunity to enter to win of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Fully vaccinated residents between 12-17 years of age may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

Eligible residents will be able to enter the drawing beginning July 1. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning the week of Monday, July 26 and continuing through the week ending Friday, August

"The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating our residents, with almost four million people fully vaccinated, and our goal remains ensuring everyone that wants a vaccine has access to one," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The VaxMillions Giveway is one of the many ways our administration is encouraging people to get the vaccine, and we are grateful for the partnership of Treasurer Goldberg and the Mass State Lottery in developing the program."

"The Massachusetts State Lottery is proud to join Governor Charlie Baker and the Department of Public Health to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of every person across the Commonwealth," said Deborah B. Goldberg, Massachusetts State Treasurer. "The Lottery has decades of experience and knowhow to hold drawings with the upmost integrity and our team is excited to fulfill an essential role in this initiative."

The Commonwealth is launching the Massachusetts VaxMillions giveaway as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage residents to get vaccinated to keep themselves, their families and their communities safe. Beginning July 1, Massachusetts residents will be able to enter the VaxMillions Giveaway online. If you do not have access to the internet or require assistance, there will be a call center available. Sign up information and call center contact info and hours will be made available prior to July 1.

Massachusetts residents 18 years of age and older, who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, will have a chance to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes.

Massachusetts residents between 12 and 17 years of age who have received two doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will have a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants via a 529 College Savings Plan managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). Funds in a 529 plan can be applied to cover tuition, room and board, and related expenses at any college, university, or technical or trade school or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Winners with a qualifying disability may elect instead to receive an equivalent financial contribution to a special needs trust or federally qualified ABLE account to cover qualified

Only lawful, permanent residents of Massachusetts who are fully vaccinated can apply. Residents must have received their vaccine doses within Massachusetts. Residents must be fully vaccinated prior to submitting their entry.

There are over 900 vaccination locations across the Commonwealth, with appointments and walk ins widely available. Residents seeking a vaccine can visit mass.gov/COVIDVaccine to find a vaccine location that is convenient for them.

For more information on the Mass VaxMillions Giveaway, visitmass.gov/VaxMillions.

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Clement started LISEP as a way of keeping a helpful connection with seniors on nights and weekends.

"I started this program so that we could connect with the seniors and they could connect with each other and to let the seniors know what services are available to them and if there were any concerns that needed to be brought to GLSS' attention," said Clement. "So this program turned out to be a wonderful opportunity for seniors not to fall through the cracks. We've had some great speakers to talk about issues that concern seniors such as estate planning and caregiving."

LISEP started at Bethlehem Temple Pentecostal Church, Lynn, and then expanded into the community at-large. "The First Church of Swampscott has been our last champion for this program," said Clement. "Every year they have hosted our annual MLK Brunch and many of the luncheons. The parishioners of that church all came and volunteered and helped make it happen. They've been incredibly supported through the years."

The Lynn Community Health Center and Old Tyme Italian Cuisine Restaurant have also been outstanding supporters of the program, according to Clement.



Stacy Bryant-Brown, Barbara Walker, and Muriel Clement, pictured at the Love Inspired Senior Enrichment Program Summer Park Saturday at the Demakes Family YMCA.



Day Party.

Stacy Bryant-Brown, a friend, said she met Clement at her daughter's graduation party.

"We've been friends ever since," said Bryant-Brown. 'She's a great friend and I will definitely stay in touch when she's in Florida."

The Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton, one of Clement's spiritual leaders at Zion Baptist Church, said that Clement has been a great supporter of the church and the Lynn community, "one of her sisters in the journey."

years and raised her sons there," said the Rev. Berry-Burton. "She is the visionary and the founder of the Love Inspired Senior Enrichment Program, a once-amonth program that offers seniors a great opportunity to get out and be active in the community."

Drew Sidell, aquatics director at the Demakes Family YMCA, said the YMCA is working on a partnership with LISEP to keep the program active.

'[YMCA Senior Executive Director] Andrea Baez has volunteered to take over the program," said Sidell. "Muriel's legacy will be continuing on and we're looking forward to our partnership with the seniors so we can have outreach into their community and really make an impact. Andrea will do a great job."

Everyone in attendance at the Summer Party agreed that the Love Inspired Senior Enrichment Program was aptly named because Muriel Clement's love and advocacy for seniors has truly inspired and enriched them.

"I'm going to miss this group and all the fun we had to together," said Clement.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Fourteen local high school seniors were awarded the 2021 Lynn Knights of Columbus scholarship. Each recipient received a scholarship toward college tuition payment.

Scholarship recipients included: Marvelous Akande (Lynn English), Ashley Chavez (Lynn Tech), Emily Deveau (Lynn Tech), Nicholas Galeazzi (Lynn Classical), Hannah Guthrie

(Lynn Classical), Noah Hammerschmitt (Lynn Classical) Daniel Howells (Marblehead HS), Leah Kennedy (Salem State College). and Ali Khamis (Lynn English).



(Seated) - Leah Kennedy, Hannan Guthrie, Marvelous Akande, Emily Deveau, and Ashley Chavez; (Back): Grand Knight Matt Harrington, Brian Darcy, Chairman/PGK Brian Magrane, Ali Khamis, Daniel Howells, Noah Hammerschmitt, Nicholas Galeazzi, DD/PGK Fausto Cabrera, and PGK Daniel Lemanager

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kept the cost of registration and equipment affordable for our families."

John Raye said the banquet – which is called Silverbacks Family Day – culminated the organization's third season.

"The Ramirez family organized the banquet and made all the food and they did a great job," said Raye. "My wife, Kimberly Raye, is the backbone of our organization and we couldn't have done this without her efforts. And we received generous donations from Ward 2 Councillor Rick Starbard, Council President Darren Cyr, and Councillor-at-Large Brian St. Pierre."

Raye, who is also vice president of the East Lynn Pop Warner organization, said many of the Silverbacks players will be returning to the football field in August for the start of the new youth football season in Lynn.



Lynn Silverbacks 14-under players and coaches are pictured at the awards banquet.



Lynn Silverbacks players proudly display the individual medals that were presented at the banquet.



The 10-under Lynn Silverbacks players with head coach Pete Dow and his coaching staff and team mom Stephanie Ramirez.



Joel Machado, president of the New England Youth Tackle Football League, is pictured with his wife, Karen Machado, and their children, Elai Machado and Sanai Machado, at the Lynn Silverbacks awards banquet.



Coaches Award recipients Alexavier Saldana, Mark Newhall, and Damien Hunt.



Chris, Stephanie, and Poseidon Ramirez accept the Silverbacks' Award of Excellence.

SILVERBACKS AWARDS BANQUET



The Raye family (Envy, Kim, Greg, and John and Ramirez family (Chris, Layla, Sahari, CJ, Poseidon, and Stephanie), who were instrumental in the success of the Lynn Silverbacks awards banquet held June 18 at the Lynn English High School cafeteria.



Lynn Silverbacks 12-under players and coaches are pictured at the banquet after receiving their medals.



League founder Joel Machado presented the Joel Machado Bravery Awards to Griffin Weir and Aavian Pena.



Coach Spy Lamberis presented the Spy Lamberis Leadership Awards to Jaden Adames and Amauri Quintana (front row); Angel Figueroa and Alfred Ferrioli (back row).



Coach Petey Dow with the Petey Dow Overcoming Adversity Award recipients Esteban Morales, Greg Raye, and Isaiah Goorahlal.



Silverbacks President John Ray, with MVP Award recipients Limbert Thomas III and Jonathan Arnett.



Front row are Amy Rae and former Lynn Classical two-time state basketball champion Calvin Johnson. Back row are Limbert Thomas III, Jose Quintana (holding Aryia), and Orlando Quintana Jr.



Award recipients Davian Pena, Sanai Machado, and Aalyah Ruiz.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CANNABIS LICENSE BEING SOUGHT

CHELSEA - La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega announced this week that her company, Vida Verde, would pursue a cannabis retail and transportation license at the former tuxedo shop on the Parkway in Chelsea.Vega and business partner, Leah Piantidosi, will pursue the Chelsea license with the goal of having three recreational cannabis shops in the region - with one already in the works for Somerville and another one in Malden. Vega said she considered the marijuana industry when it was first legalized more than three years ago, trying to decide if she would get involved in the new industry. She said coming from a home where there was drug use was prevalent, and she felt she would be the kind of responsible person to introduce the industry into Chel-

"Because I grew up in Chelsea, I have experienced growing up in a household where my brother used heavy drugs," she said. "The abuse of marijuana in our family was very hard growing up. As I got older, I wondered what I would do if marijuana was legalized, and if I would get involved...I want to make sure Chelsea, these businesses go in and come out without doing anything for the residents. Many people become rich and are I and out of our city. I want to create a foundation and have this do things to support our city. I have invested my whole life into Chelsea and I want to make sure whomever makes an investment in Chelsea gives back to Chelsea."

Vega said one of the main reasons she is involved is, one, for the health aspects that her business partner, Piantidosi, has testified to – finding that it helped her late mother when she had cancer. The other reason is to set up a foundation that will help La Colaborativa and other non-profits continue their critical work in the community.

"My plan is to kick-off these businesses and have Chelsea managers that are able to manage the operations and hopefully three years from now, I can be at all location three locations," she said. "I want to be able to do that when I have the resources for La Colaborativa and the Foundation is intact and I don't have to stay up late figuring out how to make our payroll. Right now we're okay because of the pandemic, but the pandemic is old news and

people will forget about it and our blanket of poverty will continue. The problems from this pandemic will be something we have to battle for years and years. I'm not going to say I don't want to make money, but I also want to make money for our community."

She said they will be hiring staff, and she said she probably would bring some people along that she trusts to help the business along. Meanwhile, she said security will be paramount, and she would not tolerate loitering, using the product in the surrounding neighborhood or throwing packaging on the ground. She said to prevent such litter, they would tag each package with a unique ID and anything found could be tracked to the customer - who would face consequences if they returned.

She said she plans to really upgrade the old tuxedo shop (Russo's) on the Parkway, and indicated the shop they are building in Somerville is very luxurious and professional. That will be the same case in Chelsea as well.

She said if anyone is to be trusted with this new industry, she said she hopes Chelsea will trust her and her company.

"I've invested years into Chelsea and I have nowhere else to go," she said. "Chelsea is my hometown."

GVLP Corp., known as Vida Verde, will have its community outreach meeting for the cannabis establishment on June 30, 6 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room. The location of the establishment is 320 Revere Beach Parkway. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

MATEWSKY RETURNS TO COUNCIL POST

EVERETT - Council President Wayne Matewsky visited death's door for certain after having a critical heart attack three months ago while on vacation in Florida, but it was a door he did not pass through and now has recovered and was on hand to re-assume his post and tell the tale.

Last week before the early City Budget special meeting, Council Interim President Anthony DiPierro introduced Matewksy back to the body, and relinquished the seat back to Matewksy – where the long-time councilor relayed the harrowing tale of how he survived a major heart attack, recovered in Florida and at home, and discovered just how much he is appreciated in Everett.

He said he was in Ft. Lauderdale at a motel he has stayed at for the past four years, going there for some rest and relaxation from the COVID pandemic and ended up having a major heart attack.

"I went to Florida for a rest and I was there eight days and the heart attack hit me," he said. "It was sudden. I had no chest pains but just couldn't breathe. Thank God there is a fire station right behind the motel. I actually went there to get away from sirens and trains, but thank God for that fire station. The day of the heart attack, when I opened my door and told the manager at the pool to call 9-1-1, that fire department was there in a minute, and they rushed me to Holy Cross Hospital. They saved my life. For two weeks I was in an induced coma from what I'm told."

Matewsky, 62, has spent the last month or more recovering at Spaulding Hospital in Cambridge, and had spent some time in Florida recovering and gathering strength for the trip back to Everett.

Once he got back to Everett, Matewsky said he was touched at the outpouring of support from all of his colleagues – each of which he named and from residents and friends throughout the City. Some of his colleagues and his friends also visited him in Florida, such as DiPierro and Councilor Michael Marchese and Library Board member Edna Micelin.

He said he has gotten more than 400 cards in the mail, baskets and gifts as well.

"I can't thank the people of Everett enough," he said. "I've never been sick in my life, but there were so many people who visited me or sent me notes to get well and I'll never forget it. I'm lucky to be alive and I mean that. I want to thank the membership of this Council. I didn't realize people appreciated me as much as they did. When something this serious happens to you, you just really appreciate the kindness you receive."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria after the meeting sent out a statement welcoming Matewsky back to work.

"President Matewsky's return was a pleasant surprise on Monday evening," said Mayor DeMaria. "He gave us all quite a scare, but he has certainly come a long way and I look forward to continuing to serve the residents with him."

After telling his story, Matewsky didn't seem to miss a beat – launching into a Budget meeting and then conducting a full City Council meeting that went nearly three hours.

It was to the amazement of many in the Chambers and watching at home.

MADARO SEEKS INSTATE TUITION FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

EAST BOSTON - Today, undocumented students who attend and graduate from East Boston High School and high schools across the state must pay out-of-state tuition to attend our public colleges and universities.

Rep. Adrian Madaro is of the opinion that these are our students, Massachusetts is their home, and it's past time to give them access to in-state tuition.

"This session, I filed a bill (H1352: An Act to Ensure Tuition Equity for Massachusetts Residents) to make in-state tuition available to undocumented students with State Representative Michael Moran," said Madaro. "Not only would this bill remove a barrier to higher education for undocumented students, but it makes economic and fiscal sense."

Madaro recently provided testimony to the Joint Committee on Higher Education in support of this bill.

"I filed this legislation with Leader Michael Moran to ensure that every Massachusetts resident has the opportunity to pursue higher education at in-state tuition rates regardless of their immigration status," said Madaro. "This legislation would allow all students, except nonimmigrant individuals, to qualify for in-state tuition rates at our state public colleges and universities if they have attended a Massachusetts high school for at least three years and graduated or if they have obtained the equivalent through an adult basic education program."

The bill does not make state financial aid available to undocumented students, and undocumented students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

However, at a time when college enrollment is drastically down in the Commonwealth, Madaro argues this legislation would bring in additional revenue for the public higher education system through new student enrollment at virtually no cost.

"This legislation would also

increase the number of educated residents in the Commonwealth and affirm our commitment towards the inclusivity of our immigrant neighbors, many of whom grew up in Massachusetts and do not have recollection of any other place to call home,' said Madaro. "Further, at a time when the public health emergency has highlighted the myriad ways in which socioeconomic inequities exacerbate illness among marginalized populations, it is incumbent upon us to increase access to higher education for immigrant communities that have been disproportionately burdened by the coronavirus pandemic."

Madaro said his legislation would create economic, fiscal and social benefits for the Commonwealth.

"This proposal would bolster revenue for our public higher education system with nearly no new investment by increasing student enrollment," said Madaro. "Currently, highly-motivated and brilliant undocumented students who are already studying in our Massachusetts K-12 education system rarely, if ever, matriculate in our public colleges and universities due to the prohibitive cost of out-of-state tuition, which is significantly higher than in-state tuition. As such, decreasing the cost of tuition for undocumented students in Massachusetts would result in new enrollments."

Madaro then pointed to a 2011 report by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation estimated that 315 to 365 undocumented immigrants would enroll in public colleges and universities in the first year if Massachusetts were to adopt in-state tuition rates for graduating high school students. The report also concluded that the number of new students could easily be absorbed by the state's public higher education system.

"In Texas, where undocumented students have had access to in-state tuition rates since 2001, a majority of undocumented students have enrolled in community colleges," he said. "Assuming this trend would hold in Massachusetts, increasing access to higher education for undocumented students through in-state tuition rates would help stabilize and augment enrollment at community colleges and other public higher education programs. This rise in enrollment would enrich the student body of our

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public colleges at virtually no additional cost to the Commonwealth and is needed now more than ever. No private scholarship is ever enough to cover the full cost of attending our colleges and universities. Yet they are eager to learn and dream of a better future for themselves, their families, our neighborhoods, and our Commonwealth. I believe it is time for Massachusetts to join the seventeen other states across the country offering in-state tuition rates for undocumented students."

POLICE OFFICER CREDITED WITH SAVING LIFE

REVERE - The Revere City Council presented Revere Police Officer David Wilson its highest honor – a Certificate of Merit – for his heroic actions of rescuing a girl from the frigid waters of Revere Beach on May 14, 2021.

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo said he witnessed Officer Wilson's miraculous efforts that saved the life of the despondent girl.

"Very few times in life you have the opportunity to see a miracle, pretty much the same time you see heroism in action," said Rotondo. "You just hear this woman screaming for this little girl and she was just treading water 200-300 feet out. What you don't understand is that it was 8 o'clock at night and it was dark out and the water was probably around 48 degrees.

"David starts making his way to the shoreline taking off his gear," continued Rotondo. "This young girl - if you know anything about people who struggle because they don't want you to help them, they fight and they fight hard – picture that in 48 degree water and pitch black by yourself, that's what he did. That's what Dave Wilson did to save this young girl.

"I've seen miracle in life. I'm a nurse. I've seen heroism, too. Very rarely do. You get to see it, but I got it to see it that night," said Rotondo. "David Wilson saved her life. He did it in pitch black and he did it in frigid waters. He is the epitome of the Revere Police Department. He is a hero."

City Council President Anthony Zambuto read aloud the Certificate of Merit which recognized David Wilson's "extraordinary, distinguished, and meritorious actions."

"Without hesitation, you jumped into action and dove into the waters and saved her life that day," said Zambuto. "You have gone above and beyond the call of duty by putting your own life at risk and your actions will be forever remembered."

Police Chief David Callahan extended the official congratulatory wishes from the Revere Police Department to Wilson.

"I just want to congratulate Officer Wilson," said Callahan. "He's been on the Police Department over 25 years and when I heard the story when I was called that evening, it didn't surprise me. Over the course of his 25 years, he's always been selfless where he puts other people before himself. This instance could have been a very different situation, but he inserted himself in harm's way, at nighttime in the ocean, in frigid temperatures. He didn't think twice. He didn't think a moment about it. He put himself in the ocean and his efforts alone saved that girl."

State Rep. and Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino presented a Citation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Officer David Wilson.

"He was my resource officer when I was a student at Revere High School and it's truly an honor to be able to present this to you as a state representative," said Giannino.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS IN-PERSON

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council held its first in-person meeting since the start of COVID on Tuesday, June 15, in the Harvey Room in Town Hall, where it voted on the FY22 budget. In attendance were all members of council, several department heads and six members of the public.

Technical Issues

When they had first started talking about meeting in person again, the council vowed to make its meetings accessible remotely. However, if Tuesday was any indication, it has a long way to go.

For those present in the Harvey Room, only some of their voices were able to be heard on the WCAT livestream. In particular, the microphones of Interim Town Manager Terence Delahanty, Health Director Meredith Hurley, Council Pres. Phil Boncore, and Councilor Tracy Honan were compromised.

Around ten members of the public attended the meeting via Zoom, but their experience was not much better. Voices sounded gravelly and muffled, with many sentences trailing off into silence. The other problem with Zoom was the wide angle view of the council, which made it difficult to ascertain who was speaking.

Ultimately, only those who were present in the Harvey Room know what was discussed. Luckily, the Transcript was able to obtain some of the meeting contents from individual speakers.

FY22 Budget

Council voted on the budget submitted to them at the June 8 meeting. They first voted on the budget as a whole, then on individual funds and projects separately. Some small amendments were made. The public is encouraged to read the full ten-page Finance Commission report, available on the Town website.

Town Manager Delahanty praised the hard work of the Finance Commission, which met for over 50 hours on the budget in recent months. He also noted the lack of competition between departments.

"The budget process tends to bifurcate us and pit us against each other," he said. "We have become one—one community, one team."

Pride Flag

Town Manager Delahanty has received correspondence from community members urging the town to put rainbow flags on town property in honor of Pride Month. Currently, the town is only able to raise the American Flag, the Massachusetts State Flag and the Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action Flag on town property.

However, the town manager said, "I think we need to modify that policy."

Council Pres. Phil Boncore concurred, stating, "We want to see diversity and inclusion."

COVID

Health Director Meredith Hurley gave her usual COVID update. Winthrop has had 2,314 total cases, with 2,277 recovered, 35 deceased, and two in isolation. As of July 9, fewer than one percent of tests over the past two weeks were positive. Almost three quarters of all eligible residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 65 percent are fully vaccinated.

Center Business District

DPW Director Steve Calla discussed ongoing construction in the Center Business District, which is now moving from the utility infrastructure phase to the surface restoration phase. This will include restoring streets, sidewalks, lighting and land-scaping. Cast removal starts next week in preparation for the full-depth reclamation of all roadways that will commence June 21 and take about a month.

Middle School Zoning
The Rules and Ordinances
Committee has been meeting for

a year and a half to review the zoning for the old middle school site. The current zoning for the area restricts what could potentially occupy that site. Under the new recommendations, there is more flexibility in terms of occupancy

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be put out to see what kind of interest there is for developing the site. Town Manager Delahanty suggested that the RPF process involve community meetings similar to the middle school zoning process, so the public can decide what will eventually go in that space.



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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

WALCOTT EARNS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Anya Walcott of Lynn, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Sciences during commencement ceremonies in May, 2021.

Determined to maintain the spirit of joy and optimism that is the hallmark of UVM's commencement ceremony, but doing so in a safe manner, University of Vermont President Suresh Garimella conferred degrees on graduates at multiple, smaller school and college ceremonies. "Our emphasis will be on celebrating our students. We are very proud of each and every one of them and salute their accomplishment," Garimella said prior to the ceremonies, which marked the end of a highly successful year of in-person education on the UVM campus. An estimated 3,347 graduates, including 2,685 bachelors, 435 masters, 117 doctoral and 110 medical, earned degrees during the university's 220th commencement.

Since 1791, the University of Vermont has worked to move humankind forward. Committed to both research and teaching, UVM professors -- world-class researchers, scholars, and artists -- bring their discoveries into the classroom and their students into the field. Located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities and top college towns, UVM is a Public

> Ivy and top 100 national research university educating 10,700 undergraduate

students, 1,627 graduate students, 776 certificate and non-degree students, and 478 M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine.

BROWN NAMED TO SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Springfield College has named Brenden Brown from Lynn to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 spring semester.

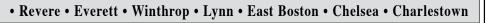
Brown has a primary major of Applied Exercise Science.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term,

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exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to oth-





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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

DEAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

Dean College is pleased to announce the local students that have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Daniel Lilja Abigail Morris Ava Perry

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

NORTON GRADUATES FROM PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

Paul Norton of Lynn graduated from Plymouth State University during its 150th Anniversary Commencement Ceremony on May 8, 2021. Norton received

a Bachelor of Science in Social Science.

Norton was among more than 670 Class of 2021 students who received degrees.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

RUSSELL NAMED TO LASELL UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Kelly Russell of Lynn was named to the Lasell University Dean's List for their academic performance in the Spring 2021 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a se-

mester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

DIAZ SANCHEZ EARNS DEAN'S LIST HONORS

Emy Diaz Sanchez of Lynn has earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2021 semester at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and who achieve a semester average of 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete grade.

Diaz Sanchez is majoring in Communications at Saint Rose.

CURRY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List.

Fidelia Eleazu
Mathieu Gokas
Anna-Marie Alukonis
Betty Jean-Gilles
Jaceli Lara Baez
Christina Sanon
Tayjaha Wilson
Cal Sheridan
Natalie Manfra

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private,

co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 15 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program. Visit us on the web at www.curry.edu.

BARAHONA EARNS DEGREE FROM CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Karen Giselle Barahona of Lynn was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Connecticut College on May 23. Barahona majored in Sociology and History.

The 380 members of Connecticut College's Class of 2021 were celebrated during an in-person event on Thursday, May 20,

and were addressed by President Katherine Bergeron and Beyond Meat founder, president and CEO Ethan Brown. Brown, a Connecticut College alumnus and renowned entrepreneur and environmentalist, encouraged graduates to "seek their own personal truth as a foundation for their lives." The senior class speaker was Emir Kulluk '21, a film studies and philosophy double major and Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA) scholar.

Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. The College's mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society. Through an innovative four-year program, Connections, students integrate every aspect of their experience-from classes to majors to internships to activities to jobs on campus and abroad-into a meaningful pathway that allows them to synthesize different perspectives, solve complex problems, and contribute to the public good. For more information, see www.conncoll. edu or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Lynn's Professional Service Directory



DARREN CYR FOR MAYOR FUNDRAISER AT OLD TYMES

Photos by Patrick Gecoya

The Lynn Mayoral race is off and running. Darren Cyr kicked off his candidacy for Mayor with over one-hundred enthusiastic supporters gathered at Old Tyme Restaurant. "My staff decided to keep a strong campaign schedule, so I can meet more citizens



Peter Efstratios and Wendy Prudencio.

and to help local businesses rebound from the pandemic restrictions" according to Darren.

Darren sees a new horizon coming to Lynn as he explained, "Lynn is now at a cross-roads. There is definitely a difference between the other candidates and me. I am about progress, development, building new schools, and fixing our infrastructures; most of all, I am about inclusiveness." He continued to comment how he wants to work with the City Council, School Committee, and the citizens of Lynn.

With his knowledge and experience as a Ward 3 Councilor and Council President, Darren is able to make constructive decisions; he believes in getting a reasonable compromise rather than not getting anything.

Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr is very happy with the campaign and the response he is re-



Mass Senior Action members with Darren - Gerie Cancel, Joanne Paul, Darren Cyr, Rosa Bentley, Rick Smith, Kathy Paul. Carole Smith, and Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chatkoutis.

ceiving throughout the city. Dar-

ren is a lifelong resident of Lynn has volunteered and supported

and a graduate of Lynn Tech; he many Lynn programs during his private and political career.



Supporters for Darren - Joe Beauchesne, Rae Anna Hughes, Shayna D'Amico, Jim Connors, Ashley Keighley, Kelleigh Curry, Teresa Mason, and Michelle Tarasuik.



Darren Cyr with his son, Christian, and Rich Held.



Chauncey Williams and Mike Sherman with Mayor Candidate Darren Cyr.



Former Councilor-at-Large Paul Crowley, Estelle Revelotis, Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr, and Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre.



Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Atty. James Lamanna, Joe Carritte, Paul Crowley, James Starrett, and Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr.