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Cyr Campaign receives wide local support

Special to the Journal

The Cyr Committee most recent campaign finance report filed for the month of May demonstrates the broad appeal of his campaign for Mayor with contributions from many individuals.

The May 31 (June 1) filing with the Office of Campaign Finance showed \$46,662.54 raised in the month of May bringing Cyr's total cash on hand to \$64,331.88. The campaign made a deposit on June 1st of \$14,116.67 bringing the present cash on hand to \$78,448.55.

Cyr said "I am pleased my hard working committee received the support of many contributors, large, and small from our area."

Cyr, Lynn's City Council President the past four years was joined by his wife, Dale (Dorgan) and sons Christian and Kylian as they kicked off Cyr's mayoral campaign opening his downtown campaign headquarters at 38 Andrew Street, on May 22.

At the event Cyr was joined by fellow City Councillors, Councillors at Large Brian LaPierre and Hong Net, Ward Councillors Rick Starbard (Ward 2), Richard Colucci (Ward 4), and Fred Hogan (Ward 6).

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GBL CHAMPIONS: The Lynn Classical High School girls soccer team, Greater Boston League champion, is pictured at the awards banquet Tuesday.

Classical girls soccer team celebrates GBL championship season at banquet

By Cary Shuman

It was a most interesting and challenging season for the Lynn Classical High School girls soccer team, but it all ended memorably with the Lady Rams claiming their first-ever Greater Boston League championship.

After having its season pushed back to the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic that also led to the school moving from the Northeastern Conference to the GBL, the Classical team traveled to Revere and came away with a 1-0 victory to take the title. Freshman Lauren Wilson scored the game-winning goal while two-time All-Star goalkeeper Anna Flaherty earned her

seventh shutout of the season.

Tuesday night at a beautifully run banquet at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine, Head Coach Mike Schena, Assistant Coach Shannon Magner, and the players, parents and guests celebrated a season unlike any other in the history of Classical sports.

Mike Schena, who was a sensational soccer player himself at Medford High School and competed in semi-professional soccer, said the championship season and the heart and resiliency that the players demonstrated throughout the year was truly amazing.

"This year was a strange one," Schena told the gathering at the banquet. "The unknown about even having a season - that was

so hard for these girls to stay focused - and they did. The girls did the right thing and I'm so proud of them for doing that. I knew coming into this season, this was just special. They all said to me, 'Coach, we're going to win this year,' and I felt like they all weren't just saying it and they did win it. Everybody in this room knew their role. They all trusted each other on the field and off the field and that's when everything just started to click. They wanted to win the GBL Cup. I said, 'you girls deserve it,' and they did it."

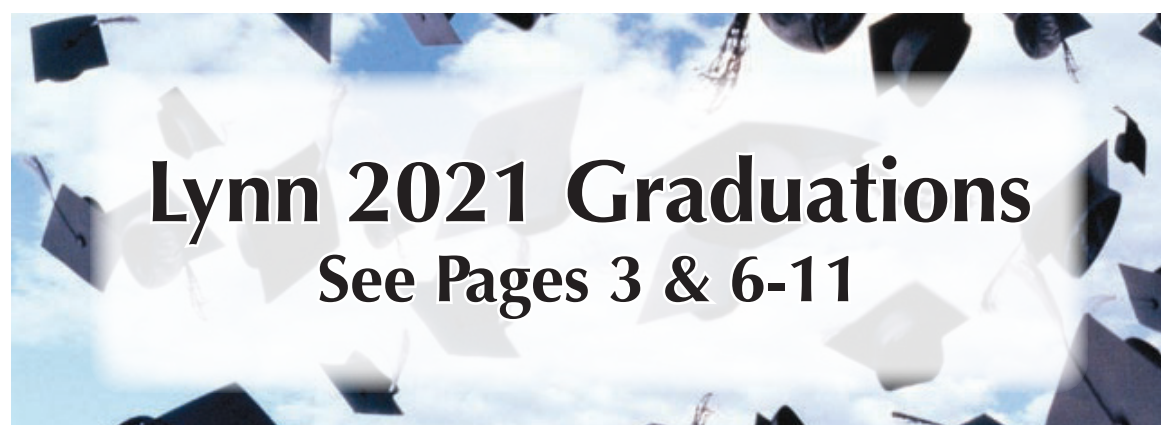
Magner, a former four-year Classical varsity soccer player whom Schena called "a great assistant varsity coach," said, "I'm honored and proud to have been

a part of this championship team. The girls worked so hard all throughout the adversity that was thrown at them, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of it and to coach a great group of girls."

The Classical seniors reflect on their soccer careers

In one of the highlights of the banquet, the four seniors - Jessica Page, Mary Collins, Hannah Guthrie, and Kitty Mannion - talked about their careers and reflected on their truly memorable final season in the program.

Page, who will be continuing her soccer career at Western New England University in Springfield, recalled her long journey



JEWISH WAR VETERANS REMEMBERED AT THE PRIDE OF LYNN CEMETERY

On Sunday, May 30, 2021, 10:00 AM (EST), the Board of Trustees of the Pride of Lynn Cemetery honored deceased Jewish War Veter-

ans with a Memorial Day of Remembrance. Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the USA has identified deceased members from JWV

Posts 31-Lynn, 161-Revere and 220-Peabody that are interred at the Pride of Lynn Cemetery. Members from JWV Posts

Revere and Peabody annually place flags on all graves of our

deceased veterans before Memorial Day and refresh them before the Jewish Holidays.



Cemetery Board of Directors; Rhonda Galpin -Secretary, Alan Gilbert -President, Beverly Edwards -Vice President, and James Yaffee -Treasurer.



Pictured (left to right): Rabbi Bernie Horowitz-Peabody Post 220 Patron; Joseph Cole-Commander-Revere Post 161; Jeff Blonder, Department Commander-Peabody Post 220; Past Department Commander Barry Lischinsky-Peabody Post 220; Alan Lehman-Commander-Peabody Post 220; Donna Lehman-Peabody Post 220; Mark Tolpin-Peabody Post 220; James Horwitz-Peabody Post 220; Ira Novoselsky, Past National Commander-Revere Post 161.

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In his remarks Cyr said his choice of a downtown office was in recognition of the revitalization happening in the core of the city.

“I think we are all happy to see the downtown filled with construction workers and equipment building the new better Lynn, providing needed housing, and bringing dollars to local businesses.”

Campaign Treasurer Richard Parker said it was important to Cyr that his campaign financing be accurate, timely and transparent. Parker stated, “Unfortunately

ly a dated story with a misleading headline reported incorrectly which mayoral candidate led in fundraising.”

If elected Cyr, who worked in the late former Mayor Pat McManus’ office, would be the first mayoral aid since Tony Marino to become Mayor and he would be the first Lynn Tech graduate to be elected Mayor.

For additional information contact Joselyn Reynoso, Campaign Manager at (781) 824-0836 or joselyneg20@gmail.com.

WELCOME DEBORAH ANA ORFANOS TO THE GREEK AND LYNN COMMUNITY



Last Saturday afternoon Paul and Vanessa Orfanos of Lynn had their daughter, Deborah Ana baptized at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Main Street in Lynn. Father George Tsoukalas baptized the newest member of the church, with William Stuffle and Marina Tzortzis as Deborah Ana’s God Parents.

Mayor Thomas M. McGee announces.....

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CLASS OF 2021

FECTEAU-LEARY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 29 AT MANNING FIELD

Fecteau-Leary graduated 29 students last Tuesday morning at Manning field. The school has been part of Lynn Public Schools for 6 years, and this is one of the largest graduating classes so far.

Students wearing blue and white cap and gowns had the opportunity to receive their diploma in front of family and friends and enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment. Unlike a year ago when this special day just came and went by the wayside on a internet ceremony.

Good luck to the Class of 2021, the first graduating class after the world's pandemic stopped everything good in people's lives.



Guidance Councillor Erica Campbell hands Yuri Miranda her cap after attaching the tassel for the Class of 2021.



Graduate Jaqualyne Akers and Brianna Campophiaro.



Mayor of Lynn, Thomas McGee addresses the graduating class of Fecteau-Leary at Manning Field on Tuesday morning.



SSG Ken Oswald greets Lynn Superintendent of Public Schools, Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.



Principal Maura Durgin-Scully with the graduate speaker, Alex Hoey.



Lynn English JROTC Honor Guard, Bryan Chinchilla, Javon Norris, Kai Larson, and Wilmer Huggins.



Graduates, Jacob Rocco, Jason DeLeon, Jaheem Genis, Norman Gonzalez, Ezequiel Sanchez, Zaid Rattan and Matt Beck.



Graduate Micaela Croft with Danielle Buckley and Carole Conway.

EDITORIAL

EDWARD J. "CHIP" CLANCY JR.

If it is true that, "All politics is local," as the legendary "Tip" O'Neill famously said, then that aphorism was embodied in the life and career of Edward J. "Chip" Clancy, Jr., who passed away this week at the age of 70.

For more than 30 years, Clancy served the people of Lynn in various capacities as a member of the City Council, a state representative, state senator, and mayor.

He loved our city and we loved him back.

Although Clancy took firm stands on many controversial matters throughout his career, particularly during his eight-year tenure as mayor from 2002-2010, he epitomized the notion that one can disagree without being disagreeable, a character trait that is sorely lacking in politicians today at all levels of government.

However, beyond his many accomplishments in the political realm, Chip Clancy, will be remembered by those who knew him for his conviviality, positive outlook, and willingness to help others.

For his friends, colleagues, and ordinary residents, the words of the poet Wordsworth come to mind:

*That best portion of a good man's life:
his little, nameless, unremembered
acts of kindness and of love.*

Lynn lost one of its all-time greats this past week. We know we join with all of our fellow residents in celebrating the life of Chip Clancy, a man who always placed the interests of our city and its people first and foremost in everything he did.

May he rest in peace.

GUEST OP-ED

Do you need Social Security?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

In 2020 over 64 million Americans were collecting Social Security.

The National Institute for Retirement Security (NIRS) has reported that Social Security is the only income source for 40 percent of retirees over the age of 60." (Forbes.com) The study also claimed that only 6.8 percent of retirees receive income from the three-legged stool of Social Security, a defined benefit pension and a defined contribution plan.

Another study conducted by researchers at the Social Security Administration, found that only 19.6 of Americans 65 and over received at least 90% of their total incomes from Social Security. That's a big difference from the stat provided by the NIRS.

Nevertheless, the point is that for millions of Americans Social Security is either all they have or mostly all they have. Also, there are some government employees who have their own pension system and do not pay into Social Security.

Social Security taxes take a bite of our income from every

check. Employers and employees each pay 6.2 percent of wages up to the taxable maximum of \$142,800 for 2021. The self-employed pay 12.4 percent. Some self-employed struggle with paying the 12.4 percent and look for creative ways to only report a small salary. This may enable you to have more cash now but your Social Security check will be much smaller when you become retirement age.

Religious objectors can often be exempted from paying the tax. I knew a minister who in his younger days did the paperwork to exempt out of Social Security. It was the one of the biggest mistakes of his life. When he became 65, he couldn't quit working. He had also drawn out most of his other pension savings for emergencies.

With meager retirement dollars he was also faced with having to buy Medicare insurance. To make matters worse he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. At a relatively young senior adult age he had nothing with which to fight. He was tired from his long years of work. He had nothing financially saved. He couldn't stop working. Medical insurance be-

came a dilemma and within two years he was dead.

Social Security is not a perfect world. It won't make you rich but you'll be glad you have the check and the medical insurance.

Keep this in mind the average monthly Social Security payment for 2021 is \$1,543, and the maximum you can receive at full retirement age is \$3,113 a month. If you have waited until you are 70 the amount is \$3,895.00. These figures change all the time depending on cost of living adjustments and how long you work and how much you pay into the system. Keep in mind the longer you work and the more you pay into Social Security, the more you collect at retirement.

So, go to work and be glad for every dollar withheld from your check for Social Security.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

GUEST OP-ED

Why we all need expanded and improved Medicare for all

By Maria Termini

Plain and simple we need Improved Medicare for All now to make sure everyone has the health care they need. Currently many people can't afford health care and they suffer and die and this is wrong. Health care is a matter of life and death, a human need, and a human right. Every day people are denied that right because they can't afford it, even with insurance. Our profit-based health care industrial system is the most expensive and complicated in the world. In order to keep their profits high, insurance companies are continually raising their premiums and increasing deductibles, copayments and out of pocket expenses.

Many people can't afford the co-payments. My friend Melin-

da is a single parent with a job that pays barely above minimum wage. She pays premiums for her health insurance. Each time she takes her son to a doctor, she must make a co-payment of \$70 which is a financial hardship. Melinda herself hasn't been to a doctor in many years because she can't afford the co-payment even though she has some medical problems. So, she suffers and takes risks with her health. This is wrong.

We have about 1600 different insurance companies in the US and this results in high administrative costs, endless paper work and a very high overhead to pay for all their advertising and ways to deny care. This drives up the costs. The insurance companies pay their executives salaries of millions of dollars. When

the former CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield, Clive Killingsworth left his job a few years ago, he walked away with a golden parachute of 11.3 million dollars in compensation and he had only worked there six years. Because these executives are overpaid, the premiums and costs keep increasing. And more and more people can't afford to get the care they need.

Insurance companies have many complicated regulations and the fine print is often unintelligible and with horrible consequences. In New York City, a woman received an emergency heart transplant at a hospital in her health plan's network. However, no one bothered to tell her that the transplant surgeons

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The North Shore Juneteenth Association in Lynn will hold celebration

By John Lynds

Juneteenth has received a lot more attention in the national press recently and the North Shore Juneteenth Association in Lynn (NSJA) will kick off the

holiday with their annual flag raising on June 15 at Lynn City Hall and a larger day-long event on June 19.

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the ending of slavery in the U. S. Celebrating the holi-

day on June 19 gives the community a chance to learn about the positive contributions African Americans have made to society.

For the North Shore Juneteenth Association President Nicole McClain it will be good to be back in-person after hosting virtual celebrations last year due to the pandemic.

“It’s exciting to be back in person,” said McClain. “I love that we are actually able to share more of our culture, live and in person, with the community. Sharing our culture with the community is one of our goals so I’m happy that we’re accomplishing that this year.”

The annual Juneteenth Flag Raising will happen at 6 pm outside Lynn City Hall with McClain, Mayor Thomas McGee, and the Reverend Andre Bennett

all speaking and Eva Davenport singing the Black National Anthem.

Then on June 19 at the Lynn Museum from 1 to 5 pm NSJA will host the free Juneteenth Festival: Celebrating Freedom.

“We’ll have poet Terry Connor performing from West Medford, ITM Hip Hop group that is based in Lynn as well as Cheney David singing the Black National Anthem,” said McClain. “We will also have vendors selling Soul Food for people to taste, music, crafts for families and other Black business owners sharing their business with the community.”

McClain added that the event really speaks to the mission of the NSJA.

“We’re spreading Juneteenth all over the North Shore this year

and I love it,” she said. “

NSJA, founded in 2017, began the celebration of the Juneteenth holiday in the area. This holiday commemorates the ending of slavery in the U. S. Celebrating the holiday gives the community a chance to learn about the positive contributions African Americans have made to society.

Celebrated each year on June 19 the NSJA raises the Juneteenth Flag in Lynn to raise awareness of the holiday and the African American community. The group also hosts the Our Black Excellence 5k that includes positive images of African Americans along the route to educate participants as they walk or run.

Programming also introduces and educates our community on Black American culture and issues faced by Black Americans.

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didn’t take her particular insurance. They billed her \$70,000 and sent collection agencies and lawyers after her while she was still home recuperating. She may have recovered but chances are good she has lost her home.

The cost of prescription drugs is soaring as the drug companies persist in making huge profits. Insulin is now so expensive some diabetics can’t afford it. Some ration this most necessary drug, taking a dose every other day. Others have died. I was in Bolivia a few years ago and got bit by a dog and needed rabies shots. They were \$35 each there. I got my final shot in the US and it was \$1300.

Our health care costs have actually increased despite the complex legislation known as the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obama care.) This legislation was written by the insurance companies and with their own best interests in mind. The reality is that the Affordable Care Act is not going to make health care affordable, only more expensive as premiums, deductibles and out of pocket expenses get higher and higher each year, escalating beyond the current rates of inflation. The costs go higher because of our profit driven system.

We cannot let this system continue. Our health is very important. We cannot be complacent and accept the health care system we have as the way things are. We must do something now about changing our health care system for the better. We need to get corporate profits out of the health care equation.

The solution to our health care crisis is Medicare for All, a system of non-profit single payer health care, publicly funded and privately administered. Expanded and Improved Medicare for All will provide affordable health care for everyone, increased access to prevention and early intervention, providing dental and vision care. Preventive care is critical. I know too many women who have died because of delayed cancer diagnoses. Dental care is critical. A mother could not afford to take her nine-year old son to the dentist when he

complained of a severe toothache. Her health insurance did not cover visits to a dentist. That toothache became a brain abscess and the boy died.

Medicare for All is a simple system, just like the current Medicare for those over 65, with a very low overhead. It will reduce administrative waste and bargain for the best prices for drugs and medical services. Hospitals and physicians will no longer need huge billing departments to process tons of complicated insurance forms. There will be no need for private health insurance. Improved Medicare for All would be funded by a small tax and all premiums, deductibles, copayments would be eliminated. We would pay a lot less for Medicare for All than the current bloated system.

Canada has single-payer healthcare. In Canada no one dies because they are uninsured or can’t afford health care. Canadians live longer and are healthier than us and spend about half per capita on health care costs than we do in the US. In Canada no one loses their home because they can’t pay medical bills. Diabetics easily get the insulin they need.

We can only get Improved Medicare for All by passing legislation. There are bills in the Massachusetts Statehouse (House 1267 and Senate 766) and also the US Congress (HR 1976) for Expanded and Improved Medicare for All. I urge you to study these bills and insist your legislators support and pass them. It will not be easy but we must work for justice in health care and stop the suffering and dying when people can’t get the care they need. We can make health care at last a truly enjoyed human right by creating Medicare for All, a health care system that put patients before profits, is comprehensive, covers every one, and is affordable.

Maria Termini is an artist and public speaker. She works with Mass Care and Healthcare Now. She welcomes your comments and can be contacted at: maria-termini2013@gmail.com.

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LYNN CLASSICAL CLASS OF 2021



On Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 the senior class of Lynn Classical High School was gathered together at Manning Field for the purpose of graduation. This was a momentous occasion, finally the Covid-19 restrictions

were lifted to allow a gathering this large. Faculty and students, as well as parents were excited to be able to once again present diplomas and see their children graduate high school.



Yeritze Thunan, Jeffery Barbosa, Howard Guerrero, and Al Mortada.



Valedictorian, Anthony Evelyn.



Class Marshall, Devin Monaco.



Lynn Classical Class of 2021 Officers, Treasurer-Sebastian Coste Reyes, Chairperson- Kaitlyn Soper, Vice President Katelyn Rivera, President Jessie Reyes and Secretary-Briana Ventura.



Graduates, Amelia Pedro, Hannah Guthrie, and Sailor Brinkler.



Cameron Hunt, Atticus Lorenzo-Sprague, Dante Migliaccio, Nathan Poov and Mitchell Jiminian Rodriguez.



Congratulations to a Remarkable Class of 2021, you have Truly Endured and Persevered

Darren P. Cyr, Candidate for Mayor



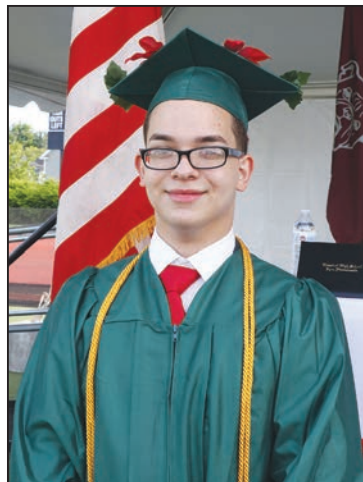
LYNN CLASSICAL CLASS OF 2021



The National Anthem was performed by, Betsy Ramos-Pachucki.



Sally Glowik with Brooke Warren.



Salutatorian, Sebastian Coste Reyes.



Words of welcome and congratulations from Superintendent, Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.



Navy bound, best of luck to graduate Savahna Carcamo.



Lynn School Committee member, John Ford who will be retiring after his many years of service to Lynn Public Schools and their students was recognized by Mayor Tom McGee.



Words of encouragement by Massachusetts State Senator, Brendan Crighton.



Janelly Matos, Ariana Martinez, Madeline Maes, Cherish Nwoko, Rania Merbah and Sabrina Motassim.



Greta Perez and Yesenia Lopez



Guest speaker, MBTA Police Chief, Kenneth Green with Principal, Amy Dunn.

Congratulations!

Class of 2021

Michael Satterwhite
for Mayor of Lynn

A Voice for You



"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."

Minor Myers, Jr.

Congrats Class of 2021

Michael Satterwhite
Para alcalde de Lynn

Una Voz Para Ti

LYNN ENGLISH CLASS OF 2021



Last Wednesday, June 2, 2021 the senior class of Lynn English High School crossed the stage at Manning FieldVivianna Gallant with and became the 133rd graduating class from this long standing Lynn landmark school.

It was an exciting event for everyone, considering just one year ago, these students that worked so hard to get through their grades were unable to be recognized in the highly valued traditional manner. Parents and family members cheered from the stands and classmates once again hugged and enjoyed each other's company and talk face to face about what they all had been through together to get to this very important day.



Erignacio Feremin Perez the LEHS Valedictorian.



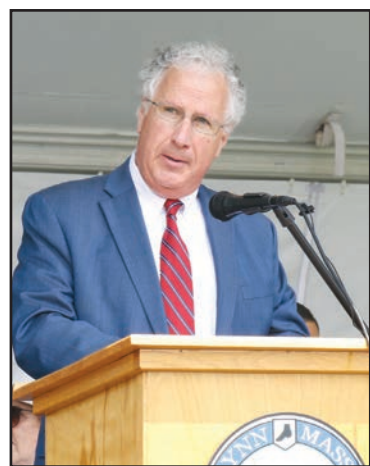
Salutatorian Samantha Parker.



Class of 2021 President Carlos Prudencio with Lynn English Principal, Anastasia Mower.



Ready to cross the stage at Manning Field, Jaimely Alfaro and Dyanna Adoimes.



Mayor of Lynn Thomas McGee with encouraging words to the Class of 2021.



Happy graduates, Maikel Gomez and Florisel Ferreira.



Marine recruit Julaiska Trinidad and USAF bound, Tyler Generazzo. Good luck to you both.



Miss Flora Hart checks in graduating students.

the Adventure Begins



Congratulations Class of 2021

Jared Nicholson for Mayor of Lynn



Sahwan Sabil, Tyler Generazzo, Alexis Folan, Alyx Nelson and Erignacio Perez.

LYNN ENGLISH CLASS OF 2021



Ricky Johnson, Cole Story, Kyle Phommachanh, Zach Vega and Ryan Sansone.



Ssg Oswald from Lynn English Marines JROTC Program with graduates and future grads of Lynn English HS.



Abby Ayala, Hailey Burke, Noelle Cote and Sandra Casillas.



Greeting from the Superintendent of Lynn Public Schools, Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.



Viviana Gallant with Deirian Arias and Angel Monicion.



Members of the LEHS Graduating Class of 2021.

Congratulations
 Graduation
 Class of 2021!
 Representative
 Daniel Cahill
WELL DONE!



LYNN TECH CLASS OF 2021



Daniela Santamaria, Arlyn Robles, Marilyn Cardona and Ana Robles.

Tuesday, June 1st 2021, the seniors of Lynn Vocational and Technical High School were at Manning Field for the 2021 Graduation Exercises. Speeches by Mayor McGee, and Superintendent Tutwiler and commencement guest speaker, Kenell Broomstein added to the program. The diplomas to the graduates were presented by members of the Lynn School Committee.



The Lynn Tech Class of 2021 Officers, Treasurer- Jaylynn Lopez, President Nyssa Lewis, Vice President Victoria Hong, and Secretary- Gloribel Cepeda.



Superintendent of Lynn Public Schools, Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.



Valedictorian, Jacklyn Villatoro.



Graduate Jeffery Bucko.



Co-Salutatorians Ethan Rodriguez and Mohammed Benouardia.



Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 2021!

These last 15 months you have all shown immense resilience in proving that no obstacle is too great for you to overcome.

— Mayor McGee



LYNN TECH CLASS OF 2021



Waiting for their diplomas, Liam Donovan and Clarisse Ebeh.



Selfies with friends and teachers were commonplace at Manning Field.



Emily Deveau and Clarisse Eben.



Principal Carissa Karakaedos.



Osmar Mrida and Angel Robles.



Getting ready for graduations, Angelina Alvarado and Geovanni Arias.



Guest Speaker Kenell Broomstein and Lynn's Mayor Tom McGee.

Congratulations!

Andrew Biggio, veteran and founder of annual Wounded Vet Ride, pens first book

By John Lynds

Andrew Biggio's basement at his Winthrop home has been converted into a museum-of-sorts with display cases of war memorabilia, artifacts and other keepsakes he's collected since serving his tours of duty as a US Marine in Iraq and Afghanistan. Biggio, who founded the Boston Wounded Vet Ride that would roar through East Boston and Revere every year to raise money for wounded vets, is busy organizing a countertop stacked with autographs of the 22 World War II veterans that have been immortalized in his first ever book.

"There are people who got the book and want an autograph of one of the vets that appears," explains Biggio.

With a book tour and book signings on the immediate horizon Biggio says this is the best way to ensure readers get an autograph of one of the vets that appears in the book.

"We just don't know how much longer they'll be around," he says.

According to the US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, 325,574 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are alive but around 296 die every day in the US.

In a race against time, Biggio began a quest five years ago to get as many World War II veterans on the record from across the US and from every branch of the military and tell their story.

The result was "The Rifle: Combat Stories from America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand", which was released on Amazon last week and quickly became the #1 best selling United States Military Veterans History book on the website.

The idea from the book stemmed from his experience returning home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I served in Iraq and Afghanistan and I came home and I'm pretty confident I'm okay, I'm fine," said Biggio. "What bothered me was coming to Winthrop every day and seeing that Andrew Biggio Square sign. It's not dedicated to me, but to my grandfather's brother, who was killed in World War II and I'm named after him. So to see a sign that says Andrew Biggio Memorial Square just made me feel really bad for that Andrew Biggio. So I began to ask, What happened to him that didn't happen to me. I really started asking questions about this poor 19 year old kid from Winthrop who was killed in Italy in 1944."

Biggio remembered his grandmother saying she had saved letters from her late brother-in-law that he wrote home before he was killed.

"So I went into a shoe box at their bedside and began reading the letters," said Biggio. "One of the first letters he talked about how much he enjoyed the M1 Garand rifle. So I immediately ran out and bought one because I wanted to hold it. I want to connect to this long lost relative and feel what he felt holding that rifle."

While showing friends and relatives his new purchase Biggio said they didn't seem that impressed with the World War II relic so he had an idea.

"I figured I'd do one better and bring it to a Marine I knew who lived in West Roxbury," said Biggio.

Biggio headed over the Westie with the rifle to visit 91-year-old Joe Drago.



"The Rifle: Combat Stories from America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand" is available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Rifle-Stories-Americas-Veterans-Through/dp/1684510791>.

"So I knocked on his door and I noticed he had gotten really skinny, his legs were atrophied and he was bound to a recliner, like most men in their 90s," he said. "But when I put the rifle into his hands to show him what I got, I got a totally different reaction than everyone else. He puts it to his shoulder, he's waving it around, he's aiming and he's talking endlessly about the rifle. So that's what I knew I was on to something because I just saw this 91 year old man become a 19 year old kid again."

So Biggio had Drago sign the rifle's stock because he didn't want to ever forget the moment.

"We talked about his participation in the Battle of Okinawa for about two hours and after I left his house I looked down at the rifle and I was hooked," said Biggio. "I decided right there and then I wanted to get as many signatures on this rifle as possible. If Joe Drago was a little taste of the Pacific I wanted to get a guy who fought in Europe next and then Italy."



US Marine veteran and founder of the Boston Wounded Vet Run Andrew Biggio with the M1 Garand that was signed by dozens of WWII vets and is the subject of his first book, "The Rifle: Combat Stories from America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand".

For the next five years, with the rifle in tow, Biggio visited every corner of the US seeking WWII vets willing to talk about their experiences in the war and sign the one thing that bound them all together.

"I was very careful to let them know this wasn't going to be a book that glorifies war," said Biggio. "Some of the guys signed the rifle but wouldn't hold it because they vowed they'd never hold a gun again after the war and those are some of the stories I wanted to hear. I wanted to hear the reasons why they felt that way because the younger generation of vets coming home can really learn a lot from this generation that is getting smaller and smaller by the day."

So now that his research and work is complete and the book published after years of work, Biggio said he was really surprised by the reaction as it shot to #1 in its category on Amazon.

"Before it was released there was a lot of anticipation and anxiety," said Biggio. "I knew I was doing good by bringing a lot of light to WWII veterans but to put a physical book out there that's going to be looked at by other historians and authors who've already written multiple books about WWII was a little nerve wracking. But what makes my book a little different is that it's really just a bond between a young veteran and the veterans of WWII. And for us, the young veterans, it's really a way for us to learn from the older generation about the costs of war and life after war. Many in the book definitely hit bumps in the road but they bounced back, raised families and went on to live long, successful lives after war. Ultimately, it is proof that if they can go through the hell and carnage they went through and live as long as they did--we all can."

Help select Lynn's newest public art piece this fall

Lynn's Mt. Vernon Street Plaza will gain a signature piece of art this fall: but first, the City is asking those who live and work in Lynn to weigh in on five concepts for the site.

Today, the City of Lynn, Downtown Lynn Cultural District and Lynn Public Arts Commission announced the artist and artist teams selected as finalists for the "Lynn-stallation," a piece of public art to be installed by the commuter rail station entrance at Mt. Vernon and Exchange Street.

"The goal of this project is to install artwork that reflects the spirit of Lynn, brings people to the Downtown Lynn Cultural District and turns the plaza into a gather-

ing space," said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. "The voices of the Lynn community are central to this process, so we hope to see a lot of people give feedback on the five options."

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Arts and Culture Department is leading the engagement and selection process for the piece, which will mark the gateway to the Downtown Lynn Cultural District, one of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's officially designated cultural districts.

Almost four dozen artists and artist teams submitted applications for the project last July: from those, these five received grants to develop full concepts for the site.

- Yetti Frenkel: "Star-Fish"
- Fitzhugh Karol: "Jumbo T-Jax"
- Beth Nybeck: "The In Between"
- Orlosky Studio: "Laces of Lynn"
- The Urban Conga: "Periscope"

These artists are presenting their concepts for a signature public art piece after being selected through a new community-centered model for municipal public art procurement. In addition to the proposed art pieces, finalists created detailed plans for building partnerships and engaging with Lynn artists, organizations and residents as the artwork is fabri-

cated and installed.

Read more about their concepts, see mock-ups and download PDFs of each artist's full submission at <https://lynnincommon.com/lynnstallation>.

On Thursday, June 24, 2021, artists will present their concepts and answer questions at a 5 p.m. virtual Zoom meeting. Register at <http://mapc.ma/lynnartists>. After the meeting, Lynn community members will have the chance to vote on the different concepts until mid-July.

Community engagement has been a priority during the art commissioning process from the start: even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the project team

worked with local artists, residents and nonprofits and held focus groups to get a sense of what community members wanted. The project was delayed several times due to the pandemic.

"The prospect of an art piece marking this Lynn gateway inspires hope," said Jennifer Erickson, Director of Arts & Culture for MAPC. "As the City and its residents resume safe gatherings in public spaces, we are excited to see that arts and cultural experiences like this 'Lynn-stallation' will enliven the space and bring much-needed beauty and joy."

LYNN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ATTENDS NAVIGATORS OPENING DAY

The North Shore Navigators' opening day baseball game was a thriller for the fan to watch as the team pulled out a 4-3 victory over the Vermont Mountaineers.

Opening ceremony festivities included the Lynn English MC-JR-ROTC Color Guard along with Boston Bruins' Todd Angilly who sang the National Anthem to receive a standing ovation for his excellent performance.

Members of the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce attended the game. This was a great time for its membership to gather together with limited restrictions. Executive Director Colin Codner explained, "The Chamber is very excited to be hosted by the North Shore Navigators this evening which is opening night of the baseball season. This is an amazing time to have people back out gathering together and really enjoying everyone's company. This is what we really do with the Chamber of Commerce; we want to create these opportunities for our business members to network and to have fun."

The Navigators are in the New England Collegiate Baseball League Northern Division. They play a 42 game schedule from June 4 – August 1 with playoffs to follow. Home games are at Fraser Field in Lynn.



East Boston Saving staff out to see some baseball – Adiel Lopez and Felicia Napolitano.



Accurate Graphics of Lynn Peppi Bolognese with his daughter, Nicole.



Lynn Realtors Jean-Marie and Jack Minton at their front row seats.



Ready to enjoy the baseball game – Lynn Museum Director Doneca Thurston with Cinda Danh.



Attorneys Mark Horrigan and Nancy Norman meet Mayor Thomas McGee who will throw-out the first pitch for the game



Selfie photo time for Swampscott Massage Spa – Owner Susan Bishop with Joel Nunez Erla Haxhijaj, Tara LaSeda, Melissa Berry and Michael Madrugá.



Todd Angilly who sang the National Anthem at Opening Day with son, Luke, and Navigators' ownership – Jeff and Derek January



GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner with Lynn Mayoral candidate Darren Cyr, Heather and Declan Hannon and Sam Pogosov.

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City of Lynn Planning Department launch "Lynn In Common" portal

The City of Lynn Planning Department launched Lynn In Common today, a new community engagement online portal. Residents can learn more about current planning projects, share their "Lynnput" on what they'd like to see in their community, and register for email updates on the site, which is in English and Spanish.

The site currently hosts three projects--Lynnstallation, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

(MVP) grant program, and the Downtown Lynn Cultural District Recovery Plan. Each project contains important links and documents, information about previous and upcoming meetings, and opportunities to share feedback. The site also features a page of Data and Maps, which showcases the Planning Department's Infrastructure Improvements Map and Development Pipeline. More projects will be added over the

next few months offering additional opportunities for residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to participate in the ongoing planning processes.

"I encourage residents and local stakeholders to take advantage of this new, online engagement portal to follow the City of Lynn's planning projects and initiatives," said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. "This is a great opportunity for Lynn residents to learn

more about the planning process and be involved in shaping the future of our City."

"A core objective of the Lynn Planning Department is to help Lynnners realize their vision for their community," said Principal Planner Aaron Clausen. "While online tools will never replace the in-person conversations and meetings necessary for deep community engagement, Lynn In Common will be a powerful tool

for people to share ideas and provide feedback and stay informed about the projects that affect them."

Residents, business owners, and other stakeholders are encouraged to register for the site, which will enable them to share their feedback on projects and receive occasional email updates. Data is not shared with any third parties.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

RYAN GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Sarah Ryan, of Lynn, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the College of Charleston.

Ryan was among more than 1,400 students who received degrees.

Located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina, the College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and affordability. Its beautiful and historic campus, combined with contemporary

facilities, cutting-edge programs and accessible faculty attracts students from across the U.S. and around the world.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross celebrated nearly 750 bachelor of arts degree candidates at its 175th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the College's Fitton Field.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, delivered this year's address virtually to the Class of 2021 and received an honorary degree.

A distinguished career diplomat with 35 years in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield reminded graduates that their education has equipped them to make a positive difference in the world and to do everything in their power to keep hope alive.

"Class of 2021: I have hope - I have light in my eyes - because of you," Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield told the graduates. "When I think of your promise, your potential, I swell with pride. With your Holy Cross mentors and role models by your side, I believe you will become men and women for others. I trust you will go where you are needed. And graduates, I know you will keep hope alive."

In addition to Thomas-Greenfield, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Michael Collins '77, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and senior vice president for the health sciences for the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Collins

also offered a reflection for the Class of 2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

- Indiana Argant, of Lynn
- Harrison Seitz, of Lynn

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNOUNCES MAY 2021 GRADUATES

The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Nelson Idahosa of Lynn graduated with a MA degree in Political Science

Kosta Triantafillakos of Lynn graduated with a MS degree in

Accounting

Matthew Woodward of Lynn graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA degree in Psychology

NEFF IS A RECENT MAY GRADUATE OF GROVE CITY COLLEGE

James Neff recently earned a degree from Grove City College on May 15, 2021. Neff earned a BS Mech. Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering and is from Lynn.

In addition, James has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the Spring 2021 semester. Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

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Fifth MS-13 member pleads guilty to 2018 Lynn murder

By John Lynds

A reputed member of the notorious MS-13 street gang plead guilty this week to his involvement in a 2018 Lynn murder and another murder in East Boston two years earlier.

Henri Salvador Gutierrez, 22, a Salvadorian national, pleaded guilty to racketeering, also known as RICO conspiracy. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf scheduled sentencing for Oct. 8, 2021.

Gutierrez admitted he participated in the August 2018 Lynn murder of a teenage boy whose body was found in a park in Lynn. The injuries to the victim's body indicated that the victim had been stabbed dozens of times.

Gutierrez is the fifth defendant in the Lynn case to plead guilty and accept responsibility for his participation in the Lynn teen's murder.

In July 2020, Erick Lopez Flores, a/k/a "Mayimbu," 31, of Lynn, and Marlos Reyes,

a/k/a "Silencio," 20, of Chelsea, pleaded guilty in separate proceedings before Judge Wolf for their participation in the Lynn teen's murder. Last month, Jonathan Tercero Yanes, a/k/a "Desalmado," 24, a national of El Salvador admitted that on or about July 30, 2018, he participated in the Lynn murder while a member of the MS-13 gang.

MS-13 is a transnational street gang operating in Lynn and numerous other cities across the U.S. The gang's international influence spreads to El Salvador, where it was founded, Honduras and Guatemala. MS-13 members follow certain core rules and principles, including that members attack and attempt to kill members of rival gangs, and members do not act as informants or cooperate with law enforcement.

MS-13 is organized in Massachusetts and elsewhere in the form of so-called "cliques" or smaller groups that operate under the larger mantle of MS-13. Tercero Yanes was a member

of the Sykos Locos Salvatrucha clique of MS-13. Achieving promotion in MS-13 generally requires the commission of a significant act of violence.

Gutierrez also admitted to his involvement in the Christmas Eve slaying of Luis Fernando Orellana at East Boston Stadium in 2016. Orellana's body was found Christmas day in the ramp that leads up to the bleachers at the stadium. According to court records Gutierrez personally stabbed Orellana numerous times and committed the murder because he believed the victim may have belonged to a rival gang.

The charge of RICO conspiracy involving murder, provides for a sentence of up to life in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Gutierrez will also be subject to deportation upon the completion of his sentence. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

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that began in the Lynn Youth Soccer Program.

"I've been playing soccer since the age of five and it's always been a huge part of my life," said Page. "I've met some of my best friends and made some of my best memories through soccer. Looking back at my past 13 years of soccer, I never could have imagined how far I've come. If anyone were to tell me that I was going to play soccer in college, I probably would have laughed at them.

"A big part of this growth is due to all the girls here today, the parents, and especially Coach [Mike Schena] and [Coach] Shannon Magner when they came in my junior year. When I came in as a freshman, I was still welcomed and had many friends, but now it feels more like a family. I'm also so thankful for the great coaches we have now and the endless support from all of

our parents. I also want to say how proud and how good it feels that we won our very first GBL championship. After this crazy year and thinking I wasn't going to get to have my senior season, winning the championship was definitely a great way to end my high school career.

"We all proved this year that we can still come out on top even though it feels like a hundred different obstacles are being thrown at us," continued Page. "I'm so grateful that I was able to lead the team as a captain and be someone who you guys look up to. Cherish these four years or how many years you have left, because I can now confirm that it really does go by fast. Thanks to everyone for a great, memorable senior year. I love all of you so much. And a special shout-out to my mom and dad for putting me in Lynn Youth Soccer when I was little kid and, of course, for being

my No. 1 supporters through it all. Thanks for introducing me to the support that I love."

"We can all agree that this season was like no other," said Guthrie. "If I can give any kind of advice, I would tell you girls what my dad said to me, 'Play hard like it's your last game - no regrets. Thanks Coach Mike and Coach Shannon for the last few years of all your coaching and making an impact and helping us become GBL champs.'"

"I just want to say obviously this season was crazy but I wanted to thank Coach Mike and Coach Shannon and the girls for making it the best," said Collins. "With each obstacle we faced, the team was able to push forward and I believe we became stronger because of it. This strength was shown during our season and through our last game when we became GBL champs. I have been so lucky to play soccer with most of these girls my whole life starting at Lynn Youth when we were a true powerhouse, the districts, and on to high school. Each and everyone you guys hold a special place in my heart. And to Shannon and Coach [Mike], I can't even express how much you mean to me, for always looking out for what was best for us. These last four years as part of the Classical team have been interesting to say the least, but I'm so happy that I was able to end it with the best group of girls I could ask for, and the ultimate outcome of being GBL champions."

Mannion, who jested that the speaking order had "saved the best for last," said, "Looking back at not only these past four years of high school soccer but my entire soccer career, soccer has really presented me with my best and favorite memories

and friendships. I met most of you through Lynn Youth Soccer and Lynn Classical soccer. I've known you guys for a very long time. It's a sad good-bye but it's

like bittersweet because we get to leave on a good note." And that "good note" was a championship season like no other.



CHAMPIONSHIP ATTIRE: Lynn Classical soccer players Delaney Dana, Eliza Correnti, and Ava Thurman display their GBL championship jerseys that were presented at the awards banquet.



MANNION ATTAINMENT: The Classical soccer players in the Mannion family made a huge contribution to the team's championship season. From left, are Maureen Mannion Collins, Team MVP Mary Collins, Top Defender Award recipient Molly Mannion, Mike Mannion, Margaret Mannion, and Ram Spirit Award recipient Kitty Mannion.



THANK YOU TO THE BOOSTERS: Head Coach Mike Schena thanked the Classical Soccer Booster Parents for all their work in making the season and the awards banquet a success. From left, are Kim Page, Jessica Guthrie, Margaret Mannion, Cheryl Correnti, and Maureen Collins.



CAPTAINS-ELECT: Coaches Mike Shena (left) and Maureen Magner (right) congratulate the new captains of the 2021 Lynn Classical girls soccer team, from left, Ava Correnti, Molly Mannion, and Anna Flaherty.



GBL ALL-STARS: Five members of the Lynn Classical girls soccer team were elected to the Greater Boston League All-Star Team. From left, are midfielder Delaney Dana, midfielder Ava Thurman, goalkeeper Anna Flaherty, forward Jayda Mateo, and midfielder Mary Collins.