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Lynn basketball standout Julius Byrd (English), and 1,000-point scorers Jeff Byrd (Lynn Trade), Jarell Byrd (Lynn English), and Lou Byrd (Lynn Tech), pictured at the Shoe City Classic.

Jeff Byrd celebrates a milestone Former Lynn Trade great marks 50 years of basketball

By Cary Shuman

A half century ago Jeff Byrd was winding down one of the greatest careers ever in Lynn high school basketball. The 1971 Lynn Trade graduate finished as the school's all-time leading scorer and still tops the list at what is now Lynn Tech.

"I was in the last graduating class out of Lynn Trade," said Byrd during a break in last week's finals in the Summer Basketball League that he has directed for 30 years. "I graduated from Lynn Trade in June. They opened up Lynn Tech in September."

Byrd specialized in the machine shop at Lynn Trade and planned to begin his career after graduation, but when he started getting letters from colleges, he

sat down with his family to talk about his future.

"I said to my mother, 'you know what, I think I'm going to jump on this,'" recalled Byrd. "My mother said, 'What do you mean? You're all set to go into General Electric in the apprentice program'. I told her I had basket-

ball scholarships and said to her, 'Shouldn't I give it a shot?'"

A brief stop in Miami, then on to Washington

Byrd took his big-time game to Miami Dade Community Col-

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McGee completes Pan-Mass Challenge

Raises more than \$10,000 for cancer research

By Cary Shuman

Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge over the weekend, raising more than \$10,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

McGee trekked 83 miles by bicycle from Babson College in Wellesley to the Mass Maritime Academy in Bourne. His wife, Maria McGee, was at the finish line to welcome him.

It was Mayor McGee's third consecutive Pan-Mass Challenge, having done a three-day, 178-mile ride last year virtually due to the pandemic. He has raised more than \$31,000 for cancer research in his three rides.

"I rode 83 miles on Saturday, but it was actually 87 because I missed one of the turns and had to backtrack to the route," reported McGee. "I was able to start early in the morning and complete the ride."

McGee talked about the personal reasons why he trained so hard and was so determined to compete and raise money for the

world-renowned cancer institute that is in Boston.

"My mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer in 2018 and went through treatment and still continues to be cancer-free," said McGee. "That's when I made a decision to jump in and be a part of the Pan-Mass Challenge. The race has raised more

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EDITORIAL

A BLEAK FUTURE FOR THE EARTH

The report released this week by the United Nations detailing the impending effects of climate change in the near future because of our rapidly-warming atmosphere paints the starkest picture yet of what awaits life on Earth as we know it if we do not change our ways.

Our planet has warmed by an average of 1.1 degrees Celsius since mankind started belching carbon gases into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels in the late 19th century.

Scientists have long told us that an increase of 1.5 degrees in global temperature represents the tipping point at which life as we know it becomes all but impossible. Almost all of today's living creatures, both in the oceans and on the land, will not survive if the Earth becomes that hot.

We already are seeing the dramatic and dire consequences of what happens at our present 1.1 C level: The polar ice sheets are melting, the permafrost areas in the Arctic Circle in Siberia are catching fire, epic floods are striking everywhere, massive superstorms threaten coastlines, out-of-control wildfires scorch vast swaths of forest acreage and pollute the air across hundreds of miles, coral reef bleaching is turning our oceans floors into dead zones, and heat waves are killing humans and animal life in every corner of the globe.

The U.N. report basically states that an increase to 1.3 Celsius already is baked (no pun intended) into the next 20 years or less, with every .10 increase adding exponentially to the damage. In other words, no matter what we do, things are going to get worse.

On the other hand, perhaps the only good news in the report is that the increase to 1.5 is not inevitable -- but that is ONLY if we adopt policies now and we put them into place starting today. The global economy cannot turn on the proverbial dime, but we can move incrementally over the next 20 years to eliminate the carbon footprint of each and every human being so that the 1.5 threshold is not breached.

The bottom line is that we are running out of time to save the planet and preserve civilization as we know it. Some might point to the high economic cost of changing our consumption of energy from fossil fuels to clean alternatives. And to be sure, that conversion will cost trillions of dollars over the next two decades.

But the costs of climate-related catastrophes -- in both economic and human terms -- soon will far outweigh whatever the price may be to convert to clean energy.

Unless we change our ways, there literally will be no place on Earth that will be safe to live. To paraphrase the great heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis, we can try to run from climate change, but there will be nowhere on our planet to hide.

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Dr. Glenn Mollette

Willingness to try and to learn new skills is imperative to navigating life. There is always more to learn.

Learning happens in school, through trial and error, personal research and time spent with others who already know what you need to learn.

You can learn a lot from listening to others. Listening is one of the greatest tools of financial and life security. If you will listen you will know what you know plus what you are hearing.

The ability to listen and focus in a class is essential for a student's success. Listening to your workplace boss, or someone who is training you is imperative. When someone is telling you how to do something you have potential to grow as a person. Someone is giving you knowledge that will provide you with the ability to perform a task.

A major detriment to the success of learning from teachers, mentors and trainers is distraction. Many people struggle with this problem naturally. Attention Deficit, Hyperactivity Disorder plagues millions of America's children and adults. Too often school children are never diagnosed and struggle all through school. Adults carry this problem with them in different ways for years and sometimes most of their lives. Understanding

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What life requires

that you, a family member or someone you work with has this problem at least gives you a better perspective. Diagnosis by a trained professional can be extremely helpful to the individual, family, teachers and those impacted in the workplace. Everyone has a chance of dealing with what they know.

New forms of distraction have come on the scene in recent years. Spam telephone calls seem to come at me ten or more times a day. Unwanted text messages, spam email and social media distraction bombard us. Too many times we have heard of auto accidents because someone was trying to read or send a text message while driving. Cars now have bigger screens, wi-fi, telephones, hundreds of radio stations. There's a lot to distract us.

While distraction is a major source of some of our problems, focus is the key to solving many of our problems. The problem with focus is that we can't focus on everything. Determining our priorities is essential and sometimes that's where life is diffi-

cult. Too often we have a list of many priorities. The only way to really accomplish and succeed is to determine what is most important and to put our energy and minds into making the "most important" successful.

Family, school, career, sports, business, hobbies and more provide us with many choices to make every day. You have to decide which is most important and put your heart and strength into it. Whatever it is will work out better.

Jesus understood this. He told his followers the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. That is focus. Focus is what anything worth doing normally requires.

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lege in August, 1971 – for a very brief stint. “I had a problem. I had my own car and I was partying. By the end of August, I realized I hadn’t even been to class. I told the basketball coach I’m going back home.”

Byrd hopped into his car for the long trip back to Lynn. When he stopped in Virginia, his mother called to tell him that “there was a guy that keeps calling you from Washington. I said, ‘please give me the number, I’m in Virginia. She said, ‘no this is Washington state,’ and I said to my mother to tell him that I’ll call when I get home.”

Byrd made the call and it was the head coach at Columbia Basin Junior College offering him a full ride in the basketball program.

Byrd and other out-of-state recruits turned the program around in a hurry. As a freshman forward, Byrd averaged a triple-double, 23 points a game, 14 rebounds, and 12 blocked shots – as Columbia went 29-2 and won the Northwest Junior College championship.

Byrd received scholarship offers, but declined them all and spent another year at Columbia in a gesture of loyalty to the coach.

“That’s when I buckled down and learned what it was all about,” said Byrd. “You hit the books, you play ball. We won the conference, and I received some more offers.”

Providence College, a powerhouse at that time with Ernie DiGregorio, Marvin Barnes, and Kevin Stacom, corresponded with Byrd about an opportunity to join the Friars’ program.

But Byrd returned to the state of Washington and played at Pacific Lutheran University, reuniting with three of his former Columbian Basin teammates. “I learned that we were the first Black players in the history of the school,” said Byrd.

He set records at Pacific Luth-

ern, where he averaged 25 points a game and made the NAIA All-American Team.

“We went to Alaska, Hawaii – I saw America playing basketball and getting an education,” said Byrd.

An NBA tryout with the Jazz

Byrd’s college basketball exploits earned him a tryout with the New Orleans Jazz.

“I was in training camp with [Pistol] Pete Maravich and I was one of the last guys to get cut,” said Byrd. “When I got back to Boston, Red Auerbach invited me to his office and the Celtics wanted me to go play pro ball in Europe. I decided to play with a Boston-based team called Blue Magic with guys like Bill Carrington (BC) and Steve Strothers (Providence). We made some good runs and had some fun.”

Taking a teaching post in the Lynn school system

After his dream of playing in the NBA fell just short, Byrd took a teaching position in the Lynn school system.

“I started teaching at the Washington Community School in 1975 and then I went over to Callahan Elementary,” said Byrd. “I left Callahan and went to Harrington and then to Ingalls. I stayed at Ingalls for 15 years and moved on to Marshall Middle School where I became the basketball coach.”

Byrd had tremendous success at Marshall, coaching such great, future high school players as Paul Becklens, Derek Coleman, Andre Robinson, the Rocker twins, and Calvin Johnson. “Everybody who came through my program made the varsity,” said Byrd, who once coached the Marshall Middle School and Lynn Classical freshman teams in the same season.

Another Byrd-inspired invention was an outdoor basketball exhibition game that was played

on the courts at the old Manning Bowl right before the Harry Aganis All-Star Football Game.

Helping young players develop their skills

Byrd has always taken pride in giving back to his community. Thirty years ago he began his association with the Lynn Summer Evening Youth Basketball League. Last Thursday, the king of the court was reigning over the playoff competition at the Marshall Middle School. The respect he commands from the elementary, middle, and high school-age players was real. He walked majestically through the gymnasium greeting families, giving out basketball tips to the

players, and ultimately presenting some beautiful trophies and T-shirts – with all the sponsors names on the back - to the players. The league, under the leadership of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lisa Nerich and Director Jeff Byrd, completed a successful season with 24 teams from East Lynn and West Lynn playing their games four nights a week at the Bowzer Complex (Breed) and Lynn English.

Byrd’s son, Jarell, who played college basketball at Wofford College and West Alabama, was on hand to referee the games and assist his father. Three-year-old Javian Byrd, son of Jarell and Geanni Byrd, stayed close to his grandfather in the stands.

Mayor Thomas McGee, on the eve of his 83-mile Pan-Mass ride for charity, came to the Marshall Middle School Thursday night to personally thank Mr. Byrd for his work in the community, especially with basketball players.

“I’m turning the fabulous 70 [years old] this month,” said Byrd, who is now leading a two-week Skills and Drills Basketball Program for boys and girls. “The players in Lynn enjoy basketball, they respect the game, and they have fun.”

And the good news is that Mr. Byrd will be back next summer helping Lynn players advance their skills and pursue their dreams of playing college basketball.

LYNN ROTARY CLUB ASSISTS SALVATION ARMY, WALMART IN DRIVE FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Lynn Rotary Club Assists the Salvation Army and Walmart in their drive for School Supplies.

Several Lynn Rotarians, as well as Assistant Governor Peter Majane, supported Lynn's Salvation Army Captain Kevin Johnson with its drive for school supplies for students returning to school in the fall. The annual campaign is known as Stuff the Bus! The drive was conducted August 6-8.

The Rotarians distributed flyers to people entering Walmarts in Lynn and Saugus asking if they could buy much needed schools supplies and donate them to the Salvation Army. There were bins at the store exit where they could place the items. In one three hour shift of distributing flyers, 6 large storage bins were full of donated supplies. The Rotarians were there for 4 three hour shifts and similar results were seen in all shifts. It helped that Walmart



Lynn Rotary Club President Ray Bastarache and Bill Reilly.



Lynn Rotarian Alex Sanchez.

had several aisle of supplies available, many at a discounted price. The donated supplies will be put in backpacks and distributed to school children later in August; it is an annual event the

children look forward to. If you were unable to donate supplies, you may contribute funds to the Salvation Army by mailing a check to 1 Franklin Street, Lynn Mass 01901

The Rotarians assisting in the distribution were: Pater Majane, Rotary District 7930 Assistant

Governor; Ray Bastarache, Lynn Rotary Club President; Alex Sanchez and Bill Reilly both members of the Lynn Club.

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than \$770 million since 1980. They've raised \$45 million so far this year. It's an amazing event that the organizers have put together."

Last year McGee dedicated his efforts to Debbie Plunkett, who was a close friend and classmate of his wife at Lynn Classical. Mrs. Plunkett died on Jan. 4, 2020, at the age of 54. "Debbie was my inspiration for last year's ride," said McGee.

The Mayor said that the underlying goal and ultimate challenge is "riding for a cure."

"One of the riders said to me on Saturday, 'Won't it be great when we're just all getting together to ride this ride and cancer has been cured. And I said, 'that's

a great statement to make'."

McGee added that when you participate in the race, "you can feel the power and the passion and what it means to people, some of whom have survived cancer or lost family members."

"It's a powerful experience," said McGee. "All of those stories and all of those challenges are part of what the ride is all about. When you're 50-60 miles into the race, you have to push yourself a bit, but there are people cheering for you along the route and you really appreciate what everyone is striving to accomplish. I'm just happy to be a small part of it and try to raise some dollars and make a difference for something that impacts all of us."



Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee approaches the finish line in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge.

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SIXTH ANNUAL BEACH WRESTLING LYNN SHORE SHOWDOWN

A bright warm day with a gentle ocean breeze was the setting for the 6th Annual Lynn Shore Showdown. This was a great time for parents, wrestlers, and fans to be together watching the competition along Nahant Bay shoreline.

“We are thrilled to be back for another year” said Organizer

Jared Nicholson. “This is beach wrestling at its best; it was coordinated with Beat the Streets of New England wrestling program. We have teams throughout the region competing today. This is a way to expose the sport to our Lynn youth.”

The Lynn Public Schools have middle school teams compet-

ing against other Lynn middle schools with the support from Beat the Streets of New England. A traveling varsity team is based at Lynn Tech that consists of

wrestlers from each high school competing in the Vocational Technical League.

Being a School Committee member, Jared believes this is a great opportunity to have this program in the city. It is another activity for the youth as he continued to say, “This is a great sport to learn discipline and team

work. It is low-cost to participate without additional space or equipment. I am happy to get this program off the ground, he said”

This wrestling program offers youth development skills. It helps students to find their way through school, their daily lives, and their social skills.



Open Competition Bracket – Silas Murray against Mayoral Candidate Jared Nicholson.



Heavy Weight Bracket – Vincent Domestico and Isaac Cayo.



High School Bracket – Michael Diorio challenges Brian Vanasse.



Fly-weight Bracket – Braydon Martin and Luke Donarum.



Beat the Street Wrestling Team - (F): Kyle McCarthy, Andrew McCarthy, Brian Montanez, Qwanell Santiago, and Parris Cooper; (B): Maurice Cooper, Israel Perez, Edmir Monterio, Imani Taxeras, Mike Diorio and Yazy Bido.



County Wrestling Club - (F): Lakeisha Sullivan, Alex Sanchez, David Ditto, Danny Hernandez; (B) Coach Eugene Monterio, Coach Chris Costa, Luis Buckman, Veronica Malette, Brian Venasse, Isaac Cayo, Yuleisy Galva, Coach Brandon Williams



Showdown and Beat the Street New England Staff – Coach Nikan Hodjat, CEO BTSNE Bior Gugni, Program Director Silas Murray, and Board Member Vincent Domestico; (B): Coaches and Trainers – James Silva, Michael Tavares, Jared Nicholson, Eliza Weinberger, Ezanna Molla, and Navid Hodjat.



Organizer Jared Nicholson with his wife, Katherine Rushfirth and son, Henry Nicholson.



Wrestlers and Staff stand together for the Lynn Shore Showdown matches.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE JOSE ENCARNACION CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Photos by Patrick Gecoya

A very exuberant crowd of supporters attended the kickoff campaign for Councilor-at-Large Candidate Jose Encarnacion at Trio's Mexican Restaurant. Entertainment was provided by Lynn's musicians Julio Bare and Shira Moss; a table of Mexican style appetizers was served.

The cheerful Jose Encarnacion graduated from UMass Boston with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics. He is a board member of the North Shore Latino Business Association and is employed by JetBlue Airways; he is an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and provides assistance to family businesses.

Jose has a lot of support around the city as he said, "I have a positive feeling about my campaign as I meet many constituents. My background is in Economics, and I want to see growth within the city."

He also believes in having city government become more transparent, especially with budgeting. Jose wants to develop Inclusionary Zoning to assist low-income families by establishing a 15 to 20 percent cap of new housing units for affordable living. Other platform issues of concern are Public Safety, Education, and Infrastructure.

According to Jose, "I have learned that nothing comes easy, but through hard work, dedication, and working together; I want to be the bridge to the people."



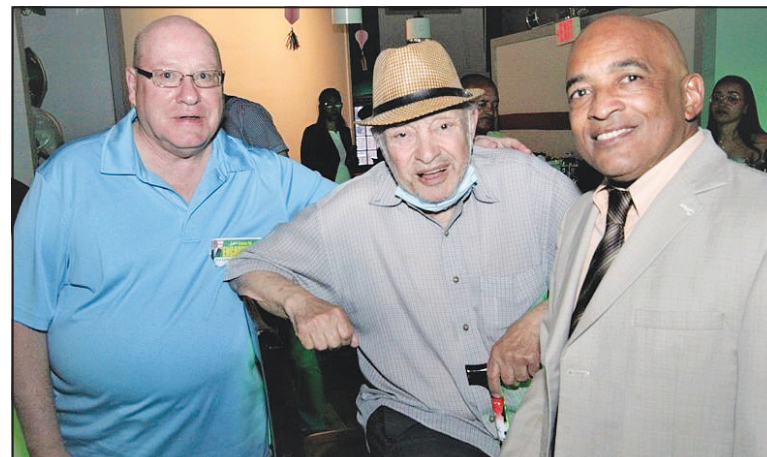
The Encarnacion Family - Candidate for Councilor-at-Large Jose with wife, Yessenia, sons, Thiago and Dassel Lugo.



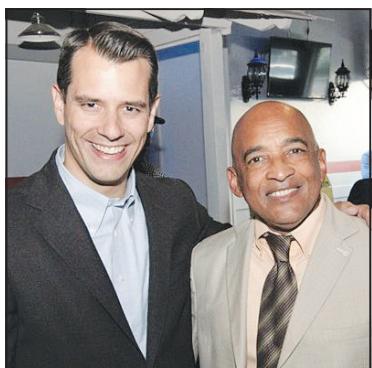
David Zeller, Jose Encarnacion, Estelle Revelotis, Mayoral Candidate Michael Satterwhite, and Lynn School Committee Candidate Lenny Pena.



Friends of Jose Encarnacion - Teresa Cid, Luz Lopez, and Juan Felipe.



Lynn residents Patrick Smith and Tony "Uncle Lou" Palmieri meet Jose Encarnacion.



Shown above, Mayoral Candidate Jared Nicholson and Councilor-at-Large Candidate Jose Encarnacion. Shown to the left, Councilor-at-Large Candidate Jose Encarnacion meets Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr.



Cousins, Nieces, and Nephews support Candidate Jose Encarnacion for Councilor-at-Large.



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SHOE CITY BASKETBALL CLASSIC

One can feel the electricity humming through the air as teams prepare to play in the 29th Annual Shoe City Basketball Classic at Marian Gardens. This three day tournament includes five divisions – two Grade School levels, High School, College, and Men’s Open Pro Division. Trophies and awards are presented after each championship game.

This Classic was initially organized in 1992 by Fred Hogan as he said, “This began with

four neighborhood teams playing against each other and to have fun. It gradually expanded to eight teams, then to sixteen teams, and soon with thirty-two teams which was known as the Hogan Classic. At this present time, fifty teams are playing in this tournament.”

For the last nine years Simmie Anderson took over as Tournament Director and according to Fred, “Simmie was able to continue the success of this tournament to showcase the best talent-

ed basketball players in Lynn.”

Eighty percent of the teams consist of Lynn residents while other players are from nearby communities. A packed courtside of fans enjoys watching players giving their hearts to play on the court of competition.

Tournament Staff member Matt Muolo has been watching this tournament for twelve years and stated, “This is a summer-time Lynn holiday and the fans and families are unbelievable how they support this Classic. It is a great time that brings Lynn together – All Lynn. This is the best tournament, and it is well known throughout the Greater Lynn region and beyond.”



Shoe City Classic Basketball Staff: Robert Nash, Director Simmie Anderson, Milton Santiago, and Matthew Muolo.



Court-side fans - George Markos, Former Lynn Soccer Coach Dave Babb, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, and Lights-Out Basketball Camp Director Rob Merryman.



Two teams meet at center court before the start of the Shoe City Classic Tournament.



Championship Middle School team received hats, T-shirts, new bicycles, and the trophy - Jalil Lawson, Jonathan White, Jalen Rogers, Jamir Crichlow, Coach Brian Diaz, Kingston Mills, Jayden Crichlow, Kayden Boutros, and Alijah Johnson.



High school players play with intensity: Defensive position against a penetrating point guard.



Men’s Open Pro Division – Players fighting for a rebound.

LYNN SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE SEASON A BIG SUCCESS

The Lynn Summer Evening Youth Basketball League completed its 2021 season with playoff championship games at the Marshall Middle School in the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School Divisions .

Lynn Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lisa Nerich and Summer League Director Jeff Byrd presented trophies and T-shirts to the championship and finalist teams in each division.



Mayor Thomas McGee leads the ceremonial jump-ball toss for the Middle School Division championship game as players Deshaun Rucker (left) and Xavier Muniz get in position at center court.



Mayor Thomas McGee, with Summer Basketball League leaders and officials, (front row, from left), Aneisha Brown, Nyasia Chalas, Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Nerich, and Geanni Byrd; (back row, from left) Jarell Byrd, Mason Jean-Baptiste, Kenny Turner, and League Director Jeff Byrd.



Members of the Elementary School Division finalist team sponsored by Councillor-at-Large Buzzy Barton.



The Middle School Division champions.



The Elementary School Division champions, sponsored by Lazy Dog.



The players on the High School Division playoff finalist teams.



Mayor Thomas McGee, with players on the Middle School Division finalist teams, Dan-dreo Brothers and Mennino Construction.

SALEM FIVE RECOGNIZES CAPITOL DINER

A joint networking fun event with Lynn's historic Capitol Diner along with North Shore Latino Business Association, and the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) at the North Shore Navigators' game hosted by Salem Five.

Salem Five VP Market Manager Joe Scianatico organized this social to honor Capitol Diner for the evening. "Capitol Diner has a long time history

servicing the community offering a variety of menu options. This event was to give recognition to businessman, Robert Fennel, for his charitable causes and being a fixture of the business community in Lynn."

"I am honored to be here this evening and very thankful for all the community support from the many patrons who come to the Capitol Diner each day", said Bobby Fennel.



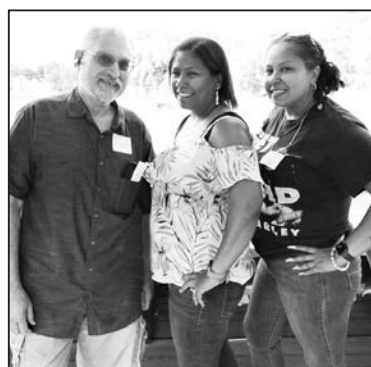
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Former US Congressional Aide Rosemary Sargent with her family Irma, Daisy, and Roberto Pena.



Fasaz Abussharkh with Ward 4 Candidate Atty. Natasha Megie-Maddrey with her sister, Priscilla Megie.



Columbia Insurance Agents John Olson and Christine Pierce with Capitol Diner CEO Robert Fennel and Salem Five Joe Scianatico.



Shoe City Lions Donna Hartshorn and Bob Harshorn of Wyoma Lions meet Yves Mathis and Fritz Mathis of Visionary Marketing Group of Lynn.



Regional VP Scott Brogan and Jim Fauci of Lynn Primerica with Jonas Sison of Aura Dental Center of Lynn.



Salem Five host Joe Scianatico greets GLCC Colin Codner and Atty. Eddy Staco.



Lou Schirripa of Lynn Techevolutions Website and Estelle Revelotis with Salem Five Miosotty Brogan and VP Marketing Manager Joe Scianatico.



North Shore Latino Business Association Executive Director Francis Martinez and her members with Salem Five Joe Scianatico and Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard.

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PRO BOXER TODD GREET'S SATTERWHITE

Professional Boxer and Lynn native Khiry Todd greets Mayoral Candidate Michael Satterwhite at the Shoe City Basketball Classic. Both have been long-time friends as Michael commented, "He is a fighter. When Khiry got into boxing he really set his course; he is determined and he works hard at his craft."

Khiry just finished a match at the MGM Springfield. Being away from boxing for a year, this was his first professional bout since returning to the ring. He trained very hard for this match by maintaining regular workout sessions at the Lynn YMCA and trains in Everett. The fight lasted for one minute and sixteen seconds of the first round as Khiry scored a KO.

Khiry became interested in boxing around age 12 when his uncle took him to the gym. From that moment, he really became hooked with the sport. It has taught Khiry about respect, discipline, and being humble as he said, "Anything can happen in



Michael Satterwhite and Khiry Todd.

boxing; you cannot get above yourself." His next fight in the ring will be on September 25th.

More information can be located at CES Fight - Classic Entertainment and Sports website.



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Moulton announces \$208 million Army contract for GE engines built in Lynn

Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA) announced that the Army has awarded General Electric Aviation a \$208,162,355 contract to overhaul the T700 engine. The majority of the work that this contract funds will happen in Lynn.

The T700 engine powers several military helicopters, including the H-60 Black Hawk and the AH-64 Longbow Apache. The Army contract will fund an overhaul of the engine's cold section

module, the piece that provides clean air to the rest of the engine.

"When I was in Iraq, few things were more comforting than hearing a Black Hawk or Apache overhead. I didn't know at the time that the engines I heard were built a few miles from where I grew up. Lynn had my back then, and I'm proud to continue going to bat for them now," Moulton said. "This work isn't just about jobs—though it will support good jobs in Lynn—

it is about our national security, and continuing to hold the upper hand on the battlefield."

"GE is proud to continue its support of the Army's T700 engine fleet through this overhaul contract," said Harry Nahatis, Vice President and General Manager of GE Turbohaft Engines. "With more than 100 million engine flight hours, the T700 engine continues to prove its mettle and reliability for over four decades of Army service."

According to GE, the more than 20,000 T700 engines that have been produced over the last four decades have surpassed more than 100 million flight hours.

Moulton is a member of the Armed Services Committee, which writes the National Defense Authorization Act, the legislation Congress uses to fund the Pentagon, which distributes the government contracts that funds this work.

This is the latest in a series of contracts that GE Lynn has been awarded during Moulton's tenure in Congress. In February 2019, for example, Moulton helped secure a \$517,375,800 contract for the Improved Turbine Engine Program. This followed a contract for work on more than 2,000 helicopters that Moulton helped secure in 2016.

Massachusetts FY21 revenue collections total \$34.137 billion

Staff Report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary June 2021 revenue collections total \$3.687 billion as of August 3, 2021, which is \$1.11 billion or 43.1 percent more than benchmark, but \$1.139 billion or 23.6 percent less than the actual collections in June 2020.

However, June 2020 actual collections were impacted by the extension of the Fiscal Year 2020 personal income tax filing deadline from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. In addition, personal income tax collections received after the close of Fiscal Year 2020 were recorded as June 2020 revenue.

Revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2021 were \$34.137 billion, \$5.047 billion or 17.3% above benchmark and \$4.528 billion or 15.3 percent over the actual amount collected in Fiscal Year 2020. Some year-end adjustments will be made to Fiscal Year 2021 revenue collections in August.

"Fiscal Year 2021 revenue collections reflect the impact of the ongoing economic recovery, federal fiscal and monetary policies, and the financial markets' performance", said Commissioner Snyder.

Historically, June is a significant month for revenues, because both individual and business taxpayers make estimated payments during the month. In most years, the month of June has ranked second (behind only April) in the proportion of annual revenue received during the month.

In a letter to the State Comptroller last week, DOR certified that the preliminary total capital gains tax revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2021 was \$2,532.6 million, generating a total Fiscal Year 2021 transfer of approximately \$1,220.2 million to the Stabiliza-

tion Fund, the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund as follows under Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws:

- 90% (~\$1,098.1 million) into the Stabilization Fund;
- 5% (~\$61.0 million) into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund; and
- 5% (~\$61.0 million) into the Pension Liability Fund.

Based on the Period 3 certification letter issued by DOR on June 22, 2021, the Comptroller has already transferred \$946.5 million to the aforementioned funds. Therefore, today's certification letter requires additional transfers of approximately \$273.7 million.

Preliminary June Revenue Collections

- Income tax collections for June are \$1.828 billion, \$386 million or 26.7% above benchmark, but \$1.8 billion or 49.6% less than June 2020. The decline from June 2020 was expected, as mentioned above.

- Withholding tax collections for June total \$1.199 billion, \$93 million or 8.4% above benchmark, and \$105 million or 9.6% more than June 2020.

- Income tax estimated payments total \$622 million for June, \$288 million or 86.3% more than benchmark, and \$25 million or 4.2% more than June 2020.

- Income tax returns and bills total \$91 million for June, \$46 million or 99.7% more than benchmark, but \$2.136 billion or 95.9% less than June 2020.

- Income tax cash refunds in June total \$84 million in outflows, \$41 million or 94.6% more than benchmark, but \$206 million or 70.9% less than June 2020.

- Sales and use tax collections for June total \$785 million, \$234 million or 42.4% above benchmark, and \$201 million or 34.5% more than June 2020.

- Corporate and business tax

collections for June total \$794 million, \$353 million or 80% above benchmark, and \$344 million or 76.7% more than June 2020.

- Other tax collections for June total \$280 million, \$138 million or 96.5% above benchmark, and \$114 million or 69% more than June 2020.

Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue Collections

- Income tax collections of \$19.593 billion are \$2.913 billion or 17.5% above benchmark, and \$2.232 billion or 12.9% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

- Withholding collections total \$14.719 billion, \$688 million or 4.9% above benchmark, and \$983 million or 7.2% more than Fiscal Year 2020. Favorable withholding collections are due in part to much improved labor market conditions and the impact of federal COVID-19 relief legislation.

- Estimated payments of \$2.942 billion are \$729 million or 33% above benchmark, and \$592 million or 25.2% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

- Income tax payments with returns and bills total \$3.659 billion, \$1.347 billion or 58.3% above benchmark, and \$609 million or 19.9% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

- Income tax refunds (outflows) are \$1.727 billion, \$149 million or 7.9% below benchmark, and \$49 million or 2.7% less than Fiscal Year 2020.

- The favorable performance of non-withholding income tax collections, which are the total of income tax payments with returns and bills and income tax estimated payments, net of income tax refunds, in part reflects the financial markets' performance.

- Sales and use tax collections of \$7.834 billion are \$660 million or 9.2% above benchmark, and \$1.023 billion or 15.0% more than Fiscal Year 2020. Sales tax collec-

tions are driven by both on-line sales and brick and mortar sales, as well as the implementation of rules requiring advanced sales tax payments.

- Breaking down sales and use tax collections for Fiscal Year 2021:

- Regular Sales collections are \$5.832 billion, \$341 million or 6.2% above benchmark, and \$927 million or 18.9% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

- Meals tax collections are \$948 billion, \$120 million or 14.6% above benchmark, and \$130 million or 12% less than Fiscal Year 2020.

- Motor vehicles sales tax col-

lections are \$1.054 million, \$198 million or 23.2% above benchmark, and \$226 million or 27.3% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

- Corporate and business tax collections total \$4.116 billion, \$892 million or 27.7% above benchmark, and \$1.192 billion or 40.8% more than Fiscal Year 2020. Favorable corporate and business tax collections reflect the impact of the economic recovery and federal fiscal and monetary policies.

- Other taxes are \$2.594 billion, \$582 million or 28.9% above benchmark, and \$80 million or 3.2% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

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Lynn Community selects Mt. Vernon Street Plaza Public Art

The votes are in, and the Lynn community has chosen Kevin Orlosky's Laces of Lynn as the city's newest public art installation, Mayor Thomas M. McGee announced.

Orlosky's proposal was one of five final concepts for the "Lynn-stallation," a piece of public art to be installed at the Mt. Vernon Street Plaza.

The colorful sculpture draws inspiration from Lynn's history as a shoe mecca. Interwoven metal pieces in the shape of shoelaces will include words that Lynn community members submit to describe themselves.

"I'm very excited and honored to be selected for Lynnstallation," said Orlosky. "Community engagement is at the heart of my work and I believe it is important for public art to represent the entire community. I am really looking forward to meeting all the different people and learning about unique details that make Lynn a great place to live."

The City of Lynn, Downtown Lynn Cultural District, Lynn Public Arts Commission and Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) worked together to commission the piece after identifying a need to mark the cultural district's gateways, engage local residents more directly in the public art process and draw visitors to downtown Lynn.

A series of workshops with

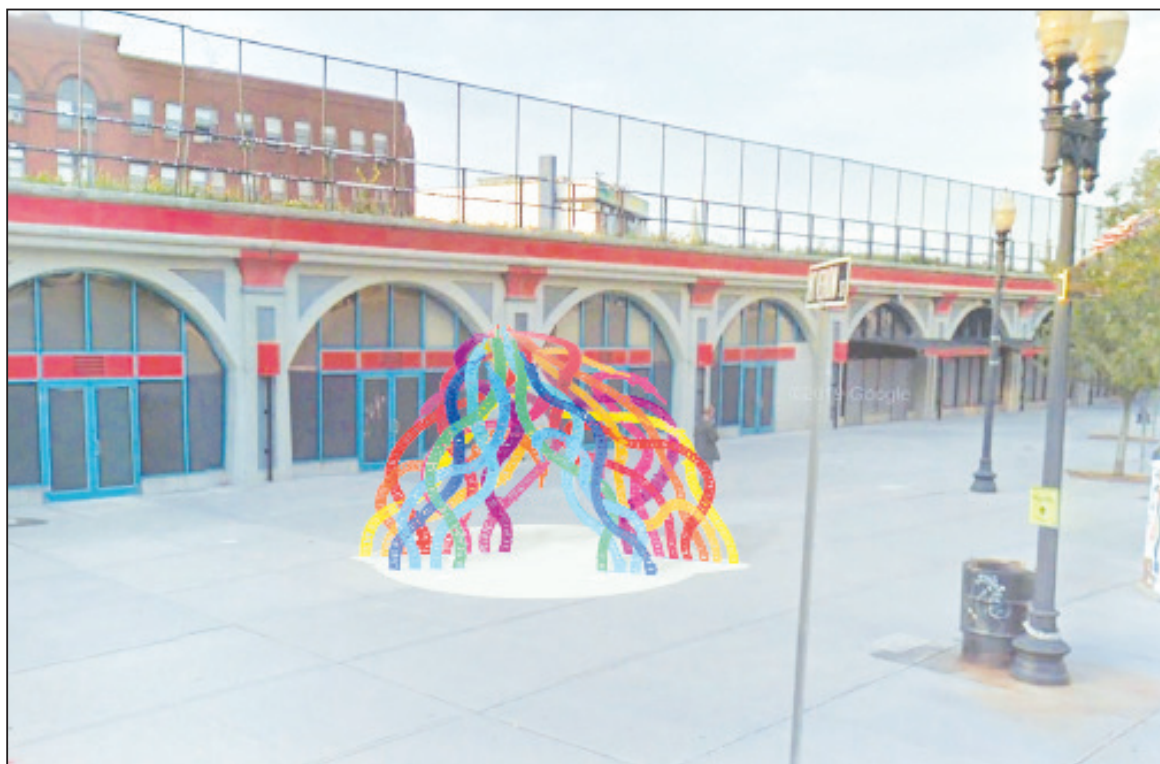
community members in 2019 helped shape a call for artists, which received almost four dozen responses in 2020. Five artists received grants to develop their concepts fully and present them at a June 24 community meeting.

Over 200 residents weighed in on the five concepts, with about 30 percent voting for Laces of Lynn.

On Tuesday, August 3, the Lynn Public Arts Commission affirmed the public's vote.

"I think the community made a terrific selection with Laces of Lynn and I'm looking forward to seeing it installed," said Mayor Tom McGee. "This piece relates to an important part of Lynn history, but also provides a tangible way for Lynnners to get involved in the design of the art. As we saw with the Black Lives Matter mural on Essex Street, these projects are all the more powerful when the community can participate directly."

As part of his project proposal, Orlosky created a robust community engagement plan. In the coming months, he plans to hold 10 to 20 guided workshops in partnership with local businesses, nonprofits, community organizations and the general public. During these workshops, Orlosky will ask attendees to submit words – in any language – to describe themselves. These phrases will be included in the



Kevin Orlosky's 'Laces of Lynn' chosen as signature art piece near Central Square station.

final sculpture.

Orlosky will also coordinate an in-depth partnership with RAW Art Works, and plans to work with 100 young artists to help them design their own pieces of public art. These designs will be exhibited as the Laces of Lynn unveiling.

MAPC's Arts and Culture Department lead 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.

"Public art can draw people in, make people think, and bring people together – I hope Laces of Lynn will do that and more," said Marc Draisen, MAPC's Executive Director. "MAPC is proud to have coordinated the selection process for this unique piece and

help grow Lynn's capacity to solicit community-driven public art in the future."

This project is funded by the Department of Community Development in the City of Lynn, as well as in-kind support from MAPC. To learn more about opportunities to work with design of Laces of Lynn and read the proposal in full, visit: <https://lynnincommon.com/lynnstallation>.

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