

THE LYNN JOURNAL

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LYNN POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



City Councilors, Mayor, School Committee, School Administrators recognized the poster contest winners.

City wide poster contest for Grade 2 winners were honored at the Lynn Council Chamber. Councilor-at-Large Brian Field and Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis co-chaired the program to Keep Our City Clean.

This poster contest was run throughout the city with all public and private schools involved. The winner posters will be distributed to store front businesses for display to honor the winners. City wide winner, Kelly DeLeon of Cobbet Elementary, will have her picture with her poster displayed on a billboard on Boston Street for one month.

Each winner received a City Citation from the Mayor and a Council Citation signed by each Councilor. "The city deserves to have clean streets, sidewalks, and parks. These posters will get the message out and we are counting on the Second Graders to bring the message back to their families; it is important to have clean spaces in our city for everyone to enjoy." stated Mayor Nicholson.



Mayor Jared Nicholson, Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis, and Councilor-at-Large Brian Field congratulated Kelly De Leon as the city-wide contest winner.

Lynn Commuter Rail Station to temporarily close July 25

Special to the Journal

Lynn Commuter Rail station on the Newburyport/Rockport Line will temporarily close on July 25, 2022, to allow the MBTA's Capital Delivery and Operations teams to perform important work as part of the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project. The MBTA will also host a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, to discuss the work to be accomplished and details of the station closure. Details regarding the public meeting will be posted at mbta.com/events this week.

"I want to thank our Lynn riders for their understanding while we accomplish these upgrades at the station, and the Lynn community for their patience as we make these critical investments," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "We'll be taking full advantage of this station closure by also making many upgrades and improvements at Lynn, like new elevators for improved accessibility and a new platform for better passenger flow."

During the station closure, riders are instead encouraged to utilize Bus Routes 441/442 and 455 from Lynn to connect to Wonderland station for continued Blue Line subway service into Boston, and those who typically purchase a monthly Commuter Rail pass are instead encouraged to purchase a Monthly LinkPass for buses and subways. Riders should note that bus schedules are adjusted quarterly by season,

and can check mbta.com for the latest bus schedules. While buses will continue to operate at the station during the closure, bus stop areas may be moved to accommodate construction. Riders are encouraged to check mbta.com/Alerts for full information on service alternatives. Swampscott station may also be used as an alternative, which is approximately 1.5 miles (or a 5-minute drive) from Lynn station, but riders should note that Swampscott is a Zone 3 station.

As part of these critical investments and to address the progressing deterioration, the parking garage at Lynn station will be demolished. The parking garage will remain open until spring 2023 when work on the garage will commence. The MBTA is currently in the process of identifying temporary alternative parking options while work on the garage takes place beginning next spring, and will share more details as they are confirmed.

The total budget for the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project is \$74,265,055 with \$72,519,591 allocated in the MBTA's FY23-27 Capital Investment Plan. Originally scheduled to begin in spring 2023, the Lynn Commuter Rail station closure is being advanced to July 25 to address concerns about deteriorating conditions of the station and associated infrastructure, and to accelerate the station rehabilitation project.

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Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Peabody closing in September

This summer will be the perfect time to get incredible deals on new and gently used furniture, home goods and fixtures at Habitat for Humanity's Peabody ReStore.

As great a service as it provides to the community, the ReStore's purpose is to generate revenue to contribute to building affordable homes. With greatly increasing overhead costs, it has become apparent that the store will not be able to continue to provide that revenue to the mission of Essex County Habitat for Humanity.

The Peabody ReStore will be closing its doors on Saturday, September 3 and the team will be working hard until then to sell all of their merchandise through various storewide discounts.

Essex County Habitat's Executive Director Meegan O'Neil explains, "By consolidating our

ReStore operations into one location at the Lawrence store, we will be able to continue to generate the funds needed to build affordable housing throughout Essex County."

North Shore area shoppers and donors will continue to be served by Essex County Habitat at their Lawrence ReStore located at 647 Andover Street - just 3 minutes off of Rte 93 (take exit 42/River Road Andover). They will also continue to pick up donations on the North Shore - to request a pickup or donation drop off, visit <https://www.essexcountyhabitat.org/shop/donate/>. Lawrence ReStore hours are 10am - 5pm, Tuesday - Saturday.

Essex County Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit builder of affordable homes. Established in 2020, following a merger between Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity and North

Shore Habitat for Humanity, they serve families across all of Essex County. As the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, the largest nonprofit homebuilder in the world with a network of over 2,100 branches, Essex County Habitat builds decent, safe, and affordable homes in partnership with the families who need them. Each partner family works alongside volunteers to build their home. The affiliate has delivered on their mission for over 150 families to date.

To help fund their work, Essex County Habitat operates a ReStore, located in Lawrence, where they sell quality new and previously owned furniture, appliances, building materials, and homegoods at greatly reduced prices. To donate, volunteer, or learn more, please visit [Essex-CountyHabitat.org](https://www.essexcountyhabitat.org).

My Brother's Table to hold calendar raffle fundraiser

My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen (MBT), located in Lynn, MA, will hold a raffle with a winner every day throughout September, plus a special bonus raffle prize on Oct. 1.

Prizes include Red Sox and Celtics tickets, restaurant gift cards, theater tickets, and more! Total prizes valued over \$5,000. Each ticket purchased has 30 chances to win. Every day in September, a name will be drawn, and that lucky person wins that day's prize. Winning tickets are reentered into the raffle, and are eligible to win again!

Raffle tickets are priced at \$30 for one, \$50 for two, \$100 for five, \$250 for fifteen, and \$500 for thirty-five. Donors who purchase tickets at the \$100 level and above will also be entered into a special bonus raffle to win

\$500 in scratch tickets. Winners will be notified via email and announced daily on the My Brother's Table website and social media platforms.

Tickets are on sale now! Get yours before the first drawing on September 1. To purchase tickets online, please visit www.mybrotherstable.org/raffle. To purchase tickets by cash or check, please mail to 98 Willow Street, Lynn MA 01901 and include your contact information in the memo line.

Winners will be notified via email.

Community and Friend Sponsors of the raffle include: Eastern Bank, Institution For Savings Bank, Techno-Tax Inc., Lynn Community Health Center, Mass General Brigham/Salem Hospital, MG+M The Law Firm, and Salem Five Bank.

My Brother's Table turns 40!

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ect. The closure will allow the MBTA to expedite existing conditions surveys, design activities, and to advance early demolition work. The new Lynn station will include a new high-level center-island platform and canopy; accessibility upgrades, including new ADA-compliant elevators at both ends of the platform; new stairs and ramp, signage, and wayfinding improvements; track improvements; and other

associated infrastructure improvements. When complete, the station's upgraded structure will improve safety, accessibility, and the customer experience.

The project is currently at 75% design. The specific length of time for the station closure will be determined when the design is fully complete, and the MBTA will communicate these details to riders as they become available.

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MAGWOOD NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Kayla Magwood of Lynn has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for earning Highest Honors for the spring 2022 semester. Magwood is majoring in Business Accounting.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

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tive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

COLLINS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Cormac Collins of Lynn has been named to the Dean's List for the 2022 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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REAL Program will receive Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award at Aug. 31 event

Special to the Journal

The Celebrate Literacy Day Planning Committee is proud to announce that this year's Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award recipient is The REAL Program

The planning committee is excited to raise funds and create awareness about the work they do at The REAL Program, which is led by Executive Director Jan Plourde.

Celebrate Literacy Day was founded to create awareness about literacy and higher educa-

tion while highlighting the important work of local grassroots nonprofit organizations and community leaders in Lynn.

The planning committee is made up of community leaders who come together as volunteers to select a local nonprofit and two community leaders that will be recognized honored with awards on Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m. at the Lynn Museum. These honorees demonstrate excellence in literacy leadership by going above and beyond to elevate, improve, promote, and increase access to literacy and

higher education opportunities for members of the community.

This year the committee celebrates 11 years of raising unrestricted funds for local not-for-profit organizations.

The recipients of the Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award recipients will be announced soon as well as the newly added recognition, the Untold Story Award – this award recognizes an individual that is making advancement in literacy leadership by thinking outside the box when educating our community.



Members of the Celebrate Literacy Planning Committee are pictured at the announcement ceremony for the Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award. From left, are Diana Moreno, Gina O'Toole, Wendy Joseph, Saritin Rizzuto, Danielle Sonia, Natasha Megie-Maddrey, and Mikki Wilson.



The REAL Program in Lynn has been named as the recipient of the Excellence in Literacy Award. Pictured above are Executive Director Jan Plourde (second from right), with (from left) REAL ESL Lead Teachers Raisa Ferraras and Mary Klug, and Bea Wong.



Concert Updates:



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EDITORIAL

SUMMER IS HALF OVER -- MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT'S LEFT

We realize that most of the kids have been out of school for only a few weeks, but in terms of what we think of as the full summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day, this coming weekend will mark the midpoint of the Summer of '22.

Thus far we have been blessed with generally perfect weather -- dry, with lots of sun; warm, but not too hot -- for outdoor activities of every kind.

Admittedly, for those among us who crave the heat and humidity (which is how we liked it when we were younger), the weather has been a bit on the cool side. But the flip part to that is that our electric bills have been low because we rarely have needed to use the air conditioning.

Those of us who are fortunate to live along the coast have been able to keep our windows open at night to bring in the cool sea breezes, which have been more prevalent this year than usual, to fill our homes.

In addition, the above-normal ocean temperature -- we noticed the warmer temps in the middle of May -- have allowed for the sort of refreshing dip for which we typically have to wait until late July and August.

Compared to much of the rest of the country, which has seen extreme weather with record-setting heat domes, wildfires, drought, and powerful winds, our corner of the world here in the Northeast has been idyllic.

But we know that Mother Nature is unpredictable and that in the end, things always even out, so to speak.

So we urge our readers to make the most of the second half of the Summer of '22 with our family, friends, and loved ones and to create memories that will last a lifetime.

The nice thing about summer is that in our experience, we've found the most memorable moments often are the simplest, such as getting an ice cream with the kids or just spending a day at the beach or going to a big summer movie, whether with the family or a date.

We will leave with these words from the song by the great Nat King Cole from the early 1960s that captures what summertime is all about:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here

GUEST OP-ED

Airline travel woes, flying is frustrating

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Airline travelers have experienced frustration since the 2021 holidays as covered by national news. Travel delays and even trip cancellations have been aggravating experiences for travelers. If you only have a weekend and your trip includes a flight on Friday and a return flight on Sunday you are chancing a lost weekend. Being delayed from Friday to Saturday is surely to sour your trip.

My wife and I have flown a few times and it seems as if there is a new devil at every level. Last Spring, we hoped for a few days in Florida. We booked our flight from Indiana to change planes in Atlanta before going on to Florida. We checked our luggage and had minimum provisions in our backpacks. We arrived in Atlanta on a Saturday afternoon only to learn that our plane on to Florida was cancelled because of weather. We also heard from fellow disgruntled travelers and a TSA agent that the cancellation was really due to problems with air traffic controllers. We also heard that Delta was very short-staffed. After standing in line at a ticket counter for two hours I was told the next available flight was two nights later at 7PM. We were advised that our luggage was already on another plane to our destination.

We had no choice but to find a hotel room. Thousands of other flights were delayed or had been cancelled that day. Hotel rooms were not easy to find. We finally found one. We were forced to get a taxi and stay two nights in Atlanta with minimal provisions. Needless to say, it was an extra unplanned expense.

When we finally arrived in Florida, I knew we were good on transportation. I had paid in advance for a rental car. We got the car pretty fast. However, I wasn't told that our upfront payment was forfeited because we didn't pick up the car within a 24-hour time frame of the reservation date. I didn't realize I was paying a second time until I reviewed my bank statement later. Since I had paid for the car up front, I did not think that Budget would care if we were delayed. I thought wrong. According to Budget you have to let them know within 24 hours if your plans change. I learned something new. Education is always expensive. I disputed the charge but my bank stood with Budget.

All in all, my wife and I had a good time in Ft. Myer's Beach, Florida. Except, flying was miserable that time around. Delta Airlines made no offers to compensate us with any new or free tickets. They felt no obligation to cover any of the additional expenses we incurred

in Atlanta. Budget Rent A Car made double money for an old Camry they rented me. The car was a take it or leave it. They said it was all they had available when I arrived.

Are there any answers? Sure. Stay home. Or, try to find flights that are direct if possible. This seems harder and harder. Buy a small suitcase that fits the legal carry-on dimensions. Then you will have your bag with you. If you can handle your trip without a rental car, you might be happier. Sometimes this is impossible but not always. We recently traveled to Baltimore and stuck with Taxis. We saved quite a bit because we didn't pay for a rental car and we didn't have to pay parking fees at the hotel.

I don't like to fly in storms. I do want the airlines to make my safety a priority. I would rather arrive late than never. Just be aware that in the age we currently live in flying can be frustrating.

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LETTER to the Editor

TAX REBATE PROPOSAL MISSES THE MARK

To the Editor,

The Massachusetts Legislature's proposal to send \$250-\$500 checks to a particular income range (38-150k) is economically misguided and fails to meet the moment.

Under this proposal:

-A widowed mother of two kids making \$30,000 a year in the service industry gets \$0... but a dual-income, no kids married couple in their late

20s making \$135,000 a year gets \$500. (Why???)

-With a historic opportunity to invest in things we've long ignored, like our transportation system, crumbling public housing and a lack of affordable housing generally, a lack of affordable childcare, and our public higher education system that keeps increasing tuition on MA residents --- \$500 million will be sent out, without a penny going to the most needy, in a short-term way that will not make a last-

ing impact.

-During a period of inflation, money is given to the income range most likely to spend it on supply-constrained goods and services, thus making inflation worse.

I 100% get trying to help families facing the crunch of inflation right now, but a short-term cash infusion increases demand, which increases inflation... what would actually fight inflation would

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THE MUTT SOCIETY ROLLS INTO LYNN

Nothing like seeing a smile and the excitement of a child receiving a new bicycle and to have the freedom of owning your own bike. “The Mutt Society members are passionate riders using bicycles to empower and elevate communities around the world,” said Co-founder Trent Sanders.

Pathways Adult Education Center in Lynn teamed up with Mutt Society to deliver 100 bicycles to children of Lynn. “100 Kids on Bikes” were delivered by the Mutt Society to graduating parents from the Pathways program for their children.

The nonprofit organization, Mutt Society, has an annual bike drive to provide bicycles to local communities to help youth needing support. Used bicycles are refurbished like new by the Mutt Society as well as having new bikes available. Pathways selects bikes according to age, size, and gender for a youth to have. For more information: www.muttsociety.org.

The “100 Kids on Bikes” ini-

tiative was in memory Anthony J. Monteiro. Tony was a proud Air Force Veteran, outdoorsman, and a passionate bicyclist. His family wanted to create an annual event to make someone happy with joy to receive a bike in Tony’s memory.

Getting this initiative to proceed was Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan. Pathways reached out to Councilor Hogan to bring the two organizations together as he said, “I was a 100 percent for this initiative; I helped them obtain permits to get this event off the ground. This is an amazing opportunity to help low-income families. The Pathways staff works extremely hard each day helping adults to obtain an education. Pathways is a successful program; this is a great way to give something to their children in appreciation of the student’s hard work. This is a wonderful community service project for the youth, the organization, and the City of Lynn.”



Mivlande with her daughter, Mattika with her new bicycle.



New bicycles for Kaitlyn with a Huff, Osmar with a Genesis with a proud mother, Maria

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be increasing the supply of things that are driving cost of living up - like housing and childcare.

If the Legislature feels the best use of the state’s surplus is tax cuts rather than investing it in public goods, then let’s do actual tax cuts that are permanent and promote long-run economic growth.

The state could increase the earned-income tax credit or the child tax credit, cut the sales tax, reduce filing fees and licensing fees on small businesses, or marginally reduce business taxation in general on small businesses... all kinds of things that have a long-term impact, rather than a sugar high that is only appropriate in a time of urgent need for short-run economic growth, which is not the situation we are in right now, as

any economist left, right or center would attest to.

I disagree with Governor Baker’s proposed suite of long-term tax reductions, many of which would predominantly help upper-income earners, but at least there’s a logic to them, in terms of promoting the state’s economic competitiveness in the long-term.

This proposal is deeply unserious, short-term thinking, which wildly misses the opportunity we have to make investments in the state’s future -- all to try to conveniently time checks around election time, even though more than half of the Legislature doesn’t even have an opponent. For the sake of thinking long term about MA’s future, I hope it is sunk.

Joe Gravellese



Pathways and Mutt Society committee – Co-Founder MS Andrew Wallace, Pathways Josh Shephard, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Co-Founder MS Trent Sanders, and Pathways & MS Tania Lillak



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GANNON JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC OPENING DAY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Gannon Municipal Golf Course began its annual Junior Golf Clinic Monday.

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champion Tara Johnson Friedman, provided instruction to the young golfers.

The weekly clinic will continue each Monday at 8 a.m. through Aug. 1.



Former Winthrop High School Principal Gail Conlon and her grandson, Patrick Conlon, at opening day of the Gannon Junior Golf Clinic.



Ron Young, one of the instructors, with his grandson, Justin Young, at the Gannon Junior Golf Clinic.



Deena Solimine and her mother, Mary Cole, with junior golfers Annalee Lubrano, Emma Hoffman, Briella Amaru, Nora Thorn, and Bella Nicossia, on opening day of the Gannon Junior Golf Clinic.



Stefanos Kotsakis and Melina Kotsakis are ready for opening day of the Gannon Junior Golf Clinic.



Laura Doherty, with her sons, Kelan Doherty and Porter Doherty, at Gannon Municipal Golf Course in Lynn for the Junior Golf Clinic.



Shannon Conlon (right) with Jakob Painchaud (left) and Bear Conlon (center) on opening day of the Gannon junior golf clinic.

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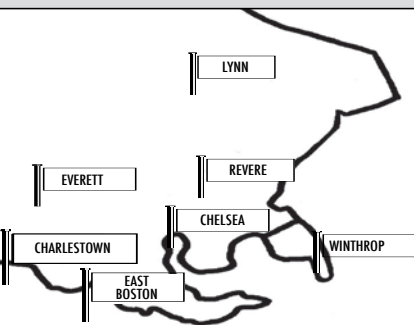
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WALK AGAINST DRUGS



Local officials "Say No to Drugs" – School Committee Eric Dugas, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, Organizer and School Committee Lenny Pena, DPW Asst. Commissioner Lisa Nerich, and Sean Reid from Senator Crighton's office

ed at the Lynn YMCA with over 100 walkers participating. Honoree speakers discussed the ills of drug abuse. Information and resources were available to the

public. A collaborative effort of local officials and business sponsorships helped bring this program together.

The Walk against Drugs is to bring awareness to the public about the danger of how drugs can hurt someone's well-being. This walk to "Say No to Drugs" is to help someone never to walk alone.

School Committee Lenny Pena who organized this walk against drugs such as, Fentanyl, Heroin, Cocaine, and Crack said, "This is a movement to bring awareness and prevention to the City of Lynn. The purpose of this walk is to take away the stigma of once an addict is always an addict and give hope; a person who receives proper support and uses the available resources can recover and can become a productive citizen of society."

A non-profit organization was established, "Lynn against Drug abuse" that will offer outreach programs, recovery walks, and community resources. A website will be constructed soon to provide necessary tools needed for someone facing an addiction.

The inaugural walk began at High Rock Tower and concluded



Supporters walk against drug from High Rock Tower to the YMCA.

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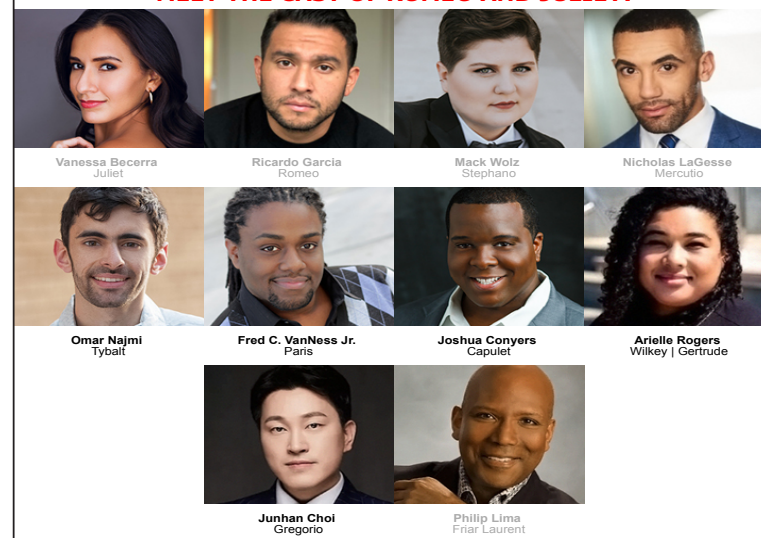
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