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Rock painting with Sydney Field, Jacquelyn Ramirez, and Asst. Commissioner Lisa Nerich of Parks and Recreation showed Mayor Jared Nicholson and his son, Henry, with Brendon, and Emily during the family-friendly Lynnside Out. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

Family, friends honor Vinny Lozzi on his retirement from Stacey’s Home Decor

By Cary Shuman

The speaking program was simply beautiful at the retirement party for Vinny Lozzi.

To reflect on Mr. Lozzi’s 52 years of working and five glorious decades of working at Stacey’s Home Décor and include all that mutual love and respect from his children, grandchildren, colleagues, and friends, in just 15 heartwarming minutes was, emotional and impactful, for those in attendance.

Mayor Jared Nicholson and State Rep. Peter Capano, on behalf of Lynn’s state delegation, each presented citations to Mr. Lozzi in recognition of his outstanding career as a business owner and wishing him a happy retirement.

Tony Lozzi, who has succeeded his dad as the leader of Stacey’s Home Décor, began the pro-

gram by thanking his family and friends for attending the party and helping plan the celebration.

“To my dad, the most amazing person in my world,” said Tony. “Just taking over the business

six months ago – really, I have learned everything I’ve known about the business through my dad. The guy’s an artist. He was

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Lynn voters go to the polls for State Primary Tuesday

By Cary Shuman

Lynn voters will head to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 6 for the State Primary Election, with some hotly contested races highlighting the day.

City Clerk Janet Rowe said that there are 56,736 registered voters in the city and her office has received almost 4,000 mail-in ballots from voters. A total of 167 voters have cast their ballots in the early-voting phase that closes Friday.

“We’re at about 10 percent turnout right now,” Rowe said Tuesday. “Four years ago in the state primary, we had a 15 percent turnout (8,077 voters).”

The race to succeed Jonathan Blodgett as Essex County District Attorney should bring out the vote as both candidates – former Lynn resident James O’Shea and current state representative Paul Tucker of Salem - have been campaigning hard for the position.

Former Lynn Police Chief and current Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger is being chal-

lenged by Virginia Leigh for the Democratic nomination for the position. There is no Republican candidate in the primary.

Members of Lynn’s state delegation - State Sen. Brendan Crighton, State Rep. Dan Cahill, State Rep. Peter Capano, and State Rep. Donald Wong - are all unopposed in their bid for re-elections.

The race for state representative in the Eighth Essex District, which includes only a small portion of Lynn, has been a barnburner, with six candidates, Jennifer Armini, Diane Slavitt Baylis, Tristan Smith, Theresa Tauro, Douglas Thompson, and Polly Titcomb hoping to succeed Lori Ehrlich as state representative.

Congressman Seth Moulton is unopposed as he seeks the Democratic nomination in his bid for re-election. Bob May of Peabody is unopposed in the Republican congressional primary.

City Clerk Rowe said the polls

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one of the last people in this country that still handmakes roller shades. I love you, dad, and thank you."

Capano credited the Lozzi family for its work and involvement in the community for generations.

"There couldn't be a better tribute to the work that you've done than to be able to pass this on to the next generation," said Capano.

John Miner, one of Vinny Lozzi's best friends since childhood and a fellow leader in the Knights of Columbus, said, "Vinny is the dearest of friends that I ever had. He's more like a brother to me. It's been almost 60 years that we've known each other. We have been through happy times and through sad times. We've enjoyed the company of our children. Vinny has always been a hard worker. He has overcome a lot of obstacles in his life, but he has succeeded. And this is a great tribute to him that all of you have come out, all of you have known how hard he has worked - now the fun begins for him. To my beautiful friend, my brother - God bless you."

Brian Lozzi, son of the guest of honor, said, "One thing that nobody really mentioned is that the people that are here tonight - they've been around since he was born, through where we are today. So, family members, friends, from when he was a kid, a teenager, his father [Vincent Lozzi Sr.], 90 years old. I just want to say congratulations to my dad, we love him and a big round of applause."

Lee Stacey, grandson of Stacey's Home Décor Leon Stacey who founded the business in 1915, traveled from Washington, D.C., to attend the celebration.

"My dad [Frank Stacey] said to us, 'I feel very comfortable with Vinny taking over the operations and eventually owning the business' - and he was right on the mark," said Stacey. "He did a much better job than my sister and I could have done. On behalf of my mother, Evangeline, and my father, Frank, and my sister, thank you very much."

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi recalled how his older (by one year) brother began working at the store.

"When I was a freshman at Lynn English High, I got a job offer through the school for Stacey's, but I also interviewed for another job. I took the other job. I said to Vinny, 'hey they're looking for somebody at Stacey's, go down there.' "He did, and he's been there for 50 years. He's worked hard and he's built up a great business."

Brent Lozzi delivered a toast on behalf of the grandchildren, saying, "We just want to wish our grandfather a happy retirement and toast our Papa. We love you Papa. Thank you for all you've done for us."

Vinny Lozzi said he appreciated the presence of Lee and Carol Stacey at the celebration.

"I remember when I started this job back in 1973," said Vinny. "It was a struggle at some points, but it was always a plea-

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Vin Lozzi with his lifelong friend John Miner.



Former St. Mary's High School state baseball championship starting catcher Brent Lozzi leads the toast to his grandfather, Vin Lozzi, on behalf of the grandchildren.



Harmony Hope and Mindy Lozzi, with guest of honor Vin Lozzi.



Vin Lozzi and his son, Tony Lozzi, who is carrying on the family's legacy of excellence at Stacey's Home Décor.



Vin and Phyllis Lozzi, with their son, Brian Lozzi, the former president of the Lynn Chargers football and cheerleading organization.



Brian Lozzi, Vin Lozzi, Phyllis Lozzi, Tony Lozzi, Mindy Lozzi, and Vincent Lozzi III.



The Stacey Family, represented by Lee Stacey, grandson of business founder Leon Stacey and son of Frank Stacey, and his sister, Carol Stacey, pictured with Tony Lozzi and Vin Lozzi.

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sure to work with customers. I couldn't even imagine doing anything else. It was a great adventure for me, but I got a lot of help. I just want to say I thank my kids and everybody that put this thing together. Thank you for coming."

A spontaneous standing ovation followed warmly for Mr. Lozzi. DJ Alan LaBella played Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline." Everyone danced and sang as the retirement tribute to Vinny Lozzi continued into a night the guest of his honor and his family will always remember.



State Rep. Peter Capano presented a Citation on behalf of the state delegation to Vin Lozzi in honor of his retirement and contributions to the Lynn community.



Mayor Jared Nicholson presents a Citation to Vin Lozzi recognizing his distinguished 52-year career at Stacey's Home Décor and wishing him a happy retirement.



The guest of honor's children and their spouses, Mindy Lozzi, Brian and April Lozzi, Vin and Phyllis Lozzi, Tony and Laura Lozzi, daughter-in-law Christianna Lozzi, and Vincent Lozzi III.



Wayne Lozzi, with his daughters, Beth Bresnahan (left) and Carmel Lozzi (right).



Vin and Phyllis Lozzi, with their grandchildren, Jose, Julia Lozzi, Christianna, Brent Lozzi, Brianna Lozzi, and Harmony Hope.



David Carpinella, a longtime employee of Stacey's, and his wife, Jennifer Carpinella, with guest of honor Vin Lozzi and his wife, Phyllis Lozzi.



Brother Wayne Lozzi, guest of honor Vin Lozzi, with his father, Vincent Lozzi Sr., sister Valerie Tracy, and brothers, Nick Lozzi, Dan Lozzi, and Mike Lozzi.

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ENJOY A GREAT -- AND SAFE -- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend, we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

The Summer of '22 overall has been a great one that, we hope, has created memories that will last a lifetime for our families. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It's when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

SCHOOL'S BACK -- DRIVE WITH CAUTION

With schools back in session this week after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We'll be honest and admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we're running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

GUEST OP-ED

A funeral director's blessing and a schoolteacher's reward

By Eric Daniels

Being a funeral director isn't always easy. However, every once in a while we are reminded by circumstances, people or divine providence, why we are here, and that we do make a difference. In addition, the people we are fortunate enough to serve, many times bring us joy.

Last week, Stanetsky-Hymanson Funeral Home in Salem handled the arrangements for a gentleman whose wife happened to be my fifth grade teacher. As the general manager of Stanetsky-Hymanson Funeral Home, Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home in Lynn and Eustis & Cornell Funeral Home in Marblehead, I'm involved in all aspects of these three funeral homes. So when I saw the name of this gentleman and noticed his wife's name, I knew I had to see her. She was my favorite teacher of all time and truly made a difference and an impact on me when I was a child. I wanted to tell her that, and also, somehow help her in her loss.

A few days after the funeral, I delivered some paperwork to her at her residence. When I walked in, she was surprised to see me and remembered me as one of her students. She remembered the curly headed fifth-grader playing the ukulele at holiday time and was amazed to see a big sixty-year old man with a moustache and beard.

After offering my condolences, I told her how much she impacted me, what she meant to me, and what a wonderful teacher she was. Then I asked her if she would do me a favor. I told her after she does me the favor, that I would explain why I asked her for this particular favor. She said, "Sure, ask away." I said, "Would you please give me a kiss on the cheek?" She replied, "Of course." I then leaned over and put my cheek out, and she gave me a gentle kiss.

I thanked her and began to explain my request. You see, during our fifth grade holiday party she let me play my ukulele and sing a couple of songs to the class. She really showed an interest in me and was proud of my talent. It made me feel good that my favorite teacher was proud of me. Soon the time came for the teacher to open her holiday gifts from the students. She opened my gift and thanked me as I sat in the back row. Then she opened the gift of another boy who happened to be sitting in the front row right next to where she was standing. She thanked him and leaned over to kiss him on the cheek. Of course she would have done the same for me had I been sitting closer to her, but as a fifth grader, all I could think of was, "Why didn't she give me a kiss?"

When I told her that story in her kitchen, she apologized to me. I had to tell her that "no apology is necessary", because she did nothing wrong. It was an

insecure fifth-grader's mentality that caused me to feel slighted at the time, not anything she did. I told her that I had waited fifty years for that kiss and I finally got it and was so happy. She then said to me, "Well then, let me kiss your other cheek for good measure." As she kissed my other cheek, I felt a tear come down my face.

Seeing my wonderful teacher after fifty years and getting the rare opportunity to tell her the difference she made in my life was a blessing I will never forget. I have thought about her many, many times over the years, and the good Lord gave me the blessing to connect with her, even during her most difficult time. As stressful as life can get, and as difficult it is to deal with death on a daily basis, being a funeral director has its positive moments as well. May we all live as my teacher lives, continually blessing others and being a positive light no matter the circumstances.

I would have never gotten the opportunity to express my gratitude to this wonderful lady, and I certainly would not have been able to close the circle on that missed kiss of fifty years had I not become a funeral director. I thank God for these blessings and I thank my teacher for being who she is. The world isn't such a bad place after all.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Add a pinch of time

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There's a difference between food that takes time to prepare and food that is time-consuming. Plenty of delicious recipes call for hours of preparation. However, they don't need your attention throughout the process. Sometimes adding a pinch of time means less work for the cook.

Autumn and the holiday season bring busier schedules and may need food that you want to make in larger batches. Traditional recipes and warming comfort food can fit nicely into meal planning for a busy cook. The bonus is that many of these oldies-but-goodies need few ingredients and use common pantry items.

Recipe Guidance

We love it when a recipe points out the time you'll need to make it and breaks it down into understandable segments. For example, Marc Bittman's recipe for gravlax lets you know that it will take "at least 24 hours, largely unattended." A recipe for Butternut Squash with Orange Oil

and Caramelized Honey in the book "Ottolenghi Test Kitchen Shelf Love" notes: "Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 40 minutes, Infusion time: 20 minutes to 1 hour."

In addition, recipe developers often include suggestions for what you can prepare ahead. Even if they don't, as you hone your cooking skills, you'll learn that you can sauté aromatics and rewarm them as needed.

Make Your Own Timeline

You can also create a do-it-yourself assessment of how much of your attentive time a recipe will take. Let's take Mina Stone's recipe for Revithia sto Fournou (Oven Chickpeas) from "Lemon, Love & Olive Oil." It begins by soaking dried chickpeas overnight. Soaking means planning ahead, but it won't take much of your time.

Next day you put the chickpeas in an ovenproof dish with a lid, add fresh water, quartered onions, unpeeled garlic cloves, bay leaves, salt and olive oil.

That step only takes moments and pantry ingredients. You don't have to add shopping time to your day. Cover and bake for four hours.

Finally, add lemon juice, more olive oil, black pepper and correct the seasoning. With the addition of some cheese, bread, and olives you have a traditional Greek meal. You also have a pot of lovely chickpeas to use in other ways.

Again, this is a quick process for the cook. While this recipe in its printed form seems long and daunting and takes more than 16 hours to prepare, those are not contiguous hours and your engaged time between each step is brief.

Other Slow Cook Methods

Braise, roast, poach, smoke, soak, marinate, slow cooker, dutch oven, simmer, and even sous vide are cooking words that might alert you to a cookbook or recipe where a pinch of time will result in a potful of flavor. Many of these cooking steps are for



A traditional beef stew requires some chopping of ingredients. However, once braising in the oven or simmering on a low burner, the cook is free to do other things.

food that is easy to make in large or small batches and can be made ahead.

Plan Ahead to Slow Down Your Food

The second paragraph of The Slow Food international manifesto reads, "We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes and forces us to eat Fast

Foods."

As you plan meals, remember that you might be able to prepare a healthier, more delicious, and less expensive meal in line with the Slow Food philosophy by adopting recipes that take a long time to create but very little time away from other activities.

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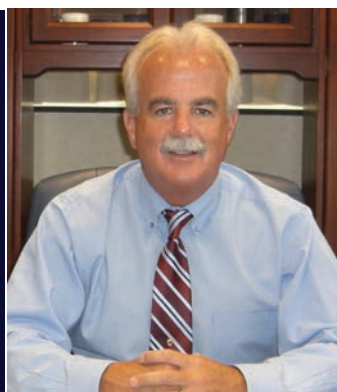
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“LYNN SIDE OUT” FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

Bringing City Hall to you was the theme for this successful family-friendly event called “Lynnside Out”. This festival invited residents to learn about the City of Lynn. It was staged on the grounds of the Lynn Museum, the Frederick Douglas Park, and a section of Exchange Street. Visitors connected with many resources and accessible programs offered in the city. Participating departments included Planning and Vision, Parks and Recreation, Community Development, Elder Services, and other programs of interest.

Many thanks to Shoreline Grille with Pizza & Seafood, B-Sweets cakes and deserts, Golden Monkey serving sumptu-

ous Asian food, Spanish appetizers from D’Empanadas, and the Union Café with an assortment of food items. These local vendors did an outstanding job treating people with their specialties.

Identifying the importance of “Lynnside Out” according to Mayor Jared Nicholson, “This was an effort brought about from the Planning Department as they worked on a comprehensive plan for the people to be more involved in the city as well as to receive feedback. This is a general City Hall concept to bring City Hall out into the community and meet people where they are. We want citizens to have a lot of reasons to come out and to be here besides having a good time.”



Charles Dillard enjoying a piece of pizza.



City Health Department Personnel – Joyce Redford, Candice McClory, Lacey Curcio, Supervisor MJ Duffy-Alexander, Norris Guscott, and Director Michele Desmarais.



Lynn Museum staff hosts “Lynnside Out” – Director Doneca Thurston, Sue Walker, Steven Menjivar, and Elena Hirshmen-Seidel.



Enjoy the festival – Justin and Laura Raynor with baby, Linden



Lynn Police Department talking with residents – Mark Williams Jr., Jeffrey Gaudet, Taylor Haberek, and Oren Wright



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Students from Thurgood Marshall Middle School in Lynn learn about manufacturing during a two-day career exploration program

By Judy Bass

Most of us never stop to realize that items we encounter in our daily lives, from hair brushes to cell phones to airplanes, are made with care and precision by highly-skilled professionals in manufacturing.

Twenty sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from the Thurgood Marshall Middle School LEAP program in Lynn recently had an exciting opportunity to discover that and more about this thriving industry. Not only did the students have fun during the two-day event, but they also gained valuable awareness of the multitude of career options available to

them if they decide to pursue manufacturing as their profession.

The Marshall School Career Exploration Day was part of a pilot program that resulted from a successful collaboration between three local organizations:

- The Advanced Manufacturing Training Expansion Program The AMTEP initiative (<https://masshire-nscareers.org/programs/the-advanced-manufacturing-training-and-expansion-program/>) was developed from a collaboration with the MassHire North Shore Workforce Board (MHNSWB), the Northeast Advanced Manu-



GE Tour with LEAP group from Marshall Middle School in Lynn.

turing Consortium (NAMC) and the General Electric

Foundation (GEF). AMTEP is training 900 adult learners and high school students over six years (2020-2025).

- MassHire North Shore's Youth Programs focus on career readiness. Their services, targeted to a population 14 to 24 years old, include job fairs, special programs and job search assistance.

- LEAP for Education, according to its web site, "runs free, after-school and summer programs designed to bridge the opportunity gap for students from underserved communities across Essex County, Massachusetts," including the Marshall Middle School in Lynn. "These programs offer

students the ability to explore and engage in their communities in a way that will lead them to careers that align with their strengths and interests."

With approximately 450 manufacturing companies on the North Shore alone, there are plenty of openings for qualified people, as well as entry-level positions that the industry is willing to train. They can access a productive career that gives them a solid entry-level wage, good benefits and upward mobility, especially if they continue their education and training. NAMC and AMTEP are running anywhere

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between 12-16 free manufacturing training programs per year in the Northeast. Interested candidates can learn more and apply at namcnetwork.com.

"We need to bring the awareness to a new level," said Tedi Markham, NAMC Training Manager.

"There are dozens of career pathways in manufacturing" agreed AMTEP Program Manager Kate O'Malley. "If you are starting in one technology such as a CNC Machinist, you can expand your interests into more advanced machining, or branch out to the interconnected departments of supply chain or quality or engineering and programming."

Another purpose of the event was to, in O'Malley's words, "break the paradigm"

or stereotype that some people still harbor about manufacturing – namely, that it's not a forward-looking, 21st-century industry. Today, manufacturing is an exciting, highly-skilled tech industry, particularly on the North Shore where complex products such as medical devices, robots, semi-conductors, electronic instruments, long-range telescopes and aircraft engines are made.

Kim McFarlane, Program Specialist for Data & Assessment at Marshall Middle School and Tiffany McFarlane, instructional coach for English Language Learners for Lynn Public Schools, developed and executed the Marshall students' learning experience.

According to Tiffany McFarlane, it started with career exploration that focused on

five specific manufacturing pathways. Students used on-line resources to research required skills, daily tasks, job training and salary potential. Following the research component, students engaged in several enjoyable game-based activities focusing on the information they learned.

The following day, the students visited Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (LVTI), where they visited with advanced manufacturing instructors Mike Pickering and Mike Leone at the new state-of-the-art machine shop. LVTI received a \$3 million investment from the state and the GE Foundation to accelerate machinist training ([https://www.ge.com/news/press-releases/ge-foundation-baker-polito-administration-redouble-efforts-to-ad-](https://www.ge.com/news/press-releases/ge-foundation-baker-polito-administration-redouble-efforts-to-ad)

dress-the-advanced).

Following LVTI, the Marshall LEAP students spent the afternoon touring the GE Aviation plant in Lynn with Talent Acquisition and Development Manager Cecilia Gray and Technical Training Leader Bob Franklin, seeing first-hand how a jet engine is built.

The youngsters' response was definitely enthusiastic. One of them, Carla, said, "GE was an amazing experience for me. It was interesting to learn more about jet engines and how they are built. My favorite part of the trip was visiting the company and learning about different types of engines!"

"The two-day manufacturing experience was a great introduction to a career area that middle school students know little about," explained Hilary

Kopp, Senior Director of Middle School Programs at LEAP for Education.

"This effort is a new idea to work with a younger population (middle school) to spark some interest in the field," said Katie Crowder, Manager of Youth Workforce Initiatives, MassHire-North Shore Workforce Board.

"We know we won't see the results of these efforts for several years," she added, "but our goal is to get the information out there in a fun way so that young people can see some potential career pathways."

Judy Bass is the communications consultant for the Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (NAMC).

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will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Statewide races

Attorney General Maura Healey is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor in Tuesday's election. Geoff Diehl

of Whitman and Chris Doughty of Wrentham are seeking the Republican nomination for governor.

The Democratic race for lieutenant governor has three candidates, Kim Driscoll of Salem,

Tami Gouveia of Acton, and Eric P. Lesser of Longmeadow. The candidates seeking the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor are Leah V. Allen of Danvers and Kate Campanale of Spencer.

There are three Democratic candidates for attorney general, Andrea Campbell of Boston, Shannon Liss-Reardon of Brookline, and Quentin Palfrey of Weston (Palfrey announced earlier this week that he has suspended his campaign). James McMahon of Bourne is the lone candidate seeking the Republican nomination for attorney general.

Secretary of State William Galvin of Boston is being challenged for the Democratic nomination by Tanisha Sullivan of Boston. Rayla Campbell of Whitman is the lone candidate seeking the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

Christopher Dempsey of Brookline and Diana DiZoglio of Methuen are the Democratic candidates for state auditor. Anthony Amore is the lone candidate seeking the Republican nomination for state auditor.

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg is unopposed in her bid for re-election.

The Democratic and Republican nominees in Tuesday's State Primary Election will square off in the Final Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

DONNELLY INDUCTED IN THE PHI BETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Ryan Donnelly of Lynn has been inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at College of the Holy Cross, the oldest and most prestigious national honor society of the liberal arts and sciences.

Donnelly is one of 48 new Holy Cross inductees. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is highly selective, and selection is based primarily on scholastic achievement and breadth of education.

The Holy Cross chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi of Massachusetts, was established in 1974. Only qualified candidates within the top 8% of the senior class and the top 2% of the junior class are invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Currently, the Holy Cross Chapter has approximately 60 resident members among the faculty, staff, and students. In the past 46 years, a total of 2,062 members have been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Holy Cross.

Phi Beta Kappa is one of 19 honor societies on the College of the Holy Cross campus.

About Holy Cross:

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TRIAL COURT PARTNERS WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHELSEA - The Trial Court announced that it has partnered with the Chelsea Public Library to provide the public with access to virtual court resources and services at the library.

The program, a Massachusetts Trial Court Access to Justice initiative, will provide visitors with access to computer terminals and the internet to search for court resources, such as interpreter services, legal aid, case information and more. Additionally, visitors will be able to contact the virtual court help desk, use library computers and printers to access and print court forms, and use designated library spaces for virtual court hearings. Some court departments have remote services available via a virtual front counter.

Chelsea Public Library Director Sarah G. Jackson said: "The Chelsea Public Library continuously strives to address the needs of the community. Through our partnership with the Massachusetts Access to Justice Project, we seek to increase access to legal aid for members of our community. Our goal is to provide equitable access to judicial assistance by creating a safe space for people to access virtual court hearings, research and print court documents, and obtain access to online legal support. We thank the City of Chelsea and the MA Trial Courts for assisting with the technology necessary to make these resources available to the public."

"We are excited about the expansion of our partnership with public libraries to bring virtual court services to local communities," said Trial Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Locke. "It's been a pleasure to collaborate the City of Chelsea and Chelsea Public Library to increase access to justice within the community."

"The Trial Court is committed to providing equal access to the court system for all members of the public and our virtual services are no exception," said Trial Court Administrator John Bello. "This partnership with local libraries, including Chelsea Public Library, helps ensure that no member of the community gets left behind due to a lack of access to, or understanding of, technology."

"We are excited to be a part of this forward-thinking initiative between the Trial Court and local libraries such as ours," said Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. "I am proud that the City of Chelsea has been able to play a part in providing the technology resources that our residents need to ensure everyone has equal access to justice in our courts."

First Justice Matthew Machera of Chelsea District Court said: "During the pandemic, many aspects of court business moved into the virtual sphere to ensure the safety of the community while keeping court cases moving forward. It's imperative that we make sure all members of our community in Chelsea have free and easy access to the technology needed to take advantage of those virtual services. We are grateful for the partnership with Chelsea Public Library to provide access to justice for more of our community."

The Chelsea Public Library is located at 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. The library's summer hours are Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Information regarding resources offered via the library will be available on the library's website at <https://www.chelseama.gov/public-library>. Those with questions about the offered resources or who would like to make an appointment to get extra help contact the library at (617) 466-4350.

BPHC PROVIDES COVID UPDATE

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) provided the following updates on the latest COVID-19 trends for the City of Boston:

Levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater have increased by 17.8% over the last seven days but have held stable over the past 14 days with a 7.4% decrease, and are now at 520 RNA copies/mL.

(Data as of August 15)

New COVID-19 cases in Boston have decreased by 20.5% over the past seven days, and by 22.7% over the past 14 days.

East Boston reported a total of 143 new cases over this two-week period making it the neigh-

borhood with highest amount of new cases reported.

The other four neighborhoods with high COVID reported cases are Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and the South End.

(Data as of August 15)

Boston has seen 146 new COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the past seven days, which is a 0.6% decrease over the past seven days and a 18.4% decrease over the last 14 days.

(Data as of August 17),

Community positivity is 7.2% as of August 18

Suffolk county remains at medium community risk, according to the CDC.

With back-to-school season and cooler temperatures approaching, BPHC is encouraging families to plan ahead by ensuring school aged children and teens are up to date on their vaccinations, including COVID-19. Parents and guardians should schedule a check-up for their child before the school year begins. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's health, as well as vaccines, with their pediatrician.

Getting as many children and teens up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations as possible is crucial to these efforts. Vaccines and boosters are our the most effective tools for preventing transmission in school settings. It is important for youth's emotional wellbeing and academic performance that they experience a more normal school year that doesn't involve widespread shutdowns and remote learning. A full list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Boston is available on the BPHC website.

"Just like getting books and school supplies, making sure your child gets a checkup from their doctor is a very important part of the back-to-school routine," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "I encourage all parents and guardians to use this check-up as an opportunity to get your child vaccinated or boosted for COVID-19 to help keep them healthy, reduce their risk of infection and ensure they can stay in school with minimal interruption."

Based on current trends, BPHC's recommendations remain unchanged. Proper

COTTAGE PARK YACHT CLUB HOSTS 28TH ANNUAL REGATTA



Shown above, Cottage Park Yacht Club Commodore John Cataldo (back, second from left) stands with a Make-A-Wish family and Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island CEO Sean Holleran (back, third from left).

COVID-19 safety and mitigation practices are our best tool for driving our metrics down further. Residents should continue to adhere to the following strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations to reduce your risk of severe illness.

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older.

Booster doses are recommended for everyone ages 5 years and older.

Second booster dose are recommended for everyone ages 50 and older, as well as moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals who are 12 or older.

Wear masks indoors, especially in crowded indoor settings like public transportation.

Test for COVID-19 before and after attending large gatherings, especially if you know you will be around high-risk individuals, such as seniors, those who are immunocompromised, and those who are unvaccinated.

Stay home and isolate if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19. If you test positive, contact a health care provider about oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody therapy.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is offer-

ing free telehealth services for Paxlovid, an oral antiviral that has been proven to reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 significantly. For more information, visit their website.

Gather outside and choose outdoor activities as often as possible.

Open windows and doors to ensure good indoor ventilation.

Vaccine and booster trends (data as of August 15):

74.5% of Boston residents are fully vaccinated.

42.2% of fully vaccinated Boston residents have received a booster.

48.1% of Boston children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated.

73% of white children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated, 69% of AAPI children are fully vaccinated, 35% of Latinx children are fully vaccinated, and 29% of Black children are fully vaccinated.

13.4% of Boston children ages 6-months to 4-years old have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

23% of white children ages 6-months to 4-years old have gotten their first dose, 20% of AAPI children have gotten their first dose, and 3% of Black and 3% of Latinx children have gotten their first dose.

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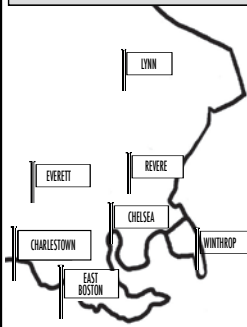
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Three round robin brackets were organized according to weight and age for the youth, high school, and open division. A trainer was available on site. Trained referees carefully officiated each match under the rules of Beach Wrestling. The rules consisted of earning three points that declared a winner with one point for a take down, one point for a push-out of the ring, two points for a take-down with back exposure. Each match is timed for three minutes, except for the youth who will have a two-minute limit. If a tie happens, extra time will be involved to decide the match. Three separate rings of blue, yellow, and red were placed on the sand for matches.

Mayor Jared Nicholson who originally began this tourna-

ment in 2016 said, "My team is so excited to have these matches for the sixth time. We have partnered with Beat the Streets of New England, the Friends of Lynn Beach, and the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR). I really appreciate how everyone is working together. Jared continued say, "This a great opportunity to showcase what we have at Lynn Shore and continue to support the wrestling program in the city."

This tournament is to have fun. There is no advancement from this tournament. However, United World Wrestling is seeking Beach Wrestling to become an Olympic Sport in 2028 that will be hosted in Los Angeles. This Lynn tournament may potentially become a qualifying regional or a national site. Great foresight from this organization having Lynn Shore Wrestling Showdown at Lynn Beach since this tournament draws teams throughout New England.



Mayor Jared Nicholson with Mike Magnifico of DCR Mass Parks.



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