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1991 STATE CHAMPION LYNN ENGLISH SWIM TEAM HONORED AT HALL OF FAME BANQUET



The 1991 Lynn English High School state championship team was honored at the 2022 Hall of Fame Banquet that was held Oct. 12 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield. The team is pictured above at the banquet. Front row (from left) are Amy (DiVirgilio) Fanikos, Dawn Reppucci, Jennifer (DiVirgilio) Thomas, and Christine (Casey) Dugan. Back row (from left) are Coach John Hogan, Elizabeth (Trahant) Escabi, Melissa (larrobino) Blanchard, Coach Denise Silva, Christine Jones-Monahan, Head Coach Jon Lazar, Leah (Kalapinski) Warren, Jeni Wheeler, Marianne (Conlon) Duncan, Jill Wheeler Jodi (DeLuca) Blyler, Carin Bennett-Rizzo, Sara Garofalo, Amy Hussey-McConnell, Sarah (Kalapinski) McIsaac, and Cathy (Connelly) Carmignani. Additional photos from the banquet will appear in next week's edition.

Camp Fire North Shore honors Tom McGee with its Community Partner Award

By Cary Shuman

Camp Fire North Shore presented its Community Partner Award to former state senator and mayor Tom McGee at "An Evening at the Lynn Museum" fundraising event on Oct. 13.

McGee was honored for his outstanding contributions to the community and his impressive record of public service as a state representative, state senator, and mayor of Lynn.

Hamill delivers welcoming address

In her opening remarks, Executive Director Laurie Hamill said that "2022 has been a rebound year for Camp Fire North Shore."

"Like so many other organizations and businesses, the pandemic has created enormous challenges for us for throughout the last two-and-a-half years," said Hamill. "However, I am proud to say that Camp Fire North Shore has persevered. Our staff has been dedicated to providing the services so desperately needed to the youth in our community and throughout the North Shore."

Hamill said that the summer camp is thriving, and enrollment is back to full capacity in its after-school programs.

"Almost 70 percent of our campers this past summer attended tuition free," said Hamill. "We're really proud of that. And our greatest accomplishment in the last couple of years is investing in Phase 1 infrastructure improvements at 2 Cain Road in Salem."

Hamill praised her staff, stating, "Thank you for your hard work every single day. Your commitment to the children in our community truly makes a difference."

Drew Russo lauds award recipient Tom McGee

Drew Russo, vice president of the Camp Fire North Shore Board of Directors, lauded Mc-Gee before presenting the Community Partner Award to the former Lynn mayor.

"There's so much that you can

say about Tom - his commitment to public service is unparalleled, 27 years in elected office as a representative, as a state senator, and our mayor. He's been a leader in his political party. He's been a champion and an advocate of good, solid public policy. He's a mayor who led us with steadfast determination and quiet resolve during the most trying days of this pandemic."

Russo also noted McGee's support of increasing out-ofschool and after-school educational opportunities for children.

"If there were three issues that Tom McGee was going to talk about, out-of-school and after-school time programming for kids and the importance of that for kids in our communities was always on top of the list," said

A warm ovation for the honoree

Tom McGee received a prolonged ovation from the guests as he walked to the podium to accept the prestigious award.

It's a family that has served



Drew Russo, Laurie Hamill, Community Partner Award recipient Tom McGee, and Steve Antonakes. See pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

Lynn well for many years, with Tom McGee carrying on the great legacy of his father, the esteemed Speaker of the Mass. House of Representatives, the

late Thomas W. McGee.

As expected, Tom McGee's acceptance speech was humble

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EDITORIAL

EARLY VOTING STARTS THIS WEEKEND

We wish to remind our readers that early voting will get underway this weekend, October 22, at every city and town hall throughout the state. Early voting presents a wonderful opportunity to vote in-person for those who choose not to vote by mail or who wish to avoid the lines on Election Day (which is Tuesday, November 8).

During the early voting period, you can walk into any city or town clerk's office and vote during regular business hours, as well as during designated hours on the weekends of October 22-23 and 29-30. (The weekend hours will vary in each city and town.)

Two quick points: The deadline for registering to vote is Saturday, October 29, and early voting ends on Friday, November 4.

As the Nike slogan says, "Just do it!"

DON'T BE AN APATHETIC CITIZEN: THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO VOTE

With the pre-election polls suggesting that there are no competitive races for the major elective offices in Massachusetts, there is a temptation to think that our vote won't matter.

However, we would urge all of our readers to consider this:

For the first time in quite a while (almost 100 years), the contrast between the candidates for our state-wide offices -- governor, secretary of state, and so forth -- are huge. We do not need to go into a lot of detail, other than to say that the Republicans for some of these offices are supporters of former President Donald Trump, and well, that's all we need to say.

And while the polls suggest that these candidates will lose by double-digit margins, if those who are not Trump voters take for granted the outcome of the election and do not turn out to vote, it is conceivable that those Trump-backed candidates could win.

And even if they don't win, the election results could be a lot closer than if there had been a big turnout.

Conversely, we also urge supporters of Trump who may feel that their vote won't matter to turn out to vote to show how strong his support is in our state.

We are at a perilous time in the history of our country. Our democratic norms are under assault more than at any time since 1860.

Exercising our right to vote has never been more important. We urge everyone to register to vote, and then go out and vote, in the upcoming state election.

E PLURIBUS UNUM: DO WE STILL BELIEVE IN IT?

In 1782, the then-Congress of the United States approved the Latin phrase, "E pluribus unum," -- "Out of many, one" -- for the Great Seal of the United States. The phrase since that time has been attached to many of our country's official documents and appears on all of our coins.

The Founding Fathers placed great value on the profound meaning of those words, but today we take it for granted.

We are living amidst a perilous world. For the first time since World War II, we are facing threats from two enemies. In the 1940s, they were Germany and Japan; today, they are Russia and China.

Fortunately, we presently are by far the most powerful nation on earth, both militarily and economically.

But as strong as we may be outwardly, our nation has not been this divided internally since 1860 -- and we all know how that ended.

The lessons of history, from the ancient Roman Empire to the former Soviet Union, are clear: Great nations fail not because of outside forces, but from within.

Despite our superiority to our rivals, the same fate awaits us if we remain the proverbial house divided. Similar to 1860, a large portion of the country today would rather see us devolve into chaos than remain united.

Our foes cannot defeat us. But unless we recommit to the values expressed by e pluribus unum, our days of greatness are numbered.

GUEST OP-ED

Pay into Social Security now for later

Glenn Mollette

You won't get rich collecting Social Security, not even close. However, you don't want to mess it up either. The system was never intended to be your total retirement income but to many it's their only source of retirement income. You don't want to make it your only source of income for your senior years but you definitely want it in your income portfolio.

Social Security recipients will receive an 8.7% increase in their monthly income starting in January. The average increase will fall between \$150 to \$250 per month. This will buy you a tank of gasoline or a sack of groceries. The increase will help about 70 million retired Americans.

Inflation has devoured Americans' paychecks as groceries, fuel, rent and now interest rates have skyrocketed. By the time the January increase comes around you probably will have lost most of your increase to these and medical costs associated with Social Security.

Pay all you can into Social Security. Too many young adults buy into the rationale that Social Security doesn't pay much or won't be around when they retire. On some level it will be around and you'll need it when you retire.

Business persons, farmers, hospitality people, clergy and others make a big mistake in finding ways to only show a small income when they file their taxes. This reduces the amount of taxes owed and lowers how much paid into Social Security. When retirement comes these people become very sad when they find out they will only receive a minimal amount of Social Security income.

One minister friend opted out of paying into Social Security because of religious objections.

When he was 70, he had almost zero retirement and worked up until his death. Another ministerial friend claimed very little salary and received very little in Social Security payments when he retired. He spent his last couple of years cleaning hotel rooms and working at Kentucky Fried Chicken trying to survive. A farmer acquaintance worked hard for many years but doesn't collect a penny in Social Security benefits. You have to pay into it to collect it so don't short-change yourself.

The average Social Security payment in 2022 is \$1,614. Many people who worked less years and paid less collect less than this amount. Some Americans who worked longer, earned more income and paid more into the system are collecting \$3,345 per month. Again, these numbers will increase in 2023 by 8.7%.

Sometimes people retire too early. A friend retired at 62 and received \$1100 per month in Social Security income. At that time, he would have collected several hundred more if he could have worked just three more years.

Pay into an Individual Retirement Account, 401k and anything else you can. You can't live big just on a Social Security check, but pay as much as possible into the system now because it will be helpful later.

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

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Senator Brendan Crighton endorses Yes on Question 3

Sen. Brendan Crighton, who represents the 3rd Essex District, has announced his support for the approval of Question 3 on November's ballot. The question will update Massachusetts' liquor laws to enhance consumer convenience while protecting small businesses.

A yes vote on Question 3 would modernize state laws to allow for the safe expansion of alcohol licenses, allow valid out of state IDs to be relied upon by a retailer of alcohol beverages, and provide best practice fixes to the current system to prevent illegal sales.

"We thank Senator Crighton

for voicing his support for Question 3," said Rob Mellion, of the 21st Century Alcohol Retail Reform Committee. "A yes vote on Question 3 provides for the changes that family-owned alcohol retail stores need to fairly compete with large corporations that are mostly headquartered outside of Massachusetts, while also benefitting adult consumers."

About Question 3

Question 3 calls for the state to progressively double the number of allowed beer and wine licenses a company or individual is allowed to hold, going from nine to 18. Most states allow three to five full liquor licenses per merchant and MA's number would be set at seven. This would significantly increase consumer convenience when shopping.

Additionally, the ballot question also will allow valid out of state IDs to be relied upon by a retailer of alcohol beverages, as they are allowed in every other state in the country and already are permitted in Massachusetts for the sale of cannabis.

Question 3 will appear on the ballot with the title "Changes to Alcohol Retail Licensing Initiative." For additional information visit: yeson3mass.com.

Lynn improvements program public meeting set for Nov. 2

The MBTA will host a public meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6 PM at Lynn City Hall to discuss the Lynn Improvements Program. This program consists of providing a new, fully accessible platform, improved wayfinding, upgraded bridge structures, and increased overall system safety.

This meeting will also be livestreamed on the Lynn Community Television Facebook page. The Program team will begin with a presentation at 6 PM followed by time for a Questions & Answers session.

Accommodations:

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated materials, assistive listening devices. Interpreters in American Sign Language, Spanish and Khmer

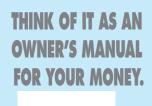
will be present at the in-person meeting.

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McGee began by commending Laurie Hamill for the positive impact that Camp Fire North Shore has had in the community and for making a difference in young people's lives.

He spoke about how he was inspired by his parents and grandparents.

"The inspiration that they brought to me and to my brothers and my sister was about public service and learning that each one of us can make a difference, particularly in young people's lives," said McGee. "We all have a role in making our community a better place. So that inspiration that I got from my parents and my grandparents, and hopefully spread to my family and my children, is that we can make a difference. We can make our lives better and our communities better by working together to make sure that everyone has those opportunities and young people have those opportunities."



Girls Inc. Executive Director Deb Ansourlian and Camp Fire North Shore Board Vice President Drew Russo.



Rep. Dan Cahill, Rep. Paul Tucker, former Lynn Mayor Tom McGee, Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, and Sen. Brendan Crighton.



The McGee Family, from left, Barbara Desmarais, Mike McGee, Michele Desmarais, Maria McGee, Brendan Locke, Tom McGee, Thomas McGee, Katherine McGee, Christine Locke, and Shawn McGee.



Maria McGee, Katherine McGee, award recipient Tom McGee, and Thomas McGee.



Sen. Brendan Crighton, Lynn Community Health Center Senior Director of External Relations and Strategic Communications Meaghen Hamill, and Councilor-at-Large Hong Net.



Camp Fire North Shore staff, Sean Donahue, Diane Ladue, Linda Sessa, Meghan Collins, Mary Cole, Executive Director, Laurie Hamill, and Kim Gisonno.



Community Partner Award recipient Tom McGee, with his wife, Maria McGee, son, Thomas McGee, and daughter, Katherine McGee.



Maura Scherrer and Camp Fire North Shore board member Tracey Scherrer.



Ann Mannion, Theresa McLaughlin, and Ann McLaughlin.



Former Sen. Tom McGee (center) with his former senatorial team, Sen. Brendan Crighton, Michael Cole, Robin Ennis, Meaghen Hamill, Sarita Ago, and Frank Valeri.



Former high school basketball standouts Meaghen Hamill and Irene Saranteas Crighton.



Mike Cole, George Sonia, Stephanie Sonia, Christine Lander, and Jim Lander.



Camp Fire North Shore officials congratulate Community Partner Award recipient Tom McGee at the event at the Lynn Museum.



Beth Coppinger, Sheriff of Essex County Kevin Coppinger, Henriette Perkins, and Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy.

FIRST ANNUAL RECOVERY DAY CELEBRATION

Lynn's inaugural Month Recovery Celebration is in solidarity of the recovery process. Many supported agencies and organizations attended and provided shared resources on the lawn outside of City Hall.

Mayor Jared Nicholson stated, 'As we look at this event, it is the work of the entire community to create the conditions we know that are necessary for recovery; it is important to be supportive and available for people in need. These kinds of group efforts coming together can educate one another."

Bringing aware of a critical health issue surrounding the Lynn community was significant to have this First Annual Recovery Day Celebration. Coordinating this event was Opioid Prevention Specialist Candice McClory who stated, "We are very excited to organize this First Recovery Celebration. We have invited many different resources to this event, so everyone will come together and bring awareness of substance abuse. She continued to say, "Our Public Health Department wants to have this program for many more years having available resources in this area. We have a lot of support from the mayor's office, Lynn Police Department, and local agencies."

Substance use in this area had a huge impact. This event is to let the community know City Hall is aware as well as the Lynn Public Health Division according to Outreach Coordinator Norris Guscott as he continued, "We are actively developing pro-active programs, partnerships, and collaborations to address this recovery issue. This is important for our city to have these resources."



Substance Use Prevention Community Coordinator Rebecca Lewis of Girls Inc.



Guest Speaker Michelle Lipinski from North Shore Recovery School with Lynn Public Health Outreach Coordinator Norris Guscott and Opioid Prevention Specialist Candice McClory.



Lynn Police Department Behavioral Health Unit - Lynn Health Dept. Jennifer Almonte, Shyra Broughton, Danielle Visone, Leighann Magnareli, and Officer Taylor Haberek.



Lynn Public Health Staff - Rhina Peniche, Manuel Martinez, Mulika Champigny, Iris Matinez, and City Hall Volunteer Brendan Davis.



Lynn Officials Supporting Recovery Day – Councilor-at-Large and Chair of the Opioid Committee Brian Field, Mayor Jared Nicholson, Ward 5 Dianna Chakoutis, State Representative Peter Capano, and Ward 3 Coco Alinsug.



Aware Recovery Care Marshall Lane, Executive Director Spectrum Health System Athena Haddon, and Mike Johnson.



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DIANA DIZOGLIO RECEPTION FOR STATE AUDITOR

A campaign swing into Lynn by Diana DiZoglio for State Auditor was held at Rincon Macorisano on Lewis Street. Diana is a very vibrant, sociable person who greeted her supporters with enthusiasm and spoke of what a State Auditor needs to accomplish for the Commonwealth. Diana has served as a State Representative and State Senator on Beacon Hill; she believes in her "experience to fight for transparency and accountability for the people of Massachusetts".

Atty. Richard Vitale began the introductions as he spoke how important we need to help Diana get elected. This was Diana's second campaign visit into Lynn previously attending St. George Greek Festival. We have to work now until election day for Diana to get elected.

Welcome to our City, Diana, expressed by Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug. Coco entertainingly introduced and thanked all the dignitaries and friends at the reception.

Councilor-at-Large Brian Field stated, "Coco reached out to me to be a host, because we need to do something for Diana in Lynn. The momentum is moving, and everyone is recognizing it. This is our marathon right now and we are going to push her over the top. We need to continue to get the message out." Brian continued to say, "Diana is a natural campaigner introducing herself while at the Greek Festival. We are all in her corner to help her win."

While working in the State House, Diana said, "I understand what it means for a working family who struggles with inflation and cost of living. I believe that working families should have the opportunities to live with a standard of dignity." She continued to say, "I am a supporter of our labor organizations and want to thank former Mayor Tom McGee for his mentorship and his wisdom."

For ten years on Beacon Hill, Diana was known to speak out and call for audit adjustments. She will audit and investigate many wrongful patterns toward working families. Other interests with Diana include the MBTA

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Mayor Jared Nicholson meets Candidate Diana DiZoglio for State Auditor.

auditing system.

State Representative of the 8th Essex District elected Jenny Armini greets Diana DiZoglio.



Former Lynn State Representative Atty. James Smith and his son, Tristan, speaks with Diana DiZoglio.



Rincon Macorisano Owner Basilio Encarnacion welcomed Diana DiZoglio with Agnes Ricko, Governor Council Eileen Duff, and State Rep. Peter Capano.



Reception Committee for Diana Zoglio – Atty. Rick Vitale, Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug.



Supporters behind Diana DiZoglio candidacy for State Auditor.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

