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Sen. Warren and Lt. Gov. Driscoll to share podium at NSCC

Special to the Journal

North Shore Community College (NSCC) will host Senator Elizabeth Warren and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll who will serve as the commencement speakers for the 58th annual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 17, 2024.

Senator Warren will deliver the keynote address for the 10 a.m. ceremony for Health Professions & Liberal Studies Graduates, and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll will deliver the keynote address at the 2 p.m. ceremony for Human Services & STEM and Business Graduates. The college expects to award approximately 700 associate degrees and certificates

at the two graduation ceremonies which will be held at NSCC's Lynn Campus, 300 Broad Street.

"We are immensely proud to have Senator Warren and Lt. Governor Driscoll join us for our commencement ceremony, where we celebrate the achievements of our students. Their unwavering dedication to making higher education more accessible and affordable is truly appreciated and deeply respected," stated North Shore Community College President William Heineman.

Senator Warren is the senior United States Senator from Massachusetts, serving since 2013, and is the first woman ever elect-

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COOK STREET PLAYGROUND SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring has arrived to spruce up Cook Street Playground. Volunteers equipped with rakes, shovels, and trash bags picked up debris. This small Ward 2 park recently renovated its Basketball courts with ARPA funds for children to play and to have fun.

Ward 2 Councilor Obed Matul has plans to improve the community vegetable gardens. He said, "Our focus is to upgrade the garden for residents to grow vegetables. The plan is to fix the garden beds by Macario Landscape while OBTEK Services

will power wash the stone walls.

This park is a jewel in the Highlands. Councilor Matul has a vision to utilize this neighborhood park for community gatherings, outside educational classes or host musical events including watching some beautiful morning sunrises.



PATRICK GECOYA PHOTO

Cook Street Playground Volunteer Clean-up Crew - OBTEK Services of Lynn Dan Gates and John Barry, Macario Landscape Teodoro Marcario, Lynn DPW Mengistab Andemicael, Heather Macleod, Ward 4 Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Sean Reid, Tish Mukala, Carmen Osuna, and Ward 2 Obed Matul.

Greenbelt preserves Lynn Woods

Story & Photos by Patrick Gecoya

Prioritizing land for Urban Cooling in Lynn Woods provides nature's air conditioning effect from trees. The City of Lynn and the Water and Sewer Commission granted a conservation restriction to Essex County Greenbelt Association which is an Essex County land trust and land conservation organization working with the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The City of Lynn and the Water and Sewer Department will continue to manage Lynn Woods. It is important to note that the conservation restriction goes with the land forever insuring Lynn Woods will never be developed and will be preserved in its



Lynn native/retired Jim Comeau of DCR Land Acquisition with Lynn Woods Ranger Dan Small reviewing conservation plans.

current state.

Greenbelt's mission is to protect natural land and working farms across Essex County. President Kate Bowditch of the

Greenbelt land Trust in Essex County expressed her gratitude for having Lynn Woods receive

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St. Mary's boys hockey team celebrates a successful season at awards banquet

By Cary Shuman

The St. Mary's High School boys ice hockey team concluded a successful season under first-year head coach Matthew Smith with an awards banquet at the Nahant Country Club.

Smith is a 1996 graduate of St. Mary's and former outstanding hockey player and captain for the Spartans. He went on to play college hockey at Norwich University. Smith credited his predecessor, Hall of Fame coach Mark

Lee, for his guidance and support during his career at St. Mary's. He also served on Lee's staff as an assistant before becoming head coach prior to the 2023-24 season.

Smith wrote a heartfelt letter addressed to the Spartan family in the superbly designed souvenir booklet. Following are excerpts from Coach Smith's letter:

"From summer league to fall league, workouts, the first drop of the puck against Cen-

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EDITORIAL

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

The Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University has released its annual forecast for the 2024 hurricane season and it is nothing less than frightening, with a prediction that the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season will have activity well above average. Their summary is as follows:

“We estimate that 2024 will have 23 named storms (average is 14.4), 115 named storm days (average is 69.4), 11 hurricanes (average is 7.2), 45 hurricane days (average is 27.0), 5 major (Category 3-4-5) hurricanes (average is 3.2), and 13 major hurricane days (average is 7.4). The probability of U.S. and Caribbean major hurricane landfall is estimated to be well above its long- period average. We predict Atlantic basin Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) and Net Tropical Cyclone (NTC) activity in 2024 to be approximately 170 percent of their long- term averages.”

The reasons behind the forecast are two-fold: The first is that the El Nino weather pattern of the past few years has changed into a La Nina pattern, which means that the upper-atmospheric wind shear conditions of El Nino that prevent hurricanes from forming will dissipate, thereby creating conditions favorable to hurricane formation.

The second major factor is that ocean water temperatures are soaring beyond anything ever seen before. Warm water temperatures are the fuel for hurricanes, but the unprecedented high ocean temperatures we are experiencing all around the world -- every day literally is setting a new record -- will provide the rocket fuel that will feed tropical storms that will propel them to strengthen into major hurricane status.

While the change from an El Nino weather pattern to a La Nina pattern is a normal occurrence, the dramatic increase in ocean temperatures is attributable to climate change thanks to the ever-increasing amount of fossil-fuels that the world continues to spew into the atmosphere.

We haven't had a major hurricane in our little corner of the world in a while, so we are overdue -- and thanks to the effects of climate change exacerbating every meteorological event, we could be in for a long, hot -- and dangerous -- summer and autumn.

NEWS BRIEFS

ST. PIUS COMMUNITY EVENT

After a five year hiatus, St. Pius V School, Lynn reimagines with great fanfare its Silent Auction Spectacular on April 27th with a combined indoor and outdoor affair.

St. Pius V School presents its Silent Auction Spectacular fundraiser to be held on Saturday, April 27th from 5:30pm-9:30pm at 215 Maple Street, Lynn. Tickets are \$35 in advance at www.stpiusvschool.org/donate/auction.cfm or \$40 at the door. You must be 21yrs or older. Tickets for this fun night out with family and friends include opportunities to bid on auction items and amazing raffles, music, food for all palettes, and either a beer or wine tasting. There is a giant 'candy bar' featured as well as games and prizes.

The school's new premiere fundraiser is needed to control costs while St. Pius V continues to lead the way in affordable, private Catholic preK-8 education for Lynn and surrounding North Shore communities. The current enrollment stands at 340.

"St. Pius V School is a special place for children to learn and grow and holds a special place in the hearts of many people in the community. People from all over seem to want to help us make the event a success. Tickets are moving rapidly", said event chair Gary Martin.

The raffle and auction items have sparked great demand. Amazing items on hand include a Carl Yaztremski signed baseball, Pink Concert tickets, Bruins tickets, and foursome rounds of golf at area distinguished golf courses. Families of students will also have a raffle for a full one-year school tuition during the event.

This event has blossomed an enormous amount of local support for this gem of a Catholic school in the Flax Pond neighborhood of Lynn. "It has been absolutely heartwarming to see the outpouring of support this school is getting from the community of Lynn, local businesses, and its leaders--we are so grateful

and blessed!" commented school principal Mary Beth Noe.

SALEM MAN AND LYNN MAN PLEAD GUILTY TO COUNTERFEIT PILL TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY

Two men pleaded guilty last week in federal court in Boston to participating in a North Shore-based drug trafficking organization (DTO) that allegedly distributed tens of thousands of counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine.

Kion Shepherd, 33, of Salem and Raymond Kulakowski, 36, of Lynn pleaded guilty to one count each of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances. U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV scheduled sentencings for July 25, 2024 and September 3, 2024, respectively.

According to court documents, the DTO distributed counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl and counterfeit Adderall pills containing methamphetamine, among other things, to various individuals in the Lynn area. Shepherd and Kulakowski are the eighth and ninth defendants to plead guilty in this matter.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Stephen Belleau, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Division; and John E. Mawn Jr., Interim Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police made the announcement this week. Valuable assistance was provided by the Beverly, Everett, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Saugus and Swampscott Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorneys James E. Arnold and Evan D. Panich of the Narcotics & Money Laundering Unit are prosecuting the case.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations

that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The remaining defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

PELLETIER NAMED GRACIE AWARD RECIPIENT

The Alliance for Women in Media has announced the 2024 winners of its 49th annual Gracie Awards, and seven students at Hofstra University's Lawrence Herbert School of Communication are among the honorees.

The prestigious honor, awarded annually by the Alliance for Women in Media, recognizes work by, for, or about women in television, radio, and online media on the national, local, and student levels. Each year over the last decade, multiple Herbert School students have taken home Gracie Awards.

"We could not be more proud of our Gracie Award winners," said broadcast veteran Mark Lukasiewicz, dean of the Herbert School of Communication. "And we are immensely grateful to the Alliance for Women in Media for encouraging, empowering, and lifting up new generations of women storytellers and journalists."

Among the Hofstra winners is Emma Pelletier, of Lynn and a member of Hofstra's Class of 2024 who is majoring in Film-making.

Pelletier and co-producer Grace Madden won for their work on Hofstra Today, which airs on the Hofstra Entertainment Access Television (HEAT) Network..

"Our award for Best News Magazine is a group win for the show's entire staff, in addition to Emma and myself," Madden said. "We pride ourselves on having strong female leadership on our production staff and are

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permanent protection for Lynn residents, and all of the people who come to enjoy Lynn Woods Reservation.

Guest speaker Undersecretary of the Environmental Affairs, Stephanie Cooper said, "The leadership of Mayor Nicholson and Lynn Water and Sewer granted Lynn Woods conservation restrictions that permanently protect land and insure clean water."

Former Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

touched on the partnership and commitment with the City of Lynn. He said, "All agencies came together to promote and to protect space and recreational areas in Lynn Woods and the Commonwealth."

Mayor Jared Nicholson looked back and said, "This was an accumulation of years of work; I have a tremendous amount of gratitude to all agencies who brought us here to protect Lynn Woods. We have in the City of Lynn an incredible jewel."



State and Local Dignitaries Supporting Preservation of Lynn Woods – Ward 4 Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Ward 2 Obed Matul, Friends of Lynn Woods Steve Babbitt, State Senator Brendan Crighton, Mayor Jared Nicholson, Undersecretary of Environmental Affairs Stephanie Cooper, Essex County Greenbelt President Kate Bowditch, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation Brian Arrigo, State Rep. Daniel Cahill, and Ward 3 Coco Alinsug.



Greenbelt Team Prioritizing Land for Urban Cooling – Mike Carbone, Jane Rumrill, Kate Bowditch, Janessa Johnson-Hall, Kelly Thielman, and Jeanette Miranda.

Other guest speakers included State Senator Brendan Crighton and State Representative Daniel Cahill who worked diligently on this project along with State Reps Jenny Armini and Peter Capano. Also attending this celebration of the permanent protection of Lynn Woods were Ward 4 Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Ward 2 Obed Matul, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, At-Large Brian Field, At-Large Nicole McClain, former Friends of Lynn Woods President Steve Babbitt, MA DCR of Land Acquisition Jim Comeau, and Lynn Woods Ranger Dan Small.

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excited to receive an award that recognizes that."

The local and student winners of the 49th annual Gracie Awards will be celebrated in New York on June 18, 2024, at Cipriani 42nd Street. The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (AWMF) is a charitable nonprofit that creates educational programs and scholarship initiatives to benefit the public and women in the media.

The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication is a nationally recognized leader in educating students with the skills they need not only to launch successful careers today, but also to shape the media landscape in the years to come. For more information, visit hofstra.edu/herbert.

Hofstra University's primary mission is to provide a quality education to its students in an environment that encourages, nurtures, and supports learning. At Hofstra, new ideas take shape through collaboration, engagement, and interaction. Hofstra students create their success with small classes and dedicated faculty, alongside a beautiful cam-

pus, plus all the opportunities of New York City within easy reach.


RODRIGUEZ PARTICIPATES IN SPRING BREAK TRIP TO GEORGIA AND ALABAMA

Ambar Rodriguez of Lynn and a member of the Class of 2026 was among several Regis students who traveled to Georgia and Alabama for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage. Rodriguez visited the historic city of Atlanta, GA as well as Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, AL. Each of these cities were epicenters of the pivotal Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Throughout this experience, Regis students had the opportunity to learn about the history of the Civil Rights Movement firsthand while actively engaging with contemporary, anti-racism efforts and activism.


During the trip, Rodriguez explored important historical land-

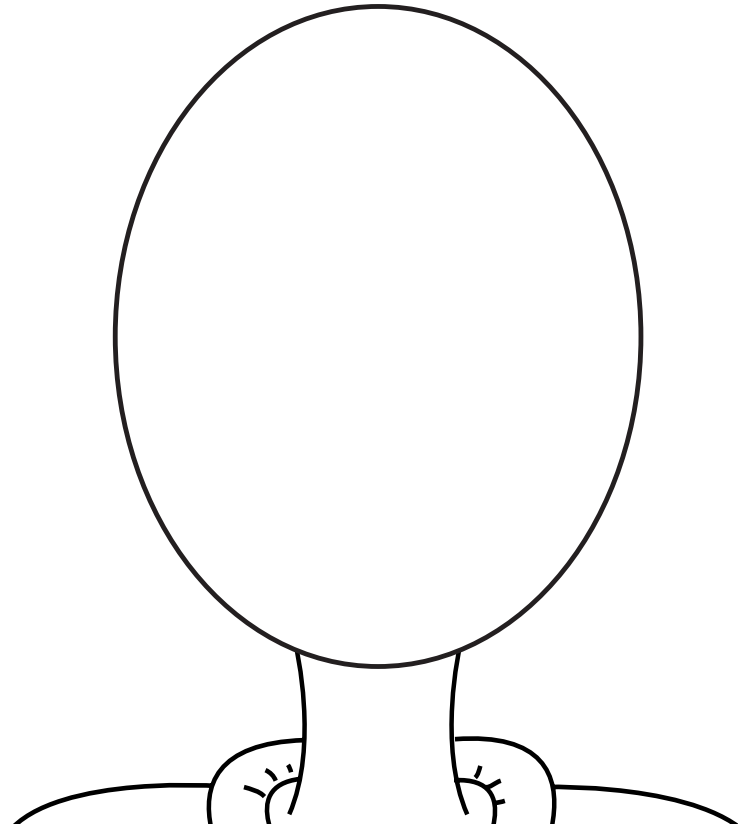
marks such as the King Center, Edmund Pettus Bridge, The 16th Street Baptist Church, The Legacy Museum and National Memorial, and The Center for Human and Civil Rights. Additionally, Rodriguez visited Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Martin Luther King, Jr. once presided as pastor for several years.

"This trip to Alabama was such a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the origins of the Civil Rights Movement," said Ababa Abiem, Assistant Professor and Director of Field Placement of Social Work who accompanied students on this trip. "As a black African faculty member, I was hesitant to give a yes at first, but quickly recognized the significance my presence would offer our students. It is an honor and a privilege to watch our Regis students embark on these life-changing journeys that will continue to be passed along to the next generation. It is with great hope that the conversations had throughout the week will leave a resounding sound on Regis' campus."



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MBTA announces enhanced Spring 2024 ferry schedules

New Weekend Lynn Service, enhancements to Winthrop/Quincy and Weekend Hingham/Hull Service

Special to the Journal

The MBTA today announced upcoming improvements to the Lynn, Winthrop/Quincy, and weekend Hingham/Hull ferry services starting this spring, including the addition of weekend Lynn ferry trips, other enhanced options for ferry riders, and improvements to the customer experience. These upgrades aim to provide more convenient schedules for ferry passengers, increase seasonal ridership, and improve reliability during times of potential crowded waterways. Ferry schedules are available now at mbta.com/Ferry.

Lynn Ferry Information:

The Lynn ferry will operate 10 trips per day on weekdays starting April 29 with minor schedule adjustments compared to the 2023 season to better manage ferry movements through the harbor and reduce possible delays due to congested waterways. With a commitment to enhancing transportation options to the Lynn community, 11 new weekend trips will also operate this season beginning Saturday, May 25. The Lynn ferry operates between the Blossom Street Pier and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf (North) through October 31. Schedules are available at mbta.com/Ferry.

A one-way fare on the Lynn ferry is \$7 (or \$3.50 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter

Boat or Commuter Rail Zone 2 (or higher) passes and M7 cards are also accepted.

Winthrop/Quincy Ferry Information:

The Winthrop/Quincy ferry will operate 13 trips on weekdays this season between Winthrop, Quincy, Logan Airport, and the downtown Boston area at Aquarium / Central Wharf (South), increasing service to Quincy and Winthrop, providing direct trips from Quincy to Boston, and expanding service to the Seaport. Winthrop/Quincy ferry service operates April 29 through November 30. Schedules are available at mbta.com/Ferry.

A one-way fare on the Winthrop ferry is \$6.50 (or \$3.25 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat or Commuter Rail Zone 1 (or higher) passes and M7 cards are also accepted.

Hingham/Hull Information:

The Hingham/Hull ferry operates 38 weekday trips year-round and will operate 32 trips on Saturdays and 28 trips on Sundays this season between Hingham, Hull, Logan Airport, Georges Island, and Downtown Boston. Schedule adjustments have been made this season to provide better service to riders, including a modification to eliminate an afternoon gap in weekend Hull service and efficiency improvements to the Saturday-only late-night trip from Boston to Hull,

among other upgrades. Weekend Hingham/Hull ferry service will resume beginning Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25, and operate through Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend, Sunday, October 13. Schedules are available at mbta.com/Ferry.

A one-way fare on the Hingham/Hull ferry is \$9.75 (or \$4.85 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat passes or Commuter Rail Zone 6 (or higher) passes are also accepted. Different fares apply for trips to and from Georges Island. Please see bostonharborislands.org for more information. Tickets to and from Georges Island are available on the mTicket app, at the Hingham Ferry Terminal ticket counter, and on board. MBTA passes are not valid for trips to and from Georges Island.

For more information about MBTA ferry routes, visit mbta.com/Ferry or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

STEPHEN HIRSCH SKATES IN BRUINS ALUMNI GAME FOR CHARITY



Stephen Hirsch, owner of Hirsch Landscape Services of Lynn, is pictured above as he skates in a benefit game against the Boston Bruins Alumni Team at Warrior Rink. Proceeds went to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The team was sponsored by G Bar and Kitchen owner Gregg Brackman. Hirsch is a graduate of Lynn Classical High School, where he played ice hockey and Northeastern University. Hirsch has been a strong supporter of the Boys and Girls Club of Lynn for several years.

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ed to the Senate from Massachusetts. She is a fearless consumer advocate and one of the nation's leading progressive voices, fighting for big structural change that would transform our economy and rebuild the middle class.

Lt. Governor Driscoll is the 73rd Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and together with Governor Maura Healey, comprises the first all-women executive team to lead Massachusetts. The

Healey-Driscoll administration is committed to expanding access to community colleges, including making community college free for all Massachusetts residents age 25 and older. Prior to her tenure as Mayor of Salem for 17 years, Driscoll had a long and successful career in local government, serving the Cities of Chelsea and Beverly, and is a proud graduate of Salem State University

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Commuter Rail and Blue Line Service Changes. What You Need to Know.

Beginning April 20th through April 28th, Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail train service will be replaced by shuttle buses between Swampscott and North Station. Additionally, Blue Line service between Airport and Wonderland will be replaced by shuttle buses during the same time.

NEWBURYPORT/ROCKPORT CLOSURE

The Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail closure is for continued implementation of the Automatic Train Control (ATC) work being done to make Commuter Rail safer. It is an upgrade to the existing signal system and is required by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

BLUE LINE CLOSURE

The Blue Line closure will allow for accelerated track construction work to eliminate 16 of the 18 speed restrictions on the line. At the same time the T will also undertake station repairs including lighting, painting, and deep cleaning.

For alternative travel options during the Commuter Rail and Blue Line closures, see below.

Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Shuttle Buses*

Free buses between Swampscott and North Station

Blue Line Alternative Travel Options

Shuttle Buses*

April 20-28 | Free shuttles will replace Blue Line service between **Airport** and **Wonderland**.

Ferry

Ferry service runs between **East Boston** at **Lewis Mall Wharf** and downtown Boston at Long Wharf (North). Departs approximately every 30 minutes from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Alternative Bus

Route **116 & 117** - servicing **Wonderland - Maverick**

Route **121** - in East Boston between **Shelby St.** and **Maverick**

*All shuttle buses are accessible.

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tral Catholic, and fast-forward to the overtime loss [in the State Tournament] versus Franklin, every moment has been filled with growth, camaraderie, and a shared passion for the game.

“First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the parents and our dedicated fans. Your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to our team have been inspiring. To

our 2023-24 Spartans, you have demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and sportsmanship on and off the ice.”

“In closing I thank you once again for unwavering support. It means the world to me! It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your coach, and I look forward to continuing the successful legacy of the St. Mary's boys hockey program.”



Coach Matthew Smith presents flowers of appreciation to the team captains' parents (from left) Leslie Salter, Yasmine Driscoll, and Carol McGonagle.



Head Coach Matthew Smith presents special awards of gratitude to Micah Hashikawa (Social Media), Tommy Butera (Assistant Coach), Elicia Wooster (Yoga Instructor) and Chip Bott (Photographer).



Aidan Fitzpatrick (Offensive Player of the Year), with his mother, Kerri Fitzpatrick (left) and Matthew Smith Jr. (Defensive Player of the Year), with his mother, Kim Smith (right).



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Assistant coach Mike Roberts, with his son, Mikie Roberts, who received the Future Spartan Award.



Michael Reddy presents the Patrick Reddy Award to senior Marc Hilton Jr.



Steven Oulette presents the Kory Ouelette Award to senior Alex Chaisson.



St. Mary's goaltender and Defensive Player of the Year Award recipient Matthew Smith Jr., with his sister, Ava Smith (left) and his mother, Kim Smith (right).



Alex Chaisson, with his parents, Ed Chaisson and Sue Ann Chaisson.



St. Mary's head coach Matthew Smith (center), with award recipients, from left, Marc Hilton Jr. (Patrick Reddy Award), Alex Chaisson (Kory Ouelette Award), Benjamin Fry (All-Scholastic Award), and Patrick Babineau (Mark Lee Coaches' Award).



The St. Mary's coaches, Daniel Nachbaur, Doug Surette, Matthew Smith, Bailey MacBurnie, and Brendan Mageary present the Mark Lee Coaches Award to Patrick Babineau.

SEAN REID SEEKS STATE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

Patrick Gecoya Photos

School Committee member Sean Reid is seeking the State Representative 11th Essex District seat representing Lynn and Nahant. He said, "Many people are struggling. The state is currently facing many different crises. I will address issues at the state level."

As staff member in the office of State Senator Brendan Crighton, Sean has been working on concerns, such as affordable housing, improving the public transit system and ferry service in Lynn, and educational funding.

Sean Reid is an active member of the Greater Lynn community. He serves on the YMCA Metro North and My Brother's Table boards. He is the co-founder with Frank Grealish - Kayak and Sail Lynn. He is a life-time Lynn resident who graduated from Lynn Classical High School and Amherst College. Sean created a successful campaign several years ago for Councilor At-Large Brian LaPierre.

Sean Reid is "ready to hit the ground on day one." He is focused on daily issues preparing him to do the job as the next State Representative 11th District in Essex County.



Vinny Capano, Campaign Manager, and Candidate Sean Reid greets supporters.



Sean and Kelsey Reid.



Officials meet Sean Reid - Ward 2 Obed Matul, School Committee Eric Dugan, Ward 6 Fred Hogan, Registry of Deed Candidate Eileen Duff, Sean Reid, At-Large Brian LaPierre, At-Large Nicole McClain, Candidate for Clerk of Courts Essex County Tom Driscoll, and Ward 4 Natasha Meggie-Maddrey.



Democratic State Committee Third Essex District members - Sandy Anshewitz and Drew Russo greets Sean Reid.



Ladies with Sean Reid for State Representative: Judith Black, April Anderson, Sean Reid, Stacy Bryant-Brown, and Louise Dominique.



Friends for Sean Reid - School Committee Lenny Pena, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, Brendan Ward, Sean Reid, Tristan Smith, and Victor Olson.

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GIRL POWER ILLUMINATES GIRLS INC. OF BOSTON AND LYNN'S 36TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION LUNCHEON



Pictured at the Girls Inc. Celebration Luncheon are Sarah Phillips, Linda Lange, former Girls Inc. board member Alvina Butler, and Hetty Friedman.



Delegations from Reading Cooperative Bank and Brotherhood Credit Union showed their support for Girls Inc. at the luncheon. Front row, from left, Shana Cahalane, Kerry Ranieri, Julie Thurlow, and Maureen Bernard. Back row, from left, are Jessica Glezellis, Marilyn DeSimone, Kim Corliss, Ariel Long, and Alicia Chan.



Master of Ceremonies Latoyia Edwards, Girls Inc. Executive Director Natalie Martinez, Lynn DEI Officer Faustina Cuevas, and outgoing Girls Inc. Executive Director Deb Ansourlian, who was recognized for her outstanding leadership of the non-profit organization.



Girls Inc. Teen Board Member Zainob Lawal, Girls Inc. Executive Director Natalie Martinez, Teen Board Member DeeDee Okusanya, and program guest speaker Aryana Richardson.

Girls Inc. of Boston and Lynn supporters recently gathered at the 36th Annual Celebration Luncheon at the Hilton DoubleTree in Danvers. The sold-out event welcomed nearly 600 guests including community leaders, elected officials, business leaders, girls, and supporters of girls including Superintendent of Lynn Public Schools Dr. Evonne Alvarez, alumna speaker Aryanna Richardson, and Emmy Award-winning NBC10 Boston anchor Latoyia Edwards.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP was recognized with the 2024 Strong, Smart, and Bold Award for embodying the mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through direct service and advocacy. The award was accepted on behalf of PwC partner Hadley Leach.

“PwC has been a friend to our girls for over eight years, generously giving financial support, mentoring our girls, actively participating on the board, and providing grant funding for various programs related to STEM and career development,” says outgoing Girls Inc. executive director Deb Ansourlian. Along with hosting 200 girls each summer for a STEM day in their Boston office,

they led the expansion of PwC partnerships to several Girls Inc. affiliates across the United States.

The crowd paid tribute to Ansourlian, who is departing the Lynn organization after 12 years of leadership, and Girls Inc. board president Siobhan Kelly introduced new CEO Natalie Martinez, who expressed her gratitude to staff and donors for making the celebration luncheon possible. She also noted that it was an honor to be at the event saying, “The importance of Girls Inc. cannot be overstated. Today is our moment in time to shut out the world and celebrate the girls.” Martinez was followed by a heartfelt performance by the Girls Inc. chorus led by Linda Hall.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Joy Moyer

Girl Hero Scholarship, which was awarded to a trio of outstanding students from Lynn.

Fadilat Amisu, a senior at Lynn English High School, is on the track and field and cross country teams and is part of the Inclusivity Panel, the Environmental Club, student government, the National Honor Society, the Black Student Union, and is the co-founder and vice president of her school’s newsletter. She plans to study civil engineering this fall in college. Esther Agbedun, from Kipp Academy in Lynn, is vice president of the National Honor Society, a student ambassador, soccer team captain, and founder of the Engineering Club. She will be attending

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Representing Lynn city government, Councilor-at-Large Nicole McLain, Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug, and Ward 4 Councilor Natasha Megie-Maddrey.



Boys and Girls Club of Lynn Executive Director Brian Theirrien and Camp Fire North Shore Executive Director Laurie Hamill.



Outgoing Girls Inc. Executive Director Deb Ansourlian, Bopha Malone, and Maria Manlueta, pictured at the 36th Annual Girls Inc. of Boston and Lynn Celebration Luncheon April 11 at the Hilton Doubletree, Danvers.

2024 Lynn All City Track Meet
May 28
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Please reach out to Tristan Smith at CoachSmithSMH@gmail.com for details

LYNN DELEGATION ATTENDS PEOPLE A.M.E. CHURCH, CHELSEA, 147TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

A delegation representing Zion Baptist Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church of Lynn attended the People's A.M.E. Church, Chelsea, 147th Anniversary Dinner April 6 at the Chelsea Yacht Club. Pictured at the celebration of the church's proud history are (from left) Darrell Murkison, Katrina Bingham, Rita Roberson, Marcia Fleming, Roy Rhodes, and Marcia Rhodes.

Bridgewell raises \$320,000, honors difference makers at Imagine the Possibilities Gala

Special to the Journal

Bridgewell, a nonprofit social and human services organization serving northeastern Massachusetts, today announced that more than \$320,000 was raised for programs and services during its annual Imagine the Possibilities Gala held on April 5. The theme for the gala was "Building Bridges," highlighting the numerous ways Bridgewell's team builds bridges for, and with, the people they serve; bridges to the community, opportunities, and support as they strive to reach their fullest potential.

"Thank you to all our donors and sponsors for helping make our work possible," said Bridgewell President and CEO Christopher Tuttle. "The impact of these funds will be felt in our programs throughout the region, from our day programs in Billerica, Danvers, and Lynn serving individuals with intellectual and



Bridgewell President and CEO Christopher Tuttle speaks at the Imagine the Possibilities Gala.

developmental disabilities, to our supportive housing programs in Lowell and Lynn, to our behavioral health clinics, including our newest clinic in Amesbury."

Bridgewell also honored two difference makers during the event. Jake Rubin, who works in merchandising and community engagement for Bernie & Phyl's Furniture, accepted the Excellence in Service Award on behalf

of the Rubin family, for their commitment to nonprofit organizations that support positive outcomes for children and families.

The Visionary Leadership Award was presented to Assistant Training Director Gary LaPierre, who retired at the end of March after nearly 44 years with the organization. LaPierre was recognized for his contributions to the organization and its employees during his long tenure, and the agency's supervisory skills training program, developed and enhanced by LaPierre over many years, has been renamed the LaPierre Leadership Academy.

The annual Imagine the Possibilities Gala is an opportunity to celebrate all that Bridgewell and the people it serves have achieved over the past year, to recognize and thank its partners and supporters, and to raise financial support for its behavioral health, day habilitation, employment, housing, and addiction recovery programs.

Zainab Lawal, DeeDee Okusanya and Noelia Tavaréz Sanchez. Middle school scholars included Jasmine Bonilla, Adriana Martinez and Yarielys Patricio-Santo.

Donations are still welcome. Contact Donna Crotty at dcrotty@girlsinlynn.org or 781.592.9744, x243, or visit <https://girlsinlynn.org/ways-to-give/special-events/>.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Pearl Stuart

May 22, 1952 - April 12, 2024

Nancy Pearl Stuart, known around Revere, Lowell, Charlestown and Cambridge as her alter ego, "Pearl," the ever exuberant Karaoke songstress, died at 71 years old in Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott, AZ of multi-organ failure.

A personality bigger than life, with a flair for the dramatics and a lover of holidays, with matching festive garb. Nancy was happy and bold and partly misunderstood. She loved celebration, family, the ocean, children and her wishes for a conventional life as a wife, mother, with a "white picket fence" fell out of reach.

Always a giver, a friend to the homeless and battered women's causes, she was generous, even if kindness wasn't returned. Others came first. She saw the best in everyone. She lived life with gusto. And dreamed of bigger dreams then she could ever live, but it never stopped her.

A passionate devotee of Christianity, Nancy dedicated a portion of her life to Bible Study.

She found her calling in Cosmetology as a Hairdresser and lived a quiet life. In the end, she was surrounded by her adored brother and first childhood chum, Gary F. Stuart of Prescott, AZ, protective eldest sister, Gail L. Stuart -



Scammon of Concord, NH, devoted sister Robin A. Stuart of Los Angeles, CA. Beloved sister Dawn N. Stuart of Papua, New Guinea and cherished baby sister, Fran E. Stuart of Palm Beach, FLA.

Nancy follows her late parents, father Irwin V. Stuart of Sterling, MA, mother Patricia T. (Paino) of Derry, NH, late sister Karen J. Stuart of Boston, late son Alexander C. Porter of Charlestown, and late Aunt Mary N. McNamara of Dania, FL.

She leaves behind her niece, Jennifer L. Farrow of Derry, NH, a great niece, nephew and a great-great niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers please donate to charities for Mental Illness in her Honor: RETHINK MENTAL ILLNESS (Rethink.org) or DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (DBSalliance.org).

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Centre College in Kentucky where she will be majoring in mechanical engineering as a Posse Scholar. Noelia Tavaréz Sanchez, a Lynn Classical High School senior, is a member of the Yearbook Club and has been actively involved with community mural painting. When not in school, she holds internships at Medtronic and Conduit. She plans to study mechanical engineering in college and aspires to

open a non-profit in her birthplace, the Dominican Republic.

In an unprecedented honor, seven girls were named Girls Inc. National Scholars. The scholarship program was created by Lucile Miller Wright, a longtime supporter of Girls Inc. and a pioneer aviator, who made a bequest from her estate to fund scholarships expressly for young women members. Senior scholars were Fadilat Amisu,

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ON THE DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The following Lynn students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2023 fall 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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- Cormac Collins
- Amy Hatfield
- Kacey Rouse

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LYNN STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Lynn officials conducted the Annual Student Government Day. Students from each high school had the opportunity to learn how a meeting is conducted and discuss key community issues.

Mayor Jared Nicholson and city staff opened up their departments for student to learn how city government operates. City

officials included School Committee members, Lynn Councilors, Department personnel, and State Legislators.



PATRICK GECOYA PHOTO

Lynn students and city officials are pictured Government Day at Lynn City Hall.

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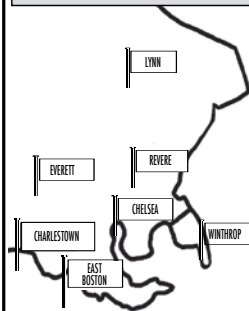
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Room to Dream and Trade Partners join forces to change a life

Special to the Journal

Room to Dream and Trade Partners join forces to deliver a full room design and build make-over to Bryan Cruz—a young teen from Lynn diagnosed with leukemia in April 2022.

General scope was to completely makeover his room and set it up for a wheel chair bound child to receive treatment and improve.

The Reveal was on Sunday, April 14.



Bryan's finished room, courtesy of Room to Dream and Trade Partners.



Bryan Cruz reacts to seeing his refinished room for the first time.

With a strong passion for design and a clear dedication to hard work, Amanda Greaves established AG&Co in 2010. Her motivation, tenacity, and poise are the base of the AG&Co culture which is evident in all of their projects. Amanda's desire for constant and never ending improvement within her own personal life flows over seamlessly into the culture, atmosphere and attitudes of the entire team. By creating an atmosphere full of support, freedom of expression, and flexibility in schedules and styles of each individual > Amanda believes the environment in which we all work should

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Shown above and below, team members worked hard inside and outside of Bryan's room to ensure the finished remodel was perfect.

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Room to Dream Foundation:

"The mission of the Room to Dream Foundation is to create healing environments in bedrooms for children and adoles-

cents who are facing chronic illnesses. As they recuperate and recover, our hope is that their renovated spaces will improve their quality of life, promote strength, imagination, self-worth, and aid in their recovery processes."

The Room to Dream Foundation focuses its services on children and families in need.



LYNN YOUTH STREET OUTREACH ADVOCACY HOLDS FOURTH ANNUAL GALA



Lynn Youth Street Outreach Advocacy (LYSOA) held its Fourth Annual Gala April 4 honoring Coach Robert Smith and the Honorable Judge James LaMothe. Pictured at the gala at the Peabody Marriott Hotel are (front row, from left) Teresa DiGregorio (Co-Founder and Executive Director) Brian Anderson, Michael Contant, and Ashley Braswell (Outreach Advocate). Back row, from left, are Rebecca Hermann (Lead Outreach Advocate), Amy Sixt, Deidre Foley, Todd Siegel, Robert Reynolds, Rick Starbard, and Antonio Gutierrez (Co-Founder and Program Director). Additional photos from the gala will appear in the next edition of the Lynn Journal.

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City Hall hosts Biggest Loser Team Challenge

Story and Photos by Patrick Gecoya

A Biggest Loser Weight Challenge will determine City Champions in May. This will be a 45 day competition to shed pounds between city officials from East against West that began on April 15 and will conclude on May 31.

The official weigh-in was at Turner Metal Company. West Lynn came in at 1,260 pounds while East Lynn hit the scale at 1,380 pounds. At the end of the challenge another official weigh-in will verify the team that loses the most weight.



East versa West for Big Loser Challenge - Attorney Jim Lamanna, Ward 4 Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Ward 2 Obed Matul, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, At-Large Brian LaPierre, Ward 1 Dr. Peter Meaney, Ward 7 & Council President Jay Walsh, At-Large Nicole McClain, Ward 5 VP Dianna Chakoutis, Ward 6 Fred Hogan, At-Large Brian Field, and At-Large Hong Net. Photo included - Owen LaPierre and Matul Family.

This Loser Challenge is to raise funds for charity. According to West Team Captain Fred Ho-

gan who said, "The winning team decides which Lynn non-profit organization will receive the proceeds." This challenge is a great concept for health, noted Councilor Hogan, "This was the idea of Dr. Meaney throwing down the gauntlet to the Councilors and a City Solicitor to participate and to celebrate National Physical Fitness and Sports Month; it is a great way for all of us to work on our health and promote a healthy attitude."

East Lynn Captain Dr. Peter Meaney wants to bring attention to the obesity epidemic in the country and raise health awareness. He said, "The Council works together; this will build a spirit of friendship among us; and this is an excellent opportunity for us to get into shape, stay well, and raise money for a worthy cause. This is a way for us to give back to the community."



Team Captains - West Lynn Ward 6 Fred Hogan and East Lynn Ward 1 Dr. Peter Meaney.



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Lynn comedian, actor Demi Woodz will perform at The Vault April 25

By Journal Staff

Lynn comedian, actor, and producer Demi Woodz will be performing on Thursday, April 25 at The Vault Theatre, 25 Exchange St.

Woodz will showcase four comedy characters in his act, including Rufus, who has been known to generate tremendous response from audiences.

Woodz has performed at the Community Brotherhood Club in Lynn several times. He was recently honored with a New York City comedy award.

Woodz, whose real name is Demetri Underwood, is the son of Sebrina Underwood of Lynn, who proudly told the Lynn Journal, "He is a good role model for young men."



Demi Woodz, Lynn comedian will be performing locally April 25.