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## Katie Greer outlines ways to keep kids safe online

By DAN TOMASELLO

LYNNFIELD — There are a number of steps parents and guardians can take to keep children safe online, Internet safety expert Katie Greer said during a virtual presentation on Jan. 19.

A Healthy Lynnfield and the School Department sponsored Greer's presentation on Zoom teleconference. Over 60 people attended the virtual event.

"We administered a survey last spring, and one of parents' top concerns was Internet and social media safety," said Substance Use Prevention Coordinator Peg Sallade.

Greer recalled that she began her career working for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office's Internet Crimes Unit. She also served as an in-

telligence analyst for Massachusetts State Police. She is now the CEO of KL Greer Consulting. She is the mother of two children.

"I have a third-grader and a fifth-grader, so I am not only dealing with this professionally, but I am dealing with this personally," said Greer. "I am trying to practice what I preach even though I am coming up against a lot of obstacles. My fifth-grade daughter asked Santa for an iPhone for Christmas. Santa did not deliver it."

Greer said the amount of time children and adults have spent looking at devices has increased significantly over the past seven years.

"In 2015, 67 percent of teens between the ages of 13-18 had their own smartphone," said Greer. "By



**KATIE GREER**  
Internet safety expert

2019, the number climbed to 84 percent. The average 8- to 12-year-old American kid spent four hours and 44 minutes looking at screens each day in 2019. American teens, ages 13-18, used entertainment screen media for seven hours and 22 minutes a day in 2019."

Greer said the COVID-19 pandemic has increased screen time use among children, adolescents and adults.

Before giving the virtual presentation to parents and guardians, Greer noted that she gave presentations to Lynnfield Middle School students. She polled the students in all four grades in order to ask them if they had a smartphone.

"I would say 85 percent of the fifth-graders had their own smartphone and it just went up percentage

wise from there," said Greer. "We know through research and common sense that having kids spend time on screens for over seven hours a day and adults spending nine hours looking at screens is not healthy for our brains, eyeballs and our social-emotional health."

Greer urged parents to identify times when children are not allowed to look at screens. She said parents can prevent their children from looking at screens during dinner and family TV time. She also noted that some families have implemented "tech-free" days.

"I have not talked to one family who hasn't said this hasn't made a profound difference in the attitudes

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## LHS sophomores learn the art of civic engagement

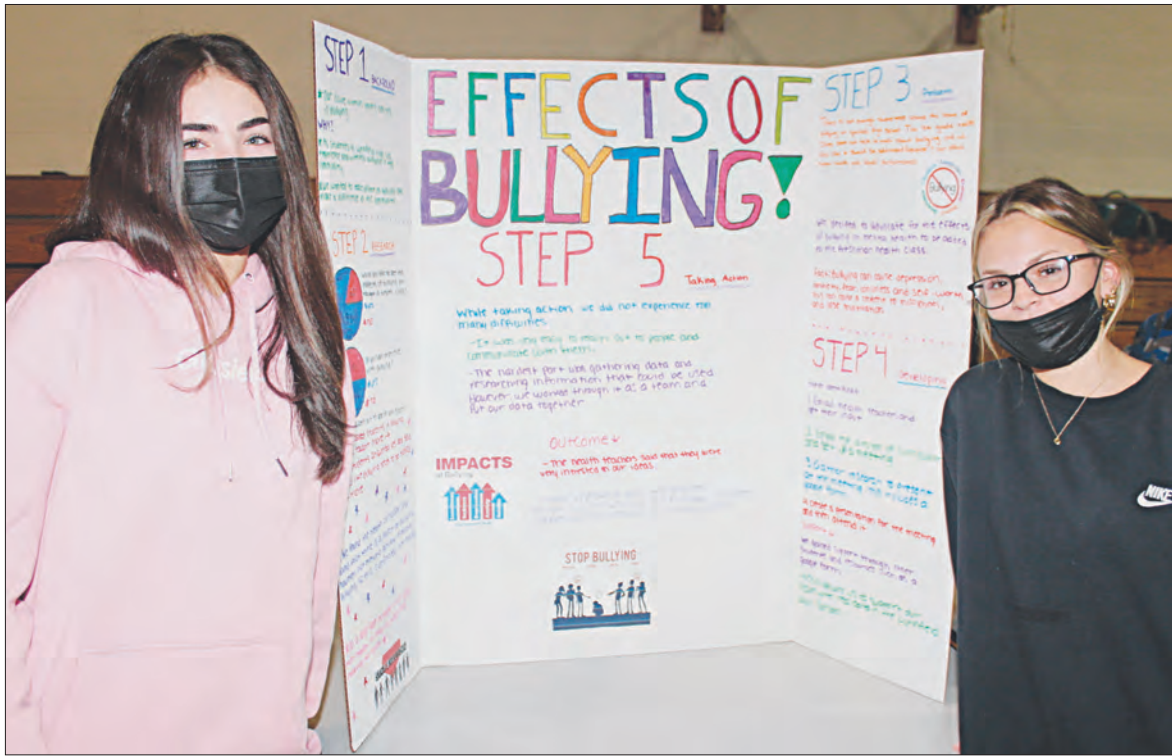
By DAN TOMASELLO

LYNNFIELD — Civic engagement took center stage at Lynnfield High School on Jan. 18.

Lynnfield High has implemented the Civics Action Project for the first time this year. The project was initiated after Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law "An Act to Promote and Enhance Civic Engagement" three years ago. The law requires public high schools and middle schools to offer a nonpartisan civics project to students.

The Civics Action Project Winter Showcase was set up in the LHS gym. Fifteen groups comprised of sophomores set up their projects on tables, and the students answered questions from their peers and educators. The groups also answered questions from school officials and state lawmakers.

History teachers Jen Goguen and David Forster worked with Department Head Sue Breen and Merrimack College graduate fellow Brian



**SOPHOMORES Hailey Mihalchik (left) and Lola Fitzmeyer raised awareness about the effects of bullying during Lynnfield High School's Civics Action Project Winter Showcase on Jan. 18.**

(Dan Tomasello Photo)

Holihan in order to get the Civics Action Project off the ground. Goguen noted that half of the Class of 2024 worked on the projects during the first semester as part of the United States History 1 curriculum. She said the remaining members of the sophomore class started working on the projects this week.

Goguen said the History and Social Science Department administered a survey to sophomores before they were assigned into groups.

"We asked the students what they were interested in, and students were grouped together based on their interests," said Goguen. "Those groups started with a big idea, and Brian and I helped the students narrow those ideas down into something that was smaller and more manageable."

Holihan, who is overseeing the projects, said the purpose of the first-year initiative is to teach stu-

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**

**Virtual Yoga Class**, 12-1 p.m., visit [www.lynnfield-library.org](http://www.lynnfield-library.org) for link.

**Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission meeting**, 6:30 p.m., 201 Warren St. Extension, Peabody.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**

**Knitting Club for Adults**, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Lynnfield Library.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Board of Library Trustees meeting**, 6:30 p.m., visit [www.lynnfieldlibrary.org](http://www.lynnfieldlibrary.org) for link.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**Virtual Story Time**, 10 a.m., visit [www.lynnfieldlibrary.org](http://www.lynnfieldlibrary.org) for Zoom link.

## AHL child anxiety management workshop Feb. 2

LYNNFIELD — A Healthy Lynnfield is presenting a hybrid workshop for parents and caregivers titled, "Don't Feed the Worry Bug: Helping Kids Manage Their Anxieties," on Wednesday, Feb. 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The session is part four in the Healthy Conversations, Healthy Kids series. Attendees will have the option of listening to the presentation at the Al Merritt Media

and Cultural Center at 600 Market Street, second floor, or join by Zoom.

Heather Day, MA, LMHC, the clinical supervisor and outpatient clinician at Riverside Community Care, will lead the discussion about childhood anxiety. Day will cover how anxiety manifests in children of different ages, and how and why staying healthy is important for both caregivers and chil-

dren. She will also outline tips to parents in order to help them help work with their children so they can learn to better recognize and manage their own anxiety.

Workshop attendees will discuss how to best respond to three case scenarios and get practical information to implement at home.

Registration is required for this free program. In order to register, go to [www.ahealthilynnfield.org](http://www.ahealthilynnfield.org) and click on the "news and events" tab.

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## LAG's 'Bring the Good' show opens Friday



**PHOTOGRAPHER Greg Pronevitz's "Katsura Tree Greens" will be featured in the LAG's "Bring the Good" show at the Albion Cultural Exchange on Friday.** (Greg Pronevitz Photo)



**ARTIST JANE BOORAS' "Child Portrait" will be on display in the LAG's "Bring the Good Show" at the Albion Cultural Exchange on Friday** (Courtesy photo)

LYNNFIELD — The Lynnfield Art Guild team is bringing its energy and artworks to the Albion Arts District in Downtown Wakefield for its "Bring the Good" show every Friday night from 5-7:30 p.m. through Feb. 25 at 6 Albion Street, Wakefield.

Starting on Friday, Jan. 28 and continuing the next three Friday nights, visitors will have the opportunity to interact with two of the artists in the show. During the first of four consecutive "Meet the

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# Lynnfield COVID cases decline, state revamps school testing rules

By DAN TOMASELLO

LYNNFIELD — The number of COVID-19 cases reported to the Board of Health is trending downward.

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director Glenn Davis informed the Villager there are 268 active COVID cases in Lynnfield as of Monday morning. There have been 2,874 total cases since the start of the pandemic and 2,575 people have recovered from the virus. Tragically, 31

residents have lost their lives to the novel coronavirus.

The School Department's COVID-19 dashboard revealed there were 30 cases as of Monday morning. Summer Street School has the highest number of cases with 11. There are seven cases at Huckleberry Hill School. There are six cases at Lynnfield Middle School, four cases at Lynnfield High School and there are two cases at Lynnfield Pre-school.

Davis noted that more people are now using at-home rapid antigen tests in order to determine whether they have COVID.

"Those numbers are not getting reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the local Board of Health," said Davis. "Since those numbers are not showing up in my statistics, we have no way to track those at-home positive tests. There have been some residents who have called and emailed

us in order to report they have tested positive."

Davis said test results from the MWRA's pilot study to track wastewater at Boston's Deer Island Treatment Plant for indicators of COVID-19 is "trending downward." According to the MWRA, samples are taken three to seven times a week and are analyzed by the wastewater epidemiology company Biobot Analytics.

**School regulations changed again**

Superintendent Kristen Vogel and COVID-19 Nurse Coordinator Toni Rebelo announced in a letter to families on Jan. 21 that the School Department is making changes to its COVID testing program, which will go into effect on Monday, Feb. 7. The changes come in the wake of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health updating state regulations.

"We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status," Vogel and Rebelo wrote.

Vogel and Rebelo stated that the district will be sending test kits to the students who choose to participate in the voluntary program as long as "there are no delays in shipping."

"From there on, tests will be sent home every other Monday and are then to be used for weekly administration on every Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 8," Vogel and Re-

belo wrote. "In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue with symptomatic testing during the week and targeted classroom and team sport testing as needed."

In the wake of the state regulation changes, Vogel and Rebelo stated that the Test-and-Stay program and contact tracing for in-school close contacts will be discontinued in all four schools beginning on Monday, Feb. 7.

"As of Monday, Feb. 7, families will no longer be notified of close contacts in any form," Vogel and Rebelo wrote. "This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. If you choose not to opt-in, there are no additional requirements and your student comes to school as normal."

DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley called the new at-home testing program a "game changer" on Jan. 18. He said the new program will allow schools to pivot strategies away from identifying asymptomatic close contacts to COVID mitigation and symptomatic testing efforts.

"We've also heard from many nurses and school administrators urging us to make changes to our Test-and-Stay program and the contact tracing associated with it," Riley said. "And both our medical advisors and the (Department of Public Health) say it's time to pivot."

— *The State House News Service contributed to this report.*

## Lynnfield Middle School first trimester honor roll

LYNNFIELD — Principal Stephen Ralston has released Lynnfield Middle School's honor roll for the first trimester of the 2021-2022 academic year.

### GRADE 6: HIGH HONORS

The sixth-graders named to the high honor roll are Christophe Anderson Jr., Michael Barrett, John Beccia IV, Ava Bourinot, Megan Buckley, Nicholas Bui, Parker Burek, Thomas Burns, Sadie Caulfield, Derek Chan, Cameron Chisholm, Christine Choi, Jack Cullinane, Carina DeLeo, Noah Desrochers, Nora Donovan, Cassandra Dorman, Wenkai Fitzgerald, Lilly Gately, Meghan Geary, Spencer Gillis and Maxwell Gromko.

The remaining sixth-graders named to the high honor roll are Sabrina Hayman, Ella Hodsdon, Tyler Ing, Sarah Kaufman, Benjamin Kazlouski, Isabella Kent, Nikhil Kumar, Audrey Malone, Luke Mancinelli, Jillian Martin, Davin McClory, Estelle McClory, Molly McMahon, Charlotte Migliero, Sydney Moore, Jack Mueller, Jorani Paul, Nicholas Raso, Joshua Reinold, Patrick Ryou, Maximus Sabbagh, Logan Senat, James Settipane, Lucas Smallenberger, Thea Splansky, Michael Sweeney, Abigail Tsatskis, Charles Verdile, Elisa Vladasi and Boden Wallin.

### GRADE 6: HONORS

The sixth-graders named to the honor roll are Nada Al Attal, Grace Allen, Camden Anderson, Tyler Bellandi, Olivia Braley, Kathleen Brown, Caleigh Caprio, Jason Ciolfi, Isaiah Corlett, Helena DeOliveira, Sydney Devroe, Eyla Durakovic, Karim Elhamrawy, Brianna Feinberg, Avery Fleming, Benjamin Glasser, Michael Glynn, Claire Halsey, Michael Hubbard, Amelia Jalali and Rachael Long.

The remaining sixth-graders named to the honor roll are James Mahan, Patrick Malone, Camille Marini, Kauan Marques, Colin Mauser, Chase Minniear, Lorna Murray, Giuliana Nastari, Marissa Olsen, Thomas Ortiz, Daira Paulino, Andrei Pena, Jacob Pincus, Tyler Pincus, Afsana Rabbani, Ava Ragsa, Phoebe Rockwell, Arianna Roy, Adam Rystrom, Luca Sarni, Sophie Shaievitz, Jaxson Tamaro, Brooke Tarr, Gianna Veiga, Juliana Vigeant and Vicky Zheng.

### GRADE 6:

### HONORABLE MENTION

The sixth-graders named to the

honorable mention list are Aaron Atubato, Adam Ayari, William Biggar, Spencer Brown, Evan Carty, Vanessa Champy, Collin Curley, Soumil DasGupta, Anna Diranian, Trenton Gamby, Jelizaveta Gavrilova, Fiona Golden, Angelina Goyette, Olivia Hurton, Tessa MacDonald, Mia Martins, Jayce Melara, Lucia Palmer, Sean Santo, Mitchell Sieve, Lily Sullivan, Jose Vega, Stella Vigeant and James Wallace.

### GRADE 7: HIGH HONORS

The seventh-graders named to the high honor roll are Layla Allen, Rishabh Anand, Giada Antidormi, Kaylee Barrett, Jamie Broady, Chase Buoniconti, Andrew Carbone, Benjamin Clancy, Mia Daley, Lucas Deraps, Hannah Doherty, Kellen Farias, Brooke Fenderson, Melina Haggis, Abigail Harris, Magdaly Hatzis, Nino Jaliashvili and Brendan Koleszar.

The remaining seventh-graders named to the high honor roll are Ritvik Mahajan, Nathan Malenfant, Audrey Manning, Jack Martino, Lauren Mattia, Chloe McEwen, Katie McGuinness, Lilli McSweeney, Kira Miles, Sarah Mitchell, Jada Moga, Joseph Moscoffian, Grant Neal, Calla Norden, Prabhsimar Pabla, Ella Price, Inayah Qazafi, Adriana Regitano, Charlotte Rose, Olivia Ryou, Ava Sonek, Lindsay Squadrito, Sophia Tramontozzi, Jason Tran, Brady Trippe, Juliette Vaccaro, Hayden Valiton, Emma Wagon, Coleman Walsh and Maeve Wertz.

### GRADE 7: HONORS

The seventh-graders named to the honor roll are Mahir Akhter, Faith Angelo, Joel Attubato, Adam Bayer, Chase Bergeron, Chloe Bergeron, Samuel Bird, Stefania Bonavita, Gianluca Bottaro, Dante

Bucci, Jared Burke, Shana Butter, Jordan Calichman, Kyani Campbell, Mia Capodilupo, Sophia Catinazzo, Zachary Chiarella, Grace Childress, Drew Cuddy, Ava Damiani, Giselle DaSilva, Ephram Donahue, Callie Donovan, Grayson Field, Zachary Fredette, William Gardner IV, Evan Gately, Sofia Giardina, Karolena Gomez, Anna Gorman and Ryan Gorman.

The remaining seventh-graders named to the honor roll are Avery Haney, Oliver Harth, Alexander Janicki, Subhang Konduri, Jason Kouyoumdjian, Serena Long, Lily MacEachern, Allison Maddocks, Andrew Maliawco, Nicholas Marini, Neico Marino, Elizabeth Marley, Noah Mazzola, Oliver Morgan, Olivia Myteberi, Lorenzo Nieves, John Powers, Brendan Reilly, Aliah Salinas, Kate Shrewsbury, Sattiyartha Singh, Thayer Sutherland, Ryan Swales, Allison Sweeney, Niko Tamaro, Jad Tannous, Zachary Unger, Campbell Wallin and Syed Zaidy.

### GRADE 7:

### HONORABLE MENTION

The seventh-graders named to the honorable mention list are Kiara Alarcon, Nour Al-Hass Al-Mamori, Francesca Aloise, Cameron Carangelo, Brady Cole, Gabriella D'Ambrosio, Richard Federico, Maura Flaws and Cole Hixon.

The remaining seventh-graders named to the honorable mention list are Gavin Luongo, Tyler Maciorowski, Anthony Marino, Adrian Marton, Jaycen Murphy, Sophie O'Toole, Kathryn Palmer, Siyeon Park, James Pasquale, Joseph Rosa, Isabella Ruocco and Abdur Rafay Syed.

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# Views

## Price measures

For businesses and consumers across New England, almost everything is more expensive right now and that dynamic has wide-reaching ripple effects that turn up in reports the Federal Reserve compiles from banking and business contacts.

"Retailers raised their prices somewhat in recent months in response to rising input costs and robust demand, although one experienced some consumer pushback after its latest price move," the Fed wrote in the latest Beige Book, which summarizes recent business activity in New England and around the country.

According to the State House News Service, companies that manufacture goods are dealing with "intense input pricing pressures, with increases as high as 30 percent over the year," especially for materials like foam, steel, aluminum, wood, cornstarch, adhesives and cardboard, the Fed reported. Some New England manufacturers have significantly raised the prices of their final goods to compensate, but the Fed said at least one of its sources "said it was trying not to raise prices."

Down the line, retailers selling those goods are facing freight and shipping costs that have "stabilized at very high levels" and contributed further to moderately higher prices for consumers, but reports from retail contacts were "mostly positive" in the last month, the Fed said.

"A clothing retailer enjoyed a robust seasonal surge in sales above its already-strong performance in the first 3 quarters of the year, as recent sales exceeded comparable 2020 levels by low double-digit percentages," the Beige Book's New England report said. "A furniture seller saw revenue above pre-pandemic levels, but its sales volume dropped in recent months relative to the record-setting levels posted in the summer of 2021."

That prices have been rising comes as no surprise to consumers. The pocketbook pressure was quantified recently by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which reported that the U.S. Consumer Price Index increased 7 percent over the last year — the steepest climb in prices since 1982.

White House officials said earlier this month that inflation is "still too high, but moving in the right direction," citing a month-to-month deceleration.

"I would note that we saw, in prices from November to December, a decline in the rate of growth of the prices for food at home, which is a technical way of saying food that people buy in the grocery store. And we saw a drop in the price of energy, both at the gas pump but also natural gas and winter heating costs," National Economic Council Director Brian Deese said, according to a White House transcript. "And many of you focused on the annual 7 percent rate. If we are trying to look at where we are headed, the month-to-month changes are more instructive."

Council of Economic Advisers Chair Cecilia Rouse highlighted a separate measure, the Producer Price Index. He said it showed "a slowdown in producer price increases in December, relative to the month before, and the lowest monthly increase ... since November 2020."

## Looking Back

In the pages of the Villager



JUNE 27, 1982

**Closing time:** The School Committee unanimously voted to close the South School during Monday's meeting. The South School will close its doors at the end of the 1981-1982 academic year.

The South School has been educating students for the past 32 years, and is the current home to the sixth-graders enrolled in the public school system. Closing the building means the school system will need to find a new home for the town's sixth grade students next year. The most likely scenario involves creating a new middle school in the existing Lynnfield Junior High School that

would be home to grades 6, 7 and 8. As a result, ninth-graders will be relocated to Lynnfield High School.

**Fees proposed:** In the wake of budget challenges created by Proposition 2 ½, the School Committee is considering implementing fees for athletics and student activities. The school board does not want to implement the fees, but committee members acknowledged on Monday that the fees might be needed in order to avoid budget cuts.

School Business Manager Donald E. Whitehouse told the committee that implementing fees for athletics and extracurricular activities would generate an additional \$20,000 in

revenue for the School Department, which would avoid budget cuts and potential layoffs. He said student-athletes playing expensive sports such as football and hockey would be charged \$75. He said students participating in clubs such as the Math Team and Debate Team would be charged \$25.

JANUARY 29, 1992

**End of an era:** In a surprising turn of events, Selectmen Chairman John Donegan announced on Monday night that he will not be running for a seventh term in the April Town Election. He is the longest serving select-

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## Letters to the Editor



### Masks keep children safe

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Frank T. Smith's letter published in the Jan. 18 edition of the Villager titled "Unmask our children." I strongly disagree with his stand against Lynnfield's elected officials and staff's mandate that the town's schoolchildren wear masks.

Firstly, Mr. Smith, points out in several locations in his letter that "mandates are unconstitutional" or he believes mandates are unconstitutional. As *Jacobsen v. Massachusetts*, a Supreme Court decision from 1905, shows they are not. In that case, Mr. Jacobson refused a smallpox inoculation on the grounds that it infringed on his rights. The Court upheld the Cambridge Board of Health's authority to mandate the vaccination.

Mr. Smith may respond, "But that was smallpox." Yes it was, but this is COVID. As of Jan. 23, 2022, there have been 71,728,557 reported cas-

es of COVID and 888,623 COVID deaths in the United States. He may not think that 1.2 percent is significant but, what if one of that number was his family? He may also respond, "this is a masks question, and this is different." It is not! The 10th Amendment to the Constitution delegates those powers not expressly given to the federal government to the states. This includes responding to a public health crisis.

Mr. Smith may also respond that the Court recently overturned President Biden's mandate that businesses with more than 100 employees require employees to be vaccinated, or those not vaccinated be tested weekly and wear masks. I believe what the Court said was that the implementation of the mandate thru OSHA was unconstitutional, not that mandates are unconstitutional. As proof, the same day, the Court allowed a man-

date for vaccination/masking/testing in hospitals to stand.

And please, let's drop the idea that you have a constitutional right to enter any business establishment without wearing a mask regardless of whether the owner/operator is requiring you to do so. A private business can pretty much make any requirements it wants to entry if the requirements do not discriminate based on race, creed, national origin, sexual preference and a couple of others I have probably forgotten. (Interestingly, in the early stages of COVID, someone posted a sign on a door which summed up the issue and that I will long remember. It read, "If you believe your constitutional rights are being violated by private businesses requiring you to wear a mask in their establishment, please contact us!")

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## New road, bridge work funding fight looms

By MICHAEL P. NORTON  
State House News Service

BOSTON — Gov. Charlie Baker again plans to propose \$200 million in new local road and bridge repair funding, a level that falls below what cities and towns have asserted is required to address needs.

Municipal officials have consistently sought a \$300 million annual allocation as well as a multi-year funding commitment, but have been unable to convince Baker or House and Senate Democrats to agree to their approach.

The governor disclosed his plans during virtual remarks delivered on Jan. 22 to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, a collection of local officials who are pushing revenue-sharing to the forefront and eyeing a bigger piece of the pie as state tax collections pour in at record levels.

Annual funds under the state Chapter 90 road and bridge program are split among 351 cities and towns, and the MMA described the

program's funding level as "stuck" at \$200 million for the past decade. Local officials say maintenance needs remain but the program has lost one-third of its purchasing power since 2012.

Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller expressed disappointment with the Jan. 21 announcement by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito that cities and towns will get a 2.7 percent, \$31.5 million increase in unrestricted local aid under the annual budget proposal that Baker plans to file on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The MMA had asked Baker for a \$264 million increase in fiscal year 2023 unrestricted local aid, noting fiscal 2020 state tax collections of \$29.63 billion are on pace to rise more than \$6.3 billion, to an estimated \$35.95 billion in fiscal 2022. During that period, the MMA wrote in a letter to Baker on Jan. 15, unrestricted aid rose by 3.55 percent, or \$39.5 million.

Fuller also cited high inflation and limits on local property tax increases,

calling the slight increase in the \$1.2 billion unrestricted aid account "the worst of news." She added, "A lot of us were expecting a higher number given the state revenue growth in the last few years."

Baker said his administration over the last seven years has kept its promise to tie unrestricted aid increases to projected increases in state tax revenues, and did not return to municipalities earlier in his tenure to ask for money back when state tax collections fell short of projections.

The governor didn't rule out additional revenue-sharing proposals later this year.

"The deal was the deal and we honored it when it didn't work for us," Baker said. "And I think in some ways there are a lot of different places and spaces in which we can support you guys on this if it turns out that we have an oversupply of state revenue as we head toward the end of the year and we'll certainly be willing to

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**Beacon Hill Roll Call** provides a summary and analysis of current bills and gives readers an opportunity to monitor local legislators' actions at the State House. The column is prepared by Bob Katzen of Bay State News Service, and follows the votes of Brad Jones, R- Twentieth Middlesex District, and Brendan Crighton, D- Third Essex District. Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of January 17-21. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

During the week of Jan. 17-21, the House met for a total of six hours and 50 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and two minutes.

**\$55 MILLION FOR COVID-19 (H 4340):** The House 159-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$55 million COVID-19 response bill. A key provision provides \$30 million to increase the number of COVID-19 testing sites and purchase COVID-19 tests—with \$5 million of that earmarked to expanding vaccination rates among kids ages 5 to 11 in communities disproportionately affected by the virus.

Another \$25 million would be used for the acquisition and distribution of high-quality personal protective masks, including N95s and KN95s, to be distributed by February 28, 2022 to children and faculty in elementary and secondary public school districts. The measure also mandates that the Baker administration pursue the highest allowable rate of federal reimbursement for the \$55 million package.

"In the last couple of years, we have learned a lot about how to treat, prevent and reduce the risks associated with the virus," said Rep. Bill Driscoll (D-Milton), the House chair of the Committee on COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management. "We held additional oversight hearings in December and January because we wanted to understand the administration's current and evolving plans to address Omicron and what might be around the corner in the weeks and months ahead. The funding included in this legislation aims to close several gaps regard-

ing accessibility to testing and high filtration masks, particularly in schools. By providing the funding resources and several other extensions, like remote participation in public meetings, the commonwealth can take stronger and focused measures toward driving infection rates down and hopefully keep them down in the months ahead."

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
**Rep. Bradley Jones Yes CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT TO COVID PACKAGE (H 4340):** The House 158-1 approved a package of several amendments to the COVID-19 package. The amendments were based on 23 individual amendments filed by individual representatives.

Supporters said the amendments would enhance the bill and help in the fight against COVID-19.

(A "Yes" vote is for the package of amendments. A "No" vote is against it.)

**Rep. Bradley Jones Yes ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL DEFAULT ON STUDENT LOANS (H 4339):** The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would repeal a current law, passed in 1990, which created professional licensure consequences for anyone who defaults on their student loan. Under existing law, the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority and the American Student Assistance can request that a borrower's state-issued professional or occupational certificate, registration or license be suspended, revoked or cancelled for default on educational loans made or administered by either group.

**ALLOW CITIES AND TOWNS TO PROHIBIT FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE (S 1333):** The Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee held a virtual hearing on a measure that would allow cities and towns to require all

new buildings, building construction projects or major renovation projects to be all-electric. The bill bans on-site fossil fuel infrastructure but does allow for natural gas and propane service if they are integral to the building's function.

**TRANSPORTATION BILLS:** The Transportation Committee held a virtual hearing on several bills including:

**CHARGING STATIONS IN CONDO BUILDINGS (H 3425):** Prohibits Condominium Associations, Historic District Commissions and Neighborhood Conservation Districts from banning or unreasonably restricting an owner from installing an electric vehicle charging station to charge their electric vehicle.

**ALLOW SOME AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ON BAY STATE ROADWAYS (H 3434):** Permits electric-powered autonomous vehicles to be operated on Bay State roadways. Current law does not allow any autonomous vehicles on these roads.

vehicles are some of the biggest drivers of greenhouse gas emissions in Massachusetts, and this bill, if passed, would allow us ensure that these new vehicles help us, and don't hurt us, in our battle against climate change."

**INCREASE FINES FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATIONS (H 3393):** Allows cities and towns to increase the current fines of \$100 to \$300 for drivers who violate handicapped parking violations. The bill would allow communities to assess an additional separate fine of up to \$450 in addition to the \$100 to \$300 one.

# Library Trustees pull nomination papers for re-election

By DAN TOMASELLO

LYNNFIELD — Two incumbents are once again running for their respective seats in the April 12 Town Election.

Library Trustees Vice Chairwoman Faith Honer-Coakley pulled nomination papers on Jan. 13. She is running for a fifth three-year term.

In addition to Honer-Coakley, Library Trustee Richard Mazzola also pulled papers for the Town Election on Jan. 13. He is running for a third three-year term.

Planning Board Chairman Brian Charville is the only incumbent who has yet to pull nomination papers. He is eligible to run for a second five-year term.

The April 12 Town Election is currently being headlined by a three-candidate race for School Committee. Chairman Rich Sjoberg and Vice Chairwoman Stacy Dahlstedt are facing off against Homestead Road resident Corrie J. Lu-

ongo. Sjoberg is running for a third three-year term. Dahlstedt, who is looking to serve a second three-year term, had her nomination papers certified by Town Clerk Linda Emerson earlier this month. Luongo is running for office for the first time.

Select Board Chairman Dick Dalton's nomination papers have been certified. He is running for a third three-year term.

Town Moderator Joseph Markey returned his nomination papers to the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, and they have been certified. He is running for a fourth one-year term.

Housing Authority Board of Commissioners member Stephanie Petty has also pulled nomination papers. She is running for a five-year term.

Board of Assessors member Richard O'Neil Jr. has also pulled nomination papers. He is running for a three-year term.

Candidates who pull nomination papers are required to receive at least 50 signatures of registered voters in order to have a their name appear on the ballot. The last day to submit nomination papers is Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5 p.m.

## Connecticut College dean's list



NEW LONDON, Conn. — A Lynnfield resident has been named to the dean's list at Connecticut College.

Class of 2024 member Jennifer Bloom was named to the dean's list for the 2021 fall semester at Connecticut College after achieving dean's high honors.

Bloom is an undeclared major.

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# Kids with BB guns, larceny reports among police calls

LYNNFIELD — Youths shooting BB guns along the Partridge Island Trail off Main Street were spoken to by police around 4:15 Sunday afternoon.

Then they were picked up by their parents.

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A 29-year-old Lynn man will be summonsed to court for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after he was pulled over on Walnut Street at Bluejay Road around 5 p.m. Sunday.

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A person was taken to Salem Hospital Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 19 following a two-vehicle accident at Salem and Walnut streets.

According to police, one vehicle was a 2021 Honda HR-V driven by a Lynn man and the other was a 2014 Honda Civic operated by a Saugus resident.

The crash occurred around 2 p.m.

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Police were told of a larceny at Kelly Jeep Chrysler Plymouth on Route 1 north Wednesday, Jan. 19 around 12:50 p.m.

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On Thursday, Jan. 20 someone at MarketStreet's Panera Bread reported a larceny around 2:35 p.m.

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On Friday, Jan. 21 a Maplewood Road resident told police of fraud around 4:55 p.m.

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Following are other examples of recent police business:

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

At about 9 a.m. an officer warned a motorist after pulling her over near Pillings Pond on Summer Street.

Four citations were issued as police watched traffic on Main Street at the Sagamore Spring Golf Club around 11 a.m.

A verbal warning was issued to a driver stopped at the intersection of Archer Lane and Edgemere Road around 11:40 a.m.

At 6:24 a.m. someone received a verbal warning while driving near the King Rail Reserve Golf Course around 6:25 p.m.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

A citation was issued to a driver near Center Market on Main Street around 12:30 a.m.

A citation was issued as police watched traffic along a stretch of Summer Street, also around 12:30 a.m.

Someone was taken from a Chestnut Street home to Beverly Hospital around 10:50 a.m.

A verbal warning was issued as police watched traffic on Salem Street around 11 a.m.

The Peabody Municipal Light Plant was notified of a power outage at the 99 Restaurant on Salem Street around 11:10 a.m.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

A Stoneway resident told police around midnight that someone might have been in the garage. Police checked out the situation and said there was no indication of anyone in there.

A motor vehicle accident was reported near Amazon Books at MarketStreet around 10 a.m.

Someone in distress was taken from Juniper Road to Lahey Hospital & Medical Center in Burlington around 10:50 a.m.

Two citations were issued as police watched traffic along Lowell Street around 11:20 a.m.

A motor vehicle accident was reported near MarketStreet's Starbucks around 3:25 p.m.

A citation was issued after a driver was pulled over on Lowell Street around 3:40 p.m.

Someone was taken from Sunrise Assisted Living on Salem Street to Salem Hospital around 5:10 p.m.

Police assisted drivers involved in a motor vehicle accident at Goodwin's Circle around 5:20 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Someone was taken from Lahey Health's facility at MarketStreet to Lahey's Burlington medical campus around 8:05 a.m.

Four citations and/or warnings were issued to drivers as police watched traffic on Main Street at Sagamore around 9:45 a.m.

A verbal warning was given to a motorist pulled over on Salem Street around 10:40 a.m.

Firefighters helped someone locked out of their Center Village home around 4:50 p.m.

An accident was reported at MarketStreet around 6:10 p.m.

A verbal warning was issued to someone driving on Salem Street around 6:20 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Someone in distress on Thomas Road was taken to Winchester Hospital around 12:05 a.m.

Another person in need of assistance was taken to Salem Hospital from Kimberly Terrace around 2:20 a.m.

An alarm sounded at the Tommy Bahama outlet at MarketStreet around 3:20 a.m.

Someone was taken from a Pillings Pond Road home to the Lahey medical campus in Burlington around 5:10 a.m.

At about 10:30 a.m. two drivers were cited as police watched traffic on Salem Street at Ramsdell Way.

A person was taken from Sunrise Assisted Living to MelroseWakefield Hospital around 12:20 p.m.

A Davenport Court resident was taken to Salem Hospital around 2:30 p.m.

At about 5 p.m. a Salem Street resident went to Salem Hospital.

A Ross Drive resident got locked out of their home around 5:30 p.m. and needed help.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Two drivers were cited while police watched Salem Street traffic near Ramsdell Way around 9:20 a.m.

An alarm sounded at Lynnfield High around 12:45 p.m. and a responding officer found a girls' basketball game being played.

At 3:41 p.m. someone was taken from Everything But Water at MarketStreet to the Lahey medical campus in Burlington.

The manager at MarketStreet's Yard House asked for police assistance as a guest was escorted from the premises around 6:25 p.m.

A possible water main break was reported in the 700 block of Salem Street around 6:35 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

An oil burner blow back was the reason behind a call from Temple Road around 3:45 a.m. Firefighters ventilated the home and the owner was advised to contact an oil burner technician.

# FIRE LOG



LYNNFIELD — During the week of Sunday, Jan. 16 through Saturday, Jan. 22, the Lynnfield Fire Department responded to 39 calls.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:22 a.m., 283 Park St., cover assignment; 2:09 p.m., Center Village/665 Main St., water or steam leak; 2:49 p.m., 17 Hart Rd., EMS call; 4:34 p.m., 69 Locksley Rd., EMS call; 11:44 p.m., Our Lady of the Assumption School/34 Grove St., water problem.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

12:57 a.m., Lynnfield Commons Building 1/375 Broadway, EMS call; 12:17 p.m., 197 North Main St., dispatched and canceled en route; 12:18 p.m., Sunrise Assisted Living/55 Salem St., EMS call; 7:26 p.m., 3 North Hill Dr., EMS call.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

4:09 a.m., Sunrise Assisted Living/55 Salem St., EMS call; 5:01 a.m., 8 Elliot Rd., EMS call; 3:08 p.m., 39 Forest Hill Ave., assist occupant; 6:42 p.m., 252 Newbury, assist occupant.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

10:52 a.m., 133 Chestnut St., EMS call; 2 p.m., Salem St. and Walnut St., motor vehicle accident; 6:04 p.m., Colonial Gardens/305 Ross Dr., EMS call.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

10:05 a.m., 1115 Market St., motor vehicle accident; 10:52 a.m., 9 Juniper Rd., EMS call; 11:07 a.m., Boston Sports Club/425 Walnut St., alarm system malfunction; 2:37 p.m., 970 Broadway, EMS call; 4:16 p.m., 6 Lakeview Rd., water problem/other; 5:02 p.m., Sunrise Assisted Living/55 Salem St., EMS call; 7:14 p.m., 827 Salem St., dispatched and canceled en route.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

4:52 a.m., 481 Salem St., EMS call; 8:03 a.m., 1350 Market St., EMS call; 1:17 p.m., Herb Chambers Cadillac/395 Broadway, false alarm or false call/other; 4:45 p.m., 38 Center Village, lock-out.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

12:04 a.m., 1 Thomas Rd., EMS call; 5:04 a.m., 10 Pillings Pond Rd., EMS call; 8:16 p.m., 69 Locksley Rd., assist occupant; 10:05 a.m., 23 Carter Rd., lock-out; 12:14 p.m., Sunrise Assisted Living/55 Salem St., EMS call; 1:29 p.m., 4 Davenport Ct., EMS call; 4:46 p.m., 9 Juniper Rd., EMS call; 4:56 p.m., 917 Salem St., EMS call; 5:34 p.m., Colonial Gardens/Ross Drive, lock-out; 7:12 p.m., Nahant St. and Mt. Pleasant Ave., motor vehicle accident; 9:37 p.m., 14 Grayland Rd., EMS call; 10:16 p.m., 3 Kimberly Ter., EMS call.

## HONOR ROLL Continued from Page 3

### GRADE 8: HIGH HONORS

The eighth-graders named to the high honor roll are Fiona Asaad, Marianna Axiotakis, Charlotte Beccia, Jacob Book, Reagan Chisholm, Chloe Cieslewicz, Ava Cook, Benjamin Dahlstedt, Octavio DeOliveira, Annabelle Eckhardt, Lorelei Eckhardt, Giuliana Fusco, Ereeny Georges, Erin Golden, Harris Hadzihanovic, Audrey Janielis, Sonia Kumar and Abigail Lopez.

The remaining eighth-graders named to the high honor roll are John MacDonald, Kieran Mattingly, Gianna Miceli, Madeline Migliero, Elizabeth Morse, Jason Nguyen, Nandana Nishanth, Grace Pena, Anna Raslavicus, Jerusha Robins, Victoria Ruisi, Aditya Shrivastava, Samantha Stanley, Baoyun Sun, Jenna Supino, Isabella Sykes, Matthew Tracy, Siri Tudi, Alexia Vaquerano, Ian Wagon and Lillian Williams.

### GRADE 8: HONORS

The eighth-graders named to the honor roll are Faye Allen, Colin Billings, Lydia Buonopane, Rori Caprio, Michael Celata, Drea Chan, Victoria Clancy, Jack Cuddy, Samuel Curley, Logan Daigle, Sydney Danese, Celishanex Diaz Santos,

Zakaria Elhallabi, Gennaro Ferrante, Isabella Fiorentino, Gabriel Fredette, Gia Gagnon, Andrew George, Dino Gesamondo, Isabella Giacobbi, David Glynn, Jayden Ing, Olivia Kelter, Sophie Kennison and Emrys Klee.

The remaining eighth-graders named to the honor roll are Cara Manfredonia, Lila Martins, Andrew Mastrangelo, Caden Mendese, Shealyn Moore, Alexander Morales, Steven Morse, Cameron Munion, Dylan Nguyen, Zoe O'Brien, Hannah Ozanian, Anthony Petrucelli, Ellie Phelps, Zarrar Raja, Callie Robbins, Zoe Rockwell, Alexandra Schmidt, Hayden Service, Andee Shieh, Rowan Showers, Kayla Smyrnios, Estella Steadman, Kaiden Stefo, Angelina Wang, Joseph Wozniak, Nathan Zalvan, Esha Zaman, Abigail Zannella and Evangelos Zavras.

### GRADE 8: HONORABLE MENTION

The eighth-graders named to the honorable mention list are Ava Brecken-Cruz, Patrick Brown, Aurora Capobianco, Christian Coleman, Luke DiSilvio, Mallory DiSilvio, Colin Doyle, Brendan Driscoll, Grace Elliott, Zachary Evangelista, Dante Ford, Ryan Giacobbi and Christopher Gildea.

The remaining eighth-graders named to the honorable mention list are Nicholas Kelter, Matthew Langton, Tess Lanza, Nicholas Lu, Kamden Mauser, Aislin McCormack, Quinn O'Connor, Nicollette O'Neil, Calogero James Paterno, Rocco Scenna, Benjamin Schumacher, Aiden Simeone, Murdoch Sutherland and Joseph Toman.

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# Ceremony amplifies importance of genocide education

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK  
State House News Service

BOSTON — The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is in the process of developing a genocide education framework weeks after Gov. Charlie Baker signed a bill mandating public schools teach students the history of some of the world's worst atrocities.

The education law, passed by the Legislature last November, is heralded by supporters as one way to make sure younger generations do not forget about mass killings and genocides. At a ceremonial bill signing on Dec. 22 in the State House Library, Baker said it will go into effect "as soon as that framework is developed and processed with our colleagues in local education."

"Generally speaking, while this is a requirement, we do want to make sure we process this through our colleagues in local government because they are the ones who will ultimately be responsible for delivering it," Baker said.

According to a Dec. 6 update from state Education Commissioner Jeff Riley, local school districts must comply with the law starting in the 2022-2023 school year and instruction on the history of genocide must stay consistent with standards in the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum.

Both Jewish and Armenian advocates and legislators joined Baker on Dec. 22 at the signing includ-

ing Anti-Defamation League New England Regional Director Robert Trestan, who said genocides like the Holocaust and Armenian Genocide "received a second life" as a result of the law.

"Their murder and the factors that allowed it to happen will be known and will be understood by all who live in the commonwealth," said Trestan. "And while the focus of genocide education is about the lessons of the past, our focus must be on the future. Prioritizing genocide education is an investment in a commonwealth free of hate and bigotry, and a world without genocide."

The law mandates public schools in Massachusetts teach the history of genocide and also sets up a Genocide Education Trust Fund to help districts develop curriculum, host trainings and provide professional development courses. A portion of the money used to fill the fund would come from fines imposed for hate crimes or civil rights violations.

Baker formally signed the proposal into law at the start of December, setting up a requirement for schools to teach students about mass atrocities. About 19 other states had already enacted similar requirements at the time of the signing.

Armenian Assembly of America Massachusetts State Chair Herman Purutyan said he knows what it's like to grow up in a community where genocide was not taught, not acknowledged and denied. Born in Istanbul, Turkey, Purutyan said he

came to learn that asking questions about Armenians in the country "was to open ourselves to threats."

"In fact, I first learned about the genocide when I came to this country in my 20s," he said. "Continuous animosity, division, fear, and isolation prevented Armenians and other minorities from accessing their full potential as free and responsible citizens in Turkey."

Education Committee House Chair Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) said Massachusetts generally leaves decisions on what is taught in classrooms to local officials, but

this law is "one of those rare occasions" where the Legislature thought a mandate was appropriate.

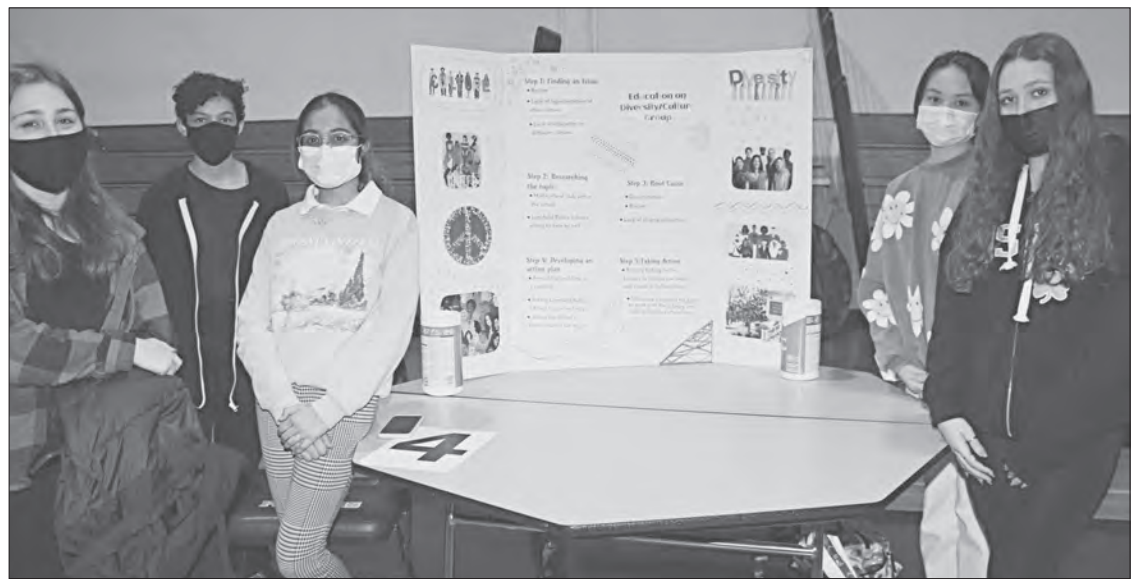
"We all realized that too many districts were failing to teach to the state standard regarding genocide, thus increasing the probability that history could repeat itself, a concern unfortunately heightened by recent increases in anti-Semitic and racist behaviors in some of our schools," the Wellesley Democrat said.

Rep. David Muradian (R-Grafton), an Armenian American, said Armenians have grown up with stories passed down from generation to

generation "of the horrific events carried out at the hands of the Ottoman Empire, each story seemingly more gruesome than the previous."

"Yet, we as Armenians have never let that define us," said Muradian. "In fact, we have used it to drive us. We are driven to be contributing members of society and even more importantly, it drives us to be educators, and informers. We are committed to ensuring our youth, now and in the future, know our past so that we do not hopefully have anyone to repeat it in the future."

## Raising awareness about diversity



**SOPHOMORES, from left, Megan Collins, Miranda Dixon, Haniya Qazafi, Emma Tran and Hannah DeFreitas created a project called "Creating More Representation of Diverse Cultures in the town of Lynnfield" for LHS' Civics Action Project Winter Showcase on Jan. 18. (Dan Tomasello Photo)**

# Local aid from state expected to rise; officials want more

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
State House News Service

BOSTON — With state tax revenues continuing to blow past projections, municipal leaders said recently they are disappointed in Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito's forecast that cities and towns would share a collective \$31.5 million hike in the pot of unrestricted local aid they receive from Beacon Hill.

Polito, who has developed an annual tradition of teasing portions of Gov. Charlie Baker's annual state budget during the week ahead of its unveiling, told Massachusetts Municipal Association members the fiscal year 2023 spending bill will recommend a 2.7 percent increase in unrestricted local aid, to \$1.2 billion total. The unrestricted aid is the second largest basket of local aid, with Chapter 70 school aid being the largest.

The increase mirrors the estimated growth in tax revenue the administration and Democrat legislative leaders announced last week. However, the percent change reflects the projected year-over-year tax revenue increase from a just-revised fiscal 2022 projection, meaning it does not take into account a nearly \$1.55 billion upgrade in the current forecast fueled by surging collections.

If the administration opted to boost unrestricted local aid to match tax revenue growth from the original 2022 outlook, cities and towns would be in line for even more money.

"Unfortunately, the local aid funding in the administration's fiscal 2023 budget is too low," MMA Executive Director Geoff Beckwith said in a statement. "State tax revenue growth is through the roof — 22 percent higher than original projections — but aid to cities and towns would remain almost flat under this proposal, with just a 2.7 percent increase."

MMA President Adam Chapdelaine, who serves as Arlington's town manager, said he hopes the proposed 2.7 percent increase is a "starting point" for debate.

"State revenue has grown at record levels the past two years, but municipalities haven't seen that growth," he said. "As cities and towns continue to provide critical services, we hope that surplus state revenue can be shared via local aid."

Addressing MMA's members at the virtual meeting, Polito said the latest recommended local aid figure lands \$253.9 million higher than when she and Baker took office in 2015.

The duo, neither of whom plans to seek re-election in November, campaigned on a pledge to match the state's estimated revenue growth with similar increases in the unrestricted aid split among the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

Noting that the FY21 state budget kept local funding level with the prior year amid COVID-19 upheaval, Polito said the administration otherwise has kept unrestricted aid for municipalities growing at the same rate as tax revenues.

"Let me just pause on that point, because promises made, promises kept," Polito said in her livestreamed remarks. "The reason the promise was important is because it allowed you to be able to depend on that number in budgeting locally. Building in a level of certainty and predictability was a key element and certainly was the right way to start our administration's work with you."

Unrestricted general government aid represents one of the largest funding streams, alongside property tax revenues, that cities and towns use to fund essential local services.

Other avenues by which state government steers money to municipalities have not matched tax revenue growth in the same way.

School aid referred to as Chapter 70 funding has grown at an uneven rate in recent years. In a 2019 education funding law designed to steer an additional \$1.5 billion to K-12 schools over seven years, lawmakers set a requirement for the annual state budget to increase funding to schools "in an equitable and consistent

manner."

Baker has also typically filed single-year bills steering \$200 million into the Chapter 90 program that funds local road and bridgework, sometimes supplemented with tens of millions of additional dollars later in the year, despite repeated requests from MMA for a multi-year authorization including \$300 million per year.

Polito did not forecast what cities and towns can expect in Chapter 90 funding this year.

"We know Chapter 90 is a key program. Those dollars in your hands can really make a difference, but we also wanted to tailor certain programs to meet you where you are," she said, referencing several transportation-related grant programs such as Complete Streets.

In addition to robust tax revenues, officials at both the state and local levels have also had at their disposal billions of dollars in emergency COVID-19 relief from the federal government.

Polito said she looks forward to working with municipal leaders to put to work the \$4 billion in spending included in an American Rescue Plan Act and tax surplus bill Baker signed in December. State government is sitting on about \$2.25 billion in remaining ARPA funds to use at a later date.

Local governments also got injections of federal funding over the course of the pandemic via ARPA and the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, or ESSER. Massachusetts received more than \$2.8 billion in ESSER funds across three rounds, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Rating agency Fitch Ratings expects that economic growth will slow in 2022 but will remain strong compared to pre-pandemic trends. Experts at the agency plan to discuss the year's outlook for state and local governments at a webinar on Wednesday.

In her final address at MMA's annual meeting, Polito recounted numerous grant programs and initiatives the administration launched to

streamline collaboration between state and local governments.

She praised municipal officials for their work to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, saying "the anxiety and the fear that we were experiencing and the level of uncertainty was met with the commitment and the dedication, the ability for us to hear from you and develop the solutions with you."

And as she looked back at her inauguration seven years ago, Polito, a former Shrewsbury selectman, became visibly choked up.

"It has been an incredible — I wasn't going to do this — opportunity to be your partner," Polito said. "I want to thank you for your friendship, and most of all, I want to say: as someone who is so proud of her hometown and what we've been able to accomplish in my home area in central Massachusetts, the pride that I feel in the place that I live and work and raised my family is the pride that I feel for you in your communities."

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talk about that."

Final local aid and Chapter 90 program levels will ultimately be determined in the coming months by the House and Senate, where Democrats hold super-majorities that enable them to control most budgetary funding levels.

Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey outlined for local officials the flood of new federal funds available across Massachusetts under new federal laws, urging them to engage in ongoing efforts to make sure those funds are invested wisely.

Warren and Markey also said they are working to preserve whatever is possible in the so-called Build Back Better bill, legislation featuring an array of domestic spending initiatives that Washington Democrats have so far been unable to pass.

"We need to make sure that we get this bill passed," Markey said.

# The Widower's Offering

In last week's chapter, while in downtown Damascus, Virginia, Otis goes to Clyde's barber shop for a haircut. While Clyde is cutting Otis's hair, he tells him about the car accident that left many injured during the Hiker Parade in 2013. Later, Otis sits on a park bench and thinks about Fern.

Otis's train of thought now leads him to think about The Vault. From where he is sitting, he can see the F-150 parked in the lot where he left it and can imagine the money hiding there in secret. He's hardly put a dent in the more than \$4 million he found in that ditch back home.

He now knows what it feels like to have thousands of dollars in his hands, and he knows the power of that money. He can have anything his heart desires. Anything at all. Except for Fern. No amount of money will ever bring her back. She is gone, and he will never again see her in this life. His faith reassures him he will see her in the next life, but how does anyone know if heaven is a real place? No one—except maybe for those who claim to have gone through a near-death experience. For all he knows, people who say they saw the light of Jesus at the end of a long tunnel might not be telling the truth. Or, maybe some kind of brain activity at the end of life causes dying people to hallucinate. Otis has no idea if there is an afterlife. He hopes there is, but where is the guarantee? He had asked Pastor Wright about it one time, and even he could not say for certain that life would continue after death, though he was 99.9 percent sure that it would.

The more Otis thinks about this, the more gripped he is by sorrow. He needs to get outside of himself. He needs to perk up and get back to living. He had thought that giving money to strangers in need would lift his spirits and in a sense it has, but he is still a long way from feeling any kind of peace and happiness. Soon after Fern's death, Pastor Wright had suggested that Otis join a group for grieving widows and widowers, but he didn't want to do that. Maybe he should have. Maybe he will when he gets home.

He looks toward the sky and sees that the sun is now covered over by dark clouds. He hopes there's no rain in the weather forecast. Bad weather would put a damper on the parade. He smiles when he realizes he just came up with a pun.

People seem to be revved up

about the parade, and signs are everywhere announcing the town's signature event. There's even a banner hanging across the middle of downtown encouraging everyone to come. Otis plans to stay in Damascus for at least the weekend, but he thinks he will move on to his next destination early next week. He hasn't met anyone in serious financial need, but that could change at any moment. Fern had been a great one for telling him that change is only a heartbeat away. And he has come to believe it himself. There was the time, for instance, when he lost his part-time job pumping gas when he and Fern were first married. The job loss had discouraged him, made him think he was worthless. But then there was Fern, telling him that something better would come along, and it had. Not long after, a job opened up at the paper mill and he had worked there for most of his life. And then, of course, there was the fact that he had gone out for a walk to clear his head and had come upon all that money, more than he would ever need, more than he could ever spend. He knows now that money will never make him happy. What will? To share his life with someone else? Maybe, but that someone else will never be Fern.

Otis stands up and looks around. He feels a raindrop fall on his forehead, then another on his hand.

"Come on, Sadie," he says. "I think rain is coming."

Back inside the truck, Otis considers his options. Take a drive? Go shopping? Find a book store?

He sighs. Not having a plan for the day depresses him. All of a sudden he feels homesick. He has all the money in the world to put himself up in a fancy hotel, but the little bungalow back in Hopewell is where he feels most at home.

And he misses it. He wonders if he should call it quits and head home. He could always put the money back in the ditch where he found it. He still has the duffel bags. Sooner or later, someone would find them and turn the money over to the police. Or keep it. That's what he



should have done in the first place, he now realizes. Turn in the money. What was he thinking, buying such an expensive truck and going on the road to play Robin Hood? While he sits there feeling sorry for himself, the sun breaks through the clouds. Maybe it's a sign.

Otis gives Sadie a little scratch on the head. "Let's go find a waterfall. There must be one around here somewhere."

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A gas station attendant tells Otis that Gentry Creek Falls is a forty-five-minute drive from Damascus. To get there, he'll cross the state line into Tennessee and travel south on Route 91 before the road takes a turn north. When he gets to the falls, he'll park in the lot and walk the trail with Sadie.

The sky is now clear, and Otis finds the cool mountain air invigorating as he drives along with the windows open. The region's flora is a beautiful mix of Virginia bluebell, spiderwort and snowdrops along with various ferns, bracken, black and yellow birch, white pine and hemlock. As he continues along the road, he notices a river running along the side.

Otis stops the truck and he and Sadie make their way through the grassy embankment to water's edge. He takes off his shoes and socks and rolls up his pants before stepping into the icy, crystalline water. He then bends down, scoops water into his hands and drinks. He and Sadie stand there listening to the water tumble over rocks and to Otis it sounds like its own kind of

music. He looks around and sees that he's alone, so he strips off all his clothes and wades into deeper water, taking Sadie with him. When he emerges, he lies on the grassy embankment and idly picks leaves off a winding vine. The sun dries him in no time, and soon Otis and Sadie are back on the road. They continue to the twin waterfalls and Otis is struck with wonder when he sees that they are 60-foot high. He sits on a bench with Sadie at his feet and moves over when a man with a camera hanging around his neck approaches. The man gives Otis a friendly nod.

"Pretty nice, isn't it?" he says.

"Sure is," Otis replies.

The two men sit in silence for a while, then Otis asks him where he's from.

"Canada. My wife's back at the hotel having a spa treatment."

"Which province?"

"New Brunswick. A town near Moncton."

"Thought so. I can hear it in your voice."

The man asks about Otis, and he tells him about being from Maine and that he's staying at a campground in Damascus.

"We're staying in Damascus, too. The Old Mill Inn. Beautiful place. We're celebrating our 40th anniversary."

"Happy anniversary," says Otis.

"You traveling with anyone?"

"Just me and Sadie here. My wife died last year. Decided it was time for a change of scenery. And here I am."

"Sorry to hear. Must be tough."

"It is. More than you know."

"Well, best be getting back to the hotel. Don't want to worry my wife."

"Understandable. You have a good trip. Name's Otis, by the way."

"Phil."

The two men shake hands.

"Going to the parade tomorrow?"

Otis asks.

"Wouldn't miss it."

"Might see you there."

"Maybe. Have a good day."

A few minutes later, Otis drives back to The Plantation feeling uplifted by the magnificence of the scenery he has seen and his brief encounter with Phil. Maybe he'll run into him and his wife at the parade tomorrow.

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Later that night, Otis is roused out of sleep by a constant itch. He has been scratching in his sleep, and when he turns on the light next to the bed, he sees why. Both of his hands and forearms are covered with a rash. He knows right away what it is. Poison ivy. The itch is driving him insane, and the more he scratches, the worse it gets. About the only thing he didn't pack is calamine lotion.

Otis fills the sink with water and immerses his hands and arms to the elbow, but that doesn't help much. He opens his first aid kit to see what's in there, hoping he'll find some kind of lotion. There are Band-Aids, Bacitracin, aspirin, tweezers, alcohol wipes, an ice pack, Q-tips and a few other odds and ends but nothing that will help the itch. While he's looking at his hands, his back starts to itch, too, and he realizes he never should have laid in that grass on the embankment.

Otis knows he needs medical attention, but where can he get it at this hour of the night? He opens his computer, goes to Google and types HOSPITALS DAMASCUS VIRGINIA. He waits a moment and then a site for Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abington pops up. A twenty-minute drive from The Plantation. He looks at the time. Twenty minutes past midnight. Maybe the emergency room will be empty.

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## LAG Continued from Page 2

Lynnfield Art Guild artists' events, residents will have the opportunity to meet watercolor artist Jane Booras and photographer Greg Pronevitz as they present the "how, what, when and where" of their beautiful works of art through demonstration and conversation.

Artist Jane Booras said, "Portraits are my passion." She said capturing the emotions in a child's face and telling the child's story through her paintings brings her joy. She completed a show titled, "Children of the World-100 Faces of Humanity," which represented her portrait paintings of children from over 96 countries.

Booras said the Lynnfield Art Guild is a great way to bring out the gift of art. On Friday, Jan. 28, she will be doing a portrait demonstration of her granddaughter.

"I would love to share with you some of the knowledge I have acquired, from pure perseverance and experimentation," said Booras. "My journey into portraits has

been both arduous and gratifying. I challenge any of you to take the plunge into this wonderful world of art."

Pronevitz has been serious about photography since 2006. He often takes pictures of natural scenes and subjects. One of Pronevitz's goals in photography is to capture a unique scene or view that stands out from the everyday look. This goal often means visiting the same venues repeatedly because nature, light, and weather always change to provide opportunities to capture the unique. He also enjoys macro or close-up photography to see the smallest details. Pronevitz currently posts images on Facebook and on his website <https://www.gregpimages.com>.

On Friday, Jan. 28, Pronevitz will have additional spring and summer photographs featured in the show. He will also discuss his techniques and subjects with visitors to the exhibit.

The artists who will be featured on Friday, Feb. 4 will be watercolor artist Bill Deveney and mixed media artist Kendall Inglesse. The artists who will be featured on Friday, Feb. 11 are acrylic artist Donna Barnes and photographer Mary Lynch. The artists who will be featured on Friday, Feb. 18 are pastel specialist Mary Connor and fiber artist Beverly Cook.

In addition to the dates open to the general public, ACE and the LAG will also offer

private tour experiences by arrangement, designed for individuals and small groups that prefer a more private opportunity to view the artwork. Residents should send an email to [albionculturalexchange@wakefield.ma.us](mailto:albionculturalexchange@wakefield.ma.us) for details and to coordinate times.

For more information about the LAG, visit [www.lynnfieldarts.org](http://www.lynnfieldarts.org) and check out "Lynnfield Arts" on the Guild's Facebook and Instagram pages.

## Bishop Fenwick honor roll



PEABODY — A Lynnfield student was named to the first trimester honor roll at Bishop Fenwick High School. Senior Lauren Diranian was named to the principal's list.



**MASKS** Continued from Page 4

We will be happy to tell you how (expletive deleted) stupid you are.”)

Mr. Smith correctly identifies that the CDC has said that cloth masks are not effective against COVID. They made this same point earlier in 2020 or 2021. My response to his concern about children wearing cloth masks is simple – get them the proper mask. They are readily available and are now being made available through the federal government.

Mr. Smith points out how our children are being damaged by having to wear protective masks. Unfortunately, we probably won't know for several years if educational or psychological damage has been caused by this mandate and, if there has been damage, how severe

it is/was. The time delay is unfortunate but if wearing a protective mask can save the life of a single child or adult, a mask mandate will be well worth the short-term cost.

He also states that, “Children are the least at-risk population in terms of harm from the virus.” While I would agree that numerically he is correct, I would direct him to an article in the Jan. 23 Boston Globe that points out that there have been 100,000 positive case of COVID in Massachusetts’ student population of 911,000. Is over 10 percent an acceptable number? Also, as of Jan. 19, 2022, the CDC reported 862 children under the age 0-18 have died from COVID. Do we need a death in Lynnfield to convince people that the threat

to our children is real? Shouldn't parents and administrators be doing everything possible to reduce this threat? Personally, I'm baffled why anyone would be against doing whatever they could to protect our children and I applaud the School Committee, school administrators, Select Board, and public health officials of Lynnfield for their stand on this issue.

And lastly, Mr. Smith makes the point in his letter that this whole thing is political. On this, I would totally agree with him. In December, it was reported that nationally 91 percent of Democrats are vaccinated while only 60 percent of Republicans were. It seems to me that if people would spend less time trying to come up with reasons to evade or fight public health

mandates and spend more time using every means available, including in this case masking, to keep children, family and others safe, we would be closer to bringing this epidemic under control. At some point, we may have to accept that, like the flu, COVID is just a part of life. We may have to adjust how we approach COVID from the public health point of view, but now is not that time.

Again, my thanks to the Lynnfield town officials and departments who have been standing up to the bullying/harassment directed at them over this issue while they try to do the right thing to protect the health of all residents, including our school-aged children.

**Lon Cohen**

**GREER** Continued from Page 1

in their homes and their family time,” said Greer. “That doesn't mean kids are not going to be kicking and screaming when parents are trying to enact these rules. The earlier parents set these boundaries, the easier it is going to be.”

Greer said the average age where children are given smartphones is in fourth grade.

“There are alternatives to phones and devices such as the GizmoWatch, which has 10 numbers that a child can call or text,” said Greer. “In my household, my children will not be able to get a phone until they are in high school. I am on the road to a lot of hatred, and I fully accept that responsibility. I respect parents if they are not able to do that.”

While Greer said social media can be a “phenomenal tool” for people to use, she noted that the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act stipulates that the soonest children can create a social media account is when they are 13-years-old.

“We have known since we have started studying brains that kids' brains are not fully formed yet,” said Greer. “Social media wasn't created for kids. A lot of kids are using it, but that wasn't the intention. Social media is entertaining and addictive, but if we are letting kids socialize on social media, they are not putting in the face-to-face work that is important for our existence. We need to diversify that socialization a bit more because kids have underdeveloped frontal cortexes.”

Greer noted that social media often distorts “what is real and what is not.”

“It's perception versus reality,” said Greer.

Greer said the social media app TikTok is a good way for people to get information about recipes and home improvement projects in addition to watching funny videos. However, she said, “The amount of adult content on TikTok blows my mind.”

“I have never seen an app like TikTok blow up,” said Greer. “A lot of little kids are using it. There are a lot of sex and drug videos on TikTok. I have learned and seen things on TikTok that I have never heard of in my life. If I wanted to get drugs, I could hop on TikTok right now and get them.”

Greer also noted a lot of teenagers participate in “sexting,” which involves sending or receiving sexually explicit messages, photos or videos on smartphones.

“The reason why this wasn't a problem when we were growing up is not because we are a morally superior generation,” said Greer. “It's because we didn't have access to these phones where we can send and receive these videos and pictures. Our kids are now sending these pictures and videos because they have these devices.”

Greer said research has revealed that 51.2 percent of teenagers have participated in sexting.

“We have found through research that just saying no is not effective messaging,” said Greer. “I am not saying teenagers should be able to do whatever they want, but we should talk to kids and give them the tools they need to make good decisions. There is often pressure involved and in healthy relationships, pressure should never be involved. Being able to set boundaries is a really important life skill. Giving kids the ability to say no and draw boundaries

is a really important part of the sexting conversation.”

Greer said it's important for parents and guardians to be good role models for their children, including online.

“How are we going to raise children who are good humans if we have parents saying a family should kill themselves because they didn't vote this way or don't agree with a policy?” asked Greer. “People need to think before they post things online.”

Greer encouraged parents to ask their children questions and be clear about their expectations.

“The earlier parents have conversations about this stuff, the easier it is going to be,” said Greer.

Greer also urged parents to prevent their children from having access to their devices at night. She also encouraged parents to monitor their children's accounts.

“Parents should not go snooping and checking their kids' devices behind their back,” said Greer. “I prefer that kids know their parents are going to check on them.”

Greer noted that parents can use Google Home or Disney Circle in order to manage students' screen time.

“They can be used with phones,

tablets, video game consoles, an Alexa or a smart TV that connect to Wi-Fi,” said Greer. “Parents can control them from their phone. These tools can take the management off parents' plate. There are also parental controls on devices that are amazing. They allow parents to turn off devices at a certain time, restrict certain apps and prohibit kids from going on the Internet.”

Greer also encouraged parents to discuss Internet privacy with their children and team up with other parents in order to keep children safe.

“We are all in this insanity together,” said Greer.



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# National Catholic

## What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is January 30 – February 5.

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”

Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for stu-

dents, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

## Creating community: Student awards, public speaking and service strengthen Fenwick bond

PEABODY — With a strong history of service to others through their campus ministry program, thousands of hours are given by the students of Bishop Fenwick each year. And each year, students are able to make connections over these shared activities.

With the limitations of in-person service over the past two years, Fenwick has looked to build new and creative ways to bring students together and has developed two unique programs for just that purpose – Fenwick Connect and Fenwick FIRST.

Each Monday morning, the entire school community gathers to celebrate the prior week’s successes and to highlight the

upcoming week’s opportunities. The gathering, Fenwick Connect, starts with prayer and the pledge, calling to mind and heart all who are most in need of care and concern. During this gathering, Fenwick FIRST awards are given, student achievements are recognized, events and activities are promoted, and gift cards go to those who answer President Tom Nunan’s trivia questions. This weekly meeting, injected with numerous student and teacher voices, is a critical touchstone for the entire school.

Connection is the key purpose of Fenwick Connect. While Monday starts the week with an All-School Fenwick Connect, each

of the other mornings the school brings an entire grade level together for prayer, reflection, conversation, and Fenwick’s unique public speaking program, Fenwick Connect and Reflect (FCR).

FCR is a public speaking program where during each morning gathering two students deliver speeches to their classmates on a topic of their choice. The speeches have been about summer jobs or a travel experience, about a news story or a life lesson, about a favorite book or movie or about an inspiring family member or personal hero; the topics are as diverse as the students. These speeches serve the dual goal of creating a bond between students

and assuring that, upon graduation, each student has had numerous opportunities to speak in public.

Fenwick FIRST began last year as a weekly award for students nominated by their peers and teachers. According to President Tom Nunan, “It’s a way of reminding everybody of the things that are most important here and recognizing the people that reveal and reflect them.” Through observations of students and conversations with faculty, parents and alumni, Nunan identified five key Fenwick values – Faith, Integrity, Relationship, Scholarship and Tradition (FIRST).

“At Bishop Fenwick, we put first

things first,” said Nunan. “This defines the Fenwick experience. We center the exceptional education of our students on what matters most. Fenwick FIRST is a program which allows all students, faculty and staff to recognize those in our community who go above and beyond for Fenwick.”

Fenwick prides itself on being intentional about community and centered on relationships. The students’ connections with God, within themselves, with classmates and colleagues, and among the entire Fenwick family are both vital and sacred. And these relationships do not happen by accident.



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# Schools Week

## Take a look at the St. Joseph School experience

WAKEFIELD — In preparation for the September 9, 1925 opening of Saint Joseph School, Wakefield, four Sisters of St. Joseph arrived from Brighton, Massachusetts. At that time, the school contained 11 classrooms.

The first two grades, with 56 pupils, were welcomed on the opening day of school. An additional grade was added each year until the first graduation in June of 1932.

The Saint Joseph School Mother's Association was established on January 30, 1930 with 150 mothers present at their first meeting. The school functioned from then on as a strong parochial school in the Archdiocese of Boston.

In the late 1950s, a new convent was built for the Sisters on the site of the original convent.

In June 1973 the Sisters of Saint Joseph, through extensive self-study, regretfully recalled their Sisters from a number of schools in the Archdiocese, including Saint Joseph School. Since that time, certified lay teachers have con-

tinued to provide high quality academic instruction and propagate the message of Jesus Christ.

September 1974 brought another change: the opening of a kindergarten with morning sessions only. The kindergarten enrollment increased considerably and an afternoon session was established the following year.

Since September of 1981 the following changes have taken place:

- Grade Seven reopened in 1981, after being closed for nearly 10 years.

- Grade Eight reopened in 1982 after also being closed for nearly 10 years.

- A pre-kindergarten was established in 1983.

- A Technology Room was established in 1986.

- A Resource Room was established in 1989.

As a result of a diocesan school study in 1992, Saint Joseph School is now an inter-parish school with St. Florence Parish in Wakefield. Children from both Saint Joseph and Saint Florence Parishes are given priority for admissions. The

Saint Joseph School principal and parish pastor work closely to maintain a strong relationship between the school and the church.

Saint Joseph School was awarded accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 2000, the 75th Anniversary of its founding.

**Mission statement:** The mission of Saint Joseph School is to prepare our students to use their minds well through a system of structured learning experiences that instill graduates with the character, integrity, knowledge and skills necessary for achievement in the 21st century. To accomplish these results, we foster a supportive, faith-based Catholic learning environment where instruction is purposeful, engaging, and relevant. We promote positive relationship-building and personal attention while encouraging and supporting self-reliance and problem-solving for life-long success both within and beyond our School and Parish communities.

**Saint Joseph School provides academic excellence**

Saint Joseph School, which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, is staffed by a certified, dedicated faculty. The administration and faculty promote a stimulating, nurturing environment, which sustains a solid enrollment. The strong faith-based curriculum at Saint Joseph School is enhanced by numerous after-school enrichment programs including robotics, basketball, cross country and band.

**Saint Joseph School develops well-rounded students**

Saint Joseph School offers a multitude of opportunities for students to further develop their athletic and social skills. The school has a girls' and boys' basketball program for students in grades 5-8. School field trips, retreats, environmental programs, cultural arts and family events help the students to experience and appreciate the world around them.

**Saint Joseph School cultivates faith-filled disciples**

Saint Joseph School strives to ensure that its students believe and live the Goodness of God with all persons they encounter. Formal religious education classes, Monday morning praise and worship, sacramental preparation, and annual retreats ensure that the students understand that their Christian faith is at the core of their education and their life. The Middle School includes a service program, which enhances the students' faith development through the active service of others.

**Saint Joseph School belongs to the following Associations and Organizations:**

- NEASC: New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- NCEA: National Catholic Educational Association
- RCABNE: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston School Northeast Region
- NCTM: National Council Teachers of Mathematics
- JR NHS: St. Julie Billiard Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society
- NAEYC: National Association for the Education of Young Children
- SSC: Salem State Collaborative
- SAME: Society of American Military Engineers
- NSSE: National Society of the Study of Education
- MSLA: Massachusetts Society Library Association
- WLCC: Wakefield and Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce
- PACE: Parents Alliance for Catholic Education.

## Catholic schools are popular options for education

Education is a personal decision for every family. Families have many education options from which to choose and that includes private institutions.

When considering private education, families may consider Catholic schools. The family and parenting resource Verywell Family indicates that Catholic schools have the highest enrollments and the greatest number of schools in operation of all private schools in America.

The first Catholic parochial school opened in Philadelphia in 1783 and was called St. Mary's School. Interest in Catholic education soon started to grow, especially during the mid-19th century, when the United States welcomed an influx of Catholic immigrants. By 1920, there were around 1,500 Catholic schools in the United States, reaching peak enrollment and total number of schools in the 1960s.

Catholic schools still present a viable education option for students in the 21st century. Each year during National Catholic Schools Week (CSW), which is the last week of January, the country celebrates Catholic education. It's also a time when many Catholic institutions host open houses and sponsor recruitment campaigns for the upcoming school year. CSW is now entering its 48th year, and 2022 events will include special Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families and parishioners, according to the National Catholic Educational Association.

With CSW on the horizon, consider these points of interest about Catholic education:

- The NCEA states academic excellence is a hallmark of Catholic education, but it is directed in a way to foster the growth of the whole person — mind, body and spirit.

- Service is fundamental to Catholic education and is a core teaching of the Catholic faith. Students enrolled in a Catholic school can expect to participate in service projects.

- Many people are drawn to Catholic schools because of the smaller, more intimate campuses and class sizes. NCEA indicates the average student/teacher ratio in Catholic schools is 13:1.

- Statistics for the 2018-19 school year indicated there were 6,289 Catholic schools operating across the country.

- Catholic schools enjoy diverse populations and have a history of welcoming and supporting lower-income students. The NCEA says the Hispanic/Latino population accounted for 20.7 percent of Catholic school populations in 2017.

- While many of the students enrolled in Catholic parochial schools are practicing Catholics, it is not necessary to be Catholic, or even Christian, to attend.

Catholic schools require a significant financial commitment. Niche, the school comparison and rating company, and the NCEA indicate the average cost of Catholic elementary schools in the U.S. is

\$4,400 per year, while Catholic high schools cost around \$9,840 annually. However, many families feel the cost is well worth it because of the education students receive at Catholic schools.



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## Girls' hoop honors seniors for dedication to the team



**JEMIMA ROBINS** was honored with her family before Lynnfield's game against Triton on Senior Night, Jan. 21. (Courtesy Photo)

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
LYNNFIELD — Last Friday evening, the Lynnfield High girls basketball team lost, 43-31, to visiting Triton. The Vikings were able to compete the season sweep over the Pioneers as they won the first meeting, 52-47, back on Jan. 9th.

This was also Lynnfield's Senior Night as captains Lucy Cleary and Abby Adamo and Jemima Robins were honored before the game.

Lynnfield's record fell to 3-7 overall and 0-7 in the Cape Ann League. Triton (8-5) led this game, 20-

14, at the half and 29-25 after the third quarter. However, the Pioneers were only able to score six points in the fourth while the guest scored 14.

"We played well and were only down by four with a minute and a half left," pointed out Pioneers head coach Sue Breen. "But we are a young team and don't have much depth."

Juniors Bella George and Maggie Ozanian led the Pioneer offense with 8 points each. Freshman Erika Pasquale was third with 5 points.



**CAPTAIN ABBY ADAMO** was honored with her family before Lynnfield's game against Triton on Senior Night, Jan. 21. (Courtesy Photo)

Molly Kimball led the Vikings, and the game, in scoring with 10 points.

On Jan. 19, the Pioneers blasted Collegiate Charter of Lowell, 68-18, at home to sweep the non-league series this year.

Just like the first meeting, this game was decided early on as the Pioneers led, 33-10, at the half.

"It was great," stated Breen. "Our young kids got to play a lot."

Sophomore Jaelynn Moon and freshman Emma Rose led the team in points with 14 apiece. George and Pasquale both chipped in 10

points as the team had four double digit scorers.

On Jan. 28, the Pioneers visit Pentucket at 6:30 p.m. trying to get

a split of the season series.

Lynnfield then goes to Ipswich on Feb. 1 with that game also starting at 6:30 p.m.

## PLNR girls' hockey beats Masco for third straight win

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
PEABODY — The Lynnfield-Peabody-North Reading High co-op girls' hockey team won its third-straight game on Saturday afternoon as they blanked guest Masconomet, 6-0, at the McVann-O'Keefe Rink in Peabody.

With that victory, the Tanners improved to 7-2-1 overall and 7-0-1 in the Northeast Hockey League as they stayed in first place.

The Tanners scored two goals in each period as they completed the season sweep over the 3-7 Chieftains.

Lynnfield's Hannah Gromko got the first goal on the power play with Jenna DiNapoli and Lynnfield's Catie Kampersal both assisting with 5:31 left in the first period.

DiNapoli, assisted by Sarah Powers of Lynnfield, made it 2-0, also on the power play, with 1:08 remaining in the first period.

DiNapoli netted her second goal of the afternoon, unassisted, 1:31 into the second period. Powers scored shorthanded, assisted by DiNapoli, to made it 4-0 with 5:01 left in the second.

In the third, Powers made it 5-0 assisted by Gromko at the 11:16 mark. Kampersal had the final tally assisted by Catherine Sweeney (Lynnfield) and Powers on the power play with 51 seconds remaining.

"It was a big special-teams game

for us," said Tanners head coach Michelle Roche. "Jenna and Sarah each had two goals and two assists and really stepped up."

Audrey Buckley (3-1-1) posted the shutout in goal with 15 saves as the Tanners outshot the Chieftains on net 27-15. It was her first shutout of the year.

On Jan. 19, also at home, the Tanners beat Newburyport by a final of 4-1.

PLNR got off to a great start as they scored three times in the opening period. Kampersal scored twice while Gromko and Powers had one goal and one assist.

Ava Buckley (no relation to Audrey) led the team in assists with three.

Both teams scored once in the third period. Newburyport scored shorthanded with 6:41 left but Powers tally closed the door with 3:33 remaining.

"I was very happy with our start," said Roche. "This was an important league game."

The Tanners outshot the Clippers, 21-15, as goalie Alyse Mutti made 14 stops. Mutti improved to 4-1 in net.

PLNR's next game is Wednesday (Jan. 26) as they play host to Gloucester at the Talbot Rink. Face-off is 4 p.m.

On Jan. 29, the Tanners welcome Beverly-Danvers with that game also starting at 4 p.m.

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### PIONEER OF THE WEEK

**Lucy Cleary - Girls' Basketball Senior Captain**



**Cleary was honored before Lynnfield's senior night game on Jan. 21. (Courtesy Photo)**

# Boys' hoop topped by Triton, Stoneham

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
BYFIELD — The Lynnfield High boys' basketball team went on the road last Friday as they played at Triton trying to get a split of the season series. However, the host Vikings, on their Senior Night, had different ideas as they won by a final of 64-46.

With the defeat, the Pioneers record dipped to 1-10 overall and 1-5 in the Cape Ann League.

This game was tied at 10-10 after the first quarter but the Vikings outscored the Pioneers by seven points to lead, 26-19, at the half.

After the third, the Vikings bumped their advantage to 46-35.

Gavin Deluties led the Pioneers with 18 points while fellow ninth-grader Alex Fleming had his seventh double-double of the season with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Mekhi Peters chipped in eight points while Cam Marengi was fourth with six points as he hit two 3-pointers.

Triton (4-5) was led by Quintin McHale who poured in 27 points, including five 3-pointers, while Dylan Wilkinson was second with 22 points.

"We fought them hard and it was close in the fourth quarter," said Lynnfield head coach John Bakopolus. "They have some really good guards who can shoot the ball."

On Jan. 19, the Pioneers lost at



**GAVIN DELUTIES continued his strong freshman campaign with 18 points against Triton on Jan. 21 and 21 points including 6 3-pointers against Stoneham on Jan. 19. (File Photo)**

Stoneham in a non-league game by a final of 63-51. The Spartans, a Middlesex League team, were able to complete the season sweep.

"They are a big team and were able to control the glass on both ends," said Bakopolus. "They also made our shooting more difficult."

Lynnfield was only down by two points (28-26) before being outscored, 35-25, in the second half.

Deluties had 21 points including a career-high six 3-pointers.

Fleming added 12 while Peters chipped in seven.

Lynnfield will now play back-to-back games on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28. On the 27, they go to North Reading. The next night, they host Pentucket. The North Reading game will start at 7:30 p.m. while the Pentucket game will tip-off at 6:30 p.m.

On Feb. 1, the Pioneers welcome Ipswich with that game starting at 6:30 p.m.

# Four grapplers place at Cohasset Tournament



**LYNNFIELD EIGHTH-GRADER Ben Schumacher (on top) placed sixth in the 106 lb. weight class during the Cohasset Tournament on Jan. 22. (Courtesy Photo)**

**By DAN TOMASELLO**

COHASSET — Four members of the Lynnfield-North Reading co-op wrestling team placed during the Cohasset Tournament on Jan. 22.

Sophomore Gavin Iby finished second in the 132 lb. weight class. He pinned an Excel Academy grappler, who was the second seed in the weight class, at 3:12 during the quarterfinals. He defeated a Tri-County wrestler by fall at 5:44 in the semifinals. Iby concluded the tournament by losing a 3-2 decision to Cohasset's Ben Ford in the finals.

Black and Gold head coach Craig Stone said Ford was the number one seed in the 132 lb. weight class.

"Ben is a 2020 returning sectional and state place finisher," said Stone. "Gavin wrestled in his first varsity tournament."

Freshman James Fodera finished third in the 170 lb. weight class. He pinned Rockland's Joe Earner at 4:25 during the quarterfinals. He lost his semifinals match to Cohasset's Mike Donahue by a 5-2 decision. Fodera pinned Rockland's Rami Assour at 2:01 in the first consolation round. He secured the third place finish after defeating Cohasset's Andre Sweet by a 13-11 decision in the final consolation round.

"James also wrestled in his first varsity tournament," said Stone.

Eighth-grader Ben Schumacher placed sixth in the 106 lb. weight class. David Glynn placed sixth in the 120 lb. weight class.

Stone noted that the top four finishers in each weight class were given medals. He commended the Black and Gold's performance in the tournament.

"We placed four of the eight wrestlers that are on our team, all of whom are first-year varsity team members," said Stone. "We train, we compete and we get feedback. That feedback is used to see how we can improve. That improvement has been quite noticeable throughout the season."

### Falls to Danvers

The Black and Gold (0-16) began last week falling 72-6 to Danvers on Jan. 20.

Schumacher (106 lbs.) earned his first varsity dual meet win after he pinned his counterpart at 5:25.

"Following the dual meet, seven out of the eight wrestlers competed again against JV opponents and six came up winners," said Stone. "We refuse to evaluate our performance in varsity meets as the only indicator of our progress, as the majority of our wrestlers are in their first year of competition. However, when given the opportunity to measure our performance against like competition, we are doing extremely well."

### Upcoming meets

The Black and Gold will face off against Marblehead-Swampscott on Wednesday, Jan. 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Marblehead High School. LNR will compete in the Cape Ann League/Northeastern Conference Tournament on Sunday, Jan. 30, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Marblehead High School.

# Girls' track team impresses at State Relays

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
BOSTON — On Jan. 22, the Lynnfield High girls' indoor track and field team competed in the Division 5 State Relays back at the Reggie Lewis Center. Although no Pioneer relay teams finished in the top six to medal, they did have three top-10 finishes.

The 4x200 relay team of Julia Carbone, Bianca Guarracino, Lily Rocco and Jasmie Rose captured eighth with a time of 1:56.37.

The 4x800 relay also placed eighth with a time of 11:11.18. That foursome was Keely Briggs, Olivia Goguen, Maggie Davidson and Maddie Daigle.

Lynnfield's 50-yard Shuttle Run team of Carbone, Guarracino, Rocco and Clara Caulfield had a time of 26.67 second to place ninth.

"We only had two seniors compete," pointed out Pioneer head coach Adam DellAria. "This shows that we have a lot of potential for the next couple of years."

This Saturday, back at the Reggie Lewis Center, the Small School State Coaches Meet is scheduled to take place at 9 am. The weather might play a factor as there is a potential snow storm slated which could postpone or cancel the event.

In the regular season, the Pioneers went 1-3 in the Cape Ann League.

The CAL League Meet will take place on Feb. 8, also at the Reggie Lewis Center.

# Shuttle Run squad highlights boys' track team at State Relays

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
BOSTON — The Lynnfield High boys' indoor track and field team competed in the Division 5 State Relays back at the Reggie Lewis Center last Saturday. The way the scoring works only the top six finishers in each event medal.

The Pioneers had one foursome accomplish that as the 50-yard Shuttle Run team placed sixth. The team of Charlie Capachietti, Charlie Morgan, Kyle Schmitz and Joe Cucciniello had a time of 23.79 second to place sixth.

Two other Pioneer teams finished in the top 10 just missing medaling.

In the shot-put the threesome of Mike O'Brien, Chase Goldberg and

Nick Marcinowski had a distance of 32.82 meters to place eighth.


The long jump relay of Capachietti, Cucciniello and Mike Murphy placed in ninth with a combined distance of 14.96 meters.

Lynnfield's next event is scheduled for this Saturday back at the Reggie Lewis Center in the Small School State Coaches Meet. The starting time is for 9 am but a potential winter storm might postpone or cancel that event.

The Pioneers, under coach Christine Smith, went 1-3 in the Cape Ann League dual-meet season.

As of now, the CAL League Meet is scheduled for Feb. 8, also at the Reggie Lewis Center.

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# Icemen cruise past Groton-Dunstable 5-1

By **STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**

PEABODY — Last Saturday afternoon, the Lynnfield High welcomed Groton-Dunstable for a non-league game at the McVann-O’Keefe Rink in Peabody. The Pioneers were able to win their third-straight game as they beat the Crusaders by a final of 5-1.

With that victory, Lynnfield improved to 9-2 overall.

Chase Carney, the team’s top scorer, scored the first goal of the day tipping in a shot by Pat Barrett 3:30 into the game. The Crusaders tied it only 50 seconds later as the game was knotted at one heading into the first intermission.

Lucas Cook scored the eventual game-winning goal 4:20 into the second assisted by Nick Lucich. Carney then had a shorthanded goal to make it 3-1 with 4:30 remaining. Drew Damiani assisted.

Nick Lucich had the final tally of the second period with 3:35 left to send the locals to the second intermission leading 4-1. Damiani had the assist.

Aiden Burke had the final goal in the third 4:15 in assisted by Damiani and Carney. For Damiani it was his third assist of the afternoon.

“We had a strong second period and our penalty kill was strong,” said Pioneers head coach Jon Gardner.



**LUCAS COOK scored his first varsity goal to give Lynnfield the lead for good in a 5-1 win over Groton-Dunstable on Jan. 22 at McVann-O’Keefe Rink. (LHS Hockey Photo)**

“We killed six power-play chances for them and one of them was a five-minute major.”

Lynnfield outshot the Crusaders on goal, 28-18, as Pioneer goalie, Evan Fitzmeyer, made 17 saves to go to 3-0.

On Jan. 26, the Pioneers will go to the Graf Rink in Newburyport to take

on host Triton at 7 pm. Lynnfield won the first meeting, 4-3, back on Dec. 18 at home as they enter this game at 6-1 in the Cape Ann League.

LHS then hosts Newburyport at noon on Jan. 29. They are also looking for the season sweep against the Clippers as they won the first meeting, 6-2, back on Jan. 5.

## Senior news, activities

LYNNFIELD — The Lynnfield Senior Center is open and is offering the following programs.

The Senior Center’s Parkinson’s Fitness class meets every Friday at 10 a.m. Seniors are invited to come and strengthen their body, balance and movement. Seniors are welcome to bring a friend with them.

Jamiee Mace, a physical therapist from Homephit, will be holding a virtual presentation that is designed to help prevent seniors from suffering neck and back pain on Thursday, Feb. 10, beginning at 12 p.m. on Zoom. She will show seniors the proper way to hold electronic devices and the best way to tackle those household chores in order to avoid over-stressing a person’s spine. She will be giving gentle exercise tips

during the virtual presentation.

Eileen Reed, a Lynnfield-based organizing and productivity coach, will be giving a virtual presentation called “Living the Simplified Life – Say Yes to Less” on Thursday, Feb. 17, beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. She will discuss the far-reaching impacts of clutter, will explore belief systems that lead people accumulate stuff, and will provide tips and strategies that are designed to simplify people’s lives and their surroundings.

If residents having any questions about the Senior Center’s programs or want to sign up for them, they can call Activity Director Elaine Moorman at 781-598-1078. Masks are required for all in-person programs at the Senior Center.


## MVES seeks blanket donations

MALDEN — With winter underway and plenty of cold weather still ahead, Mystic Valley Elder Services is seeking donations of new blankets in all sizes for its Emergency Closet.

The Emergency Closet provides its care managers who work with low-income older adults and people with disabilities a place to access not only new blankets, but new towels, new sheets, toiletries and

large print puzzle books for their consumers who need them. Having these items in the agency immediately available can make a huge difference in someone’s life and they depend solely on donations.

If people are interested in donating blankets to the Emergency Closet, they should contact the Mystic Valley Elder Services Development office at 781-324-7705 or send an email to [development@mves.org](mailto:development@mves.org).



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dents the importance of civic engagement.

"The project seeks to teach students civic advocacy skills such as using their voice to address a social issue," said Holihan. "We are also teaching students the correct and proper ways to go about that process."

The 15 groups covered a variety of topics as part of their nonpartisan projects. The topics included bullying, cyberbullying, mental health, and diversity and culture. There were also groups of students who undertook projects pertaining to environmental issues such as tree preservation, eliminating food waste and littering. There were also projects about food insecurity, METCO and technology addiction.

Sophomore Hailey Mihalchik's group raised awareness about the impact associated with bullying.

"We picked bullying because we don't think there is enough awareness about it at the high school," said Mihalchik. "Our goal is to prevent bullying from happening."

Mihalchik said the group met with Teaching and Learning Director Kevin Cyr in order to discuss integrating bullying prevention into the health class curriculum.

Sophomores Cole Hawes, Brendan Sokop, Katie Cash, Ava Delaney and Hazel Gonzalez undertook a project that encouraged the high school to allow students to take mental health days as an excused absence.

"Mental health is a problem at Lynnfield High School," said Hawes. "Mental health days will help students who are struggling."

Sokop said the group sent State Rep. Tami Gouveia (D-Acton) an email about their project. He recalled that she has filed a bill that would amend state law by allowing students to take excused absences for mental or behavioral health reasons.

"Tami really supports the idea," said Sokop.

Gouveia attended the Civics Action Project Winter Showcase in order to show her support for the students.

"I have a 20-year-old and a 17-year-old, and supporting young people's mental health is really important to me," said Gouveia. "Men-

tal health days will allow students to be honest about why they are seeking a day off, and they will allow students to get the treatment that they need. It also opens up more discussion about how we can reduce the stigma around mental health."

A group consisting of Megan Collins, Miranda Dixon, Haniya Qazafi, Emma Tran and Hannah DeFreitas undertook a project called "Creating More Representation of Diverse Cultures in the town of Lynnfield."

"We decided to undertake this project because we feel there is a lack of education about diversity and culture," said Qazafi. "We want more of that and we want more representation in our town."

Qazafi and her group reached out to the Lynnfield Public Library and Lynnfield for Love in order to discuss the possibility of hosting a cultural day event.

"It would educate people in our town about different cultures," said Qazafi. "If we educate more people about diversity and culture, it will make our community stronger."

Sophomores Adriana Buccilli and Maeve Kennedy's group started a Tree Club for their Civics Action Project.

"We started a Tree Club in order to help with the environmental issues in Lynnfield," said Buccilli. "Our goal is to plant three trees each year in order to help replace the trees that have been cut down."

Kennedy said the group "learned a lot about the environmental issues in the world such as the loss of habitat" while undertaking the project.

"The population in Lynnfield is growing so much that a lot of trees are getting cut down so that houses can get built," said Kennedy.

Goguen was incredibly impressed by the students' projects.

"Students were able to dive into an interest of theirs and were able to learn more about something they are passionate about," said Goguen. "Students learned how to reach out to community members in order to advocate for change depending on their topic. The students did a really awesome job presenting their findings and learning how to implement change. It's a wonderful experience for students."

Holihan concurred with Goguen's viewpoint.

"I was impressed with how willing and engaged the students were with analyzing their community," said Holihan. "They did a great job looking at the issues as a whole and finding ways to address those issues whether it's at the high school or in the town. The students are very passionate about their topics."

Superintendent Kristen Vogel commended the sophomores for undertaking the projects.

"I was so impressed with the research and presentations of all of the students," said Vogel in an email. "It was evident that they had done a significant amount of research on their topic, had analyzed the data and created action plans. And every member of the group took ownership and was able to speak to an aspect of their topic. The projects are terrific examples of student choice and voice in learning."

School Committee Chairman Rich Sjoberg agreed.

"It's great to connect directly with students who are engaged and passionate about the work they are doing," said Sjoberg. "Each student group I spoke with shared their Civics Action Projects' detailed process, level of engagement and future steps. It was really impressive."

House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) commended the sophomores for working incredibly hard to create the projects.

"The Lynnfield High School sophomores did an outstanding job with their social advocacy presentations at the Civics Action Project Winter Showcase," said Jones in an email sent to the Villager. "I had the opportunity to speak directly with many of the students about their projects and really enjoyed the thoughtful conversations we had on topics ranging from mental health and food insecurity to the environment and cyberbullying. This forum highlighted the terrific civics-focused work that is taking place in the Social Studies Department and helped shine a light on the many diverse talents and interests of the students at LHS."

The high school will be holding the Civics Action Project Spring Showcase later this academic year.

**Public comment, COVID regulations criticized**

By DAN TOMASELLO

LYNNFIELD — Two Lynnfield United members criticized the School Committee once again during a Jan. 18 meeting.

Forest Hill Avenue resident Claire Barden recalled that she asked the School Committee last September to move public participation from the end of the board's agenda to the beginning.

"The reason why I made that request is I think that it gives the strong impression that the board isn't very interested in what the public has to say," said Barden. "In my opinion, it can discourage folks from listening to the entire meeting when public comments don't come until late in the evening sometimes. I think it is in the best interest of the public to prioritize public comment and allow that to happen initially."

Barden recalled that School Committee Chairman Rich Sjoberg told her last September that the reason why the board has placed public participation at the end of an agenda is because it gives townspeople the opportunity to comment on agenda items and topics that were discussed. "I understand and respect both perspectives," said Barden.

Barden recalled that a man who attended a School Committee meeting last November attempted to ask COVID-19 Nurse Coordinator Toni Rebelo questions about rising novel coronavirus cases in the school system. She noted that Sjoberg told the man he had to wait until the public participation portion of the meeting.

"Toni Rebelo left the meeting before he could ask her questions," said Barden. "It would have been very beneficial for the public and this board to hear that individual's comments earlier in the agenda."

Barden concluded her remarks by criticizing the local press.

"I know it's a public meeting, but my comments were printed in the newspaper and facts about me were printed that were not confirmed," said Barden. "No member of the press ever contacted me. I would respectfully ask that if comments are printed about an individual that they be confirmed before they get printed."

Powder Hill Road resident Suzanne Guertin gave the School Committee a memo that asked officials to

answer 10 questions, most of which pertained to COVID-19.

Guertin requested that the School Committee and Superintendent Kristen Vogel provide her with, "Data showing vaccinated versus unvaccinated student populations as well as COVID positive figures for those populations with student data redacted." She also requested data "showing vaccinated versus unvaccinated school staff populations that have contracted the virus since the start of the current school year."

"Please provide an updated percentage of students and teachers, who are either vaccinated and/or who have natural immunity, since the start of the current school year," said Guertin. "Please provide an updated COVID grant funding spreadsheet reflecting all funds received and all funds expended from any COVID grant and related funding since Oct. 1, 2021."

Guertin also asked if the School Committee was going to comply with the mask mandate for school buildings that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education extended through the end of February. She also noted that the CDC is now recommending that people no longer wear cloth masks.

"Can Lynnfield parents sign a waiver at this juncture opting out of the Lynnfield mask mandate, and allowing cloth masks to be optional?" Guertin asked. "If not, will the board please explain why it is taking a scientific position contrary to the CDC?"

State law supersedes local regulations. Select Board Chairman Dick Dalton said during the contentious and chaotic municipal mask mandate meeting last August that the Board of Health had the authority to issue a local mandate for all town-owned buildings even if the Select Board and School Committee objected to it.

Sjoberg informed the Villager on Monday morning that Barden and Guertin's questions were in the process of being answered. There were nine Lynnfield United members who attended the meeting.

*Editor's note: The Lynnfield Villager received a copy of the first Lynnfield United letter that was given to the School Committee during a June 8, 2021 meeting. The letter included the names of a number of residents. Barden and Guertin both signed the letter.*

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man since John Danforth, who served on the board from 1852-1876.

Donegan, who was elected to the board in April 1974, had pulled nomination papers earlier this month. He reversed his decision after giving it "serious, careful thought." He cited his professional position as a state employee union official in today's tough economic times as the reason why he decided to not run again. Chatham Way resident Arthur Bourque has pulled nomination papers for Board of Selectmen, and is running for a three-year term.

**Twelve percent:** Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Young informed the School Committee last week that 12 percent of Lynnfield students attend private or parochial schools. He noted that the 12 percent of students not enrolled in the school system equals the state average.

Young said 228 students attend private schools, which he noted represented an increase of 10 students this academic year. The number of students attending private schools has fluctuated between 11 and 13 percent since 1984.

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**Junta sentenced:** Two weeks after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter, Superior Court Judge Charles

Grabau sentenced Reading resident Thomas Junta to six to 10 years in state prison.

Junta, known as the "Hockey Dad" across the country, was convicted on Jan. 11 in the death of Lynnfield resident Michael Costin on July 5, 2000. Costin, a single father of four, was 40-years-old when he died.

"I find the commonwealth's recommendation (of six to 10 years) to be lenient and most generous," said Grabau. "I contemplated exceeding the commonwealth's sentence, but I have decided not to."

**Housing costs rise:** The cost of one- and two-bedroom units at Center Village and Essex Village has increased due to a recent property assessment.

The Lynnfield Initiative for the Elderly (L.I.F.E.) Board of Directors increased the price of a one-bedroom unit at Center Village to \$119,000 while the price of a two-bedroom unit at Center Village has been increased to \$145,00. A two-bedroom unit at Essex Village now costs \$169,000 while a one-bedroom unit now costs \$99,000. According to L.I.F.E. Executive Director Josephine Buchanan, the unit prices are 80 percent of the market value assessed on the property. The units are assessed every three years.

**LYNNFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS****Tiered Focused Monitoring Review**

During the week of February 7, 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Lynnfield Public Schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may contact Dee Wyatt, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at [dee.wyatt@mass.gov](mailto:dee.wyatt@mass.gov) to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/>.

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# Religious Services

## Ave Maria Parish St. Maria Goretti and Our Lady of the Assumption

LYNNFIELD — Ave Maria Parish is a Catholic community of faith comprising two worship sites in Lynnfield: Our Lady of the Assumption Church located at 758 Salem Street and Saint Maria Goretti Church located at 112 Chestnut St.

If you wish to continue to practice social distancing, designated pews in both churches have been reserved. Pre-registration for Masses is no longer required. The Mass schedule is as follows:

### Weekend Masses:

4 p.m. on Saturday at OLA  
7:30 a.m. on Sunday at OLA

9:30 a.m. on Sunday at SMG  
11 a.m. on Sunday at OLA

### Daily Masses:

OLA — 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays  
SMG — 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

### Pastoral Leadership Team:

Rev. Paul E. Ritt is the pastor. The Parochial Vicar is Rev. Anthony Luongo and the Deacon is Thomas O'Shea. The parish business office is located at 17 Grove St. (781-598-4313). Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. Closed on holidays.

## Centre Church

LYNNFIELD — Centre Church is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Centre Church is located at 5 Summer St., corner of Summer and Main, in Lynnfield.

Sunday worship services are held at 10 a.m. and currently, due to the COVID-19 surge, are via our livestream only. You can find our livestream on our website: [www.centre-church.org](http://www.centre-church.org). We gather on Zoom for fellowship following worship at 10:45 a.m. Email office@

[centre-church.org](http://centre-church.org) for more information and the Zoom link. We will reassess the safety of in-person worship at the end of January for our February services.

Our Church School for children meets on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Email Larainne Wilson at [larainne@centre-church.org](mailto:larainne@centre-church.org) for more information.

Please find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CentreChurchUCC](https://facebook.com/CentreChurchUCC) for updated information about our ministries and activities.

## Messiah Lutheran Church

LYNNFIELD — Messiah Lutheran Church, 708 Lowell Street, Lynnfield (corner of Lowell and Chestnut Streets) is currently open for in-person worship, following state COVID-19 guidelines. In-person worship is held Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Worship services are also currently being streamed live on

Facebook (like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/Messiah-Lutheran-Church](https://facebook.com/Messiah-Lutheran-Church)) Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening devotion at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer time at 7:01 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church is served by Rev. Dr. Jeremy Pekari and Rev. David Brezina.

## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

LYNNFIELD — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at 400 Essex St. For information on the church, visit [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org). Bishop Matthew Romano can be reached at 781-334-5586. Please call or visit the website before visiting the church to learn about programming changes due to COVID-19 precautions and reopening guidelines.

When we reopen, Sunday services

will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, as follows: Sacrament Meeting: 9 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:20 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Nursery, Primary and Youth classes: 10:20 a.m. to noon; Relief Society and Priesthood classes: 11:10 a.m. to noon. Youth Night and Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

The Family History Center will reopen to the public for genealogical research soon.

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield

WAKEFIELD — Please join us on Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m. for a virtual service titled, "Writing in Cursive: The Art of Slowing Down" led by guest minister Rev. Emily DeTar Birt.

This sermon is not so much a sermon as a question. In our fast paced and speeding world, what can help us to slow down? How do we capture the art of slowness in a world so dizzyingly fast? Let us share and discover how to live in the present together.

Rev. Emily is the minister at the Unitarian Church of Staten Island. She lives in The Bronx with her wife,

Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt.

Please note that the remaining services in January will all be online only. If you choose to attend virtually, please click "Launch Worship" on the website at <https://www.wakefield-uu.org/>.

Each service offers a "Time for All Ages" near the beginning of the service for children, youth and adults.

The Wakefield Unitarian Universalist Church provides a non-judgmental, welcoming, and progressive religious presence in our community, and supports every individual's spiritual quest. Historically rooted in the Christian and

Jewish traditions, we focus on our collective spiritual journey within a belief system based not on a creed, but guided by principles embracing justice, compassion, and the search for truth. The church is located at 326 Main Street across the street from the post office in the oldest church building in Wakefield, and services may be held both virtually and in person, with masks required for in person attendance for the remainder of the 2021-2022 church year. For additional information, please call 781-245-4632 or visit our website at <https://www.wakefield-uu.org/>.

## Temple Emmanuel

WAKEFIELD — Rabbi Greg Hersh serves members of Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield, 120 Chestnut Street, a Jewish Reconstructionist Synagogue. Current information is available on the website: [www.WakefieldTemple.org](http://www.WakefieldTemple.org); by phone: 781-245-1886; or by email [info@Wakefield-Temple.org](mailto:info@Wakefield-Temple.org).

Temple.org.

**Virtual programs:** Contact the temple to obtain the Zoom sign-in information for those programs and services being held via Zoom. Questions can be sent to Rabbi Greg Hersh or President Evan Pressman at 781-245-1886 or [info@Wakefield-Temple.org](mailto:info@Wakefield-Temple.org).

Temple.org. Staying aware and vigilant with our health and well-being is paramount as we get through this together.

**COVID-19:** Shabbat celebrations continue to be held via Zoom on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Some services are held as a combination of in-person and virtual; contact the temple with questions. The first and third Saturdays of the month include Torah services; second Saturday is a Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Greg; fourth Saturday is a prayer-free alternative with Rabbi Greg.

**Hebrew School:** The temple's Hebrew School runs September to June. Classes with Rabbi Greg are available for children ages 4-7 and 8-13, as well as Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation for ages 12-13. Contact the temple for more information.

## Lynnfield Community Church

LYNNFIELD — Lynnfield Community Church, 735 Salem St., was gathered in 1854. Our 167-year-old colonial church building was physically moved to its present location from the northbound lane of Route 1 and placed on its new foundation in 1936. We're currently revitalizing both physically and spiritually with

Prayer, Faith and Community as our core values. We're a warm and inviting church that welcomes all who come to worship in Christian fellowship led by our permanent minister, Rev. Martha Swanson.

Please join us for Sunday Wor-

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## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

LYNNFIELD — St. Paul's invites all to worship, learn, and serve together with us! Our sanctuary is open to you. Please note that masking is required by all during services and indoor activities, out of love for our parish and wider community.

Our regular schedule includes two in-person services of Holy Eucharist on Sundays: a quiet Rite I service at 8:30 a.m. and a Rite II service with music at 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. service is also streamed on Zoom. Please contact our church office to receive the Zoom invita-

tions.

Our Sunday School meets at 10 a.m. on Sundays for children in grades K - 6. Our Sunday School engages the "Godly Play" curriculum, which lets children explore their faith through wonder and play. Our Youth Group, for young people in grades 7-12, meets every other Sunday at 10 a.m., following the "Journey to Adulthood" curriculum, with discussions arranged in categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality.

We also offer an informal in-person service of Holy Eucharist on

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. followed by Book/Bible Study with refreshments, as well as hybrid in-person/Zoom Centering Prayer gatherings on Mondays, and by Zoom only on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

If you are looking for a new church home, we welcome you. If you are experiencing a time of need, please feel free to contact our Rector, the Rev. Rob Bacon.

Our church is also home to the Bethlehem School, a non-sectarian preschool employing Montessori principles and the Best Practices of Earth Childhood Education.

## Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church is located at 273 Vernon St., Wakefield, and the pastor is Rev. Glenn M. Mortimer.

Each Sunday, Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. during which we offer Sunday School for infants and toddlers through high school age students. Following the service, we enjoy Fellowship at our Coffee and Conversation time.


We even have musicians "In the House" as our Pastor, Rev. Glenn Mortimer, and his wife Elizabeth are trained musicians and they incorporate their music into special church services for all to enjoy. For more information about our church, please call the church office at 781-245-1359 or email us at our new email: [WLUMC273@gmail.com](mailto:WLUMC273@gmail.com).

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WEST PEABODY — Community Covenant Church, 33 Lake St., West Peabody, is a warm and inviting church in the evangelical Protestant tradition where all are welcome. The Rev. Joel Anderle, Senior Pastor, officiates Sunday worship services and the Rev. Darren Catron, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, directs the Whole-Life Christian Education Program.

CCC lives communally and relationally. Because of COVID-19, we have suspended our normal worship service and Sunday School hour for the foreseeable future. We're encouraging everyone to be safe and help one another.

We are live-streaming an abbreviated liturgy each Sunday at 11 a.m. via Facebook Live. Please navigate to CCC's page (@CCCW-PMA) to participate.

If you are experiencing a crisis or need some extra assistance in these unprecedented days, please reach out to Pastor Joel at janderle@communitycovenantlive.org or 978-535-5321. We have volunteers able and willing to run errands, fetch groceries and try to help with helping everyone thrive. For more information visit our website: www.communitycovenantlive.org.

## Calvary Christian Church

LYNNFIELD — Calvary Christian Church would love to see you at one of our eight weekend services. The Lynnfield campus at 47 Grove St. holds in-person services each Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The online campus holds services at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube. A Hispanic service is held at 47 Grove St., in-person and online, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

If you have a teenager, please

check out our youth group at the Lynnfield campus on Fridays at 7 p.m.

In addition to our weekly worship services, Calvary Christian Church provides numerous groups and classes for people of all ages to enjoy both in-person and online. For more information call 781-592-4722 or check us out online at calvarychristian.church.

**Food pantry open:** Good Hope Foods on the Lynnfield campus, 47 Grove St., has been providing food

pantry services to residents on the North Shore for over 10 years, including fresh produce, meat, milk, eggs and canned goods. All families or individuals in need are welcome on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Foods are distributed to last for a week's worth of groceries. Tax deductible donations may be made at: www.goodhopeinc.org or mail a donation to: Good Hope, 47 Grove Street Lynnfield, MA 01940.

## First Baptist Church of Wakefield

WAKEFIELD — Warmest greetings from the First Baptist Church of Wakefield, an American Baptist Church, which is served by church pastor Rev. Doug Dry. Office phone: 781-245-1784. Mailing address: FBC of Wakefield, P.O. Box 1726, Wakefield MA 01880.

We are people who love God, serve others and share the Good News of lives transformed by Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you for worship in person at 9:30 a.m. We are currently

worshiping at 1 Church Street, in the chapel at First Parish Congregational Church, as we finalize plans for our new building. We also have an abbreviated Zoom service at 11 a.m. Go to www.fbcwakefield.org to get the link, view past sermons, find out more about us and check out upcoming ways to get involved.

You can also find us on Facebook. Our page features devotionals, inspirational messages and recent video services.

We hope you will join us in

worship, where you will come as a guest and leave as a friend.

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ship services from 10 to 11 a.m. in our Sanctuary, followed by coffee or tea and fellowship in Marshall Hall. Enter through the double doors at the side entrance or the main doors at the front of the church. There is parking at the rear of the building.

Martha's office hours are Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feel free to drop by to chat; just come to the office door. The church phone number is 781-842-0679. You can also reach her at 617-894-2577 or via email: fourswans41@gmail.com

**Afternoon Bible Study:** Held every Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you've studied the Bi-

# Obituaries

## Barbara V. Brinkers, 88

**A loving mother and grandmother**

BEVERLY — Barbara V. Brinkers, 88, formerly of Wakefield and Lynnfield, died on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 at the Blueberry Hill Rehabilitation Center in Beverly.

She was born in New Haven, Connecticut on Jan. 20, 1933, and was the daughter of the late Francis and Mary (Yanish) Antin.

Barbara was a graduate of Hill House High School in New Haven,

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## Arline Cohee, 93

**Loved going skiing with her family**

LYNNFIELD — Arline E. Cohee, 93, a longtime resident of Lynnfield, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022.

Born in Boston and raised in Winthrop, she was the daughter of the late John and Sarah (Turpeinen) Cushman.

Arline was a graduate of Winthrop High School. She had been a Lynnfield resident since 1954 and

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## Curry College's dean's list

MILTON —A Lynnfield resident was named to Curry College's dean's list for the fall semester. Lorenzo Russo was the local student named to the dean's list.

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had worked as a teacher's aide for many years at Tower Day School. She enjoyed summers in Gloucester, ski trips to North Conway with her family, and "early bird" dinners out with her close friends and neighbors for many years.

Arline was the beloved wife of the late Roland Cohee. She was the loving mother of Rick Cohee and his wife Barbie of Lynnfield; Wendy Hardiman of Lynnfield; and Peter Cohee and his wife Rachel of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. She was the sister of John Cushman

and his wife Carole of Saugus; the late Richard Cushman and his wife Marcia; and the late George "Bud" Cushman. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Tino, Gino, Max, Brett, Sara and Anna. Her great grandchild Valentina also survives Arline. She is also survived by her special niece Sally Hatch and many other nieces and nephews.

A private funeral service was held at the McDonald funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield. A celebration of Life for Arline will be held at a later date.

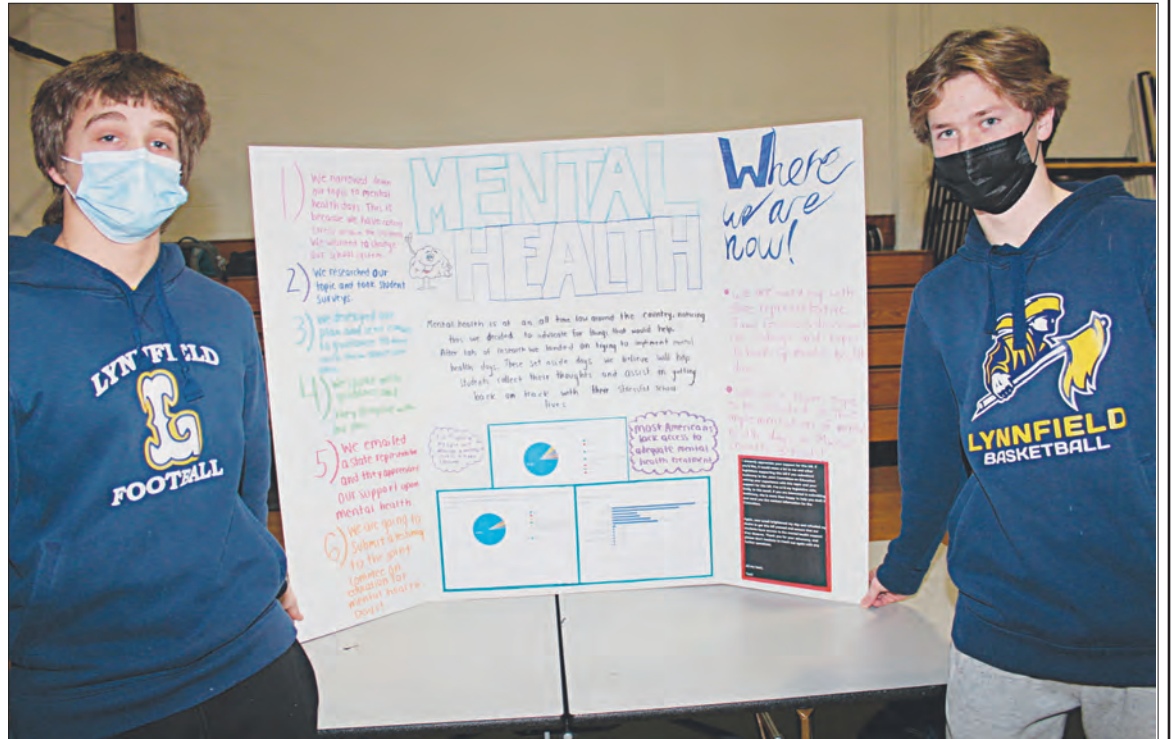
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Class of 1950, and the University of Bridgeport. She worked as a dental hygienist until she retired in 1998.

She was the loving mother of Ellen Brandt of Brookline and Brian Brinkers of Salem. She was also the beloved grandmother of Eric and Kara Brandt.

Funeral services are private and in the care of the McDonald Funeral Home, Wakefield. To sign the guestbook, visit [www.mcdonaldfs.com](http://www.mcdonaldfs.com).

## The importance of mental health



TENTH-GRADERS Cole Hawes (left) and Brendan Sokop discussed the importance of supporting students' mental health during Lynnfield High School's Civics Action Project Winter Showcase on Jan. 18. (Dan Tomasello Photo)

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# Tucker announces Essex County DA candidacy

SALEM — State Rep. Paul Tucker (D-Salem) has announced he is running for district attorney in the wake of District Attorney Jon Blodgett deciding not to run for re-election.

“For decades, the Essex County District Attorney’s Office has set the standards for integrity, innovation and effective pursuit of justice,” stated Tucker in a press release. “I share DA Blodgett’s strong commitment to holding criminals accountable, securing justice for victims of crime, providing services and drug treatment to

non-violent offenders and engaging the community in crime prevention. I am running for district attorney to uphold those high standards and to continue building upon that unwavering commitment to seek justice. I welcome this opportunity to put my criminal justice background, law enforcement training, and administrative and management experience to work to lead Essex County’s ‘People’s Law Office.’”

In today’s justice system, Tucker said prosecuting crime and crime

prevention are both part of a district attorney’s job. He supports continued close collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, local police and school departments, and community groups to address the serious problems of child abuse, domestic violence, opiate addiction and elder abuse.

Tucker has been a practicing attorney for 21 years, is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and is a college adjunct professor and former police academy public safety instructor. He

holds a Juris Doctorate in Law, and both master’s and bachelor’s degrees in Criminal Justice.

Tucker is serving as the 7th Essex District’s state representative, serving on the Public Safety/Homeland Security, Judiciary, and Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Committees. He co-chaired the Special State Commission on Adolescent Crime. He has worked in partnership with the Blodgett, Essex County sheriff, municipal police chiefs and local nonprofit organizations to strengthen

and improve the criminal justice system.

Tucker previously worked as Salem’s police chief, where he managed a department of over 100 employees and a budget exceeding \$10 million annually. Tucker, a Salem Police Medal of Valor recipient, is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, the 2010 New England Law Enforcements Executive Development Seminar, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Advanced Narcotics Investigation.

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ADDRESS	BUYER(S)	SELLER(S)	PRICE	TYPE	DATE OF SALE
31 Longbow Cir	Sara R. and Christopher D. Sacco	Kathleen E. Disciscio	\$785,000	1-Fam Res	01/03/2022
29 Longbow Cir	Percy Napier	John F. Sullivan	\$960,000	1-Fam Res	01/04/2022
527 Salem St Unit 15	Carole J. and Gerald M. Sneirson	Ravens FT and Fred J. Ravens	\$1,300,000	Condominium	01/06/2022
26 Perry Ave	Danielle M. Rose and Anthony E. Wozniak	Eileen Daly	\$860,000	1-Fam Res	01/07/2022

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