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Salem High names new athletic director

By Michael McHugh
» Staff Writer

SALEM — Principal Glenn Burns announced that Michael Daly, former director of athletics and co-curricular director at Deering High School in Portland, Maine, has been named Salem High School's new athletic director. Daly, a Boston native, is replacing former athletic director Reilly Christie,



Michael Daly

Sept. 17.

Burns said Daly's career

who was at Salem High for four years before accepting the athletics director role at Malden Catholic High School in July. Daly will start on

reflects a deep belief in the power of athletics to develop character, connection, resilience and leadership.

"Michael brings a remarkable record of educational leadership, athletic administration, coaching, program development, and student-centered service. We are excited to welcome him to the Salem Witches family and to the broader Salem Public Schools community," said

Burns.

Daly brings more than a decade of experience in secondary-school athletic administration and educational leadership, along with 20 years in collegiate athletics administration and coaching at the NCAA Division I and II levels.

His accomplishments include two Division II national championships as the head women's lacrosse

coach at Stonehill College, extensive experience at University of New Hampshire, Merrimack College, Saint Anselm College, and induction into the Hall of Fame at Stonehill College and the Northeast-10 Conference. "Most importantly, Michael shares our commitment to creating exceptional experiences for every student-athlete," Burns said. "I am confident that his vision, energy, and

collaborative leadership will strengthen our programs and honor Salem's proud athletic tradition."

At Deering, Daly's leadership helped add new sports and co-curricular programs, build successful cooperative teams, increase student involvement, and create pathways for students to belong, lead, and thrive, according to

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JARED CHARNEY/Photos

Emily Righter holds up her son Abram, 5, as his father Greg and big brother Eli enjoy the car show at Shetland Park Sunday. The event doubled as a fundraiser for Righter, a local boy who has been battling a slow-growing brain tumor.

Rolling Dimes for Abram

Classic car show raises support for local boy, 5, with brain tumor

By News Staff

SALEM — The Rolling Dimes, an all-female car club, hosted a classic car show Sunday at Shetland Park to raise money for Abram Righter. Abram, who lives on Cape Ann, is a 5-year-old boy who has been battling a slow growing brain tumor for the past year. His parents, Greg and Emily, are local physical therapists and they also have an older son, Eli. The boys picked a car for the Righters Choice award on Sunday. In addition to the cars, there were vendors, food trucks, music and a 50/50 raffle.



Charlie Wallis sits out in front of his 1931 Ford Model A Phaeton at Shetland Park as part of a carshow and fundraiser for Abram Righter.



Emily Righter and her husband Greg walk with their son Abram Righter, 5, who has been battling a slow growing brain tumor as his older brother Eli joins them.



Roger Thellen of Alton, N.H., with his 2017 Chevy Camaro RS chats with Dawn Mears of Alton, N.H., with her 2018 Dodge challenger at Shetland Park Sunday.

Abortion foes look to repeal new law

Referendum attempt could also elevate topic in this year's elections

By Alison Kuznitz
» State House News Service.

BOSTON — Activists angered over a new law that removes barriers to abortions later in pregnancy have filed paperwork seeking to suspend and ultimately repeal the measure in the 2028 election cycle.

The Compassionate Care Coalition launched last week and filed initial paperwork with Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office Tuesday to try to topple the law that removed four criteria from statute that enabled abortions after 24 weeks' gestation, specifically in life-threatening situations. The law instead gives deference to providers' medical judgment.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life and Massachusetts Family Action are spearheading the effort to repeal the law (H 5595/Chapter 188) that Gov. Maura Healey signed on Aug. 10, said coalition chair Sam Miele.

"Obviously, you know, we're not trying to outlaw abortion or anything," Miele told the News Service Friday. "We simply believe that what the law that Maura Healey just passed is not compassionate. It's not safe for women. It's very dangerous, actually, for women's health. And we believe that what was instituted prior was

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GOP trying to connect with growing unenrolled voter bloc

Minogue, Deaton tout 'America' as Democrats connect them with Trump

By Katie Castellani
» State House News Service

BOSTON — As someone who was registered as an unenrolled voter for about 18 years, Republican nominee for governor Mike Minogue is aiming to cultivate support from that large group of voters in the general election while vowing to fight the "one-party system" of Democrats who control state government.

Asked by the News Service on Wednesday about his strategy for campaigning against Democratic incumbent Gov. Maura Healey over the next two months, Minogue observed that most of registered voters are unenrolled and said he thinks "people are fed up with politicians and the political establishment."

The pool of unenrolled voters in Massachusetts continues to expand, with Democratic enrollment falling below 25% and Republican enrollment down to between 7% and 8%. According to Minogue's voter registration record that the News Service obtained from the Hamilton town clerk,

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Democratic AGs sue over transgender care cuts

By Christian M. Wade
» Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Massachusetts is among nearly two dozen states suing to block a new Trump administration rule that would prevent federal funds from being used to cover gender-affirming care for trans youth.

The lawsuit, filed last week in U.S. District Court in Boston, challenges a new Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services rule that prohibits Medicaid funds from covering "sex-rejecting procedures for children under 18" and bars the Children's Health Insurance Program from paying for similar procedures.

"Defendants have no legal basis to withhold federal reimbursement under Medicaid or CHIP for the

targeted healthcare," the AGs wrote in the complaint. "This court should declare the rule unlawful and unconstitutional, vacate and set aside the rule, and enjoin defendants from enforcing it in the plaintiff states."

The new CMS rules "set a troubling and unlawful precedent" that the executive branch can, without Congressional authorization, replace individualized medical judgments made by licensed practitioners ... by withholding federal reimbursement for healthcare "it happens to disfavor," the AGs wrote.

Attorney General Andrea Campbell, who is co-leading the 20 AGs in the lawsuit, said the Trump administration's efforts to end transgender

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FILE PHOTO

Attorney General Andrea Campbell is among 20 Democratic AGs who are suing to block a new Trump administration rule that would prevent federal funds from being used to cover gender-affirming care for transgender youth.