

Coach inserts subs into his lineup

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LYNN — The way Petey Dow sees it, opening up a new pizza and sandwich shop in Lynn was his way of fulfilling a dream his father had nursed for years.

“My dad (Joseph “Pete” Dow Sr.) passed away a year ago, and this was always a dream of ours,” he said.

Friday, that dream became a reality. That’s when Coach Pete’s Corner opened on Chatham Street, with Mayor Judith Kennedy, her chief of staff Jamie Cerulli, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation Executive Director James Cowdell, staff members, family and friends joined Dow in the ceremony.

Since coaching kids is Dow’s avocation, the restaurant has a local youth sports theme, with trophies and team photos of teams he has coached displayed throughout the shop.

Dow has coached youth sports teams for 20 years. He coaches Pop Warner football in East Lynn, and he just finished with Little League baseball for Lynn’s Pine Hill organization. He’ll be moving on to Greater Lynn Babe Ruth baseball next year, he said.

He also played football at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute and was the captain of his team in 1992.

“My goal is that someday this place will be run by managers, and profits will go to Little League,” he said. “It might sound crazy or like a lofty goal, but it’s important to me to help the community.”

For now, he has an All-Star of the Week program. Each week, all-stars in the community will be chosen, and will get to create their own pizza using their favorite toppings.

“Every time one of these pies are ordered, a dollar will be donated to either Little League or a local charity of the all-star’s choice,” Dow said.

Dow’s first all-star is Kennedy, and her chosen pizza toppings are ricotta cheese, bacon and caramelized onions.



Dow opens Coach Pete's Corner

Lynn youth sports coach Petey Dow stands in his new restaurant, Coach Pete’s Corner, at 453 Chatham St.

Kennedy chose My Brother's Table as the first charity to be benefitted.

Coach Pete's Corner offers two of his father's favorite dishes: stuffed French toast and chicken Marsala.

"My dad's biggest thing was watching his grandkids play sports," Dow said. "That's why this is the way it is."

He is also inspired by Joe Skeadas, one of his high school football coaches and currently both the athletic director and a culinary arts teacher at Tech.

"He got me to believe that no matter how old you are, you can start new," Dow said.

The new shop is located at 453 Chatham St., near enough to Keaney Park (which is behind Lynn English) that Dow hopes that it will become a favorite after-game spot for athletes.