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Friday, July 30, 2021

## Spirited Tantasqua comeback falls just short in Summer Basketball League final

**BY KEN POWERS**  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Trailing by eight points with less than two minutes to play, the Tantasqua girls' basketball team staged a spirited comeback, cutting its deficit to a single point before falling in the championship game of the annual local summer league, 29-21, to Grafton, at All Saints Academy on Thursday, July 22.

For many years, the league has been played at Auburn High School, but after not being held in 2020 because of COVID-19 and the accompanying global coronavirus pandemic, the league was moved to Webster for 2021. The league is expected to return to Auburn High next summer.

Tantasqua, the top seed, advanced to the final by defeating eighth-seeded Leicester, 32-21, in a semifinal round game played earlier on July 22. Grafton, the



Jason McKay

Kelsie Wotton of Tantasqua attempts to make move past a Grafton defender.

After a strong drive to the basket, Wotton laid the ball in softly off the glass. Grafton called time-out following the Wotton basket, regrouped, and hit six consecutive free throws, four by Kait Cahill, to seal the victory. Cahill, a soon-to-be senior for the Gators, finished with a game-high 11 points, 10 coming in the second half.

Tantasqua was coached in the summer league by Emmy Cherry and Ainsley Way, who along with Madison Varney, would have been seniors on last year's Warriors' team, had the team been allowed to play. While Cherry acknowledged that defeating Grafton would have been great, it was not the true focal point of Tantasqua's summer league season.

"Throughout this whole entire summer league the team played tremendous defense," Cherry said. "But playing in this summer league was more about the players getting to know each other and learning how to play with each other. This summer league was about building for next year."

Tantasqua played its semifinal and final with-

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## Sturbridge awarded \$300,000 Mass Trails grant

STURBRIDGE — The Town of Sturbridge has been notified by the Governor's Office of its successful application for \$300,000 in Mass Trails Grant to construct a three quarter mile section of the Grand Trunk Trail, westville section.

This grant will supplement the Federal trail funds previously received to construct this last portion of the Westville section of the Grand Trunk trail, from the Ed Calcutt bridge to the river/Farquhar rd intersection. The trail will be constructed on a 10 ft wide, firm packed gravel surface meeting the federal "Shared use path" accessibility standards. The project is in final engineering and permitting stages, and is scheduled to be out to bid by fall of 2021. Engineering and construction administration was transferred from Mass DOT to the Eastern Lands Federal Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration, of Virginia.

Coordinating the project locally and with the US Army Corps of Engineers is trail committee member Tom Chamberland, who said, "This federally and now state funded trail project has been a long time coming. From its first application and funding back in 2005 to today this project has seen many starts, stops, delays and challenges as we navigated both Federal and State requirements and agencies. I'm very pleased we have secured this funding to meet the estimated construction costs. I very hopeful by this time next year we'll have a completed trail!"

No. 6 seed, punched its ticket to the title game by upsetting fourth-seeded Blackstone Valley Tech, 36-27, in the other semifinal. Tantasqua finished with an 8-2 record while Grafton ended the season 6-5.

Tantasqua trailed, 23-15, with 1:40 remaining

in the game.

With 1:32 to play, Warriors' sophomore Gabby Scanlon (a team-high eight points) cut the Gators' lead to six (23-17), by hitting a pair of free throws. With 1:24 left, following a Grafton miss, Tantasqua rising senior Sophie Law (four points), scored on a layup after a left-to-right drive through the lane. Law's basket pulled Tantasqua to within four points of the lead, 23-19.

With 1:06 to play, after a Grafton turnover, Kelsie Wotton, a rising junior for the Warriors, made it a two-point game, 23-21.

## Tantasqua senior builds promising career in carpentry

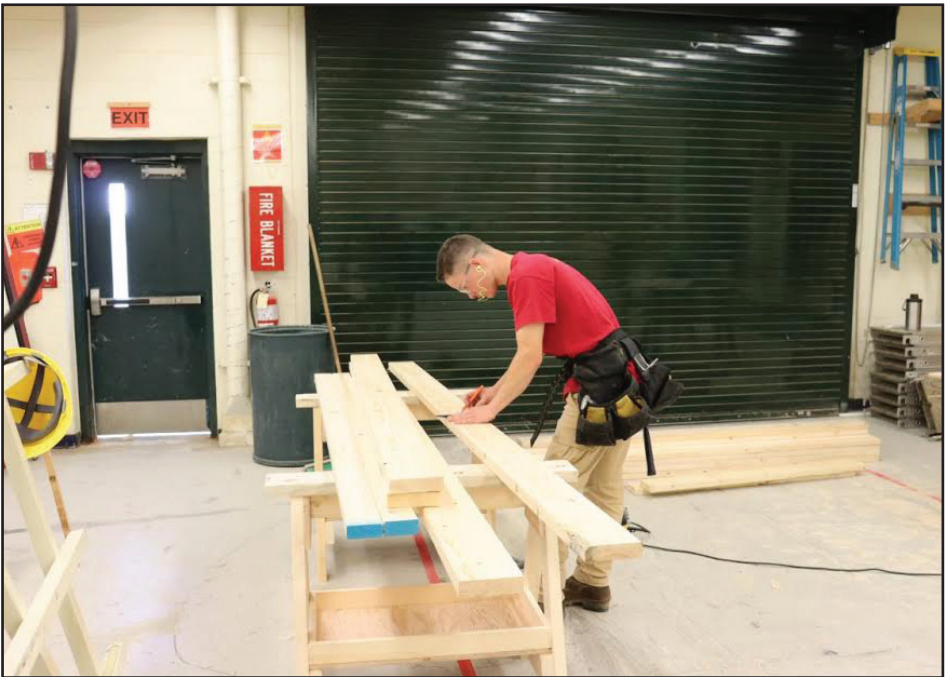
BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – Fresh off a golden performance at SkillsUSA last month, a Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School carpentry senior is building toward a strong career.

Conor Krochmalnyckyj, who graduated in the spring, took gold as a SkillsUSA national champion in the carpentry category.

The journey began in March with a district competition featuring a multiple-choice test on carpentry and SkillsUSA's standards for work ethic, responsibility, and goals. Krochmalnyckyj took the silver medal at districts,

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Courtesy

Conor Krochmalnyckyj recently took the top spot in carpentry at a SkillsUSA competition.

## Woman In Business, Inc. celebrates scholarship award recipients



Courtesy

Scholarship recipients, from left to right: Nadine Chidester (Tantasqua), Rebecca Turley (Tantasqua), Madison Dungey (Tantasqua), Jenn Miller (Shepherd Hill), and Alexis Gosselin (Bay Path)

STURBRIDGE — On June 9, Woman In Business, Inc. (WIB), a 501c(3) that supports women by fostering networking, sharing information and experiences, and providing educational opportunities, held its annual meeting at the Publick House to celebrate the organization's 31st anniversary, announce scholarship winners, recognize honorary recipients, and announce its new board.

For 30 years, WIB has been awarding scholarships to local area high school seniors to support their continuing education. In that time, the organization has recognized over 100 young people and awarded over

\$60,000 in scholarships. This year's award recipients are Nadine Chidester (Tantasqua), Madison Dungey (Tantasqua), Jenna Miller (Shepherd Hill), and Alexis Gosselin (Bay Path). In addition to these four scholarship award winners, Rebecca Turley, a Tantasqua High School graduate, received the Judith A. Jaeger Memorial Scholarship with a top prize of \$1000. The award is named for WIB's founder, Judith A. Jaeger, whose family established and have endowed this award in her honor.

Mary O'Coin and Leslie Wong were recognized as honorary recipients for their work and dedication within

our local community. Mary is the Executive Director at United Way of South Central MA. Leslie is the Director at Sturbridge Council on Aging-Senior Center and Council on Aging Outreach Coordinator for Sturbridge.

The annual meeting concluded with the announcement of the 2021-22 Board of Directors. Jennifer Jones of Jones & Jones Realty remains as President of the Board; Jenny Anderson of Cornerstone Bank, Vice President; Jenn Krog of Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage Inc., Secretary and Brenda Lacaire of

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# Harrington Auxiliary awards scholarships

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In spite of scaled-down fundraising during 2020, the Harrington Auxiliary Scholarship Committee was honored to award \$10,000 in scholarships this year. Students residing in the communities served by the Harrington Health Care System were invited to apply for one of the scholarships. More than 40 students submitted applications, with at least one student representing many of the communities in the Harrington Hospital service area. Each scholarship winner received \$2,000.

Recipient Lauren Chase, a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, plans to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner with an emphasis on women's health at the University of Rhode Island.

Love of children prompted Caitlin Young, also a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, to continue her studies at Regis College with the goal of becoming a neonatal intensive care nurse. Young earned a 4.4 GPA and was named valedictorian of the senior class.

Woodstock Academy graduate Sophia Mawson will be studying endocrinology at Southeastern University in Florida. Active in both school and community, she has also endured personal health conditions.

Auburn High School graduate Emily Dubois received an excellent reference from her guidance counselor and will attend Fairfield University where she



Courtesy

Left to right: Sophia Mawson, Caitlin Young, Jenna Wade, and Emily Dubois (Lauren Chase was not present.)

plans to "become the best nurse she can be."

Jenna Wade recently completed her studies at Quabog Regional Middle High School in Warren. Inspired by excellent nursing care when she was young, she will be studying nursing at Worcester State University.

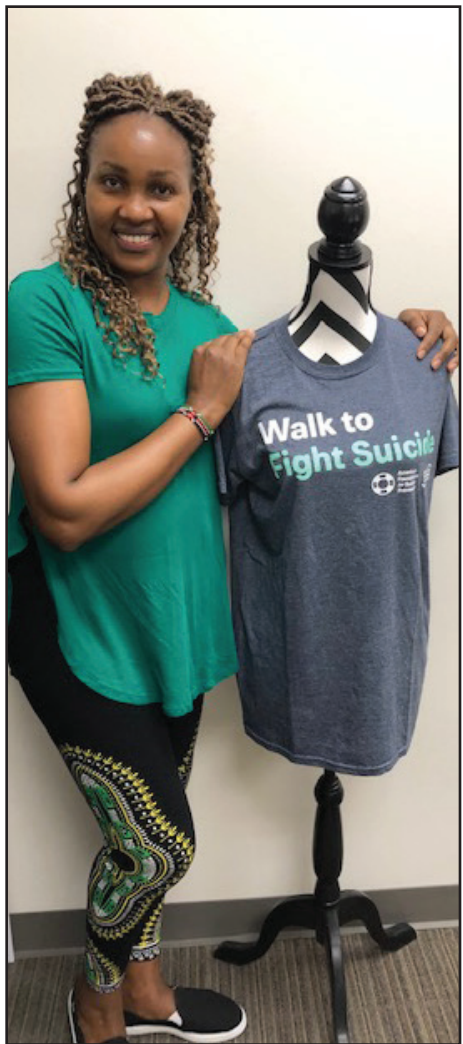
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Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided to the 25 communities the Harrington Health Care System serves in MA and CT.

## Date and location planned for Out of the Darkness Community Walk



CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team has joined a community of people from hundreds of cities across the country in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) with its mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide.

This is the second year that the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team is supporting AFSP in #TogetherToFightSuicide campaign. Academy Director Getheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN is encouraging everyone to join the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team. Registration is free. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni, family members, friends, and colleagues are encouraged to get involved. Individual participants who raise \$150 or more are eligible for an official Out of the Darkness T-shirt. Simply click on <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=271960> to get started. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible and will help bring AFSP one step closer to achieving the goal of reducing the suicide rate by 20% by 2025. The Out of Darkness Community Walk in person, as permitted by state and local guidelines is scheduled on October 3, 2021, at the Natick Town Common, Natick. Check-in/Registration begins at 9 AM, with the event beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at noon. The date and venue are subject to change as AFSP closely monitors the CDC, state, and local guidelines. A statewide virtual option billed as "Celebration of Hope" is scheduled, Saturday, Nov. 6, online with a start time of 10 AM for those not ready to be in person.

Team members Loise Kamero of Worcester and Elizabeth Larson of Webster are excited to participate.

"I feel we could raise more," stated Larson, a team member who also donated. Larson is a 2021 Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduate, who, along with Kamero is Mental Health First Aid certified.

Larson shared the good vibes and amazement of making the team goal, however, she thinks the team could raise more! She is doing just so by sharing on her Facebook page and encouraging her co-workers to donate. Donations are accepted until Dec. 31. Visit [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org).



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# YMCA holds annual Golf Tournament

SOUTHBIDGE — The YMCA of Central Massachusetts, Tri Community Family Branch in Southbridge held its 8th Annual “Driving Toward Recovery” Golf Tournament at Cohasse Country Club on June 24, 2021. The Tournament benefits the LiveStrong Program held at the YMCA.

16 Teams participated in the sold out tournament this year including a group of high school students from the Shepard Hill Regional High School Golf Team.

Perfect weather, snacks throughout the day, and dinner made the day a hit with the golf teams. Highlighted at dinner was the grand prize raffle drawing for a large screen tv which was won by one of the Shepard Hill Students who golfed and will be entering college this fall.

The tournament raises much-needed funds to support our LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a free 12-week small group program designed for adult cancer survivors. With a focus on strength, flexibility, stamina and balance the program offers survivors a safe, supportive environment to participate in physical and social activities led by instructors trained in cancer survivorship, post-rehabilitation exercise and supportive cancer care. The program also includes a FREE 12-week YMCA Membership for all participants to help them on their journey toward recovery.

For more information about the program please contact Kate Hardy at the Tri Community Family Branch at 508-765-5466, ext. 7115.



## Bradyn Darger named to Iowa State dean’s list

AMES, Iowa — Bradyn Darger of Fiskdale has been named to the spring 2021 dean’s list in the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University. The dean’s list honors students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

About the College of Human Sciences

Students in the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences prepare to work in fields that impact the health, well-being, and education of individuals throughout the lifespan to advance families, schools, and communities. Scholars and practitioners in these fields work together to expand human potential and improve people’s lives.

The college encompasses academic units that include the School of Education and four departments, including apparel, events, and hospitality management; food science and human nutrition; human development and family studies; and kinesiology and health. In partnership with Human Sciences Extension and

Outreach, these units provide outreach to improve the daily lives of Iowans and others around the world.

About Iowa State

At Iowa State University, students don’t get just an average college experience. They get an adventure. After all, we offer students a challenging career-oriented academic setting paired with a welcoming campus environment. And above all else, we encourage our students to achieve - and we provide the support they need to do just that.

Iowa State University is one of the nation’s most student-centered public research universities and is recognized among the top 50 public universities in the nation by U.S.News and World Report. With hundreds of student clubs and organizations, thousands of internship and co-op opportunities, and more than 80 learning communities, the university offers a student experience rich in academic and social diversity. Students from all 50 states and more than 100 coun-

tries choose to come to Ames, Iowa, to study with world-class scholars and hone their leadership skills.

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Ballroom Dancing Class with Julie Fitzgerald  
August 6th and 20th 10:30 AM

In this ballroom dance class, you will learn both the American style Smooth dances of the Waltz, Foxtrot, and Tango, as well as the American Rhythm dances Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, & Salsa. These will be taught at a beginner level, so no dance experience necessary! No need for a partner either! Just come with your dancing shoes on and be ready for an hour of fun! (A \$2.00 donation is requested)

Julie joined Festival Ballet Company in Rhode Island as a professional ballet dancer. As an adult, she found a love for ballroom when she started taking private lessons in 2014. It quickly became a passion of hers both in the competitive ballroom world and as a favorite style to teach.

GRIEF SUPPORT CONVERSATION GROUP  
Dates: August 2nd & September 6th – 10:30 AM

Facilitated by Rev. Dawn Adams. The gathering is open to all who struggle with the loss of a loved one. The time will be spent talking openly about our memories of the person who has died and the impact of their death on our lives. Individuals may come to one meeting or all meetings. This will be a safe space to share your feelings and talk openly. This is not therapy, but a supportive environment where you can share your experience and hear others’. Although Pastor Dawn is a minister, no particular faith well be espoused.

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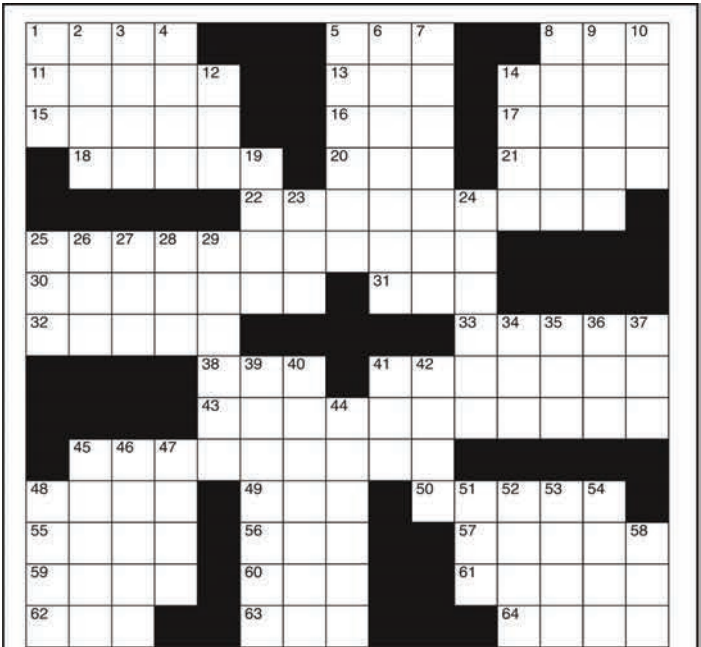
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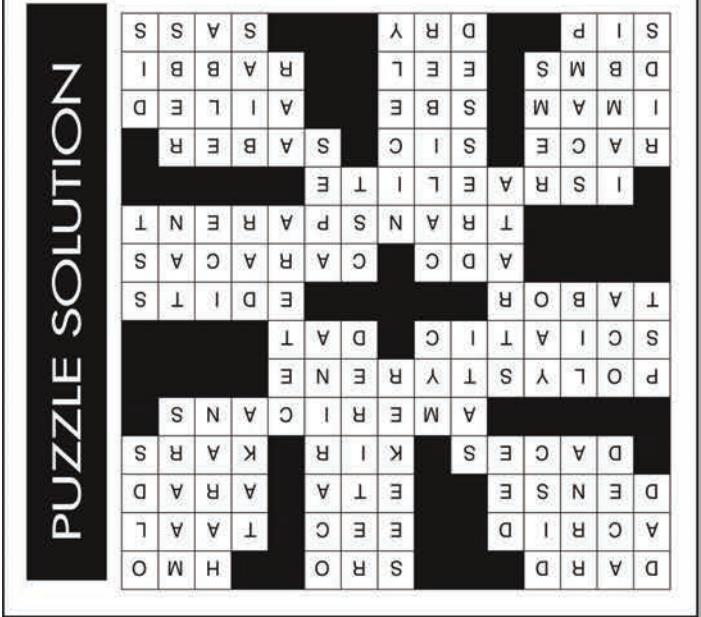


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- 5. No seats available
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- 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
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- 14. Dutch word for “language”
- 15. Hard to penetrate
- 16. When you’ll get there
- 17. Iranian city
- 18. Small fishes
- 20. Dry white wine drink
- 21. Turkish city
- 22. U.S.-born people
- 25. Synthetic resin
- 30. Major nerve in human body
- 31. Type of recording
- 32. Small drum
- 33. Alters
- 38. General’s assistant (abbr.)
- 41. Venezuelan capital
- 43. Free of deceit
- 45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
- 48. Competition
- 49. Launch an attack on
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Spiritual leader
- 56. One point east of due south
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Database management system
- 60. Snakelike fish
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Small drink
- 63. Not wet
- 64. Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Father
- 2. Performed perfectly
- 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 4. Thin, compact object
- 5. One attempting to find something
- 6. No longer working
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 8. Book of Genesis character
- 9. Volcanic craters
- 10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
- 12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe
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- 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 23. Family of genes
- 24. Et \_\_\_ indicates further
- 25. Pacific Standard Time
- 26. S. American wood sorrel
- 27. Women’s \_\_\_ movement
- 28. Chinese hoopster Ming
- 29. Layers of rock
- 34. Patriotic women’s group
- 35. Solid water
- 36. Shade of brown
- 37. Very fast airplane
- 39. Put clothes on
- 40. Quality of one’s character
- 41. Time zone
- 42. Primates
- 44. Pleasantly
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# Country Bank, Worcester Red Sox announce community giving campaign

WORCESTER — Country Bank and the Worcester Red Sox have announced a community giving campaign to support non-profit leaders throughout the region.

To kick off the campaign - dubbed "WooStars," Country Bank recognized 11 local non-profits at Polar Park to include Springfield based organizations: Friends of the Homeless, Ronald McDonald House, Christina's House, and Habitat for Humanity (Springfield/Worcester), along with Worcester based organizations: The United Way, Why Me, Sherry's House, Provision Ministry, St. John's Food Pantry for the Poor, and the Boys and Girls Club. Each non-profit was presented

with a \$5,000 check from Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank. Representatives of the non-profits also participated in a television commercial to support the campaign.

Country Bank and the Worcester Red Sox Foundation will continue the excitement by selecting nine additional recipients. The deadline for nominations is Aug. 15. Each winner will also receive a \$5,000 donation to their non-profit and will be recognized at a presentation in Polar Park on September 9, 2021. A total of \$90,000 will be donated this year through the WooStar campaign. "One of the most important goals of our partnership with the Worcester Red Sox

is to find ways for us to collectively give back to our communities in an impactful and meaningful way. Country Bank is deeply rooted in supporting its communities and a value that we have lived by for 171 years. We are delighted the Worcester Red Sox is equally committed to supporting its communities. This campaign rewards those doing the life changing work out there," stated Shelley Regin, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Country Bank.

In addition, they have also launched a Most Valuable Teacher (MVT) campaign that recognizes the outstanding work teachers do every day to educate and support students. Country Bank has

a long-standing Teacher of the Month campaign to support teachers in the region, so it is exciting to partner with the WooStar to make the MVT campaign even more rewarding for the teachers and students.

"We are continually inspired by the unrelenting community outreach of Country Bank," said WooStar President Dr. Charles Steinberg. "Our shared interest in education is leading us to recognize some of our unheralded heroes—our MVTs, or Most Valuable Teachers. We look forward to shining the spotlight in the sunlight on our educators, and we thank Country Bank yet

again for their splendid partnership."

The public is invited to nominate a WooStar or Most Valuable Teacher by visiting <https://www.countrybank.com/about-us/woostars/> or <https://www.countrybank.com/personal/youth-accounts/most-valuable-teacher/> to complete a simple nomination form.

About Country Bank  
Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton,

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About the Worcester Red Sox

The Worcester Red Sox are in their inaugural season, having moved to Massachusetts from Rhode Island after 50 years as the Pawtucket Red Sox. They play at brand new Polar Park, also in its inaugural season, in Worcester's resurgent Canal District. They have played to consistently full houses since their debut May 11.

## Emmanuel College announces Spring 2021 Dean's List

BOSTON — In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named nearly 900 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean's List include:

Emily Blanchard of Sturbridge

Sarah Kowal of Sturbridge

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

## Area students named to President's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the names of students included on the President's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Fitchburg State University enrolls 7,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

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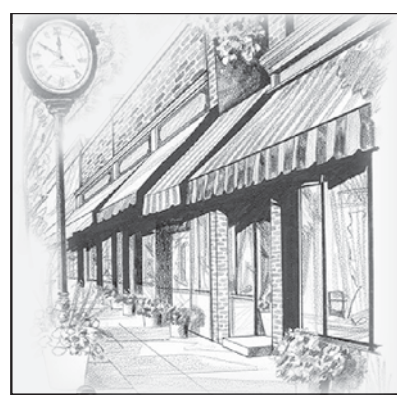
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out two rising sophomores, Nicole Vejack and Angelina Reno, who were away on vacation.

Way agreed with Cherry about the fact that team bonding was the ultimate goal of participating in the summer league.

“It’s about getting the girls used to each other. There’s a lot of new, younger girls that are probably going to be on varsity next year, on this team, and a lot of new freshmen, too, who may be on the varsity,” Way said. “It was a great season. It was really fun to coach these girls.”

Way is headed to the University of South Carolina to further her education while Cherry is headed to Curry College in Boston, where she is planning on being a member of the Colonels’ women’s basketball team.

Law spent her spring season participating in track and field. Despite never having thrown the discus before, Law finished first in the event in both the SWCL meet and the Central Mass. championships, and came in fifth in the state meet. She was pleased the school decided to enter a team in the summer basketball league.

“Normally we don’t do the summer league, but this summer season was really a lot of fun. There are going to be a lot of new players on next year’s team, so it was good to play with them and get to know them,” Law said. “It was good to be doing something, basketball-wise, this summer. Because of COVID no one is really in the shape they want to be in.”

Other teams that took part in the summer league included Northbridge High, David Prouty Regional, Auburn



Tantasqua's Shea Coleman drives to the net while being guarded by a Grafton defender.



Maggie Johnson of Tantasqua fights with a Grafton player for control over the ball.



Tantasqua's Sophie Law attempts to drive to the basket for a layup while being guarded by Sofia Hillerstrom.



Tantasqua's Gabby Scanlon drives past a Grafton defender in an attempt for the hoop.

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which qualified him for the state competition. To prepare, he stayed after school for several hours each day and worked with his teachers, Mr. Seguin and Mr. Mero.

The state contest, held on April 30 at Blackstone Valley Tech., involved building a small structure that incorporated both wood and steel walls,

sheetrock, an octagonal window, stairs, and a rafter. Krochmalnycky took home the gold medal at this event, qualifying him to compete in the national competition on June 16.

The national event would have taken place in Louisville, Ky., but COVID-19 precautions caused it to be held remotely this year. For the remote competition, two cameras live-streamed

Krochmalnycky on Zoom as he worked at Tantasqua High School. On camera, he opened a set of detailed plans that SkillsUSA had sent. He was given a set amount of time to follow the plans for two sawhorses with storage boxes. He was then asked to use those sawhorses to build the second part of the project, a picnic table.

The awards ceremony, also held on Zoom,

took place on June 24. Three days prior, Krochmalnycky was notified that he had placed in the top nine. These candidates were invited to a “Zoom room” on awards night. When the carpentry category arrived, Krochmalnycky was stunned to hear his name announced as the winner.

“The shock hasn’t worn off,” Krochmalnycky said. “It was such a big honor for me, and for the people I was representing – my teachers, my school, my bosses, and everyone else who helped me along the way.”

Krochmalnycky was eager to take part in a national event celebrating his passion and bringing together students with similar career goals.

“SkillsUSA is an amazing organization that provides a great way for

you to really be motivated to better yourself in areas like carpentry and electrical,” said Krochmalnycky, who lives in Sturbridge. “There are typically no competitive events for things like carpentry the way there are for sports, music, and academics, which sometimes leaves out kids who are interested in different things and try to better their craft.”

SkillsUSA leaders are committed to promoting technical-school students and their career readiness. Each year, accomplished students throughout the country make the jump directly from school into their careers.

In addition to thanking the SkillsUSA team for the opportunity to participate, Krochmalnycky is also grateful to his teachers and staff at TRHS. These include Mr. Seguin and Mr. Mero, as well as

Tantasqua’s SkillsUSA advisor, Ms. Carrier.

Looking back on his time at Tantasqua, Krochmalnycky is thrilled with how well the staff prepared him for his career.

“I loved the technical division of Tantasqua because they also allow you to work on practical things. For me, that was carpentry,” Krochmalnycky said. “I knew I liked construction and building, and being able to learn about it at school helped a lot. Plus, in the spring of my senior year, I was allowed to leave school after one class, trigonometry, and go to a co-op construction job, where I earned a salary and learned more.”

Away from school and work, Krochmalnycky enjoys playing soccer, boating, fishing, and drawings.

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A. Crisafulli on September 7th through the 12th, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you have an interest in this application, you are requested to attend said hearing at the date and time aforementioned.

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Brimfield  
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Lamothe for 5 weekends in the fall. Beginning the 11th of September 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a total of 10 days. If you have an interest in this application, you are requested to attend said hearing at the date and time aforementioned.

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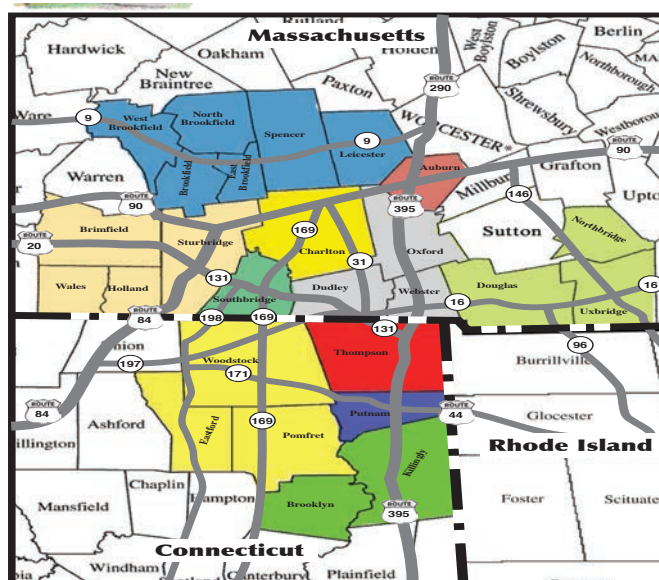
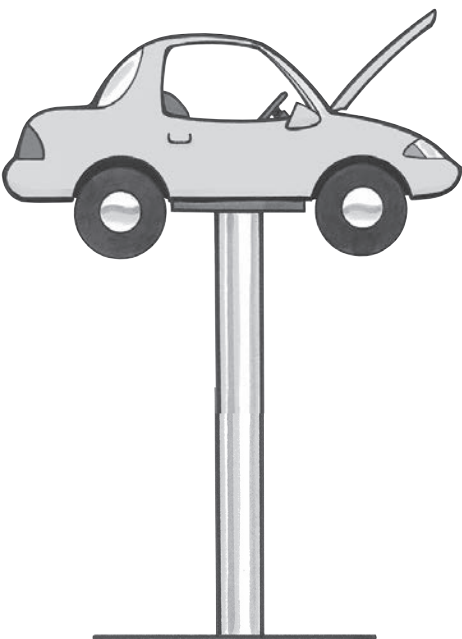
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## Moon madness

Is what ‘they’ say really true regarding the full moon? Do people actually turn into ‘lunatics?’ We’re not so sure, but science has much to offer on the topic, with the next full moon now literally on the horizon.

Some people claim that they become unexplainably moody for a few days or have trouble sleeping. Some say they experience breakouts or other aches and pains that affect the joints. Typically, when people are observed acting slightly less than normal, you will hear the phrase “it must be the full moon.”

Logically, it makes sense that because the tides are higher during the full moon phase due to the pull of gravity that our bodies which are made up of 80% water would experience some sort of side effect as well.

Studies show that tides in large lakes undergo minimal tide changes during the full moon. Tides take place twice a day in the ocean, which could mean that we would be ‘off center’ twice a day, however that isn’t the case from what we currently know according to science.

Some myths claim that the full moon can incite epileptic seizures in people, however a study in 2004 showed no such connection.

As far as bouts of psychiatric outbursts, one study in 2014 showed an increase of emergency room visits within 24 hours of the full moon however a study in 1996 showed no significant difference. The term ‘lunatic’ is derived from the word ‘Luna’ the name of the ancient Roman goddess. Aristotle and Hippocrates once implied they thought the moon was at fault for abnormal behavior.

Interesting was the study that took place in Colorado, where researchers found that the risk for pet injuries increased by 23 percent during the full moon phase. Proven is that wild animals behave differently during the full moon in that the light effects their hunting habits.

As for sleep deprivation, we all know that before modern times the moon provided light during the nighttime hours. During the full moon, the increased amount of light was said to have wreaked havoc on those with bipolar or seizure disorders. Many people say they have trouble sleeping during a full moon however no studies have indicated a scientific correlation as of yet.

As far as myths go, the claim that a full moon increases fertility and births is as old as time. The truth is that fertility methods based on moon phases have proved inconclusive, as did the effect on gravitational pull to induce labor.

February is the only month that may not experience a full moon because each full moon appears every 29.5 days. A super-moon takes place when a full moon coincides with the moon’s closest approach to earth. The last time we witnessed a super-moon was in 2015. The next one will occur in 2033. Some say that the full moon is an unlucky sign if it happens on a Sunday. Interesting to note is that the name ‘Monday’ is from the Old English word Monandaeg, which means ‘moon day’. Another fact is that on March 28, the Royal Air force used the light from a full moon to attack Lubeck in Germany during WWII.

When there are two full moons in one month, the second one is called a ‘blue moon.’ This occurrence takes place every three years. A red moon happens when the full moon phase occurs during the same time as a lunar eclipse.

The man on the moon that we often see during a full moon, is nothing more than dark areas called basaltic plains and the lighter colored highlands of the moon’s surface. Making sense, and interesting is that between 1765 and 1813, the Lunar Society of Birmingham, England met during the full moon because the extra light made the walk home safer.

July is said to be the best month to get married because it falls between the planting and harvesting of crops. The term ‘honeymoon’ is named after the first full moon in June for this reason.

We can’t mention a full moon and not mention werewolves. Old folklore claimed that if you slept outside under a full moon on a Wednesday or a Friday you could turn into a werewolf. Perhaps the most entertaining spin on this myth, aside from the Universal Pictures’ influential 1941 classic “The Wolf Man” with Lon Chaney, Jr. is the 1985 film “Teen Wolf” starring Michael J. Fox. If you haven’t seen it, you might want to pull it from the dusty archives during the next full moon for a celebratory showing. For those with prefer straight-up horror, we also recommend “The Howling,” “Wolfen,” and of course, “An American Werewolf in London” (but make sure you’ve sent the little pups to bed first!).

# OPINION

Views and commentary from Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

## Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

As summer peaks and life becomes busier this time of year, finding ways to make life a little easier is especially appreciated! From timely tips to cleaning strategies, the following submissions from readers are sure to save you time and money this season!

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A backyard gardener takes recycling to the next level with this ingenious tip!

I found the hot sleeve on my morning coffee cup is useful for more than just protecting my hand. I have a lot of collard greens growing in my garden. One issue I have come across while growing collards is the cutworms – they emerge from the soil and eat through the stems of the plant. I used to wrap the stems of my collard plants with newspaper to prevent cutworms from killing my plants, but I discovered the sleeve from my morning coffee cup is a perfect size and material for the task. When young plants have just begun to sprout, simply stick the coffee sleeve into the dirt encompassing the base of the plant, pushing it one or two inches down into the soil. For mature plants, detach the seam of the coffee sleeve and wrap it around a cluster of stems, reattach at the seam again, and push the sleeve down 1-2 inches into soil. This can also be done with tomato plants.

Kevin Turner  
Whitinsville, MA

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This busy mother offered the following trio of tried and true tips:

For a quick breakfast I use Birchbenders (just add water) non GMO pancake mix and use a tablespoon to make lots of little quarter size pancakes. I use coconut oil to give them a cake flavor and portion a bunch of snack bags with five or six in each. I keep them in the refrigerator and the kids just grab a bag and eat them cold without syrup or you can heat them up and offer a little ramekin of syrup or honey for dipping.

I always keep a bag of dollar tree party balloons on hand. My kids constantly get their hats wet all summer. The trick I use to keep the hat shape is to blow up a balloon into a wet hat and let it dry.

Window cleaning is a pain, so I made my husband do it and could not believe his method!

He used one of those garden gallon containers with pump hose spray



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handle and filled it with water, a cup of vinegar and 2 Tbs. of Dawn dish detergent. He opened the screens and just power washed all the dirt right off of the window! They looked new!

Laurie Sutherland  
Charlton, MA

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Instead of stockpiling your freezer with over-ripe ripe bananas for banana bread, try this reader’s easy, yet effective trick to keep the fruit fresher longer:

If you want to keep bananas from ripening too soon, simply wrap stem with aluminum foil.

Sandra Pratt  
Brookfield, MA

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This super simple kitchen tip solves a common culinary challenge:

For a quick way to separate hot fat from the broth, pour it in a paper or foam cup and pierce the side of the cup with a sharp point near the bottom. Drain the liquid into a pan until you see the fat come out then tip the cup back to stop the flow.

Paul Davignon  
Uxbridge, MA

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This trick eliminates the dirty work when it comes to the most dreaded household chore:

To freshen up your toilet bowl and to remove mineral deposits/stains from hard water drop one or two Polident denture cleaning tablets in the toilet and let sit for about 20 minutes. Run a quick brush around the bowl and flush. The tablets will kill germ and remove stains from the bowl with no harsh chemicals or smell.

MC  
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A longtime loyal reader shares her strategy to save the spices!

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Claire Horvath  
Sturbridge MA

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Opening hard plastic (clamshell) packaging can cause cuts as well as frustration! Thankfully, this reader found a better (and safer) solution:

Rather than struggling with scissors you can safely open a plastic clamshell package by using a can opener the same way you use it on a can.

Donna Lewandowski  
Charlton, MA

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This reader’s tip for drying sneakers not only prevents tangling laces, but keeps shoes in tip top shape:

If you dry sneakers in the dryer, you know that laces can come untied and tangled despite your best efforts. Even if you remove the laces, they still get twisted. In addition, the shoes get banged around as the dryer turns. This method solves both problems: Keep laces in the shoes and tie laces together at the top and hang sneakers in the inside door of the dryer. Leave the knot outside the door and close. The sneakers will dry from the heat of the dryer, yet will not tumble. Problem solved!

Lois O’Leary  
Brookfield, MA

Prize Winner

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

## Is Roth IRA better for young workers?



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If you’re in the early stages of your career, you’re probably not thinking much about retirement.

Nonetheless,

it’s never too

soon to start preparing for it, as time may be your most valuable asset. So, you may want to consider retirement savings vehicles, one of which is an IRA. Depending on your income, you might have the choice between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Which is better for you?

There’s no one correct answer for everyone. But the more you know about the two IRAs, the more confident you’ll be when choosing one.

First of all, the IRAs share some similarities. You can fund either one with many types of investments – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And the contribution limit is also the same – you can put in up to \$6,000 a year. (Those older than 50 can put in an additional \$1,000.) If you earn over a certain amount, though, your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced. In 2021, you can put in the full \$6,000 if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$125,000 and you’re single, or \$198,000 if you’re married and file jointly. The amount you can contribute gradually declines, and is eventually limited, at higher income levels.

But the two IRAs differ greatly in how they are taxed. Traditional IRA contributions are typically tax-deductible (subject to income limitations), and any earnings growth is tax-deferred, with taxes due when you take withdrawals. With a Roth IRA, though, your contributions are never tax-deductible – instead, you contribute after-tax dollars. Any earnings growth is tax-free when withdrawn, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you don’t take withdrawals until you’re at least 59 and a half.

So, which IRA should you choose? You’ll have to weigh the respective benefits of both types. But when you’re young, you may have particularly compelling reasons to choose a Roth IRA. Given that you’re at an early point in your career, you may be in a lower tax bracket now than you will be during retirement, making the tax-deduction of traditional IRA contributions less beneficial. So, it may make sense to contribute to a Roth IRA now and take tax-free withdrawals when you’re retired.

Also, a Roth IRA offers more flexibility. With a traditional IRA, you could face an early withdrawal penalty, in addition to taxes, if you take money out before you’re 59 and a half. But with a Roth, you’ll face no penalty on withdrawals from the money you contributed (not your earnings), and you’ve already paid the taxes, so you could use the money for any purpose, such as making a down payment on a home. Nonetheless, you may still want to be cautious about tapping into your IRA for your spending needs before you retire, since IRAs are designed to provide retirement income.

If your income level permits you to select a Roth or traditional IRA, you may want to consult with your tax advisor for help in making your choice. But in any case, try to max out on your IRA contributions each year. You could spend two or three decades in retirement – and your IRA can be a valuable resource to help you enjoy those years.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



# The closing days of summer

July is almost gone, and with four weeks left in August, summer is quickly coming to an end. Fishing on all fronts will be fantastic as the waters cool and fish become a lot more active. Hopefully, strong storms like they are having out West will not materialize in the Northeast. With Covid on the rise again & with different variants, another winter like last year would be hard to deal with on all fronts. Vaccines are still available and residents that have not received their shots of the vaccine for covid, need to step up to the plate and receive them ASAP.

While fishing on the Westport River last week we observed numerous osprey diving into the water to catch a meal. It is amazing how the huge birds can soar more than a few hundred feet in the sky and spot a potential meal. The force that they hit the water to grab their prey is also amazing. A few weeks ago, while fishing the Providence River, my brother and I were live lining porgies. Normally, when a porgy comes to the surface while fishing, it is a sign that a fish is chasing it and a strike is imminent.

Suddenly, from above, a large osprey spotted the floundering porgy on my line, and within a second, he had the live porgies in his grasp, and was flying away with it. I found myself reeling in an osprey from above. I gave the rod a good hard tug and the osprey dropped the fish. I quickly reeled in the live porgy, that was not in good shape, after being held with the osprey's talons. My brother Ken and I had a good laugh, and moved to another location to fish away from the osprey. Fortunately, the large bird did not become entangled in the line, or have the hook become imbedded in his feet. Cutting the line would not have been an option, as the bird could become entangled in the line at a later time.

Update! The Port-o-Potty at Westport boat ramp has been brought up to healthy standards, and will hopefully stay that way. It also put all towns on notice that manage boat ramps for the state, that their portable restrooms need to be kept clean for their residents



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and guests. Enough for that subject! Bear sightings are becoming more frequent in the valley area! Local residents need to be aware of the sightings, but do not need to be too concerned about their presence. Keeping rubbish and bird seed under cover, so that they are not attracted to it, should keep them moving out of your area. Many people love to see the bears in their area, but need to keep a safe distance from them. All zones in Mass. now have hunting seasons for bear. You need to check the Mass. Hunting abstracts for dates and zones that you plan to hunt. A bear hunting permit is also required.

Saltwater fishing has been good for some anglers, and frustrating for others. One local angler took a trip to Block Island this past week and caught a couple of stripers that were either too big or too small because of the slot limit. He tried bottom fishing and could only catch a few undersize fluke. He traveled from one side of the Island to the other. Fished around the windmills and numerous other spots that often yielded a few fish for the dinner table.

When all was said & done, they headed back to the boat ramp. He told me he had put 60 miles on his boat that one trip when he had returned back to the boat ramp. He did retain a couple of fish that yielded him one and a half pounds of fish. It figured out to cost the two anglers close to \$100 per pound. Constant fishing by draggers in the areas, sure had him frustrated. Seabass fishing on the Cape is still yielding some nice fish, but this past week had anglers catching a lot of shorts. I know I was there! One local angler from Douglas was Jig fishing for seabass and managed to catch his limit, but he also had a hard time catching his limit of five legal-size fish. Large scap were also caught. Every day is different. That is why they call it fishing and not catching!

Hanging around a couple of Bait & Tackle Shops in the area, sure gives this writer a wealth of information. While I was sitting at one shop, a customer received a call from an angler that was



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This week's picture shows an angler at the Quabbin Reservoir with a 19-pound lake trout.

tuna fishing a number of miles off of Block Island this past Sunday. He was battling a giant tuna that was hooked up almost two hours. Just listening to the angler had my back aching! I do not know if the angler landed the huge tuna, but anglers have already had a

great tuna fishing season. This week's picture shows an angler at the Quabbin Reservoir with a 19-pound lake trout. Nice fish! Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Antiques, collectibles and estates profile: Kris Casucci



estate title examiner job and opened an antique shop. Casucci said that she has a passion for antiques and the personalities of each item. She specializes in country and primitive antiques with stoneware as one area of focus.

Like all types of antiques, the country and primitive antiques market is always changing. Casucci said that "Simple Life" magazine was popular with her customers. She would see items in "Simple Life" and know that her customers would be looking for those items. "Simple Life" went out of publication and things are less predictable now, but she did note several recent trends. She finds customers have "a greater interest in early stoneware." Her businesses sell a lot of painted furniture and she told me that "blue seems to be making a comeback." She also noted that shaved brooms (from the 18th and early 19th centuries) have been selling well, with some bringing over \$1,000.



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This week's column will focus on a local antique dealer. Kris Casucci of Brookfield, Mass. runs an antique shop, an auction house, antique shows and antique tailgate shows. She also sets up at antique shows in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. Somehow, she still finds time to garden in her spare time.

Along with her husband Paul, Ms. Casucci ran successful antiques tailgate shows at the Walker Homestead in Brookfield, Mass. The pandemic led them to move the tailgate shows to New Hampshire. Their Flying Pig Antiques group shop and Flying Pig Auctions were already located in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, about 20 minutes from Keene, New Hampshire and Bellows Falls, Vt.

In a recent phone interview, Casucci traced her love of antiques back to her youth. Growing up in her parents' mid-century home, she was surrounded by antiques that had been passed down through her family. In 2008 or 2009, she made a career change from her real

Casucci had some good advice for collectors, suggesting that "they buy what they love," adding that "someone else is going to like it too." She also offered helpful perspective when looking for items saying collectors should look for "something that makes that piece more special than the one next to it."

Beginning with her own grandchildren, Casucci finds time to help young people who are interested in antiques. She believes it's important to "encourage each child that's in your life to appreciate old things." She added, "I think it is really important, especially in this technical age where everything is instantaneous." Casucci also helps mentor young people who are interested in antiques. For example, she and her husband have been helping a young man who is about 20 who has been picking since he was 12 to pursue his interest in antiques.

Casucci's next antiques and primitive goods show will take place at the Walker Homestead on Sept. 25. You can see the 1698 estate and you could even find that special piece that will be perfect for your home.

We have three upcoming auctions. We'll be auctioning a 1962 Corvette, two 1950s Corvette project cars, boat motors and other memorabilia. We will also be running a sports card & memorabilia auction as well as a model railroad and die-cast car auction. I'll be appraising items at the John B. Gough House in Boylston, Mass. on Saturday, Aug. 7

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Later this year, I'll be virtually appraising items on Nov. 13 for the Townsend Historical Society. My "Evaluating your Antiques" class will take place at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Please visit our Web site for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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## Friday's Child



Bacari  
Age 14

Hi! My name is Bacari and I can tell you about space and meteorites!

Bacari is a healthy and happy teen of African American descent. He is active and energetic and enjoys walking, playing basketball, and participating in other outdoor activities. Bacari warms up to people as he gets to know them and enjoys socializing with others. He enjoys art and crafts and expressing himself through narrative writing. Bacari also enjoys discussing space and meteorites. People who know him say that he has a great sense of humor.

Bacari does well in school, and although he is currently unsure of the type of career he would like to pursue, he enjoys animation and creating cartoons and comics.

Legally freed for adoption, Bacari is looking for a forever family that he hopes will be loving and structured, but not too strict. All family constellations will be considered, including those with older or younger children in the home. Bacari does have biological connections that an adoptive family would need to help him maintain. He also feels connected to his community and would love to have that fostered as well.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mare-inc.org](http://www.mare-inc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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# Memories my father gave me

BY TOBY MOORE

As Gary Moore’s son, I had a unique vantage point to get to know my father in a way that almost nobody else could. He was a fantastic father! I observed how he treated his family, close friends, distant friends, business associates, and strangers. He treated everybody with respect. As a boy, I sat in his office, playing with toys, listening to his phone calls, and watching how he conducted his meetings. He was filled with enthusiasm. He was at almost all of my Karate tournaments, soccer games, and swim meets. When I failed, he brought me up. When I succeeded, it was a celebration. He was a source of constant encourage-

ment. Every day, he said to me, “Toby, you can do anything you want in this world and be successful, as long as you don’t hurt others in the process.” I usually rolled my eyes, “I know, dad,” sometimes taking for granted that I had a father who believed in me. I watched as he crawled his way from the bottom to the top of one business and then did it again with another. I watched him succeed, and I watched him fail; I observed how he dealt with it all. I didn’t always understand, but the memories remain, and upon reflection; I couldn’t have asked for a better role model. The phrase “practice what you preach,” goes back thousands of years. The Roman playwright

Plautus said, “Practice yourself what you preach.” I can say with complete confidence my father practiced what he preached. Did he have his failings? We all do, but even in his failings, he was quick to get back on track. How was he able to do this? Was it because he listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, and other motivational speakers? Was it because of the hundreds of books he studied on human excellence? Was it his belief in what Jesus taught in the gospels? Actions speak louder than words, and you can usually tell what somebody believes by their actions. My father’s actions displayed precisely what he believed. When I was a child,

there was a mother and her son who rode their bikes by the office every day. There was a barber-shop next door, and one day the mother took her son for a haircut. When finished, they walked out to find the boy’s bike was stolen. With tears in their eyes, the mother explained to my dad that she didn’t have money to buy him a new bike. My father was struggling financially during those days, but still, he bought her son a new bike the very next day. He and his mother were overjoyed from this act of kindness. My father had hundreds of employees throughout the years. Every once in a while, he’d catch one of his employees stealing. When caught, they were brought into the office for a meeting, and a couple

of them cried and begged him for forgiveness. He forgave all of them and usually gave them a second chance. They became his very best and most trustworthy employees. He performed in the Drum & Bugle Corps as a young man. As an older man, he partnered with a ministry in town and helped to teach dozens of middle school and high school kids how to play. One early morning he received a call from one of the kids who had nowhere else to turn. He was in jail and needed help. My father woke up, drove his car a couple of hours to the other side of Illinois, bailed him out, and brought him back home. My father truly believed in all the principles he wrote about in

this column. He believed in people. He believed in love, peace, kindness, generosity, compassion, mercy, second chances, and the ability for anyone to change. No matter how low somebody sank, he believed they could turn it around and become a shining light in the darkness. Perhaps that’s why his funeral had hundreds of people who came to give their condolences. He impacted the world around him in a positive way. He wanted the best for everyone. His actions will echo into eternity and confidently testify that he practiced what he preached.

*Toby Moore is a freelance columnist.*

# Beautiful and tasty blueberries



Melinda Myers

Blueberries are one of the most nutritious foods with antioxidants that fight cancer, disease, and the effects of aging.

Blueberries are a summer favorite, great for snacking, baking, topping your oatmeal and so much more. This nutritious fruit also adds a bit of brain power to your diet and beauty to your landscape with spring blooms, fall color, and of course tasty and colorful fruit.

Blueberries are one of the most nutritional foods loaded

with antioxidants that fight cancer, disease, and the effects of aging while helping preserve your eyesight. Boost the benefits by growing your own blueberries. The act of gardening helps strengthen our muscles, increase flexibility, fights stress and boosts our mood.

Do a bit of research to find the best blueberry for your garden

and dining pleasure. Planning ahead prepares you for placing your order when you are ready to plant. Anxious gardeners can put their research to work immediately. Blueberry plants are still available from some nurseries for those who are ready to plant now.

Select the blueberry plants suited to your growing conditions. Northern highbush blueberries are productive and suited to moderate climates with at least two months of temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Southern highbush blueberries only need 200-300 hours of 32-45 degrees Fahrenheit in winter to produce fruit. This makes them a good choice for those gardening in milder climates. Lowbush blueberries are low-growing varieties native to Northeastern United States. Half-high blueberries are a cross between low and high bush blueberries, tolerating -35 to -45 degrees Fahrenheit, making them a good option for colder climates. Rabbit-eye blueberries are large shrubs and suited to areas with long, hot summers and mild winters.

Newer compact varieties allow small space gardeners, apartment dwellers and those with less-than-ideal soil the opportunity to grow their own blueberries. These smaller plants are suitable for contain-



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ers as well as the garden. In addition to their compact size and tasty fruit, several have attractive foliage, adding to their ornamental appeal. The Leaves of Pink Icing variety is a mix of pink, blue and deep green. Boxwood enthusiasts will enjoy the foliage and dark blue fruit of Blueberry Buckle. And for those who cannot get enough fruit, check out Perpetua that produces two crops a year.

Find a sunny, well-drained location where your plants will thrive, produce a bountiful harvest and you can enjoy their beauty. Although most blueberries are self-fertile (you only need one plant to produce fruit), you’ll get better results when growing several in your landscape or containers. Consider including several varieties with different ripening dates to extend the harvest season.

Blueberries are particular about their growing conditions. They prefer moist,

well-drained and acidic soils. Properly prepare the soil by adding organic matter like compost, aged manure, or peat to the planting bed. Or grow your blueberries in a container filled with quality potting mix. Water in-ground and container plantings often enough to keep the soil moist. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark to keep the roots cool and moist and add organic matter to the soil as the mulch breaks down.

And don’t forget to protect your harvest from hungry birds. Cover plantings with netting or try scare tactics to keep the birds and other wildlife from devouring your harvest.

Once you harvest your first ripe blueberry, you will discover there is nothing better than the flavor and satisfaction of consuming something you grew yourself.

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## Elms College names local students to Dean’s List

CHICOPEE — The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named Jacquelyn Marinelli of Fiskdale to the dean’s list for the spring 2021 semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes. About Elms College Elms College is a co-educational Catholic college offering a liberal arts curriculum that prepares students holistically for a purposeful life in a diverse and interconnected world. Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Elms College has a tradition of educating reflective, principled and creative learners, who are rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to civic and social obligations, and capable of adjusting to change without compromising principle.

## Annual road race coming to Charlton Old Home Day

CHARLTON — The 54th annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 6. The race starts at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Charlton Town Hall (across from the library), 37 Main Street/Route 31. Pre-entry cost is \$20 with a guaranteed T-shirt before Aug. 20; The cost is \$20 after and up to the day of the race. Walkers are welcome. Register online at charltonold-homedayroadrace.godaddysites.com/ or through RaceWire.

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Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.	HOLLAND Kylie Rose Bogacz
BRIMFIELD Griffin Moore	STURBRIDGE Elise Hankis Aaron Laokham Inthirath Kendra Jane Salvuiolo Arnesh Sengupta

## Bryant University students named to Dean’s List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans’ List for the spring 2021 semester. Alyssa Slade, class of 2022, from Brimfield Mckensie Avanesian, class of 2022, from Sturbridge Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! About Bryant University For 158 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders of character in a changing world. Bryant delivers an innovative and uniquely integrated business and liberal arts education that inspires students to excel. With approximately 3,800 graduate and undergraduate students from 38 states and 49 countries, Bryant is recognized as a leader in international education and regularly receives top rankings from U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes, and Barron’s. Visit [www.Bryant.edu](http://www.Bryant.edu).

## Sophia Doros of Sturbridge recognized on Georgia Southern University Dean’s List

STATESBORO, Ga. — Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 3,560 students on the Spring 2021 Dean’s List. Sophia Doros of Sturbridge has been named to the list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester. Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving nearly 26,500 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities. Visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

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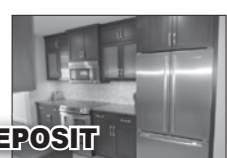
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# Cornerstone Bank donation contributes to success of Worcester State’s Bridge to Excellence

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is proud to announce the success of a significant multi-year contribution to Worcester State University’s Bridge to Excellence: Summer STEM Retention Program. The \$18,000 donation helped the program to support incoming science, technology, engineering and math majors, strengthening the school’s retention in these important fields and helping more students to complete their degree.

“The STEM fields are so important but also can be intimidating for many students in their first years of college,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “In 2018 when we had the opportunity to help sponsor this pilot program, we jumped at the chance to give students more of a fighting shot in these difficult STEM courses.”

The program included three main elements to help students succeed. The first involved allowing students to take their first-year seminar course over the summer to lighten their first semester course load. Second, students were offered extra support with math courses through exclusive tutoring services. And third, students participated in a

service project to give back to the community that supported them. Over the multi-year project, Worcester State has supported 60 students and views the program as a great success.

“We enjoy helping people in our community succeed, especially young people,” continued Tallman. “To learn of the successes these students have achieved thanks to this program is inspiring. If our contribution was able to help even one student stick with the major they have dreamed of, we would

deem it a success. But to see that dozens were helped was incredible.”

To learn more about Cornerstone Bank and its charitable donations, please visit [cornerstonebank.com](http://cornerstonebank.com).

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We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 27th issue.  
Please mail to ABC’s of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to [jsima@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:jsima@stonebridgepress.news) by August 18.  
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WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has begun transitioning to more in-person services and courses as it readies for a robust in-person footprint this fall.

One of the recent additions to facilitate an easy back-to-school transition is QCC's new virtual waiting line service. Designed to offer students a unique way to make appointments at various college offices, the Easy Queue (EZQ) system enables students to join virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid.

Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets closes.

"Our students are often juggling multiple responsibilities. This support service should be a game changer for many who do not have the time to stand in line and wait for their appointment," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

"The pandemic reinforced that our students need a variety of learning modalities that align with their needs," Dr. Pedraja continued. "We have kept our extensive remote classes and support services, while bringing back in-person classes and continuing to look for ways to assist our students. Removing the barriers that prevent students from attaining their dreams of a better future through higher education is our number one priority."

To learn more about visit [www.QCC.edu/EZQ](http://www.QCC.edu/EZQ).

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