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# Sheriff's office announces promotions of Charlton residents

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis announced he has recently promoted 15 sergeants to the rank of lieutenant, including Sgt. Adam Richard and Sgt. Christopher Harrison of Charlton.

"All promotions at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office are based on merit, work ethic and a dedication to duty," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "I am very proud to announce the recent promotion of Sgt. Adam Richard, as well as 14 other sergeants, to the rank of lieutenant. These individuals represent the best in the field of corrections and will work hard to make us a better department."

Richard, a 10 year veteran at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, started his career with the department in December of 2011, was promoted to sergeant in October of 2017 and, effective immediately, was promoted to lieutenant. As a sergeant, Richard was assigned to Classification Department and will now serve as a lieutenant assigned to operations in the Main Jail Unit. Lieutenant Richard is also a member of the Special Operations Group.

As a lieutenant, Richard will be responsible for commanding and supervising correctional officers and staff under his charge as well as monitoring the care, custody and control of inmate activity ensuring the safety of both staff and inmates.

Lt. Richard obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice



Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis presents newly promoted Sgt. Adam Richard of Charlton with his rank insignia gold bars signifying his promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

from Westfield State College and currently resides in Charlton with his wife, Anjuli.

Harrison, a nine-year veteran at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office

started his career with the department in December of 2012, was promoted to sergeant in October of 2017 and effective immediately promoted to lieutenant. As a sergeant, Harrison



Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis presents newly promoted Sgt. Christopher Harrison of Charlton with his rank insignia gold bars signifying his promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

was assigned as a Unit Supervisor in the Special Management Unit and will now serve as a lieutenant

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

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.



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

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

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## Amazon seeking TIF agreement

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – As the process for Amazon to bring its newest distribution center to Charlton gets underway, the town's Board of Selectmen is looking to be as involved as possible in what's to come.

Selectmen briefly discussed a request from Amazon to enter a Tax Increment Financing, or TIF, agreement, a popular agreement between a town and a new entity that subsidizes companies by refunding or diverting a portion of their taxes to help finance community development. Town Administrator Andrew Golas told selectmen that on July 15 the first meeting to discuss the TIF would be held with the goal of bringing the agreement to the fall special town meeting at the end of October. He sought a representative of the board to take part in those discussions.

Eventually, Selectman Stephen Koronis agreed to take part in the July 15 meeting acknowledging that this will be a fast-moving project.

"Although it's still in the Planning Board they're also looking to fast track this a little bit. We kind of don't want to delay that," Koronis said.

The discussion as a whole showed a desire from all selectmen to be involved in the process as it plays out. After briefly debating whether or not specific individuals from the board should be appointed to represent the selectmen it appeared that every member present, Selectman Bill Borowski was absent for the

meeting, was interested in being a part of the conversation as their schedules would allow.

"My personal opinion is we should be very involved in all of this from the beginning to the end, and not one but at least two people," Selectman Barbara Zurawski said. "This is going to be a big project. There are going to be a lot of things happening. I think this is hugely important."

Selectwoman Patsy Rydlak added that the board won't be the only authorities discussing the matter. Following previous comments from Selectman David Singer that the project is currently in the Planning Board's hands, she reminded everyone there will be consultants and the town assessors involved in the matter who will have a lot to add to the conversation.

"We'll have our opinions and our backgrounds kind of help, but it's the data that's provided and the experience. I'm sure there's also a consultant that's part of this that really knows how to value this stuff. We're just there to be ears for the board," Rydlak said.

While Koronis was more than willing to be a part of the July 15 discussions the possibility of rotating out selectmen to make sure the board stays as involved as possible remained on the table at discussion's end. The Board of Selectmen will also get a say in a public forum on the TIF agreement before it is sent to the town in October for town meeting approval.

## Charlton EDC hits the ground running

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton's Economic Development Commission has hit the ground running in the first half of 2021, at least according to Town Administrator Andrew Golas and Selectman Stephen Koronis who repre-

sent the Board of Selectmen on that commission.

Golas and Koronis each shared updates from the commission's July meeting with selectmen on July 13, noting that the EDC is working on a survey that would focus on the wants and needs of both businesses and citizens when it comes to economic develop-

ment and growth.

"The EDC is working to develop a survey of both businesses and residents of things that help business, things that could be better in Charlton and basically way to try to help improve businesses but then from a residents survey perspective doing it concurrently to see what residents want to

do," Golas said, noting that this goes hand in hand with the town's Master Plan. "They're still working on developing it, but they're going to be doing it as a Google form and then trying to, specifically the business ones, sending that through the chamber of commerce."

Selectman Koronis said he expects good things from the

commission, which reconvened at the start of the year and has met an average of once a month over that time.

"We just started meeting in January, so I think we've had four or five meetings. There's a lot of really bright people in that group. They're fun meet-

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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 WooSox 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 WooSox 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

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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.



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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

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Woman in Business, Inc. (WIB) represents primarily women in the workforce in the south central Massachusetts area, women (and men) are welcome to join the organization, regardless of their employment status or residence. WIB holds monthly luncheon programs, workshops, seminars, and other learning and networking opportunities throughout the year. For additional information, visit [www.wibsturbridge.org](http://www.wibsturbridge.org).

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# Harrington Auxiliary awards scholarships

SOUTHBIDGE — In 1959, the Harrington Auxiliary awarded its first scholarship to a student planning to pursue a career in healthcare. Since that time, the Auxiliary has been proud to carry on the annual tradition.

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



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

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 plans to “become the best nurse she can be.”

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

Additionally, the Auxiliary awarded the \$1,000 Dr. Robert Van Vooren Scholarship, which is given to Harrington Hospital employees, to Emily Goncalves.

This scholarship has been awarded annually since 1954 in memory of Dr. Robert Van Vooren, a pioneer in advocating cardiac rehabilitation services long before they became common practice. Every year, the Harrington Hospital “Cardiac Gang” raises money to support this scholarship program.

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 HealthCare System serves in MA and CT.

## QCC continues to adapt to the needs students

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.

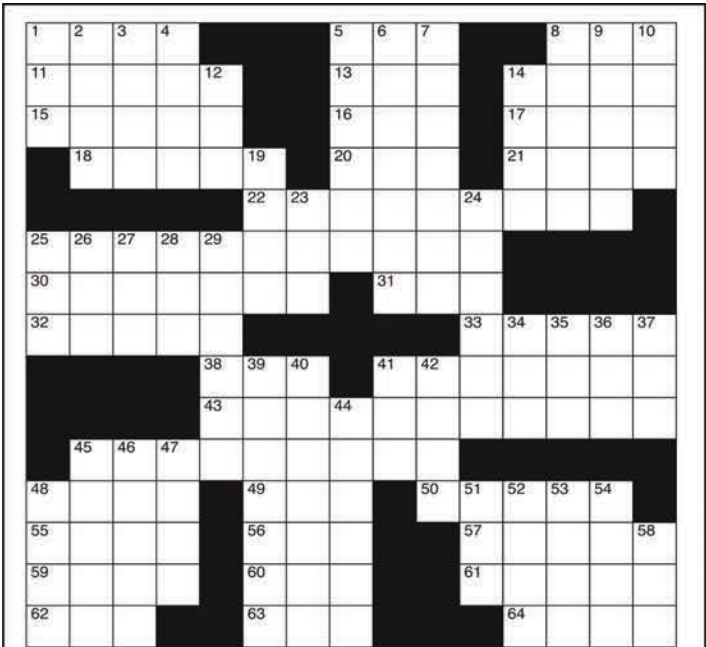
In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

“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).

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu)

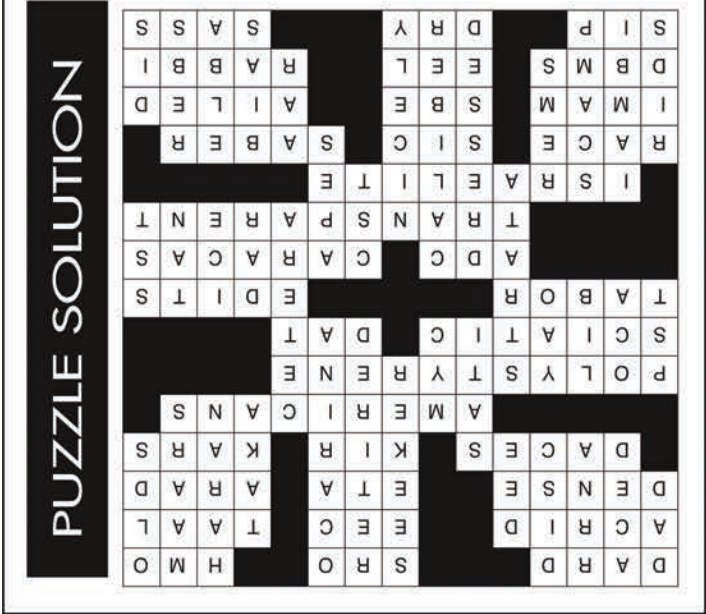


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Language group with Iranian influence
5. No seats available
8. Health insurance organization
11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
13. Defunct European economic organization
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. Snake-like 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
14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
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
45. Metrical feet
46. Rogue
47. German river
48. Relieves from
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# 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 Gretheline 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).



## Charlton’s Kyle Hackett receives degree at Hobart and William Smith

GENEVA, N.Y. — Kyle Hackett, of Charlton received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics during the 2021 Commencement Ceremonies of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, held on Sunday, May 16. Hackett, the child of John E., Jr. and Brenda L. Hackett, graduated Magna Cum Laude and studied abroad in Prague, Czech Republic while at HWS.

Having persevered through an unprecedented academic year, 514 undergraduates and 10 master’s candidates received their diplomas during an in-person ceremony held on the Hobart and William Smith campus.

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden L.H.D. ’21 delivered the Commencement Address. In her remarks, she said that

the “once-in-a-lifetime” challenges of the pandemic have been a dramatic test of resiliency for this year’s graduates, as well as a “catalyst for thinking about the nature of work, what is important in life and how to help everyone move into the digital future with equity and dignity.”

In her address, HWS President Joyce P. Jacobsen praised the campus’ collective strength over the past year and “the tenacity, dedication and sheer willpower of its individuals.”

The Colleges conferred three honorary degrees to individuals who have enhanced local, national and global communities through their enduring spirit of service. They included: Hayden, Director of Public Health for Ontario

County Mary Beer and Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva and the Geneva Community Center Chris Lavin ’81.

Hobart and William Smith are small, residential Colleges. Nearly all of the 1,824 students live on campus and many live in learning communities and theme houses that focus on community building. With a 9:1 student to faculty ratio, students develop rewarding one-on-one partnerships with faculty mentors, often resulting in published papers or presentations at national conferences. HWS offers more than 70 academic programs, and 60 percent of students study abroad.

## 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 [charltonoldhomeday-roadrace.godaddysites.com/](http://charltonoldhomeday-roadrace.godaddysites.com/) or through RaceWire.



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# EDUCATION

## 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.

Jillian Sylvia, class of 2024, from Uxbridge

Savannah Schreiber, class of 2022, from Uxbridge

Lindsey Guyton, class of 2023, from Uxbridge

Karni Murray, class of 2022, from Uxbridge

Kierra Kurtyka, class of 2024, from Uxbridge

Veronica Levesque, class of 2024, from Charlton

Ashley Whalen, class of 2024, from Uxbridge

Isabelle Azize, class of 2023, from Uxbridge

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

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Uxbridge resident Jillian Sylvia

## named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. Jillian Sylvia, class of 2024, from Uxbridge, MA, has been named to the Presidents List for the spring 2021 semester.

The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Congratulations to Jillian on this outstanding achievement!

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## Emmanuel College announces 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:

Carly Snyder of Charlton

Marissa Kirk of Uxbridge

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.

**Auburn**  
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Jessilyn S. Collette  
Sophia L. Laperle  
Mary G. Leufstedt

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Samantha K. Beauchamp

**Upton**  
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## Madison Poirier named to Bay Path honor roll

CHARLTON — The fourth quarter honor roll from Bay Path Regional Vocational School published in last week's edition contained an unintentional omission.

Madison Poirier should have been included on the Honors list for Grade 10.

# Consumers prefer human interaction over chatbots

Survey respondents indicated live chats with human beings outperformed chatbots because communication with humans was easier and more convenient.

Technology may have changed the way people shop, but when it comes to customer service, consumers still want a more traditional way to ask questions or voice concerns. The Drift and SurveyMonkey Audience 2019 State of Conversational Marketing report found that, among 1,000 survey respondents, 39 percent indicated they had a good customer service experience with an online chat platform. Such positive experiences were far less frequent with

chatbots, as only 16 percent of respondents indicated they had good customer service interactions with these widely utilized programs designed to simulate conversations with human users. Survey respondents indicated live chats with human beings outperformed chatbots because communication with humans was easier and more convenient. But chatbots still have a place in customer service solutions, as forecasters predict they will provide an avenue

to considerable revenue in the years to come. In fact, one estimate from Juniper Research indicates that chatbots are expected to drive more than \$112 billion in retail sales by 2023. That's no small feat, as retail sales from chatbot interactions were estimated to total \$7.3 billion in 2019. The meteoric rise in estimated sales from chatbot-related interactions underscores how profitable these services can be if used correctly. CB217087

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Town of Brimfield  
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July 30, 2021

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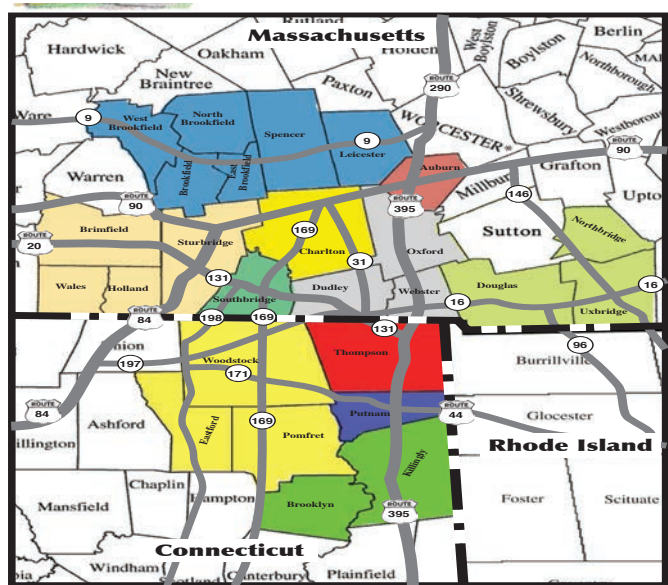
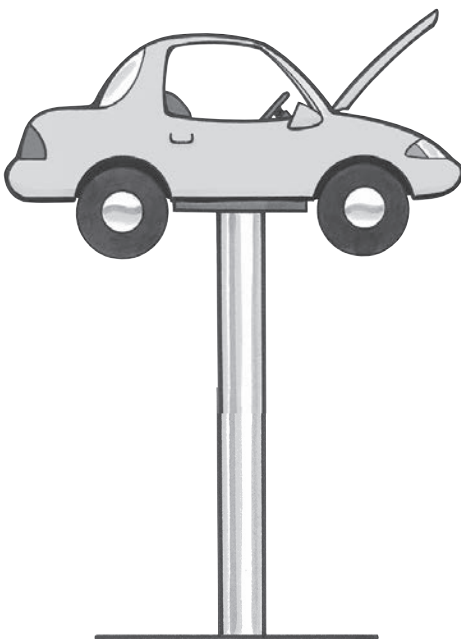
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# Moon madness

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 Monandæg, 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 Charlton, Charlton City, Charlton Depot and beyond

## 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!



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

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

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 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

Instead of stockpiling your freezer with overripe 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

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

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

household chore:

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

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Claire Horvath  
Sturbridge MA

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

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

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She offered the safe and simple trick above for opening clamshell plastic packaging.

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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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## 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



# 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



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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 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 scaup 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



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

received a call from an angler that was 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

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 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



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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.

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 "encour-

age 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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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 barbershop 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,



GARY MOORE

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.

"What they're doing at this point is generating the leg work to get some advertisements together. A lot of the former EDC had focused on advertising properties that were vacant. As the EDC has kind of kicked off, they're doing some of that leg work to take some of the pamphlets that had been done back five or ten years ago and translate that into online marketing. They're working forward but haven't officially hit full throttle," said Golas

The Charlton Economic Development Commission typically meets on the first or second week of each month. Agendas and meetings times can be found on the Town of Charlton Web site.

## EDC

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ings," Koronis said.

Selectwoman Barbara Zurawski asked if the EDC was considering updating a pamphlet or brochure to help advertise Charlton to potential businesses. Zurawski noted Dudley had recently worked with students from Nichols College on the project. Selectman Koronis said some local students had, in fact, show interest in putting together a video comprised of areal shots of the town while Town Administrator Golas said the EDC is just getting started.

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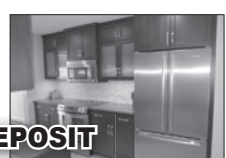
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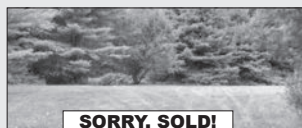
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Blueberries are one of the most nutritious foods with antioxidants that fight cancer, disease, and the effects of aging.



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

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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.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment program. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).*



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