

Millville Knights of Columbus receive Columbian Award

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MILLVILLE — The Millville Knights of Columbus council has recently received the Columbian Award, which recognizes excellence in a council's programming and charitable outreach.

The award is given to councils that exhibit, through programs and events, a focus on community outreach, life, faith, and family. Earning the award is the marker of a "high performing Knights of Columbus unit," according to the Knights of Columbus official website.

"As the State Deputy of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, I am proud of Millville Council 11020, as I am of the other 59 councils in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts who earned the Columbian



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Award," said State Deputy Michael Lesperance. "The Councils did programs in faith, family, community and life. This is one award the councils can earn from the Supreme Council. It is a great way for the council to provide charity in these programs."

A council, during a fraternal year—July 1 to June 30—has the opportunity to apply for this award, according to Millville Grand Knight Timothy P. Ryan. The award is approved at the Supreme Office in New Haven, Conn.

To earn this award, a council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories, including faith, family, community, and life, for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. Virtual/

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Local fire departments receive safety equipment grant funds

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REGION — Uxbridge, Blackstone, and Bellingham are among the 294 fire departments across the Commonwealth that will receive grant funding from the fiscal year 2021 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program.

The Baker-Polito administration recently announced that it is awarding \$4 million in grant funding to the 294 fire departments as part of the program, which will enable fire departments to purchase a variety of equipment that will make firefighters' jobs safer, including "protective firefighting gear, thermal imaging cameras, radios, rescue equipment, and gear washers and dryers," according to a press statement.

The funding is part of a \$25 million bond bill filed by

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Police departments sell patches for Autism Awareness Month

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REGION — April is Autism Awareness Month, and efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change have launched nationwide. Locally, several police departments are selling patches to raise funds for the cause.

This year, the Douglas Police Department is teaming up with the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism to assist and recognize those who live with autism, according to a department statement.

The department will be selling its Autism Patch for \$10 each, with all proceeds donated to the Flutie Foundation.

"The Flutie Foundation helps people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest by providing direct financial assistance to families to help relieve the financial burden of caring for a loved one with autism," Douglas police released.

The department is selling patches at the Douglas Police Station through the entire month of April.

If you are unable to come to the station and would like a patch, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Douglas Police Department with your payment and we will mail them to you.

All inquiries can be directed to SRO Brett Fulone at bfulone@douglas-ma.gov or Chief Nick Miglionico at nmigs@douglas-ma.gov.

In Grafton, the Police Department's Autism Awareness patches have arrived as well, and the department will sell the patches for \$10 each.

"Proceeds will be donated to support Autism Education and Awareness," Grafton police said in a statement. "Anyone who would like to purchase a patch is asked to send a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check or money order for \$10 payable to the Grafton Police Association."

In 1970, the Autism Society launched an "ongoing nationwide effort to promote autism awareness and assure that all affected by autism are able to achieve the highest quality of life possible." In 1972, the group launched the first annual National Autistic Children's week, which evolved into Autism Acceptance Month.

"This April, we continue our efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change," the Autism Society of America—the nation's oldest lead-

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Blackstone Heritage Corridor, All Out Adventures partner to bring adaptive cycling to region

WHITINSVILLE — Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) is partnering with All Out Adventures (AOA) to offer a series of free adaptive cycling events this spring on the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The series kicks off with four rides for Veterans along the Blackstone River Bikeway in Worcester, made possible by a Veterans Adaptive Sports Grant secured by All Out Adventures. Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces, and their loved ones, are encouraged to attend. The four events fall on the following Tuesdays: April 13 and 27, May 11, and June 1 and depart from the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Center in Worcester. The rides are available between 11 a.m.

and 3 p.m., by reservation only.

Following the rides for Veterans, the adaptive cycling series continues with programs for the general public, including all ages and all abilities. In recognition of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's "Celebrate Trails Day" on Saturday, April 24, BHC and AOA will host an adaptive cycling ride on the Blackstone River Greenway in Blackstone. Cycling opportunities will include the new wheelchair tandem bicycle that BHC acquired last year through a grant from the Network of the National Library of Medicine, New England Region. Reservations are required for the scheduled rides between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This event is presented in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and

Recreation and Bike-On of Warwick, R.I. BHC is dedicating this event to the memory of Margaret Carroll, who inspired bringing adaptive recreation to the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway.

For the first time since BHC and AOA have partnered on offering free adaptive cycling programs together starting in 2017, two events will be hosted in Rhode Island this spring along the Blackstone River Bikeway in Lincoln, R.I. on Tuesday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 18. These events are presented in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Bike-On of Warwick, R.I. Both events will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., by reservation only.

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Jackie Brown, Program Leader and Trike Shop Coordinator at All Out Adventures.

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While the building is not open to the public the Food Pantry at the Millbury Senior Center is available from 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday by calling 508-865-9247 for an appointment our food pantry is fully stocked at this time tell us what you need and you can pick it up or we will deliver it.

We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to Doctors appointments or if you need to go to the drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one.

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Exploring dental crowns

Many people visit their dentists and learn they have a tooth that requires a crown. In many instances, dental crowns are necessary for proper tooth care.
Crowns were once widely referred to as “caps.” A crown is a permanent cover for a tooth that would otherwise require a very large filling after dental decay has been removed. Crowns also may be used to repair cracked or broken teeth so that extraction is not necessary. Sometimes crowns are used for cosmetic modifications or to hold a dental bridge in place.
The crown itself can be made from different materials, like stainless steel, gold or metallic alloy, porcelain, porcelain fused to metal, and resin. A dentist will determine which material will work best depending on the application and tooth location.

Understanding your

appointment(s)
Crowns are typically installed in two appointments. The first appointment requires prep work so the tooth can hold the crown. This is typically a painless procedure, and one in which the dentist will anesthetize the tooth and gum tissue and then file down the tooth along the sides to make room for the crown covering. If the tooth was decayed or insubstantial, the dentist may have to “build up”

the tooth instead of filling it down. Again, these determinations are made by the dentist who has the expertise to gauge how much workable tooth is left.
Once the tooth has been prepared, an impression will be made of the bite area. That's because the permanent crown will be fabricated in a laboratory and the fit/color will need to be exact for comfort — and also to ensure that bacteria and food debris do not get caught between the crown and tooth.
The final component is a temporary cap that will keep the prepared tooth clean. This is molded in the office and will be worn only until the custom-made crown is ready.
When the permanent crown is delivered, the patient will return to the office to have it checked for fit and then cemented into place.
Full and partial crowns
A partial crown may be used if only a portion of the tooth needs to be covered. Dentists will often rely on full crowns to get maximum coverage and

strength.
Cost factor
Crowns can be expensive. According to the resource CostHelper, crowns can range from \$500 to \$3,000 depending on the material used and the patient's insurance coverage. Dental insurance may cover a predetermined percentage of the cost when the crown is medically necessary, but insurance may not cover anything if the procedure is only cosmetic.

It's always a good idea for patients to express their concerns and ask questions about crowns prior to starting the procedure. Understanding the potential out-of-pocket costs is essential as well.
Dental crowns can last several years and represent the best way to salvage a tooth that is cracked or damaged.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, dental caries, or tooth decay, is five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever in children. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that children with dental caries in their baby teeth are at much greater risk for cavities in their adult teeth. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that can strengthen tooth enamel and make it more resistant to the acids that can contribute to tooth decay. Parents, even those whose children do not yet have any teeth, can discuss fluoride drops or chewable fluoride tablets with their youngsters' pediatricians. The CDC notes that more than 40 percent of children have tooth decay before reaching kindergarten, but dental caries is often preventable. Parents who are diligent about their children's oral care and mindful of potential problems, such as stains on the teeth, can reduce their sons' and daughters' risk of tooth decay.

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Becker College succumbs to economic impact of COVID

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Becker College has navigated countless challenges over its 237-year history, but the financial impacts of COVID-19 were too steep for the small school to overcome.

Last week, the Becker College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to cease academic programming at the end of the current academic year. The decision was reached after officials spent several months evaluating all options for potentially saving the college.

“This was a deeply painful decision for the Board to make – one that the college administration made every possible effort to stave off, but one we came to realize in recent weeks was unavoidable,” said Christine Cassidy, the chairperson of Becker’s Board of Trustees.

The school’s current spring semester will continue as planned, including ceremonies for graduating seniors on May 8. The college will also provide academic support and transitional services to students through Aug. 31.

After enduring a nightmarish year of remote learning and canceled events, Becker underclassmen must now balance their academic responsibilities this semester with the need to find a new place to study in the fall. For many students, this will involve finding new apartments, jobs, internships, and extracurricular activities.

Becker officials are committed to assisting students as much as possible in their transition efforts. The college has made arrangements with several area universities to provide admission to Becker students. Further details are available on the Becker website.

“Our commitment going forward is to do everything we can to ensure our students finish this year strongly positioned to continue their education, and that they and all our faculty and staff get access to the best education and employment opportunities available,” Cassidy added.

The college’s admissions staff will work with current students, as well as those accepted for the fall 2021 semester, on potential new admissions pathways. All tuition deposits will be refunded.

The news of the college’s closure was equally distressing for staff members, many of whom have called Becker home for years.

“Becker will assist departing faculty and staff in finding new career opportunities after their employment with the college ends,” read a statement released by the college.

Becker operates campuses in Leicester and Worcester. Established in 1784 as Leicester Academy, the campus at the town center eventually merged with Becker’s Business College in 1887. Both campuses are deeply stitched into the academic and cultural fabrics of their communities.

Although the pandemic drove the final nails into Becker’s coffin, school officials were already grappling with several challenges long before COVID-19 ravaged colleges nationwide. As a small, tuition-dependent institution, Becker faced mounting adversity in recent years with declining enrollments and rising costs.

When COVID-19 struck in March 2020, college officials struggled with the added challenge of maintaining physical campus operations while transitioning to online education. A year later, as Becker moved to reopen on-campus housing and classrooms, many residential students chose to become permanent commuters or engage in remote learning from home due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis. The prolonged absence of on-campus residents exacerbated the college’s financial situation.

“Ultimately, the impacts of COVID-19 turned what was a very challenging situation into an unsustainable situation,” said Becker College President Nancy Crimmin.

Rather than risk placing students and staff into an untenable position next year, officials decided to close the school at a time when students’ academic transitions could be best managed.

“We pushed ourselves to develop scenarios in which Becker remained open for another year and beyond,” Cassidy said. “However, those scenarios included more debt, selling assets, and fur-

ther cutting operations. Guided by the advice of our auditors and other expert consultants, we concluded that this would be irresponsible and unsustainable over time. As devastating as closing this 237-year-old institution is, we want this closure process to be one that conveys the maximum possible respect and support for everyone whose lives and careers we know it will affect.”

Becker’s trustees remain in close communication with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, as well as the college’s accreditation agencies.

To help answer questions from students, their families, and faculty members, the college has developed a specialized website. It includes information on applying to other schools, transferring credits, and obtaining financial aid. Information is also provided for student-athletes who must plan for the next chapters of their careers.

Looking ahead, Becker officials said decisions on the future of the college’s property and assets will be made in the coming months. Leicester officials are in the process of securing more information on the college’s impending closure, which will inform discussions over the summer.

“The town certainly has interest in obtaining the title to the Town Common, much of which is currently owned by Becker,” said Leicester Town Administrator David Genereux. “Beyond that, we have not had any discussions. I expect that they will take place in the coming months.”



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\$310,000, 4 Saint Germain Ave, Blackstone Rentals LLC, to Niermeyer, Steven.

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\$346,000, 100 Linden St, Taylor, William T, and Williamson, Carla L, to Martinez-Barrera, Wilson, and Agreda-Aguirre, Tomasa.

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\$385,000, 603 Sutton St, Lahair, David P, and Lahair, Lauren, to Dwyer, John.

\$248,000, 40-42 Railroad St, Bosma NT, and Bosma, Marlene J, to Brett, William G, and Hoover, Andrea.

\$247,000, 106 Providence Rd, Mcauliffe, Brenda A, to Nguyen, Hoa, and Huynh, Duc N.

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\$40,000, 307 Benson Rd, Berkowitz, Jenna F, to Berkowitz, James J.

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\$485,000, 30 Heritage Rd, Mehta, Manjri D, and Mehta, Dilipkumar R, to Leblanc, Louis J, and Leblanc, Kimberly.

\$435,000, 130 Mendon St, Redd, James, to Tzeremes, Vasilios.

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Friday’s Child



Maleki
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Hi! My name is Maleki and I love comics!

Maleki is an engaging teenage boy of African American descent. While he enjoys spending time by himself, if he is interested in a conversation or activity, he will happily engage with others. He is very passionate about certain subjects, particularly all things related to Marvel and DC comics. Maleki loves to talk about his favorite superheroes and what their powers are. He also enjoys music therapy and trying to make sounds on the instruments. Maleki is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum

Disorder and developmental delays.

Maleki attends a collaborative school where he receives supports to ensure that his emotional, social, and educational needs are met. Maleki has no behavioral problems at school or in the program where he lives. He gets along well with peers, staff, and teachers.

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Open Sky announces Presenting Sponsor and awardees for Safe Homes Gala

WORCESTER — Open Sky Community Services has announced that the Gala and People of Courage Awards in support of Safe Homes will be held virtually on Friday, April 9 from 6-7 p.m.

Safe Homes is an Open Sky program providing a

Drop-in Center and peer-led services and supports for LGBTQIA+ youth ages 14-23 in Central Massachusetts. Safe Homes offers leadership development, educational and social programming, connections to resources and mental health counseling at no cost to participants. The program is supported in part by grants from The United Way of Central Massachusetts, Greater Worcester Community Foundation, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and others.

According to Ken Bates, President and CEO at Open Sky, the isolation and uncertainty of the past year has had a profound effect on LGBTQIA+ youth. “I am pleased to say that throughout the pandemic, Safe Homes has supported youth through virtual drop-ins, food deliveries, connections to community resources and free counseling.”

The Safe Homes Gala will include an online silent auction, fund-a-need, messages from celebrities, special guests, and the presentation of the People of Courage Awards and the Safe Homes Partnership Awards. The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation is the Presenting Sponsor for the event.

“Safe Homes plays a critical role in helping youth feel nurtured and validated in all aspects of their identities,” said Kimberly Salmon, assistant vice president, community relations at The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. “We’re proud to partner with Safe Homes as it works to provide important support services and a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth in our community and their allies.”

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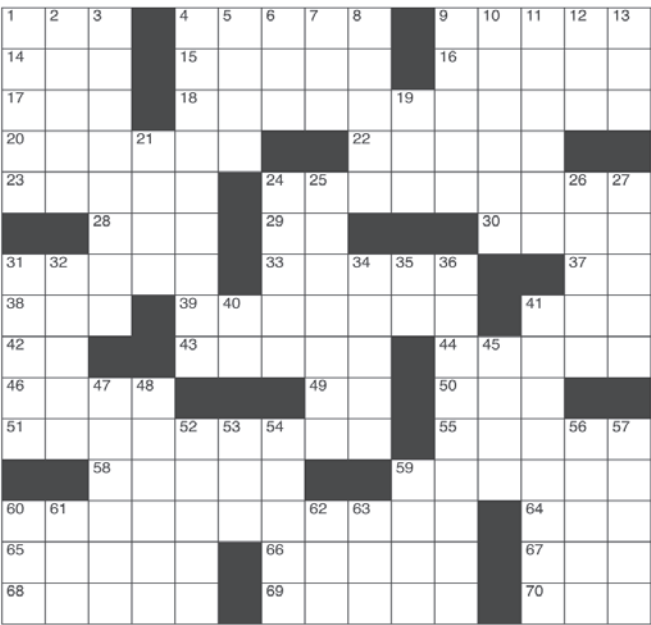
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About Open Sky Community Services
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 4. Ceramic jars
- 9. Monetary units
- 14. Alias
- 15. “Superman” actor
- 16. Britonic tribe
- 17. Shorten
- 18. LA Dodgers manager
- 20. Hoarded
- 22. Theatrically portray
- 23. Noah’s grandson
- 24. Dependent
- 28. Peyton’s little brother
- 29. Cools the house
- 30. Principle part of
- 31. Type of wrap
- 33. Peels
- 37. Commercial
- 38. Make an attempt
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. U. Utah athlete
- 42. Old English
- 43. Trade
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Ticket seller __Hub
- 49. Of I
- 50. Institute legal proceedings against
- 51. Takes apart
- 55. Doorway
- 58. Long int’l river
- 59. Trailblazing athlete Gibson
- 60. Former CBS News host
- 64. Sign language
- 65. Badgerlike mammal
- 66. Thin strips of wood
- 67. Brooklyn hoopster
- 68. Portents of good or evil
- 69. Footwear
- 70. When you think you’ll arrive

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Batflower genus
- 2. Predatory seabirds
- 3. Fish farm
- 4. Arrangements
- 5. Go in advance of others
- 6. Bulgarian monetary unit
- 7. “__ Maria”
- 8. W. African ethnoreligious group
- 9. Wild Asian oxen genus
- 10. Vinegary
- 11. To this
- 12. Explosive
- 13. Female sibling
- 19. Orlando museum (abbr.)
- 21. Type of hoop
- 24. About Holy Father
- 25. Academic environment
- 26. Extremely angry
- 27. Surrenders
- 31. Swiss mountain pass
- 32. Sharp mountain ridge
- 34. Erases
- 35. Spielberg’s alien
- 36. Absurd
- 40. Dorm worker
- 41. Used to make pesticides
- 45. The sister of your father or mother
- 47. A way to let know
- 48. Can’t produce much vegetation
- 52. Small streams
- 53. Folk singer DiFranco
- 54. Weights
- 56. Start over
- 57. Black Sea resort city
- 59. Wimbledon champ
- 60. Corporate executive (abbr.)
- 61. Unskilled actor who overacts
- 62. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
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EYE CATCHING

Cornerstone Bank contributes to Worcester Bravehearts charitable programs

S O U T H B R I D G E — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout central Massachusetts, has made a \$10,000 contribution to the Worcester Bravehearts baseball team to help promote the love of reading and writing in local youth. This partnership will fund both the Ticket to Read and Pen Pal Club programs, initiatives that reward children who read a set number of books or exchange notes with seniors, with prizes and experiences.

“Helping to fund these critical programs and give back to our community is always reward-

ing, but even more so given how education has changed so much for students this year,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “We thank the Bravehearts’ organization for having the foresight to infuse fun into reading and writing, and for allowing us the opportunity to partner with them on this.”

The Ticket to Read Program offers students incentives for reading in the form of baseball game tickets, merchandise and even a class field trip by reading 10 books a month. Additionally, the classroom that reads the most books over the year will win a free field trip

to a Bravehearts baseball game. Each year, more than 30 schools in the Central Massachusetts area and 6,000 students participate in the program.

The Pen Pal Club encourages students to increase the amount of time they spend reading and writing. The program pairs a local middle school student with a senior citizen and the two write each other monthly letters throughout the school year. Then, during summer break, the pen pals have the opportunity to meet one another and enjoy a Bravehearts game together.

Cornerstone Bank is proud to support these community initiatives and help foster a love of reading and writing in children across the Central Massachusetts area. To learn more about Cornerstone Bank and its charitable donations, visit cornerstone-bank.com.

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Karen Maloney-Hagel earns Ameriprise Client Experience Award

WORCESTER — Karen Maloney-Hagel, CRPC®, CLTC®, CDFA® a Private Wealth Advisor with Ameriprise Financial has earned the 2020 Ameriprise Client Experience Award.

This award was given to Karen Maloney-Hagel because her ability to consistently deliver personalized, goal-based advice and exceptional client service. Award recipients earned an overall client satisfaction rating equal to or greater than 4.9 out of 5.0* and maintained stellar business results. The award represents an elite group of Ameriprise advisors recognized as leaders for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of their clients. Less than 15% percent of Ameriprise practices have earned this distinct honor.

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S O U T H B R I D G E — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout central Massachusetts, will be awarding 16 \$2,000 scholarships to students in the area it serves. Cornerstone Bank is hoping to help 2021 high school graduates throughout their community pursue higher education and foster advancement in the fields of business and finance. The sixteen scholarships will be awarded to the students who best demonstrate achievement in academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

“Making sure the future leaders of America get a great education is so important to us at Cornerstone Bank,” said CEO Todd Tallman. “We are excited to be able to help students achieve their dreams every year to go into the business or finance industries. Access to a good education can be difficult for many students, especially with how difficult this past year has been, so we hope the help we are able to provide to this group of graduates helps them to reach their goals.”

To apply for a scholarship, the student must:
Be a 2021 high school graduate

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Anticipate being a full-time student at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education
Anticipate studying in a business or financial field
Demonstrate achievement and high standards in academics, extracurricular activities, and community involvement
Submit an official transcript and GPA from their guidance office
In addition, the student must choose one of the following prompts and submit a one-page typed essay:
1. Are there any challenges you have had to overcome in your high school career?
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2. What are your goals for the future, and how will this scholarship assist you in meeting them?

Applications must be submitted or postmarked to Cornerstone Bank by April 5. Please send all applications to scholarships@cornerstonebank.com, or mail to Cornerstone Bank Scholarship Committee: P.O. Box 370, Southbridge, MA, 01550. Selected recipients will be announced by the week of May 24. Scholarship funds will be

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QCC offers information session for Becker students

W O R C E S T E R — Quinsigamond Community College will host a virtual information session for Becker College students on Thursday, April 8, 4 – 5 p.m. The session offers current Becker students information on how to transfer into QCC. Prospective Becker students are also invited to join. QCC recently signed a transfer agreement and memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Becker College to assist

current Becker students in transferring into the College to continue their studies. The agreement is for all current Becker students in programs transferrable into QCC’s comparable programs that include:

- Associate Degree in Business Administration Transfer
- Associate Degree in Criminal Justice
- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Associate Degree

in Early Childhood Education Birth – Eight Years Old (Evening Only) . Associate Degree Nurse Education

“We will do everything we can to assist Becker students in navigating these uncharted waters. We are waiving our application fees for these students, and QCC/Becker transfer specialists will assist in providing them with the supports they need to succeed,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “Starting

in the fall, we are offering in-person classes, as well as three different types of remote learning modalities, designed to meet each student’s unique learning style.”

At QCC, students can attend for free by qualifying for financial aid, and the College has increased its financial support to students during the pandemic, with more than \$3 million in emergency aid from federal, state and institutional funds. QCC’s Student Emergency Fund is also available to cur-

rent students in significant hardship due to the pandemic, regardless of citizenship, residency or enrollment status.

Students can start at QCC then transfer their credits into a Bachelor degree program, through transfer agreements with a vast array of colleges and universities, saving them thousands.

“QCC has been a smarter option in higher education for so many in the region. We look forward to Becker students real-

izing the opportunities that are afforded to them here,” President Pedraja said.

Registration is required to attend the information session. For more information, and to register, visit <https://www.QCC.edu/becker>.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

Milford Regional Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine now offering Women’s Health and Pelvic Floor program

MILFORD – Milford Regional Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine is now offering a new treatment to women who suffer from dysfunctions of the pelvis and groin area that contribute to bowel, bladder, sexual health and other pain complaints.

The Women’s Health and Pelvic Floor Therapy program is offered in our offices at Milford Regional in the Blackstone Valley, 100 Commerce Dr., Northbridge; and 42 Cape Rd. (Route 140), Milford.

Up to one third of all women experi-

ence a problem with their pelvic floor muscles at some point in their life. The Women’s Health and Pelvic Floor Therapy program can treat common conditions, including:

- Pelvic floor weakness
- Pregnancy-related conditions such as sacroiliac joint pain, sciatica, pubic symphysis separation, incontinence, low back pain, pelvic pain and post-partum incontinence
- Diastasis recti abdominus
- Endometriosis

- Pudendal neuralgia
- Prolapse
- Pelvic pain, vulvodynia
- Urge/stress/mixed incontinence
- Interstitial cystitis/painful bladder syndrome
- Post-surgical pain due to bladder slings/lifts, hysterectomy, laparoscopy, colporrhaphy, endometrial ablation
- Sexual dysfunction/dyspareunia/vaginismus
- Sexual trauma
- Our specially-trained therapists offer

non-surgical treatment options including behavioral strategies, biofeedback training, manual therapies like visceral and internal/external soft tissue mobilizations, therapeutic exercises for the pelvic floor, posture re-training, lifestyle education and a thorough home exercise program.

For more information, visit milfordregional.org, or call our Northbridge location at 508-234-8792 or our Milford location at 508-422-2388 to schedule an appointment.

Soter announces After-School and Out-of-School Time Quality Enhancement grants

UXBRIDGE — On April 2, Rep. Michael J. Soter (R-Bellingham) announced that community organizations and public-school districts were notified this week of competitive grant awards for FY21 After-School and Out-of-School Time Quality Enhancements available through Aug. 31. These funds are provided pursuant to line-item 7061-9611 of the FY2021 state budget.

Soter was proud to announce that the Uxbridge Public School district is slated to receive \$70,000 and the Bellingham Public School District is slated to receive \$40,000 through this program. This funding will allow the school districts to accomplish goals laid out in the framework of the categories outlined below: 1. Support activities that enhance one or more of the quality criteria areas outlined in the Guidelines for Quality Enhancements in After-School and Out-of-School Time. These criteria provide a framework for balanced, quality programming that supports the academic, physical, social, and emotional development of partic-

ipants. 2. Provide PD and networking opportunities to meet identified needs of the OST field.

Eligible applicants for this grant included Massachusetts public school districts, non-public schools, and public and private community-based organizations (CBOs) working with experience running after-school and out-of-school time (ASOST) or providing professional development to Massachusetts ASOST programs.

The purpose of this state-funded grant program is to enhance ASOST programs and services to improve the academic, physical, social, and emo-

tional wellness of public and non-public school-age youth during the school year and the summer months. ASOST is inclusive of before-school, after-school, vacation, and summer programming as well as extensions to remote learning enrichment center/program hours beyond school time.

Soter commented, “This funding is an investment in the academic, physical, social, and emotional wellness of our students and families. I’m confident that the Bellingham and Uxbridge school districts will work to implement tremendous programs that will serve our children well.”

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To register for these events, call All Out Adventures at 413-584-2052 or email info@alloutadventures.org. All Out Adventures will spend time talking with each individual to learn about their disability to select the proper piece of equipment ranging from single and tandem recumbent trikes to two-wheel tandem and upright and low style handcycles. Find more event details at BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org/events.

Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, participants who need assistance with self-care or transfers must bring and participate with their caregiver. Unlike previous events, volunteers will not be assisting participants with the equipment, nor will they be riding on any tandem equipment. Face masks must be worn, and all equipment will be sterilized between rides.

To learn more about All Out Adventures and other recreational programs it offers to people with disabilities and their family and friends, visit AllOutAdventures.org. To learn more about the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, visit BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

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ing grassroots autism organization—released in a statement.

This year, the group is celebrating Autism Acceptance Month in April with its “Celebrate Differences” campaign, designed to “build a better awareness of the signs, symptoms, and realities of autism.”

The Autism Society recognizes that the prevalence of autism in the United States has risen from 1 in 125 children in 2010 to 1 in 54 in 2020, according to reports.

Recognizing this continued increase, the goal for [Autism Awareness Month] is to further increase awareness about autism signs, symptoms and opportunities through: information and referrals, events, printable and digital resources, and community partnerships with businesses and organizations dedicated to building inclusive experiences.

Office of Language Acquisition to conduct review of Northbridge schools

NORTHBRIDGE — During the week of May 3, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE’s) Office of Language Acquisition will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Northbridge Public Schools.

The Office of Language Acquisition reviews each district’s and charter school’s ELE program every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations. Areas of review will include English learners’ student assessments, identification of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in, parent and community involvement, curriculum and instruction, student support services, licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration, program plans, and evaluation and recordkeeping.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Language Acquisition will send a survey to the parents of students whose records the review team examines. The survey focuses on key areas of their child’s English learner education program. Survey results will contribute to the monitoring report.

Parents and other individuals may call Paul J. Aguiar, Office of Language Acquisition Review Chairperson, at (781) 338- 3538 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, DESE will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days of the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the (district or charter school) with a report with information about areas in which the (district or charter school) meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the (district or charter school) requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The report will be available to the public at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/ell/cpr/?section=reports>.

QCC students encourage community to get vaccinated

W O R C E S T E R — Quinsigamond Community College is taking to the airways to deliver an important message to students and the community-at-large: Get vaccinated.

The College has put together an informational website, with a series of public service videos from QCC students in English, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Vietnamese, and Albanian. The videos are designed to engage, inform and encourage people to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

In addition to the videos, the Web site includes information about the vaccine in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, as well as vaccination locations and eligibility phases.


“These public service announcements are designed to help increase the dissemination of accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccines. Let’s all get vaccinated as soon as we are eligible. The vaccines have been shown to be highly effective, and the faster we get

vaccinated when eligible, the more we can begin to do some of the things we did prior to the pandemic,” said President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

To learn more about the vaccine and clinic locations visit www.QCC.edu/C19VAXFACTS

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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Start Date: ASAP

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Cafeteria Worker, Bartlett High School - 1 Position

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Rate: \$14.25/hr.

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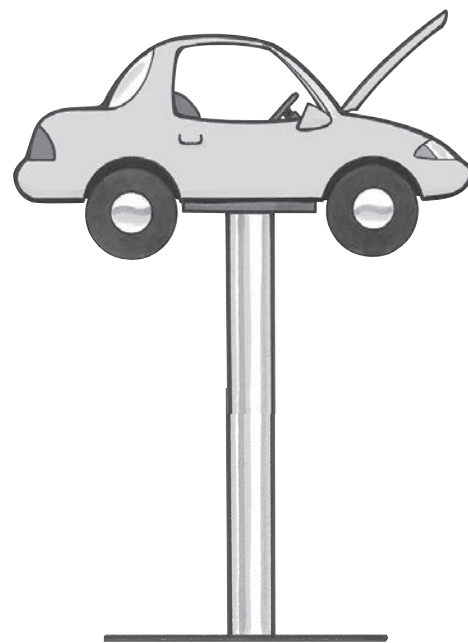
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EDITORIAL

The power of positivity

Every day, we wake up with the best intentions — or we like to think that most of us do. Each new day brings with it specific challenges. Many times, those challenges come by way of a misunderstanding or a shifted perspective. We have come to realize, long ago, that often there is more to a story than we can see at its surface. Just being aware of that one simple fact, can change the way a situation is viewed. Often times it’s easier said than done, however the more we choose to remain optimistic the better. What might seem catastrophic in the moment is usually nothing more than a small frustration that has an easy fix and will pass. A wise man once said, ‘Don’t sweat the small stuff, and it’s all small stuff.’

This isn’t to negate the fact that larger issues do surface and take some time to sort out, however we need to remind ourselves that we are all surrounded by well intended, intelligent people. People who are willing to be helpful, generous, rational and kind through productive conversations will always find the pot of gold in any situation.

Remembering to check a kneejerk reaction before gathering all of the facts is crucial to your ability to remain optimistic. Again, this is not always easy, but once mastered can change everything.

Believe it or not, optimism is a choice and offers surprising benefits. Choosing to look on the bright side of life can lower your risk of heart disease and stroke while also extending your life.

One study revealed that individuals who spent five minutes a day thinking positive thoughts about their future increased their ability to be optimistic in just two weeks. Before turning in at night, list five things that you are grateful for and five things that you are looking forward to. Every time you stop at a traffic light, tell yourself something that you like about yourself. Keeping pessimists in your life at a distance is always a good idea.

When a negative thought does creep through your mind, that’s ok. Recognize it, and decide how realistic it actually is. To offset those thoughts, try spreading positivity yourself. While at work, offer a co-worker an ‘atta boy’ or ‘atta girl’ for a job well done. If your child has been hard at work on a school project, tell them how proud you are. Send a letter to someone who has had a positive impact on your life. When you bestow positivity on others, it has a lasting effect on your own life.

One way to practice being more optimistic is to flip every negative thought with a positive one despite how creative you need to get. For example, if you’re thinking ‘I’m going to be late for dinner and I don’t feel like cooking’ you can flip that by reminding yourself about the wonders of the microwave and take out. If a rainy day has you feeling groggy, remind yourself that those are the best days to read all day, catch up on Netflix and not feel guilty about missing all of that sunshine.

A quote from Rodolfo Costa, “Learn to adapt. Things change, circumstances change. Adjust yourself and your efforts to what it is presented to you so you can respond accordingly. Never see change as a threat, because it can be an opportunity to learn, to grow, evolve and become a better person.”

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Car Care and Tips



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Spring has spring, and few simple pleasures compare to cruising down the highway with the fresh springtime breeze blowing in the open window. But do you really know how much that joyride is costing you in gas? And are you sure your tires are giving you your money’s worth? For answers to these questions, along with some springtime car washing tips, read on!

Do you love highway driving with the wind whipping at your hair? If so, it’s a pleasure you’ll pay for. Did you know driving with your windows all the way down at higher speeds, will waste 10 percent more gallons of gas than driving with them closed? The drag will cost you more in fuel, so avoid cranking the windows completely until you’re at a slower pace.

If your car has cruise control feature, use it. Not only will you give your accelerating foot a rest, you’ll save money too! Using cruise control will save you 5 to 10 percent of a gallon of gas on long trips!

Want to conserve more gas? Just use the overdrive shift as soon as your speed is high enough. It also acts as a fuel saver.

Keeping tires properly inflated and aligned equals gas savings. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts.

According to a major tire company approximately one third of all tires on the road are under inflated.. These tires not only wear out quicker and but they are more at risk for a blow out. Since tires lose air at a rate of about a pound a month, it pays to periodically check your tires

Not sure how to rotate your tires? According to the experts, radial tires

can be crossed from side to side in the rotation pattern. Bias ply tires should never be rotated from side to side, only front to back.

Confused when it comes to using your car air conditioner efficiently? Memorize this mantra: In town, turn it down; going fast, let it blast! According to cooling experts, when traveling 45 mph or less, you should open the windows or vents to create a steady airflow that’ll give your car a cool boost. When going faster than 45 mph, you should crank up the a/c instead. This method avoids the drag generated when windows are left open during high-speed travel.

Believe it or not, tires driven at 70 m.p.h. wear out almost twice as fast as cars that go 55 mph. So it really does pay to slow down!

Here are some tips for the do it yourself car washer: Experts claim you should wash your car every ten days, and especially after it rains or snows. Waxing is recommended only every six months.

From Consumer Reports: When rinsing, use a hose without a nozzle and let the water flow over the car from top to bottom. This creates a sheeting action that helps minimize pooling of water.

Did you know more frequent waxes are needed if your car is red, black or white? The reason for this is because these colors are more susceptible to acid rain and UV rays. And one of the most critical times to wash your vehicle is immediately after a rainfall. Even after the lightest rain

shower, the water evaporates, but the acid remains on the vehicle’s finish.

When you wash your car, be sure to use a separate sponge to clean the wheels and tires. They may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car’s finish.

Never wash your car when the body is hot, such as immediately after driving it or after it has been parked in direct sunlight for a while. Heat speeds the drying of soap and water, making washing more difficult and increasing the chances that spots or deposits will form.

If you need to get all the water off the car, try using your leaf blower. It will blast water from even the tiniest crevices.

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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.

Avoid touching retirement savings early



FINANCIAL FOCUS
DARREN PARENT

You contribute to an IRA and 401(k) to help build the financial resources you’ll need to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But despite these funds being set aside for retirement, many investors use them before they retire. More than half of Americans tap into their retirement savings early, according to a survey from Magnify Money, a website focusing on financial topics. How can you avoid this problem?

It’s obviously important to leave your retirement savings untouched, as much as possible, until retirement. You could spend two or three decades as a retiree, so you’ll need a lot of financial resources. Of course, it’s understandable why some people touch their retirement accounts early: According to the Magnify Money survey, about 23 percent did so to pay off debts, 17 percent to make down payments on a home, 11 percent to pay for college, and the rest for other reasons.

While you also might consider these needs for taking an early withdrawal or loan from your retirement account, you’ve got good reasons for not touching your IRA or 401(k) before you retire. First, you may face tax penalties if you withdraw money from your IRA and 401(k) before 59 and a half, though there are exceptions. Also, if your withdrawals from your retirement accounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket. Plus, the longer you leave your money intact, the more you’ll probably have when you need it in retirement.

Let’s use the survey results to look at some additional points you might evaluate before using funds from your retirement accounts for other purposes:

Paying off debts – You could consider using a 401(k) loan to pay down some high-interest rate debt, but this move assumes two things – one, you don’t plan on taking on additional high interest rate debt, and two, you plan on repaying the loan from your 401(k) within five years. If you don’t, you could face penalties.

Making a down payment on a home – The IRS allows first-time home buyers to make a penalty-free withdrawal of \$10,000 from an IRA to make a down payment on a home; however, taxes could still be owed. You might be better off by delaying the purchase of a home, giving you time to build up additional savings, held outside your retirement accounts, that could be used for the down payment.

Paying for college – If you haven’t saved enough for a child approaching college, you might consider withdrawing from your retirement accounts to do so. If the funds are used for qualified education expenses, you may be able to withdraw from you IRA without paying a penalty, but again, taxes could be owed on the withdrawn funds. Alternatively, if you have more time, you could consider opening tax-advantaged 529 accounts for younger children to help pay for their education.

As the name suggests, a retirement account is designed for retirement, so do whatever you can to protect it. You may want to consult with a financial professional for guidance on meeting the other needs people cite in tapping into their retirement accounts early. The more you know, the better prepared you’ll be to make the best decisions you can for your situation.

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Sports cards are breaking records

In my last column, I reported on the Tom Brady rookie card that was nearing \$2 million in an online auction. The bidding ended on April 2, with the rare card selling for \$2.2 million. While there aren’t many cards worth millions of dollars, auction prices for cards overall have skyrocketed during the pandemic. Many cards have more than doubled or tripled in value over the past year.

A February Chicago Tribune article cites multiple reasons for the current sports card boom. “Some industry analysts see pandemic stay-at-home boredom as fueling a resurgence of interest, as parents rediscover the hobby and share it with their children,” according to the Tribune. They also report, “investors who saw big returns on the stock market last year also have begun to buy into trading cards as an alternative to equities, pumping up prices for the cardboard commodity.”

Prices in almost every type of sports card and non-sports card category are seeing strong results. An unopened 1973 Topps wax pack of cards recently sold for \$780. A high grade 1976 Topps Walter Payton Rookie Card #148 went for \$800. An average grade tobacco card of Ty Cobb recently brought \$3,250. Despite being in altered condition, a 1951 Bowman Mickey Mantle Rookie still sold for \$7,100.

PSA(ProfessionalSportsAuthenticator) is the most popular card grading company. Their business has increased so much that they reported grading turnaround times were taking up to nine months. They recently put all submissions completely on hold until they can catch up on some of the backlog. Polygon.com (a video game website) reports that Pokémon cards are partially responsible for the backlog at PSA. Believe it or not, rare 1990s Pokémon hologram cards in near perfect con-



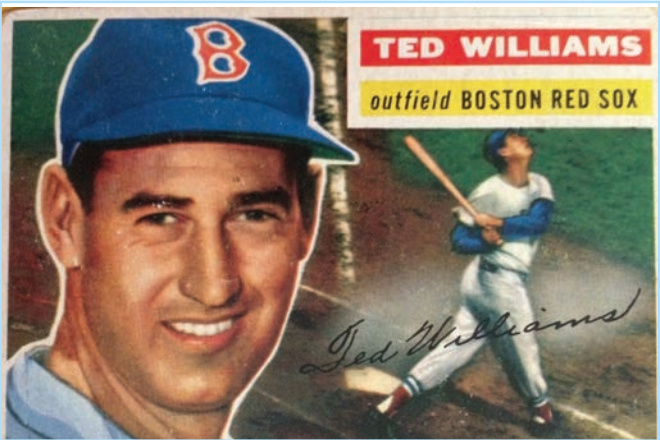
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dition can bring six figure sums.

So, will card prices continue to increase? There is no way to say for sure, but the late 1980s and early 1990s saw a card boom similar to what we are experiencing today. To keep up with the demand during that time, companies such as Topps, Fleer and Upper Deck drastically increased production. The demand dried up in the early 1990s. Many people who bought those cards as an investment are still sitting on boxes of nearly worthless cards. It may be the right time to sell your cards now before values decline again.

We will soon be offering an online auction of a large collection of sports and non-sports cards from a Holliston, Mass. estate. Our next session of model railroad trains, die-cast cars, model kits and other toys will also soon be running online. Our multi-estate with jewelry, coins, paintings, more sports cards, and a wide variety of other items takes place in May. Keep watching www.centralmassauctions.com for details on all of these events or use the email signup form on our homepage to be notified of all upcoming events.

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It’s almost turkey time



Mike Daniels and Pete Walker with lake trout from Wachusett this past Saturday

Cool mornings had kept many anglers off of the water last week, but those that braved the cool temperatures did very well catching trout at many of the stocked trout waters, including rivers and streams. Wachusett Reservoir opened this past Saturday with many anglers catching their limits of lake trout as one of this week’s pictures show. Most Lake Trout caught were two to three pounds, but some were a bit more impressive. Anglers are encouraged to retain their limits of lake trout, because of their high population in Wachusett Reservoir! Some of the lakers had perch,



THE GREAT OUTDOORS
RALPH TRUE

bass, and other fish in their stomachs when cleaned, causing concern about their huge appetite that could have a negative effect on other fish species in the Reservoir. Wallum Lake opened this past Wednesday after a lot of confusion by Rhode Island’s last-minute changes. The lake normally opens on the second Saturday of April each year, but because of the pandemic, Rhode Island decided to open the lake to fishing on April 7, this year. They were also not going to stock it with trout until a later date even though Mass. did a stocking prior to April 7. The Rhode Island Fish

& Wildlife reversed their plans late last week, and announced that they were indeed going to stock trout prior to April 7. Wallum Lake regulations apply to the lake under an agreement with Massachusetts! The daily limit is five trout per angler, and can be legally fished with a Rhode Island license or Rhode Island fishing license. Wild turkey hunting in Massachusetts is not far away. Zones 1-13 open to hunting this sharp-eyed bird, on April 24. Successful hunters need to get out early, and setup before daylight. Sitting in a ground blind that was often set up the day or two before opening day, will increase the hunter’s odds of bagging a gobbler. Only tom birds (male) can be harvested during the spring hunting season. Sitting in a blind prior to day-break offers the hunter the peaceful quiet start of the day. Watching numerous wild animals and birds can entertain the hunter as he waits patiently for the sound of female turkeys as they waken, and leave their roost. The sound of their wings flapping as they glide down to the ground, can get the hunters heart pounding with excitement. It is not long before the gobble of a tom turkey breaks the still morning air. They are next to fly down from there roost, often high from a big pine tree. Waiting patiently for the birds to make their way to a hunter’s set of decoys can be frustrating, but patience often pays off. If the birds are silent for a few minutes, I often give a light call on my diaphragm turkey call. It often gets the attention of the tom bird and he will quickly reply with a gobble. He will soon come looking for your hen turkey call. Suddenly, the movement of a white and red head appears 40 or 50 yards away in thick cover. He is coming! A couple of calls on your turkey call has the big tom responding with a series of raspy gobbles. Time to get your gun in position for a shot. If you are in a ground blind movement to get ready for the shot is easy, but if you are sitting in camouflage on the ground, your movement of any kind could be noticed



Parker with a big rainbow out of west river.

by the turkeys keen eye sight, and the hunt will be over very quickly, as the bird heads into the opposite direction. Taking aim at the head of the turkey will often insure a quick kill. Carefully squeezing the trigger, the discharge of the shotgun echoes through the valley in the crisp morning air. The smell of gunpowder is also in the air, and if you made a good shot, your reward of a tom turkey lays motionless 20 or so yards from your blind. Your heart is still racing, and the excitement of the hunt still has an effect on your body. Time to exit the blind and rush over to the bird. Filling out your harvest report and permit and then attaching it to the bird should be done. Even the simple task of filling out your permit is often complicated by the adrenalin rush of shooting your bird. If you do not experience all of the above-mentioned reactions to your body, you should find another sport. Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Is it time to begin stepping into the light of normalcy?

What is your new normal? It’s your choice. I think my life is forever changed, even though I’m not sure what that means. I believe the pandemic has had a profound and maybe permanent impact on my life. Around the time this shut down began, I received a serious health diagnosis. This one-two punch was powerful. In the beginning, we only left our home for doctor visits and groceries. For Christmas, our daughter signed us up for Instacart, a shopping home delivery service and I haven’t been into a grocery store since Dec. 23. I wear a mask out of the house always and when I visit the hospital for chemo/immunotherapy treatment, I add a face shield. I wash my hands and never pass a hand sanitizer opportunity. When the pizza man comes, he leaves it on the porch, rings the doorbell and leaves. I realize my life has been reduced to an exceedingly small size. Partly out of necessity. Partly from

following the alleged science that seems to change before our very eyes ... and partly ... maybe mostly ... out of fear. I think many Americans are frightened because the available info changes within the moment and we really do not know what the healthy and safe protocols are. “Masks don’t work” ... wait ... “Masks do work and are mandatory” ... wait ... “one mask doesn’t work, so wear two” ... “After vaccination, masks won’t be required” ... wait ... “Masks should be worn into 2022 and maybe beyond.” Here’s the real kicker! ... “Follow the science!” ... wait ... But we’ve learned that we really have been ignoring the science when it comes to schools and the classroom. Instead, the teacher’s unions are leading the way with no scientific basis at all. Who do we listen to? Who do we believe? Who do we trust? No wonder so many are frightened. I believe most health officials and politicians continue to act on the best information they have.



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE

I’m not a conspiracy theorist and refuse to buy into that brand of anguish. Has the virus been politicized? Of course. It’s an unfortunate part of our democratic system. I think most can see through and past it. Are we safe? Will we be again? Were we ever? I’m told that until we achieve eighty-percent herd immunity there are still risks, but again, I’m tired of living my life waiting for the next health directive. Arlene and I are vaccinated. It was an easy decision for us. Being vaccinated makes sense to us and we are happy with our choice. I don’t know what to say to the anti-vaccination crowd. I have two friends who are dead from Covid. One died early in the pandemic and one in February. It’s real. It’s not going away soon. We all must make our choices

based upon our personal research, beliefs and needs. I’ll encourage all to be vaccinated but will also respect your choice regardless. Do your research and take the proper precautions to protect you and others. The late, great Vince

Lombardi said, “Fatigue makes cowards of us all,” and I think most of us are fatigued by this pandemic. Get out. Take a breath of fresh air. Do not be afraid. I do believe it’s time to step out of the darkness of fear and into the light.

For Arlene and me, it’s time to take our lives back and we started by going grocery shopping and a visit to Staples. Small steps but positive steps towards normalcy. I began by asking, Turn To **POSITIVELY** page **A10**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canary, frog or lion?

To the Editor:
Honest review of the current status in Washington shows no ‘unity’ effort, much less ‘bridges’ to political, philosophical divides. In fact, critical proposals may be adopted not on any bi-partisan basis but using ‘reconciliation’ with no debate, the polar opposite of ‘unity.’ They will affect all aspects of every living and yet-to-be-born man, woman, and child (citizen, legal or illegal migrant) in this country. Today, regardless of party affiliation, ask if you are a coal-mine-canary chirping “danger, danger,” or a frog, sitting placidly, in an ever-so-slowly heating pot of water until the inevitable danger is detected too late for escape? This describes our current true-to-life situation precisely! Our Freedoms, Constitutionally-guaranteed and enjoyed since 1787, will be stripped away if legislation pending in Congress passes. At minimum, everyone should be canaries chirping in protest! Recently, a decision by Major League Baseball graphically illustrates this point when they swiftly caved to ‘corporate protest’ by moving the All Star game, because some companies objected to a new law, adopted by the duly elected legislative body of Georgia, which actually provides for voting expansion, not suppression as alleged!

If our most “American” sport can be so politicized based on ‘Pinocchio’s’ (lies), and if brains are not collective mush, who, what and where should we fear are next targets in ‘cancelling’ normal life in good, old US of A? Dante Alighieri, the poet, famously said, “The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who... maintain their neutrality.” This means we remain placid frogs at our peril. A common sense thought process must prevail, using God-given powers of observation to discern obvious truths. “We, the People” can neither remain quiet nor cower in the face of today’s secularist onslaught. Remember St. Augustine’s elements of change: hope, anger and courage. We (still) have powers of ballot box (vote) and purse (boycott) to ‘push back’ equally hard on dangerous corporate and legislative intrusions on Constitutionally-mandated government functions. Join a loudly chirping chorus of canaries or even a roaring pride of lions! ‘Wokeness’ and ‘cancel culture’ cries do not equal social justice reform nor benefit ‘All the People.’ Don’t bow or submit to brow-beating.

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Anthony F. “Tony” or “TK” F. Kavanaugh, III, 36



Anthony F. “Tony” or “TK” F. Kavanaugh, III, 36, of West St., died suddenly Sat. April 3, 2021 in a tragic accident. Tony leaves behind his loving girlfriend of 5 years, Fiona Russell of Uxbridge; his mother Donna L. (Nugent) Kavanaugh of Uxbridge; two sisters Danielle Pelletier of Shelburne and Crystal McCracken of Marlborough; a stepson Jeffrey Como III; paternal grandfather Anthony Kavanaugh Sr. of N. Grafton, 4 nephews and many good friends. Tony also held the role of uncle and Godfather to lifelong friends Mike and Jackie Johnson’s two children. Born in Worcester, Ma on July 6th 1984, he was the son of Donna Kavanaugh and the late Anthony Kavanaugh Jr., and had lived in Uxbridge his entire life with summers in Charlton, Ma. Tony adored being surrounded by friends and family. He would often be found at New England sporting events, music festivities, floating down rivers

with friends, camping, and quality time with friends/family/ daycare children. Tony understood family always came first and friends were always referred to as branches of family. Tony cherished his family and was always everyone’s first call for assistance with any problem. He will always be remembered for his sincere smile, baby blue eyes, and his (child-like) kidish high-fives. Tony was always one to stay busy, and held multiple positions over the years including the Salvage Center, Jeff’s Auto Garage in Uxbridge, and recently Costal International. Tony had a knack for auto/ truck mechanics and after graduating from Uxbridge High School in 2003 he graduated from New England Tractor Trailer School. Calling hours at Tancrell Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. Uxbridge are Thurs. April 8 from 5 to 8 pm. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association 311 Arsenal St. Waltham, MA 02472. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Anna Marie Smith, 37

WOONSOCKET, RI- Anna Marie (LeDuc) Smith, born 11/22/1983, age 37 of Woonsocket, RI died March 30, 2021 in Landmark Medical, Woonsocket, due to complications of a bad asthma attack. Daughter of Ms. Ruth A. (Gray) LeDuc and Henri J. LeDuc. Anna leaves behind three daughters, Emilee, Destiny, and Olivia Smith of Woonsocket; a son Hugo Weber of Providence RI; Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and her other half Michael Fountain.

A Woonsocket High School graduate, Anna previously worked for Price Rite in Woonsocket. She ran the front end and office. Anna was a good-hearted person who helped many people. She will be sadly missed. Gone too soon. Services were private. Arrangements by Buma Funeral Home. www.bumafuneralhome.com



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“What is your new normal?” It’s our choice to make. I’ll wear a mask, but I’m not putting on a second. I’ll social distance but I’m going to start living my life outside of our home. I can go into the store and pick up my groceries. I can greet friends. Maybe I’ll bump fists for a while rather than shaking hands. I’ll be cautious. I won’t act stupidly or irresponsibly but I will no longer allow the fear to determine my actions nor rule my life. We have a finite number of minutes on this earth, and we plan on living them, unafraid and with family and friends. I encourage you to properly protect yourself and others, then do the same. Step out of the darkness of fear into the bright light of life. Walk in the sun. Say

AWARD

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remote programs were counted in the same manner that they would have been if conducted completely in person. Programs that were completed by the Millville council for this fraternal year include: Knight of the Year; Family of the Year; Community Food Drive; Coats for Kids; Mother’s Day roses distribution; Free Throw; Palm Sunday palm distribution; Tootsie Roll Drive; Silver Rose Ceremony; and prayer service for deceased members, said

Ryan.

“The Knights of Columbus core values are Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism,” he added. “The Millville Knights of Columbus are proud to serve our parish and our community.” Ryan said that this award “would not be possible” without the assistance of the council’s Chaplain Father Victor Sierra and State Deputy Michael Lesperance. “It is nice to see that the work [the members] do for the community is recognized,” said Father

Sierra. “They have been working and helping a lot during this pandemic... It makes me feel hopeful that there are people who really care for others and who show a sense of love and commitment to their communities.” Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to Catholic men 18 years of age or older, according to the Knights of Columbus Web site; to join, visit “kofc.org/join-us” and use the code “MCGIVNEY2020” until June 30 to join for free, said Lesperance.

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the Baker-Polito Administration to support firefighter health and safety over the next five years. Locally, State Rep. Michael Soter, R-Bellingham, announced that three of the fire departments he represents were awarded grants in this round of funding. The Bellingham Fire Department will receive \$12,304; the Blackstone Fire Department will receive \$12,420; and the Uxbridge fire department will receive \$14,510. “This funding is so important in protecting the men and women who serve these departments in my district. This will allow departments to update gear and implement new life saving technologies to best serve the residents of the

8th Worcester District,” said Soter.

Fire departments in Massachusetts were able to apply to this program for 114 different types of eligible equipment, including personal protective clothing, gear washers and dryers, thermal imaging cameras, assorted hand tools and extrication equipment, communications resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment, and more. This program represents a comprehensive approach to mitigating modern firefighter health and safety risks. “Firefighters face not only the well-known risks of fire, smoke, and hazardous materials, but also long-term health risks of occupational cancer associated with the exposure to fire by-products, and debilitating physical injuries due to the strenuous nature of their work,” the press statement reads.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:45 P.M. VIA ZOOM** Join Zoom Meeting: **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://zoom.us/j/97322430486?pwd=RkQwVkhWOXBxVXpDY2FkYVRRVT9Fwdz09> Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 973 2243 0486 Passcode: 097252 Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) To consider the application from Brandon S. Allard, 23 Sherry St, Whitinsville, MA 01588 for a Variance (07-V-21) pursuant to Article VI, Section 173-20 Table of Use Regulations in order to construct a new garage and allow the existing garage to be converted into living space. The applicant is requesting a variance for the rear yard and side yard setbacks. The property is shown on Assessor’s Map 22 as Parcel 108, is located in an R-1 zoning district and is owned by Brandon S. Allard. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours. Douglas Curving, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals April 2, 2021 April 9, 2021

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Marie A. Heney of Douglas MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **05/04/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court March 29, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate April 9, 2021

NOTICE OF TAX POSSESSION CUSTODIAN’S NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND DOUGLAS, MASSACHUSETTS
To the former owner of record and to all others concerned: **Walter I Ackerman, Last known residence was Sutton MA -NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2021 at 12:00 Noon, Outside at the Douglas Municipal Center located at 29 Depot Street Douglas, MA, Cheryl J. Vaidya, Tax Title Custodian,** acting on behalf of the Town of Douglas and in accordance with the provisions of Acts of 1038, Chapter 358, Section 2 as amended by the Acts of 1939, Chapter 123, Acts of 1941, Chapter 296, Acts of 947, Chapter 22, Section 1; Section 77B of Chapter 60. I SHALL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION the hereinafter property acquired by said Town by foreclosure of the tax title thereon. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD- A certain parcel of land said to contain 4.18 Acres, more or less, located

on Northwest Main Street; known as Assessor’s Map 129 Parcel 4, Deed recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 2849 Page 329. Tax Taking Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds Book **8955** Page **150**. See Land Court Judgement recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds Book **13319** Page **211**. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE** The parcel being offered for sale has been taken by the Town of Douglas for the non-payment of taxes due thereon and are subject to tax title accounts, which have not been redeemed. The Treasurer reserves the right to remove this parcel from the auction if the tax title is redeemed, or for any other reason. The parcel is being sold “As Is” and without covenants. Any individual interested in purchasing any of the parcels being sold at this Auction should conduct an independent investigation and inspection of the parcels before entering a bid. Sale will be made to the highest bidder at an open and competitive auction; however, the Treasurer may reject any and all bids at the sale or any adjournment thereof, which she, in her sole discretion, deems inadequate. The minimum bid amount, if any, for each parcel will be announced prior to offering that parcel for sale and may be either higher or lower than the redemption amount. Bidders must provide a deposit of \$5,000.00 for this Parcel at the time of the bidding. This deposit must be in the form of a certified check or bank cashier’s check. No personal checks will be accepted. The remainder of the purchase price must be paid within thirty (30) days by wire, certified or bank check, or an Attorney IOLTA check. Failure to pay the remainder of the purchase price within thirty (30) days will result in the forfeiture of your deposit to the Town of Douglas. Deposits for bidders that do not purchase a parcel will be returned the day of the auction. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Section 63A, the successful bidder is required, as a condition of the sale, to pay the Town: 1) a pro-rata amount of the Municipal Real Estate Taxes based upon the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate multiplied by the purchase price; and 2) for closings scheduled between January 2 and June 30th, a pro forma payment of the Municipal Real Estate Taxes in lieu of taxes for the next succeeding fiscal

year, also based upon the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate multiplied by the purchase price. The successful bidder is also required, as a condition of the sale, to authorize the Treasurer to record his deed, and shall pay the expense of such recording which is \$155.00, in addition to the respective purchase price, an 7% ‘Buyer’s Premium’ and a special assessment of \$500.00 per Parcel for legal fees. If you wish to obtain further information about any parcel listed, you are encouraged to examine the maps and records at the Douglas Assessors’ Office. The auction sale may be subject to additional terms and conditions. Any and all bids at such sale or any adjournment thereof may be rejected if in my option no bid is made which approximates the fair value of the property. Cheryl J. Vaidya, Tax Title Custodian April 9, 2021

CONSERVATION PUBLIC HEARING/ MEETING NOTICES
The Uxbridge Conservation Commission will hold a Remote Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 20 2021 at 6:30PM. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so in the following manner: To access online: <https://uxbridge.zoom.us/j/8616203349> To access by telephone: 301-715-8592 meeting i.d.: 861 620 3349 Persons who would like to view/listen to this meeting live may do so by watching the Government Channel @ www.uxbridgetv.org or on Uxbridge Community Television Channel 191. Those unable to watch it live may view the recording of the meeting on the Government Channel @ <http://archive.uxbridgetv.org>. The meeting will review the following applications under the MA Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40). Plans may be reviewed by appointment in the Town Clerk’s office or by emailing uxbconservation@uxbridge-ma.gov. Notice of Intent, Map 28, Lot 139, The proposed construction of a 450,800 s.f warehouse building within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Submitted by Michèle. Grenier, PWS, CWS Conservation Agent, Uxbridge Conservation Commission April 9, 2021



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Avg Days on Market	44	21	▼
Month Supply Inv.	1.01	.66	▼

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of time. Make a second application midseason if needed.

Water new plantings often enough to keep the roots and surrounding soil slightly moist. Gradually extend the time between watering. Thoroughly water whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Spread a layer of evergreen needles, shredded leaves, or other organic matter over the soil surface. Mulching helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil, reducing your time weeding and watering.

Harvest leaves as needed for sweetening your dishes. Munching on a single leaf can help suppress a sweet craving. You may be able to pass on a candy bar and go for a healthier option.

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and hang stems upside down to air dry. Knock leaves off the stem and save the dried leaves in an airtight jar. Grind the leaves by hand or use a coffee grinder to crush the leaves and release the sweetness. Dried leaves stored in an airtight jar will last for several years.

You can grow stevia indoors in a bright sunny window or under artificial lights. Purchase plants or start your own from cuttings. Check plants often and water thoroughly when the top few inches of soil is starting to dry. Fertilize with a dilute solution of any fertilizer labeled for use on indoor edible plants. Harvest the leaves as needed to sweeten your favorite dishes.

Growing stevia indoors or out can add flavor to your beverages and meals and fun to your gardening experience.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow



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Stevia, nature's own sweetener, can be grown indoors or out as long as the plants receive proper care.

Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Worcester State athletes inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

WORCESTER — Thirty-seven Worcester State University student-athletes have earned induction into Chi Alpha Sigma, the student-athlete honor society.

The group joins 24 inductees from a year ago who are still active on Lancer rosters, bringing Worcester State's Chi Alpha Sigma total to 61 student-athletes. The complete list of Worcester State inductees can be found below.

To be eligible for the honor society, student-athletes of junior or senior status must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.40. Graduating Chi Alpha Sigma inductees will receive black and gold cords to be worn at Commencement.

“In Worcester State’s seventh year of membership in Chi Alpha Sigma, it is exciting to continue to honor our student-athletes’ academic achievements,” said Kelly Downs, coordinator of student-athlete support services. “Our student-athletes take pride in their academics and are excited to represent our department at Commencement by wearing their athletic honor society cords.”

“These student-athletes have shown an incredible commitment to academics in their time at Worcester State,” said Director of Athletics Michael Mudd. “They shine not only on the field, court, track, and ice, but also in the classroom, and are true role models on our campus.”

For more information on Chi Alpha Sigma, please visit their website at chialphasigma.org.

Inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma in

2020
Dominique Alves (Ludlow, Mass.) - Women's Tennis
Lauren Arbec (Fairhaven, Mass.) - Women's Lacrosse
Parker Bigelow (Leominster, Mass.) - Baseball
Alexa Bobbin (Charlestown, R.I.) - Field Hockey
Mark Clemente (Holden, Mass.) - Men's Golf
Emma Collings (Marion, Mass.) - Women's Tennis
Tim Drevitch (Oxford, N.J.) - Men's Ice Hockey
Sarah Duff (Warren, Mass.) - Field Hockey
Lauren Fleming (Leominster, Mass.) - Field Hockey
Maddie Fong (Norton, Mass.) - Women's Soccer
Pat Galvin (Shrewsbury, Mass.) - Baseball
Kyle Hayter (Helena, Mont.) - Men's Ice Hockey
Rachel Jorge (Dartmouth, Mass.) - Women's Track & Field
Madison Kuzio (Franklin, Mass.) - Women's Volleyball
Matthew Manning (Novi, Mich.) - Men's Ice Hockey
Bernice Mensah (Worcester, Mass.) - Women's Track & Field
Monika Mularski (Auburn, Mass.) - Women's Tennis
Tayla O'Leary (Salem, Mass.) - Women's Soccer
Jake Poitras (Harwich, Mass.) - Men's Golf
Zack Poitras (Webster, Mass.) - Men's Track & Field
Shaylee Puleo (Tewksbury, Mass.) -

Women's Cross Country and Track & Field
Kyra Siano (North Attleboro, Mass.) - Women's Cross Country and Track & Field
Ally Tocman (Shrewsbury, Mass.) - Softball
Hoang Vo (Worcester, Mass.) - Men's Track & Field

2021 Chi Alpha Sigma Inductees
Will Ahearn (Charlestown, Mass.) - Men's Ice Hockey
Victoria Alexander (Worcester, Mass.) - Softball
Ashley Barratt (North Attleborough, Mass.) - Women's Cross Country and Track & Field
Rachel Bigelow (Westborough, Mass.) - Softball
Sarah Blomgren (Lunenburg, Mass.) - Women's Basketball
Charles Bray (Shrewsbury, Mass.) - Men's Track & Field
Dariel Canela (Peabody, Mass.) - Men's Track & Field
Mike Chaves Jr. (Hudson, Mass.) - Baseball
Kasey Clark (Dudley, Mass.) - Women's Cross Country and Track & Field
Julia Collins (Shrewsbury, Mass.) - Field Hockey
Aidan Conlon (Lowell, Mass.) - Men's Ice Hockey
Kyle Cravatis (Beverly, Mass.) - Baseball
Sean Devin (Lynn, Mass.) - Baseball
Apphia Donoghue (Rowley, Mass.) - Women's Soccer
Hannah Foster (Worcester, Mass.) - Women's Soccer
Drew Fottler (Chelmsford, Mass.) - Men's Cross Country and Track & Field

Coley (Norwood, Mass.) - Field Hockey
Lincoln Henry (Kingston, Jamaica) - Men's Soccer
Kylie Hill (Lunenburg, Mass.) - Women's Lacrosse
Denise Hoxha (Worcester, Mass.) - Women's Volleyball
Ryan James (Katy, Texas) - Men's Ice Hockey
Calli Korbey (Hopkinton, Mass.) - Women's Basketball
Alyson Langhorst (Natick, Mass.) - Women's Tennis
Gigi LeMay (Grafton, Mass.) - Women's Basketball and Women's Golf
Ann Maher (Mansfield, Mass.) - Field Hockey
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Cam Neary (Mansfield, Mass.) - Men's Golf
Hannah Nolan (Pepperell, Mass.) - Women's Lacrosse
Brendan O'Shea (Methuen, Mass.) - Baseball
Alexander Papageorgiou (Tewksbury, Mass.) - Men's Soccer
Emma Poplawski (Rowe, Mass.) - Women's Basketball
Alessandro Romeo (Worcester, Mass.) - Men's Soccer
MaxRoth(Chicago,Ill.)-Men'sIceHockey
Gunther Stange (Niles, Ill.) - Men's Ice Hockey
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LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO UMass DEAN’S LIST

AMHERST — Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2020 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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Mikayla F Martinelli
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Mackenzie Varieur

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Mykenzie Bryar Bolin
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Samantha Butts
Sean Michael Flanagan
Catherine Aellis Foley
Josephine Garland
Leo Joseph Gualtieri
Emma Leigh Havalotti
Brooke Allison Linnehan
Aidan Michael Robert McDonough
Juliana Corrine Moniz
Katrina Lynn Morton
Caroline E Ranslow
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Patrick Daniel Sullivan
Joseph Lloyd Watkins III

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Stella Joy Amour Baskowski
Nicole Cacciapouti
Christopher James Cadman
Shannon Cloran
Caitlin Deneen
Katherine Desjardins
Benjamin Charles Earle
Emily Mae Formato
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Caroline Emma Sonnett
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