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Bay Path student medalists headed to SkillsUSA nationals



CHARLTON — Seven Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students will compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference from June 20-24 in Atlanta, Ga., after winning gold medals at the state level.

First-place finishers at the state conference – and earning the honor of representing Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in national competition, and the state of Massachusetts – are:

Sarah Garcia, of Charlton who competed in the First Aid/CPR category; Eunice Kamau, of Worcester, who competed in Medical Terminology, Luciane Lindvay, of Spencer, who competed in Medical Math, Katie Blanchard of Southbridge, who competed in Practical Nursing, and the group of three, Marvelous Undag of Worcester, Genie Biando of East Brookfield, and Darcey Howe of Sturbridge, all competing as a Team in Health Knowledge Bowl.

This will be the first trip to nationals for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy since the pandemic. Last year, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was unable to send competitors.

“I wish to thank the Superintendent, Mr. Kyle Brenner for his support and both SkillsUSA Advisors for Bay Path, Ms. Jennifer Stachura and Ms. Pam Staney,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “I hope they enjoy safe travels when they go to Atlanta, GA, and bring back more medals! Our Practical Nursing students did very well and represented the Academy with pride.”

This year’s success raises to over a dozen, the number of Bay Path Practical Nursing students who have advanced to national competition over the years; many of whom placed medals nationally.

Students speak out against budget cuts

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — While the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District’s 2023 budget was approved by both district towns at their respective annual town meetings, not everyone is happy with the result. Possibly the most vocal outrage has come from the students themselves.

While numerous parents spoke about the cuts associated with the budget prior to its approval, a group of outspoken students recently came forward to speak out against what the resulting cuts will mean for their education and the school experience. The budget proposal received criticism for cutting numerous positions to provide a more palatable spending plan for the general public during a time where increased taxation has been seen as a burden. These include eliminating positions in science, foreign language, and the school libraries among other cuts, all of which were criticized by students during the Regional School Committee’s June 8 meeting.

All the current students who spoke were members of the junior class (Class of 2023) and the National Honor Society. The students have also all been recognized for high honors during their time at Shepherd Hill. Caroline Doering was the first to speak on the issue saying she was attracted to Shepherd Hill due to its extensive course options, but now she feels the district is falling behind.

“When I first came to

Shepherd Hill through school choice, the main factor that drew me in was the expansive selection the school had to boast. I was able to tell all of my friends at Bartlett and Bay Path about the unique and diverse selection. Unfortunately, I do not believe I’m able to do that anymore. I’ve heard countless classmates express their worries about their favorite classes being dropped,” said Doering, who went on to produce a list of 120 classmates she says are directly impacted by the cuts in programs. “I come to you as a student yearning to learn. My friends and I come to you on behalf of all the other students that are voicing the exact same concern. I don’t know what the proper solution is, whether that be raising the funds or reallocating them from different departments, but the changes being made are at the detriment of the students at Shepherd Hill.”

Maria Piekarczyk, the incoming Vice President of Shepherd Hill’s National Honor Society, added that in May the school was recognized with awards where they were complimented for persevering through adversities and “selling the budget.” She saw this as less of a compliment and more a criticism of the district’s tendency to compromise rather than maintain programs for the sake of lower expenses.

“Shepherd Hill has always been recognized and upheld by our academics and having a multitude of educational opportunities. Now this fact is being threatened. These budget cut

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Crumbling foundation concerns growing beyond Charlton

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Crumbling Foundations continue to be a concern for homeowners throughout Worcester County, however recent revelations may indicate that the problem is much larger and widespread than previously assumed.

Charlton resident Keith Cloutier, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Foundations, addressed the town’s Board of Selectmen on June 14, revealing that he had recently learned new details that indicate the source of the contamination, known as pyrrhotite, that has caused the foundation issues may not be limited to Connecticut as previously thought. Problems with the substance have emerged in the past few years as concrete

foundations contaminated by the product have become damaged beyond repair as water and air exposure have caused the pyrrhotite to expand. While the issue has been more prevalent in Connecticut, some citizens like Cloutier have been forced to invest between \$100,000 and \$200,000 to repair the damage or risk their homes collapsing. While the problems seemed minimal in Massachusetts at first, more and more citizens throughout the commonwealth have reported serious damage to their foundations leading victims like Cloutier to push for recovery funding and resources at the state level. During his meeting with selectmen, Cloutier detailed the status of their efforts and how the problem has become an even larger concern in Massachusetts than

ever before.

“We had a joint committee hearing with the Natural Resources Committee. We were able to testify and give them all sorts of information. It got favorably voted out of committee and is now with the Ways and Means Committee. I’m hearing it’s not dead, but I’m not so sure it’s going to move forward this year,” Cloutier said.

He then offered up a shocking revelation. Previously it was assumed that the contamination was caused by mining from the Becker’s Quarry in Connecticut. However, as the number of impacted homes has increased it became less likely that the issue was limited to that quarry. Cloutier alleges that a yet-to-be-identified quarry in Massachusetts has also provided contaminated materials causing the increased foundation issues in the commonwealth. While he wouldn’t identify the quarry in a public forum, Cloutier indicated that the use of that material has been ongoing until just this year.

“They stopped using it as of three weeks ago. The earliest house that we have that we think came out of that quarry was 1994 up until 2022. That would explain why Connecticut started first because Connecticut started as early as 1985. So, when we had the building boom of the mid-90s and that quarry was being used there’s a lot of houses that were built in (Central Massachusetts). We have houses that could have been built in this town this year where we don’t know if it has that material in it or not,” said Cloutier,

who noted that homes as far north as Ashburnham have reported foundation issues directly related to pyrrhotite contamination.

He said he was “fairly confident” several builders had used material from the quarry in question and that at least 30 to 40 homes could be affected.

Selectmen showed genuine concern for the growing number of foundation issues not just in Charlton, but throughout Central Massachusetts. While Board of Selectman Chair Stephen Koronis admitted that a lot of Cloutier’s concerns about a contaminated Massachusetts quarry were “speculation” he and his fellow selectmen made it clear they want to help calling the situation “a little more frightening”

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Field of Flags returns to Old Sturbridge Village



STURBRIDGE — Field of Flags returns to Old Sturbridge Village in 2022, a campaign designated to honor and recognize the men and women in active duty or those who have served in the U.S. military. Each year, OSV builds a field outside the Visitor Center from Memorial Day through Labor Day, adding flags to the lineup with every donation received. Flags stand as a tangible reminder of the service and sacrifice of our American heroes, often donated in honor of a friend or loved one.

For \$25 per Flag, public can add to the OSV Field of Flags while on-site or via an online donation form. Donations help provide free standard daytime admission to Old Sturbridge Village for members of the U.S. Military, Reserves, National Guard

and their families – including active-duty personnel and veterans alike (up to six attendees).

Names of individuals remembered with gifts to the Field of Flags campaign are posted on a physical Honor Board outside of the Visitor Center and listed online at: <https://www.osv.org/field-of-flags/>. Donations to the campaign can be made at: <https://10797.blackbaudhosting.com/10797/AF-Flags>.

In November, Old Sturbridge Village recognizes Veteran and Military Families Month with red, white and blue stars bearing the names of loved names lining OSV’s covered bridge. Stars can be purchased as part of the Field of Flags campaign, for an additional \$10 per star on top of flag donation.

A black and white photograph of a young child standing behind a large tree trunk, looking out over a body of water. The child is wearing a light-colored jacket and dark shorts. The tree trunk is thick and textured, and the water is calm in the background.

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Upcoming events at the Joshua Hyde Library

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Tuesday, July 5: BOOKS ON TOUR STORY TIME at 10:45 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, Take & Make craft & more! For children of all ages with caregiver. Drop-in. Today's location: Town Common Gazebo Dam (rain location: library meeting room). Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Wednesday, July 6: CRAFTERAFTERNOON FOR KIDS FROM 2-4 p.m. Drop-in for a variety of fun crafts to create! Suitable for children ages 4+. Supplies are limited. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Thursday, July 7: CHALK THE WALK FROM 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Release your inner Van Gogh! Or Picasso! Or Banksy! Weather permitting.

Friday, July 8: BRUNCH BUNCH at 10:45 a.m. For students entering grades, 1, 2, & 3. Listen to “Magic on the Map: Let’s Mooooove!” by C. Sheinmel and B. Turetsky while enjoying a snack that we provide along with activities. This is a series of 4 meetings; students should plan on attending the series. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Saturday, July 9: PLAYFUL ENGINEERS – TRAVELING MAKER SPACE WITH JAY MANKITA FROM 2 – 4 p.m. Kids learn about basic forces and motion, connecting focused play with serious science. Registration required. Suitable for children ages

5+ with caregiver. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sturbridge.

Monday July 11: BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB FROM 11:15 a.m. For students entering Grades 4, 5, & 6. We’ll be reading “The One Thing You’d Save” by Linda Sue Park. Read independently, discuss, create, and explore. Bring your own lunch. Pizza provided at the last meeting. This is a series of 4 meetings; students should plan on attending the series. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Tuesday, July 12: BOOKS ON TOUR STORY TIME at 10:45 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, Take & Make craft & more! For children of all ages with caregiver. Drop-in. Today’s location: Heins Farm Trail Dam (rain location: library meeting room). Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Wednesday, July 13: CAMPFIRE SINGALONG WITH JULIE STEPANIK at 11 a.m. Enjoy lively ukulele music with Julie as she shares a variety of fun campfire songs! Bring your singing voice! On the Sturbridge Town Common; in library if rain. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Thursday, July 14: CRAFTERAFTERNOON FOR KIDS FROM 6-8 p.m. Drop-in for a variety of fun crafts to create! Suitable for children ages 4+. Supplies are limited. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Friday, July 15: BRUNCH BUNCH at 10:45 a.m. For students entering grades, 1, 2, & 3. Listen to “Magic on the Map: Let’s Mooooove!” by C. Sheinmel and B. Turetsky while enjoying a snack that we provide along with activities. This is a series of four meetings; students should plan on attending the series. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Saturday, July 16: KINDNESS ROCKS PROJECT FROM 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Write notes on painted rocks that send mes-

sages of inspiration! Supplies are limited. Drop-in.

Monday July 18: BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB FROM 11:15 a.m. For students entering Grades 4, 5, & 6. We’ll be reading “The One Thing You’d Save” by Linda Sue Park. Read independently, discuss, create, and explore. Bring your own lunch. Pizza provided at the last meeting. This is a series of 4 meetings; students should plan on attending the series. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Tuesday, July 19: BOOKS ON TOUR STORY TIME at 10:45 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, Take & Make craft & more! For children of all ages with caregiver. Drop-in. Today’s location: Hyland Orchard Dam (rain location: library meeting room). Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Tuesday, July 19: CRAFTERAFTERNOON FOR KIDS FROM 2-4 p.m. Drop-in for a variety of fun crafts to create! Suitable for children ages 4+. Supplies are limited. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Thursday, July 21: SING & SWING at 11 a.m. Join Deb Hudgins and enjoy her popular music and movement program! For children birth through age 6ish with caregiver. Register in advance. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Thursday, July 21: LEGO CLUB at 6:30 p.m. Join us for building fun. Suitable for ages 5+ with caregiver. Registration required.

Friday, July 22: BRUNCH BUNCH at 10:45 a.m. For students entering grades, 1, 2, & 3. Listen to “Magic on the Map: Let’s Mooooove!” by C. Sheinmel and B. Turetsky while enjoying a snack that we provide along with activities. This is a series of 4 meetings; students should plan on attending the series. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

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Tuesday, July 26: BOOKS ON TOUR STORY TIME at 10:45 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, Take & Make craft & more! For children of all ages with caregiver. Drop-in. Today’s location: Westville Dam (rain location: library meeting room). Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Wednesday, July 27: CHALK GAMES FROM 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Our sidewalk will be filled with fun games for the young and young at heart. Weather permitting.

Thursday, July 28: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Disney’s newly released film, Turning Red, along with a light snack. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL. Registration required.

Friday, July 29: BRUNCH BUNCH at 10:45 a.m. For students entering grades, 1, 2, & 3. Listen to “Magic on the Map: Let’s Mooooove!” by C. Sheinmel and B. Turetsky while enjoying a snack that we provide along with activities. This is a series of 4 meetings; students should plan on attending the series. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Saturday, July 30: CRAFTERAFTERNOON FOR KIDS FROM 2-4 p.m. Drop-in for a variety of fun crafts to create! Suitable for children ages 4+. Supplies are limited. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

Dudley-Charlton to implement district-wide ALICE training

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON - Following the deadly shootings at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas in May, parents and members of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee made it clear they wanted the district to enhance its response efforts in case of an emergency situation on any of the school campuses. This included the district-wide implementation of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training which Superintendent Steven Lamarche confirms will become a standard by the fall.

Superintendent Lamarche announced the decision during a School Committee meeting in early June where he also stated that recent lockdown drills had been conducted with the help of local law enforcement. While ALICE was utilized at some schools in the district, it was not a district-wide practice until now.

“We identified summer training opportunities for ALICE,”

said Lamarche. “We have a number of administrators signed up to become Dudley-Charlton Regional School District ALICE trainers for next year. We will identify the number of drills practiced in our schools as we begin the transition to ALICE.”

Lamarche said the “common number” of drills is three per year although he didn’t confirm if this would be the Dudley-Charlton District’s standard. He did indicate that lockdown drills will remain part of the district’s response plan and that multiple lockdown and ALICE exercises will be held throughout any given school year. However, he reminded everyone present that while these are powerful tools to help prepare for an emergency, it takes everyone’s awareness and effort to properly respond to any real situation.

“The best tool we all have is communication. When it comes to the safety and wellbeing of our schools and the people in them, something noticed is never too small. You’re call and email is always welcome,” said Lamarche. “I really appreciate

the people who have reached out and given us a chance to check on something.”

Later, during the citizen comments portion of the meeting, one potential flaw in the system was brought up. David Smolski, a Charlton parent, noted that his family had discussed the recent shootings and security concerns during dinner and that, like many schools nationwide, the Dudley-Charlton District may be inadvertently giving potential criminals an edge by advertising their security protocols.

“We were talking about that young man also being a product of the school system and if he was growing up in the school system, he likely understood how they prepare for these types of events,” Smolski said. “I don’t know exactly a solution but it’s almost like the deck is a bit stacked when somebody knows the gameplan from the inside.”

The School Committee acknowledged this concern and said they plan to address it at upcoming Committee meetings.

MAPFRE JOINS MASSDOT TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY



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Webster-based MAPFRE USA recently joined the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for a news conference in Boston to raise awareness of the importance of road safety. As the summer season picks up, more people are hitting the roads, riding bikes, taking walks, etc. The event focused on wearing seatbelts, avoiding distractions, driving sober and staying alert behind the wheel. MAPFRE sponsors the MassDOT Highway Assistance Program, in which fleet drivers patrol the highways to assist stranded motorists. Pictured from left to right: Angela Davis, Assistant Undersecretary for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security; Jamey Tesler, Secretary of Transportation, MassDOT; Andrea Zemaitis, MAPFRE Senior Vice President, Business & Clients; Colleen Ogilvie, Registrar, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles; Stacey Beuttell, Executive Director, walkBoston; and Michael Sonia, Massachusetts State Police Lieutenant.



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“Country Bank has been making a difference in the lives of its customers, communities, and team members since 1850. The excitement in the room and the opportunity for the entire Country Bank team to build these beds together was simply amazing to witness, the energy in the room was palpa-



ble,” stated Scully. The new tagline was developed with its advertising agency through various focus groups and deep discussions about what team members, customers, non-profit organizations and non-custom-

ers believed to be true about Country Bank. “This tagline could not be more fitting for Country Bank; even more impactful is that our stakeholders developed it! We are very excited about how this positions the bank

and know that when we say ‘Country Bank is Made to Make a Difference,’ we truly believe that is exactly what we do, whether that is for our customers, both consumer and business, or for our communities,” stated Shelley Regin,

Senior Vice President of Country Bank. During a recent press conference on June 1, Country Bank made an impactful difference by announcing that it was donating its former headquarters, valued at approximately 3 million dollars, to the Town of Ware for use as a new police department and other multi-purpose space.

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MAPFRE USA names Dana Whiteley as SVP Business Development

WEBSTER — MAPFRE USA, the leading personal and commercial auto writer and home insurer in Massachusetts, has named Dana Whiteley Senior

Vice President of Business Development. Whiteley is an industry veteran who brings a wealth of technical knowledge and leadership experience to

the position.

Whiteley, who is a Certified Public Accountant, has served in several leadership roles since joining the company in 2002, including Vice President of Internal Audit, Chief Underwriting Officer, and most recently, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer.

“Dana is a tremendous addition to our Business Development team, with deep knowledge of the business and proven success in building and leading teams and developing strong relationships,” said MAPFRE USA President and Chief Executive Officer Jaime Tamayo. “His dedicated leadership and keen insurance knowledge make him ideally suited to lead our business development team and drive our business forward.”

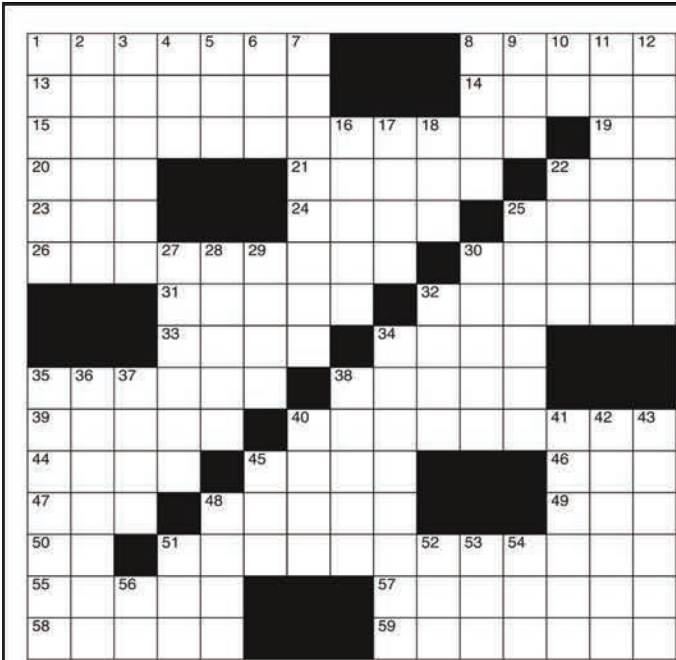
Whiteley will oversee MAPFRE’s business development strategy in Massachusetts and the company’s Northeast Region, exploring new insurance solutions to drive sales and enhance the agent and customer experience. He replaces Keith Jensen, who is retiring from MAPFRE, effective June 30.

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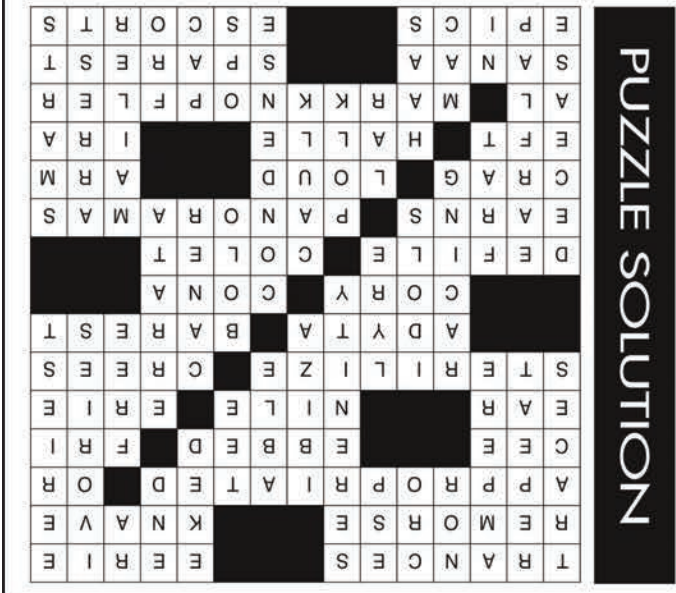


CLUES ACROSS

1. Half-conscious states
8. Unnatural
13. Deep regret
14. Rogue
15. Took without permission
19. An alternative
20. After B
21. Partner to “flowed”
22. The best day of the week (abbr.)
23. Helps you hear
24. Egyptian river
25. Lake __, one of the Great
26. Make free from bacteria
30. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
31. Sanctuaries in Greek temples
32. Most unclothed
33. NJ senator Booker
34. Tibetan lake
35. Desecrate something sacred
38. John __, English educator 1467-1519
39. Obtains in return for labor
40. Views
44. Rugged cliff
45. Not quiet
46. Body part
47. Newt
48. German city
49. A way to save money
50. NBC’s Roker
51. Dire Straits frontman
55. Actress Lathan
57. Most meager
58. Poems
59. Companions

CLUES DOWN

1. Draws over
2. Recur
3. Current unit
4. Neither
5. Certified Radio Operator (abbr.)
6. Power of perception
7. Peace
8. Supplemented with difficulty
9. The last section or part of anything
10. Dorm worker
11. Bones
12. Most unnatural
16. Spanish island
17. The skill to do something
18. Where golf games begin
22. Untethered
25. Print errors
27. The sport of engaging in contests of speed
28. Ones to look up to
29. Stringed instrument
30. Gives whippings
32. Type of tie
34. Make more concentrated
35. Die
36. Part of a winter hat
37. Young men’s club
38. Bathrooms need it
40. U.S. president
41. American novelist
42. Take into custody
43. Hurts
45. Type of gibbon
48. American actor Lukas
51. Partner to cheese
52. Some are covert
53. Political action committee
54. To and __
56. Atomic #28



FOUNDATIONS

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than it was before the pandemic. Cloutier noted that state lawmakers, including Sen. Anne Gobi who had previously spoken with selectmen about crumbling foundations in 2020, were working to support legislation in Boston to alleviate financial responsibility from affected homeowners. Part of what is holding back legislation however is the homeowners’ reluctance to come forward, some out of fear that it will impact their property values. However, Cloutier warned that this issue is not going away.

“When this story first

came out, they were saying ‘maybe one or two houses in Charlton,’ well we’ve already had two houses that have been replaced,” said Clutier. “I think middle Worcester County is going to get hit hard and that’s what we’re seeing now - We’re going to hope the legislation goes through and people don’t get stuck with this because it’s a scary situation.”

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SOUTHBIDGE — On Friday, June 10, Trinity Catholic Academy graduation was held at Notre Dame Church along with a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Ken Cardinale blessing our new alumni, their families along with faculty and staff. Each Students was recognized by Principal Angela Symock and eighth grade

advisor, Colleen Casey. Well-earned diplomas, awards and recognitions earned by this year’s graduation class were presented for participation and outstanding achievement.

Valedictory Award: Amari Pereira
Salutatorian Award: Colin Ladd
The President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement: this award recognizes outstanding growth, improvement, commitment, or intellectual development in academics: Charles Congdon, Anika Ferrantino, Colin Ladd, Amari Pereira, and Cole Paradis.

Academic Awards:
Art: Ezekiel Velazquez
Computer: Anika Ferrantino
English and Writing: Amari Pereira
Literature: Colin Ladd
Math: Charles Congdon

Physical Education: Anika and Ezekiel
Religion: Anika Ferrantino
Science: Nicholas Sargent
Social Studies: Amari Pereira
Music: Colin Ladd
Drama: Cole Paradis
Spanish: Colin Ladd, Miah Carrascal, Amari Pereira
Most Improved: Nicholas Sargent
Good Citizenship: Jorge Santiago and Charles Congdon
Choral Director Award: Colin Ladd

Suzanne Casey Spirit of Volunteerism Award: given in honor of the late Nurse Suzanne Casey who was the dedicated volunteer nurse at Trinity for many years. Student: Cole Paradis

Trinity Catholic Academy eighth grade graduates will continue their education at Catholic High schools, Bay Path RVHS, or their public high schools in their respective communities. “Trinity Catholic Academy, a Pre-K to Grade 8 STREAM school, promotes academic excellence, the arts, athletics, and character through respect, compassion, and service, among our diverse family, inspired and guided by the wonder, beauty, and power of the Holy Trinity.” www.trinitycatholicacademy.org

Caracas’s Guillermo Mingda Ng Yi named to University of Iowa dean’s list

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Guillermo Mingda Ng Yi of Caracas, Distrito Capital VENEZUELA was among the more than 5,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean’s list for the 2022 spring semester.

Ng Yi is a first year student in Iowa’s College of Engineering and is majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Dean’s list status was earned by 714 first-year undergraduates during the 2022 spring semester at Iowa, only 1,268 second-year students, only 1,559 third-year students, and only 2,045 fourth-year students.

Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) or pass/non-pass (P/N) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the dean’s list.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on nine semester hours (spring 2022) or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of “I” (incomplete) or “O” (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean’s list for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine with fewer than nine semester hours (spring 2022) of graded credit, if

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Holland resident Ryan Kievra completes intensive research project

WORCESTER — Ryan Kievra, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in Robotics Engineering (BS) at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Human Factor Consideration for the Sheila Scott Digital Twin.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives and make a difference before they

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“The WPI project-based curriculum’s focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems,” said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative& Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. “Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today’s global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application.”

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Charlton resident earns Dean’s List honors at Providence College

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Alexandra Delano of Charlton has earned Dean’s List honors at Providence College for the spring 2022 semester.

Dean’s List honors are earned by full-time undergraduate students who, at the end of the semester, have attained a GPA of 3.55 or better (on

a 4.0 scale), with no grade lower than “C,” and with no incomplete grades (“I” or “NM”).

Founded in 1917, Providence College is the only college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergradu-

ate enrollment of approximately 4,100 students and offers degrees in 50 academic majors. Since 1997, Providence College consistently has been ranked among the top five regional universities in the North according to *U.S. News & World Report’s* “America’s Best Colleges.”

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has effectively stopped and isolated students from taking the classes that are not only important to themselves, but to their futures,” Piekarczyk said.

Aria Humphries was the final student to speak acknowledging that she had planned to take astrophysics, one of the programs effectively eliminated by the cuts. She, too, feels the district’s compromises have negatively affected students’ abilities to explore new horizons and embrace learning opportunities beyond the basic curriculum.

“I believe that this could be a very useful and interesting course as outer space is such a complex concept that there is still so much to learn about. In a more general sense, it’s important that we keep a variety of science classes offered at our school since science education is a vital tool for understanding and improving our world,” said Humphries. “Education is power. Students will be more motivated to learn if they’re able to learn what they’re interested in, and if we stay in this direction of cutting classes students will have less and less opportunities to explore subjects that may influence their future career and will become more uninterested and possibly even defiant in their classes.”

It wasn’t just current students speaking out against the budget. Before any

of the students spoke, a Shepherd Hill graduate Colin Humphries, who is currently working towards a political science degree, lambasted the spending plan feeling that it prevents the district from embracing diversity in both education enrichment and opportunities to prepare students for a changing and more globalized world.

“As our country becomes more diverse and multi-lingual, foreign language programs are more important than ever in order to create a generation who can interact with people who may speak a different language. Our librarians are the lifelines of our schools. They curate libraries where students can enhance their learning and studies by researching a myriad of different topics,” said Humphries referring to the budget cuts eliminating librarian and French teacher positions. “The 2018 override might have worked at the time, but COVID has changed the game and we must adapt. I’m calling on the School Committee to do an override and to convince the residents of these towns that it is necessary in order to fund our schools.”

School Committee members acknowledged the concerns stating their intent to address the statements during an upcoming Committee meeting. The district’s budget approved in May included an increase of just over 4 percent over the 2022 spending plan totaling \$53.7 million.

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and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which th Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of July 2022 the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of June 2022.

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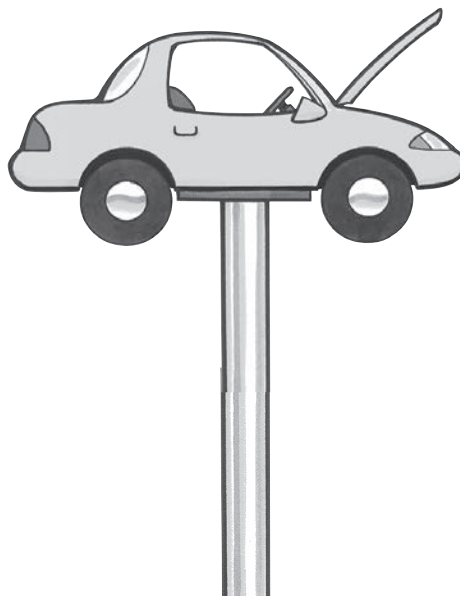
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Facing down the tough times

While our current economy hasn't dipped to the level it did during the Great Depression, several conversations as of late have gone there, particularly since COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine, have put a strain on our economy. Further, electricity rates have increased dramatically, and will only get worse this winter, when colder weather settles in again and we need more light to stave off the darkness at 4 p.m. Will it get so bad that people will turn to flashlights and candles around the dinner table? Let's hope not. Perhaps a new push for solar energy will resurface.

To date, the Great Depression was the worst economic decline in modern times. A hard jump from the 'Roaring Twenties,' when Americans were enjoying a robust economy with more time to spend and recreate.

After the stock market crash in 1929, those who were still employed saw a decrease in pay of roughly 40 percent. This included doctors and other affluent careers. One quarter of the population remained without a living wage. With that said, the typical American had to adapt to a new way of life that included a level of scrimping and saving never seen before.

Homemakers, who were primarily women back then, were shown how to make due with what they had in the kitchen. Meals were stretched as far as possible. To do so, people learned to enjoy more casseroles, such as macaroni and cheese, chili, Mulligan stew (a mix of anything available), bologna casserole, and a 'poorman's meal' (fried potato with diced hot dogs). Another go-to was 'hot water pie,' which was made up from simple ingredients such as butter, vanilla, sugar and flour. Potluck gatherings were also a cheap way for people to come together and socialize. Thrift gardens popped up in vacant lots across the country where community members could grow food, feeding thousands.

Movie theaters were a major source of entertainment during the years leading up to the depression. After the economy tanked, people had to find other, cheaper forms of leisure. One third of the cinemas in the country were shuttered. Miniature golf courses charged people no more than 50 cents per round, making the low-key game another popular thing to do. With that said, board games such as Scrabble and Monopoly became all the rage. People were also tuning into the radio for comedy shows and other dramas.

More women became employed to supplement lost income, despite the fact that they were paid significantly less than men. Government help was also more socially acceptable after President Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced New Deal programs. Before the Depression, those receiving welfare were listed in local newspapers, which was a deterrent for many to accept government assistance.

Men grew insecure after not being able to provide for their families, which caused an uptick in suicide. Divorce rates were low, because couples could not afford to separate, even though many couples did unofficially split.

Traveling by rail became very common for teenagers who sought work to help their families on the road. As far as lawlessness, violent crimes did increase; however fell after a few years.

On another note, one topic of conversation has been in regard to political theatre. Stay informed, watch unbiased news reports and pay attention to the words that are coming out of the mouths of actual people, not newscasters. You can draw a lot from what people are actually saying and doing, without watching a bit of news, then go from there. To comment on an issue, be informed. If you are not informed, don't vote and refrain from conversations about topics of which you cannot contribute.



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Sunflowers, like Suntastic Jaune Coeur Noir, are commonly started from seeds in the garden.

Save money by planting flower seeds directly in the garden

Don't worry if you have already spent most of your plant budget for the year. Fill voids in your gardens and containers with heat tolerant annuals planted from seeds directly in the garden.

Zinnia and marigolds are traditional favorites often started from seeds planted directly in the garden. These germinate quickly and begin flowering in about eight weeks.

Zinnias are heat and drought tolerant once established. The Profusion series are compact, disease resistant, and produce flowers early and all season long. The Zahara series of zinnias are also heat and drought tolerant and resistant to leaf spot and mildew. Zinnias have excellent pollinator appeal and make great cut flowers.

Moss rose's drought tolerance makes it an excellent choice for sandy, gravelly, and rocky areas. The fine seeds make it a bit more challenging to plant. Try mixing the seeds with sand to help distribute the seeds more evenly. Look for varieties like Afternoon Delight and the Happy Hour and Sundial series with flowers that open earlier or stay open later in the day, extending your enjoyment.

Cleome is a big annual that can easily fill the space between those small, newly planted shrubs. It prefers full sun and moist well-drained soil but will tolerate dry conditions. Thin seeds so the final spacing of plants is between 1 to 3 feet. The more space, the fuller and bushier the plant. These plants reseed readily so watch for volunteer plants in next year's garden.

Sunflowers are commonly started from seeds in the garden. You will find single and double flowered varieties

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ranging in height from 18 inches to 12 feet or more. Stagger your planting to extend the bloom time. Plant seeds every two weeks, so you have lots of fresh flowers to enjoy. Just check the seed packet for the number of days from planting until

flowering. Make sure your last planting has time to reach maturity and bloom before the end of your growing season.

Mexican sunflower is not as well known as the common sunflower but is just as welcome in the garden. The bright orange flowers combine nicely with yellow, blue, and purple flowers and attract butterflies and other pollinators to the garden. Grow these in a sunny area with well-drained soil. Avoid windy locations that may cause the brittle stems to break. Give this big plant plenty of room to reach its mature size. Mexican sunflower grows four to six feet tall and two to three feet wide. Fiesta del Sol and Goldfinger are shorter varieties that are a better fit for smaller spaces.

Check the seed packet for more details on planting seeds of these and other flowers directly in the garden. With proper planting and care you will have lots of flowers to enjoy this season.

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Tips to Grow Great Tomatoes

The taste of a garden tomato, warmed from the sun and plucked fresh from the vine, is a simple pleasure worth waiting all year for. While tasty tomatoes are undoubtedly the highlight of most backyard gardens, their sweet success can often be ensured with a few tricks of the trade. Read on for a compilation of tried and true tips:

Prep Plants: Harden off tomato plants for a week to ten days before transplanting outside.

Timely Transplants: Transplant tomatoes in late afternoon for best results.

Deep Seated: Growing deep, extensive roots and full leaves will help establish newly transplanted tomatoes. Many experienced tomato growers pull off the first flowers, so the plant does not devote energy to forming fruit before its roots and foliage have filled out.

Rotation Inoculation: Expert growers claim insect infestation and plant disease is reduced if you never plant tomatoes in the same spot more than three years in a row.

Mulching Mix: Mulching is an important garden task and natural mulches such as straw, leaves, pine needles and dried grass all are beneficial to tomato

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plants. Warm Up To Cool Down: Since mulch keeps the ground cool, it's important to wait until the ground soil warms to 65 degrees before laying the mulch.

Companion Crops: The plants in which tomatoes keep company with can affect their growth. Tomatoes like to grow near onions, parsley, chives, garlic, and carrots.

Early Irrigation: Water tomato plants early in the day to be sure leaves will be dry by nightfall

Think Ahead: Pound in stakes for future support at the same time you plant tomatoes. Waiting until later could the roots.

Tie it Up: Stake ties made of strips of old pantyhose or lightweight fabric won't cut into plants

Faded Flavor: If your tomatoes are large, but lack flavor, over watering might be the culprit.

** Freezing Tomatoes: If you're lucky enough to have too many tomatoes to use or give away at the end of the season, you might want to consider freezing.

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Crypto: Investment or speculation?

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But "invest" may not be the right word – because, in many ways, cryptocurrencies, or "crypto" for short, are more speculation than investment.

But what's really the difference between a speculator and an investor? Probably the main factor is the differing views of time. A true investor is in it for the long term, building a portfolio that, over many years, can eventually provide the financial resources to achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But speculators want to see results, in the form of big gains, right now – and they're often willing to take big risks to achieve these outcomes.



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There's also the difference in knowledge. Investors know that they're buying shares of stock in a company that manufactures products or provides services. But many speculators in cryptocurrency don't fully comprehend what they're buying – because crypto just isn't that easy to understand. Cryptocurrency is a digital asset, and cryptocurrency transactions only

exist as digital entries on a blockchain, with the "block" essentially being just a collection of information, or digital ledgers. But even knowing this doesn't necessarily provide a clear picture to many of those entering the crypto world.

In addition to time and understanding, two other elements help define cryptocurrency's speculative nature:

Volatility – Cryptocurrencies are subject to truly astonishing price swings, with big gains followed by enormous losses – sometimes within a matter of hours. What's behind this type of volatility? Actually, several factors are involved. For one thing, the price of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies depends heavily on supply and demand – and the demand can skyrocket when media outlets and crypto "celebrities" tout a particular offering. Furthermore, speculators will bet on crypto prices moving up or down, and these bets can trigger a rush on buying and selling, again leading to the rapid price movements. And many purchasers of crypto, especially young people, want to see big profits quickly, so when they lose large amounts, which is common, they often simply quit the market, contributing to the volatility.

Lack of regulation – When you invest in the traditional financial markets, your transactions are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the firms with which you invest are typically overseen by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Other agencies are also involved in regulating various investments. These regulating bodies work to ensure the basic fairness of the financial markets and to prevent and investigate fraud. But cryptocurrency exchanges are essentially unregulated, and this lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of "scam" exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices. This "Wild West" scenario should be of concern to anyone putting money in crypto.

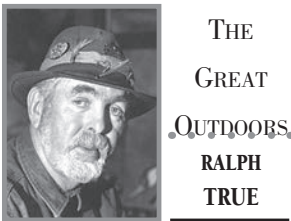
The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it's certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, caveat emptor – "let the buyer beware."

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The ups and downs of saltwater fishing



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Saltwater fishing had its ups and downs this past week on all fronts. “You should have been here yesterday,” was heard numerous times by local angler’s fishing salt water for numerous species, including stripers and seabass. The canal was hot one day, and slow the next. Nothing has changed. It happens every year. You need to put your time in if you want to catch fish. My brother Ken and I made a trip to the Providence River last Friday, launching the boat at the Hanes park boat ramp. There was not a single car at the boat ramp when we arrived at 5 a.m., which did not look good.

The 25 hp motor was started at 5:30 a.m., and we cruised out to our fishing spot, watching for any signs of baitfish (porgies) to be exact. We had two rods that were equipped with snag hooks, in case a school was spotted. As we headed back towards one of our fishing spots my brother Ken hooked into a nice size bluefish. After a brief battle, the fish was boated and placed in the cooler, which was packed with ice. That is one fish that needs to be bled out and kept cold if you want one for the table. We soon spotted a small group of boats near what they call the windmill area, because of a half dozen



This week’s picture shows Nate True with his 47-inch striper he caught, while fishing with his dad, Captain Mel True, Jr. last week in Narragansett Bay.

windmills in the area. As we approached the area, we could see that some of the anglers in the boats were in fact attempting to snag some porgies for bait. They were not doing very well, but we decided to hang around the area for a short time, hoping to see some action. Suddenly, my brother spotted a few rises from the bow of my boat and informed me that he saw a few porgies break the water. We quickly cast our snag hooks in their direction, and we both hooked into one. Quickly placing the fresh caught porgy on our circle hook that was ready for action on another rod, the baitfish was allowed to swim away. I was watching my fish

finder when suddenly the screen lit up showing a good school of bass down 10 feet under our boat. “Get ready, Ken!” I shouted. I no sooner said that and a large striper was on the end of my brother’s line. I suddenly felt a hard tug on my rod, and we both were fighting a good size bass. Both fish were boated after a 10-minute battle, but we thought we had a problem, because it looked as though they were over the limit allowed to retain. After measuring the two fish, our concerns were over, and we placed the two fish into the cooler. They both were just under the 35-inch limit. We decided to try catching some more porgies for another

day’s fishing when the outboard motor stopped. “OH, oh” were my first words out of my mouth. I lifted the gas tank and realized we were out of gas. Luckily, I had a spare tank that was full. Quickly hooking the fuel line to the full tank, the motor quickly responded to the tank of somewhat fresh gas. My relief was short lived as the motor started to sputter and stopped. The tank was found in my shed a year ago, and I took the time to carefully clean it out before adding the new gas. Evidently, I did not do a good job. I got the motor started and we headed for home with my constant squeezing the ball to keep the gas



My granddaughter Andrea, my great granddaughter Eva, myself ,and my great grandson Logan aboard my nephew's boat Fishnet Charters a couple of weeks ago. They all love to fish!

flowing, and the motor running. I was sure glad to pull into the boat ramp. No tow job needed today! After putting the boat on the trailer, I opened the cooler to admire our catch. It took the pain of the screwed-up motor out of my mind, and I realized we were lucky to make it back to the boat ramp. The joys of owning a boat! Contaminated gas can sure ruin a good day of fishing, but we were lucky on that day to come in on our own. This week’s picture shows Nate True with a monster striper he

caught while fishing with his dad in one of the bays in Rhode Island last week. The fish is not the largest bass he has caught while fishing with his dad, and I am sure they will get bigger as the days and years go by. Captain Mel True often fished with his dad on my boat back when Mel, Jr. was Nates age. He loved fishing then and loves it even more today. They will be making a lot of memories in the years ahead. Keep them rods bending!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



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Most of us have a daily routine. We get out of bed, make some coffee, have some food, go to work, come back home and do it all over again the next day. In the same way that we have a daily physical routine, we also have a routine thought life. Because we are doing the same types of things every day, we also start thinking the same kinds of thoughts every day. These thought patterns become so ingrained into our minds that it’s hard to think and feel differently. Our thought patterns become so strong that it usually feels impossible to change unless something terrible happens that forces us to change. When we exercise the same parts of our brain every day, those parts become stronger, while the parts of our brain that we don’t use become weaker. I had a friend in college who said out loud several times a day, “I’m such a

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ing them. Did you know it is possible to quickly freeze raw tomatoes without blanching them first? They can be frozen without their skins or frozen whole with their skins. Note: Frozen tomatoes are best used in cooked foods such as soups, sauces and stews as they become mushy when they’re thawed. Here’s how: Select firm, ripe tomatoes for freezing. Sort the tomatoes, discarding any that are spoiled. Wash them in clean water. Dry them by blotting with a clean cloth or paper towels. Freezing Whole Tomatoes with Peels: Prepare tomatoes as described above. Cut away the stem scar. Place the tomatoes on cookie sheets and freeze. Tomatoes do not need to be blanched before freezing. Once frozen, transfer the tomatoes from the cookie sheets into freezer bags or other containers. Seal tightly. To use the frozen tomatoes, remove them from the freezer a few at a time or all at once. To peel, just run a frozen tomato under warm water in the kitchen sink. Its skin will slip off easily. Freezing Peeled Tomatoes: If you prefer to freeze peeled tomatoes, you can wash the tomatoes and then dip them in boiling water for about 1 minute or until the skins split. Peel and then freeze as noted above. Lifespan: To extend the lifetime of frozen foods maintain good quality, package foods in material intended for freezing and keep the temperature of the freezer at 0 degrees F or below. It is generally recommended frozen vegetables be eaten within about eight months for best quality.

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Shaking up your thought routine

loser!” Despite his constant negativity, he was a good guy and very funny, but he had this habit of shouting negative things whenever anything inconvenient happened to him. One time my dad came up to visit me at college. He and my dad got into a long conversation about positive thinking. During the conversation, my dad suggested that instead of telling himself negative things, he tried telling himself positive things. He responded, “Well, that would be a lie to do that. It’s not how I truly feel; it feels unnatural even to consider it.” My dad shrugged and said, “I think if you forced yourself to do it, it would begin to feel natural.” There is a principle that Napoleon Hill wrote about in Think and Grow Rich called “Autosuggestion.” He says, “Autosuggestion is the agency of control through which an individual may voluntarily feed his subconscious mind on thoughts of a creative nature, or, by neglect, permit thoughts of a destructive

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nature...” Autosuggestion is a technique we have all used knowingly or unknowingly. When you affirm negative or positive thoughts, you’re tapping into the principle of Autosuggestion. When my friend from college constantly affirmed negativity, he was negatively using Autosuggestion. One of the most basic ways to use Autosuggestion for good is to repeat positive affirmations. There were times in my life when I felt overwhelmed; I’d catch myself saying, “I can’t do this anymore!”. I’d repeat it over and over unconsciously until I felt such despair it became hard to continue. I felt dysfunctional and unable to accomplish my dreams. Later, I decided to practice Autosuggestion. When I found myself in overwhelming situations, I started repeating, “I can do this; I have all I need to accomplish this and more.” As a result, I became more productive, focused, competent, and less stressed. Many studies have shown that if

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you positively use Autosuggestion, by repeating positive affirmations and removing negative ones, new thinking patterns will emerge; they’ll become familiar and eventually become the dominant thoughts in your life. I understand that Autosuggestion may not be for everybody. I was talking to a friend about this the other day, he wanted to change his thoughts, but he found it impossible. He said, “I’ve tried, but no matter what, my negative thought life takes over. I can’t do it!” I met a prominent person in the marketing world who used to have a lot of success as a child actor. Once he became an adult, the acting jobs became few and far between; this led him to many years of being very depressed. Eventually, he overcame his depression; he became a very positive, successful person in a completely different career. How was he able to do this? He developed a habit, every morning, of writing on paper ten things for which he is grateful. This habit helped him put things in perspective and caused negative thought patterns to die off. He replaced his negative thought patterns with gratitude. Plenty of evidence shows that Autosuggestion and Gratitude are very effective methods for changing your thought patterns. Try one or both; if you can do it for long enough, a new way of living will open up to you in a way you never thought possible. Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy - Nominated A Separate Peace, and the CEO of Cubestream Inc.

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SPORTS

Seekonk narrowly defeats Minutemen in Division 4 State Semifinals



Bay Path's Zack Fritze tags out Seekonk's Declan Lush during an attempted steal of second base.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

LYNN — No doubt any loss to end a season is heartbreaking. But for the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team, even in defeat — a narrow 2-1 setback to No. 7 Seekonk High in the Division 4 State Semifinals on Tuesday, June 14 at Fraser Field — they can hold their heads high for how well they played. The 14th ranked Minutemen played error-free ball defensively and freshman pitcher Dale Nussey tossed a complete game and only allowed the two runs.

“I’m so proud of these kids,” said Bay Path head coach Mark Sansoucy. “They were one of the top eight teams to make it into the Districts [Central Mass. Tournament], one of the top four teams to make it into the State Vocational Tournament, and one of the teams to make it to the State Final Four, it’s unbelievable.”

The Minutemen finished 19-6. In Nussey’s six innings of work, he allowed seven hits and a walk while striking out two.

“He pitched great. You couldn’t ask any more from him, a freshman stepping up in a game like that — it was great,” Sansoucy said of Nussey’s performance. “He’s been like that all year. He’s confident, nothing bothers him. He wants the ball, great competitor.”

The only problem for Bay Path was that they couldn’t solve the pitching of Seekonk sophomore Declan Lush, who went all seven innings and gave up the one run on five hits while striking out six and walking one.

“He kind of pitched almost the same way as our pitcher, he kept everybody off-balance. He mixed it up good,” Sansoucy said of Lush.

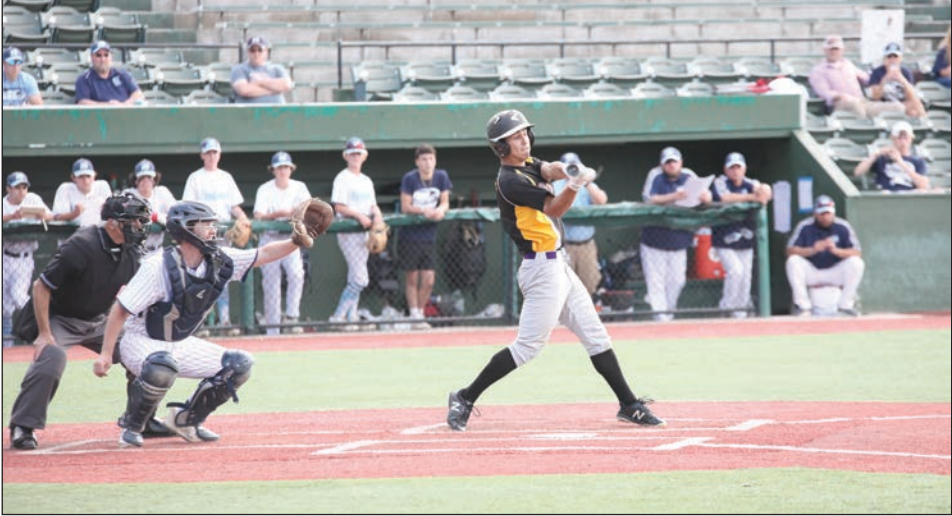
The Minutemen did solve Lush — at least for one run — in the top of the fourth inning to take a 1-0 lead. Zack Fritze, a junior, led off with a single and then grabbed a one-out steal of second base. Fellow junior Matt Rousakos (2-for-3) followed with an RBI single up the middle.

Seekonk then immediately gained the lead in the home half of the fourth with a two-run inning. There, fresh-

BELOW: Bay Path's Zack Moody checks his swing at a high pitch for a called ball.



man Connor Flynn (2-for-3) and Lush (2-for-3) singled and senior Kevin Crowe dropped down a perfect sacrifice bunt to push the runners over to second and third base. Then, with two outs, senior Cullen Steitz and freshman David Souto followed with back-to-back singles. Neither ball was hit particularly well, with Steitz beating out an infield hit and Souto dropping one into shallow left field.



Brandon Martocci of Bay Path swings at a pitch up in the zone and gets the barrel of the bat on the ball.



Bay Path pitcher Dale Nussey delivers the ball to the plate in the Minutemen's 2-1 loss to Seekonk in the Division 4 State Semifinals.

LEFT: First baseman Matt Rousakos of Bay Path gets low to scoop the ball and record an out while Seekonk's Carmine Capuano runs down the line.

They helped me and talked to me before the game. They joked around with me,” said Nussey, who also credited catcher Dylan McDonald, a junior, with calling a great game behind the plate. “My catcher did a great job changing it up to batters, great curveball and fastball mix.”

McDonald also threw out two would-be Seekonk base stealers at second base. “He’s a great catcher,” said Nussey.

The Warriors then played No. 5 Manchester-Essex Regional for the Division 4 State Championship on Saturday, June 18. The Hornets defeated Seekonk for the title, 2-0.

Registration now open for inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge



BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge being held at Lake Quacumquasit (aka South Pond) in Brookfield/Sturbridge on Sunday, August 7, according to event organizer Jennifer Yorzyk-Triger.

The Wild Bill Swim Challenge includes events open water swimming races for all ages and ability levels, including a three-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start and a maximum swim time of two hours and 30 minutes, a one-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start, a one-mile paddleboard/swim relay for two entrants with a 10:30 a.m. start, and a one-way 400-yard swim with an 11:30 a.m. start. Entry fees and registration information

can be found on the event website at wildbillswim.org.

There will also be fun activities for the family, entertainment, food trucks, and a Vintage Bathing Beauties & Bokes Pageant. The event will conclude with a celebration of winners on the South Pond beach at 12:30 p.m.

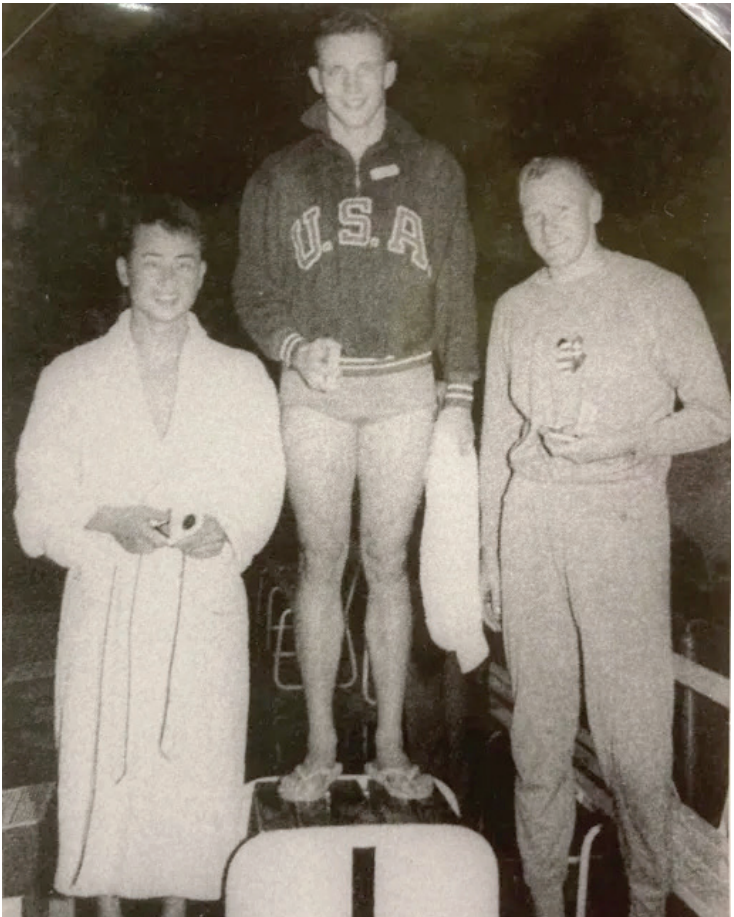
Yorzyk-Triger created the event as a tribute to her father, Olympic Gold Medalist Dr. William “Bill” Yorzyk, who died in 2020. Dr. Yorzyk, a long-time resident of South Pond, took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. He was a five-time NCAA All American who set a total of 11 World Records. Yorzyk swam competitively into his 70s and passed on his love of the sport to his sons and daughter.

Proceeds from this first Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and funded by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program. The Town of Sturbridge, which is managing the proj-

ect, is working with the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QQLA), the ESS Environmental Group, and Solitude Lake Management to conduct an alum treatment targeting deep phosphorus-rich sediment in South Pond that could be completed as early as spring 2023.

“With the Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge we’ve created an event where people will enjoy the beautiful water of South Pond while this year supporting a project that will ensure its sustained cleanliness,” explains Yorzyk-Triger. Starting with the 2023 event, she plans to use the proceeds from future challenges to create and fund a permanent scholarship for competitive swimmers in Dr. Zorzyk’s memory.

Yorzyk-Triger says volunteers and sponsorships are also needed. For more information, email Jenn Yorzyk-Triger at jenn@wildbillswim.org. Additional updates will be available on Facebook (The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge), Instagram (@wildbillswim), and the QQLA website at qqla.org. Donations are also being accepted at gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge.



A young Bill Yorzyk took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. (Left: Silver medalist Takashi Ishimoto, Japan. Right: Bronze medalist György Tumpek, Hungary)

SPORTS

Sturbridge Girls Softball League enjoys successful Spring Jamboree



Courtesy photos

The Sturbridge Girls Softball League recently hosted a Spring Jamboree at Burgess Elementary School, with over 300 people taking part in the special event.

On Sunday, June 12, the Sturbridge Girls Softball League hosted a Spring Jamboree. More than 300 people congregated at Burgess Elementary School for food, fun, competitions, and a Battle at the Crossroads. Sturbridge 12 U Green vs. Sturbridge 12 U Gold played a 1 p.m. game to determine who was the best in town. Green ended up taking the win for a 17-7 victory. Boy Scouts Troop 161 provided color guard services for the game. The Sturbridge Fire Department joined with a fire truck and ambulance to provide hands-on safety demonstrations. Our families enjoyed a bouncy house (Simon Sayz Entertainment), food trucks (Thai Chili Food Truck and Maddie's Dogs, Ice Cream by Suzy Q), Face painting (thepaintandpartyplace.com) and Michelle Fanion provided water and real estate guidance. We had an amazing day to celebrate our athletes, and we are proud to be a large and growing softball community with 160 players. Our Fall Registration has opened, and we encourage players of all abilities, in Sturbridge and sur-

rounding towns, to join our league! Our website is www.sturbridgegirlssoftball.com and our goal is to grow our league and to provide positive experiences for our players and their families on and off the field.

The results of the league's competitions are as follows:

Strongest Arm (Farthest Throw):
Tots — Kelsey P. 14 Feet
Inst. — Evie D. 40 Feet
8 U — Caroline P. 58 Feet
10 U — Kaylianna D. 90 Feet
12 U — Scarlett M. 99 Feet
Sturbridge Dash (Fastest from home to first):
Tots — Alysa D. 5.96 Seconds
Inst. — Vera B. 4.21 Seconds
8 U — Scarlett D. 3.74 Seconds
10 U — Lucy M. 3.5 Seconds
12 U — Juliana M. 3.61 Seconds
Slugfest (Farthest hit off the tee):
Tots — Lena B. 53 Feet
Inst. — Evie D. 110 Feet
8 U — Penelope S. 115 Feet
10 U — Violet F. 180 Feet
12 U — Juliana F. 204 Feet



Swim-a-thon in memory of Kendra Iller-Britton to benefit DetecTogether



On Jan. 31, Kendra Iller-Britton lost her brave battle with Signet ring cell carcinoma. Even though she was in the fight of her life, she always thought of others. Kendra volunteered by speaking about her cancer journey while advocating for the '3 steps to detect' philosophy of the non-profit DetecTogether. We encourage you to listen to Kendra's story in her own words by visiting www.detectogether.org/take-action/learn-from-others/kendra-iller-diagnosed-at-21/

The Southbridge Tri-YMCA would like to celebrate Kendra's life and spirit by hosting a swim-a-thon. Swim, food and a fun way to raise money for DetecTogether will take place Sunday,

June 26 at 9:30 a.m. (ages 8 and under) and 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. (all other ages) at the Tri-YMCA (43 Everett Street). To sign up, please visit https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YN0lbpNpmL-Jbq-2QyF86t_FgRQ9V4lrWswsXB-1kk/edit?usp=sharing

Donations can be made in a fixed amount (either cash or check made out to DetecTogether on the day of the swim-a-thon), a pledge per lap, virtually to DetecTogether.org, or by visiting www.facebook.com/donate/1133623560523139/ to the Torpedoes page. If you are donating online or via check, ensure you notate "In Memory of Kendra Iller-Britton – Swim-A-Thon"



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OBITUARIES

Myron Andrew Reynolds, 93

CHARLTON- Myron Andrew Reynolds, 93 of Charlton, died on June 15, 2022, at UMASS/Memorial Healthcare in Worcester, MA.



He leaves behind his sons Russell Reynolds of Eastford, and Howard Reynolds of Thompson, CT; a daughter, Rebecca Gauthier of Charlton; his sister Marion Reynolds of Charlton; 6 grandchildren

Heather Burns, Andrew Reynolds, James George, Kara George, Howard Reynolds II and Tyler Reynolds; 6 great-grandchildren Tristan, Layla, Harlee, Savanna, Brody, Rylee; several nieces and nephews.

Born in Charlton son to the late Lewis Reynolds, and Leana (Jaskoviak) Reynolds. He was predeceased by his 2brothers Warren and Emerson, and his 4 sisters Helen Brewer, Gertrude Miller, Shirley Bromley and Barbara Zajac.

Myron served as a Corporal in the

Army from 1952 until 1954 and was a Veteran of The Korean war. He worked for 22 years at Red Star as a truck driver.



Myron belonged to the Teamsters Local #170 and was a member of the Beagle Club. He also was a Snowbird and belonged to the Snowmobile Club. He enjoyed farming and taking care of his yard.

A Funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday June 22nd at Belanger Bullard Funeral Home located at 51 Marcy St. Southbridge, MA. Interment will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards St. Paxton, MA.

Calling Hours were held on Tuesday, June 21st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Belanger Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge, MA.

Onlinecondolencesmaybemade to the family at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Bryant University graduates inspired, ready to make their mark

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — On May 21 at Bryant University’s 159th Commencement celebration, 775 members of the class of 2022 received a Bryant degree at a time when the value of a Bryant education has never been greater. Bryant was recently ranked in the top 1% in the nation for return on investment and was also cited as a top school for economic mobility.

Four years ago, members of Bryant’s undergraduate Class of 2022 arrived from around the world, each with unique goals and dreams and all envisioning the moment they would step through

Bryant’s iconic Archway ready to contribute to the future. Little did anyone imagine the unprecedented challenges they would face when in 2020, a global pandemic changed the world for everyone. Undeterred, this group of students has forged ahead with resilience and determination, becoming stronger for the journey.

“We will continue to proudly represent Bryant wherever we go-whether our travels take us abroad or to local communities. Being Bryant Strong means turning obstacles into opportunities, challenges into choices, and vanquishments into victories,”

said Paul Theriault ‘22, who delivered the Student Charge at the Commencement ceremony.

Bryant graduates now join powerful alumni network of more than 50,000 accomplished leaders around the world.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 graduates including:

McKensie Avanesian of Sturbridge, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Human Resource Management.

Alyssa Slade of Brimfield, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Marketing.

Nicholas Lawrence graduates from CCU in May 2022

CONWAY, S.C. — Coastal Carolina University recognized more than 1,200 students during its spring commencement ceremonies, held May 6-7. Among the graduates was Nicholas Lawrence, a Intelligence & National Security Studies major from Fiskdale.

A Universitywide ceremony recognizing all graduates was held on Saturday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in Brooks Stadium and featured a keynote address by Vanessa Wyche, a Conway, S.C., native and director of NASA’s Johnson Space Center. Each of CCU’s academic colleges held individual ceremonies during the weekend, where graduates’ names were called and they had the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their diploma covers.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, locat-

ed just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C. CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the University’s graduate-level programs are 27 master’s degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,400 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

Area residents named to Bridgewater State Dean’s List

BRIDGEWATER — The following Massachusetts residents were named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at Bridgewater State University:

Auburn
Ava J. Novakoski

Blackstone
Meagan M. Brodeur, Brad M. Chausse, Abigail Putnam, Stephanie M. Spear, Alex M. Staples and Gabriella M. Torricelli.

Brimfield
Spike Austin, Jim W. Damon and Joshua Watts.

Charlton
Shaelyn K. Donovan and Jake J. Fortin

Charlton City
Kayla Canty

Cherry Valley
Nicole M. Petrone

Douglas
Samantha R. Gibson, Nathan Haire, Ryan D. Kuczer, Emily N. Mitchell and Cody J. Winchell.

Dudley
Lindsay M. Vo

Fiskdale
Nate H. Eliason, Allie J. Morin

Grafton

Ashley R. Berardi
Groton
Shannon M. Kilcommins, Elise N. Prince

Leicester
Alex Cruz, Hannah M. Dufries, Juliana Golemo

Milford
Antonia J. Bonina, Kirsten A. Buddington Davis, Julia A. Cacciola, Tiago A. Filadelfo, Danielle K. Fokas, Brian Grier, Bianca S. Guerreiro, Connor P. Henderson, Ashley E. LaVergne, Brenna E. Mackie, Beshoy A. Mhareb, Anthony T. Miano, Tyler J. Morgan, Jacklyn S. Norris, Kelley Reichert, Holly E. Roberts, Kayleigh A. Wilcox

Millbury
Olivia J. Dean, Kaylee M. Lambert, Max Sarro, Emma Turner, Nathan T. White, Nolan Wright

Millville
Bailee C. Baillargeon, Charlie Dakai

North Brookfield
Shannon M. Daige, Sam K. Rischitelli

Northbridge
Lauren H. Johnson, Vanessa R. Karagosian

Oxford

Corinne N. Holmes, Danielle C. Johnson, Abigail H. Rice

Rochdale
Sam P. LaCoste

Southbridge
Kolby A. Lamoureux, Amelia L. Tieri

Spencer
Richard J. Butler, Jack J. Dalton, Julie M. Mason

Sturbridge
Ally Houck

Sutton
Christopher P. Fredericks, Kayla J. McMahon, Ashleigh C. Niewiera, Kyla D. Rae, Abigail E. Reardon, Laura A. White

Upton
Julia Morais, Meghan R. Schrafft

Uxbridge
Felicia D’Ambra, Geovanna A. Freire, Ava K. Howe, Ariana L. Kasper, Reid M. Miller, Brenna R. Neill, Nolan C. Psuik, Aidan M. Ryan, Angela Young

Webster
Georgia R. Caissie, Matthew R. Powers

Whitinsville
Mackenzie R. Gifford, Sophia Lind, Gabrielle C. Mateer, Kim A. Shorey

Tracy Murray Graduates from University of Hartford’s College of Arts and Sciences

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Tracy Murray of Charlton graduated from the University of Hartford in May of 2022.

Tracy earned their Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

Congratulations to Tracy and the entire UHart Class of 2022!

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More than 6,300 URI students named to Spring 2022 Dean’s List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2022 Dean’s List. Students named to the Dean’s List represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Abby Bullard of Charlton
Derek Chalmers of Charlton
Julia Cierpich of Charlton
Sydney Davey of Sturbridge
Mary Godek of Wales
Austin Mancini of Sturbridge
Katlyn Shonak of Sturbridge

To view the entire Dean’s List, visit: uri.edu/academics/deans-list/.

Note: Students who qualified for the Dean’s List, but have restricted access to their information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines, are not included on this public listing.

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A

B

Answers: 1. Missing photo in back 2. Extra rose 3. Pearls are longer 4. Missing leaf front right flower

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ANSWER: ROSES

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Solve the code to discover words related to roses.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = R)

A. 22 14 16 5 21
Clue: Modified flower leaf

B. 16 8 18 19 6
Clue: Sharp protrusion

C. 2 19 5 26 19 5 6 20 14
Clue: Aroma

D. 20 18 21 18 19
Clue: Hue

Answers: A. petal B. thorn C. fragrance D. color

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Nichols College students earn academic honors for Spring 2022

DUDLEY — More than 400 students at Nichols College in Dudley have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the spring 2022 semester. The Dean's List and President's List recognize those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours with no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

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Andrew McCarthy of Uxbridge
Jason O'Regan of Charlton
Jenna Savoie of Charlton
Emma Tyler of Charlton
Angel Colon Rivera of Fiskdale
Michael Pelozo of Brimfield
Abigail Zahr of Fiskdale
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The mission of Nichols College is to educate and enlighten students to capitalize on their ambitions and to become impactful, forward looking global leaders.

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Amber Grybowski of Charlton
John Jakubowski of Charlton
Ben LaPointe of Charlton
Jack Morvan of Uxbridge
Chris Rogalski of Charlton
Benjamin Wiersma of Uxbridge
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STCC students named to dean's list

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield Technical Community College celebrates the accomplishment of the 774 students who were named to the spring 2022 dean's list. The dean's list is published each semester to recognize excellence in academic performance. To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester, or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above grade point average.

Briana Bathrick of Wales
Nicole Blackmer of Brimfield

Nicolas DeSantis of Holland
Adam Garvey of Brimfield
Sarah Girard of Brimfield
Samantha Hunt of Sturbridge
Ashley LaPalm of Brimfield

STCC, the Commonwealth's only technical community college, continues the pioneering legacy of the Springfield Armory with comprehensive and technical education in manufacturing, STEM, healthcare, business, social services, and the liberal arts. STCC's highly regarded workforce, certificate, degree, and transfer programs are the most affordable in Springfield and provide unequalled opportunity for the vitality of Western Massachusetts. Founded in 1967, the college - a designated Hispanic Serving Institution - seeks to close achievement gaps among students who traditionally face societal barriers. STCC supports students as they transform their lives through intellectual, cultural, and economic engagement while becoming thoughtful, committed and socially responsible graduates.

STCC celebrates the class of 2022

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield Technical Community College is proud to recognize the following students who have completed their graduation requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year. Members of the Class of 2022 were recognized during Commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 2.

Sarah Girard of Brimfield
Nicolas DeSantis of Holland
Caleb Poirier of Holland
Nicole Blackmer of Brimfield

Adam Garvey of Brimfield

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Charlton resident awarded Denault Scholarship

CHARLTON — Samuel Murillo of Charlton, a graduate of Bay Path Regional Technical Vocational High School, Class of 2020, has been awarded the Ronald J. Denault Memorial Scholarship, given in memory of a local police officer who served the community for more than 30 years.

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Local students earn Dean’s List recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — The following students from your readership area have been recognized on the Dean’s List at Norwich University for the Spring 2022 semester:

- * Reagan Sanborn, Charlton
- * Matthew Mahon, Sturbridge
- * Kaylee Olander, Sturbridge
- * Dalton Maenpaa, Wales

Full-time undergraduate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 are awarded Dean’s List honors.

About Norwich University
Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military

college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation’s six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

- * Dominic Battista of Charlton)
- * Aiden Bishop of Charlton
- * Megan Kennedy of Charlton)
- * Louie Zanca of Charlton
- * Scott Baldracchi of Fiskdale
- * George Foto of Southbridge
- * Joseph Brown of Sturbridge
- * Robert Mulder of Sturbridge

Local students named to Holy Cross Deans List

WORCESTER — A total of 1,457 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross’ Dean’s List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Abel Lidonde of Holland, Class of 2025
Matthew Sexton of Wales, Class of 2022

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

About Holy Cross
The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, is among the nation’s leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

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Wales resident named to President’s List at Dean College


FRANKLIN — Alicia Nascembeni of Wales has earned a place on the President’s List for the Spring 2022 semester. Students named to the President’s List have demonstrated a series commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

Local residents make Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Spring 2022 semester.

✿✿✿Friday’s Child✿✿✿



Corey

Age 14

I want to be a scientist when I grow up!

Corey is a happy, loveable and insightful young man of African American descent. He enjoys Legos, roller coasters, and anything athletic. Corey loves Chinese food and he can cook grilled cheese, eggs, and pancakes. He is an appealing and sociable child who relates well to older kids and adults and has formed positive relationships with his peers and works well in group activities. Corey wants to be a scientist when he grows up.

Legally freed for adoption, Corey’s social worker is looking for a loving and supportive two-parent family or a single parent with other adults in the home or in close proximity for daily support. It is also important that he has a mother figure and he is the youngest in the home. Corey needs to maintain contact with his big sister, Kiy’aa, who is also free for adoption, and if possible would love a family willing to open their home to her.

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