

OBITUARIES

Jerome M. Kuik, 83

Jerome M. Kuik, 83, of Uxbridge, MA, passed away while in Bradenton, FL, after an illness, surgery, and complications while in rehab. Jerome was born on February 16, 1940, in Waupun, WI, and was the son of Martin and Christina Kuik. He married Phyllis Kuik, his wife of 63 years, and moved to Chicago, IL, for their first years of marriage. They later moved to Whitinsville, MA., Jerome is survived by his wife, Phyllis, his children and their spouses, Kimberly (Doug) Piquard, Thomas (Valerie) Kuik, Sharon (Garro) Ohanian, Nicole (Nathan) Rinsema. He also leaves behind 10 grand-



children (along with 5 spouses), and 10 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way. Visitation was held 4-7 PM, Wednesday, May 31, at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, Whitinsville, MA. A Celebration of Life will be at 10:30AM, Thursday, June 1 at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26th Street Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers,

donations may be made to Whitinsville Christian School. Condolences may be made to www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com.

STEM

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STEM subjects, but also more generally in life and career."

Studies indicate that students decide "as early as elementary school" whether they enjoy—and think they're good at—math and science.

"Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations based on their own short stories, PLTW Launch students engage in critical and creative

thinking, build teamwork skills, and develop a passion for and confidence in STEM subjects," a press statement reads.

Taft STEAM Lab is part of a community of PreK-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country "united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging, and empowering learning opportunities."

For more information about PLTW's recognition program, visit pltw.org.

LIBRARY

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Board of Library Commissioners.

"The Trustees hope to be ready with a strong application in 2024, and a strong application needs community input," Snook said.

There will also be additional focus

groups and discussion opportunities for those who cannot make this forum but would still like to participate in the process.

"We'll find a way to get your input," Snook said.

As of press time, the building funds for library upgrades stood at \$161,272. For more information, visit mysfpl.org.

FISHING

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new people.

"I will definitely be at the next one," Sally said.

"The big fish I was trying for got away," Pam added.

The Douglas Adult Social Center is planning another senior fishing day event in September, Rousseau said.

Additionally, the center is offering several upcoming events this summer, including:

JUNE

June 8: Annual Police/Senior Barbecue at the Beagle Club, noon-3 p.m.; RSVP by June 2.

June 15-August 31: Binge Watch Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; attendees will watch "Anne with an E."

June 16: Park Ranger Luncheon with the Sunshine Club, noon; cold lunch will be served for \$5.00.

June 21: Movie & Lunch, noon; stuffed chicken breast, potato, vegetable, and dessert for \$4. Movie is "Begin Again."

June 27: Wellness Clinic with Nurse Ann.

JULY

July 13: Movie & Lunch; BLT, pasta salad, and dessert for \$4. Movie is "80 for Brady," and attendees may wear their favorite Patriots attire.

July 13: Hearing Aid Clinic with Darcy, 10 a.m.; attendees can have their hearing aids checked and cleaned.

July 19: Sodium/Hydration Presentation, 11:30 a.m. with lunch; broccoli, chicken alfredo, salad, and dessert for \$4.

LETTER

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evacuees' houses will be sold, and their jobs filled, by people 'movin on up', as George Jefferson used to say. We will recover the tax revenue. Since the rich tend to use more of our natural resources and facilities - because they can afford more - their exodus, if it ever materializes, will leave more for the rest of us. As you can see, the campaign to overturn the millionaire tax, is already underway. Don't forget that the bottling industry and other self-interest groups spent almost \$10 million to convince Mass residents to vote against the extension of the bottle bill in 2014, because it would be 'inconvenient, and expensive (five cents, refundable) to be responsible with your wine and sports drink empties. Just think of the burden we avoided!

More from last week: "Add to that, our rulers are also pro-criminal, pro law-breaking." Exhibit 1: GOP Rep. George Santos. Yes, Rachel Rollins was an abomination, and is out of State government. She violated the law. She is removed from office. Which should be the end of the story. Instead, we get a breathless, word-for-word recap of everything that transpired, including what she had for breakfast, and what time she went to bed. That's the difference between Democrats and Republicans. The law-and-order party only believes in law and order, when the other side is in the wrong. Rollins is out. Al Franken is out (over a joke photograph, without even being given the benefit of a hearing!) George Santos, on the other hand, has been indicted on 7 felonies, admitted publicly to his many lies, and is still in the Republican House, voting on critical legislation. The 120 or so Republican Congressmen and women who were involved in, or supported the January 6 insurrection haven't been expelled. They even refused to participate in the investigation. Yet, our intrepid Uxbridge chronicler, in her weekly demagoguery, has failed to do a deep dive into this travesty.

No one asked, but I dislike Merrick Garland. I think he has dragged his feet going after Herr Trump and his henchmen despite their myriad crimes. Striving to be politically independent, Garland appointed David Weiss to conduct the Hunter Biden investigation,

and Jack Smith to investigate Trump and the stolen documents. His office also opened the investigation into Rollins, because of "ethics concerns surrounding Rollins that threatened to undermine Attorney General Merrick Garland's efforts to restore the Justice Department's reputation for political independence after tumultuous years under Republican President Donald Trump." So, Garland is being criticized for taking that initiative against a Democrat? William Barr: Trump's Attorney General, on the other hand, killed the Mueller report, protected Trump at every opportunity, and then hired Durham to waste 4 years trying to dig up something against the FBI - headed by a Republican - for investigating Trump/Russia. Barr: after enabling 4 years of open corruption, and 2 impeachable offenses, is now out on his redemption tour; trying to excuse his behavior by criticizing the guy whose presidency he unabashedly covered for.

But, our main story tonight concerns "Marxists," the new boogymen conjured up by some local, and intended to strike fear into the hearts of everyday citizens. Marxism is the basis of, and more popularly referred to, as 'communism' - fear of which I thought had been put to rest with the end of the Vietnam War. The basic tenets of Marxism are: dialectical materialism, historical materialism, the theory of surplus value, class struggle, revolution, dictatorship of the proletariat and Communism. Can anyone tell me what these mean? Do you think our 'local history realist' knows?

For purposes of elucidation, I invited three renowned Marxists to provide their thoughts on L'affaire Rollins. Professors Groucho, Harpo, and Chico Marx agreed to weigh in. (Zeppo was unavailable, as he, along with Moe, Larry and Curly, are assisting Bev with her next Opinion piece.) Here is what they told me: "Rachel Rollins was Cocoonuts! Her Monkey Business got her into Duck Soup! She went Crackers, and what should have been simply A night at the Opera, became A Day at the Races, resulting in an embarrassment of Horse Feathers! She should be sentenced to A Night in Casablanca, (the Marxist equivalent of 5 years in Attica.)" Thank you, Professors Marx.

One last point - how dare anyone criticize Jill Biden for 'just' having a PhD in Social Justice! Henry Kissinger 'just' has a PhD in political science. Want to laugh at his 'posturing' as 'Doctor' Kissinger? Jill has returned class and dignity - along with 'white' Christmas - to the White House. Maybe if Dr. Biden had nude photos posted all over the Internet, she would gain the respect of Uxbridge's most practiced fear-monger? Or, maybe said fear-monger should just get a life, and, for a change, emulate "Be Best." Fat chance.

Rick Bevilacqua
Whitinsville

QCC announces Dean and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Spring 2023 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 439 students were named to the college's Dean's List and 826 students were named to the Merit List.

Dean's List

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List:

- All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).
- Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher; and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.
- All courses must be college level

Auburn: Logan Alexander, Emily Briddon, Jacqueline Cetrone, Zoe Coleman, Kelly Do, Erika Goff, Daquan Gooch, Emelis Henriquez, Angel Medina, Chanel Napoli, David Zona

Blackstone: Reno Caretta, Jacob Ridlon, Declan Shave

Brookfield: Emily Pope, Tay-Lynne Pope, Vanessa VanGerven

Charlton: Molly Cloutier, Emanuel Desouza, Zenyah Figueroa, Jordan Goulas, Jordan Keefe, Kellen Kinnes, Vitor Kuhn Scariot, Haley LaFortune, Jessica Lapiere, Amanda McDermott, Alexia McFarlin, Chase McKenney, Nicole Mulvey, Hanna Palmer, Jordyn Poirier, John Price, Maged Samwail, Dylan Sultz

Cherry Valley: Cilia Lannon

Dudley: Anthony Awad, Mina Boktor, Isabella Freitas, Thalia Hernandez, Nicole Karp, Emily Kolodziejczak, Christopher Lincoln, Amanda Wisnowski

East Brookfield: Grace Haight

East Douglas: Caroline Beaird, Hayden Krasner, Hannah Rosenkrantz, Ashley Schofield

Fiskdale: Drew Howard

Grafton: Jeremy Barrett, Evan Ducharme, Harrison Klumpenaar, Brinna Smith

Holland: Haley Dulmaine, Zane Salameh

Leicester: Camden Crocker, Nikolas Dagostino, Jason Edson, Jackie Long, Cassidy Saksa

Milford: Shanay Patel, Amanda Silva

Millbury: Gabriella Bianchi, Clarence Johnson, Madison LeClaire, Eric Renaud, Julia Silva Santiago, Nicholas Terp, Stephanie Xiao

Millville: Amelia Tober

North Brookfield: Liam Carlson, Deborah Hill

North Grafton: Fadi Alkoht, Sean Manning, Holly Martin

North Oxford: Shannen Hennessy, Gracyn Mauch

Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Bronte Chosta, Nicholas Cleary

Oxford: Joseph Gallant, Allison Hamel, Ashley Hamel, Chloe Hatstat, Blake Lentine, Amanda Listewnik, Brandon Pen, Julie Viola, Tyler Wilson

Rochdale: Stephen Collins, Kailyn Orrell

South Grafton: Nicholas Fobert

Southbridge: Kandy Alvarado, Kendall Barton, Evan Duffey, Bianca Fantaroni, Daniel Fuentes, Rosalie Groleau, Giovanni Hernandez, Anthony Lang, Emily Maldonado, Jacob McDonald, Ogochukwu Nwasolu, Abigail St. Laurent, Venus Streeter, Payton Vega, Amber Warden

Spencer: Matthew Heffernan, Thomas Heffernan, Lourdes Morales, Kyle Paquette, Kyle Sadusky, Yujia Wei

Sturbridge: Abby Arena, Brian Gagnon, Ryan Manners, Zoe Melanson

Sutton: Aliyssa Courville, Katherine Fields, Conor Hickey, Disha Khanna, Amanda Moulton, Tehreem Zainab

Upton: Adrienne Guertin

Uxbridge: Hailey Bergman, Antonio Demalia, Alexandra Gonzaga, Abigail Hanscom, Solomon LeFrancois, Jeremy Lutton, Nicholas Maracle, Justin Meola, Abigail Vanderbrug

Wales: Jalissa Gardner

Webster: Makayla Blanchard, Ashley Denham, Sean Flynn, Hlaing Htoo, Karma Lama, Falonne Modjom, Kasey Pechie, Jullia Pinheiro, Beatriz Roman, Kyle VanCott, Tyler Verrier

West Upton: Logan Quinn, Omer Rona

Whitinsville: Alison Beaupre, Melissa Sue Chenevert, Hunter Fabri, Alianna Georges, Patrick Spain

Merit List

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

- All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).
- Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher; and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.
- All courses must be college level

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Diana Bies, Hannah Chapelaine, Angela DiTommaso, Laura Keister, Paul Landry, Hao Mai, Emily Mills, Anthony Miranda, Maria Misenti, Aidan Owusu Mensah, Julia Paz, Matti Phaneuf, Sara Ruffi, Matthew Seaman, Cameron Szalay

Blackstone: Jordan Geoffroy, Joshua Johnson, Molly Malloy

Brimfield: Haileigh Chase, Lillian Morrell, Tye Zola

Brookfield: Kerry Gromosky, Jordan Miller, Hailey Myers

Charlton: Caitlyn Bussiere, Christopher Chute, Jordan Daigneault, Theresa Duke, Johnson Ebe, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Kaliana Gonzalez, Loriauna Graika, Jacob Heywood, Abigail Joesten, Lindsey Rodriguez, Hannah Sharma, Rebecka-Dawn Walley, Demerice Wolfenden

Cherry Valley: Stephanie Grayum

Douglas: Jason Michalski

Dudley: Aria Butler, Yakeydy Calderon, Katelyn Cathey-Johnson, Xavier Collazo, Shannon Germain, Michaela Goritsas, Michael Grant, Grace Jocson, Daniel Kelley, Heather Lamprey, Julie Milner, Kalli Rojas, Nicholas Ruo, Clarice Smith, Ann Marie Taylor, Nicholas Whitley, Gabriel daSilva

East Douglas: Jessica Bates, Abigail Bonneau, Ashlenn Collins, Britni Conner, Hunter Dunn, Gladis Fonseca, Jacob Masi, Marlene Muika, John Murphy, Mark Pepin, Ethan Soyinthisane

Fiskdale: Carina Holt, Tristan Shaw, Warren Zelenak

Grafton: Haley Becotte, Mackenzie Collins, Amber Dumas, Chad Duplessis, Michele Medeiros, Abigail O'Toole, Debokkawe Pannasiri, Catherine Spinney, Tracy Torteson, Audrey Ziegler

Holland: Beau Boudreau, Robert Smith, April Swanson

Leicester: Ryan Butler, Amy Carr, Amanda Frascolla, Linnette Lamptey, Constantino Rodriguez

Milford: Mariana Ferraz, Ian Flannery, Kyle Perry, Anthony Rodriguez

Millbury: Mari Alkhamisi, Katherine Bloom, Sandra Bravo, Jacob Brodeur, Kyliegh Corey, Christian Donaldson, Eva England, Ivie Lapointe, Melissa McMillen, Lily Nguyen, Kailey O'Neil, Lucas Ogasahara, Abdoul Aziz Salim Ouedraogo, Michael Quitadamo, Drassan Simon

Millville: Danielle Zaloudek

North Brookfield: Kristina Blankenship, Marisa Dunphe, Valeria Gimenez Fandino, Kyle Pagnoni

North Grafton: Franklin Burkey, Riley Cass, Ella Gullede, Nathan Jewers, Rabia Mateen, Brooke Nyren, Julia Pampalone, Christopher Whisenant

North Oxford: Antony Bradford, Nicole Dayutis, Julianna Marcoux

Northbridge: Aaron Bishop, Kyran Bishop, Krystal Bonafilia, Sarah Bowen-Catlin, Katrina Havey, Octavia Zahoruiko, Anthony Zanca

Oxford: Samantha Balko, Nina Cardoni, Alexandra Chumsae, Tommy Estevez, Wilfrid Fotso Tasse, Ariana Gelardi, Jennifer Gum, Kimberly Lindsey, Ellie Makowiecki, Brady Parmentier, Nicholas Rawson, Kelly Ritchie, Jared Torosian

Rochdale: Isabelle Maynard

South Grafton: Nicholas Carter, Nahum Echevarria-Jordan, Anthony Fisher, Tiffany Maynard, Nicole Parella, Joseph Salib, Joshua Steinbrecher

Southbridge: Kristina Bachand, Mikayla Battaglia, Kasey Chickering, Joseph Clem, Christina Crosby, Caitlyn Deliddo, Yarielis Diaz, Kelaia Espinoza, Margaret Githui, Scarlet Guzman Gil, Catherine Hamblin, Rhiannon Hogan, Denise Inthirathvongsy, Hilary Lapan, Hilda Maldonado, Caleb Powell, Jose Quinones, Mayra Ramsey, Milady Rentas, Alexa Rivera, Luzyvette Sagastibelza-Lopez

Spencer: Engy Abdelmasih, Caitlyn Berthiaume, Katherine Boria, Melissa Consiglio, Sarah Decker, Ashton Evans, Gary Janke, Mary Kagotho-Saydee, Matthew LaBaire, Eric Lammi, Kayla McQueston, Stefanie Natale, Halie Parham, Danielle Provencher, Michael Roy, Nathaniel Rybicki, Christine Shute, Melissa Trottier

Sturbridge: Brynlee Beaucage, Adam Mazeika, Marcus Przybycien, Alexander Starr, Josephine Tokaya

Sutton: Matthew Kearney

Uxbridge: Kelsey Brooks, Silvia Castro, Inna Embden, Mayra Marquez, Edrick Pereira, Joshua Plumer, Sadie Schultzberg, Megan Wingfield

Webster: Samir Azaoui, Adrienne Chomes, Timothy Dziedzic, Jennifer Gardner, Venusie Gonzalez, Bianca Grenon, Kerri Heenan, Nichole Lambert, Garrett Mann, Justice Minka, Jacob Moble, Lays Napoli, Samantha Nelligan, Clayton O'Connor, Lukasz Perzan, Trisha Powers, Heather Quinn, Elena Ralph, Bianca Ramos, Dayna Riley, Christian Rivera Sierra, Mariah Rivera, Yarie Rivera, Patricia Rose, Jinson Salazar, Janice Serrano, Justin Smith, Maria Verdejo, Panagiotis Vlahos, Leekha Williams, John Zamoider

West Brookfield: Emily Barrett, Israel Hickey, Karlie Mason, Heath Swope

West Upton: Catherine Aviles, Gianna Dowd, Kendal Rodriguez

Whitinsville: Cameron Deforest, Randy Diaz, Travis Gould, Emily LaFleur, Amy Mikulecky, Joshua Pinoos, Erin Vierck

Stonehill College celebrates Class of 2023

EASTON — A total of 548 students processed at Stonehill College's 72nd Commencement on Sunday, May 21, including the following local students.

Hannah Callinan of Uxbridge
Kelly Heney of Douglas
Brooke Riccitelli of Uxbridge
Matthew Worthington of Uxbridge
About Stonehill College

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts,

it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.



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