



# The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

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## Community farming is subject of Zoom meeting

By Stuart Deane

The February 2 meeting was visited by Kailey Burke (right) of Nourishing the North Shore to give us an overview of the organization's efforts to supply families with locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Kailey, who graduated from UMass with a degree in small-scale farming, began her Greater Newburyport effort in 2015 with support from three backers at the local YWCA.

Assisted by a series of local grants, she addressed a perceived lack of healthy food by procuring produce from local farms that traditionally grow twenty percent more than they think they can sell. The food is then supplied to such food banks as Open Door, Our Neighbor's Table, the Pettingell House and the West Newbury Food Bank.

In addition, with a grant from Mass Development, the group has organized a community garden on the property of the Emery House Episcopalian retreat on Emery Lane. Forty farm-share boxes are available to the public.

Member Barbara Griffith has suggested that the club obtain a box for a group effort in growing vegetables.

### Scholarship Recipient

The club has received the following letter from last year's Newburyport scholarship winner Angela Patric:

"I wanted to take a moment to once again thank you for the Exchange Club Maria Iacono Memorial Scholarship. With the first semester of my college career over, I would like to update you on my studies and how your contribution has helped me so far. I cannot fully express how



grateful I am for your scholarship. It warmed my heart throughout the semester to think of how welcoming you all were at the Zoom scholarship presentation, and I keep the sweet letter I received in my room where I can see it often. As you could imagine, it was a very difficult semester for so many reasons and the incredibly generous contribution toward my tuition has been an amazing gift that helped me focus on my studies amid the chaos. Even though this past semester was probably the hardest I will ever experience, I managed to earn an A in all but one of my classes and in that last class I maintained an A average up until the final, then winding up with a B. I take great pride in this, especially since these classes teetered from in-person to online, keeping me a bit off balance throughout the semester. There were few campus events, but I still managed to attend a diverse set of activities mostly virtually. These activities helped expand my college experience and growth. I knew college was going to be a challenge, but I could never have imagined these unique circumstances. I think I am the better for it, learning academic flexibility, perseverance, and skills in self-advocacy, all of which has been aided by the financial support of your scholarship and I am forever thankful."



## From the desk of the President

I just received this note from Maria Chanin who is helping with the Food Pantry in Newbury. Mike Viccaro dropped off some of the items needed last Monday and I finished up spending what we had allocated this past week. It's good to give!

Dear Jane,

I can't even begin to thank you and the members of the Exchange Club for your generosity. So far your group alone has donated, 60 cans of soup, 60 packages of crackers and 40

cans of tuna. The donations are coming in everyday and we still have till February 17th.

After the Super Bowl scores come in and the winners are declared I will post how our Souper Bowl is going. My hope is that we can overstock them with tuna, hearty healthy soups and crackers for quite a few weeks. The needs are great and the generosity of our community is heartwarming.

A gazillion trillion billion thanks.

Sincerely,  
Maria

### **Schedule**

February 16: GAME NIGHT! TBA