

BHS sophomore wins 'World of 7 Billion' video contest

Aidan Hurlock, a sophomore at Barrington High School, won first prize in the 10th annual "World of 7 Billion" video contest sponsored by Population Connection for a 60-second video, "Carbon Tagging: Solution to Consumer-Fueled Carbon Emissions."



Aidan Hurlock

He was one of 18 winners who earned top spots from among 3,000 entries from students in grades 6 to 12 from 44 countries and 49 U.S. states and territories. The videos explored population growth as it relates to one of three challenges: Promoting environmental justice, strengthening global health, and reimagining industrial systems. The three high school first-place winners each received a \$1,200 cash prize.

Aidan's idea, to create carbon emission information labels on products, can help people make informed choices which in turn

encourages companies to produce low-emission products.

"I feel climate change has become a by-product of capitalism. There is no way to remove capitalism from society, but I feel there is a way to engineer capitalism, to some degree, to limit emissions," he said.

In addition to educating viewers about their chosen topic and how it relates to human population growth, students had to include at least one idea for a sustainable solution. The winning pieces were on topics as varied as food deserts, climate migrants, maternal health, water purification and lab-grown meat. The contest was organized and promoted during the 2020-21 school year by Population Education, a program of Population Connection. A panel of 60 judges — including college and high-school educators, filmmakers and topic experts — selected the winners. View the winning videos at <https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/2021-winners>.

Aidan is interested in filmmaking, documentaries and the envi-



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ronment. Although creating a video with an environmental focus was new to him, he is familiar with filmmaking. In fifth grade, for fun, he started a YouTube channel on which he would load short films

he created and edited using iMovie (the channel is no longer active).

He points to Jane Goodall as a major source of inspiration. "I really admire her research on chimpanzees and watching her

master class in fifth grade got me into the environment."

In addition to filmmaking, Aidan runs cross country and indoor track and plays tennis in the spring.

AROUND TOWN

Friday night dance party and swing lesson

Friday night dance parties hosted by Nelia Lawton have returned. The next is on Friday, May 28, at 186 Roffee St. A dance lesson (swing) is from 7:30 to 8 p.m., with social dancing from 8 to 11 p.m.

All are welcome. Cocktail attire. Admission is \$15 and includes dance lesson, hot pizza, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. There is a cash bar. Call or text Nelia at 245-

1119 or email dancenelia@aol.com.

Beach officially opens on Saturday; camps planned

The Barrington Town Beach will officially open on Saturday, May 29. Beach passes are on sale for Barrington residents. Visit peckcenter.org for more information.

Summer is almost here and there is still time to register for the youth tennis camp and theatre

camps. Visit peckcenter.org for more information.

The 2021 Barrington Arts Festival will be on the historic Barrington Town Hall property on Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be over 60 artists showcasing paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, glass, textiles and books. There will be music, artist demonstrations, family art activities, children's entertainment, and a free raffle.

Barrington Village offering outdoor events

The Barrington Village will participate in the Barrington Arts Festival at Barrington Town Hall on Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be information and volunteers available, so stop by to say hello.

Membership continues to grow steadily and volunteers have been active.

Barrington Village Strolls with a brown bag lunch, led by Laura

Young, have been taking place on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Mount Hope Farm walks led by Marie Brennan Chasin can be found on the calendar at www.villagecommonri.org. Sunset Appreciation at Latham Park will take place from the end of June through the summer.

All outdoor events are canceled if it's raining. Call 400-5599 to RSVP.

Tap-In is serving clients at Peck Center

Tap-In is serving clients in a newly renovated space in the lower level of the Peck Center, 281 County Road. The all-volunteer organization serves people in need in East Providence, Warren, Bristol and Barrington.

The renovated space has an enlarged distribution area, a client-choice pantry on the first floor, and handicapped access.

The nonprofit agency needs donations of sheets, blankets,

Holiday will change news deadlines

Due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, the deadline for community news will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 28.

■ Email your news to lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com

■ Mail it to Lynda Rego, Barrington Times, Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol, RI 02809.

comforters, non-perishable food, toiletries and cash. All donations are tax deductible. Tap-In is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 247-1444 or visit www.tapinri.org.

Blood center is in urgent need of donations

At this time, the R.I. Blood Center is in urgent need of blood and platelet donations. Local drives are sparse; but, the donor centers around the state are open and you can make an appointment to donate blood at your convenience.

All types are needed; but, there is an additional need for blood types O-, O-, A-, B-, AB-.

To schedule an appointment, visit donate.ribc.org or call 453-8360.

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