

The Aggie



Weekly Column

By The Aggie Times

Here is the 17th edition of the Aggie Times Weekly Column for the 2021-2022 school year!

There will be no column next week due to Midterms.



Next Weeks Schedule

⇒ Next week is Midterm week. In case you haven't seen the schedule yet, click [here](#)! To use this schedule to make your own for next week you should first make a copy for yourself. Then go to the tab that is labeled with your grade and fill it in according to your schedule on iPass. Good luck to all the students in their midterms!

Weekly Poll

⇒ Last week's poll question was, "If age is only a state of mind, what describes your state of mind right now?" And the results are 47.9% of respondents said they are an adult in a mid-life crisis, 20.8% of respondents said that they are those dang children, 18.8% of respondents said that they were a moody teenager, and finally 12.5% said that they were the elderly. This week's poll question is "Would you rather have a middle brownie piece or an edge piece?" Click [here](#) to answer and be sure to come back in two weeks for the results!



Aggie Times Staff Introductions

⇒ Our staff introductions for this week are sophomore Megan Maguire and freshman Colleen Moritz. Click [here](#) to read their interviews!



Aggie Job Board

⇒ Anyone looking for a job in their field?? Have you checked out the Aggie Job Board that is posted on the school website?? The Aggie Job Board is updated frequently and has many great opportunities for our students! Take a look [here](#)!



Environmental Awareness



⇒ Do you know when you recycle you are creating energy? Recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to run a TV for three hours. We use over eighty billion aluminum soda cans every year, that's two hundred forty billion hours of tv produced from recycled aluminum cans. That's a lot of energy created just by recycling these cans.

Literary Magazine

⇒ This year's first edition of the Literary Magazine is out! Click [here](#) to read the students' poems, stories, and art!



Upcoming Events



Lambs for Sale

⇒ The Aggie currently has 5 fall lambs that are now available for purchase at \$1.50/lb of live weight! Check out the [flyer](#) for more information. All inquiries should be sent to our herdsman, [Evan Maietta](#).

Shoot for a Cure

⇒ The girls basketball team will be selling pink beanies for breast cancer awareness. Hats are \$10 each and can be purchased from Ms. Garrett. Profits will benefit breast cancer research.



GotSneakers Fundraiser

⇒ Our [GotSneakers](#) fundraiser is still going on! So far we have collected a little over 30 pairs and our goal is to reach 100 pairs! Search your house or ask friends and family if they have any old sneakers they want to get rid of and then bring them in! The money we raise is going to an organization called [F.E.A.S.T](#) which helps children with eating disorders. Plus, you are helping the environment by recycling your old, gently used, or new sneakers. We would like to thank everyone who has donated already! We would certainly appreciate more donations to help us reach our goal! Remember drop-off boxes are located in Kemp Hall and in the Plant Science lobby. Please continue donating!



Academic Highlights

English Class Career Talk

⇒ Ms. Alves Sophomore English class just finished reading *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas. In an effort to connect literature with the real world she had Officer Hart and Detective Moriarty come in along with resource dog Rebel to talk about being a Police officer. They also talked about good policing and how Rebel has helped in a number of ways.



Shop Highlights

Coffee Connections

⇒ On Monday, Steve Vernon and Scott McPhee from Harrison McPhee Arboriculture in Millis came in. They talked about their company and historic tree preservation. They discussed the benefits of preserving trees versus removing them and then took the students outside for hands-on demonstrations.



Dog Show

⇒ The Aggie's annual winter dog show took place yesterday and juniors and seniors enrolled in Canine classes participated in either obedience or showmanship classes. With our current situation regarding COVID-19 regulations, outside visitors, along with other students, were unable to cheer on the participants. Stay tuned for our next column release during the week of 1/28 where our Aggie Times Team will have a more in-depth story and a produced video to share the results of the show!



Ag Mech Career Talk

⇒ This past Monday, Ag Mech had three guest speakers come in to talk about careers in the Ag Mech field. The first was Natalie MacDonald who is an underwater welder. Ziven Drake is also an underwater welder and is an Air Force Veteran. While in the Air force she was an F-16 mechanic. Seana Kelly is the owner of Coastal Marine Construction. These guest speakers spoke to students about underwater welding, marine construction, shortage of workers, co-op opportunities, wages for underwater welders, and the apprentice program for the carpenters union.



Funeral Arrangements

⇒ Ms. Perry's Junior Floral Design students made funeral arrangements this week. They recently learned about the elements of floral design (color, line, shape, form, pattern, fragrance, size, and texture) and how they can be incorporated into a floral arrangement. They used this knowledge to apply the elements to their arrangements to make them more visually appealing. In a floral business, applying the elements of floral design to arrangements is an important skill to have, especially for a design like these ones. Crafting a beautiful funeral arrangement may comfort grieving relatives, and provide them with a sense of safety. You can have a look at them on display in the Plant Science building!



[Click here for more photos!](#)

Clean up

⇒ Mr. Thompson's Freshman Plant Science class did some early spring cleaning in Lab 2 this week. Now the lab looks nice and organized and is all ready for spring!





FFA Corner

Upcoming FFA Events

- ⇒ The AgMech and Vet Science CDEs will take place at Norfolk Aggie on March 3rd.
- ⇒ FFA State Convention and LDEs will be held from March 16th-18th at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA.



⇒ There are also a variety of awards and degrees that you can earn as an FFA member. **Applications are available and due by February 1st** for the following awards :

- Bay State Degree (Jr. & Sr. only)
- State Officer Application (Sr. only)
- Emil Jaeske Scholarship (Sr. only Stockbridge School of Ag)
- National Chapter (This award can lead to Nationals 2022!)
- Nominating Committee (This will get you to State Convention)
- Proficiency (Nationals & State Convention qualification plus \$\$)
- FFA Alumni Jacket Award (Open to everyone! A chance to win a free FFA jacket-a \$60 value)

Use this link to find applications and more information:

<https://www.massffa.org/programs/awards>

⇒ Anyone looking to open their FFA account to submit the scholarship and awards applications use the invite code: NORFOLK22

⇒ See Mrs. McKenna if you have any questions.

FFA CDE Opportunities

⇒ Career Development Events, or CDEs, are competitive events that help students with college and career readiness. CDEs are spread out throughout the year, with some having passed and others approaching. Coaches are looking for teams for the following events; Creed Speaking, Dairy Evaluation, Agricultural Sales, and Livestock Evaluation.

Creed Speaking: Do you like Drama? The kind that you perform in! Can you memorize 258 words, 6 sentences, or 5 paragraphs? Do you have a passion for Agriculture? Would you like a chance to go to Indy next year? FFA has a contest for you! The FFA Creed contest. To give you an idea of what the creed sounds like: [FFA Creed](#). If you are interested in competing please see Mrs. McKenna in Animal Science.

Dairy Evaluations: “Do you love Dairy Cattle? Do you want to compete against FFA members around the state for a chance to travel to The National FFA Convention? Look no further! Practice will be starting soon in preparation for the 2022 FFA Dairy Judging Evaluation CDE. I will be holding an informational meeting regarding the CDE in room 6107 (Ms.Coogan's Room) on Tuesday, January 25 immediately after school (2:30). Please note- you do NOT have to be an Animal Science Major to participate. See you there!” - Evan Maietta, Herdsman

Agricultural Sales: “AgSales is a great event to participate in for all majors and grades! AgSales builds on communication and collaboration skills within the individual and group activity portions of the event. This CDE takes place at the State Convention in March and I need 4 students to field a team. If interested, please meet me in room 6202 (animal science) during WIN block on January 27th!” - Mrs. Butler

Livestock Evaluation: “The livestock judging team is also looking for 4 students to compete. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27th at 2:30 in room 6107 (animal science).” - Mrs. Coogan

Aggie Winter Sports

Girls Basketball

⇒ This Wednesday the girls basketball played against Upper Cape Tech. JV played a good game and put up a tough fight but they unfortunately lost. The Varsity played an intense game with the score fluctuating back and forth throughout the game but in the end they won their game with a score of 39-32! Great work girls! Come support our Aggie Rams at their game tonight against Old Colony, their biggest rivalry! JV starts at 3:30 and varsity at 5:00.



Boys Basketball

⇒ The boys basketball team has recently had several canceled games. They have instead been practicing all week and preparing for their games next week!

Dance Team

⇒ The dance team performed at both JV and Varsity games on Wednesday and will be performing again tonight at halftime during both games!



Animal Adoptions

“Coco”



⇒ Someone reached out to the Aggie regarding the adoption of a 6-year old female dwarf rabbit and while we are at capacity for bunnies, we are helping promote her adoption! “Coco” currently lives indoors only and shares a home with a dog and cat too! She is sweet with people and deserves a loving home! If interested, contact the current owners directly at 508-340-8828 or ciah1130@gmail.com

“Nandor and Nadja”

⇒ Nandor and Nadja are two bonded siblings that are available for adoption! They are just over 1 year old and are indoor, free-ranging, and litterbox trained! Nandor and Nadja currently live with a family with a young child and a cat and so are great with kids and other animals! A family member developed an allergy to rabbits and adoption has become the only option. If you can provide a loving family for Nandor and Nadja, reach out to Ray at rboucher626@gmail.com.





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