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Kevin Donohue, Seekonk High School

Bouncing back from bone cancer

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Seekonk High School senior Kevin Donohue has managed to triumph over a deadly disease and will graduate next month.

Kevin was living an ordinary life when one day everything changed dramatically.

During a basketball game, he felt pain in one of his legs, so he went to the hospital for an MRI. He was diagnosed with bone cancer in March 2012 and later endured months of intense chemotherapy at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

The time away from his friends and classmates added to the mis-

ery.

"I was sick most of the time," Kevin said.

He lost a lot of weight during his treatment, and is now working to rebuild his body.

Since finishing chemotherapy last December, he has gained 40 pounds through weightlifting and a special high-protein diet to boost his immune system.

Kevin is no stranger to cancer as a result of a genetic condition. His grandfather had the disease as a young man.

"He survived," Kevin said. "He got lucky."

Kevin also had cancer when he was 11, and endured months of treat-

ment at that young age.

Getting back to his studies was a challenge. He had a few advanced placement classes to complete, and had signed up for three more.

"Physically, I was always exhausted," Kevin said. "I made up work."

He also plays tuba in the school band.

"I'm playing as good as I did before," Kevin said.

He plans to attend UMass-Dartmouth in the fall and later hopes to transfer to an Ivy League school. He plans to study economics.

"I'm really looking forward to college," Kevin said.