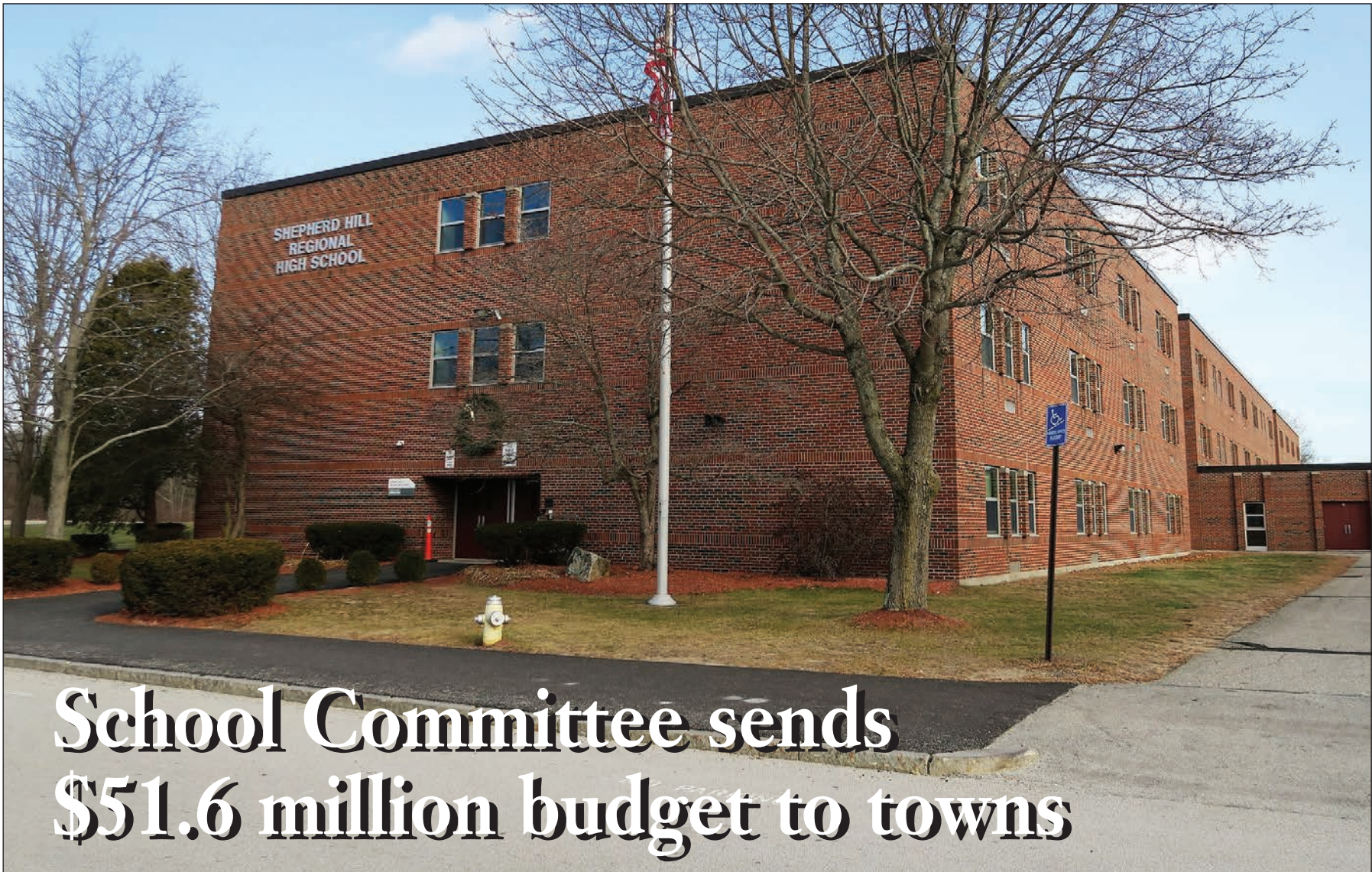




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Friday, May 7, 2021



# School Committee sends \$51.6 million budget to towns

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School District has approved a proposed spending plan for be considered by Dudley and Charlton.

After around a half hour of deliberation during a meeting on April 28, the Regional School Committee settled on a \$51,693,765 spending plan, with \$14.1 million assessed to Charlton and \$9.3 million assessed to Dudley. The numbers represent

a \$555,000 cut to an already strained budget that the committee has whittled down at the request of both member towns. Despite the needs of the district, Superintendent Steven Lamarche told the committee the message was clear from the towns, the number needed to be lowered.

“When we met with (Dudley and Charlton), part of the message that we heard loud and clear and has really been provided to us is the towns really look at the assessment for their towns, they don’t look at the operating budget as a totality,”

Superintendent Lamarche said. “I get that to a certain extent because each town has a responsibility for a portion of the school budget where we as a (district) have to look at the totality of the budget. What we were hearing through our public hearings as well as ongoing meeting with town leadership is that the towns were really looking at an assessment increase of 2.5 percent.”

Lamarche proposed a compromise. In order to meet budgetary expectations during the COVID-19 pandemic the district lowered its

assessment to communities for the 2021 budget year using resources reserved for 2022 creating what Lamarche called a “mini budget cliff.” Lamarche said he wants to negotiate with communities to have them reimburse the district in good faith.

“We’re working with the towns to come close to the 2.5 percent assessment,” said Lamarche. “On top of that, we’re actually asking to see

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## Charlton election sees low turnout

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Only 715 voters turned out for the 2021 annual town election in Charlton on May 1, electing representatives of numerous boards, committees and commissions including a new school committee representative, a new Board of Health member and a new selectperson.

The turnout was only just over 7 percent of the 9,986 registered voters in town, and is less than the 837 voters who cast their ballot for the delayed election in June of 2020 during the pandemic. The ballot did contain numerous uncontested seats however three contested elections were decided.

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## Local veteran brings military precision to new cleaning business

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The company, he explained, has the proper supplies to disinfect any type of surface, and to provide a safe and

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## School Committee bids farewell to Reed

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee bid farewell to a longstanding member during its meeting on April 28 with the departure of Charlton member Stephanie Reed, who chose not to run for reelection in 2021.

Reed was first elected to the board in 2013 and then to a three-year seat in 2015 before being reelected in 2018 to her most recent term. In her final meeting as a committee member Reed was recognized by her fellow members and school officials for her years of service to the district.

“People ask me a lot ‘what’s the job of a school committee member, what does that entail?’ Well, each one of us could certainly write a book about all the responsibilities we have as a school committee member. I have not had the pleasure to serve very long with Mrs. Reed but I have gotten to know her and it’s a pleasure to be with her on this committee. I really want to congratulate her for completing her service to the district, to the School Committee, and we wish her well,” Committee Chair Kenneth Laferriere said.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche also commented Reed’s commitment to her position despite also having only a limited time working with her in the district.

“This is really less than two years that we’ve had a chance to work together, but one thing that I do have to say is that even in a COVID world, a couple of things that were extremely instrumental to me in your role as a school committee member is you always fought for equity for our students,” Lamarche told Reed. “You wanted them to have access to experiences. You didn’t want to give up on any of those programs that we had available and try to expand on as many as we could. You fight fiscally for us. We need to fight the good fight to continue to make this district the best that it could be. You’ve been a strong advocate for that.”

Charlton Elementary School Principal Lori Pacheco and Charlton

Middle School Principal Dean Packard also bid farewell to their towns long-time committee representative calling her a strong advocate for the students and the schools.


Fighting back tears, Reed wished the committee well in their future endeavors and bid.

“It’s been a pleasure serving this district. I wish everyone well and all the students, teachers and the staff well,” said Reed.

The School Committee presented Reed with a parting gift prior to the meeting, an ornamental commemorative clock which will literally represent her time serving the district.



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# Police Chief praises officers for arrest of suspected car thief

**BY JASON BLEAU**  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton’s Police Chief is praising several individuals from within his department for helping catch a young suspect responsible for a car theft in nearby Brookfield.

During an April 27 meeting of the Charlton Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Andrew Golas read a letter from Police Chief Daniel Dowd that discussed an ongoing issue with a local gang plaguing the tri-state area. For nearly two years a Hartford, Conn.-based group of young and older individuals have taken to stealing cars in Connecticut, traveling to Massachusetts and Rhode Island where they target unlocked vehicles in the early morning hours and then return to Connecticut in different stolen cars. On the morning of April 17, three members of the Charlton Police Department helped apprehend a suspect who may have been part of the gang.

On April 17 at 5:01 a.m., Dispatcher Shawna Tankersley, Officers Brian Condant and Anthony Gribbons were working the overnight shift when they learned of a stolen vehicle in Brookfield. Chief Dowd said this is when his employees went into actions. “Officer Gribbons located the vehi-

cle at a business on Route 20 as the suspect was fleeing on foot. Dispatcher Tankersley was instrumental in correcting some misinformation and getting officers to the scene,” Chief Dowd said in his letter. “Sturbridge Police, Massachusetts State Police and Charlton Police then established a perimeter while awaiting K-9 response. The Massachusetts State Police k-9 was quickly able to locate the 17-year-old responsible for this theft.”

The official report from the Charlton Police Department said the vehicle was spotted at 5:15 a.m., and that an attempted traffic stop led to the suspect fleeing on foot into the woods near Sampson Road. The suspect was eventually apprehended attempting to reach the Massachusetts Turnpike Eastbound Plaza. No officers were reported injured during the incident, but Dowd said that due to reports of the gang stealing firearms from vehicles officers understood the risks when helping apprehend the suspect.

“I would like to acknowledge the hard work and

dedication and potential danger the police department personnel exposed themselves to that morning and that these men and women are deserving of the recognition of a job well done,” said Dowd.

Following the reading of the letter, Selectman David Singer added his own word of thanks for the police personnel involved.

“I have said repeatedly, and I always will, that Charlton’s finest are not just Charlton’s finest,” Singer said. “They are the finest in New England really and I’m very proud of the team we have in Charlton. They always go above and beyond. I’m sure everyone in this community is very proud of them.”

The name of the suspect has been withheld as they are considered a minor being under the age of 18.



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### TOWN OF BRIMFIELD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Request for Bids

#### Various Road Materials, Equipment Rentals, Crack Sealing-Polymer & Crumb Rubber Modified (PCRM) Asphalt Compound with Reinforcing Fibers and Bituminous Concrete-Type I for Fiscal Year 2022

Sealed bids, appropriately marked, will be received, publicly opened and read on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Brimfield Town Hall Annex, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The following items for Fiscal Year 2022 will be awarded by the Board of Selectman on Tuesday, June 7, 2021:

- I. Various Road Materials
- II. Equipment Rental with Operator
- III. Crack Sealing-Polymer & Crumb Rubber Modified (PCRM) Asphalt Compound with Reinforcing Fibers
- IV. Bituminous Concrete – Type I

Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning May 4, 2021 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday or by emailing the Procurement Officer at [selectmen@brimfieldma.org](mailto:selectmen@brimfieldma.org). Questions with regard to various locations and other matters relative to this bid are to be posed to the Brimfield Highway Surveyor, Zachary Lemieux at the Brimfield Highway Department at 413-245-4103.

**Envelopes must be clearly marked as stated on the Bid Sheet with Item and Number and include the date and time of the bid opening.** Where required, bids must indicate a single cubic yard multiplier (dollar amount per cubic yard) and/or price per ton on the appropriate bid form attached.

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Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of Chapter 149, M.G.L., Section 26-27D. Bids submitted for Full Depth Pavement Reclamation with Calcium Chloride are subject to the provisions of General Laws, Chap 534, 30B, Section 30M inclusive as amended, (Public Works Construction).

Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority (MUST) be included in all bid submissions. Bids received without the executed certificates will not be considered.

Duration of the bid contract is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; otherwise, please state on bid sheet any exceptions.

Payment terms: Net term, 30 days.

The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids, or, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield.

Zachary Lemieux  
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### Town of Brimfield Highway Department Request for Bids

#### FY22 Heating Oil, Diesel, Gasoline and Boiler Maintenance

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Honors: Emma Abbascia, Bryanna Andino, Graciela Antunez-Flores, Erika Apher, Ivy Ballou, Dominic Beauchesne, Cameron Blake, Skyler Bond, Dani Borci, Aaron Correira, Megan Costa, Brianna Cote, Natalie Courtney, Olivia Courville, Jordan DeFosse, Hayden Dube, Calissa Ferschke, Sean Flynn, Sarah Gosselin, Molly Hoefler, Abigail Joesten, Elin Kaufman, Jodie Kendall, Juliannah Kolofsky, Savannah LaBranche, Karma Lama, Julio Lopez-Torres, Curtis Lussier, Grant Maffei, Bryan Malone, Nicholas Marcotte, Chase McKenney, Kevin

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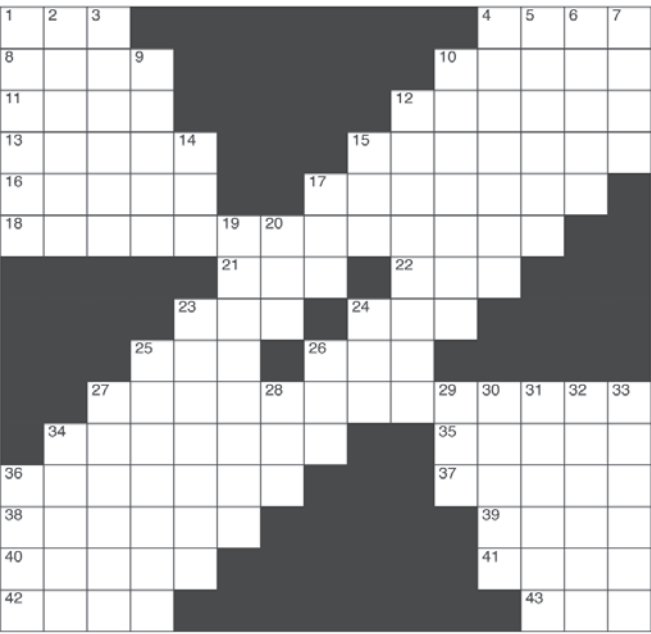
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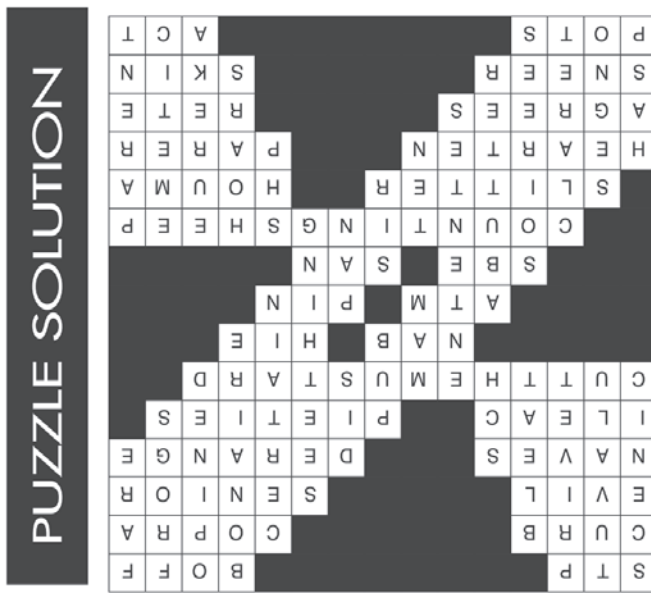


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. A hearty laugh
- 8. Restrain
- 10. Dried coconut kernels
- 11. Nefarious
- 12. Elderly
- 13. Central part of a church building
- 15. Throw into confusion
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Qualities of being religious
- 18. Live up to a standard
- 21. Seize
- 22. Go quickly
- 23. Automated teller machine
- 24. Bowling necessity
- 25. One point east of due south
- 26. Japanese honorific
- 27. A way to induce sleep
- 34. Makes cash register rolls
- 35. A city in S Louisiana
- 36. Make more cheerful
- 37. Manicurist
- 38. Consents
- 39. Network of nerves
- 40. Mocking smile
- 41. It covers the body
- 42. Partner to pans
- 43. Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beautiful
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 5. Shared one's view
- 6. Tailless amphibians
- 7. Charge passengers must pay
- 9. Sound sheep make
- 10. Known for sure
- 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
- 14. Student (abbr.)
- 15. Criticize
- 17. Gathering place
- 19. Informal alliances
- 20. One's mother (British)
- 23. Landholder
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Parties
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Red wine
- 28. Pearl Jam's debut
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Frosts
- 31. Cry of joy
- 32. Induces vomiting
- 33. Mother or father
- 34. Dal \_ : Musical navigation marker
- 36. Door fastener part



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# Four QCC Students named to Phi Theta Kappa All-Massachusetts Academic Team

WORCESTER — Four Quinsigamond Community College Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) students, Edmilse Diaz, Alexander Riopel, Vincent Carl Strzelecki and Bradley Sylvestre, have been recognized for their outstanding achievements as members of the 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-Massachusetts Academic Team.

Each year, the highest academic achievers in the state's 15-member community college system are selected for the team. Students are chosen for their high academic achievement, as well as their exceptional student service and are honored by the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony is being held virtually, as opposed to its traditional venue of the Massachusetts State House. Each student is currently being spotlighted through MACC's social media, through a virtual "PTK Community College Excellence Week," during the last week of April.

"This is an honor not only for these outstanding students, but also for QCC. These students have worked hard to get to where they are. Their dedication and perseverance are an inspiration to everyone who dreams of a better life through higher education," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Edmilse Diaz is a member of the Class of 2022 Dental Hygiene program. Originally from the Dominican Republic, he moved to the U.S. as a child.

"I received a Bachelor's in Psychology from Saint Michael's College in 2015. Throughout my life, I have continued to

pursue learning and challenged myself. I came to QCC when I decided to pursue a career in dental hygiene, because I wanted to help raise awareness on the importance of oral health and its affect on a person's overall health," Mr. Diaz said.

Alexander Riopel chose QCC because of its MassTransfer program with UMass Amherst.

"I am currently a business transfer major and plan on pursuing a finance degree at a four-year university in the fall. QCC has done a great job preparing me for a four-year university," Mr. Riopel said. "As the former president of QCC's PTK Honor Society, I was fortunate to be part of a group that affected real change within the community."

Vincent Carl Strzelecki came to QCC to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

"My life's goal is to help as many people as I can, and I am working hard to build a career in video game development, so I can create games that are inexpensive, highly accessible, and very enjoyable," he said.

Bradley Sylvestre is in QCC's Nurse Education program and is a member of the Class of 2022.

"Despite classes being online with limited time in a physical classroom,

I have been able to learn from the best and apply that knowledge in my clinical settings. I was able to go to a local nursing home in Westborough and make a difference with the elderly; see a birth at UMass Hospital in Leominster, and have been able to bond with patients in need of companionship. I was able to do all of this thanks to the hardworking educators at QCC, who were constantly advocating for me and my fellow nursing students, despite the grueling process of running a nursing school during a pandemic," Mr. Sylvestre said. "QCC is a community college, and for me, a new nursing student from Rhode Island, QCC has become my community."

According to Bonnie Coleman, QCC's manager for Student Resources and PTK advisor, the Spring 2021 class of new inductees is the largest group in the College's history, with 240 new students becoming PTK members. There are 555 total active PTK members at this time.

"The four students honored are a part of a large and impactful student organization. It is an honor to work with such amazing students," she said.

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## David Petrides presents research at sociology conference

ANNVILLE, Pa. — David Petrides of Uxbridge is one of 30 Lebanon Valley College students who presented research at the 39th Annual Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference held in April on Zoom.

Petrides, a graduate of Milford High School, is pursuing a bachelor of arts in criminal justice. Petrides's research

was titled: Hash It Out: The Effects of Age, Level of Education, and Source of News on Views of Legalization of Marijuana.

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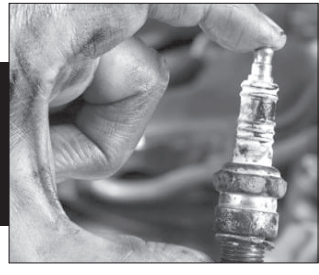



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# Bay Path alum lands position at MIT



Linda Chavez

CAMBRIDGE — In many hospitals across the nation, entry-level nursing requires a Bachelor's in nursing degree. At Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Medical, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumna Linda Chavez, LPN, class of 2019 is shining! MIT Medical provides further training which is encouraging for Chavez.

Working the front lines of health care, Chavez cannot help but remember how her nursing journey started.

"I was working with the Chief Medical Director at Spectrum and he suggested I become a nurse," said Chavez.

"He said it would be a good career change for me and that I would be great at it," Chavez added.

At the time, Chavez was at the Health Care System in various capacities. Her educational background was Sociology and administration of justice from Rutgers University. She had been a Correctional Recovery Academy Counselor, Medicated Assisted Treatment Case Manager, and a Medical Coordinator. She was, however up for the challenge.

Chavez said, "Why not become a nurse? I highly respected all the nurses at my job and figured it would be a great opportunity."

She added enthusiastically, "Best decision I ever made!"

As an LPN at MIT Medical, she is one of the nurses who can spot opportunities for improving medical devices or creating new ones. Like many health profession-

als, COVID-19 has impacted her work.

In her own words, "Having to help patients virtually and via telephone. . . at the beginning of the pandemic, the medical building closed for all services except urgent care, ob/gyn, and pediatrics. I had to learn new skills in other departments. I also covered the COVID hotline. I had to always be prepared with the latest information to give to patients. Doing the hotline helped me determine what questions to ask to get the information I needed from patients and how to better learn the computer system at work. I also had to develop a plan on how to better serve our patients in my department i.e., pertinent information was needed for the medical providers to have before each visual visit."

Chavez credits Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for much of her success.

"Thank you, Bay Path Nursing Academy for helping me reach my goal. Every Nurse that graduated from Bay Path leaves with the skills necessary to be successful at any job," she continued. "The education I received at Bay Path has helped me out so much in my career. The skills I learned in clinicals and labs are still used to this day. I learned time management and making time where there is none!"

With a smile, she expressed that "The professors at Bay Path empower their students, and always encourage them to reach their goals. I remember that for one of my clinicals I had school nurse observation at Bay Path RVTHS. That is where I realized that I wanted to become a school nurse."

She explains, "And here I am working for one of the top colleges in the world in their medical department as a nurse!"

Chavez plans on continuing her education to become an RN. For aspiring nurses, Chavez's advice is to "always strive to reach your goals, no matter how long it takes."

In a separate piece of good news, Chavez was featured in a presentation from P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) for Massachusetts State Convention for Program for Continuing Education (PCE). As a nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Chavez was a PCE \$3,000 grant recipient, volunteer for Medical Reserve Corps, officer for the UNICEF Club, certified in Dementia Care, Mental Health First Aid, and Infusion Therapy/Central Line care; and District Champion in Medical Terminology earning a bronze medal at SkillsUSA.

## LEGALS

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Brimfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the request of MDW, LLC, Michael Woloshchuk, regarding lots 2 & 3, Brimfield Parcel ID Map 10 Block C Lots 1.12 and 1.13. The Board will consider whether the proposed construction of a multi-use building and future addition in the business district will be detrimental to the neighborhood. Intended business uses include vehicle/equipment maintenance and storage, as well as automobile restoration/customizing services. Abutters are invited to consider the proposals and provide public input. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021, 6:00 pm, at the Town Hall, 21 Main St Brimfield, MA 01010

May 7, 2021  
May 14, 2021

**Town of Holland Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday June 09, 2021 at 7:15 pm at the Holland Town Hall, 27 Sturbridge Rd, Holland MA 01521 or remotely for more information please refer to the town website at <https://town.holland.ma.us> under Zoning Board of Appeals under agendas for the date specified above. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from Paul and Tracy Pannier for a variance according to Bylaw section 7. Relief requested: Owners would like to add a sunroom. The property is located at: 41 Shore Drive, Parcel ID # R01/A/21.

Don Beal, Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals  
April 26, 2021

May 7, 2021  
May 14, 2021

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING Project File No. 602659**

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing meeting link will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Route 20 Roadway Reconstruction project in **Charlton-Oxford, MA.**

WHEN: **Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Charlton-Oxford Route 20 Roadway Reconstruction project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of improvements to Route 20 roadway safety conditions in Charlton and Oxford through proposed modifications to roadway geometry, roadway widening, installation of a median barrier and enhanced traffic operations at intersections. Design will include considerations for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, signage, pavement markings, guardrail, retaining walls and storm drainage. Bridges carrying Route 20 over the Little River in Charlton and the French River in Oxford will be replaced.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for

this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Design-Build Project File No. 602659. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be

made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This Live Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings).

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April 30, 2021  
May 7, 2021

**Wales Planning Board Public Hearing**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §11, the **Wales Planning Board will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on May 17, 2021 at the Wales Town Offices at 6:30 PM**, re-holding the hearing to correct a defect in the posting of the meeting and in regards to the acceptance of a new section to the Town of Wales Zoning Bylaw, known to be Section 7.9: Medical/Adult Use Marijuana. A copy is available on the Town of Wales website and is on file with the Town Clerk's office where it is available for inspection during regular business hours. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on the acceptance of this bylaw should refer to the town website ([www.townofwales.net](http://www.townofwales.net)) under Planning Board agenda for the above date to participate virtually. If you have any questions or concerns please email [planning@townofwales.net](mailto:planning@townofwales.net)

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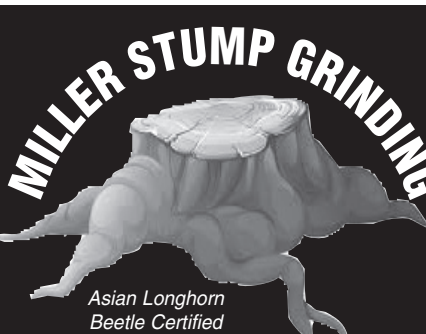
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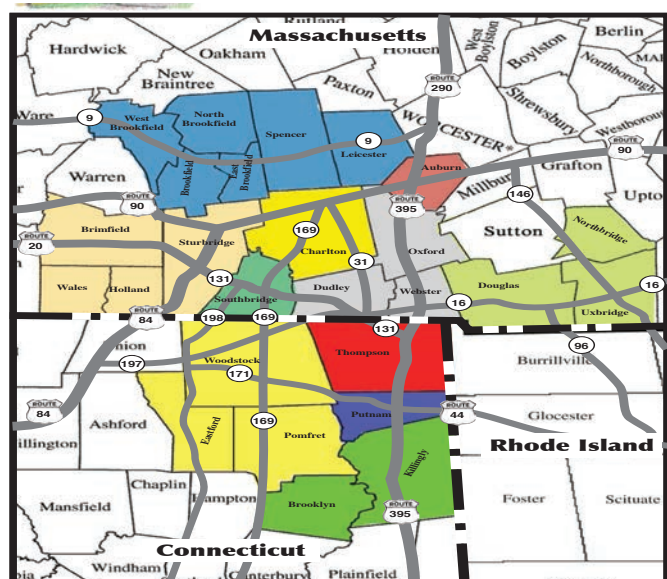
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## Spring cleaning is about more than tidying up

It's been a rainy week, which means that spending time inside organizing and cleaning — along with watching the Red Sox hold steady in first place — was top on our to-do list. Spring cleaning, a chore that happens every year, feels great when complete. Why is it that something so tedious and boring could be so good for us?

Did you know that cleaning actually supports your immune system? Cleaning is of huge benefit especially to those with allergies. Getting rid of dust, pet dander, mildew and mold can trigger the immune system causing unnecessary illness. Those with cluttered homes tend to suffer the worst. To avoid indoor allergies, vacuum regularly, this to include your furniture.

Cleaning reduces stress. While cleaning, your brain is able to relax. This mindless activity can give you a chance to de-stress. Experts say that cleaning for as little as twenty minutes can reduce anxiety by up to 20 percent. It's a win-win — sure, it's no day at the spa, but constructive relaxation is always good. Using products with scents said to induce relaxation such as lavender is also an expert tip.

Heart health can be improved by cleaning by way of exercise. Just a half an hour of vacuuming can burn up to 100 calories. It's a known fact that people who like to keep their homes clean tend to take more interest in their overall health and well-being.

A tidy bedroom is said to help you sleep better. Individuals who make their beds are roughly 20 percent more likely to get a more restful night sleep. Seventy-five percent of people polled sleep better on clean sheets, in a room with less clutter.

When you are in a tidy area, your production increases. Less clutter means less distraction, which is said to clear up mental space. A study from 2011 published in the Journal of Neuroscience used MRI's to track the brain's response to cleanliness. More clutter was found to significantly limit the brain's processing capability.

Checking off the cleaning to do list can make you feel more satisfied and can boost your mood. A clean, fresh house is said to naturally boost endorphins and boost energy levels which leads to a decrease in depression.

Cleaning and organization can have a domino effect in that it can lead to sprucing up other areas of your life. Interesting, was the one finding that stated when individuals were placed in a clean, well-organized space they were more likely to choose healthier menu items.

Perhaps William Morris put it best: "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

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# OPINION

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## Baseball antique and auction news

There is some promising news for local antique shows. After all three Brimfield shows were cancelled last year due to the pandemic, Brimfield will be reopening, although it will be on a limited basis. Many of the fields have opted to remain closed for the May show. The website [thebrimfieldshow.com](http://thebrimfieldshow.com) lists Brimfield Auction Acres (formerly J & J) as the lone May show. It will open from May 12 through May 15. Expect to see more fields open for the July and September shows.

There has been a lot of recent antique news from outside of our area as well. A 1794 "No Stars Flowing Hair Dollar" far exceeded expectations when it sold at auction last month. ESPN reported that "while it closely resembles silver dollars that were later minted in Philadelphia, it gets its name because it is missing stars." It sailed past the \$350,000 to \$500,000 estimate, reaching \$840,000. The reason that ESPN reported on the sale of a rare coin is because it was previously owned by Texas Rangers co-chairman Bob Simpson.

In other baseball related auction news, a Honus Wagner T206 tobacco baseball card will be offered with a \$1 million starting bid in an auction ending this month, according to a Bleacher Report article. David Sax of Smithsonian Magazine told the Bleacher Report that, "it's believed that Wagner demanded the ATC pull his card from circulation because he didn't want anyone else profiting from his likeness." Other sources have reported that Wagner didn't like tobacco and refused to allow his image on tobacco cards. NJ.com reported that a different Honus Wagner card sold for \$3.25 million at auction last year.

There is more baseball memorabilia news closer to home. I have loaned many pieces from my personal collection of local baseball historical memorabilia to the Worcester Red Sox to be displayed in Polar Park. A large display piece of the 1880 Worcester Worcesters team will be the highlight of the exhibit. Lee Richmond is pictured who pitched the first perfect game in baseball, along with the rest of his team. I have also loaned the Worcester Red Sox a letter from the 1880 Worcester team requesting to be admitted to the National League. There are many other items with Hall of Famers Jesse Burkett, Gabby Hartnett, Connie Mack, and Sliding Billy Hamilton. Other great local players photos, programs from the Blackstone Valley League, and local industrial league teams will also be included. People who tour Polar Park will be able to see the exhibit in the DCU Club. I am always looking to acquire local baseball memorabilia from major league, minor league, and industrial league teams for my collection. I hope to see you in the stands at Polar Park this summer.



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Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life?

Actually, there is — the gift of knowledge for her financial future.

Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic — you don't have to be an expert in either one of these subjects. You can, however, steer Mom — and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture — in the right direction. Let's take a quick look at both these topics.

First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor: About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual median cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly \$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth.

Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able to pay these costs out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion of these expenses.

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible strategies and products designed to address long-term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets.

The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safeguarded her wishes by creating the necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself.

Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored — which is almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate plan, encourage her to see a legal professional to start the process.

Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in life — and that's a pretty valuable gift.

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## Who says my “Smart TV” is so smart?

We are told that life as we know it has been forever changed by the computer. The most complicated equations are solved. We started at a desk, then moved to a mobile laptop. A few years later our phones became computers and now it can be as small as a watch on your wrist. (Calling Dick Tracey?). Technology is instantaneous and we are told it's made our lives easier, and it has in many ways, while complicating it in others. Who is it that's telling us this life in general is made easier by technology? Is it true?



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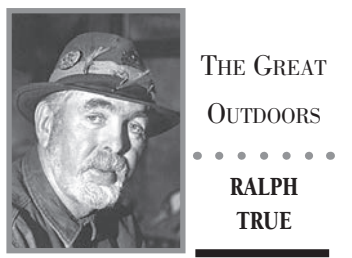
Then, why do I have three remotes sitting on my coffee table to operate one so called "Smart TV?" If it's so smart, shouldn't I only need a single remote ... or no remote at all? As most of you know, we recently downsized and moved into town. The building I live in doesn't allow a dish to be installed so I called the local branch of the 'mega-cable' service. I found in my call for installation that I could easily install it myself. They pushed the do-it-yourself option hard. It was obvious they didn't want to send anyone out, so I finally

said yes. The box of wires and devices arrived, and I was lost. I called my son-in-law Jeff (an engineer) and he made it look easy. It was ready to go ... but not so fast. Jeff handed me five remote controls and said, "These three are for the living room and these two for the bedroom. The third for the living room operates your sound. The other two operate the TV."

Huh? Easy for Jeff. He actually is a "Rocket Scientist." I think he can send us all to Mars using his telephone, an



# Turkey season off to a great start



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Massachusetts Wild Turkey season got off to a great start, as this week's photo shows. Ken True harvested two birds back-to-back only minutes apart. The big tom sported one-inch spurs, and a 10-inch beard. Steve Rondeau harvested his 22-pound Tom on Saturday morning which also sported one-inch spurs and a 10-and-a-half-inch beard. Both men observed numerous birds in the area that they hunted. The heavy winds on Friday & Saturday afternoon caused destruction to numerous ground blinds that were left for the next day of hunting.

Saltwater fishing was also impacted by the high winds of this past weekend, keeping most boats tied up at the dock. It normally takes a few days of good weather to

bring back fishing to what it was before the big blow. New England has been experiencing a lot of windy days in the last few weeks. Hopefully, things will start to calm down so that fishing can get back to normal, whatever that is.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual kids fishing derby this Saturday starting at 8 a.m., with breakfast being served free to kids only. Breakfast will be available for adults for a small fee. The club pond was stocked with a huge load of trout this past week, with some trout over four pounds! Every youngster in the derby will receive a prize just for fishing, so be sure to bring your kids to this great day in the outdoors and enjoy the morning fishing with the family. You may just get hooked on fishing yourself. You all deserve it after this winter and the pandemic is in our rearview mirror!

Freshwater fishing for trout continues to have anglers catching some real nice fish, but bass anglers are also enjoying some great fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The

number one bait for shore fishermen is shiners. Shad fishing should also pick up in the days ahead. Fishing for shad in the Connecticut River in Holyoak & surrounding areas can provide some great fishing for the entire family. Using freshwater rods and shad darts fan have the entire family enjoying the shad fishing on the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers. Shad are not a good eating fish, unless you plan on pickling them, but many people love the fish eggs (Roe) from the females. Poor man's caviar. Check out the recipes online.

Tautog fishing on the Westport River continued to be very poor up until this past Saturday on the Westport River. Hopefully, it is going full blast by the time you read this column. The water temperature was still at 50 degrees this past Saturday, and only a few more degrees should have the fish entering the river to feed and spawn.



Photo Courtesy  
Steve Rondeau with his big Tom.

## Two More Nostalgic Favorites from the Heirloom Garden

Lofty daylilies swaying in a summer breeze, and dainty purple Hosta buds rising above lush greenery - such are the things an heirloom garden is made of! Generations of New England gardens have been graced with the beauty and simplicity of these historic plants. Heirloom flowers and plants invoke nostalgia, while offering both beauty and sentiment to an outdoor garden.

Daylilies, and Hosta are two perennial New England favorites. In some cases, plants grown a century ago continue to thrive and bloom today, serving as living antiques in the garden.

Read on for an overview of these hardy garden favorites! \*\*

**Hardy Hosta**

Hosta plants are a common throughout the New England landscape. The plants abundant lush, green foliage and sprouting blue flowers have made them a favorite for over a century. Originally from Japan, the, Hosta was brought to America from Europe in the mid 19th century. Doctor and botanist Englebert Kaempfer (1651-1715), is named as the pioneer researcher of Japanese plants, including Hosta, which led to the plants eventual import to this country. Hostas were an important element in the Victorian garden, a tradition that continues today as the border plant is often found along pathways to historic New England homes. \*\*

**Growing Hosta:** The Hosta is a very self sufficient plant, requiring little or no sun, fertilizer, or tending. A shade tolerant plant, Hostas are very low maintenance and easy to grow, making them a favorite for shady rock

gardens, walkways and lawn borders. Little bell shaped blooms emerge from center spikes of the plant in summer. Hosta boasts a variety of different strains, offering various leaf size, texture and color, including an array of variegated leaves. While Hostas are known as shade plants, they should not be planted in deeply shaded areas. For best results, choose an area with morning sun and afternoon shade. Dig a hole one and a half times the width of the root ball, as the plant's roots with grow and spread horizontally. Hostas grow and spread fast, making them a popular offering at spring garden club sales, as members typically divide and share their plants. Hostas are best divided in early spring as the plants are just beginning to sprout. Dig out the whole plant clump to separate the plants. \*\*

**Hosta Uses:** While Hosta is a gorgeous, lush plant, its usefulness may not be limited to its spectacular eye appeal. According to some gardeners, Hosta is an edible plant, with young leaves best enjoyed steamed in the same manner as dandelion greens. \*\*

**Dazzling Daylilies**

The historic orange Day Lily, which blooms but one day, is a common sight along New England back roads, flourishing within the confines of picket fenced yards as well as sprawling through countryside fields. Daylilies, originally from Asia, made their way to Europe



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and arrived in this country with the colonists where they became a backyard reminder of their homeland. \*\*

Did you know? Daylilies belong to the genus *Hemerocallis*, which translates from Greek to "beautiful for a day." While many new colors and varieties of the Day Lily are offered today, the heirloom flowers of our ancestors are the orange Tawny Day Lily (*Hemerocallis Fulva*) and the yellow Lemon Day Lily (*Hemerocallis Lilasphodelus*). Daylilies were another mainstay of the Victorian garden, often lining a path through a garden gate or walkway. The familiar orange Day Lily still serves as nature's mark of summer today. In New England, the tubular's blooms begin to open between the start of school summer vacation and 4th of July. \*\*

**Growing Daylilies:** The Day Lily is easily established, growing quick and vigorously. It enjoys full sun, which will maximize blooms, but also adapts to light shade well. Daylilies are tolerant of most soils, but do best in ground that is slightly acidic. The plants should be well tilled and hole should be large enough to accommodate roots without crowding. When planting, be sure the crown of the plant is at least an inch below the ground and water thoroughly. The plant is hardy and very forgiving, usually flourishing with little effort. Daylilies grow and multiply vigorously, so they should be divided about every

three years. Divide and transplant plants in early spring or just after flowering. Be sure divisions have two to three stems or leaves with roots intact.

**Day Lily Uses:** The flowers of Daylilies are edible, and are typically served cooked in Asian dishes and soups. \*\*

**Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House**

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

*Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

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umbrella, and a Red Ryder Wagon. He gave me a quick tutorial and was out the door ... yet I wasn't even sure how to turn either TV on.

If they are so smart, why can't they figure out how to run on a single remote? If they are intelligent, why is it every time I talk into the voice activated feature on the remote, it answers, "There is no channel called ..." no matter what channel I choose. If they are smart, why did I walk out of the bedroom this morning to find Arlene holding one remote over her head and the other at knee level. "What are you doing," I asked. "Trying to turn on the TV," she responded.

Oh, before you ask, no, there was no instruction manual. I called to get one and was told I could access it on my smart TV. Right.

Over the last seven months, I've learned the basics of managing my TV with these remotes. We never get too old to learn and after I figured it all out, it's not that hard. But why should I have spent the first four months only watching Netflix because I couldn't figure out how to leave the streaming services and over to cable? And please do not tell me a really smart TV can't figure out how to operate with a single remote.

I'm sure my grandsons could have taught me. The nine-year-old down the street probably knows. I'm just not wired that way. I'm heavy on the creative side and exceptionally light on the technical, detailed stuff. I can write a column, book, or screenplay ... but if

my screenplay was turned into a movie, I may miss the first half of the show while I struggle with the remote to find the channel.

So, what is positive about all this? I didn't give up and figured it out. We are never too old to learn and if we are optimistic and keep working on the problem, we can solve it.

And what did I learn from all this? Well ... I don't think the term "Smart TV" is fully accurate. I find both of my televisions to be less intelligent than Alexa (Amazon) or my iPhone. I guess my TVs could be classified as learning

impaired, but that's okay. They both now perform as needed when I have all the remotes at my disposal.

The world is constantly changing around us, and we can choose to be lost within it or to keep up. I decided to keep up. What about you?

I encourage all of us that were born before the computer boom to continue learning. You're never too old and your certainly smarter than my two TV's. Learn a game or a task your phone can do. Get on a computer and learn something today you didn't know yesterday.

Although my television experience has been a struggle, and still is at times, the computer in its many forms is here to stay. Get online, stumble around and learn to do something fun. You can expand your horizons ... and your grandkids will be impressed!

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# Grow Edamame for better health and nutrition

Add a bit of fiber to your garden and diet. Consider growing edamame (edible soybeans) in this year's garden.

Soybeans help promote overall health reducing the risk of high cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Plus, the high fiber in soy helps fight colon and some other cancers.

Edamame is an ancient Asian vegetable and is often eaten right from the pod like peanuts. Edible soybeans are also used for making tofu, tempeh, soy nut snacks and more. In addition to their high fiber content, soybean's high protein content has made them a popular meat substitute.

Soybeans can be grown in a variety of soils and climate. They tolerate adverse conditions but perform best in warm temperatures, full sun, and moist well-drained soils. Add organic matter to less-than-ideal soils to improve drainage in heavy clay soils and increase the water holding capacity in sandy and rocky soils.

Try growing one of the edible soybean varieties such as Agate, Chiba Green, Midori Giant, and Envy. These have a better flavor and are more suited to your garden and recipes than field varieties.

Wait for the soil to warm for quick germination and increased success.



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Grow edible soybeans in a sunny spot. Plant and care for them the same as you would lima beans. Plant seeds three inches apart and one to one and a half inches deep in rows 24 to 36 inches apart. Once the plants sprout and grow, thin them out by removing the weaker seedlings, so the remaining plants are six inches apart.

Harvest the soybeans when the pods are plump, green, rough, and hairy. They are usually ready to harvest in 80 to 120 days, depending on the variety. Check frequently and pick when the seeds are fully enlarged but before they get hard. Waiting too long to harvest the seeds reduces the flavor and quality. Since all the seed filled pods usually ripen at the same time, you can pull up the whole plant and harvest the seeds from pods while sitting on a chair in the shade.

Use edamame within two to three days of harvest for the best quality. Store fresh edamame in the refrigerator in a perforated plastic bag.

Cook edamame by steaming, boiling, or microwaving the pods. Allow them to cool, then pop out the seeds to enjoy. Don't let any surplus go to waste. Blanch, then freeze whole pods or the seeds. Or dry the shelled edamame in the oven or dehydrator to use through-



Photo Melinda Myers

Edamame pods are ready to harvest when they are plump, green, rough, and hairy.

out the year.

Purchase seeds and carve out some space in your garden or containers for this nutritious vegetable.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The*

*Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

## SCHOOL BUDGET

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if, as we did for the towns last year in trying to lower the assessment for their needs, we're asking if they could make up for that mini funding cliff that was set up of roughly \$375,000 this year on top of their 2.5 percent assessment."

The superintendent said the proposed budget is not ideal or a sustainable long-term budget approach, but the district wants to work with their member com-

munities to create proposals that work for all parties involved.

Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu concurred with Lamarche that the spending plan was not ideal and warned that small increases won't sustain the districts needs in the future.

"I think returning to those small incremental annual increases to the operating budget will present enormous ongoing challenges for the district to ensure that we continue providing to the level of education that we have in

the past. All that said, we are where we are and if the towns are in that position, then we have to react to that, both this year to achieve a budget solution and engage in ongoing conversations about what this is going to look like going forward," said Mathieu, who also said he liked the Superintendent's approach to compromising with the towns about returning lost resources used to balance the 2021 spending plan.

Mathieu also provided a potential path forward to enact the \$555,000 in cuts. This would include a reduction in

the number of employed buses, moving health insurance expenses for food service department employees into their specific budget, and taking out of the tuition increases from out of district students.

Some board members called the plan a good compromise that is in good faith with the communities, while others felt it wasn't enough to satisfy the district's needs. The budget proposal barely passed in a 5 to 2 decision.



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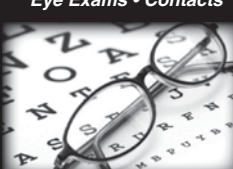
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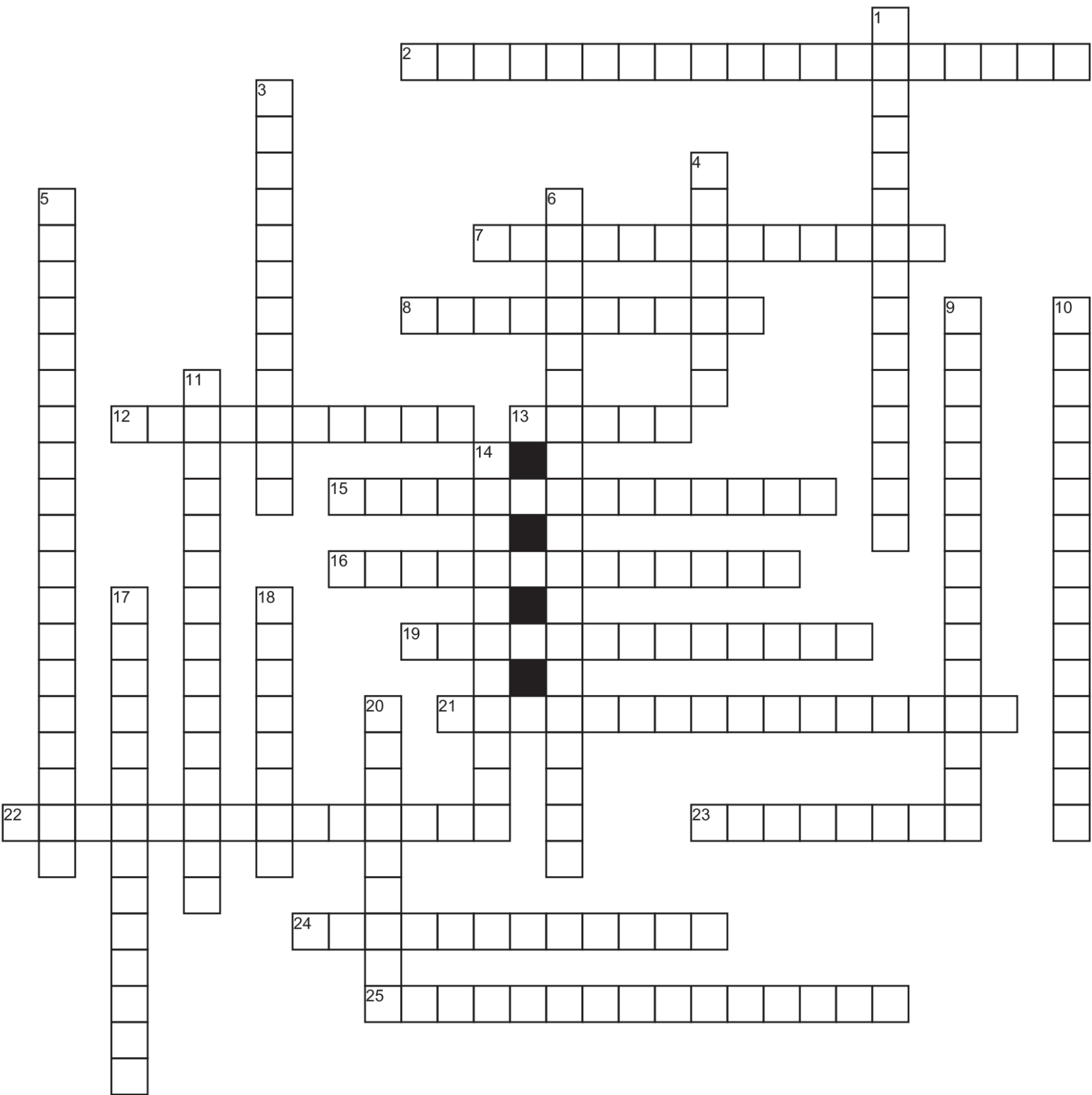




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# OBITUARIES

## Irene V. Salonis, 84

CHARLTON- Irene V. (Tremblay) Salonis, 84, of Old Worcester Rd., passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, April 29th, after a long illness.



She leaves her husband of 61 years, Albert W. Salonis, Sr.; her son, Albert W. “Al” Salonis, Jr. and his wife Theresa E. Salonis of Dudley; her daughter, Sherry A. Jovan and her husband John D. “Jack” Jovan of Southbridge; three brothers, Edward E. Tremblay of Brimfield, Lawrence R. “Lefty” Tremblay of Webster and

Donald S. Tremblay of Worcester; two sisters, Elaine E. Bourbeau of Florida and Lorraine M. Charest of Grafton; five grandchildren, John D. Jovan, III and Erin I. Jovan of Southbridge, Albert W. Salonis, III and Joseph P. Salonis of Dudley and Krysta L. Jovan of North Grosvenordale, CT; her two great grandchildren, Evelyn L. Jovan and Lucca Q. Nozzolillo; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, Julius J. Tremblay, Jr. and Arthur J. Tremblay and two sisters, Dorothy A. St. Armand and Jean F. Quilliam. Irene was born in Worcester the daughter of Julius J. and Helga V. (Erickson) Tremblay.

Irene was a purchasing consultant

for TJX, retiring several years ago. She previously worked as a home health aide; a school bus driver; and manager of the Auburn McDonald’s.

Irene was always a regular at all her grandchildren’s sporting/school events. She was also a talented quilter; loved summer camping adventures and volunteering at the St. John Paul II Food Pantry where she was lovingly called “The General”. She has left her mark of faith and love; never to be forgotten by her beloved family and friends.

The family would like to thank her hospice nurse, Paulette Hallihan, for all the compassionate care she gave Irene during her illness.

Irene’s funeral Mass will be on Saturday, May 15th, at 12:00pm in St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Southbridge, will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in St. Joseph’s Church will be held on Saturday, May 15th, from 9:30 to 11:30am, prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations in Irene’s name may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, c/o St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, directed arrangements.  
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## Emily Gay of Uxbridge inducted into Kappa Mu Epsilon National Honor Society

WORCESTER — The Assumption University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has announced that Emily Gay, of Uxbridge, has earned membership in the Mathematics National Honor Society, Kappa Mu Epsilon. Gay, Class of 2022, was inducted into the honor society during a virtual ceremony on April 29.

“Students named to Assumption’s chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon have demonstrated an unwavering commitment and dedication to the field of mathematics,” said Joseph Alfano, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics and the honor society’s advisor. “These students were chosen for their passion for mathematics, and academic distinction in mathematics and their general studies. We are proud of these new members, including Emily, for this tremendous accomplishment.”

Kappa Mu Epsilon is a specialized honor society in mathematics founded in 1931 to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students. The chapters’ members are selected from students of mathematics and actuarial science who have demonstrated a commitment to the pursuit of mathematics, maintained standards of

scholarship in their major courses, and have attained academic distinction in their studies overall. Students’ grade point averages must rank in the top 35 percent of their class, and must hold a B or better in their math-based major or minor.

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## Family Services of Central Massachusetts awarded grant to implement child care development specialist apprenticeship program

WORCESTER — Family Services of Central Massachusetts (FSCM), an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation, was recently awarded funding through a grant program administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. The \$200,000 funding is for FSCM to implement a Child Care Development Specialist Apprenticeship Program in Central Massachusetts. This initiative is designed to run until the end of June 2022, with an option to continue the program for an additional year.

The goals of the Child Care Development Specialist Program are to 1) Build competency in child development and classroom management and curriculum in entry level workers working in the private sector (not public schools), including workers with English as a Second Language; 2) Provide meaningful credentials including the Apprenticeship certificate, the Child Development Associate credential (national) and Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Teacher Certification; 3) Provide a career pathway including a track into higher education at the community college level; and 4) Improve retention of entry level, new workers including building a path on a compensation scale that leads to a self-sufficiency wage.

“The Apprenticeship program is a strategy to build child development knowledge and competency in unskilled,

entry level workers and also provide a career pathway in the field to enhance retention and quality of care,” said Jim Regan, Vice President of Family Services of Central Massachusetts.

The field of early education and care is new to using the apprenticeship model. In addition, child care providers are currently considered “Essential Workers” during the COVID-19 pandemic. Working families with young children who cannot work remotely must depend on child care services. Child care programs have remained open during most of the pandemic to support other essential workers in health care, government, the supermarket industry, etc. The existing workforce has been stressed by departures of workers due to health concerns or family responsibilities.

For 130 years, Family Services of Central Massachusetts has been serving the greater Worcester community as a valuable resource providing high quality support, guidance and counseling. FSCM offers a diversity of programs and services that include individual, child and family counseling; employee assistance; home care; community mediation, senior volunteer and companion opportunities, and professional development for the early child care industry. On Jan. 1, Family Services of Central Massachusetts (FSCM), headquartered in Worcester, became an Affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation.

Cedric S. Flower won over contender Susan F. Mix in a 341 to 312 vote.

The rest of the seats up for grabs were all uncontested elections with some new names joining the town’s elected bodies. Jeanne Renaud Constello will join the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee with incumbent Stephanie Reed choosing not to run for reelection. Jordan Evans will also return to the committee after an uncontested battle to retain her seat. Brett Moore was named Assessor after facing no competition. Willis S. Bond, Jr. rejoins the Cemetery Commission, Russell George Jennings and write in candidate Cameron Coleman were elected to the Water and Sewer Commission, William T. Fontaine was elected to the Planning Board, Diane Doherty maintains a seat on the Recreation Commission, Frances M. Mower and Stefan D. Sage were both reelected to the Library Board of Trustees, and Donald J. Montville was elected to represent the town in the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District.

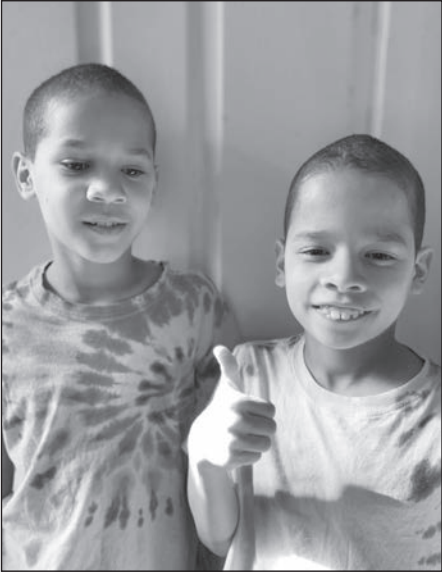
### ELECTION

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The first, and most significant, decision of the day was for a new selectperson with Karen Spiewak choosing not to run for reelection to pursue other endeavors. Scot Alan Neri and Barbara M. Zurawski were the two candidates seeking Spiewak’s seat with Zurawski edging out Neri to become the newest Charlton Selectwoman in a 371 to 334 vote. Incumbent Selectman David Singer was also elected back to the board in an uncontested election for his seat.

Another seat with a contested battle was the Board of Health. Incumbent Board Chair Kathleen Walker sought to maintain her seat against contender Peter J. Lancette II, and when the numbers were tallied it was Lancette who earned the victory by a large margin of 462 to 229. The third contested election of the night was for a seat on the Housing Authority where incumbent

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Alvin is known to be very courageous and daring. He can be very curious at times and asks a lot of questions. He is very interested in how things work. He is also very affectionate and does well with lots of one-on-one attention, hugs, and kisses. Some of Alvin’s interests are using his iPad and playing

sports. His favorite sport is soccer, and he’s very good at it!

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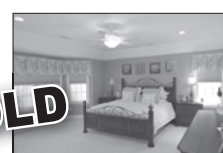
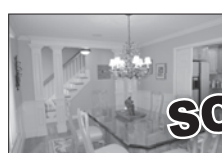
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# Shepherd Hill Regional High School honor roll

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Class of 2024 – Grade 9  
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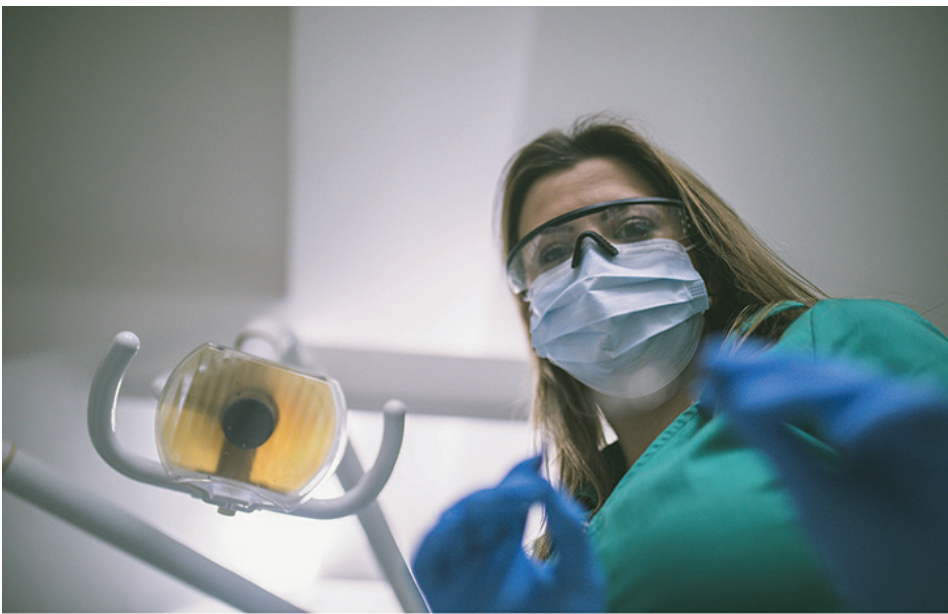
# These nursing specialists are in demand

Nursing can be a fast-paced, exciting occupation. Nursing is a vibrant field that includes talented professionals who specialize in various areas of health care. Depending on which type of medicine they find appealing, nurses can work in various settings.

Demand for nurses is high. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted that the demand for nurses in the United States would soar in the early years of the 2020s. The ongoing global pandemic has increased demand for nurses even more and highlighted how essential these workers really are.

New nurses or seasoned applicants ready for something a little different may appreciate the growth potential in a variety of in-demand specialties.

- **Geriatric nurse:** The population of senior citizens is expected to increase by 75 percent between 2010 and 2030, according to Husson University Online. Many nurses have no geriatric training, making a career in geriatric nursing a viable option — and one that can provide for quality care for the aging population.



- **Cardiac nurse:** The World Health Organization reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death across the globe. So it should come as no surprise that the demand for nurses with a specialty in cardiac health is growing.

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- **Certified nursing anesthetist:** This interesting career option involves nursing and anesthesia. A certified nurse

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- **Critical care nurse:** Critical care nurses are especially educated and trained for emergency situations. They are called on to tend to serious wounds and monitor life-support systems.

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# 6 things dog owners should know about Lyme disease

Lyme disease is one of the most common tick-transmitted diseases in the world. Lyme disease primarily affects people, but dogs also are at risk.

Lyme disease is caused by a spirochete, *borrelia burgdorferi*, which is a type of bacterium, says VCA Animal Hospitals. Bacteria are contained in the bodies of blacklegged ticks, which are then passed to the host animal when bitten. Transmission of Lyme disease has been reported in dogs throughout the United States and Europe. It is most prevalent in the upper midwestern states, the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific coastal states, advises PetMD.

Even though Lyme disease is widely known for its effects on humans, pet parents should learn about the ways that tick bites can affect their furry companions.

1. Lyme disease only causes symptoms in 5 to 10 percent of affected dogs. Many dogs have it but never show symptoms.

2. The animal health experts at Boehringer Ingelheim say dogs with Lyme disease can experience various symptoms, including joint swelling and pain, fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, and kidney problems. Dogs may not exhibit symptoms for weeks or months after being bitten.

3. Lyme disease is diagnosed based on the presence of certain symptoms. A Lyme disease antibody test can identify the presence of the disease, but only if the dog's body has produced antibodies. Testing is recommended no sooner than four weeks after a tick bite. Other tests include a polymerase chain reaction and an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

4. Lyme disease is a year-round threat. Ticks do not die in the winter. Rather, they hide out and wait for the first warm day to arrive to move around. It's important to keep up with tick-control treatments no matter the month.

5. Most tick control remedies do not actually repel ticks, they just kill the tick shortly after the tick has bitten. That's good news since there is a greater chance of bacteria being transmitted the longer the tick is attached. Only tick collars repel ticks, but there are pros and cons to such products.

6. Ticks latch on to dogs in areas where blood vessels are closest to the surface of the skin. This includes the head, the neck and the ears. However, since adult ticks are quite big, dogs will attempt to bite them off if they are seen. Ticks tend to hide in places like inside the ears, between the toes and around the neck.



Pet owners should use gloves, tweezers or a tissue to form a barrier between the tick and their skin when removing ticks. The bacterium that causes Lyme disease can pass through a wound in the skin, says VCA Hospitals. Annual vaccination also can help dogs maintain immunity.

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