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# Harrington assures safety for those seeking routine healthcare

**S O U T H B R I D G E** — Harrington HealthCare System (HHS) officials report that they've seen a significant decline in the number of emergency department and urgent care visits since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, and are urging the public not to delay seeking care out of fear that they may contract the COVID-19 virus at a healthcare facility.

"What we're seeing in our emergency department and urgent care center right now is consistent with trends observed at other healthcare organizations across the country," said HHS Chief Medical Officer Dr. Frank Powers. "People are choosing not to seek care for conditions that require timely treatment because they're more afraid of picking up the COVID-19 virus than they are of the condition they already have. Unfortunately, they are much more likely to suffer negative or even grave consequences by not getting the care they need than they are of contracting the coronavirus in a hospital emergency department or urgent care center."

"We've already seen that play out for some patients who

delayed care until their condition was much more critical, and they have suffered greatly in some cases as a result. We don't want to see that for any of our patients, especially when there's no need to be afraid to seek care immediately," Dr. Powers said.

HHS officials are urging the public not to forego needed care at this time, saying that extensive infection control measures have always been in place at HHS healthcare facilities and that additional measures aimed specifically at preventing the spread of COVID-19 have also been in place since early March. These measures can be found on the health system's website at [harrington-hospital.org/coronavirus](http://harrington-hospital.org/coronavirus).

"One of the newest measures we're putting in place is designed to ease one of the biggest concerns that patients have, which is the fear of sitting in an Emergency Department waiting room," Dr. Powers said. "To address that concern, by mid-May we'll be implementing an Emergency Department Curbside Triage Assessment. The goal is to allow patients to be screened by a nurse in their car, and then to be taken to a

private exam room as soon as one is available. If there isn't a room available immediately and the condition doesn't require immediate care, the patient can wait right there in their car, rather than sitting in a waiting room. We believe this will help to ease fears about coming into the ED.

Dr. Powers says that anyone with serious or life-threatening injuries or symptoms that would normally warrant a trip to the emergency department should continue to seek emergency care there immediately. For less serious injuries and illnesses, immediate care is available at the Harrington Urgent Care Express in Oxford. Patients can also continue to schedule annual physicals and receive care for non-urgent conditions through Harrington's new Telehealth service.

"Telehealth appointments are available for a wide range of services, from primary care and specialty care services to behavioral health. This new technology allows doctors and patients to connect via video chat or telephone so that care can be provided virtually from

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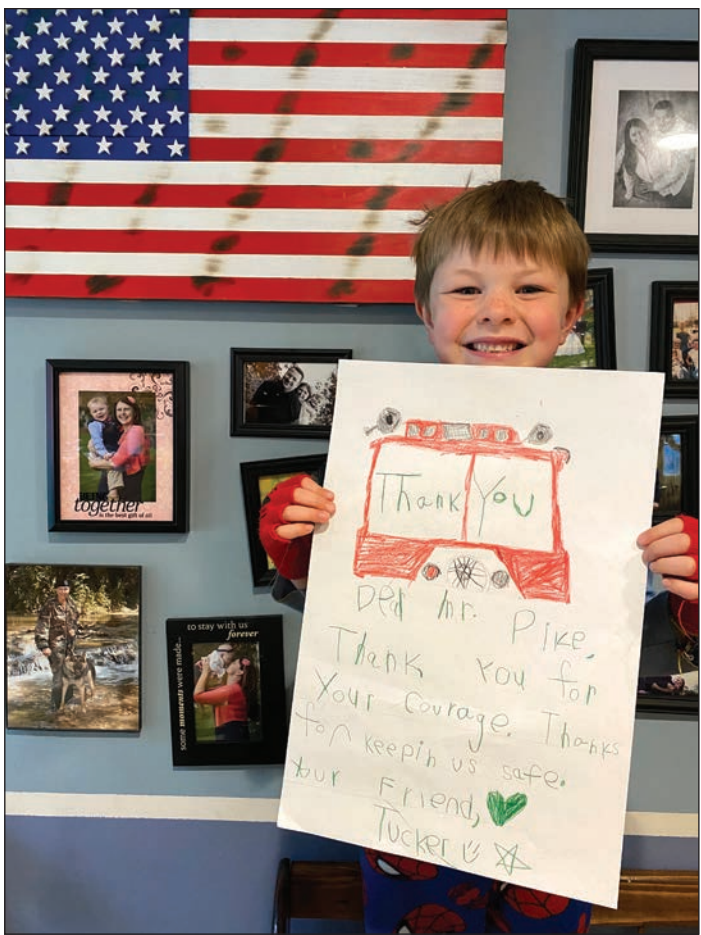


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Old Sturbridge Academy, an EL Education public charter school on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village, celebrated its annual Better World Day in a different way this May 1, by encouraging virtual connections among students and their communities.

## Old Sturbridge Academy celebrates Better World Day with virtual connections

**STURBRIDGE** — Old Sturbridge Academy, an EL Education public charter school on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village, celebrated its annual Better World Day in a different way this May 1, by encouraging virtual connections among students and their communities.

OSA is one of 160 EL Education charter schools which mark Better World Day to reinforce the alignment between education, character and public service.

Because of the circumstances created by COVID-19, the focus of this year's program was Better World Day Connections. Students' home creations, such as videos, paintings, sidewalk chalk creations, letters, and cards of appreciation for those who are demonstrating courage and kindness, were shared on social media with the hashtag #BetterWorldDay.

Better World Connections took place throughout April, culminating on Better World Day on May 1. Each post will appear on EL Education's Better World Day page in a gallery of student contributions from across the country.

"The message of Better World Day has never been more important," said Jim Donahue, President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. "Although we wish we could celebrate in person with our students, the virtual connections project is a way that our students can connect with our communities and share joy and hope, a vital message in today's world."

Last year's OSA Better World Day celebration included a procession through the Village with music and remarks, followed by agriculture projects on the property. Students then planted shade trees in each

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## Bigfoot comes home

**BRIMFIELD** — Police last week were pleased to announce that Bigfoot has been returned home safely.

After the Bigfoot statue was stolen from a residence overnight on April 23, it was returned the next day to owner Todd Disotell. Police thank residents who reached out with tips.



Photo Courtesy

After a brief theft, Bigfoot was returned to owner Todd Disotell's Brimfield residence last week.

# Public use of masks ordered in Southbridge

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — The biggest change in the Covid continuum lately has been the implementation of a new governor's order mandating everyone wear masks in public.

Officially, that took effect on Wednesday (after this paper's deadline), but in practice it had been gradually coming into being for weeks, with requirements in supermarkets among other places. Increasing numbers of people have been doing so as time has passed, but not all.

"Any person who is in a place open to the public in the Commonwealth, when unable to maintain a distance

of approximately six feet from every other person, shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering," the new guidance, released May 1, states. "Masks are required at all times" under four conditions: in or waiting to get into any retail store, in any taxi or similar service, on public transit, and in transit waiting areas. Children under age 2 and certain other people are exempt, including "those who are exercising outdoors and are able to keep physical distance from others."

Violations are enforced by the community, with a first offense getting a warning and later offenses subject to a \$300 fine.

As of Sunday, the state

Department of Public Health had confirmed a cumulative total of 68,087 Covid-19 cases causing 4004 deaths, with five percent of them "currently hospitalized." DPH reports that the average age of confirmed cases is 53, that of hospitalized people is 69, and that of deaths is 82. The death rate among those over age 80 is nearly seven times that of the second-highest group (ages 70-79). In sheer numbers, the 80-plus group has seen 2,525 deaths, while 1,433 have died between ages 50-80, and just 46 younger than that. It has also found that 98 percent of deaths are in people who have underlying health conditions, 58 percent had been previously hospitalized for any reason,

and 59 percent were in long-term care facilities at the time of death.

In Southbridge, the total number has been 59, with four deaths and 29 recoveries so far. DPH data shows 10 of them are hospitalized at Harrington, with two in the ICU.

Last week, the Board of Health ordered all food workers — including delivery — to wear facemasks. Additionally, the town is making early voting ballots available by mail for all voters for the upcoming June 9 local election. To get one, voters must be registered by May 20 and request a ballot in writing (with the form available on the town's website). It needs to be requested


no later than June 8 at noon, but Town Clerk Madaline Bonadies urges people to do it sooner to allow time for mailing in both directions.

"We are strongly encouraging voters to take advantage of early voting for the safety of voters and our election workers," she wrote. "Any registered voter may apply for an early-vote ballot."


In Webster, the town delayed its election to June 15, with registration deadline June 5, and early voting applications available at the town clerk's Web page. Town Administrator Doug Willardson said they're still working out details on how to run the June 22 Annual Town

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# National Nurses Week

*Thank you!* 

Stonebridge Press and the following businesses would like to recognize nurses during National Nurses Week (May 6-May 12). Thank you for your selfless dedication, kindness, compassion, and bravery especially during these pandemic times. You are truly angels in scrubs. Thank you for all you do all year long.



# What nurses do each day

There are millions of nurses nationwide. According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, there are roughly 3.8 million registered nurses in the United States. That number figures to grow along with the demand for qualified, highly trained nurses.

Nurses perform a variety of functions, some of which may come as a surprise to those outside the medical profession. Learning more about what nurses do on a daily basis can paint a clearer picture of just how vital these health care professionals are.

Nurses are on the front lines of the medical profession, often interacting with patients more than any other professional within the health care field. Nurses communicate concerns, answer questions about conditions and care and even administer such care. While there are many tasks nurses can perform, some of their main responsibilities are observing and recording behavior, performing physical exams and diagnostic tests, collecting patient health histories, counseling patients and their families, and educating about treatment plans. Nurses also are responsible for administering medications, addressing and treating wounds and interpreting doctors' patient information to make decisions about necessary actions, where appropriate.

Nurses excel at listening to patients and analyzing their physical and emotional needs. Nurses also coordinate care with

other health care providers and stay current with treatment options and cutting edge research and technology.

In addition to the aforementioned tasks, nurses may draw blood and perform other health-related tests. Testing may differ based on the subspecialty of the nurse. For example, obstetrics nurses may initiate sonograms or oversee urine testing for pregnancy hormones. Pediatric nurses may plot growth charts and administer routine immunizations.

Nurses are also there to listen to patients, and some may offer compassionate advice as they aim to help patients navigate difficult situations.

According to CareerBuilder, nurses who work in physicians' offices, community health centers, schools, and other health environments may enjoy a regular working schedule



and shifts during typical business hours. However, nurses working in hospitals and trauma centers tend to work rotating shifts to ensure patients receive round-the-clock care. Many nurses work outside traditional business hours, including during evenings, on holidays and on weekends. Some nurses are even on-call like doctors.


Nurses possess a distinct skill set that enables them to handle various tasks.

**In honor of Nurses week, I would like to recognize the following dedicated healthcare workers.**

Marylynn Pratt (ER Nurse at Baystate Medical)  
Laurie Dibara (Nurse at Quaboag Rehab & Skilled Nursing Center)  
Colleen Dibara (NP at St. Vincent's)

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## How to implement infection prevention measures in the workplace



Protecting workers has long been a priority for business owners, but that responsibility took on new meaning in the wake of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in late-winter 2020. Business owners accustomed to traditional workplace safety protocols designed primarily to prevent accidents and injuries were now tasked with protect-

ing workers from a deadly virus.

Though many businesses were forced to close their doors in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, many others remained fully or partially operational. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends employers implement the following hygiene and infection control practices in an effort to prevent

workers from infection.

- Promote frequent and thorough handwashing. Workers, customers and worksite visitors should be routinely reminded of the importance of washing their hands. The OSHA advises employers, in instances where soap and running water are not immediately available, to provide their employees with alcohol-based hand rubs that contain at least 60 percent alcohol. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges people to employ the following techniques when washing their hands:

When washing with soap and water:

- Lather the hands by rubbing them together with the soap, making sure to scrub all surfaces of the hands, including palms, backs, fingers, between fingers, and under the nails
- Scrub for at least 20 seconds
- Rinse hands clean under running water

- Dry hands with a clean towel or air dry them

When washing with alcohol-based sanitizers:

- Cover all surfaces of the hands with the product before rubbing hands together
- Rub hands together until they feel dry, about 20 seconds

- Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick. Employers should emphasize to workers the importance of staying home if they feel sick. Even people who feel ill but are not showing any signs of COVID-19 infection, which the CDC notes include shortness of breath, fever and cough, should stay home. That's because any illness can weaken a person's immune system, which makes them more vulnerable to viruses like COVID-19. Staying home when they feel sick is a great way for employees to protect not only themselves, but also their coworkers.

- Encourage respiratory etiquette. The OSHA and the CDC say covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, putting used tissues in the waste basket and coughing or sneezing into an upper sleeve when no tissues are available can help prevent the spread of germs.

- Discourage sharing. Workers should be discouraged from sharing phones, desks, offices, and tools or equipment whenever possible. This can help prevent the spread of germs.

- Choose the appropriate cleaning chemicals. The OSHA advises employers to use chemical cleaners approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. The OSHA notes that products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens are expected to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 based on data for harder to kill viruses.

Protecting their employees from COVID-19 is of the utmost importance for employers across the globe. Safety measures can be implemented rather easily and ultimately save lives. TF206046

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# Second Chance volunteer fosters making the best of stay-at-home

EAST BROOKFIELD — Some very lucky families have found a great way to spend their time during the current stay-at-home advisory — helping to care for newborn kittens for Second Chance Animal Services. Right now, Second Chance has four litters of kittens in their care and they are grateful to their volunteer fosters who are providing

round the clock care for these helpless babies.

Fosters follow many of the steps of the lifesaving kitten protocol which was developed by Second Chance to help save the lives of prematurely born kittens, including weighing the kittens twice a day to ensure they are receiving the proper amount of nutrition. The protocol was published last year to

help increase the odds of survival for premature kittens through animal welfare organizations across the country.

Second Chance has so many kittens in foster right now that they dedicated their weekly Wish List Wednesday Facebook post to the kittens in hopes of receiving more kitchen scales to help fosters track each kitten's weight. Second Chance shared a video of a foster kitten nicknamed Mitten being brushed with a toothbrush. The toothbrush feels like a mother's tongue for the kitten.

Mitten and his sibling are getting extra attention from the whole family. Five-year-old Lila asks her mom to bring home foster kittens and likes

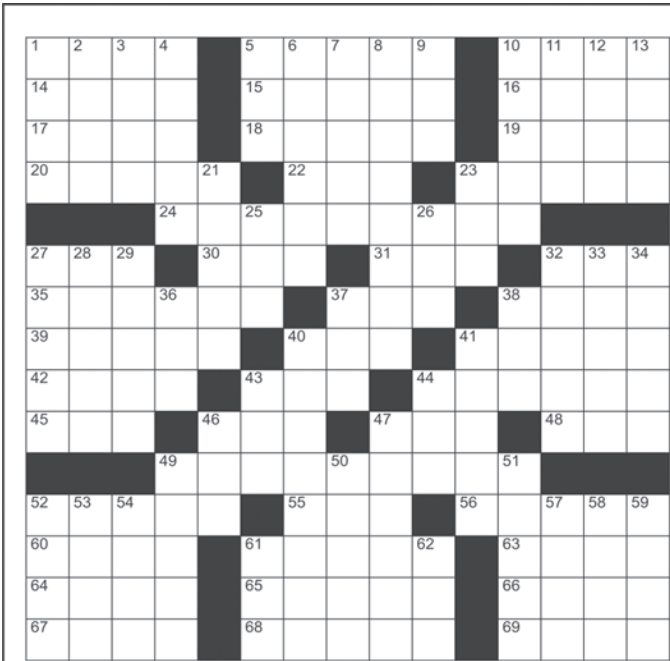
to help feed and bathe them daily. Her mom says fostering provides important life lessons, from caring for others to saying goodbye to the kittens when it's time for them to go back to Second Chance so they can find forever homes. Lila's two-year-old brother Callen is doing his part, cuddling with the kittens to provide socialization under the close supervision of mom's watchful eye.

When the kittens are old enough, they will return to Second Chance where vets will clear them for adoption after they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated. The next step is the adoption center in East Brookfield where they will be available for adoption.

Second Chance is currently



working to process all the foster applications that have been submitted by animal lovers looking for a way to help during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information becoming a foster, visit [secondchanceanimals.org](http://secondchanceanimals.org).



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Common request
- 5. Department in France
- 10. Fungi cells
- 14. Famed inventor
- 15. Hillsides
- 16. Cold wind
- 17. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 18. Resembling a doddering old woman
- 19. Geological periods
- 20. Assists
- 22. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 23. Jewish spiritual leader
- 24. English soccer club
- 27. Body art
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. Clumsy person
- 32. Swiss river
- 35. Belittled
- 37. Luxury car
- 38. Single sheet of glass in a window
- 39. Monetary units
- 40. Supervises flying
- 41. Indian term of respect
- 42. Breezed through
- 43. The bill in a restaurant
- 44. Flower cluster
- 45. Moved quickly
- 46. Shooters need to do it
- 47. High schoolers' test
- 48. Split pulses
- 49. Salts
- 52. Breaking Bad actor \_\_\_ Paul
- 55. Set ablaze
- 56. Semitic Sun god
- 60. Nervous system cells
- 61. Tourist destination Buenos \_\_\_
- 63. A way to bind
- 64. Behave uncontrollably
- 65. Feels concern
- 66. Sportscaster Andrews
- 67. Subway dwellers
- 68. Astrological aspect
- 69. You may take one

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Swedish rock group
- 2. Serbian
- 3. Away from wind
- 4. Actor Oliver
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Intricately decorative
- 7. American state
- 8. Type of tumor
- 9. Midway between east and southeast
- 10. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 11. Fruit of the service tree
- 12. Grouch
- 13. Romanian city
- 21. Units of loudness
- 23. British Air Aces
- 25. Small amount
- 26. Hem's partner
- 27. Turkic people
- 28. Member of the banana family
- 29. Liam Neeson franchise
- 32. Expressed pleasure
- 33. Inward-directed part of psyche
- 34. Insurgent
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Gateway (Arabic)
- 38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)
- 40. Well-known
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. \_\_\_ death do us part
- 44. Jailhouse informant
- 46. French river
- 47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 49. Drenches
- 50. Clouds
- 51. Companies need to make them
- 52. Created from seaweed
- 53. One's school: \_\_\_ mater
- 54. A type of act
- 57. Member of Russian people
- 58. Neutralizes alkalis
- 59. Monetary unit
- 61. Play a role
- 62. Midway between south and southeast



# Charlton to host virtual Candidates Night

BY JASON BLEAU  
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CHARLTON — Although limitations on public gatherings remain in place for the month of May, Charlton is marching towards its annual town elections in June and with that a new format has been established for voters to meet the candidates that will be on the ballot.

On May 18, the town will host a Zoom event where candidates for office will be introduced to the public and presented with questions to help voters determine who they would like to choose for town leadership. The candidates' night will allow citizens to learn more about those running for town offices in a similar manner to past events but from the comfort of their homes with respect to social distancing practices currently in effect.

Selectman David Singer said during a Zoom meeting in late April they are currently working on getting all candidates involved with the event and that public input will be welcome during the livestream.

"All questions should be submitted to Kathleen Walker, coordinator for the event, at [kwalker4@mac.com](mailto:kwalker4@mac.com). Questions will also be taken from the audience. The event will be posted on YouTube. Karen Spiewak will be the timer," Singer said.

The hope is to end the event by 8 p.m. making it an approximately two-hour commitment for voters either during the livestream or during YouTube viewings.

Charlton announced in April that the town election and spring annual town meeting have been moved to June 13 and June 15 respectively due to the ongoing pandemic. With the change

also comes a new format for absentee ballots and early voting. Selectman Karen Spiewak said she has received numerous questions from citizens and felt compelled to clear up some of those concerns after speaking with the Town Clerk's office.

"They did clarify that the state has allowed the use of an absentee ballot application with no reason. Usually you have to have a reason, but this year because of the virus you can use it. That's what they're using for early voting actually," Spiewak said.

Absentee ballots are currently available on the Town of Charlton website. Questions, concerns, and completed applications can be directed to Eric Tully at [eric.tully@townofcharlton.net](mailto:eric.tully@townofcharlton.net). For more information on the 2020 Charlton town election as well as a list of candidates visit [townofcharlton.net](http://townofcharlton.net).

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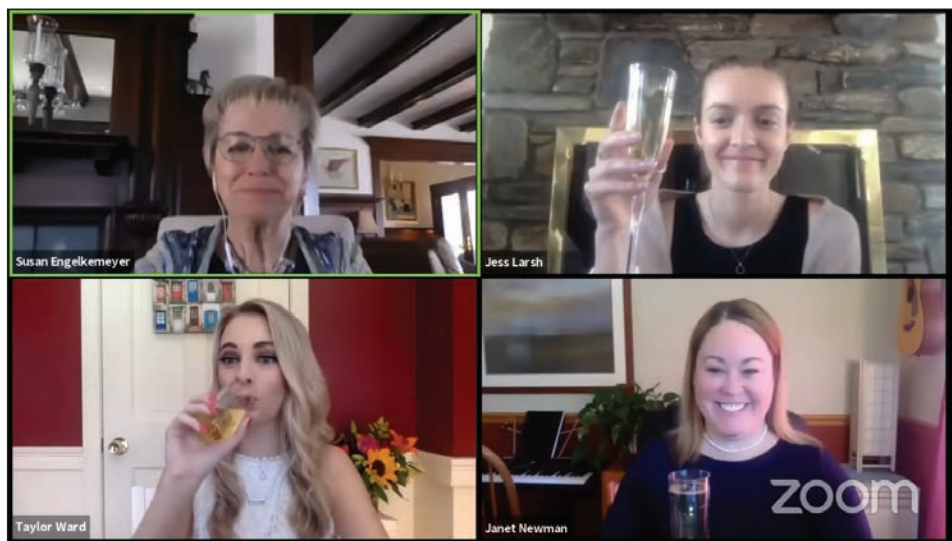
# Nichols sends off Class of 2020 with virtual celebration

BY JASON BLEA  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Even though the Nichols College graduating class of 2020 were unable to enjoy their final months together on campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school still made an effort to recognize the achievements of these graduates with a special virtual ceremony on Saturday, May 2.

While the college does plan to hold an in-person graduation ceremony in the future, Nichols College did not want to send their outgoing graduates into the world without one more get together even if they had to do it online. The ceremony was held on YouTube the morning of May 2 featuring several speakers including Nichols President Susan Engelkemeyer who recalled her address from 2016 when many of the Class of 2020 started their Nichols College journeys. It was then she assured them that upon graduating in 2020 they would look back with “2020 vision” on their experiences. However, given recent events, she added to that sentiment calling the Class of 2020 one of the most prepared groups to face the trials that lay before them in their unknown futures.

“While you’ve learned lessons of fear and loss you’ve also found courage, hope and a greater sense of community. This pandemic has dramatically changed the celebration we had planned for today with your family and friends surrounding you, but in the not too distant future you may come to realize that this has given you a very special legacy and a really great story,” President Engelkemeyer said. “You will not only get past this, but you will be stronger because of how these past two months have shaped you. You are more prepared than most to come out on top



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Guest speakers for the Nichols College Class of 2020 Virtual Celebration President Susan Engelkemeyer, Valedictorian Jessica Larsh, Class Speaker Taylor Ward and Class Representative Janet Newman make a toast to the senior class.

because your resilience has enabled you to succeed in the face of adversity.”

Class Representative Janet Newman served as the guest speaker handpicked by the Class of 2020 for the ceremony. She held back tears as she addressed the students she helped lead through their college careers one final time. She called the unique and unprecedented virtual celebration a fitting one for the Class of 2020, a group she said was “anything but traditional.”

“This is a time when our relationships and our communities are an integral part of our daily lives. The world that we’re living in right now has brought us back to the basics. It has given us the rare opportunity to focus on what is important to each of us and a time to reflect on what matters most,” Newman said.

She capped off her address by recalling the words of the late Mr. Rogers and his famous quote about looking for the helpers in times of need. Just as many at Nichols College have helped the Class of 2020 reach their full potential, she believes the graduates are entering the world ready to step up to the plate when called upon.

The virtual ceremony also allowed a few students to address their class in one final farewell to their college years. Class Speaker Taylor Ward took the time to thank Nichols College and her classmates for giving her bonds that she will cherish for the rest of her life.

“If it wasn’t for Nichols, I’d still be an only child but now I have hundreds of brothers and sisters and I can’t wait to support each other for the rest of our lives,” Ward said. “We gave a lot, left

our legacy like they told us to, but we didn’t know how much more we would gain. An education, endless networks, role models, opportunities and countless memories but most importantly we got a family.”

Class Valedictorian Jessica Larsh admitted that her speech changed significantly from when she first wrote it in February, a month before the COVID-19 pandemic forced the school to close. She admitted had she known what was on the horizon she would have made a few more memories with her classmates before returning home, but said the memories she did make and the lessons she learned at the school will forever be a part of her life.

“I hope that this experience we are all going through can bring our class closer together and make our return, whether it be for an in-person graduation or on a homecoming weekend, something we can cherish more than we could have ever imagined. Going through this quarantine has taught me to appreciate my friends that I made at Nichols more than ever and to not take anything for granted,” Larsh said. “Just because our graduation will be held in a different format right now and on a different day in the future that has yet to be determined doesn’t mean that it takes away our achievements as a whole. Class of 2020, we will forever be united and remembered as the class that persevered despite these difficult times.”

The ceremony closed with educators from the different departments all coming together to wish the graduates good luck. Finally, it was all capped off by a toast to the future and a promise to remember the Class of 2020 as one of the most enduring group of students in Nichols College history.

## Charlton requires employees to wear masks

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton is following suit with many towns and states by implementing the mandated use of face masks by town employees in order to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

During a livestreamed meeting on April 28, Town Administrator Andrew Golas presented a modification to the town’s policies regarding safe practices by town employees for the duration of the pandemic which will require the use of face masks while in or around the town hall.

“There are a variety of opinions on the effectiveness of facemask covering; however, this policy is being implemented out of respect to health concerns of all employees required to do business on site or even during the shutdown,” Golas told selectmen. “It’s

highly encouraged that employees continue to work remotely as much as possible during this time.”

For the time being all business between employees and citizens is to take place outside of the Town Hall. Golas also noted that the town has a supply of face masks available through the Board of Health that will allow them to provide face coverings for employees as needed. The policy was put into effect days before the Baker-Polito Administration announced that face masks will be required for all public places where social distancing cannot be maintained. That mandate went into effect statewide on May 6.

Charlton selectmen agreed with the Town Administrator’s policy changes with Selectman David Singer complimenting Golas on doing an effective job of leading the Town Hall through the pandemic.

“I think Andrew is doing a great job and I think that what he’s doing is put-

ting in place a system that is temporary and can be lifted at any time as the situation dictates,” Singer said.

Selectmen discussed whether or not a formal vote of approval was required in order to put the policy in place. It was determined that the Town Administrator has the authority to implement the policy without selectmen voting in a public forum. Selectman Deborah Noble confirmed this fact.

“It’s my understanding that a lot of these policies can be implemented and also rescinded without board approval at this time. This is happening at multiple levels of government right now,” Noble said.

Whether it was to record an official vote or simply to symbolically show their support of the Town Administrator’s decision selectmen did vote unanimously to give the policy their blessing.

## Local students receive Bachelor’s degrees from UMass Amherst

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# QCC students share stories at virtual legislative town hall

WORCESTER — The power, strength and resiliency of Quinsigamond Community College students was the highlight of a virtual Legislative Town Hall meeting held today for area state and local legislators. The event was set up to inform legislators of the impact the pandemic is having on QCC students, as well as enlighten them on the ways in which the College has rapidly stepped up to meet these unprecedented challenges.

Attendees to the event included Sen. Michael Moore; Sen. Harriette Chandler; Rep. Hannah Kane; Rep. Joseph McKenna; Rep. David LeBeouf; Rep. Natalie Higgins; Aide to Senator Anne Gobi, Yael Langer, Rep. Jim O'Day; Aide to Rep. O'Day, Alexis Foley, QCC Board Chair Sue Mailman, QCC Foundation President Dr. Linda Maykel, QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja, as well as QCC students, administrators and staff.

"I am really apprecia-

tive of the quick work that Quinsigamond Community College has done to adjust to the changing landscape. We are seeing more and more essential workers who we never thought of as essential. I am seeing many, many essential workers trained by Quinsigamond and this really does amplify the importance of Quinsigamond Community College and the entire state college system," said Representative McKenna. "I have an appreciation for all that QCC has done."

QCC Student Government President Jorgo Gushi, along with the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society President Alexander Riopel and PTK Vice President of Leadership Tabitha Leber spoke of their experiences transitioning to remote instruction; the College's handling of the situation, as well as the impact of the health crisis on them and their classmates. QCC transitioned to remote instruction in record time, while adapt-

ing its support services to fill its diverse student population needs. Mr. Gushi spoke of the quick transition to remote instruction and the rallying of the entire College to make the new mode of learning work for all, while continuing to keep students engaged and a part of the QCC community through an online student engagement portal.

Ms. Leber, a single mom to a young child who is now at home due to the closure of Worcester Public Schools, spends four to six hours teaching her daughter before doing her own full course load of school work. She said she applauds the College and its faculty for the quick and thoughtful response to getting courses online, while making sure the remote mode of instruction worked with the students.

"Each professor has put all their coursework online in a way that works for them and their students. They have been outstanding in understand-

ing our situations and working with us," she said. "I am incredibly grateful for all the college has done for us at this time."

Mr. Riopel told of his financial struggles. He recently lost his job and still has to pay his bills, noting the increased financial need many students now have. Prior to the pandemic close to 50 percent of QCC students were struggling with food insecurity and that need is only increasing as the health crisis continues. The QCC Food Pantry and Resource Center has been addressing this need; however, with the State's stay at home orders in place, the food pantry has transitioned to a mobile operation, serving students once a week. To help support this initiative, a Student Emergency Fund was set up by the QCC Foundation and to date has raised over \$70,000, according to Dr. Maykel. Other ways in which the funding is being used include purchasing laptops for students who

cannot afford them, Internet access and scholarships.

During the meeting, Mr. Gushi read a note to the legislators from a student who had recently used the food pantry, in order to highlight the need and impact of that service.

"I have never been to a food pantry before and didn't know what to expect. I fasted for a few days and it was horrible, making me unable to do work and get my responsibilities done, but now having healthy food that's energizing, I feel like I can get back on track."

"Seeing the perseverance of your students is amazing," said Representative Kane, noting food insecurity is a top priority on the state level.

"QCC is always stepping up," Representative LeBeouf added.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu).

## Shepherd Hill Show Choir staff salutes seniors

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON/DUDLEY – The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the lives of seniors across the country preventing them from enjoying their final month of high school education in a traditional manner. This has forced many school districts and departments to get creative with how they honor their outgoing seniors. For the show choir seniors from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District that involved the choir staff visiting each seniors' home in the form of a Senior Celebration Parade.

In late April, the Shepherd Hill Show Choir staff took to the streets of Charlton, Dudley and Webster and even Putnam, Connecticut to visit the homes of graduating seniors and bid them a final farewell. Over the course of five and a half hours Choral Director Becky Bussiere, choreographers Greg Bubba Bussiere and Ashley Racicot, pit band director Lester Boggio, assistants Connie Galli, Jana Deschenes and Zachary Moore, and Technical Director Kristin Marengo drove together parade style presenting banners with

each senior's likeness. Choral Director Bussiere said this was an attempt by the staff to maintain a longstanding tradition at the school by modifying it for current times.

"Every year, we end our show choir's season with a banquet. We hang the senior banners we make for the show choir festival we host at our school. They hang in the cafeteria for the show choir community to see. Since we never got to finish our competition season or have our banquet, the show choir staff decided to make a parade and deliver some joy to our kids," Bussiere said.

A total of 30 seniors were honored during the parade, a group Bussiere said was "a very talented and special class." While the students couldn't finish their school year on site and graduation festivities still have yet to be announced, the Show Choir staff didn't want to wait to make sure their seniors knew how appreciated they are and how much they will be missed.

"The focus was trying to restore the traditions we lost by having to leave school unexpectedly. I wrote each student a letter and gave it to them with their poster. I would have given them the letter with their gifts at the banquet.



Courtesy Photo

The Shepherd Hill Show Choir Staff honored their outgoing seniors with a special parade and presentation of senior banners to 30 soon-to-be graduates.

We also gave them their superlative awards," Bussiere said. "In the next couple of weeks, they will get their senior letters written by the underclassmen in the choir. We are finishing up their senior video that will also have the seniors from the concert choir. This would have been played at Seniors Last Jam where the seniors performed solos

for the final time. We can never replace what they lost, but they will leave knowing they were loved."

Staff members also posed for pictures with the graduates during each presentation being sure to respect social distancing guidelines while leaving a lasting memory for the Class of 2020 Show Choir seniors to cherish forever.

## Rate of fatalities on Mass. roadways doubles in April

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is reporting that the rate of fatalities on Massachusetts roadways doubled in April: with 50 percent less traffic recorded on major highways, 28 individuals died in crashes, compared with the month of April 2019 when there were 27 deaths on roadways in the state. The high fatality rate last month, underscores the importance of not exceeding the posted speed limit, wearing a seat-belt, driving sober, and obeying the hands-free law.

"Our traffic and safety engineers continuously monitor roadways across the Commonwealth and have identified a dangerous trend that has led to the doubling of the vehicular fatality rate in Massachusetts for the month of April," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "During the pandemic, everyone in the Commonwealth has sacrificed and used disciplined

actions to keep themselves, their loved ones, and our community safe. We ask that all residents use this same dedication to safety and reduce their speeds when driving."

"Reduced traffic volume is no excuse for excessive speed," said Jeff Larason, Director of Highway Safety for the Executive Office of Safety and Security. "We're reminding everyone to drive responsibly, wear a seat belt, and watch the road for cyclists and pedestrians."

Stacey Beuttell, Executive Director of WalkBoston, added, "With the stay-at-home advisory still in place, everyone should expect to see more neighbors walking, rolling, or running in the street as they try to maintain six feet of physical distance on narrow sidewalks. If you are driving, be prepared to yield to people walking and drive slowly. Empty streets are not a license to drive faster. Please consider every street a shared street and stay safe."

Motor vehicle deaths occurred statewide in April, including three deaths in

a 24-hour-period on April 18 and April 19: in Richmond, on Route 41 southbound, in Hopkinton, on I-495 southbound, and in Seekonk, on I-195 eastbound. The most recent road fatality reported to MassDOT was on Saturday, May 2, occurring in Andover on I-93 near exit 42.

The Commonwealth has several initiatives which seek to improve road safety, including:

- The Massachusetts Strategic Highway Safety Plan, crafted by a diverse cross section of government agencies, advocates, and other stakeholders which contains specific strategies, direct actions and legislative proposals to get Massachusetts closer towards zero deaths and to an interim goal of a 12 percent drop in five-year average fatalities and a 21 percent drop in five-year average serious injuries.
- The 2019 Massachusetts Pedestrian Transportation Plan and 2019 Massachusetts Bicycle Transportation Plan seek to eliminate fatalities and

serious injuries for pedestrians, individuals using a wheelchair, cane or other assisted mobility device, and those riding bicycles while increasing the number of trips taken.

- MassDOT's public education program, "Scan the Street for Wheels and Feet," underscores the need for greater awareness on the road, citing statistics including, "one in four deaths in motor vehicle crashes involve people walking or bicycling." MassDOT has been pleased to work collaboratively on this public safety initiative with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston Vision Zero, WalkBoston, MassBike, and the Safe Roads Alliance.

In addition, in January 2019, the Baker-Polito Administration filed several proposed safety bills, including the hands-free law which became law in February 2020, with fines for violations taking effect April 1.



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# St. Joseph youth work to help others

CHARLTON — “Most Eye opening, most beautiful place on earth, even better than Disney,” says Grace Boutiette. Boutiette first attended Camp Sunshine three years ago as a junior in High School while sporting a full length leg cast and a pair of crutches. The past two summers, she has returned to Camp volunteering as the Camp Photographer. Grace said she is studying to become a nurse inspired by Camp Sunshine.

Camp Sunshine operates under the Mission: “Founded in 1984, Camp Sunshine provides retreats combining respite, recreation and support, while enabling hope and promoting joy, for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families through the various stages of a child’s illness.

Camp Sunshine’s program is offered year-round and has the distinction of having been designed to serve the entire family in a retreat model. The program is free of charge to families and includes on-site medical support. Bereavement sessions are also offered for families who have experienced the death of a child from a supported illness.

The program is free of charge to families, and that’s where St Joe’s youth come in. The teens work to raise money to Sponsor a family to attend the Camp for one week. The average cost of Camp is \$2,500. Per family. Our Teens travel to Camp on Sebago Lake in Casco, Maine one week per summer volunteering, serving camp families.

April marked the start of our can and bottle drive and will continue until the day we leave to volunteer at Camp in

mid-August. People donate their bottle and cans by dropping them into our Green Collection Barrels located in the rear of the church. Our Teens then separate cans from plastic and glass bottles. We return them weekly to a local redemption center and save the proceeds. Come August we present the money to Camp. The past two years we have been blessed to present checks in excess of \$5,000. Not all the money comes from cans but also from generous donors.

When asked, how did Camp change your world view? Rachel Whipple, a first time camp volunteer, responded, “Camp Sunshine made me realize and respect food workers way more than before because it is not as easy as it looks.”

Whipple worked the week in the cafeteria. She also was amazed at the resiliency of children and what they can teach you. One small child told Rachel, when he gets stressed, he just practices his breathing exercises and he does this before every surgery.

Molly Hennessey first attended Camp in 2015, returning as a volunteer the next summer.

She so loved camp she received a certification as a Lifeguard so she could work the entire summers of 2017 and 2018.

She reports, Camp Sunshine is her favorite place and she has met the most amazing people in the families who attend.”

Hennessey was inspired by her experience leading her to study Pediatric Nursing, completing her studies graduating from Simmons University.

Saint Joseph’s youth programs, also



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Front to Back Rachel Whipple, Elizabeth Stone, Grace Boutiette, Alexandra D’Arcangelo, Kendall Mullen, and Sarah Stone Youth Minister

known as Life Teen, offers our Teens opportunities including religious education, mission trips, sports teams and dealing with social issues of their times. In addition to Camp, our Teens have also volunteered at, the Mustard Seed in Worcester, Saint John’s food pantry, various local nursing homes, Special Olympics, Haitian orphanage, Boston Food Pantries and Saint Luke’s Guest House in Southbridge.

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EDITORIAL

# An important lesson from history

We have several thoughts now that states are beginning to slowly re-open. Each state is doing it in their own way. We have noticed that this situation has made more aware of the remarkable amount of control state governors actually have. This is a good thing.

As we've seen on the national news, some states are riddled with protesters, in many cases armed with guns. We simply cannot fathom this approach. Governors are taking measures to protect the health and well being of their residents. Mistakes are bound to happen in the face of an unprecedented scenario such as this, but we are quite certain that no one — governors and legislators included — wants to be dealing with a highly deadly contagious disease that has now killed more Americans than were killed during Vietnam. No one.

The Stay at Home orders are not easy on anyone, especially those who are still waiting for unemployment checks, and who are dealing with a backlog of unpaid bills. It's also stressful to have to watch the impact on our economy. Again, no one wanted or invited this situation, but here we are. Whether things might have turned out differently if we had seen a quicker response from the federal government, we cannot say, but in any case, what is in the past should be left there.

The question now becomes, what happens if states rush to open too much too soon? Will we have to close everything down again if a second wave of COVID-19 washes through?

Flashing back to the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic, we can learn a few things about how and what happens when reopening. Cities who kept strict orders in place such as social distancing, earlier and kept them longer, fared better both financially and health-wise in the long run. Noted was fewer deaths and a faster bounce back to their economies. Health and economy went hand in hand.

Studies show that in Denver, San Francisco and St. Louis, measures to distance were taken early; however, those cities made what was, in retrospect, the mistake of reopening too soon, and a second wave hit that was worse than the first. People in states who lifted restrictions too early in 1918 went out into the streets to celebrate the armistice that ended the First World War sans masks, and from there, a severe second wave hit.

In 1918, New York City kept their measures in place for much longer. Officials waited until the death rates were extremely low. Consequently, New York experienced only one wave, and had the lowest death rate in the country. What we can learn here is that it is better to shut down once, for longer, than experience a shutdown far longer, if two shut downs become necessary.

A study recently posted by the CDC tells the story of a woman who was dining at a restaurant while asymptomatic. She spread the disease to nine other diners who were eating nearby. Noted was the fact that those who were infected were in the same zone as the air flow from an air-conditioner.

At the end of the day, we learn from history that the most advisable approach is a slow, steady, and cautious one.



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## Shopping with zombies

As an extreme extrovert, quarantine is torture. An extrovert gains energy from being with and communicating with others. Quarantine prohibits what gives me energy. I've slept more and have stared at the TV more in the last month than I did in the last year. I can't take much more.

A friend recently posted a meme on social media that said,

"Now that I am living through a plague, I understand why most of the Italian renaissance artists painted pictures of fat, half-naked people laying on their couch."

A few days ago, I decided enough was enough. I donned a mask, slipped on my gloves, and headed to my local grocery store. I should not have gone out, but shopping is a social event for me. I can go in for a quart of milk and spend two hours chatting and meeting people. I can't help it. It's who I am. I'm an extrovert.

So, properly protected, and with much excitement and anticipation of connecting with other human beings, with proper social distancing, I ventured into the store. I grabbed my cart, wiped it down with disinfectant, walked through the door to find the store was both packed with other mask and glove wearing individuals, but the silence was surprising. With a big smile on my shielded face, I began trying to make eye contact, but everyone, eyes down, seemed to resist.

And there was something new and unusual on the floors ... arrows indicating that all the aisles were now traffic coordinated with one-way signs, which limited my ability to smile and make contact in hopes of finding another human in need of a conversation.

Like a horror movie about the living dead, I was shopping with zombies. No eye contact. No smiles. No social interaction of any kind. The brief momentary eye contact I did experience seemed both unwelcome and fearful, as if zombie eyes can send a virus causing death ray into the eyes of others. I'm making light of it, but the people in the store were scared.

What are we doing? Where are we going? How will quarantine impact the rest of our lives, and will it ever end? I don't have answers but only questions.

As I've said several times before, human beings are herd animals. We thrive with family and friends. Most are happiest within the familiarity of the herd. What we are experiencing is unnatural.

I understand the need for social distancing and cooperating with the directives of our governing bodies. This all began with us knowing so little about this virus that extreme measures were warranted and welcomed. As we learn



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more about who is at risk and how, we can more intelligently manage the dangers. Isn't it time to begin a slow and measured return to some level of normalcy?

One-size-fits-all measures are rarely, if ever, good. The elderly and those of us with health conditions that make us susceptible must shelter in place and take every precaution to remain safe. But is that true for the young and healthy?

Our business community is being crushed. Hospitals have been prohibited from doing elective surgery. In the beginning, I understand there was a fear that our healthcare systems would be overwhelmed and collapse. It didn't happen. Instead, like our small business community, our hospitals could conceivably collapse under the extreme mandates and financial pressures of not taking in the cash needed to function. How would we cope without hospitals?

Why can't a young and healthy twenty-something athlete get his/her knee repaired? Why can't a healthy thirty-two-year-old data processor have carpal tunnel surgery? The hospitals need to function, and the demand is there. Isn't it time to cautiously begin the slow and measured process of returning life back to normal?

As for shopping with zombies, my feeble attempt at humor, I understand that protective measures must be continued, and I'll fully comply. There is no evidence however that the virus is transmitted by making eye contact at a safe distance. As I hope there is a slow return to normalcy in governmental restrictions, I equally hope that we can lift the fear from our minds and hearts and begin making eye contact again and sharing smiles. Smiling does lift our spirits and make us feel better. I don't need you to remove your face mask to see your smile. Our eyes tell it all. Let's all snap out of our zombie state, become less fearful and start seeing each other again.

My daughter is a pastor and often ends her church service with this statement. "I need you. You need me. We need you and you need us." It's never been truer.

Let's make eye contact. Let's acknowledge each other. We need each other. The herd needs to see your smiling eyes.

Will you look at me once again when I see you?

I miss you. ■

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## Nostalgic Favorites from the Heirloom Garden

The delightfully heady scent of lilacs in bloom, lofty day-lilies 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 flowering plants. Poets have penned prose about them and artists have brushed their images for posterity. Heirloom flowers and plants invoke nostalgia, while providing both beauty and sentiment to an outdoor garden. Lilacs, Daylilies, and Hosta are perennial New England favorites. In some cases plants grown a century ago continue to thrive and bloom today, serving as living antiquities in the garden. Read on for a review of these historic New England plants.

### Lovely Lilacs

Fragrant clusters of lilacs adorned colonial yards and gardens. In early America lilacs were grown both for their beauty and their medicinal properties. In fact, in the late 18th century, both Thomas Jefferson and George Washington wrote about their lilac plants. The species is so hardy that early lilac bushes, in a testament of survival, have continued to thrive in colonial homesteads, long after the homes were abandoned or destroyed. Lilacs have been known to survive hundreds of years, making them a true heirloom flower. The Governor Wentworth Estate in Portsmouth, NH boasts the oldest surviving lilac bushes, said to



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have been planted circa 1750. While there are many strains of the flower, the most nostalgic is the common lavender hued lilac (Syringa Vulgaris), which was brought to America in the mid 1700s from eastern Europe.

### Growing Lilacs

(New England is the perfect climate to grow lilacs, as it is very cold hardy, requiring a frost to prompt bud blooming. For optimum blooms, a lilac bush should be planted in areas that receive full sun (at least six hours per day). Lilacs like a slightly alkaline soil. Spread roots out vertically and cover with topsoil. A newly planted lilac bush should be kept well watered. Add a loose mulch above the roots to help with water absorption. Keep in mind different varieties of lilacs bloom at different times. When lilac flowers have finished blooming, prune the dead flowers back to just above where new buds are forming. Be prudent with pruning, as over cutting can result in a decrease of blooms next year.

### Lilac Uses

Lilac flowers have been known to treat liver problems, rheumatism, bronchitis, and bruises. The following is a published "recipe" for a topical rub claimed to aid in relieving the symptoms of bruising: Mix together one cup of lilac flowers and one half liter of vodka. Soak a compress and apply to bruises or wounds. Legend has it lilac drives away evil wherever it is planted or strewn. It is said that lilac bushes were planted on the homestead by colonists in an effort to

## Smart moves for women business owners

Mother's Day is upon us. If you're a mother, you'll enjoy the recognition you get from your family on this day. And given the health concerns caused by the coronavirus, your appreciation of family may be even greater this year. As we all know, mothers have a difficult job. And many mothers also run their own businesses - another demanding task made even more difficult these days. What special challenges do women face who embark on careers as business owners?

Of course, motherhood itself presents a major challenge. As a society, we have not achieved gender equity yet, in terms of family responsibilities, so mothers - even busy business owners - still face time constraints and interruptions from work to care for children. And it's not just children, either - the vast majority of caregivers for elderly relatives are women, according to a study from Northwestern University. So, many women business owners may be coping with multi-generational family issues.

You can't change the demographic pressures you may face, but, as a business owner, you can take some steps to help improve your financial outcomes. Here are a few ideas:

Seek networking opportunities. You can find useful, and empathetic, allies in other women business owners, who may be able to direct you to valuable resources. To illustrate: Women's businesses often lack financial support to a greater degree than men's, and it is unfortunately not uncommon for women to be denied loans because of gender and cultural biases. But if you become active in a network of women business owners, you could find some leads to financial institutions that have showed themselves to be free of gender-based prejudices.

Be extra aware of investment risks. Everyone should always be aware of investment risk, of course, but if you have most of your assets tied up in your business, you may need to be extra diligent. You're already taking a fair amount of risk by just having a business, so you may need to balance this risk in your investment portfolio by choosing the mix of investments that can help you move toward your goals without subjecting you to excessive market volatility.

Establish a retirement plan for yourself. Have you established a retirement savings plan for yourself? About one-third of business owners haven't, and 40 percent are not confident they can retire before 65, according to data compiled by SCORE, a nonprofit organization that works with small businesses. Fortunately, you have several good retirement plan options, including an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or even a solo defined benefit plan, which functions like a pension.

Create a succession plan. You may need a strategy for transferring or selling your business. Do you want to keep the business in the family? If so, who do you want to take it over? Or would you prefer to simply sell it to someone else? Your decisions, whatever they are, will affect your financial picture and possibly that of your family, so you will want to consult with your tax, legal and financial advisors to arrive at a plan that works best for your needs.

You've got some twists and turns ahead of you on the road to financial security. But planning ahead, considering various possibilities and seizing your opportunities can help you smooth out the journey.

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All it took was a few warm days to get trout and other numerous fish species to actively start feeding. Trout were surface feeding at many ponds throughout the valley. This week, Wallum Lake had set up a thermocline, and fishing improved dramatically. Fresh water bass are also being caught at local waters throughout the area. There are more people fishing now, which is a good thing. Unfortunately, all boat ramps in Rhode Island are closed to out of state residents. Hopefully, that will change soon.

Local turkey hunters harvested some impressive birds after the weather warmed up a bit. This week's picture is of Steve Rondeau with his 22 pound tom which was a nice bird with a 10 inch beard and sporting one inch spurs. Numerous other successful hunters harvested some nice birds also.

A bit more history on Wallum Lake involving attempts by Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife to make it a trophy brown trout pond (lake). Many attempts to introduce live smelt from the Quabbin Reservoir into Wallum Lake more than 40 years ago seemed to be working, and anglers were catching some impressive brown trout in the four to six pound range until the smelt failed to spawn in a couple of tributaries in the lake.

A second attempt to get a permanent population of smelt into the lake was made by the Mass.Fish & Wildlife by setting up screens of fertilized smelt eggs at a couple of tributaries in the lake, but that failed because of the acidity of the water. As mentioned in last week's column about the liming of the lake by "Living Lakes," which seemed to take care of the problem a few years later, but the Division abandoned their efforts to restock smelt.

Under pressure from local sportsmen, the Division of Massachusetts fisheries started to stock shoal spawning alewives, and fishing started to improve. Unfortunately, the D. F. W. stopped stocking many brown trout in

the lake, and removed the 2 brown trout limit. Rhode Island did continue to stock brown trout in the lake, but they were quickly fished out before they had a chance to grow into trophy fish, because of the six fish limit at that time. The daily bag limit is now five trout under Rhode Island Regulations of any species.

Massachusetts Fish & Wild Life seemed to have enough of Wallum Lake, and now considers the lake a put & take fishery. Local anglers had hoped to convince the Division to acquire some fingerling brown trout from upstate New York 40 years ago or so, and stock them into Wallum Lake. Myself and a couple of local anglers convinced New York to give a stocking of brown trout to Mass. for Wallum Lake.

Unfortunately the fish biologist at that time felt he had enough species of brown trout in the state, and he turned down the offer. Anyone that has fished upstate New York's Lake Ontario know how fast they grow. They are footballs in only a couple of years. I often think of what Wallum Lake could have been. Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife did stock some impressive trout throughout the state this year. Wachusett Reservoir has also been hot, giving up some large Lake Trout.

A call from Harry Salmon a former Douglas resident now living in Florida, reported on some great fishing for crappie and bluegills, with a largemouth bass once in a while. He is fishing almost every day aboard his pontoon boat ,with a couple of buddies. He had hoped to return to Douglas this past week, but decided to stay a bit longer because of Covid-19.

An attempt to make it easier to obtain a permit to carry a concealed hand gun on Wild Life Management Areas by the Corps of Engineers will hopefully pass soon. Any lawful person that has a License To Carry cannot bring a handgun onto Management property at this time.

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Braydon  
Age 12

**Hi! My name is Braydon and you can call me Brady!**

Braydon "Brady" is a polite and caring boy of Caucasian descent. Braydon has many talents and interests including dancing, music, sports, drawing and playing games. His favorite activities are basketball, football, video games and being active! Braydon is described by those who know him as enthusiastic and fun-loving.

Brady shares that he loves going to school. His favorite subject in school is math. He reports his favorite colors are red and blue and his favorite food is pizza but is open to trying different foods. Braydon can be a good advocate for himself and has shared he is looking forward to having his own family.

Legally freed for adoption, it will be important to Braydon that he continues to maintain contact with his two older siblings. Braydon sees them at least monthly and has a positive relationship with them and their families. Braydon absolutely loves animals and hopes his future family will have a dog and that one day he will become a vet! Braydon shared that his three wishes for his future family are for them to always make hot breakfast (or buy sweet cereal and a lot flavored oatmeal), to have dogs, and to have a bike and a helmet! Braydon would do best as the only child or youngest child in a family.

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Participants demonstrated true or excited smiles as well as delight and gratitude when they received flowers. They also reported feeling less depressed, anxious and agitated long after receiving the gift of flowers. Floral gifts also helped create connections between family and friends.

A hanging basket or container garden is another way to give mom a season of flowers and more. Gardening helps improve health and well-being by reducing stress, lowering blood pressure, strengthening muscles and increasing flexibility.

If mom likes to cook, a potted tomato, container of greens or window box of herbs may be the perfect gift with increased benefits. Mom can grow and further boost her health with fresh



Protect mom's hands with quality, colorful gardening gloves.

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nutrient-rich vegetables.

A gift certificate to her favorite garden center, hobby store or retail location allows mom the freedom to select her own gift. She can enjoy time shopping for something special she wouldn't normally buy for herself.

The gift of time is appreciated by

many mothers. Helping mom in her garden, working around her home or assisting her with another hobby is a great way to spend time together doing something mom loves.

Update her garden tools if she is an avid gardener. Consider a tool caddy and fill it with her favorite hand tools such as a weed knife, hand pruner, sun-screen, and gloves.

Add elegance and function to your mother's daily activities with durable and fashionable gloves. Their practical and fashionable nature makes them a popular add-on or stand-alone gift item.

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Add a hat to further protect mom from the heat and sun when working outdoors. If it's comfortable and looks good, she is more likely to wear it.

Take the pressure off and make mom's day extra special with one of these Mother's Day gifts that provide immediate and long-term benefits. She'll appreciate your thoughtfulness when she opens the package, unwraps the flowers or puts the tools and gloves to use all season long.

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# OBITUARIES

## Jason Nicholas King, 37

Jason Nicholas King of Ashford, CT, 37, went to be with his Lord on April 27th, 2020.



Jason was born April 7th, 1983 in New Haven, CT to Peter and Melinda Basto King. A 2001 graduate of Woodstock Academy, he worked as a skilled carpenter and became versed in plumbing and electrical. He made his home in Maine, Rhode Island, East Killingly, Eastford and Ashford. Jason was a gentle soul, always eager to say a kind word and lend a helping hand. Nature was his

soul mate. In the woods with Ox, his loving golden lab, was where he felt most comfortable.

Jason is survived by his parents, Peter (Springfield, Ma) and Melinda King (Ashford, Ct.) His brothers, Peter (Woodstock CT) and Brandon King (Eastford, CT) and his Grandparents, Dana Basto (Woodstock, CT) and Marieann MacGinnis (Auburn, MA).

Due to current pandemic limitations Jason's Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. Interment at the discretion of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory may be made to: The Evangelical Christian Ctr., 574 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, CT 06278.

## Stanley A. Wojtowicz, Jr

Stanley A. Wojtowicz, Jr, of Naples, Florida passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2020, after courageously battling complications resulting from a severe stroke in 2018. He leaves behind his loving wife and best friend of 21 years, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Connors) Wojtowicz. He was born on June 2, 1942 in Palmer, Massachusetts to Stanley A. and Sophie V. (Pytko) Wojtowicz of nearby Three Rivers. He grew up with his brother Paul always near his side, and stayed close to his sibling, and Paul's wife Vera, even as distance often separated them.



The Catholic Church played a vital role in his family and spiritual life, beginning at Saints Peter and Paul Parish (currently known as Divine Mercy Parish) in Three Rivers, MA as an altar boy and ending at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Naples, FL. Stan graduated from Palmer High School and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from Saint Anselm College. After furthering his studies at Cornell University, he became a dedicated professional for 50 years in the grocery business, managing Grand Union, Edward's and Shaw's supermarkets throughout the northeast. The culmination of his food service career was as proprietor of the Holland Market, a true family business in the small town of Holland Massachusetts. Throughout his academic and professional times, he made many cherished friends that were always close to his heart; too many to mention. He made

friends wherever he went with his kind ways, compassion, sharp wit, love of life and incredible optimism. Stan was a four-season sports fanatic playing, coaching and following events throughout his life. He loved to compete, growing up playing baseball, hockey and football. He enjoyed horse racing, playing cards and 18 holes at the golf course, although his dream of underscoring his beloved Betsy was seldom realized. We'll forgive him for being a NY Yankee fan. When not working or playing hard he enjoyed traveling with Betsy, especially to Ogunquit, ME and the islands of the Caribbean for well-deserved rest and relaxation. Besides his wife Betsy, he is survived by his former wife Marian Morris and their four children; Christopher and Andrea (Moreau) Wojtowicz of Upton, MA; Jayne and Christopher Beck of Old Bridge, NJ; Jeffrey Wojtowicz of Sturbridge, MA; and Nicole and Uriah Stoltze of Sebastian, FL. His grandchildren, Abigail Martinez and her husband Luis, Zachary Wojtowicz and his wife Tiffany, Emily Wojtowicz and Jack Beck will dearly miss him, as will his great-grandson Samuel Martinez; brother, Paul Wojtowicz and his wife Vera of Topsfield, MA; as well as his extended family of beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters in-law, nephews and nieces from MA, RI and beyond. We would like to thank the staff at Heritage Health Care in Naples for Stan's care during the past two years. A memorial service in Three Rivers will be planned for a later date. Memorial donations in Stan's memory may be sent to Divine Mercy Parish, 2267 Main St. Three Rivers, MA 01080.

## James Z. Damian, 74

FISKDALE- James Z. Damian, 74, passed away on Tuesday, April 28th, in his home after a long battle with cancer.



He leaves his wife of 23 years, Ann Marie (LaChance) Damian; his three children, Jessica Damian Kennedy and her husband Paul of Holden, Nathan Damian and his wife Stacy of Nantucket and Katherine Damian Morrill and her husband Mathew of Southbridge; his sister, Susan Damian of Badin, NC; and his four grandchildren, Sean Kennedy, Phoebe Kennedy, Brooke Damian and Dylan Damian. He also leaves his beloved dog "Ziggy".

He was born in Southbridge the son of Zygmund J. and Argentina A (Romano) Damian. He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Jim worked in sales for Lou Horton Distributing for over 30 years, retiring several years ago. He had also worked for UPS and was a substitute teacher in the area schools. He was a lifelong member of his beloved Italian American Club in Sturbridge; a member of the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club in Sturbridge; the Sportsman's Club in Brimfield; and a long time member of the American Legion post 109 in Fiskdale. Jim loved to fish for trout on his lake, Big Alum in Sturbridge.

A celebration of life for James at the Rapsallion Brewery in Sturbridge will be held at a later date.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.  
www.morrillfuneralhome.com

## Euclid V. Bouchard, 102

SOUTHBRIDGE- Euclid V. Bouchard, 102, passed away on Thursday, April 30th, in his home after a brief illness.



His wife, Theresa H. (Martel) Bouchard, passed away in 2017. He leaves his son, Richard G. Bouchard of Southbridge; four grandsons, Richard E. Bouchard of Sturbridge, Major Michael Bouchard of Middletown, CT, Christopher Bouchard of Southbridge and Jason Bouchard of Southbridge; five great grandchildren, Alyssa, Ashley, Anthony, Adeline and Michael; and many nieces and nephews. His son, Gary M. Bouchard, died in 2008 and his daughter, Grace T. Bouchard, died in 2009. He was also predeceased by his three brothers, Raynald Bouchard, Norman Bouchard

and Conrad Bouchard and his five sisters, Constance Gregoire, Viola Caplette, Olivette Pombriand, Cloude Ugaldi and Lilibelle Pizzaro. He was born in Southbridge the son of Aldelard and Lydia (Bachand) Bouchard. Euclid was a US Army Veteran of World War II.

Euclid worked as a carpenter at Old Sturbridge Village for 25 years, retiring in 1983. He previously worked for Southbridge Roofing. He had a great love for horses and rode them for almost all of his life. He also enjoyed working around his home and gardening. He was an avid reader.

Due to current health restrictions Euclid's funeral Mass and burial in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

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## MASKS

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Meeting, noting they're even considering "a drive-in style and having people vote from their cars," but aren't sure that will work.

Webster Health Director Jen Sullivan urged residents to be aware of the Community Tracing Collaborative, a state-wide effort to trace the contacts of Covid-19-positive people. She noted if Webster people get calls from two numbers – 508-713-3083 (her work line) or 833-638-1685 – they're from the collaborative. "If you see these numbers, please answer your phone," she said.

Such calls are only going to those who test positive with or without symptoms (to identify their contacts within the past 48 hours and provide information on quarantining themselves) or those who have been contacts in that time frame. All such information is confidential, she added. (For some reason the town's website states there are three collaborative phone numbers, but the last two it gives are identical. The collaborative's webpage also states one number has an "857" prefix,

but doesn't state the actual number; it notes the caller ID will come up as "MA COVID Team." Calls may come between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.)

The town's website notes there have been 101 cases in town, of which 44 have recovered and one died, as of May 4. Memorial Beach is still open for passive recreation and boating, but not contact sports or picnics. Sullivan said the town is "desperately trying to keep the beach open," but to do so, needs people to follow the rules.

In Oxford, the town also delayed its election and Town Meeting, with new dates not yet finalized. The same is true of Memorial Day celebrations, which many towns have canceled outright. Oxford had seen 40 cases "with a couple pending" and three deaths as of April 28

Oxford Town Manager Jen Callahan urged local businesses to contact local banks "who can hitch them up" with funds from the latest round of federal small-business aid, noting the first round "was drained" within days.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

## LEGALS

### SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS STAFFORD STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**Town of Charlton, Massachusetts**  
Sealed bids for the Stafford Street Culvert Replacement Project, for the Town of Charlton, Massachusetts, will be received at the Selectmen's Office for the Charlton Board of Selectmen, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507 until **2:00 PM on Wednesday June 3, 2020** at which place and time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The work includes construction replacement of an existing corrugated steel culvert with a new 96 inch corrugated aluminized steel culvert. The culvert pipe is being provided by the Town. The work shall include all incidental work including, but not necessarily limited to: traffic management and temporary signage, pavement cutting and excavation, temporary stream diversion, demolition of existing culvert, tree removal, new gravel roadway base and hot mix asphalt paving, etc. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a certified, treasurer's check, bid bond or cash in the amount of 5 percent of the value of the bid. All bidders must be MassDOT Prequalified for Bridge Construction and Highway Construction in Massachusetts.

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Selectmen's Office, 37 Main Street,  
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The Contract Documents may be obtained at Town of Charlton Town Hall, located at 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday upon payment of \$50.00 for each hard copy set, for the cost of copying. Electronic versions of the Contract Documents including Drawings will be available at no charge from the Town of Charlton Selectmen's Office. There

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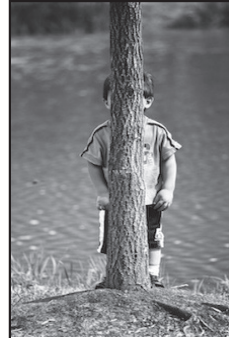
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Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instruction to Bidders. Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

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**OXFORD** – 10 Huguenot Rd! 8 Rm Colonial! 1.36 Acres! Country Setting! Country Kitchen w/Bay Window Overlooking Back Yard, Front to Back Living/Dining Rm w/French Doors to Deck! Office! Side Entry Breezeway! 3 Bdrms Plus a Study/Craft Rm on the 2nd Floor! 1 Car Detached Garage w/Workshop! Easy Access to Shopping and Highways! **\$179,000.00**



**DUDLEY** – 38 Pine St! 5 Rm Ranch! Original Owner! Quaint Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm! Spacious Liv Rm w/New Picture Window! Fam Rm w/Views to Private Back Yard! Mudrm! Huge Deck! Buderus Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! New Septic! Vinyl Sided! Newer Windows! Solar Panels! **\$239,000.00**



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**WEBSTER LAKE** – 23 Beacon Rd! Killdeer Island – Middle Pond – Southern Exposure – Full Day Sun! Level 90' Waterfront Lot w/1,011 Square Feet! Meticulously Maintained 5+ Rm, 2 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Home w/Room to Expand! Soaring Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Stone Fireplace Opening to the Maple Cabinet Kit & 4 Season Sunroom w/Anderson Slider to the Expansive Deck! 2nd floor Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath, Huge Closets & Slider to It's Lake Facing Deck! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Lake Living at its Best! Listed by Another – "SOLD" by Century21 Lake Realty! **\$645,000.00**



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**LAND**  
**WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS**

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**Oxford** - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

**WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD**



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**WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD**



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### HARRINGTON

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home and with no risk at all of exposure to COVID-19," Dr. Powers said.

Dr. Powers says that Harrington will continue to monitor the incidence of COVID-19 in the region over the coming weeks. If cases continue to decline, he said, the healthcare system will begin to evaluate reopening other services that have been shut down during the pandemic, in keeping with directives and guidelines provided by Gov. Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Health.

"We expect that this situation will continue to evolve," Dr. Powers said. "Our goal right now is to assure everyone that they can safely access care for all emergency, urgent and chronic care

needs, and to remind them that they should also continue to receive routine care through Telehealth where possible. For those services where Telehealth is not an option, we'll be working to reopen those as quickly as possible when it's clear that it is safe to do so."

The latest information about Harrington HealthCare System COVID-19 care and policies, details about its new Telehealth service, and the availability of other services in the health-care system are available on Harrington's Web site at [harringtonhospital.org](http://harringtonhospital.org).

About Harrington HealthCare System

Harrington HealthCare System is a comprehensive regional healthcare system serv-

ing more than 25 communities across south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. The system includes Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Harrington HealthCare at Webster and three additional major medical office buildings: Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, Harrington HealthCare at 169, also in Charlton, and Harrington HealthCare at Spencer; Harrington Physician Services, our primary care and multi-specialty physician group; UrgentCare Express at Harrington in Charlton and Oxford; The Cancer Center at Harrington in Southbridge, and the region's largest Behavioral Health programs for mental health and substance use. [www.harringtonhospital.org](http://www.harringtonhospital.org)

### TRAINOR

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protect the inhabitants from bad forces.

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#### 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

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 and arrived in this country with the colonists where they became a backyard reminder of their homeland. Daylilies belong to the genus *Heemerocallis*, 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 (*Heemerocallis Fulva*) and the yellow Lemon Day Lily (*Heemerocallis 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. (Much to her delight, the first blooms coincide with our daughter Katie's July 2nd birthday each year.)

#### Growing Daylilies

The Day Lily is easily established, growing quick and vigorously. It enjoys full sun, which will maximize blooms, but 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.

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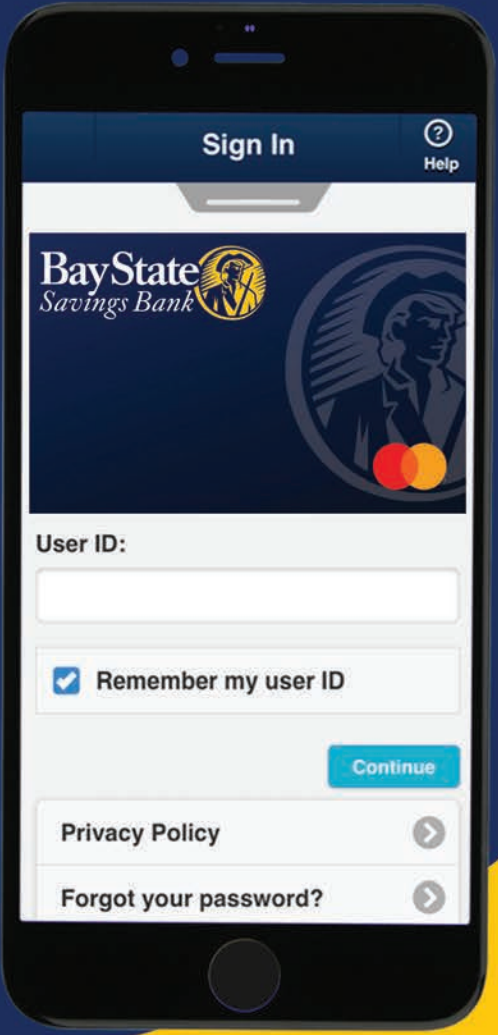


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