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Harrington Family Medicine welcomes new physician

BRIMFIELD — Deborah Palmer, DO has joined Harrington Physician Services' Family Medicine practice in Brimfield, providing primary care to all ages.

Dr. Palmer is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and serves on the

Board of Directors for the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians. She is also a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American Medical Association, and is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Life Support in

Obstetrics and Neonatal Resuscitation.

Prior to joining HPS, Dr. Palmer was chief resident at Middlesex Health Family Medicine in Middletown, Connecticut, during which time she served as the Connecticut Delegate at the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents. She was also a member of the Middlesex Hospital Peer Review Quality Improvement Committee and Communities of Care Quality Improvement Committee.

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SENIOR DAY

The Tantasqua Regional High School girls' soccer team recognized its seniors for four years of hard work during Senior Day on Oct. 21. Photo courtesy of Principal Michael Lucas' Twitter feed.

Trinity Catholic Academy celebrates GivingTuesday

SOUTHBIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy will join millions around the world participating in this global generosity movement.

Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, Trinity Catholic Academy is responding to meet the needs of our thriving students with additional Chromebooks to further enhance our commitment of consistent education options for each of our students.

This GivingTuesday through iGiveCatholic TCA hopes to inspire generosity by initiating our first ONLINE Giving Campaign to make it easier for all to participate. This global movement will kick off the season of generosity by inspiring people to give back Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, and throughout the year. (Volunteerism, Kindness, monetary & more.)

The current pandemic has made regular fundraising activity quite limited. The extra tools to support our students at this time are vital. As many are aware, Southbridge Catholic Education has been changing lives and forming Catholic values for several generations. We want to keep this tradition alive for generations to come. TCA is so happy to have students from all area towns attending and want to supply the technology to support all our students, in addition to required PPE etc. for the safety

of all at TCA. Our goal is to be able to purchase 20 Chromebooks along

with insurance and services needed for these new tools during this short movement.

This online campaign is becoming a reality through the National

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Hitchcock Academy invites you to revisit the Mayflower

BRIMFIELD — Nov. 9 will mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower on Cape Cod. It wasn't supposed to be there. On Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., genealogist and historian Dave Robison will conduct an online class through Hitchcock Academy, which will revisit the journey, discuss the conditions faced by its participants and consider the important legacy of that long ago voyage. After four centuries there is still a great deal to learn about what transpired on that ship.

The Mayflower was not the 17th century version of a cruise liner. It was a cargo ship and originally it was only supposed to carry half of the 102 settlers who left Portsmouth England for the New World. Due to the leaky nature of its sister ship, the Speedwell, all the voyagers were crowded onto the Mayflower, a ship estimated to be 80 feet long and 24 feet wide. Robison's class will examine the repercussions the leaky



Speedwell had on the later departure of the Mayflower, which included traversing the Atlantic during hurricane season and arriving in the wrong place after 66 days at sea.

Amateur historians and Mayflower descendants may sign up for the class by visiting www.hitchcockacademy.org.

Participants will be sent an online meeting invitation containing a secure link for the presentation. History labels the Mayflower voyagers as Puritans, Pilgrims or Separatists which may make the experience otherworldly rather than relatable. Yet COVID 19 has left too many of us with

the experience of being limited by space for long stretches of time. Compound that with being seasick and cold and forced by circumstances to eat the same food every day for over two months. Food, which is not served hot or even cooked as rocky seas made it too risky for cooking fires.

Robison's class will also take a new look at the Mayflower Compact. Landing in the wrong place meant the Mayflower passengers had to develop a whole new set of laws. The Compact they formulated and signed formed the basis for representative government in the New World. Representative government in an age when much of the world believed in the "divine right of kings," a belief that held kings received their authority to govern from God. The settlers on the Mayflower were pledging to follow a government which received its authority from people, an idea beyond radical.

Find out if a Puritan can be a Pilgrim too. Learn how 102 people and crew lived, slept, ate, (and in one case even gave birth) in a space roughly the length between home plate and the pitcher's mound and as wide as a typical two car garage. Visit www.hitchcockacademy.org to sign up for Mayflower 1620-2020 Four Centuries Later. Class fee is \$25.

Curfew enacted in response to escalating COVID cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Alarmed by a recent statewide spike in COVID-19 cases, Gov. Charlie Baker announced new restrictions last week.

Across the state, new COVID-19 cases have increased by 278 percent since Labor Day, with hospitalizations up by 145 percent. The newly adopted safety measures, which went into effect on Nov. 6, are meant to enable schools and businesses to stay open statewide.

"If we don't ramp up the fight to disrupt rising trends, we will have a serious problem on our hands," Baker said. "Everyone wants to continue to work, shop, and go to school safely."

As part of the newly announced restrictions and guidance, the Baker Administration issued a revised stay-at-home order instructing residents to remain home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Residents are allowed to leave their homes during this time for work, errands and groceries, health-related travel, and emergency travel.

Additionally, Baker issued a new executive order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 p.m.

"The 9:30 p.m. closure requirement is aligned with the stay-at-home advisory, and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission," read a statement released by the Governor's office.

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FALL / WINTER

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4 factors to consider to maintain winter safety

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

1. CHANGING VISIBILITY

While slippery surfaces may contribute to

some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your low-beam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

2. SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing

snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

3. CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

4. BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring. Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each winter.





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Candidates show camaraderie on Election Day



Toward the end of the day, a few vocal Trump supporters arrived with flags, often repeating “Praise Jesus” and “Four more years.”

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Despite the acrimony that has marred the whole election season in the eyes of the major media, Election Day at Southbridge polls was an entirely friendly affair, as it usually is.

Perhaps resident Paul Zotos summed it up best by relating a story from a few days earlier. On his way home from a library event at night, he said, he saw several Trump supporters in the Rotary. As a Democrat, Zotos said he was concerned they might damage the Biden sign that’s there, but was afraid to approach them because they had a sledgehammer and a big dog.

Instead, he snuck from bush to bush, intending them to see him. They did. After a while, they left, leaving their Trump sign behind and the Biden sign intact. (By the weekend, someone had put several small Trump stickers on it, but it was still legible.) Zotos continued home, but noticed the Trump sign was gone in the morning.

The following day, about 20 pro-Trump people rallied there. This time, Zotos approached them, asking if some were the ones from the previous night. They said they were, and he noted he knew several of them and laughed about it.

“We all just scared each other over nothing,” he said. “They thought I was going to destroy their sign, and I thought they were going to destroy mine.”

At the polls, more left-leaning folks congregated on one side of Chestnut Street while more right-leaning folks set up shop on the other. But people routinely crossed to talk at some length with their fellow citizens, putting into action the idea that disagreeing does not have to make people opponents. In fact, it was not uncommon to hear conver-

sations discovering common ground even though the participants had partisan differences.

Although there was pre-election concern about the potential for protests and violence nationally – to the point of businesses boarding windows in some cities and some states calling out the National Guard – a post-election internet search found no reports of significant violence as of Thursday. There had been several protests by then, including a large one in Minneapolis that resulted in 600 arrests, one in Detroit, and one in Arizona. There were also couple reports of individuals being investigated or arrested in connection with politics-related threats.

None of those were local. In Southbridge, things stayed peaceful and police were out in force Election Day. Although they had the same number (14) on polling-place duty as in 2016, cruisers were in unusual locations. Two flanked the main entrance to the Community Center lot for much of the day, and an unoccupied SUV slowed traffic at the end of Armory Lane.

Turnout was high in town – 7,304, or 61 percent. Most of them (4204) cast ballots either by mail or in person during the two early voting weeks. But the traffic at the polls on Nov. 3 was consistent and often quite busy, with 3081 people voting that way. The remaining 19 were ballots from citizens overseas, mostly military people.

The way the votes split in all four contested races showed a pattern. Early and overseas votes were overwhelmingly for Democrats, while Republicans tended to dominate ballots cast at the polls.

In one race, that made all the difference (at least in Southbridge) – the state senate contest between incumbent Republican Ryan Fattman and challenger Democrat Christine



Gus Steeves

Across the street, Democrats and Greens hung out for most of the day.

Crean. Going into Nov 3, Crean had a 531-vote lead in Southbridge, but Fattman outran her by 621 votes at the polls to win the town by just 76 votes, 3482 to 3406. (The difference came from overseas votes.)

It was the closest Crean came to taking any town, even her hometown of Milford. There, Fattman won by 117 votes, although the vote percentage in Milford was marginally closer because turnout was higher. Overall, the district’s voters returned Fattman to the Senate by a tally of 54,139 to 35,323.

For the other three contests, Republicans’ strong election day showing was unable to surmount the Democrats’ early vote lead in town. For President, Joe Biden bested Donald Trump 4074 to 3022, while Green Howie Hawkins got 51 and Libertarian Jo Jorgenson got 79. Statewide, Biden won, while neither third party collected the 3 percent necessary to maintain their ballot status for the next two years. The Greens got just 0.5 percent (18,122 votes), while the Libertarians got 1.3 percent (45,830 votes).

It took until Saturday afternoon for the major networks to start calling the race for Biden nationally,

after his lead in Pennsylvania and Nevada became too large for Trump to make up the difference. As of Sunday, counts in Georgia, North Carolina and Alaska were still unsettled, but the Associated Press

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Friday’s Child



Isabella
Age 15

Hi! My name is Isabella and I want to be a part of a family that takes trips together!

Isabella is a sweet, caring, and bubbly teenage girl who loves animals. She is a great conversationalist and enjoys speaking to and learning about new people. Isabella is always open to trying new activities and is a talented artist. She also likes to play soccer and is currently taking a cooking class once a week after school. Isabella’s greatest wish is to have a family of her own where she can have a pet.

Isabella likes going to school and she reports that she has many friends this year that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite class is chorus

and she does well in school with extra supports.

Isabella really wants to be a part of a family and loves participating in all kinds of family gatherings. Isabella will do best in a patient family that can give her a lot of individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring families that consist of a single mother, two mothers, or a mother and a father. She will do best as an only child or with an older sister in the home. Isabella is legally freed for adoption.

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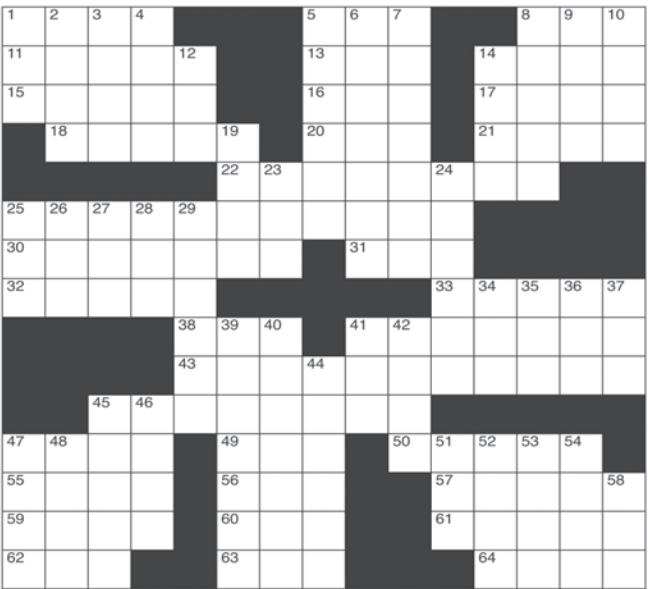
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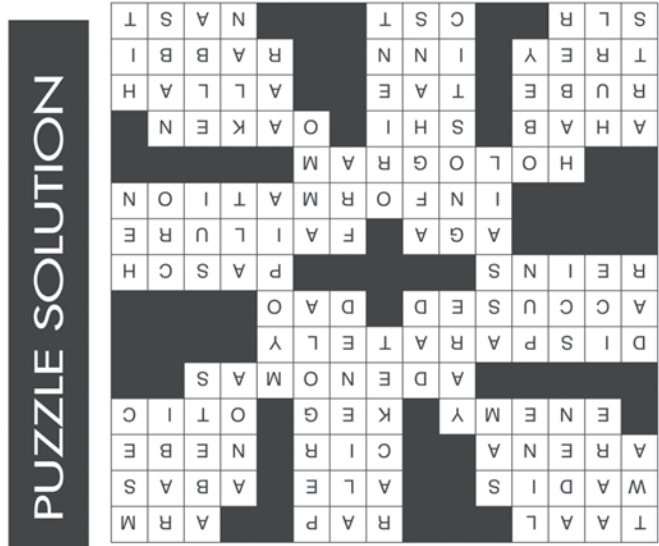


CLUES ACROSS

1. Dutch word for “language”
5. Popular music style
8. Body part
11. Largely dry valleys
13. Brew
14. Ancient Greek sophist
15. Where rockers play
16. Human gene
17. One point east of northeast
18. Adversary
20. Small cask or barrel
21. About ear
22. Benign tumors
25. In a different way
30. One charged with a crime
31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
32. Long, narrow straps
33. Passover
38. Ottoman military commander
41. One who does not succeed
43. Data
45. 3D image
47. Whale ship captain
49. Japanese title
50. Made of wood
55. Yokel
56. Exercise system ___-bo
57. Supreme being
59. Playing card with three spots
60. Hostelry
61. Spiritual leader
62. Single lens reflex
63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.
64. Thomas __, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

1. Shuttered airline
2. Swiss river
3. Port city in Yemen
4. It can be straight
5. Tennis player’s tool
6. Estranged
7. Garden archway
8. Assists
9. Grain crop
10. Millisecond
12. U.S. Founding Father Adams
14. Small, deerlike buffalo
19. Easily manageable
23. Male parent
24. Nearsightedness
25. Patriotic women
26. Decorate a cake with frosting
27. __ fi (slang)
28. A joke rooted in wordplay
29. Attack violently
34. Keyboard key
35. __ juris: independent
36. Corporate executive (abbr.)
37. Adult female bird
39. Pertains to knowledge
40. Pashtoes
41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
42. To be fired from a gun
44. A way to position
45. __ process: produces ammonia
46. Follow instructions
47. Humanistic discipline
48. Throw
51. Swiss river
52. American hate group
53. Actor Idris
54. Seizes
58. Baseball stat



Make-A-Wish grants Southbridge girl’s wish for “Mock Search and Rescue” experience

SOUTHBRIDGE — This past Sunday, on a chilly afternoon, nine-year-old Alexandra Holt of Southbridge completed the final part of her camping adventure in the forest wish through Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Alex, who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition, participated in a “mock search and rescue” for a missing hiker run by 10 members of the Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue team.

An official missing hiker form was completed for 33-year-old nurse “Stephanie Starship,” and Alex lead the search through a series of clues placed along a designated area in the October Mountain State Forest in the Berkshires. She was joined by her parents Danielle and Jason Holt and 14-year-old brother Aidan.

She took her role seriously, commanded the field of volunteers, identified all the clues, and finally found the lost hiker trapped under a large branch. At the end of the event, Alex was presented with a certificate of honor from the search-and-rescue team, “For her bravery, her dedication and her commitment to helping others with the Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue Team as a junior volunteer.”

The experience left Alex smiling and happy. “I would love to do this again!” she said. “Alex, thank you for wishing for this because I think not only is it a great day for you, but I don't know anybody who doesn't want to

be a part of helping to make a child's wish come true. So you also gave all of these people an opportunity to bring some joy,” said Peg Wheble, Western Massachusetts Regional Director for Make-A-Wish.

Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue is an all volunteer, not-for-profit Search and Rescue Team as well as a Community Emergency Response Team, based in Pittsfield.

To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island and find out how you can get involved, visit massri.wish.org

Photos and videos from the event can be accessed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rps16x8b8qcxdtd/AACPuzPvO-0jC88GeSsgsRN5a?dl=0>

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Easy ways to clean up leaves

Autumn is marked by colorful foliage and plummeting temperatures. Once those leaves reach peak color, they fall from the branches and collect on lawns, necessitating cleanup projects. For homeowners with big yards, such a project can be tiring and time-consuming. However, there are ways to make leaf cleanup easier.

One of the easiest ways to clean up leaves is to reach for a lawn mower rather than a rake. The mower will cut leaves down to smaller sizes, creating an effective mulch that can add nutrients back into the lawn. Davey, a lawn and landscape solutions service, says that mowed leaves also can be collected in a mower bag and added to garden beds or compost piles.

For those who prefer manual raking, select a rake with tines that will not skewer the leaves in the process. Big rakes also can make faster work of gathering leaves into piles.

The home improvement resource The

Family Handyman advocates for the use of a lawn sweeper. This is a manual device that has a rotating sweeping brush that gathers up lawn debris and leaves into an attached hopper bag. Like mowed leaves, the bag can be emptied into a compost pile or distributed where needed.

Raking leaves onto a large tarp is another option. Once it's full, the tarp can be taken to the curb where many towns will collect the leaves seasonally. Otherwise, the tarp can be used as a funnel to put leaves into a gardening bag or another appropriate receptacle.

Leaf blowers remain a fast option for cleaning up yards, but they require electricity or gas and can be noisy. Still, they are a popular choice for large landscapes or when quick work needs to be made of leaf clean-up.

Leaves will fall in autumn, but luckily homeowners have various methods at their disposal to tame the mess.



Town of Sturbridge Part-Time Custodian

The Town of Sturbridge Facilities Department is currently seeking an individual for the part-time position of Custodian. The 18-hour per week position reports to the Facilities Coordinator. Duties include cleaning of buildings and equipment, disinfecting, monitoring supplies and building conditions, and reporting to Facilities Coordinator. Candidates must be able to be flexible, work independently and as a team, follow strict cleaning protocols as necessary, and work up to 5 days per week. Starting rate expected to be \$16.75/hour. See also job description for more details.

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LEGALS

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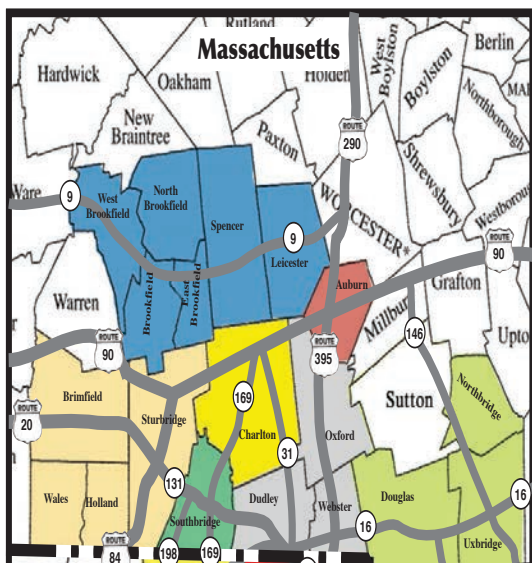
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Bay Path welcomes new faculty members

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is pleased to welcome three newly appointed faculty members as adjunct faculty: Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA Health Care Systems, RN; Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN; Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN

Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA, RN of Charlton, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Jan. 15. Grant is an experienced case manager, nursing supervisor, and Director of Nursing Services. This year she completed her dual degree Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration : Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems at Grand Canyon University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017. Her academic progression in nursing started at MassBay Community College for Practical Nursing in 2007 and Quinsigamond Community College for her Associates Degree in Nursing (2015).

Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN of Blackstone, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Sept. 1. Medina is an experienced home care nurse who is fluent in English, Creole, and Portuguese. She completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education this year at Western Governors University (WGU), her Bachelor of Science in Nursing also



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Sarah Grant

at WGU in 2010, and was a Dean's lister at the Atlantic Union College in 2007 where she earned her Associates



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Silvia Medina

Degree in Nursing. Her experience also includes rehabilitation nursing and acute care at Kindred Hospital



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Leslie Taylor

where she precepted newly hired nurses.

Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN of Spencer, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on March 6. Taylor is a candidate for Master of Science in Forensic Nursing at Fitchburg State University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017, Magna Cum Laude. She is enrolled in Certification in Simulation at St. Anselm College. She obtained her Associates Degree in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College in 2002. Taylor is a Peri anesthesia nurse at UMass Memorial Hospital. She provided clinical instruction to senior nursing students at Anna Maria College in Paxton and at Becker College in Worcester. Since 2009, she has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: Consultant.

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Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit www.baypath.net

Add a pop of color to your garden this winter

Winter weather comes on the heels of a vibrant, colorful autumn season. Shortly after fall foliage falls to the ground, nature tends to greet us with a considerably less colorful palette. What's more, much of the wild-life and plants that make spring, summer and fall so awe-inspiring tend to hibernate in winter, making it more difficult to find bright spots on drab days.

If you think that winter means the end of beautiful garden colors, think again. There are plenty of cool-season flowers and other plants that can add a pop of color to brighten your day. These flowers provide color right when most people need

it most.

In areas where winter is not marked by a deep freeze, homeowners can plant pansies, snapdragons, English daisies, calendula, and other blooms from early fall through late winter. These plants will survive the cold, keeping containers, borders and gardens full of color.

Camellias are a type of flower that bloom in fall and winter in hues of red, pink, coral, white, and more. The plants are evergreen and will grow from shrubs or small trees when fully established.

Homeowners who live in climates marked by cold winters can opt for plants that offer color but without

flowers. According to HGTV, these include cabbages and kales, which can survive most cold winters and lend an interesting texture to a winter landscape bed.

Of course, no list of winter's colorful plants would be complete without holly, which offers an eye-catching display of evergreen leaves and bright red berries, though sometimes the berries are golden. Either way, they can be a sight for sore eyes on gray winter days.

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- The Governor also signed an update

ed order requiring residents to wear face coverings in all public places, even when they are able to maintain six feet of distance from others. The revised order still allows an exception for residents who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or disabling condition. Employees and students must provide proof of such a condition.

Additionally, Baker signed an updated order restricting gatherings. Indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people, and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.

The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

Additionally, the new gatherings order requires that organizers of events report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community. Organizers must also cooperate with all efforts to ensure contact tracing.

The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments. Fines for violating the gatherings order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

For more information on the state's latest COVID-19 guidance, visit www.mass.gov.

PALMER

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Dr. Palmer completed her undergraduate studies at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY where she graduated magna cum laude. She received her medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, N.Y.

Dr. Palmer joins Dr. Ruth Benet and Nurse Practitioners Kim Vetel and Kristine Roth at Harrington Physician Services' Family Medicine practice in Brimfield, located at 255 E. Old Sturbridge Rd.

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ELECTION

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tally gave Biden 290 electoral votes and 75.2 million popular votes to Trump's 214 EV and 70.8 million PV.

If those three states go as they seem to be heading, the electoral total will be 306-233, and Trump has vowed to take the results to court in several states. As of Sunday, he has refused to concede, but nothing in the Constitution requires that he do so. The next presidential term begins Jan 20, 2021.

For US Senate, Ed Markey fended off Kevin O'Connor in Southbridge 4,197 to 2792. The Democrat also went on to win the state as a whole.

For the Worcester County Register of Probate race, though, Southbridge results did not reflect the overall outcome. Democrat John Dolan ran

away with Southbridge, besting incumbent Republican Stephanie Fattman 3094 to 1762. But Fattman won the county as a whole by almost 10 percent, or 33,050 votes.

Regarding the two ballot questions, Southbridge's outcome mirrored the statewide results. Question 1 (Right to Repair) passed overwhelmingly in town 5012 to 1951 and generally. Question 2 (Ranked Choice Voting) did worse in Southbridge percentage wise - 62.4 percent 'no' - than it did statewide, where 54.7 percent said 'no,' but the effect was the same.

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The passing of a legend

“This is ‘Jeopardy!’” will never sound quite the same again after the passing of longtime host of America’s favorite game show, Alex Trebek, on Sunday at the age of 80. He served as the show’s host for an impressive 37 years. In the spring of 2019, Trebek was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Since 1984, Trebek has been a fixture in households during the dinner time hour when families across America would shout answers at their television sets. Many of the show’s questions, made us wonder if we ever picked up a book.

In every episode, Trebek always remained, calm, cool, collected and was the perfect gentleman. Throughout the years, many have tried to stump the famous host with various trivia questions, to which Trebek would always respond by saying “What is...?” first.

Trebek was born George Alexander Trebek in Canada on July, 22 1940. Apart from “Jeopardy!” for which he is most known for, the famous TV personality hosted other shows such as Nickelodeon’s “Double Dare,” “Classic Concentration,” “The Wizard of Odds,” and “Battlestars,” to name a few.

The man, famous for his mustache, received a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times through his tenure. In addition he has received several awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and was given the key to the City of Ottawa.

Many fans don’t know that Trebek’s father emigrated from Ukraine and that he grew up in a bi-lingual household. His first job at the age of 13 was serving as a bell hop at the hotel his father, a chef, was employed with.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 1961. Before graduation, he dipped his toes into the broadcasting world with a job working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In one interview, he said, “I went to school in the mornings and worked at nights, I did everything, at one time replacing every announcer in every possible job”.

While employed with the CBC, Trebek hosted various news shows and sporting events.

The well loved host made a move to the states in 1973, when he began working for NBC. His first gig, with them, was hosting “The Wizard of Odds.”

Art Fleming was slated to be the host for Jeopardy but failed to return citing creative differences. Trebek slid into the spot in 1984, and it was game on ever since.

Trebek was married with two children. Apart from his role as host, husband and father, he was a long-time philanthropist and activist on the behalf of children worldwide.

Trebek has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Canada’s Walk of Fame.



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With Thanksgiving right around the corner, this week’s column will highlight some interesting trivia and fun facts about the beloved holiday:

Turkey Dinner: Believe it or not, Thanksgiving, along with our country’s appetite (or lack thereof) of turkey, spawned a billion dollar industry - the TV Dinner.

According to the Smithsonian Institute, in 1953 Swanson found itself with 26 tons of leftover frozen turkeys when the company underestimated sales for the holiday. Back in the “waste not want not” era, the solution fell to savvy Swanson personnel - who came up with an ingenious way to package and market the surplus turkey: Cut the turkey into slices, add stuffing, along with a couple of sides, freeze it in a tin tray and voila - the TV dinner is born!

The Smithsonian reports that’s exactly what Swanson salesman Gerry Thomas did when he found himself with a refrigerated railroad car filled to the brim with unsold turkeys. Inspired by prepared foods served in trays on airlines, Thomas filled the partitioned tin trays with the first Swanson turkey dinners, which included sliced turkey, corn bread dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes and peas. Capitalizing on the popularity of television and American’s new habit of eating supper on a TV tray in front of the tube, Swanson dubbed the convenient meals, TV dinners and sold them for 98 cents each. To the company’s surprise (and relief), the frozen meals were a hit, and in 1954 ten million turkey TV dinners were sold.

From Greek God to Thanksgiving Table: For generations, a symbol of harvest has been the cornucopia basket overflowing with the fruit (and vegetables) of the season. The cornucopia, a.k.a. horn o plenty, has a history dating back to ancient Greece. According to legend, when the young Zeus was playing with Amalthea, the goat who had nursed him in a cave on the island of Crete, he accidentally broke off one of her horns.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

To make amends, Zeus promised that from that day forward, the horn would always be filled with whatever fruit she desired. The Cornucopia came to symbolize a plentiful bounty, a tradition that has carried over to the harvest season and onto the Thanksgiving table.

A horn shaped basket filled with autumn fruits and vegetables has long served as a harvest centerpiece. Generations of families continue the tradition by displaying a cornucopia on a mantle or dinner table. The colorful leaves, acorns and pinecones of New England provide the perfect backdrop for a horn o plenty overflowing with garden delights.

Thanksgiving Day Myths: If your thoughts of the first Thanksgiving conjure up elementary school images of Pilgrims and Indians sharing a feast of stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie – think again. While the first Thanksgiving did bring the colonists of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians together in the autumn of 1621, the details were not recorded. The best record of the day is a brief written account of Governor Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony who reported the Pilgrims met with Chief Massasoit and 90 of his men for a four day feast, which came to be known as the “first Thanksgiving.”

Another popular myth of Thanksgiving is that the meal was a formal affair, with Pilgrims dressed in black and white and Indians in full feathered garb sitting down at a large table to dine on turkey and the trimmings. Truth is, according to Gov. Winslow, protein offerings were limited to venison and wild fowl with the Native Americans bringing “five deer” to the feast. In addition, it is unlikely the diners gathered around a table. A more feasible scenario includes informal dining, sans the silverware and tabletop.

According to historians, the dishes at the Thanksgiving feast were likely prepared with Native American

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Can it begin with us?

I always find it fascinating what triggers us. As an author and a columnist, I’ve learned to thicken my skin and brace myself for criticism. Anytime any of us put ourselves out there, whether we run for office, create something, or perform publicly, you must expect and accept criticism. It’s not always easy. The biggest surprise for me is often that things I write and say that I’m convinced will trigger a reaction, do not. Other times, I’ll say something innocent and quite passive and a few will bury me in angry email.

Lest week, I wrote a column about my love of iceberg lettuce. It was true, but largely tongue-in-cheek. I thought we all needed a break from the stress and vitriol of a brutal election season, so I wrote to change the subject, express my feelings, and hopefully get a laugh. Wow... a few people were terribly upset that I prefer iceberg lettuce over other types of greens. It didn’t upset me. I found it hilarious at the range and volume of the response. I was called mildly as being ill-informed and nutritionally ignorant all the way up to being a liar and spreading damaging untruths! I may be ignorant but my feelings about my personal tastes are not untrue... it’s how I feel!

Last year, I spoke of the joy I get from chopping wood. Once again, I was attacked at being environmentally irresponsible, even though the only wood we chopped was from already fallen trees. I once wrote a column about losing one sock from every pair in my drawer... again, I was labeled by a few as stupid and incompetent at keeping a pair of socks together.

I’m not complaining. I love hearing from readers and always use it to make me a better writer, but some of it would be laughable if it weren’t so mean-spirited.

Now, most of the correspondence is positive and encouraging. I appreciate both, so keep it coming. So, why am I sharing this?

I worry about the intensity of the



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
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dialogue and actions of so many in our country today. For those who are triggered over my choice of salad, I want you to step back and ask yourself what has really caused you to be so angry. Think long and hard about it. These types of anger triggers are often a result of an unresolved personal issue. Blaming others is useless. No one can make you act angrily at others without your permission. But some allow it to happen anyway. It’s not uncommon to read about a minor dispute over a parking space that turns into someone pulling a gun and killing another human being. I worry about the level of anxiety that allows a person to be triggered so easily, over something that really doesn’t matter. This weekend alone, five people were murdered, and thirty-two others wounded in Chicago. Look at this headline from the weekend, “Dog, Eight People Shot in Nashville Over Canine Dispute.” Really?

Then... there’s the election. I’m saddened about the vitriol from both sides and the level of anger it has caused. Millions... maybe a billion dollars in damage nationwide in burning and looting, while in the process, lives have been needlessly taken. We have a national epidemic of anger that is not worth the consequences of the actions triggered. And please. Spare me. Do not blame bad behavior on other bad behavior. Do not blame any politician.

I have a friend. She’s a single parent who is an outstanding mom and community member. I respect her and love her teenage children. I was shocked this week to read her angry, gloating diatribe about the recent presidential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really? Are we honestly unable to forgive those who think differently? Have we come to the breaking point where we now refuse to love our neighbor

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Protect your finances from “cyberthieves”



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

You’ve no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud – anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won’t go away anytime soon – but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.
- Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email – and give each password some length and complexity. Consider phrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, “ThisIsAPassphrase!2468”), for sites that allow them.
- Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don’t install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.
- Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you’re on the website of your bank or financial institution – and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.
- Avoid “over-sharing” on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It’s a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.
- Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you’re finished.
- Don’t take the bait of “phishers.” Cyberthieves go “phishing” for sensitive information – usernames, passwords and account numbers – by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was “suspended” or that an “unauthorized transaction” was made, and you’ll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company’s website.
- If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won’t ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, “urgent” requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

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Fine weather for fishing



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What fantastic weather we experienced in New England this past seven days. It had many anglers fishing some of the many recently stocked trout ponds in the valley, and members of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club enjoyed some great trout fishing in their club pond that was recently stocked with some real impressive rainbow and brown trout.

Many clubs in and around the valley have had to pull back from their annual fall stocking because of dwindling revenue, caused by Covid-19. Members of local clubs are asked to attend work parties to get the club and grounds ready for winter. This is your club!

Deer hunting for archers has been good, and the rut is now in full swing. Numerous archers reported watching bucks chasing does last week, and were unable to get a shot because of their fast pace, as they ran under and around the tree stand, failing to stop for a decent shot. Car deer collisions are also on the increase which is a sure sign the rut is on.

Early morning or early evening

Courtesy

(Right) This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club!



Courtesy

This picture shows young Tylor Conroy with his first deer of the season.



are the most dangerous time for motorist to encounter a deer crossing their path, so drivers should be aware of the danger for the next few weeks. Shotgun deer season is scheduled to open on Nov. 30 in the Central District.

Sighting in shotguns at your local Rod & Gun Club should not be left to the last minute. You should also locate some deer slugs as soon as possible, as most shops have very little in their inventory. Sighting in your gun with the same brand of deer slugs that you plan to hunt with is also important. It does make a difference, as they do not all act the same when it comes to accuracy.

Many deer hunters also equip their shotguns with a scope. Learning how to use a scope and purchasing the correct scope is also important. You should go to a good gun shop in your area, and get a good idea of the best scope for you buy. Having gun mounts that will properly hold your scope should also allow you to use the open sites when it becomes necessary to shoot at a running deer. Trying to use your scope to shoot at running deer requires a lot of experience, and although many deer hunters can shoot well at a running deer with a scope, it takes a lot of practice and good marksmanship.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will start holding their trap shoots on the club grounds starting this Saturday afternoon. The shoots are open to the public, so get out and enjoy some great shooting events prior to winter setting in. Need help shooting? Just ask, and someone will assist you at the range.

This past week, young Tylor

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Proper storage extends the life of leftover seeds



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As you pack away the garden hose, tools and other supplies or transition to your winter garden, do not overlook those leftover seeds. Proper storage can extend their life so you will need to buy fewer seeds next season. With another shortage of garden seeds predicted for 2021 you will be glad you did.

Leave the seeds in their original packet whenever possible. It contains all the information you need to make planting easier and increase your success next season.

Place the seed packets in an airtight container such as a recycled jar or plastic storage container. If you have lots of seeds, consider organizing them as you pack them away for winter.



Melinda Myers

Leave leftover seeds in their original packet whenever possible and store in an airtight container for next season.

Arrange them alphabetically from A to Z using dividers for each letter of the alphabet or organize them by planting season. Group seeds to be started indoors together and those that go directly in the garden by the month they should be planted.

Seal the lid on the container and place in a cool, dark location. The refrigerator is perfect, providing consistently cool temperature that increases seed storage success.

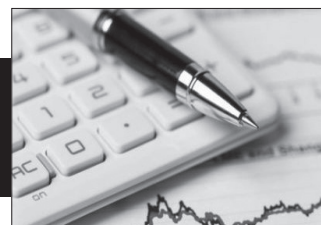
The longevity of a seed not only depends on proper storage, but also varies with the type of seed.

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more while onions and parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbena, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

Impatiens, Geums and Tithonia (Mexican sunflower) usually maintain viability for two years while ageratum, alyssum, amaranth and yarrow can last four years or more.

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spices and cooked over an open fire. With virtually no sugar available, pumpkin pie and other popular modern Thanksgiving desserts were nonexistent at the first feast.

Global Thanksgiving Traditions

Families across the globe come together to give thanks each year, and while international traditions differ, the premise of being thankful for harvest blessings are the same. The following sampling of “glob-

al Thanksgiving” festivals offers a peek into other cultures’ annual celebrations.

China: The Chinese holiday that most resembles the Thanksgiving feast is the country’s mid autumn festival, Chung Ch’ui, which is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month to mark the harvest season. Like Thanksgiving, Chinese families gather on this holiday to give thanks and feast on various foods. Moon cakes are the traditional food which is eaten under the bright moon. The festival includes burning incense and fire dragon dancing under lanterns.

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if they do not agree?

We cannot control the actions or feelings of others. We can control ours. We cannot stop anyone from hurting others, but we can make sure we never raise a fist or a weapon in anger. Violence usually begins with angry rhetoric. Can we begin by examining and tempering the words coming out of our mouths?

Let it start with me... you... everyone who is reading this column. I believe anger within us triggers anger in others. Likewise, kindness and love calm the human soul. We have reached a dangerous boiling point across our nation and it can only be reduced by cooler heads with love and kindness.

I still believe in the human spirit. I believe we are endowed by our Creator with the seeds of compassion and kindness. If nurtured, these seeds can grow within us and change the course of our nation regardless of who is President or whether your socks match.

Can we love thy neighbor regardless of what type of lettuce they eat, or who they vote for?

I am optimistic. We are better than this.

Can it begin with us?

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Vietnam: Also held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month is the Vietnamese mid autumn festival of Têt-Trung-Thu. One of the country’s favored holidays, the day is centered around the children and in fact, is referred to as the “children’s festival.” Lighting lanterns, dancing in masks and candlelit processions are some popular activities of the day.

Korea: Another Thanksgiving type holiday held 15th day of the 8th lunar month is Chusok, celebrated in Korea during harvest time in mid August. Festivities include children dressed in traditional clothing and dancing under a bright moon. Rice cakes comprised of beans, chestnuts and sesame seeds are served during the celebration, which can extend for up to three days. Fruit and rice are offered to Korean ancestors and thanks is given for the season’s bounty.

India: South India’s holiday closest to our Thanksgiving is the harvest celebration “Pongal,” a three day festival held on January 14. Named for a rice dish, the celebration is focused on giving thanks to the moon and the rain gods for a successful harvest. On the last day cows are honored for their hard work in plowing fields for crops.

Germany: Erntedankfest, the festival honoring the harvest is Germany’s version of America’s Thanksgiving. The religious celebration held in late September includes music, dance and church services followed by a parade, fireworks, and great festivities.

Africa: At the end of August, people in Nigeria and Ghana host a Yam Festival, to give thanks to the gods for the mainstay food. Yams, which are a prominent harvest crop, are a vital to feeding the country’s people. The vegetables are offered to the gods at the festival and also passed out and shared with family and village residents.

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ON DEPOSIT

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# of Homes Sold	13	12 ▼
Avg Days On Market	95	16 ▼


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ON DEPOSIT

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How to protect wood floors from inclement weather

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.
- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it

easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.
- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.
- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

With proper care, hardwood flooring can survive rain, snow and cold weather.

OUTDOORS

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Conroy harvested his first deer of the season with his bow. This week's picture shows Tyler with his spike horn buck! His dad has mentored the young hunter from a very young age, and is now enjoying every minute hunting birds and big game. Nice job, Tyler!

This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club! They also managed to catch a couple of trout at the club's pond! Working and baby-sitting does

not hold back the Briggs family from enjoying the great outdoors. There is nothing like starting them young. The young hunter was enjoying every minute of his early hunting and fishing experience, and is sure to become another great hunter in the coming years.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters, and anglers are noticing some much larger fish being caught. There is still time to catch some of these hard fighting fish.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

GARDENING

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Take an inventory of your seeds as you pack them away in storage. Reference this list as you begin planning next year's garden. You will be able to see what seeds you already have and focus on those you need.

If you have extras or seeds you do not plan to use, consider sharing some with a friend. Most of us do not need to plant all 20, 30 or more seeds in a packet. Sharing and trading with friends or donating to schools, community gardens, master gardeners, or other groups that may lack the resources to buy their own seeds is a great way to make a difference. Everyone will save money while growing beautiful and productive gardens.

Do not discard older seeds. They often outlast the average and continue to sprout at an acceptable level. You can test the seeds prior to planting. Just take

ten seeds and wrap them in a damp paper towel. Then place in a plastic bag and wait to check for sprouting in a week or two. If all the seeds sprout, you can plant according to the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

And if you find some of your old seeds are no longer viable, use them to create seed art and other projects. It is a fun way to repurpose these seeds.

Be sure to add packing up leftover seeds to your fall to-do list. You will be glad you did when it is time to plan and plant next year's garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including 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 and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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QCC shines a light on national Radiologic Technology Week

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College is joining others across the country to celebrate the work of radiologic technologists during National Radiologic Technology (RT) Week from November 8 –14. The annual event commemorates the discovery of the X-ray by German physicist and mechanical engineer Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen.

The College has a long and storied history of educating future RT health professionals. QCC's RT program is accredited through the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and since 1971 has graduated over 400 radiographers who are working in all 50 states. QCC RT graduates are employed in health care areas that include diagnostics, mobile radiography, computer tomography, MRI, sonography, research, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median yearly pay for Radiologic and MRI Technologists is \$62,280 and the profession is projected to grow 7 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the 4 percent average for all occupations.

"Our Rad Tech program is delivering a valuable service to our communities. We have come to depend on these frontline workers, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

Each year, QCC's RT program admits up to 20 students, depending on the number of available clinical placements. The program has become so popular that typically there is a waitlist. Currently the program has clinical affiliations with Health Alliance Leominster Campus, Heywood Hospital, Marlborough Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, UMass Memorial Medical Center Memorial Campus, and UMass Memorial Medical Center University Campus. Upon completion of the program, graduates take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists credentialing exam. In the last five years (2015-2019), 80 of 86 RT graduates passed the exam on their first attempt within six months of graduating.

"Even more impressive, in that same five-year period 100 percent of graduates who were seeking employment (81 graduates), secured a job within 12 months of graduation. This is a true testament to the quality of our program," said Pat Schmohl,



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QCC Radiologic Technology student Holly Rank, of Westminster (wearing QCC provided PPE) practices image positioning at one of QCC's Clinical Affiliates, UMass Memorial HealthAlliance- Clinton Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Department.

dean of the School of Healthcare. To learn more about QCC's Radiologic Technology, visit www.QCC.edu/radiologic-technology. For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.



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