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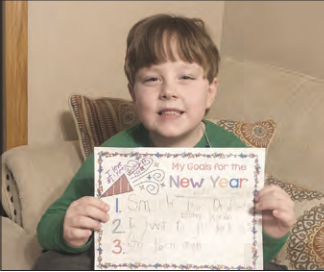
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Oliveira unveils a few plans for first term

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW -- Since being sworn into office Jan. 6, freshman Mass. Representative Jacob Oliveira has been getting oriented and focusing on key issues such as helping constituents get access to the Covid-19 vaccine and economic development in his district.

Oliveira, a Ludlow native, said it's hard to believe three weeks have passed since he took office and hit the ground running. As he learns the ropes in the Mass. House, Oliveira is leaning on his 12 years experience working with legislators and working as a local elected official.

"I think it was a fairly easy transition, because a lot of the stuff that you go over during orientation, I've worked on for the last decade, so I really tried to hit the ground running on day one," Oliveira said.

"Of course, there is the usual mechanics of getting situated, so I hired a wonderful legislative aide, Matthew Tibbitts, who is terrific and a lovely guy."

Oliveira said even though they have been working 15 to 16-hour days, there's not a moment that goes by when he doesn't feel fortunate that the people of the district elected him to serve.

Representing the Hampden District and responsible for Ludlow and parts of Belchertown, Chicopee and Spring-



Courtesy Photo

State Representative Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow), with Representative Orlando Ramos, State Senator Adam Gomez and Representative Carlos Gonzalez.

field, Oliveira said one of his main priorities is assisting Western Massachusetts residents through the nearly year-old pandemic.

"At the beginning of this pandemic, Western Massachusetts was an area that didn't have enough testing sites, so Western Mass legislators out

here worked together to make sure that we expanded testing site locations," Oliveira said.

"Now, with the Covid-19 vaccine rollout, it's so important at this point that Western Mass get its fair and equitable share of it."

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Lesser, Mass. environmentalist break down 'net-zero' goal

By Michael Harrison
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REGION — Mass. Senator Eric P. Lesser's weekly Lunchtime Livestream last week focused on climate and the environment. Lesser's guest was Elizabeth Turnbull Henry, president of the Environmental League Massachusetts.

Front and center in the 30-minute discussion was Gov. Charlie Baker's recent veto of a climate bill, which included anti-biomass language and efforts to push beyond current climate goals.

The legislation Baker vetoed included a commitment to get to "net-zero" emissions by 2050 through phased reductions. That would take a previous initiative more than 10 years ago even farther — which Turnbull Henry said is necessary because of how much more dire climate change has become since then.

"In 2008 Massachusetts did something that was really extraordinary — they set a legally binding emissions limit," to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050," Turnbull Henry said.

"It became a model for many other states. Today, we have this amazing framework law."

But that was then.

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STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Sides differ over decision to clearcut area woods

By Kimberly Palmucci
Correspondent

REGION — Several local residents have raised concerns over the clearcutting of state forests, including Herman Covey Wildlife Management Area in Belchertown, Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area in Hardwick, and more.

"Most Massachusetts citizens believe that the green areas on maps locate beautiful and fully protected public natural areas. They are mistaken," said Chris Matera of Massachusetts Forest Watch.

"Essentially zero of our state public lands (12% of Mas-

sachusetts land area) are permanently and legally protected from commercial extraction."

The Massachusetts Forest Watch group formed in response to public outrage over "logging and clearcutting" of state forests. Matera said logging, including much clearcutting, is "increasingly occurring on Massachusetts state public forests, drinking watershed, and wildlife protection forests."

Why They're Important
"State Public Forests hold

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Ludlow Elks support local veterans



Courtesy photo

Ludlow Lodge of Elks #2448 President David Kenniston and Elks Veterans Program Chairman, Paul Chrzan presented a check for \$1,500 to Eric Segundo, the town's director of Veteran Services, for the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund in the lodge's continued support of veterans in Ludlow. The money will be used to help veterans with emergency needs of food, fuel, and clothing.





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Helen Martowski turning 100

LUDLOW — Helen Martowski, a lifelong resident of Ludlow and a U.S.Navy veteran who served in World War II, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Feb. 1.

She enjoys reading the local newspapers and following her Boston Red Sox. Helen gets along with a little assistance, but she is essentially independent and makes all of her own decisions.

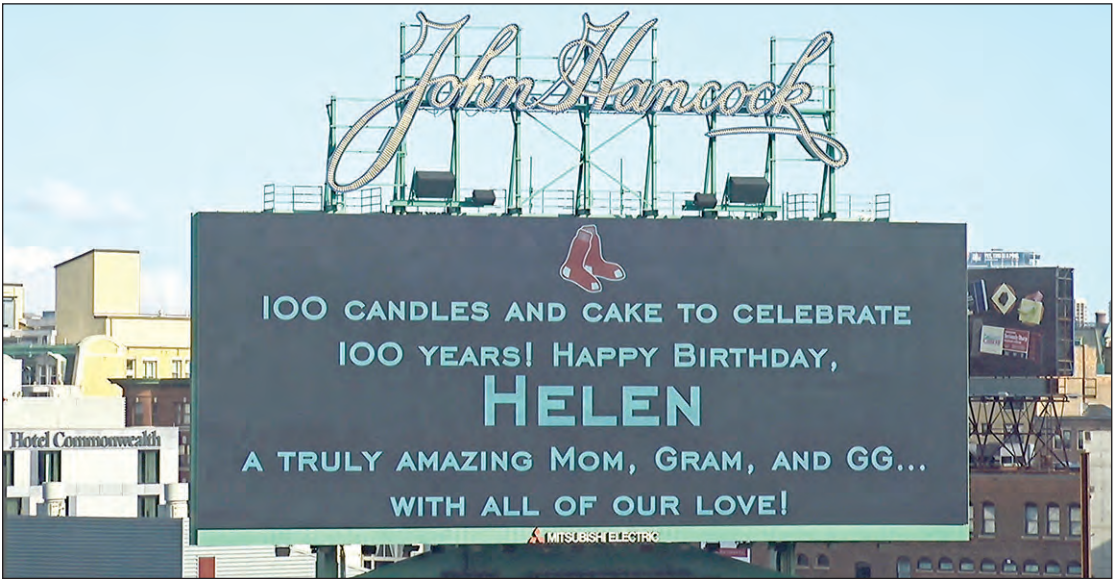
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Helen Martowski turns 100 on Feb. 1



Shown here serving with the U.S. Navy during World War II, Helen Martowski is a lifelong resident of Ludlow.



Helen Martowski's birthday message at Fenway Park. She loves her Red Sox.

LUNCH AND A SMILE – TO GO



Courtesy photo

LUDLOW — When residents returned last Tuesday for the new year's first Grab and Go lunch at the Ludlow Senior Center, they were greeted by cheery employees from Freedom Credit Union. The program had been on hiatus during the holidays. Freedom's Dawn Girroir, Carol Hotaling, Lisa Pandolfi, and Ewa Goncalves were there with signs in hand to welcome the seniors back.

SJB nursery school enrollment has begun

LUDLOW - St. John the Baptist is now accepting registrations for its nursery school for the 2021-'22 sessions.

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PET OF THE WEEK



"Hope we get picked!" says Sophie, a German shepherd and Abby, a mini Schnauzer, owned by Kathy and Gary Picard of Ludlow. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.



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CareShare co-op looks to fill critical need

By Jonah Snowden
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INDIAN ORCHARD — Residents interested in co-owning a childcare co-op business are in luck.

Wellspring Cooperative is currently recruiting caregivers and parents who would like to develop a CareShare Co-op in this area and other underserved communities that need access to affordable childcare options.

Emily Kawano, co-director of Wellspring, said this opportunity is part of a national initiative to develop healthcare cooperatives and is in partnership with fellow co-op developers Co-op Cincy, Cooperation Jackson and Coopercion Santa Ana, along with WellSpring.

"So far we have a couple of peo-

ple that are interested," said Kawano.

"We just started what we're calling a 14-week program where we meet very week for a couple hours with all teams from all four cities. It's an entire process of learning about co-ops, learning about co-op management and developing a business plan, so by the end of the 14 weeks, folks are ready to launch."

Kawano also said they are collectively building a Care Share model, which is like a nanny share. Through this co-op opportunity, one caregiver would be assigned to a maximum of five children. Caregivers can also work with each other, should one have to fill in for another.

Kawano said traditionally, nanny shares are "not really the best option

for families that are low-income."

With childcare, she said, one size doesn't fit all.

"Essentially, we're interested in that full range of options," Kawano said.

"The other thing is, it gets a little complicated. You don't have to be a licensed nanny, but that also means you cannot accept vouchers. That's one thing that we're looking at, having older childcare providers go through the licensing process, so that they can make it more affordable for low-income families."

For more information on the incentive before the sessions end, contact Kawano at 413-461-8203 or emilykawano@gmail.com. Kawano also said after a few weeks, they will not be able to take in more care providers and interested parents.



LUDLOW Senior CENTER

Nourish your mind, body and soul at the Senior Center

Just a reminder the Senior Center is staffed and available Monday to Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. At this time the Senior Center has no information concerning COVID-19 vaccinations. We will provide information as soon as we have it.

Below is information on our Zoom classes, Channel 192 schedule and Grab and Go menu for the upcoming week. Please always remember we are here!!!

Zoom schedule.

Please call Maria at 583-3564 for login information or to sign up.

- Thursday Jan. 28. at 2 p.m.: Zoom Book Club, The Irish Cowboy by D.W. Ulsterman
- Friday Jan. 29 at 11 a.m.: Zoom Trivia
- Tuesday Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.: Zoom Bingo!
- Wednesday Feb. 3 at 4:30 p.m.: Zoom Chair yoga
- Thursday Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.: Zoom Wheel of Fortune

Transportation is available for in-town destinations on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make appointments 24 hours in advanced.

Channel 192 line up:

Monday – 9 a.m.: Move and Groove; 3 p.m.: Yoga

Tuesday – 9 a.m.: Chair Yoga; 3 p.m.: Today's Hot Topic!

Wednesday – 9 a.m.: Tai Chi; 3 p.m.: Zumba

Thursday – 9 a.m.: Today's Hot Topic! 3 p.m.: Chair Yoga

Friday – 9 a.m.: Boomer Boot Camp 3 p.m., – Cooking Class

Saturday – 9 a.m.: Chair Yoga

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Wed Feb. 3: Chicken Patty Sandwich

Thus Feb. 4: Chef Salad

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Community Survival Center remains open when it's needed most

By **Jonah Snowden**
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INDIAN ORCHARD – Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Survival Center has remained open weekly throughout each season. Lately, that's been important to more people than ever.

CSC Executive Director Mary Cassidy said when the pandemic began, the center did not receive a ton of visitors, but she has recently seen an "increase in people who've never been to the pantry before."

She also said the survival center opened its thrift shop and resumed its "fill a bag" program, with pandemic protocols in place. With a limited number of visitors allowed in at a time because of social distancing, only four people can be allowed in the center at a time for a total of 20 minutes.

"We're only doing this because we can have only have so many people in the building at a time," said Cassidy.

"Many of our volunteers have chosen not to come back, not that I blame them."

Still, it's a lifeline for people in need.

With the fill a bag program, people can come in, buy a paper grocery bag



The Community Survival Center is located at 240 Main St. Indian Orchard. Food and clothes are available for those who need it. The clothes range from brand new to gently used.

for \$6 and fill it either with clothing or household items. Other items are sold separately, also with a steep discount.

"With this program, we do have

some items that don't fit in in a bag like sheets, dishes and small kitchen appliances," Cassidy said. "Those are sold separately."

Although food distributions still take

place outside, Cassidy said the center recently put up an outdoor canopy to protect people from the elements. The cover was paid for courtesy of a \$3,000 grant from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

"We're very lucky because they do give grants, give the food that we get, which is amazing and helps us write grants, actually," said Cassidy.

"They're an incredible agency to work with."

Applications Needed

Clients need to apply and provide documentation of income, residency and housing. Residents of Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampton, Indian Orchard, Sixteen Acres or Pine Point are eligible. Cassidy encourages everyone who's eligible to apply.

"We want people to come and see us," she said.

"We have food and we want people to get it. We don't want it to sit on our shelves."

The survival center, located at 240 Main Street, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information and hours on the thrift shop and fill a bag program, call 413-543-3930.

With mayor's help, 'Blooms' halfway to flower basket goal

INDIAN ORCHARD — Just three weeks since launching the 2021 Indian Orchard Blooms Campaign, the Indian Orchard Citizens Council announced it is more than halfway to its goal of recruiting 200 sponsors for the hanging flower baskets.

"Despite the still lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the Indian Orchard Business community has enthusiastically responded to our annual Neighborhood Beautification Campaign by sponsoring 104 flower baskets that will be hung throughout Indian Orchard and

along Boston Road," said Zaida Govan, president of the Indian Orchard Citizens Council.

"We are ecstatic to have the support of Mayor Domenic Sarno, who recently sent a letter to Boston Road businesses inviting them to join our campaign to promote the city's Prime Commercial Shopping Corridor, and help reclaim patronage lost to the Coronavirus," said Paul Caron, interim chairman of the Indian Orchard Business Connections Committee.

"In the past, with so many Boston


Road businesses belonging to national chains, the council has found it difficult to make contact with key decision makers at their corporate offices that are headquartered outside of Springfield," he added.

Mari Tarpinian of Rick's Auto Body is optimistic.

"We are hopeful that Mayor Sarno's letter will catch the attention of corporate decision makers, and encourage them to take a proactive role in promoting Boston Road, and help re-capture lost patronage," Tarpinian said.

The Indian Orchard Citizens Council is accepting basket orders for its 2021 campaign. Any Indian Orchard business owner, or individual, interested in sponsoring a basket is urged to contact, Govan at 413-301-2533, or iocc.council@gmail.com to place basket orders. The cost of each basket is \$140, which includes the cost of the baskets, installation, and their continued maintenance throughout the 20-week season.

The baskets of Nicaraguan geraniums and Vinca vines will be hung in late May, and stay up through mid October.



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If you are interested in taking out nomination papers, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 413-583-5600 Ext. 1230 to make an appointment since the Town Hall is currently closed to the public.

These are the positions voters will decide in March:

- 2 openings for Board of Selectmen (three-year terms)
- 1 opening for Board of Assessors (three-year term)
- 1 opening for Board of Health (three-year term)

- 1 opening for Library Trustee (three-year term)
- 1 opening for Ludlow Housing Authority (five-year term)
- 1 opening for Board of Public Works (three-year term)
- 1 opening for Recreation Commission (three-year term)
- 1 opening for School Committee (three-year term)
- 1 opening for Planning Board (five-year term)
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The last day to submit nomination papers is 5 p.m. Jan. 29.

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Rail plan advocates planning next step in approval process

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REGION — Now that they’ve had a chance to digest MassDOT’s extensive feasibility study of a proposed passenger rail link connecting Pittsfield to Boston, including stops in Palmer and Springfield, the Rail Stop Steering Committee is planning its next course.

The town-appointed committee met recently to discuss the study and set priorities, including how to prod state and federal officials not already on-board to start acting on the project. One major issue on which all those in the meeting seem to agree is the study vastly underestimates the number of riders it would attract – a critical component of the cost benefit analysis that determines if a project is eligible for federal funding.

That’s a complaint committee members and others made after a draft study – the report’s predecessor – was released a few months prior. They made those feelings known and MassDOT appears to have acknowledged it in the final report, which concludes that further study is justified.

Wary of the slow pace of government and a historic reluctance to invest in large scale infrastructure programs, committee members want to seize any momentum created by the MassDOT study.

“We have to keep pushing it forward so it’s on their radar,” committee Chair Ben Hood said.

“Sometimes they have money and you have to ask for it. I always hoped they would want to invest in [transportation infrastructure].”

According to the report, “the study has entailed a comprehensive civic engagement process involving residents, the study’s Advisory Committee – a group comprised of individuals representing diverse perspectives from Pittsfield to Boston, and other stakeholders in a series of meetings and through online interaction. This included cooperative development of the following goals for the project:

- Provide better transportation options to and from Western Massachusetts
- Support economic development throughout the East – West rail corridor
- Improve the attractiveness of Western Massachusetts as an affordable place to live
- Reduce the number of automobile trips along the corridor
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air quality impacts from transportation

It also shares many of the same conclusions as advocates of the plan, including members of the steering committee



Advocates of a passenger train line connecting Pittsfield to Boston with stops in Palmer and Springfield found some things they liked, and some things they didn't, in MassDOT's recently released study.

and Citizens for a Palmer Rail Stop. “MassDOT recognizes that a robust transportation system is essential to providing residents, businesses, and visitors with mobility to satisfy their economic, personal, and recreational needs. Passenger rail transportation can be an important component of a multi-modal transportation system that increases travel options and reduces greenhouse gas emissions,” the report states.

The report also says that “Fast and frequent passenger rail service in the East-West Rail Corridor could enhance mobility and connectivity for Corridor communities, provide residents and stakeholders with additional travel options, and catalyze new economic opportunities, such as development around stations. Improved connectivity among job centers and better mobility for potential workers could increase employment opportunities for workers and expand the talent pool available to employers by better linking the western, central, and eastern regions of the Commonwealth with each other and with a broader travel market.”

There are three final alternatives in the study, which carries the weight of a \$1 million investment by the state and does back up at least some of the advocates’ claims of the benefits the rail line would provide. All of the alternatives include depots in Palmer and Springfield.

Still, it did not offer the robust endorsement some hoped for.

“It’s not what we wanted, but it didn’t close the door,” Hood said.

Now, he said, the committee needs to focus on “thinking about how this affects Palmer.”

Committee member and Palmer Town

Planner Linda Leduc isn’t completely satisfied, but she took away some positives.

“It’s an interesting study,” she said.

“It was limited in scope [but] it needed to be done to get us to the next phase of engineering and construction. MassDOT is trying to move us out of the planning stage. In Palmer, we did all the things we needed to do to get in all the alternatives, which is a great result.”

Like others, Leduc contests the study’s estimate of ridership and said it’s critical to present accurate numbers that will allow the project to become eligible for federal funding – a high bar. She remains convinced MassDOT does not project a realistic figure and that taking a second look – as MassDOT calls for in the study – will reveal a more favorable cost benefit assessment.

“One thing I thought was interesting is

this traditional assessment did not include an extensive look into cost benefit,” Leduc said.

“The position of the state to better itself with the federal calculation – which we fall very short of getting any federal money – we need to raise that. We have a true benefit from the rail stop that can [improve] that calculation.”

Costing upwards of \$1 billion, the project is likely to face steep opposition by state and federal budget hawks, necessitating the need, Leduc and other committee members said, to lobby lawmakers who have not already pledged their support. U.S. Rep. Richard Neal said he’s for creating the passenger line. Leduc and Hood both noted that President Joe Biden could be a likely ally.

Unlike assistance with road and air projects, municipal rail construction is not typically earmarked or federal funding, Leduc said.

“Not a single state in the country gets federal assistance for a rail project,” she said.

“The only way to get federal funding is to get an increase in our benefit cost and potentially get that federal calculation viewed differently. Cost will be a big problem moving forward. We need to have conversations with our federal legislators. Joe Biden historically has been supportive of rail, so that’s all good.”

Hood agreed.

“I think our politicians will be important in this,” he said.

So far, so good.

“All of our representatives in the western part of the state and even further west, are hot on this issue,” Leduc said.

Both of them credited state Senators Eric Lesser and Anne Gobi and Mass. House Rep. Todd Smola for their support.

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Massachusetts Lions Low Vision Network changing lives for visually impaired

REGION - Many Massachusetts residents are visually impaired due to inherited eye diseases or acquired conditions such as macular degeneration, glaucoma or complications resulting from diabetes or cataracts.

Often medication, glasses, surgery or contact lenses cannot correct the impairment.

The person may have some usable vision, but the vision they have lost has significantly impacted their quality of life.

The Massachusetts Lions Low Vision Network has established a substantial network of practitioners within our state who specialize in low vision assessment and treatment. They are providing low vision tools and other solutions that are significantly improving the quality of lives. Such tools include hand magnifiers, computer technology, telescopes, binocular systems, desktop video technology that uses CCTV, an HD camera and full-page text to speech capability and many others.

In accordance with their motto: “We Serve,” Massachusetts Lions volunteers are playing a major role in this program helping to make patient low vision appointments, providing rides to and from the appointment if necessary, and answering any questions that come up.

The low vision exam is unique and leads to recommendations for low vision tools that will improve the person’s quality of life. In-home rehabilitation therapists can also be scheduled to visit the person’s home and help them operate more efficiently and improve their mobility. If the patient’s insurance does not cover these services or equipment, or the person has no insurance, the Lions may be able to help financially as well.

If you would like to take the first step in exploring the low vision support that is available through this program, either email the Lions at info@lowvisionnetwork.com, or fill out the contact form at lowvisionnetwork.com. A Lion will respond within one business day to your request.

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1. Cool!
2. Amounts of time
3. Aboriginal people of Japan
4. Popular veggies
5. Wedding accessory
6. Deep, narrow gorges
7. Dry cereal
8. Competitions that require speed
9. Cain and ___
10. Snake sound
12. Type of amino acid (abbr.)
14. Pattern of notes in Indian music
19. Satisfy
23. Misfire
24. Nearsightedness
25. Indicates before
26. Increase motor speed
27. When you hope to get there
28. Indicates position
29. Where rockers perform
34. Substitute
35. ___ juris: of one’s own right
36. Earliest form of

- modern human in Europe: ___-magnon
37. Adult female bird
39. Do away with
40. Lens
41. Flattened appendage
42. Post or pillar in Greek temple
44. A medieval citizen of Hungary
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
46. Abba ___, Israeli politician
47. Sew
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51. Swiss river
52. Grayish-white
53. A way to illustrate
54. College basketball superpower
58. Midway between south and southeast


OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Indoor seed sowing just like the pros do

My first experience with seed sowing involved an egg carton, some potting soil and a few marigold seeds. I must have been about 10 years old. I can still recall how amazed I was that a live plant could grow from what appeared to be a dried up sliver of straw. I can even conjure up the smell of the moistened egg cartons if I think about it hard enough! Even more enthralling of a memory is the first harvest of flowers a couple of months after my offspring made its way out to the garden.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

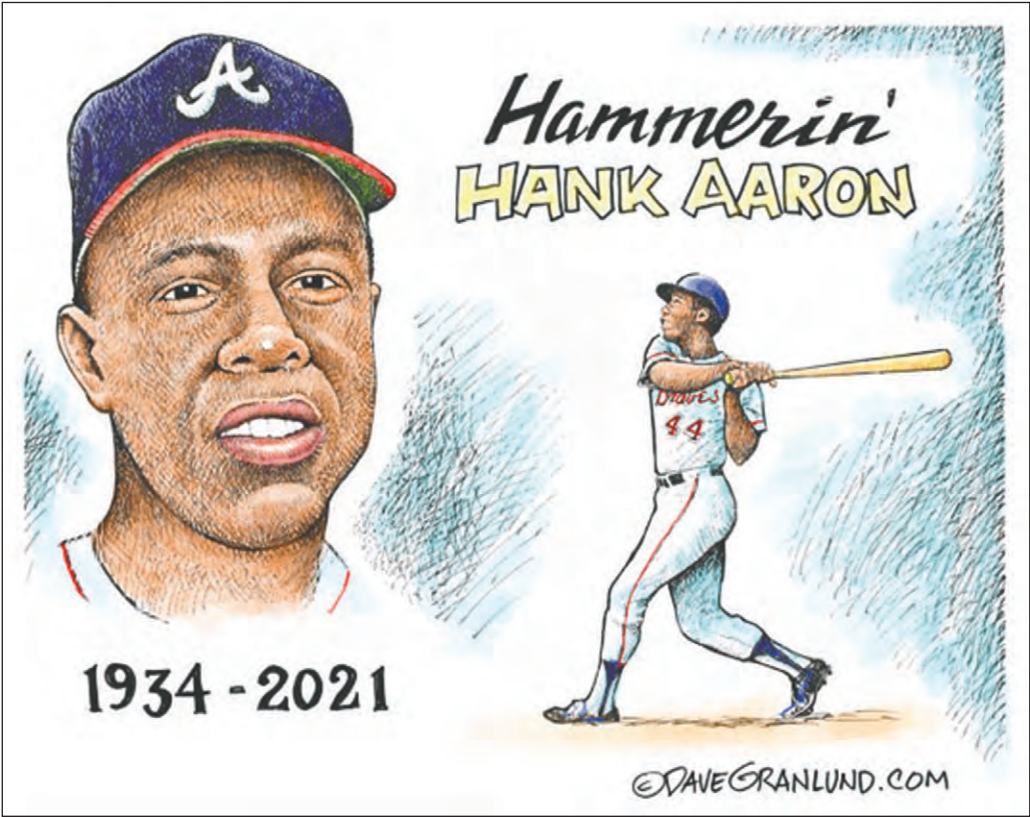
While it is still too early to start marigolds or even tomatoes indoors, it is the perfect time study up on the process so that you can be successful. Sure, it involves a bit more than an egg carton and a window sill, but out of it all you'll be rewarded for your hard work with a bounty of blooms or a basket of vegetables or both. Here are a few pointers that I have gleaned from many seasons of starting seeds indoors.

The general idea is to provide a moist, warm environment for the seed to germinate and then a semi-warm, well-lit environment for the plant to grow on. Therefore, props are necessary components if you want to be successful. Previous articles have covered this part of seed-starting in depth, but I'll re-cap the highlights. Invest in some heat mats and set them at 70 degrees to provide bottom-heat. As far as light goes, the window sill won't cut it unless you are extremely diligent about turning the plants many times over the course of the day, and even then, "stretch" is likely to occur. Instead, adjust a "shop light" so that it can be raised and lowered easily. One cool fluorescent bulb and one warm are recommended but two cool work just fine in my experience. Forgo garden soil or even regular potting soil in place of a finely milled seed-starting mix. Sterilize shallow containers of choice in a 10% bleach solution before using them.

Sow teenie seeds on the surface of moist starting mix; small seed can be sown in shallow furrows. Space as best you can by folding an index card, placing the seed in the fold and tapping the card with your finger. Larger seeds can be buried a quarter of an inch apart. Cover with a humidity dome or a clear plastic bag propped up like a tent and place on bottom heat. Mist the soil of surface-sown seeds occasionally. When thoroughly dry, soak the container in a few inches of water; it will absorb moisture like a sponge. Once germination occurs, remove the dome or bag and place the seedlings within a couple of inches of the shop light off of the heat mats. Adjust lights accordingly as growth occurs. Use liquid fertilizer at one-quarter to half-strength after a couple weeks and transplant into small, individual containers or cells after true leaves form.

Transplanted seedlings can happily grow under the lights until it approaches the time to plant them outdoors. About a week before Memorial Day, harden off heat lovers such as tomatoes, peppers, basil or marigolds. Place in a sheltered spot and gradually work up to more exposure until finally they are outdoors all day and all night. All of this work may seem like a lot, but the benefits to starting your own seedlings are many, the first of which is the endless number of varieties for sale as seeds versus those available as plants at your local nursery.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disputes description of Trump as racist

I would like to take this time to address some of the inaccuracies in Malita Brown's letters. Let's start with President Trump's inauguration. Having seen it first hand, I can tell you that not all of the attendees were counted. Due to the protests from the left, we were unable to get to the mall from the side streets surrounding it as security had to continuously block certain entrances.

There were thousands of people on each side street waiting for hours. I am offended that you think Trump supporters are stupid or brainwashed in any way or the very worst, a white supremacist! The Democrats are the party of segregation and the KKK and your new president actually praised Senator Byrd, who was a klansman.

Furthermore, the left has encouraged BLM and Antifa who have wreaked havoc in our cities for months and not one of them called for peace and law and order then. In-

stead it was praised.

The media has fanned these flames as well and encouraged some businesses to ban conservatives thus bankrupting them and yes I have witnessed this first hand as well.

Now you have a president who claims to be Catholic, but approves late term abortion? Where is that in the Bible?

Trump supporters love this country and want to see our nation unite and heal but the Democrats do not want that. In fact these are the words spoken by Rahm Emanuel, President Obama's chief of staff, "Never let a serious crisis go to waste!" Do you remember that?

Please do a little research before you throw stones!

Liz Page
Ludlow

Aaron will be missed

Hank Aaron was the quintessential ballplayer who carried himself with dignity and class in an era of racial injustice. He was the true Home Run King with 755 round trippers in his stellar career.

Mike O'Rourke
Ludlow

Mike O'Rourke has saved and preserved these vintage Hank Aaron baseball cards. He took them out after the recent passing of the Hall of Fame slugger.



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Oliveira said he is joining Mass. Sen. Eric Lesser and House colleagues such as fellow Rep. Orlando Ramos to make sure the vaccine is distributed in an equitable manner. They're also working to set up a large testing site that can accommodate more residents.

Economic Growth

In Ludlow, the continued redevelopment of the mills is a project Oliveira said is a priority.

"It's such an important fabric of our Ludlow history," said Oliveira.

"It's important to have a good state, local and private partnership in order to develop that project, so that's something

I'm going to be focusing in on quite a bit right now."

As for Indian Orchard, Oliveira said he and Ramos will be working closely to help meet the needs of constituents. The mills are an opportunity for Indian Orchard residents as well – especially those with creative talents.

"There are many kinds of artists that occupy some of the spaces there, Oliveira said. "It's very important for them to prosper."

He also said making conditions right for small businesses to move into the Indian Orchard downtown area is a priority.

To get in touch with Oliveira or Tibbitts, call 413-206-6524 or email jacob.oliveira@mahouse.gov or matt.tibbitts@mahouse.gov.

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Massachusetts's most important and unfragmented forests and they provide an incredible amount of public good, including carbon capture and storage, clean air and water, flood control, undisturbed wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty, spiritual refuge, tourism attraction, among other benefits," Matera said.

"However, at the exact moment in history that we are coming to a greater realization about the importance of protecting forests, our state public forest treasure is being increasingly targeted for commercial extraction by timber and biomass interests."

At Muddy Brook, the state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife said it has completed the first phase of a 500-acre barrens wildlife habitat restoration project. Habitat management actions took place on 375 acres in the Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area, and 125 acres of the adjacent Muddy Brook Wildlife Conservation Easement, owned by the New England Forestry Foundation in Hardwick.

"We are excited to partner with MassWildlife on an ecological restoration effort which supports multiple rare and common wildlife and plant species," New England Forestry Foundation Executive Director Bob Perschel said in a statement.

"It's a good example of how organizations can work together to achieve common conservation goals that benefit people, wildlife, and the diverse forest communities in which they live."

The greater Muddy Brook Valley represents an important and rare collection of fire-influenced barrens habitat communities in Massachusetts, MassWildlife asserts. According to its section on mass.gov, restoring barrens is "critical to conserving the distinct plants, insects, and animals—including 75 species on the Massachusetts Endangered Species List—that depend on these uncommon habitats."

According to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife officials, over the past six years, the tree canopy has been thinned to reduce high fuel loads and to stimulate growth of barrens plants.

"The site may look bare following initial restoration work," said John Scanlon, MassWildlife's Habitat program manager.

"However, in a relatively short peri-



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The entrance to the Herman Covey Wildlife Management Area in Belchertown.

od of time, the cut and burned areas will be covered with sprouting native plants and tree seedlings. The reestablishment of this barrens habitat provides the necessary food, cover, and homes for both common and rare animals and pollinators that require this special type of habitat."

Matera is having none of it.

He said that's just another example of "excuses" used by state agencies to cut down state forests and "nonsense meant to confuse the public in order to support bigger bureaucratic budgets and private industry profits."

Private Versus Public Sources

"There is no need to log our state public forests and many reasons not to," Matera said.

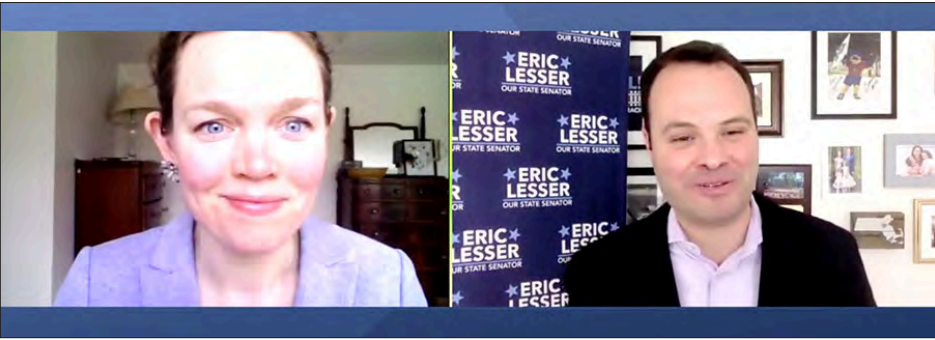
"Private lands provide the vast majority of our wood use. Almost always, the best we humans can do for forest 'health,' to benefit wildlife, and to help nature in general is to stop pretending such destructive 'chainsaw medicine' helps the forest and leave the forest in peace."

Matera said that a bill will be introduced this year in the Legislature to stop commercial logging on state public lands—the 2021 version of House Bill 897, an act relative to forest protection.

"Contact your representative and ask them to co-sponsor the 2021 version of House Bill 897 when it is introduced this year," he said. "We need forests, but they do not need us, that is self-evident."

To learn more, go to .maforests.org.

Not very deep along the trail of the Herman Covey Wildlife Management Area, where a narrow stream runs the woods, a clear cut section of land suddenly juts into view. Some residents and wildlife enthusiasts said they worry the area is being over-managed by the state.



Courtesy photo

Elizabeth Turnbull Henry, president of the Environmental League Massachusetts joined state Sen. Eric Lesser last Friday for his weekly Lunchtime Livestream series to discuss the Mass. climate bill and the importance of achieving net-zero emissions.

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"As we learn more about what emissions is doing to the planet, it's stark," Turnbull Henry said.

"Climate change is the existential threat that faces the Commonwealth and the world, which is why we're pushing for off-shore wind turbines, better construction standards, electric vehicles and that kind of thing."

Turnbull Henry said time is running out if there's any hope of reversing climate change, which many experts believe is largely the effect of human actions, including emissions from car exhaust and coal-fired manufacturing plants – among other practices.

"It's been clear now for the last several years that an 80 percent greenhouse gas reduction is not gonna cut it," Turnbull Henry said.

"We actually need to be at net-zero, which means that we're putting into the atmosphere the same amount of emissions that we're taking out."

Against Biomass Plant

The two also talked about the impact of a proposed biomass plant in Springfield that could burn 14,000 pounds of wood a day. The bill Baker vetoed – which Lesser said will be reintroduced this legislative session – also contains what the senator called "Environmental justice for Western Massachusetts" because it opposes the Springfield plant.

Lesser made the point that emissions would blanket "a densely populated, low-income community that has been rated by the National Asthma and Allergy Association as the worst place to live with asthma."

He also said that designation is for the "Springfield region" that includes "the entire Pioneer Valley." Lesser said adding insult to injury is that the plant would be built in an area mostly populated by people of color. He chaffed at the trend to target low-income communities where most residents are non-white for that type of industry and vowed to oppose it.

"The idea of putting a wood-burning plant like that in that area is not going to fly," he said.

"If you take the long view that you can burn wood today then plant a tree and allow it grow, big picture you could be carbon neutral, but that has been discredited when you consider how long it takes a tree to grow," she said. "In some ways, it's worse than coal but right now biomass is treated with kid gloves so we're working to get that changed."

She also mentioned that Massachusetts already has several existing benefits

to its energy consumption that put it on the road to net-zero.

"We don't frack, we don't mine – we have very little to gain by continuing to combust fossil fuels," Turnbull Henry said, adding that "\$18 billion leaves the state every year to buy neutral gas and oil."

By transitioning to net-zero energy consumption, "think about the power of harnessing that \$18 billion and driving it back into our economy here."

Lesser said a majority of Mass. lawmakers and many of their constituents are in favor of making that transition though a variety of changes, including more strict construction standards to make homes and commercial buildings energy efficient and requiring home energy ratings. He also sought to head-off any argument that such ratings are antithetical to a free market economy.

"It's actually a free market idea," Lesser said, "giving [buyers] as much information as possible" to help them decide whether or not to make a purchase.

A conscious effort to get to net-zero also pays off in jobs, both Lesser and his guest said, especially when it comes to making existing homes more efficient.

"It's going to put a lot of carpenters to work, and roofers to work insulating attics and doing all the things we need to do save money on energy bills," Lesser said.

"it's a win-win."

Turnbull Henry agreed, saying a net-zero policy would "unlock new job opportunities for people."

Applying Pressure

Although Turnbull Henry did credit Baker for "parts of his leadership" on addressing climate change, she and Lesser both urged residents who feel strongly about getting to net-zero to speak up.

"Get involved," she said.

"People really do have a voice in state policy-making. I would encourage people to pick up the phone call [Lesser] call me, make your voices heard, make a phone call to the governor's office and it really does tally up and helps create some helpful pressure."

Want To Know More?

Founded in 1898, ELM has advocated for responsible climate policy and action across the Commonwealth to help usher in new jobs and economic growth. To learn more, go to environmentalleague.org or call 617-742-2553.

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Ludlow ready to take the court

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The Ludlow boys varsity basketball team qualified for the Western Mass. tournament last season for the first time in 15 years.

The members of the varsity team have dealt with a lot of adversity since the 2019-’20 season came to an end following a loss at Longmeadow in a Division 2 quarterfinal game last February.

“We did our best to support all of the players during the offseason,” said C.W. Zimmer, who’ll be coaching the varsity squad this season. “We do have a bunch of strong-minded kids in our basketball program and they’re so resilient. I’m very proud of them.”

Zimmer, who had been the Lions junior varsity coach for the past three seasons, was planning on coaching the J.V. squad once again this winter. He was informed by Ludlow Athletic Director Tim Brillo on January 9 that Tom Cebula, who had also been the varsity coach for the past three years, wouldn’t be able to coach this season due to a health issue not related to COVID-19.

“I was planning on coaching the JV team again this year.



Anthony Bourdeau gets ready to sling the ball across the court.

Coach Cebula had some health issues that he needed to address, so he decided to take this season off from coaching,” said Zimmer, who has known Cebula for the past 20 years. “Coach Cebula is feeling a lot better now and he’s planning on helping me out as much as possible.

He has really enjoyed coaching this basketball team and being around these kids.”

Cebula, who has been coaching basketball at different levels for the past 40 years, also coached the Lions boys’ varsity basketball team from 1987-1990. His 56 career wins



Braeden Schwartz makes a pass on the run.

at Ludlow High School is second all-time behind William Kolodziej, who won 100 basketball games during his outstanding coaching career.

Cebula has also been the JV

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Jonathan Dubour eyes a shot during Ludlow’s opener against Amherst last week.



Matthew Mendez heads down the court with the ball. Ludlow got to open the regular season last week against Amherst.

Winter sports begin



Amherst took the ice to start the regular season last week against Ludlow.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Winter sports, however abbreviated, have begun for several schools in Western and Central Massachusetts.

While Quabbin got off to a start a bit earlier, several Western Mass. teams caught up with game action beginning last Thursday evening.

Ludlow, Amherst, Agawam, Ware, and Hampden Charter School of Science were all in action with girls and boys bas-



There is limited action in the region with some schools opting out of the winter season.

ketball.

Hockey also got in on the action over the weekend, though not all of the hockey teams were involved with some schools opting not to participate in the sport.

Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Minnechaug, along with Pathfinder and Palmer, were scheduled to get involved on the action earlier this week, with the game action starting to pick up and teams attempting to play 10 to 12 games during the next five or six weeks, which is what is



Hampden Charter is one of the schools playing this winter.

left of the winter season.

Agawam is scheduled to be in a bubble west of the Connecticut River, including Westfield and West Springfield.

Amherst will matchup with Ludlow, among other teams, and Ware and Hampden Charter mixed up last week, and Ware is set to take on Palmer and Pathfinder in the coming weeks.

Minnechaug and Chicopee Comprehensive are set to

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Entry forms now available for the Thompson 300



Submitted photo

The Thompson 300 will take place in October at Thompson Speedway.

WATERBURY, Conn. — The American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Stars Series (PASS) have released the official entry form for the Thompson 300 at Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Oct. 9 and 10. More than \$100,000 in projected awards are posted for the return of the historic event as part of the 59th World Series of Speedway Racing.

As previously announced, the 300-lap event will pay the winner a guaranteed minimum of \$20,000. Second place receives \$7,500 with \$5,000 for third. Everyone who takes the green flag will bring home at least \$1,200. Thirty-six starting positions have been posted with a total of \$85,475 in base purse money.

Lap money is also up for grabs. Every lap sold will award \$50 to the driver who leads that lap. This means up to \$15,000 in lap money and the Thompson 300 winner could pocket up to \$35,000 total.

A Last Chance “B” Feature has been posted as well. This final round qualifier will pay \$1,000 to win and \$250 to start for teams that do not transfer into the Thompson 300.

“The Thompson 300 is one of the most famous events in Modified racing,” ACT managing partner Cris Michaud said. “When Tom Mayberry and I reached out

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The Lions new junior varsity coach is Brian Collamore. He will be assisted by Ben Lemke.

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Rita L. Beaudry, 91

LUDLOW - Rita L. Beaudry, 91, of Ludlow, was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She left this world for Heaven on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.

Rita was born in Springfield to the late Rene W. and Emiliana M. Savoie (Fontaine). Her family ran Savoie's Dairy of Ludlow. She graduated from Ludlow High School in 1948.

In 1950, she married, and is survived by her husband of 70 years, Laurent Beaudry. Together, they had four children that survive her: Ron, Ricky, Sue (Dan), and Simone (Lee). Other survivors include a brother, Roland; three grandchildren: Jenn, Branden, and Deven; several nieces and nephews.

Rita was preceded in death by brothers and sisters-in-laws Rene J. and Myrt; Roger and Mimi; sister-in-law Janice; and brother and sister-in-law Jean-Luv and Gilbert.

No stranger to adversity, Rita was always optimistic, a blessed soul whose cup was always half full. In early years, she played the piano and was a



troop leader in the Girl Scouts. For decades, she was a volunteer for the Greater Springfield Association of the Blind and a member of St. John the Baptist/St. Elizabeth Parish and a member of the Ladies of St. Anne.

She enjoyed cooking for her family, several hobbies and crafts over the years including camping, sewing, knitting/crocheting, macramé, and more. Recently, she was a stained glass aficionado, creating anything you could imagine with foiled leaded glass. Anyone who was close to Rita knew that she "loved" birds, albeit from afar (due to The Banty Rooster Incident), was partial to enjoying goodies and sweets on Sundays, and you could probably count the number of times you saw her without makeup or not wearing heels on one hand – if that!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"

— John 3:16

Memorial service to be planned at a later date.

Joan (Stuart) Chistolini, 86

INDIAN ORCHARD - Joan (Stuart) Chistolini, 86, of Indian Orchard, passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2021 with her daughter by her side.

A lifelong resident of Springfield, she was the daughter of the late Herbert "Al" and Helen (Link) Stuart. She was a 1951 graduate of the High School of Commerce and member of her high school reunion committee. She worked for many years as the president at Stuart Sport Specialties, Inc. and Al's Goldfish Lures.

Within the community, Joan was a faithful member of Immaculate Conception Church and was president of Ludlow Chamber of Commerce. In 1985, during her time as president, the chamber was responsible for the first town fair and for the development of the Park Bulletin in Chestnut Street Park. She dedicated her time and responsibilities to gathering volunteers to ensure that the half-finished gazebo was finished in time for the first town fair celebration.

Her greatest joy in life was the time she spent with her husband of 66 years, Fay, cruising and traveling all over the world, especially to Europe.

Joan was the beloved wife



of the late Fiorvanti "Fay" Chistolini, who predeceased her in 2018; a devoted mother to C. Wayne Chistolini and wife Martha Jane, and Debra Lynn Crepea and husband Bruce; a loving grandmother to Michael and Matthew Crepea;

a dear sister to the late Donald Stuart and widow Pauline, George and late wife Rena; and also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends including her cherished life-long friends Diolinda and Sy Santos, the late Julie and Fred Severyn, and the late Jack Savoia and his wife Jane, with whom she and Fay traveled for many years.

Given Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no wake and burial will be held privately. A celebration of Joan's life will be planned when social distancing guidelines are less restrictive.

While the pandemic has affected the ability to grieve in typical ways, Joan's family has requested that family and friends share their memories, pictures and stories via email, text message, or to the funeral home's memorial page at ludlowfuneralhome.com.

Donations may be made in Joan's memory to NAMI at nami.org.

Bonita (Janes) Krotkov, 73

LUDLOW - Bonita "Bonnie" (Janes) Krotkov, 73, died Jan. 23, 2021, with her daughter and sister by her side.

Her strength and determination saw her through a 10-year journey with lung cancer as an ever-present companion.

Bonnie was born and raised in Ludlow, the loving daughter of John and Edna Janes. She was predeceased by her parents, her first husband Howard Burrage, her beloved son Christopher Burrage and her brother David Janes. She is survived by her husband, Robert Krotkov; her daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Bryan Cohen; daughter Sara Moore; granddaughters Hannah and Emily Worpek; daughter-in-law Robin Burrage; sister Renee Janes; nephew John Janes; niece Melissa Janes; and Robert's loving chil-



dren Sonia, Jasmine and Eric, and many loving friends.

Bonnie graduated from Cathedral High School and the Springfield Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse in 1970. She knew from the age of 5 that she wanted to be a nurse and worked in labor and delivery and in the NICU at Springfield Hospital, for Valley Infant Development and for the VNA. She was life-long friends with many of the women she worked alongside.

A memorial service will be held in the future when we can gather without wearing masks. To honor Bonnie's life long love for animals, memorial donations may be made to the Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St, Springfield MA 01105.

Ludlow Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Stanley F. Tenerowicz Jr., 69

Stanley F. Tenerowicz Jr., left this world Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, to reunite with his parents, and Elaine, the love of his life, his wife of over 40 years.

He leaves his "buddy" Lincoln, a yellow Lab, many friends and family, and he will be truly missed by all.

Stan was born in 1951, and was raised in the Springfield/Wilbraham area. He graduated from Minnechaug Regional High School in 1969, and was active in many activities and sports. Many people knew Stan for his golfing abilities, but he was also an accomplished musician in high school. He continued his education at Mount Hermon School, and ultimately graduated from Rutgers University in 1974 with an undergraduate degree in biology.

He continued his education and obtained an MBA in later years.

During his career, Stan was a well respected wetlands scientist, working as the conservation agent in Springfield, a principal of ECOTEC Environmental Associates in East Longmeadow, and the owner of his own firm, Sweet Bay Environmental in Wilbraham.

Stan and his wife Elaine maintained their primary residence in Wilbraham, and they spent significant time at their property in Brewster. Family ties connected Stan to Brewster. His wetlands profession was the result of many summers spent growing up at Paines Creek.

Stan's love of golf was a family affair, with his mother and father being avid golfers and members of Ludlow Country Club. Stan was a key player on his high school and college golf teams. He was a member of the Ludlow Country Club his entire life, and was very active in the club and its many tournaments. He was also a member of Captains Golf Course in Brewster for almost 30 years.

Unknown to many, Stan was an excellent cook, and connoisseur of fine wines and craft beers. He entertained many friends and family, showcasing these skills, for their enjoyment.

Stan's untimely death has robbed us of many future years of enjoying times with him and his special smile, wit, and gentle personality.

Walk-through visitation for Stan will be held 9:30-10:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in Ludlow Funeral Home, 432 East Street, adhering to no contact and social distancing guidelines. Due to COVID restrictions, the funeral service and burial will be private.

A celebration of Stan's life is planned to be held at Ludlow Country Club at a future date when conditions permit. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Stan's memory to Francis Ouimet Golf Scholarship Fund 300 Arnold Palmer Boulevard Norton, MA 02766 (ouimet.org) or to the Charity of One's Choice.

For additional information, visit ludlowfuneralhome.com.

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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER: The members of the Immaculate Conception Polish School are sponsoring a take-out dinner to be held in the Church Hall, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard 11 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Feb. 14, consisting of: Homemade tomato soup, delicious, juicy roast-vpork in gravy, served with potatoes and sauerkraut salad and dessert. Masks and social distancing to be observed. For tickets at \$15 per plate, call Marzena Ukleja at 413-561-6150 or Dariusz Robak 413-265-0573. Plates also will be available after Masses.

BOOK VERSUS MOVIE MONTH: Looking for some entertainment this winter? Through January E-visit or come in to see Hubbard Library's month-long display of book and movie pack combos available for check-out. Read the book then watch the movie and you decide, which is better? The combos are viewable on the library's website and Facebook page and can be requested via phone or e-mail for curb-side pick-up – while supplies last! There are selections for all ages.

FOSTER PARENTING MEETINGS: Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Foster Parent, but are just not sure? Join Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care staff for an informal Virtual Meeting where you will receive general information about our program and have questions answered regarding fostering. If fostering is something you have always thought about and you want to make a difference. Here's a good place to start! The upcoming dates: 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2 and 10-11 a.m. Feb. 3. If you are interested in attending, call contact Maureen at 413-209-7677 or Janet at 508-713-3895. They will send you the zoom link needed to join.

ONGOING:

HELP WITH HOCKEY EXPENSES: Thanks to the Antonio Costa Mr. Hockey Foundation, financial help to parents having a difficult time financially to keep up with expenses for hockey is available. To apply, send an email to maxinecosta1@gmail.com, explaining why you are having a difficult financial need in a brief explanation. This is all possible thanks to all the players in the first r. Hockey Foundation golf tournament held at Cold Springs G.C.

FREE FOOD PROGRAM: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has found a way to get food to families that need it. The Farmers to Families program, set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that help people all over the nation and has a site in Springfield open to all residents. The program will supply food kits with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products that distributes package into family-sized boxes. You can register for your food kit at mmsfi.org. On the website choose “Springfield, Ma” as your pick up site and sign-up. Register for one week or all four with easy one time registration. Food kit includes fresh dairy, protein, and produce totaling 30+ pounds of food. Military families are encouraged to sign-up but registration is open to the public.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS: The Michael J. Dias Support Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club, 91 Claudia's Way, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. We provide education, resources, peer support, and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one with a substance use disorder. Anyone needing help is welcome to attend. Masks are required and we will be seated six feet apart. Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the back door. If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

H.O.P.E. RECOVERY GROUP: Having Our Path-

ways Encouraged meetings are for those who have experience with addictions, grief, anxiety and depression, (including anxiety and depression due to COVID-19) and for loved ones who might need help in their recovery. This group is also for those who can help lead others in their recovery by example. This meeting in no way replaces professional therapies. It is a time for sharing strength, encouragement and hope. No fees. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-packaged snacks are available. Small group structure based in basic Christian principles, concept, purposes and confidentiality. COVID-19 guidelines are observed. Masks required. 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday at Fellowship Hall in Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow. Parking lot behind Chapel. Fellowship Hall entrance at back of Chapel. Seating is limited. To reserve yours, call 413-519-4591.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at wmassrelics.com.

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Editor's note: As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.

The Register will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper's weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. *The Register* encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

TRIPS:

The following trips are being offered by Jim Martin:

In 2021: Sicily (Apr. 17-26); Portugal with the Azores & Madeira (May 22-June 3); Vermont (July 26-29); L.A., San Diego & Palm Springs, (Sept. 8-15); and South Africa with Safaris (Oct. 14-26 & Oct. 26-Nov. 7).

In 2022: Danube River Cruise with the Oberammergau Passion Play (May 16-26).

For more information, call (413) 583-6339 or email jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

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match up next week as well. East Longmeadow will also join the mix in that bubble.

In hockey action, Ludlow and Amherst had their first games of the regular season. Ludlow, Agawam, Minnechaug, and other Berry Division teams will be part of a league in the coming season. Most of the teams in that league play their home games at Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield.

Action at Olympia Ice Center last Saturday included Ludlow and Amherst as well as East Longmeadow and Agawam. All players were observing changes in protocol by changing into uniforms and gear in parking lots. Temperatures were cold with an even colder wind chill on Saturday. Players were only allowed to put skates on once inside the arena. The small number of fans allowed to attend games were not allowed to mill around in the lobby, and the extension of benches was completed as well as a fenced-in extension.

At Olympia, if more than one player on a team was sent to the penalty box, they were sent to their team's bench to serve out the penalty in order to have one player in the box at a time.

The winter season will continue until late February and then Fall 2 is scheduled to begin with some basketball action, indoor track, girls volleyball, and football taking center stage into the first month of the spring.

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Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 – Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. –

(C)

Friday, Jan. 29, 2021–Daily Mass – 7:30 a.m. – (C)

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 – (JR), Confessions – 2 p.m. –

(JR), Mass – 4 p.m. – (C)

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 – Mass – 7:30 a.m., Mass
– 9:15 a.m. Mass – (C), 11 a.m., Mass – (C), 5 p.m. -

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Sunday 8 a.m

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agreement to promote events at Thompson Speedway, Tom's first idea was to bring back the Thompson 300. Together, we've put a lot of work into figuring out how to make it happen. We're already excited even with the date still nearly nine months away. It's going to be a must-see event this year and hopefully for years to come."

The entry form has been posted at www.acttour.com/outlaw-open-modifieds and www.proallstarseries.com. Teams that register by Thursday, April 15 receive an early-entry discount. The first 26 teams that register will also receive a garage stall for World Series weekend.

Qualifying for the Thompson 300 is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9 with the 300-lap main event on Sunday, Oct. 10. An optional practice session is planned for Friday, Oct. 8. More information will be announced over the coming months. All schedules are subject to change.

This year's Thompson 300 is the first time the event has been held since 2005. Previous winners include Northeast racing legends Richie Evans, Geoffrey Bodine, Ron Bouchard, Jimmy Spencer, Mike Stefanik, Steve Park, Mike McLaughlin, and Ted Christopher.

The return of the Thompson 300 is the finale in the six-race Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Series. The opener of the series is the \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 on April 10 and 11. Some of the top names in Tour-Type Modified racing have already entered the Icebreaker event, including Keith Rocco, Doug Coby, Bobby Santos III, Ron Silk, Mike Christopher Jr., and Jon McKennedy. The series also includes \$5,000-to-win events on June 16, July 7, Aug. 11, and Sept. 15.

Teams that attempt to qualify for all six Outlaw Open Modified Series events will be eligible for provisional starting spots in the Thompson 300. The number of available provisionals is to be determined.

The rules for the Outlaw Open Modified Series have been posted at www.acttour.com/outlaw-open-modifieds. Contact Greg Felton at (413) 695-2272 or gt.felton@gmail.com with any Modified tech questions.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@acttour.com, or visit www.acttour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

For technical information concerning all PASS divisions, and for media or marketing questions, please contact passracing@roadrunner.com or visit www.proallstarseries.com. Don't forget to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook or follow on Twitter @PASSSLM14 to keep up with breaking news as it happens.

For general Thompson Speedway inquiries, call (860) 923-2280, email oval@thompsons Speedway.com, or visit www.thompsons Speedway.com. You can follow Thompson Speedway on Facebook and Instagram at @ThompsonSpeedway or on Twitter at @ThompsonSpdwy.

OBITUARIES

Anthony Evaristo, 70

LUDLOW — Anthony Evaristo, 70, of Ludlow, passed away on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

Son of the late Frank and Frances (Gomes) Evaristo, he was born in Ludlow on Feb. 11, 1950. A graduate of Cathedral High School, Anthony received his bachelor's degree from Providence College and a law degree from George Mason Law School. He retired from Hasbro, Inc. after many years of service.

Anthony is survived by his brother Frank Evaristo and his



sister Judy Evaristo, both of Ludlow.

Anthony's family would like to thank Dr. Siavash Saadat and the Cardiac ICU Unit at Baystate Medical Center for the care and compassion they provided to him.

All services are private.

Donations in Anthony's memory may be made to Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA, for parish use only.

Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information, go to kapinosmazurfh.com.

Lorraine Daudelin, 82

LUDLOW — Lorraine Daudelin, 82, of Ludlow, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Daughter of the late Omer and Priscilla (Adams) Daudelin, she was born in Ludlow on June 8, 1938.

Lorraine was a devout Catholic. She worked as a research librarian at Monsanto for many years. Following her retirement from Monsanto, she worked as secretary at Christ the King Parish in Ludlow.

Lorraine is survived by her cousins Joseph Adams of Springfield, Theresa Duclos of Longmeadow, and Jacqueline Kibbie of Indian Orchard.

Family and friends gathered for Lorraine's funeral Mass on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 in Christ the King Church. Rites of Committal followed in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

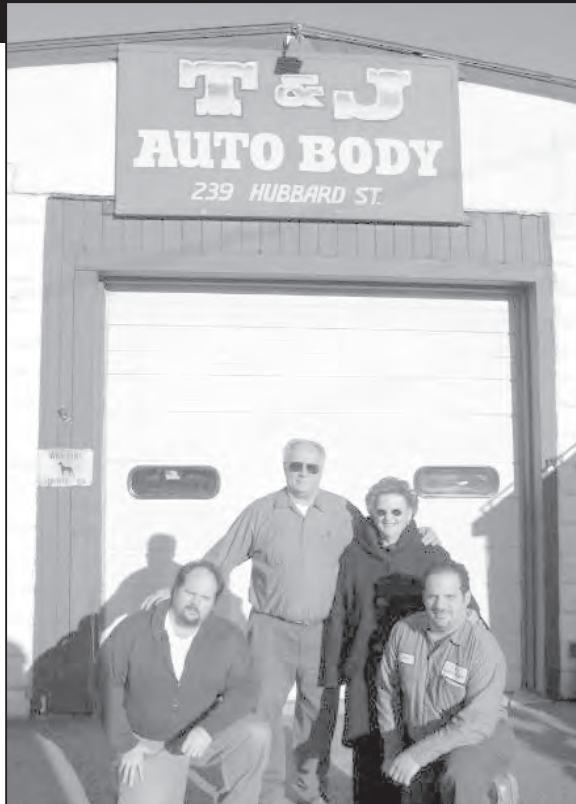
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The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

- **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

- **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

- **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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State's aid package aimed at bolstering multiple fronts

*\$627M COVID relief
targets economy,
individuals with grants
and policy changes*

The Massachusetts Legislature passed \$627 million in funding for a sweeping economic recovery and development bill aimed at providing support to businesses, investments in infrastructure, and creation of new jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill was signed into law on Jan. 14.

Called “An Act Enabling Partnerships for Growth,” the legislation is intended to provide residents of Massachusetts a COVID-19 relief and recovery package that will provide support to the restaurant and tourism sectors, small businesses, and those who have been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, while also creating a Future of Work Commission, establishing protections for student loan borrowers, and ushering in zoning reforms that will encourage housing development in our communities.

Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), senate chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, praised the range of sectors addressed in the package.

"These investments are necessary as we rebound from the devastating effects of COVID. I am especially pleased that our agricultural sector is recognized, along with small businesses and high tech as being integral to our recovery," Gobi said.

"I am thrilled this legislation is now law so that we can begin to provide a necessary boost to our economy as it recovers from the dire effects of COVID-19," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland).

“The Legislature recognizes the need to be bold when addressing the challenges facing restaurant and small business owners, cultural attractions and other key sectors that will keep our economy strong. I am particularly pleased this bill includes the long sought-after housing production reforms that the Senate has supported for years. I want to thank Senators Lesser, Rodrigues and my colleagues for their attention to this critical bill and for acting

with urgency to move it forward in the legislative process.”

The bill includes the following bonding authorizations and policy changes.

COVID-19 pandemic relief and recovery Bonding Authorizations

- \$30 million for the state's COVID-19 Payroll Protection Program
- \$20 million for restaurant COVID-19 recovery grants
- Policy Changes
 - Limits fees charged by third-party delivery services for restaurants to 15% during the COVID-19 state of emergency; prohibits third-party delivery service companies from reducing rates for delivery drivers or garnishing gratuities as result of the limitation
 - Creates a commission to examine and make recommendations on addressing the recovery of the cultural and creative sector, including the arts, humanities and sciences, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Housing Bonding Authorizations

- \$40 million for a program to redevelop blighted buildings
 - \$50 million for transit-oriented housing developments
 - \$10 million for climate-resilient affordable housing developments
 - \$5 million for a Gateway Cities housing program
- Policy Changes**
- Implements zoning reform to help cities and towns approve smart growth zoning and affordable housing by lowering the required vote threshold for a range of housing-related zoning changes and special permits at the local level from a two-thirds supermajority to a simple majority
 - Requires designated MBTA communities to be zoned for at least one district of reasonable size, in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right and requires such housing to be suitable for families with children
 - Increases the state low-income housing tax credit program cap from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000

Employee protections, business growth, and equity

- \$35 million for a Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation matching grant program to community development financial institutions for small business loans and grants
- \$27.7 million for a new Employment Social Enterprise Capital Grant Program
- \$20 million for a Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation small business grant program
- \$14M million for travel and tourism grants
- \$10 million for regional and community assistance planning grants

Policy Changes

- Enables, via local option, the creation of tourism destination marketing districts (TDMDs), made up of hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts, for the purpose of generating local revenue dedicated solely for the promotion and marketing of specific regions of the Commonwealth
- Amends the statutory definition of wait staff employee to include a person in a quick service restaurant who prepares or serves food or beverages as part of a team of counter staff
- Provides that the taking of family or medical leave shall not affect an employee's right to accrue vacation time, sick leave, bonuses, advancement, seniority, length-of-service credit or other employment benefits, plans or programs
- Exempts natural hair braiding from the definition of hairdressing, and exempts natural hair braiding from rules and regulations pertaining to aesthetics, barbering, cosmetology, electrolysis, hairdressing and manicuring
- Encourages the PRIM Board to use minority investment managers to manage PRIT Fund assets, where appropriate, and to increase the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of Fund investments
- Establishes a commission of experts, industry members, academics, and elected officials to research and propose policy solutions that ensure the future and sustainability of local journalism in Massachusetts

Student protections

- Establishes a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights regulating the licensing and op-

eration of student loan servicers
by the Commissioner of Banks

- Creates a Student Loan Ombudsman within the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of receiving, reviewing and assisting in the resolution of complaints from student loan borrowers; authorizes the Ombudsman to assist with repayment options, applying for federal loan forgiveness programs, ending wage and tax refund garnishments, resolving billing disputes, and obtaining loan details

Agriculture and rural support

- \$20 million for rural community development and infrastructure grants
 - \$2 million for an urban agriculture grant program
- Policy Changes
- Expands the Food Policy Council to include an expert in healthy soil practices; codifies the definition of 'healthy soils;' gives the Commission for Conservation of Soil and Water the ability to establish a Massachusetts Healthy Soils Program and Fund

Technology and innovation

- \$52 million for the Technology Research and Development and Innovation Fund
- \$15 million for lottery IT infrastructure
- \$10 million for the expansion of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2)

- \$5 million for the Massachusetts Broadband Incentive Fund

Policy Changes

- Creates a special commission on the future of work to conduct a comprehensive study relative to the impact of automation, artificial intelligence, global trade, access to new forms of data and the internet of things on the workforce, businesses and economy.
- Clarifies that carsharing platforms may obtain insurance coverage from non-admitted carrier and that carsharing platforms do not need their own insurance-producer or broker licenses to offer or maintain insurance policies for carsharing vehicles or drivers.

Other bonding authorizations include:

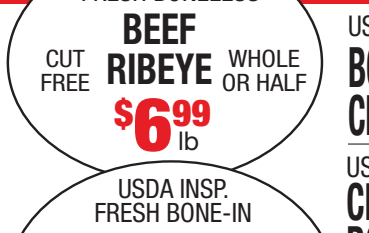
- \$102,304,000 for local economic development projects;
- \$12.5 million for the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation;
- \$15 million for trial court virtual mediation services;
- \$6 million for Massachusetts Cultural Council grants;
- \$5 million for Massachusetts Cultural Council public school grants;
- \$20 million for Massachusetts Cultural Council cultural facilities grants;
- \$15 million for vocational technical school expansion grants; and
- \$15 million for higher education workforce grants.

Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 12 to 15

REGION – The Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology will hold the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 12 through Feb. 15. The Great Backyard Bird Count is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes or as long as they wish on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at birdcount.org. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts and they can participate from their backyard or with a Ware River Nature Club group exploring a defined area with a team traveling in separate vehicles. Ware River Nature Club will announce plans for this event soon.

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