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Newburyport Recreation Center Unveiled

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Massachusetts National Guard building at 59 Low St., Newburyport

NEWBURYPORT – The city wants to renovate and expand a building on Low Street that once enrolled and trained Massachusetts National Guard soldiers for war into a sleek, indoor-outdoor facility that is safe for children and teenagers to gather, learn and play.

Mayor Sean Reardon, who inherited the purchase of the National Guard building on Low Street two years ago in the first month he was in office, unveiled plans to build a Recreation and Youth Services Center.

It may be the final step for a Youth Services Department, which has been nomadic in recent years with little space of its own. The heating system at the former Brown School, where the department was based, conked out for the last time in late 2021.

A few months later, the city had bought the old National Guard building at 59 Low St. for \$220,000 with plans to turn it into a new an eye toward turning it into youth services facility.

The City Council, which will formally get the plans for the new Recreation and Youth Services Center this week, have three options ranging from \$3 million to \$8 million.

The EGA PC Architects were hired for \$200,000 to design a \$5.6 million building. A 3D version of that plan is narrated by 12-year-old Benjamin, 13-year old Sophie and 13-year-old Ryan and can be viewed on the city's website at youtu.be/BAkYnR8iYgY.

In what will compete with the Lower Merrimack Valley Boys and Girls Clubs in Salisbury, the old National Guard building will be renovated to be an inviting place for students, featuring space for sports, arts, electronic games and quiet places for study and conversations.

The proposed building would have a multi-purpose gymnasium, study room, hangout area, game room and art room/kitchen where children and teens can bake and paint. There will also be space for early education programs for children from infants to second grade.

Outside will also be a picnic area, a half-court for basketball and a play lawn.

The center will have office for instructors, administrators and counselors.

The location at 59 Low Street seems like it was meant to be a youth recreation center. It is across Low Street from the Nock Middle and Molin Upper Elementary School Continued on page 3

Anyone Else Volunteer for the Conservation Commission?

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

GEORGETOWN – It is not unusual for a city mayor or chair of the town's selectboard to end a meeting asking for volunteers to serve on various boards or commissions. There never seems to be enough citizens to go around.

But not here in Georgetown, particularly when it comes to filling vacancies on the town's Conservation Commission (ConCom), which regulates



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land uses and administers the wetlands bylaw.

When veteran ConCom chair Carl Shreder was asked to resign by the SelectBoard Chair Amy Smith earlier this year, it left a vacancy on the seven-member ConCom that the SelectBoard tried to fill at its meeting earlier this month.

Both Steve Epstein, an attorney who has served on several town boards and is a Town Meeting member, and Laura Repplier, who served nine years on the ConCom before the SelectBoard voted not to reappoint her, volunteered to fill the vacancy.

But the five-member elected SelectBoard decided to appoint neither.

Epstein was considered by some Select Board members as too argumentative in previous appointments. Repplier was rejected because she was considered too close to Shreder and other members of the commission that Select Board member Doug Dawes described as too "antagonistic" to proposed developments.

Appointing Repplier again, Smith said, would be like "getting the band back together." That band was considered too antidevelopment by several vocal residents.

The issue is how strictly the commission will adhere to the town's wetlands bylaw. Shreder was considered too strict in his interpretation of the bylaw. Dawes, an advocate for less stringent interpretation of the bylaw, proposed that the commission allow more "wiggle room."

Rachel Bancroft, a SelectBoard member and vice chair of the ConCom, joined SelectBoard member Robert Hoover in saying the bylaw does not permit lax interpretation of the town rules.

After a lengthy discussion, Smith proposed to reject both Epstein and Repplier. That means the town must now look for other candidates for the commission vacancy.

It is not the first time the SelectBoard left vacancies on the ConCom. Before the last SelectBoard election, it refused to reappoint Rebecca Chane, a veteran **Continued on page 3**

Veterans Ride Free

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

MeVa Bus at the Market Basket Plaza in Newburyport

REGIONAL -- Veterans can now ride free to the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital, 40 miles away, thanks to Merrimack Valley Transit (MeVA).

MeVA now provides free door-to-door transportation to and from Bedford Veterans Hospital and its associated health care services for veterans in 16 North Shore cities and towns. MeVA mini-buses transport veterans and their families on Wednesdays and Fridays as part of the MediMeVA service.

Veterans and their families in Amesbury, Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Merrimac, Methuen, Newbury/Byfield, Newburyport, North Andover, North Reading, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury can take advantage of the transportation service.

MeVA Administrator Noah Berger said that since the service was launched, the regional bus company has heard from many veterans. "We can only anticipate that usage will grow," he said.

The service is provided using MeVA lift-equipped vehicles and on occasion other vehicles such as vans or sedans. As many customers as possible will be accommodated.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) provides free van rides to and from the VA Bedford health care facilities for veterans who don't have other transportation options. The DAV transports between 1,500 and 1,700 veterans to the hospital each month.

To schedule a trip, call the miniMeVA Office to reserve a ride at 978-469-6878 (option 3) from Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trips can be reserved at least seven days in advance, but no later than 14 days in advance.

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Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph. Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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Letters selected for publication may be edited for length and clarity. Some letters may serve as a catalyst for other articles or coverage, and community leaders and agencies will be offered an opportunity to respond to letters concerning their areas of responsibility.

All letters must be signed and include a daytime telephone number.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by New Beverly Auto Clinic Inc.126 Rear Park Street, Beverly, MA, pursuant to the provisions of MA G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 8, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:
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Vehicles are being stored at New Beverly Auto Clinic.

Signed, Thomas Curran, Owner 1/24, 1/31, 2/7

LEGAL NOTICE ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:45 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Vernon Bell for proposed soil evaluations possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and in the 25' No Cut/No Disturbance Zone at 275 Newburyport Turnpike (Map 16, Parcel 6) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman Rowley Conservation Commission

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In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 8:15 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Daniel Terry for proposed aquaculture project (shellfish) possibly within the Great Marsh ACEC, Mud Creek, land under waterways, and land containing shellfish at land off 100 Patmos Rd (Map 35, Parcel 4), land off Mud Creek (Map 35, Parcel 2) and at land off 190 Patmos Road (Map 35, Parcel 5 Lot 1) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman

Rowley Conservation Commission

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Groveland Applicants Sought for Vacancy on Whittier Tech School Committee

GROVELAND - The Pentucket Regional School District invites interested Groveland residents to apply to fill a vacancy on the Whittier Tech School Committee.

The board member serves to represent the best educational interests of children from the Town of Groveland. Applicants will be interviewed in public session by the Pentucket Regional School Committee, which is the appointing authority. The selected applicant will serve a three-year term that starts April 1, 2024, and ends on March 31, 2027.

The Whittier Tech School Committee establishes purposes, policies, programs, and procedures which will best produce educational opportunities for all students. School Committee members have four responsibilities:

Create and adopt District policies.

Select a Superintendent-Director to implement those policies.

Evaluate the Superintendent-Director.

Budget for adequate resources for the District.

Whittier Tech School Committee members are expected to maintain effective communication with the public, staff, and students, and to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas. All Committee meetings are held in adherence to the Open Meeting Law, except where a closed executive session is

Groveland residents who are interested in serving are asked to send a letter of interest to Marianne Naffah, Office of the Superintendent, 22 Main St., West Newbury 01985 or to mnaffah@prsd.org, no later than Thursday, Jan. 25.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Upcoming dates: Thurs. Jan. 25, Wed. Feb. 14, Thurs. Feb. 29. 6-8pm

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The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley. For more information, check our calendar at www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar, or call (978) 948-2850.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom videoconference on Thursday February 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the

Notice of Intent By Applicant: Frederick Habeeb

for the property located at: 10 Old Killam Hill Road, Map 20, Block 3, Lot 4

to install stormwater controls, remove concrete pad, and conduct landscaping, grading, and tree removal within 100-feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website prior to the meeting. This is a joint hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For more information, contact Ross Povenmire at rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission, Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

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Daniel Shinnick, Chairman

Rowley Conservation Commission

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In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 8:45 pm to consider a Notice of Intent application filed by Mark Winfrey Winfrey's Fudge and Chocolates for construction (after the fact) of rear access roadway (approx. 270 feet) with clearing, grading, and rip rapped stone slopes around existing building within DEP Approved Groundwater Protection Area Zone II at 40 Newburyport Turnpike (Map 7, Parcel 11) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman

Rowley Conservation Commission

Recreation Center

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and across a bridge over wetlands from the River Valley Charter School.

The skate park is at the rear of the Nock School. It is only a few blocks from the Graf Skating Rink and about a mile from the Newburyport Tennis Center, which has six indoor tennis courts and offers clinics to the NYS. Both the skating rink and tennis courts are on Low Street.

A modular gym for all ages, a snack bar, an outdoor basketball court and a conference room are all part of Mayor Sean Reardon's plans for the proposed Recreation and Youth Center at 59 Low St.

Reardon is expected to begin selling the proposed center later this month when he shows the schematics to the City Council.

The formerly named Newburyport Youth Services has been in need of a new home ever since

'We purchased the building in the first month I took office. So, this whole process has been a lot slower than I would like," Reardon said. "But I do think we're moving through it in as responsible a manner as possible."

Since then, NYS took over the responsibilities for adult recreation in the city while also changing its name to the Recreation and Youth Services Department.

In November 2022, Reardon presented the City Council a trio of possible renovation plans for the property, which included an \$8 million plan, a \$5.6 million proposal and a \$3 million plan.

Last winter, the council approved spending \$200,000 to have local company EGA PC Architects go to the design development phase for

Volunteer

ConCom member, and Repplier.

After the makeup of the SelectBoard

changed, Chane was reappointed and

now serves as its chair. Ida Wye, who

owns a landscape architecture firm,

was also approved, after the makeup

week because some notices were not

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of the SelectBoard changed.

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the proposed \$5.6 million project, which includes a gymnasium.

Reardon was expected to first unveil his vision for 59 Low St. on Thursday night during a special public meeting at City Hall. Attendees were expected to get a good look at the proposal, as well s take a virtual 3D walkthrough.

With the center's plans now complete, Reardon said he expects to begin the conversation with the City Council on just how to pay for it after the plan is submitted as a communication in the council's Jan. 29 meeting packet.

The new design, according to the mayor's community presentation, includes a modular gymnasium for all ages, along with space for early education programs for infants up to second grade.

Space for youth programs and a youth center for sixth-graders through high school seniors is also part of the plan, which includes quiet homework space that doubles as a conference room, connected art space, and a flexible design to handle small events.

Space is also available for youth and adult recreation and includes flexible, multipurpose spaces for art, science and technology, as well as cooking programs.

Administrative space, including five offices for eight full-time staff members, is also included in the design, along with a lobby that includes a snack bar and sitting area with restrooms, as well as separate, secure and flexible outdoor spaces and secure building with access control.

Managed traffic flow and parking with safe crossing from the high school and Rupert A. Nock Middle School is another feature of the plan, which offers a centralized location for recreation and enrichment programs.

The former National Guard building would also be renovated

it is expected to discuss its next steps in dealing with the state Land Court's

decision to permit the G. Mello

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probably in January to decide

whether to continue the fight against

the controversial transfer station. The

Board of Health and the Planning

Board have approved permits for the

under the current plan, which includes a large lawn area for play and an outdoor basketball court.

The virtual 3D walkthrough of the planned Rec Center also highlights the added storage place the proposed facility would provide the city.

The mayor added that he hopes the City Council can come together and find a consensus that will move the project forward.

There will need to be a zoning change and we will also have a bond request for this project," he said. "But we wanted the City Council to see the plans first and discuss it before submitting those other things.'

City Council President Ed Cameron said he has seen the new plans and appreciates the due diligence exhibited by the mayor and his staff.

The numbers seem credible and solid, and I think the council will need to move forward and decide it if is something we want to happen," he said. "Finances are, of course, the biggest question of the day. But it will come down to money."

Cameron added that he expects the plans will be referred to the council's Budget and Finance and Planning and Development subcommittees once it is submitted as a communication.

"I appreciate the mayor bringing this forward and giving us a chance to get a look at it," he said. "We will see what happens."

Reardon said he has been getting a lot of questions from people around the city about the new center and he's happy plans call for a building that will work for people of all ages.

"It also provides something the Senior/Community Center doesn't when you talk about space where people can be active and make connections" he said. "I feel like it's just an extension of what we're doing in having space (in city buildings) that all ages can use."

Senator Tarr's Statement on **Budget Cuts**

REGIONAL - Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) released the following statement today regarding the Governor's mid-year budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2024:

"The significant budget cuts announced today by Governor Healey are unfortunate, but necessary steps to reconcile the state budget with both the economic realities facing our state and unsustainable new spending initiatives, such as those relating to the influx of migrants entering the Commonwealth at a cost of millions of dollars monthly.

The necessity of these cuts is a clarion call for all of us in state government to reevaluate and reform the things that continue to drive dramatic increases in state spending, which threaten our fiscal stability and the essential things people depend on from our state.

Simultaneously, we must boldly confront the high costs of living in Massachusetts that have driven thousands of taxpayers to leave, taking with them the revenue that our budgets depend on. We cannot continue the trends of spiking costs and declines in the population of the people needed to support those costs without risking the financial present and future of our state.

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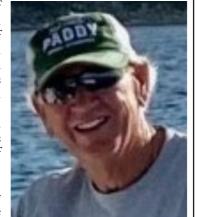
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Obituary of Richard C. MacDonald February 1, 1946 - January 15, 2024 (age 77)

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Richard C. MacDonald, 77, of Summer Street, Rowley, passed away on January 15, 2024. He was the husband of Mary Ellen (Day) MacDonald. Born on February 1, 1946, son of the late Edward Francis MacDonald and Alice Frances MacDonald. Calling hours were held on Friday, January 19, 2024, from 3-7 p.m., at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. Relatives and friends were invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Saint Mary Parish, Main Street, Rowley. Interment will be private. For complete obituary information, please visit www.fsrobertsandson.com.



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Letters To The Editor

Whittier Construction Project

We write to today to offer some insight on the proposed Whittier Construction Project. We both have had experience in helping to secure funding for many school construction projects in our former districts, that include, Manchesterby-the-Sea, Middleton, Newburyport and the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School just to name a few. We support education and certainly tech education, as well as new construction of schools when warranted.

However, we have concerns with the proposed Whittier Construction Project and we would like to share them with you.

We believe the most important issue before the citizens of the Whittier District, is the inequity of how the sending towns will pay their share of the costs associated with this project. The current proposed price tag of this project is \$444 million of which the state would fund \$159 Million. The formula in which the sending towns would use to pay for this project is through a formula that was set up in 1967, which bases your enrollment on your local K-12 districts and not the Whittier School enrollment. So, for example, Ipswich has a K-12 enrollment of 1576, however they only send 30 students to Whittier. The formula dictates that they will pay on the 1576 not the 30 students. Which means Ipswich will have to pay for almost 8% of the project. By the way, those 30 students only represent 2% of the Whittier enrollment. Another example that is important to note is Newburyport who sends 29 students. Their K-12 enrollment is 2331. They would have to pay 11 1/2 % of the costs while only sending 2.3% of the current enrollment to Whittier. Meanwhile, Haverhill who sends 867 students to Whittier (which is 68% of the Whittier's enrollment) would only pay 42%. Needless to say, this formula is very complicated and not equitable. Additionally, as a side note, the project does not propose increasing student population for our tech students but remain at the status quo.

It is imperative that before the project move forward that ALL communities and their respective leaders sit down and come up with an equitable funding formula for this project. One question to ask, can the cities and towns sit down again with our local and federal legislators to find better funding options? This is a project that will be one of the largest in the history of the Commonwealth. More state and federal funding should be identified as it is vocational which costs more than a non-vocational school. The precedent has been set with unique funding as was the case with the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School, where a special Act was passed to help with the construction costs. These are the type of questions that need answers BEFORE a vote is taken. A special committee of all the local leaders and Whittier Administrators needs to be put into place so that ALL communities are on the same page. As we look back to when Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School was being proposed such a committee was set up and meetings took place on a weekly and monthly schedule to ensure the project could be paid for in an equitable way and every community knew what was happening BEFORE AND DURING construction. A similar group needs to be created where EVERY community has a say.

Unlike a normal construction project in our local municipalities and school districts there will be no town meeting gatherings or City Council meetings that would allow for each community to address the funding issues of this project. Unlike the protocols set in place for communities to pass budgets and prop 2 ½, we will only be voting at the ballot box for a yea or nay to move this project forward with NO funding mechanism in place. Which means that we would be voting for a blank check to the Whittier School District not knowing how each community will pay their bill. Will it come out of our current budgets (which means severe cuts to services already in place) or by a Prop 2 ½ override. These are the type of questions that should be answered before ANY vote is taking district wide to move forward.

In closing, we are recommendied a NO vote on January 23rd until further answers to the many questions that have been asked from the many communities have been addressed in a fair and equitable way. Additionally, although we did not get into some other concerns brought up by others, a no vote would stop this rushed process and gives cities and towns more options and give member communities time to review Act of 1967 and have a charter review which could lead to better equity in paying for this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Cousins, Jr.. Former Sheriff, Essex County

Bradford R. Hill, Former Assistant Minority Leader Massachusetts House of Representative

"My Year of Running Dangerously" with CNN's Tom Foreman Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7PM - Virtual

journalist Tom Foreman will discuss his book, My Year of Running Dangerously: A Dad, a Daughter, and a Ridiculous Plan, in conversation with author Dale Phillips, who facilitates the Tewksbury Library's Writers Group. Foreman's book shares his remarkable journey from halfhearted couch potato to ultra-marathon runner, with four half-marathons, three marathons, and 2,000 miles of training in between. It is a poignant and warm-

CNN correspondent and veteran hearted tale of parenting, overcoming the challenges of age, and quiet triumph.

Registration is required for this webinar. To sign up to watch online, visit the Rowley Public Library web site at www. rowleylibrary.org/calendar. You will receive an email with the link to the webinar.

For more information on this or other programs, check our web site at www. rowleylibrary.org/calendar, or call (978) 948-2850. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.

Nominations Are Open for Newburyport's Public and Community Service Awards

NEWBURYPORT -- Mayor Sean R. Reardon is proud to open the call for entries for the City of Newburyport's annual Public and Community Service Awards, which will recognize some of the city's most dedicated, selfless, and generous residents.

We had so many deserving nominees and winners last year, and we are looking forward to honoring even more incredible Newburyporters this year," Mayor Reardon said. "The Newburyport Public and Community Service Awards are a wonderful way to express gratitude and recognition for these fine volunteers and public servants.

The City held the first awards program in 2023, and plans for the awards to take place annually at the State of the City address. This year's State of the City is scheduled for Feb. 28.

This year, there will also be four award categories:

Public Service Award: Intended to honor a city employee, board/commission member or elected official who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving the citizens of Newburyport. The award seeks to honor an individual who has gone above and beyond, made a profound difference in improving public services, fostered a more democratic society and served as a champion for

Individual Community Service Award: All Newburyport residents are eligible. This award is given to an individual whose volunteer efforts have touched the lives of others and brightened the city. The award seeks to recognize individuals for the longevity of their work, the impact it has had on the city, and the additional giving it has inspired in others. This award could go to those who have worked on issues of housing and food insecurity; those who have served as mentors, coaches, or leaders for youth sports or activities; those who have organized important volunteer initiatives; and much more.

Business Service Award: Recognizing local businesses that have supported community events, groups or activities. Newburyport is extremely fortunate to have a number of engaged and supportive businesses, and this gives the city a chance to honor their generosity and commitment.

Youth Community Service Award: Intended to recognize the positive contributions of a young (under 18) member of the community who has altruistically pursued efforts to improve the world.

Mayor Reardon is actively seeking nominations from residents, city employees, and any other Newburyport community members for those who best fit the values of the awards. The recipient will be chosen by a selection committee formed by the Mayor's Office.

Three finalists will be chosen for each award, and the winner will be chosen from the group of finalists. All 12 finalists for the four awards will receive

To nominate an individual, business, youth community service award candidate, please submit the application form on the City's website no later than Feb. 9 at 5 p.m.

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By J. Peter St. Clair, DMD

I attended a continuing education seminar entitled, "Making it Easy for Patients to Say Yes". The name of the seminar is a bit deceiving. You might think that it was about how to "sell" people into dental treatment. It was quite the opposite.

I am a firm believer in educating patients about their own dental health with the help of things like photography. I also think it is important to spend as much time as necessary to bring the patient's dental I.O. to a level that allows them to make more educated decisions about the degree of dental health they wish to achieve. Some people require more time than others, and some are not interested in the dialogue.

Although this seminar did confirm that educated patients make better decisions, it highlighted the fact that it is more important for the dentist to understand the patient, and where relationships with people.

Brighter Smiles...

a well-known figure in the dental world, felt that this relationshipbased aspect of dental care is missing in most dental offices. Why? The cost to run a dental business, and many times the influence from insurance companies, creates the need to speed things up. Shortening the time the dentist/physician spends with the patient is a common goal in health care these days.

Most patients who require extensive dental treatment know that they have issues. They may not understand the extent of their issues, but they know things are not right. It is easy to move patients toward treatment if they have pain, or something is broken. However, patients who do not have pain or broken teeth may still have dental needs and require a different approach.

Before any educating is done, or before any treatment is discussed, it is vital for the dentist to understand more about the person behind the teeth. Sure, there are patients who come into an office and just want a tooth extracted, or know they need a root canal, but most people who go to the dentist have the desire to keep their teeth and be healthy. The fact of the matter is, even if the patient knows they need extensive work, they may not be in the right place in their lives to accomplish this goal.

can be a significant investment, especially if you are in need of extensive work. Based on commercials

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out there who make it seem like removing your teeth and replacing them with dental implants is the latest and greatest; you never have to worry about your teeth again! Buyer beware. This is typically not a good strategy, for many reasons. Sure, if all your teeth are non-salvageable, you can certainly use dental implants to help replace missing teeth. However, taking good teeth out because you think it will save you time and money at the dentist over your life is a false assumption. Health takes

Do you rely on what dentist an insurance company says you can see, or what procedures are covered? Or do you believe that you are not only responsible for your own health, but you are also your own best advocate? The relationship you develop with a provider who takes the time to understand your specific situation, and you feel comfortable with, is in your best short and long-term interest.

The absolute key to better dental health is regular maintenance. It's like what you hear for investing – start early and be consistent. The rewards for your dental health are gifts that keep on giving.

Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to health-centered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMJ problems. If there are certain topics you would like to see written about or questions you have please email them to him at jpstclair@ stclairdmd.com

Insurance Education Scholarship

The Essex/Middlesex Association of Insurance Women is now accepting applications for its 2024 Estelle T. Jeter Scholarship Award. The \$500 scholarship is awarded to an individual for use as a college scholarship or as a reimbursement for those with a passing grade for a licensing course and/or exam of an insurance designation course.

To be eligible applicants must be either in the insurance industry or a family member of someone who is employed in the insurance industry, planning on attending college or attending a higher education/trade school, acquiring a new insurance designation, or acquiring a new insurance or work-related license.

The submission deadline for this year's scholarship application is May 31, 2023, application can be obtained from scholarship chairperson: Marilyn Michalak, 41 Pine St., #43, Peabody, MA 01960 or email: Marilyn.Michalak@ comcast.net



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Seacoast Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol to Host an Open House

You are invited to come to the Seacoast Composite Squadron Open House on Thursday, 8 February 2024, beginning at 6:30 P.M., at the Service Credit Union, 3003 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is an all-volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The Portsmouth Squadron was founded in 1941 and is the longest continuously Operational CAP Squadron in New Hampshire. The Squadron meets on Thursday evenings on the Pease ANG Base.

Civil Air Patrol members range in age from 12 to 18 years old for Cadets and 18 and older for Senior members. All members may participate in the three primary missions of CAP: Search and Rescue, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs.

Among their many activities, CAP Cadets are eligible for 5 flights in powered aircraft, during which they will have the opportunity to fly the airplane with an instructor. They will also have 5 flights in a glider, where they will, again, have the opportunity for hands-on flying with an instructor.

Cadets can also participate in areas such as Squadron Color Guard, drill team, ground team search and rescue, building and testing a wind tunnel, aerospace education, leadership pods, and many more things.

Senior members can participate as aircrew members, ground search team search and rescue team leaders, and in many more activities such as leading and teaching in Cadet Programs. If a Senior Member is already a certificated pilot, he/she can become qualified in one of CAP's Cessna 182 aircraft as a pilot performing CAP missions. CAP pilots also have opportunities to participate in glider flights.

There will be displays at the Open House showcasing the many areas in which a CAP member may become involved, and many members of the Squadron will be present to show you their areas of expertise.

If you have an interest in aviation or in any of the other CAP activities, please be sure to come to our Open House on 8 February 2024.

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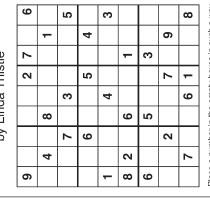
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's better to get an explanation of a colleague's behavior first, rather than trying to guess at the motive. Speculation can never replace facts. What you learn could lead you to reconsider

some of your plans. **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The practical Bovine wants to see some substantive changes in a situation that just doesn't feel right. You might want to help move things along by offering

up some suggestions. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might be of two minds about a situation that seems to fit your needs,

uation that seems to fit your needs, but might make more demands than you're ready for. Use both your head and heart to reach a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Don't blame yourself if you can't figure out that puzzling workplace situation. You might not have enough facts to work with yet. Do more research and ask more questions.

and ask more questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to catch up on matters that couldn't be completed during the hectic holiday season. It's also a good week to reach out to any new friends you made over the holidays.

VIRGO (August 23 to September

22) A negative reaction to a request could be misunderstood. Make sure that your reasons for saying "no" are clear. Also, be open to changing your mind if more facts come through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The "security" of doing things the usual way should be balanced against the possible benefits of moving into a new direction. Also, work quickly to avoid a possible family misunder-

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A personal matter requires attention and might lead to a surprising revelation. Meanwhile, the new year could bring some long-anticipated changes to the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new friendship seems to hold less promise than you previously thought. But make no assumptions one way or another without having an open and frank talk first.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative input could lead to changes in the workplace. Even if some colleagues disapprove of your efforts, stay the course. You're heading in the right direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While this week is mostly positive, a few negative factors might arise. It's best to deal with them before they create problems that can jeopardize some of your later efforts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel like you have all the facts and support that you need to deal with a long-deferred situation. Good for you! Once the matter is finally settled, you can move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a sincerely generous person who never has to be asked to do something nice

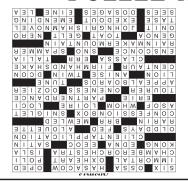








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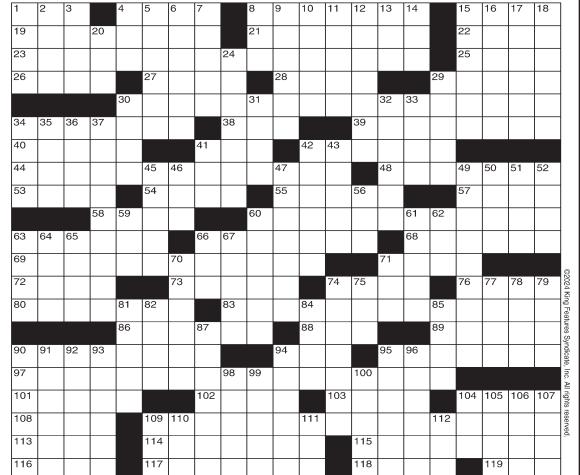
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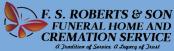


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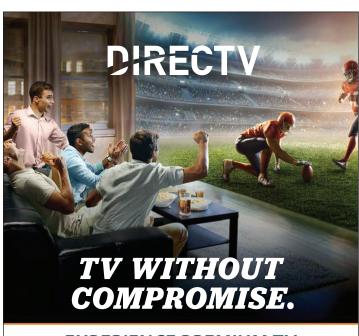
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