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Come Visit the Barn at Bradstreet

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

ROWLEY – The Barn at Bradstreet, one of the most in-demand wedding venues on the North Shore, is again hosting farm-to-table dinners, featuring produce and staples from local farms, including the popular Chicadee Farms.

On 7 acres, the nation's second oldest continuously operating farm will enhance its first of three dinners with its first folk concert by Grammy-nominated musician Reed Foehl.

Michael Sabatini and Michelle Faulkner, who own the farm, have already booked 40 weddings again this season. But not ones to sit idly by, they are opening their doors for other events.

"We meet people all the time who say, 'I would love to see the property but haven't been invited to a wedding!'" Sabatini said "These public events are a great opportunity for our local neighbors to visit our North Shore hidden gem."

Another chance to see this gem of a farm will be at the Mother's Day luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10 by the Rowley Council on Aging. Food will be provided by Woodland Catering of Amesbury, and handmade cards are being made by the Parker River Preschool in Rowley.

For the second year, Sabatini and Faulkner are collaborating with The Farmers Dinner and its chef Keith Sarasin to produce the Farm-to-Table dinners.

The author of The Perfect Turkey, The Farmers Dinner Cookbook & Meat and The Ultimate Cookbook, Sarasin opened a farm-to-table restaurant in New Hampshire in



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Michelle Faulkner and Michael Sabatini in front of the barn.

2019. The Farmers Dinner has hosted about 90 farm-to-table events across New England, feeding more than 17,000 diners and raising more than \$125,000 for local farms.

The farm-to-table dinners will be on Sundays, May 26, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20. Asked why there are no summer farm-to-table events, Faulkner said they are too busy this summer hosting weddings.

Ingredients for each event are sourced from the farm and other local farms, which makes each menu customized to the season. Tickets are available at <https://www.thefarmersdinner.com>.

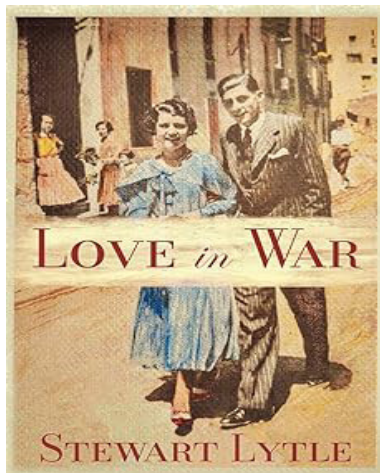
For those attending the Mother's Day luncheon, please register through the Rowley Council on Aging. The farm is expecting about 30 guests.

On May 31, Reed Foehl will perform at the dinner. Born in a small country town in New England and into a musical family, Grammy-nominated songwriter Reed Foehl writes stories of the human condition with a lyric and voice which push boundaries while paying homage to genuine Folk/Americana.

Foehl released his sixth studio album, Wild Wild Love, in May 2022, which was recorded with The Band of Heathens in Austin, TX.

Historical Romance Wins Gold Medal

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter



REGIONAL -- The historical fiction novel, *Love in War*, by The Town Common reporter Stewart Lytle won the gold medal last week at the Ben Franklin Awards, awarded by the Independent Book Publishers Assn.

Love in War, a sweeping historical romance set against the backdrop of the Spanish Civil War, competed in the historical romance category, one of 57 categories that attracted 1,800 entries.

Inspired by a true story, the novel portrays lead characters, Marti and Montserrat (Montse), who were born on the opposite sides of the tracks in a small Catalan town. They fell in love, bucking all the odds and the evil intentions of Felix, an arrogant son of the mayor and local vineyard owner.

Marti, a fatherless, farm boy, is trained as a baker and opens a small bakery next to Montse's family shoe store in hopes of winning Montse's heart. Her father, a delightful tinkerer, who shares with his daughter a love of driving expensive cars, disapproves of his daughter's relationship. To Montse's horror her father suggests that Montse

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Got a Boat, Business, Chrissy Will Hand Paint It

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Chrissy Lebel with her sign honoring police patrolman Henry Breckenridge

AMESBURY – It has been a tortured path for Chrissy Lebel, but in recent months she has found a home among a collection of innovative entrepreneurs at CIWorks as she creates hand-lettered signs, murals and art for businesses and boats.

Along the journey she lost a friend, Peabody Police patrolman Henry Breckenridge, whose 40 years she now honors with her talents. It was said of him: Be Like Henry.

Chrissy started out to be a hair dresser in her hometown of Peabody, but a serious car accident that broke her neck made her search for another profession. No more standing all day with clippers in her hand was possible.

She turned a childhood passion for graffiti art to sign painting. She studied at the Butera School of Art in Boston and graduated into the modern world of digital art and vinyl signs. She took her craft to several sign painting shops, where she learned the business of sign painting.

Shortly she realized that vinyl may be good for records, but as signs it was not for her.

A friend suggested she start her own

firm, specializing in gold and silver leaf lettering. After leasing space for several years with other sign painting firms that proved less than desirable, she discovered CIWorks, where she joined dozens of other small firms in a well-maintained mill building.

CI Works, a multi-tenant mixed-use building, "is where small business goes to grow," said owner Mark Friery.

For Chrissy, CIWorks is "a place she can talk with and share ideas with other creative business owners."

One of the first collaborator was Jeff Filipov, nicknamed the "Barndoorist," a craftsman that turns old wood into works of art for homes. Chrissy painted a barndoor Jeff made from old wood and is looking to do more.

Initially she painted signs for businesses in the Peabody area, but moving to Amesbury, she has discovered boat owners and a growing number of businesses love hand-painted names.

With introductions from Friery, Chrissy is meeting yacht club owners.

"Newburyport and Amesbury are very historic, and there is also a lot of boat yards and marinas up here. A good part of our

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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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Liz Ichizawa, '04-05 Reporter (1956 - 2005)
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In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 200A, Section 9A (c & d) (city or town checks not cashed), I submit the following list of checks held by the Town of Salisbury to be considered outstanding, and therefore abandoned as of this date, May 8, 2024. Any person or person wishing to claim said checks should contact the Treasurer's Office in writing by July 8, 2024.

Signed: Christine Caron, Treasurer/Collector
Town of Salisbury, 5 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA 01952

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63212	7/12/2022	Essex County Police Assoc. LLC	\$350.00
64589	11/07/2022	Edward Foote	\$156.87
65809	02/17/2023	Portside Waterfront	\$235.56
65920	03/02/2023	Riverfront Lands	\$52.49
66049	03/17/2023	Gail Cavanaugh	\$25.00
66664	05/11/2023	Emily Thompson	\$39.41
66735	05/11/2023	Timothy Rivet	\$15.16
66755	05/24/2023	Andrew Muphy	\$12.78

LEGAL NOTICE

ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - CASE# 24.03

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to act on an application received April 22nd, 2024 from Core States Group c/o Stonefield Engineering & Design. Applicant(s) is Requesting a Special Permit from section 4.10.3.2 of the RPZB and for a Variance from section MGL c40A§10 & RPZB sec 7.1.2 for the construction of a proposed freestanding Chase bank with drive-thru ATM. The property is located at 165 Newburyport Turnpike in the Retail district and is shown on Assessors' Map 957 Block 14 Lot 13. At the public hearing, members of the public may ask questions and present evidence that supports either the approval or denial of this petition. 0501, 05/08

LEGAL NOTICE

ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - CASE# 24.02

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to act on an application received April 3rd, 2024 from Modern Heritage on behalf of Rachael Maiocco & Anthony Percoco. Applicant(s) is Requesting a Special Permit for an addition of a barn to an existing barn under section 5.2 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw from the Board of Appeals. The property is located at 217 Main Street in the Central district and is shown on Assessors' Map 25-36. At the public hearing, members of the public may ask questions and present evidence that supports either the approval or denial of this petition. 0501, 05/08

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Activist-Author and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Fr. John Dear to Speak at Central Congregational Church

On Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m., Central Congregational Church (UCC) in Newburyport will host Father John Dear as he presents his latest book, *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary of Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence*.

Dear is an internationally recognized teacher, author, and leader in the church and social movements for justice and peace. He has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize several times, including nomination by the late South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

His latest book is the first commentary written on the synoptic gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. He argues that Jesus' life and practice embodied a commitment to nonviolence and universal love and that Jesus invites us to follow that example.

"I have known John as a friend and colleague for more than 25 years," said the Rev. Dr. Christopher Ney, pastor of Central Church. "He's an engaging and provocative speaker, and a gentle and loving soul. I am so pleased to welcome him to Newburyport."

The event will be held at Central Church, 14 Titcomb Street in Newburyport and is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:00 p.m. with a presentation by Fr. Dear and questions and answers. A reception with refreshments and book signing will follow. Copies of *The Gospel of Peace* and other books by Dear will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Central Congregational Church at 978-465-0533 or info@centralnewburyport.org.

Obituary - Robert "Rob" Paul Savory

Robert "Rob" Paul Savory, aged 60, passed away on April 23rd, 2024, surrounded by family and pets after a battle with lung cancer. In his final weeks, friends and family ensured he was never without a hand to hold, an arm to lean on, a warm smile to look at, or a familiar voice comforting him.

Rob was born on July 13, 1963, spending his childhood on Route 1 in Rowley, MA. He quickly began his career as a truck driver, spending time throughout the United States. He met Shirley A. (Stone) Savory in 1982 and soon started a family, eventually having five children. The pair had been married for 30 years and together for 42 years.

As a truck driver, Rob spent several days away from his family at a time but always brought home gifts. His children were always gifted belly button lint after his long travels. The Fourth of July was his favorite holiday. He always got fireworks out of state, resulting in impressive fireworks displays. He enjoyed snowmobiling and four-wheeling with friends and family. He was always working on some sort of machine. He was the family mechanic, and his talents will be missed.

Rob was predeceased by his beloved nana Shirley (Marie) Curtin and his favorite dog, Duke.

Rob is survived by his wife Shirley of NH; children Tara Savory (Chris Guile), Sam Savory (Randy Marcotte), Ricky Savory, Chris (Amber) Savory, and Dani Savory of NH; grandchildren Trevin Dickson of WA, Camrin Dickson of NH, and Hazel

Marcotte of NH; mother Diane Matthews of FL, brother Mark Savory of MA, niece Artemis Savory of M, In-Laws Scott and Sheila Stone of MA; pets Gypsy and Thackery Binx.

One last time, we will say, "Papa, put some pants on!"

Services will be held on May 18th, 2024, from 11:00 am- 3:00 pm ET at First Congregational Church, 15 Lawrence Rd, Salem, NH 03079

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Regarding last week's article 'Local

Chrissy

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business in the warmer weather is boat lettering and striping. There is not much competition in this area and seemed like a great fit," she said.

Lebel Signs focuses on high-end artistic signage, using better materials that provides longevity and appeal, she said.

"A sign is a business' first impression on a consumer or potential. It's what they see when driving down a street or walking by. You want to have that curb appeal that's eye catching and reflects the quality of your business," she wrote.

She takes pride in using traditional applications such as gold leaf and brush applications for dimensional effects and shading. These are techniques that most sign companies cannot replicate

with computer designed graphics, she said.

"I am proud to be at a place in my career that I am able to say no or turn away vinyl and cheap sign jobs," she said.

Her work may be more expensive than a standard digital sign shop, but "we have built a name because people actually seek us out for that reason," she said. These business and boat owners want something crafted by hand that has depth and originality, something that doesn't look so boring and cookie cutter, she said.

To honor the late officer Henry Breckinridge, her friend for 28 years, Chrissy hand-painted a sign for the West Memorial Playground in Beverly.

"My family moved to his street when I was nine, and he instantly became my big brother. I was the only girl in the neighborhood. He always picked me

to be his partner for everything, made sure the all the boys weren't hassling me, or he was holding me back from hassling them. From flashlight tag to 21st birthdays, we shared many fun times, laughs, and dance moves.

"With all the good times, he was also there through some very low points in my life. Never once judgmental, firm but genuinely concerned and happy to share guidance and advice. Not sure where I'd be today if it wasn't for those talks," she wrote.

The Henry Breckenridge Memorial Foundation is dedicated to championing organizations and individuals who embody the qualities that defined Henry Breckenridge's impactful life. A true hero, Henry's legacy will be a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

For more information, visit belikehenry.com.

Ipswich Mills Dam Removal Project Nationally Recognized

On April 23, 2024 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced projects in 29 states will receive just over \$70 million to support 43 projects that will address outdated or obsolete dams, culverts, levees and other barriers fragmenting the nation's rivers and streams. The Ipswich

River Watershed Association was awarded \$1.2 million to fund the removal of the Ipswich Mills

Dam, one of two projects in Massachusetts to receive funding.

The removal of the Ipswich Mills Dam will restore and improve fish passage and habitat connectivity to approximately 186 miles of upstream mainstem river and tributary habitat, plus 343 acres of spawning habitat. In addition to improved fish passage/habitat, the project will also result in improved water quality, flood reduction, liability removal, and recreational improvements. Elements of the project include dam removal, stabilization and in-stream adjustments, as well as structural mitigation for key infrastructure expected to be impacted by the dam removal. This project will complete three on-going upstream fish passage projects along the Ipswich River by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, and removal of this final head of tide dam will open almost the entire Ipswich watershed.

"The US Fish and Wildlife Service is proud to be a partner in the Ipswich Mills Dam removal project supported by the National Fish Passage Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding," said Cathy Bozek, the National Fish Passage Program Coordinator for the Northeast. "This project will restore and reconnect important habitat for many migratory fish species, build climate resiliency, and boost economic benefits for the surrounding communities."

The \$1.2 million dollars provides implementation funding for the long-planned removal of the

Ipswich Mills Dam, including construction contingencies, ensuring that

this project will not require additional funding from town residents. The funding secured with this and previous grants is enough to get the project fully permitted and through the construction and restoration phases once permitting is complete. Funding for the Ipswich Mills Dam removal project has been provided by: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS), Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (MA DER), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Massachusetts Environmental Trust, as well as private foundations.

The Ipswich Mills Dam Removal is one part of a larger effort led by the Ipswich River Watershed Association to restore stream and habitat connectivity to streams and rivers across the Ipswich iver Watershed and surrounding communities.

Since 2022, the Ipswich River Watershed Association and its project partners have brought \$4.6 million federal dollars to infrastructure and restoration projects on the North Shore. In addition to this funding from US FWS, IRWA was also awarded two grants from the NOAA in 2022 and 2023.

About Ipswich River Watershed Association

The Ipswich River Watershed Association is a community-based organization with a big job to do: to protect and restore the Ipswich River to health. Our experienced professional staff works with partner organizations and many dedicated volunteers. We develop solutions to the problems we find and work with state and local officials, businesses and community members to protect the River, forever.

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Fundraiser for the Merrimack

NEWBURYPORT -- Merrimack River Watershed Council is hosting five casual fundraiser events along the river this spring and summer.

On May 21, MRWC will host an informal gathering at The Deck restaurant, 179 Bridge Road, Salisbury, from 6 to 8 p.m. Guests can enjoy the Merrimack from The Deck's scenic waterfront locale, and MRWC staff will be on hand to talk about the river and the organization's work.

Tickets are \$100 and include cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. They can be purchased at <https://merrimack.org/events/mrwc-may-fundraiser/>

MRWC will also host four river cruises -- one per month on the second Tuesday, June through September -- exploring the wildlife, history, landmarks, and ecology of the lower Merrimack River. These scenic and informative tours will motor through different sections of the river, guided by local experts who will educate and entertain with stories, information and insight meant to broaden knowledge and appreciation of the mighty Merrimack -- and no doubt along the way, surprise passengers with sightings of fascinating fish and fowl that inhabit the river.

The boat tours are:
June 11 -- Cruise into Summer! Meander upriver from Newburyport toward Rocks Village. This ride is designed to experience the river as it transitions into summer. Boat departs from Waterfront Park, Newburyport, at 5:30 p.m.

July 9 -- Ecological History and Health: From a waterfront perspective, learn about Haverhill's history and ecology from Matthew Cranney, MRWC's Water Resources Project Manager. See unique habitats the river currently supports, and hear about ongoing efforts to improve the river's health. Municipal Dock, Haverhill, at 6:15 p.m.

Aug. 13 -- Plum Island Sound: Explore Plum Island River and the Great Marsh that is home to over

300 species of birds, including Egrets and Tree Swallows that are at peak abundance at this time of year. Mass Audubon Community Science and Coastal Resilience Manager David Moon will help identify wildlife and explain efforts to help the Great Marsh cope with sea level rise. Waterfront Park, Newburyport, at 6:15 pm.

Sept. 10 -- Mouth of the River: Explore the mouth of the Merrimack and the beachy coast of Plum Island. Learn from MRWC's Education & Policy Director John Macone about the geology, history and wildlife that make this area so beautiful and unique. Waterfront Park, Newburyport, at 5:30 pm.

Tickets for each boat tour is \$60 per person. Registration is required due to limited space. To learn more and to register for any of these events, visit [Merrimack.org/events](https://merrimack.org/events)

Proceeds from these fundraiser events will help support MRWC's ongoing mission to make the Merrimack a cleaner and healthier river. MRWC engages in a broad spectrum of water quality programs, riverfront restoration and protection, cleanups, invasive plant species removal, classroom education, and free public educational and recreation events along the Merrimack.

"The Merrimack is so rich in history, and we believe it is important to educate people who live in the region about the need to protect and preserve the river for future generations," said Tracy Chalifour, director of development for the MRWC. "We hope to connect with residents that have a desire to understand and appreciate the river's diverse past and its ecological future."

Chalifour said the history of the river is vast and the harm caused by the industrial revolution and more recent damage from antiquated wastewater systems and runoff from development keep the Merrimack in a constant state of recovery. She emphasized the significance of resident involvement and support.

Romance

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consider dating Felix.

A determined Martí drills a hole in the wall separating their shops so they can pass secret notes, which become love notes.

As their relationship moves through secret dates at the movie theater and their first kiss over an ice cream cone, their romance also faces the challenge of separation as Marti is drafted into the Army and the civil war brings violence and chaos to their lives.

A precursor of World War II, the Spanish Civil War was one of the deadliest in European history, pitting the government against the church and brother against brother. The Republican government in Madrid opposed General Francisco Franco, who led the Nationalist forces. His troops, backed by Germany and Italy, defeated the Republic and ruled as a dictator until he died in 1975.

Felix's desire for Montse boiled over when as a corrupt Republican Army officer, he killed Marti's best friends after the baptism of their daughter. He also beat Marti's mother to death and tried to kill Marti, forcing him to leave his wife and daughter in Spain to face the war alone.

Returning to rescue his family, Marti leads Marti and their daughter through danger and out of Spain. They escaped to Mexico where they founded a bakery that is now the largest bakery in the world.

Lytle got to know the story of Marti and Montse through two of their children, who shared their collection of photographs and journals. Lytle also interviewed experts on the Spanish Civil War to understand the war timeline and background.

While Lytle has found that many stories about parents can be dull, their mother's cleverness and their father's courage intrigued and inspired Lytle to write their story.

In addition to the IBPA's Gold Medal, *Love in War* has earned 20 five-star reviews from Amazon readers.

One reader wrote: I fell in love with this book from the first scenario. Montse is one of my all-time heroes. The more I read, the more I wanted to read. And nothing beats a true story about real people. While reading *Love In War*, I started making myself slow down because I didn't want it to end. I savored it like fine chocolate. The only thing I was left wanting was more. More Marti and Montse and their life together in Mexico and beyond. My first copy was a beautiful gift for which I am most appreciative. Now I am getting several copies for my friends who are readers. They are going to love me!

Another wrote: *Love in War* is a well-woven tale, intertwining an undying love story with the profound hatred of a rejected would-be suitor. Having the Spanish Civil War as the backdrop and protagonists based on two people who lived this story, it is historical fiction at its best.

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Health & Wellness



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

Brighter Smiles...

DENTISTRY IN THE NEWS – PART 1

extent but the term “scrubbing” is not completely accurate. Proper brushing technique with either a very soft manual toothbrush or good electric toothbrush is a more accurate description. Also, fluoride, in and of itself, is not truly anti-bacterial. Although it is felt that its anti-cavity action is related mainly to effects on mineral phases of teeth and on the process of remineralization (strengthening enamel), research does show that fluoride also has important effects on the metabolism of bacteria in dental plaque. There are other ingredients in toothpastes with and without fluoride that are more anti-bacterial, but it is the removal of plaque manually that is most important, even without toothpaste.

With regard to electric toothbrushes, the article insinuates that “basic” and “cheap” (\$7) models are as effective as more expensive models. This is false. Although you do not have to buy the most expensive model available, there is a huge difference in effectiveness between a \$7 battery-operated toothbrush and a \$70 wall-charged one.

The article states, “Only floss can reach below the gum-line.” This is not completely true. Proper toothbrush technique gets below the gum-line on two sides of the teeth. Floss is important for removing debris between teeth. A water pik is probably most

effective for cleaning the non-brushable areas in the mouth.

For combating bad breath, the article’s first suggestion is to “brush your tongue.” Although it mentions the use of a tongue scraper, it only states the use of this device if your toothbrush makes you gag. The fact of the matter is that a tongue scraper is 100% more effective in removal of the nasty bacteria on your tongue. If the toothbrush makes you gag so will the tongue scraper. One trick is to scrape your tongue while you are exhaling.

An article in the report entitled, “21st-Century Dentistry” highlights the use of lasers in treating gum problems. The beginning of the column gets you revved-up to believe that this is the best thing since sliced bread, but the end of the article states differently. “It is unlikely to fully replace traditional gum surgery anytime soon. The laser therapy isn’t demonstrably superior to surgery, researchers recently reported in the Journal of Periodontology.”

To be continued...

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 jpsclair@stclairdmd.com

Tiny Art Class

Tues, May 14, 5– 6:30PM at the Rowley Library

All ages are invited to create their very own art on tiny canvases, just in time for the 2nd Annual Rowley Tiny Art show in July.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK

Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on a flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show that you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week, but try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you the attention that you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting the deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting a workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember: Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points that you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more of a chance it has to get approved when submitted.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you the confidence you need for tackling difficult situations.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



PUZZLE ANSWERS

Grid of puzzle answers for the crossword.

Grid of puzzle answers for the crossword.

Super Crossword

SOLVING DA PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Theater district 7 Butcher's cleaver 14 Winter melon variety 20 Replacing, with "of" 21 Privy person 22 Ill-willed sorts 23 Arranged cheddar brands in order of sharpness? 25 Arctic jacket 26 Capitol fig. 27 Collectible toon frame 28 Per each unit 29 Set to move forward, as a car 30 Boldly courageous after January 1? 34 Second shoot of a scene 37 Nevertheless 38 "-daisy!" 39 Paleolithic period 41 Letter-shaped track in metalworking 43 Attach, as to a lapel

- 48 Pre-TiVo machine 49 - Lanka 50 Comparable in humility to one particular sorority member? 53 Quick glance 55 Not durable 57 Groups of four 58 Underscore 61 Law school beginner 62 Think up 64 Big Steinway played by your father's father? 69 Condo policy about animals 70 Dime, e.g. 71 Passover feasts 73 Canonized seventh-cen. pope 76 Hotel bar 78 Tug sharply 79 Wrapping a wound on the noggin? 82 Sit-up targets 85 Chou En - 86 2003 #1 hit for OutKast 87 Artist's stand

- 88 Raconteur's offering 90 "... and - it all over again!" 91 Young boy 93 Complained petulantly 94 Lion's hunting recollections? 102 River in central Jersey 103 Certain shade provider 104 Certain shade provider 105 Chinese chairman 108 More asinine 109 Reversible fabric used during operations? 113 Rich, filled pastry 114 Daughter on "Bewitched" 115 And others, to Caesar 116 Rages 117 - & Gamble 118 Confirm officially

- 3 Ladd or Alda 4 Pot cover 5 Petit four and Sally Lunn 6 Piercing spot, often 7 Prefix with air 8 Coop up 9 Fireplace receptacle 10 Secure with string, say 11 Skilled 12 Ballot marks 13 Afore 14 Lon of old horror films 15 Classic root beer brand 16 Raconteur's offering 17 Eagle's nest 18 Cry to a prima donna 19 Interrogator 24 Part of REO 29 Put into office 30 Ex-veep Quayle 31 "Science Guy" Bill 32 Island dance 33 Heroic poetry 34 Answers an evite, e.g. 35 "And so on and so on": Abbr. 36 Bullfight hero 40 PC image file

- 41 High-voltage transformer 42 Cloudland 43 Peppermint - (York often 44 "Bring it on!" 45 Nuggets' org. 46 Unusual 47 "Stillmatic" rapper 50 Prized Chinese vases 51 The "E" of FEMA: Abbr. 52 Big jumps 54 Eisenhower's successor 56 Politico Trent 59 Floor-scrubbing robot brand 60 Old photo tint 62 Carding at a club, e.g. 63 "Well, shoot!" 65 Held back 66 Adjective follower, often 67 Comedian Kevin 68 Very fancy slopes 72 Did the slopes 73 "Quit talking!" 74 No-frills shirt 75 Set (down)

- 76 Bigger than med. 77 Suffix with Ecuador 80 Groove for receiving the end of a board 81 Not worth - (valueless) 83 Perplex 84 Structured frameworks 88 Big fuss 89 Belittle, informally 90 Ill-fated flier of myth 91 Actor Joseph Gordon- 92 "Cocoon" co-star Don 94 Bluenoses 95 Charged toward 96 Poet's Muse 97 Casual eatery 98 Best players 99 - -Croatian 100 Sorcery 101 Family mem. 105 African nation 106 "Not likely!" 107 Thumbs-up 109 Motor oil additive brand 110 Nasser's fed. 111 River of Bern 112 Yoga surface

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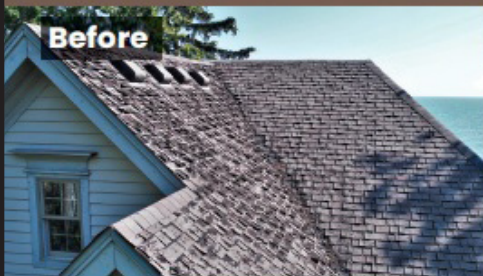
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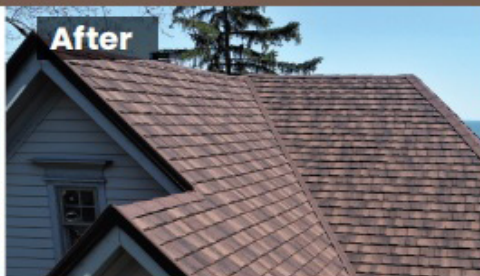
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