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Georgetown Town Hall with burned out front lawn from summer heat (Town Common Photo,

## **Providence Employee** No Longer Works for Georgetown

### By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The headscratching move to share a part-time human resources officer who works with the city of Providence, RI, is over - at least for now.

Paul Winspeare, the Rhode Island human resources officer, was working for the town of Georgetown about 10 hours a week at \$75 an hour since last December. In what was described by Town

Administrator Orlando Pacheco as sort of "a flex job," Winspeare, who rarely showed up at Georgetown Town Hall, 100 miles away, worked on tasks assigned by Pacheco.

One was reviewing the town's personnel manual.

"Paul has completed his review of the personnel manual and has made recommendations to the Selectboard,' Pacheco wrote to The Town Common. "He does not have any additional tasks at this time so he would no longer be employed with us on a regular basis.

Pacheco praised Winspeare's work and said he thinks he would do additional follow up work, if requested, by the Selectboard."

The part-time job in Georgetown, while not legally in conflict with his work in Providence if it is not during regular business hours, prompted a review in that city, which is now completed.

Josh Estrella, a spokesman for Providence Mayor Brett Smiley, told a local television station that the review had been concluded, but he could disclose no details because it is a personnel matter.

Winspeare, whose Providence salary is about \$130,000, may have kept his job, but his title changed. He now serves as the city's Chief People Officer, Estrella told the station.

Left unresolved is an investigation he conducted of the Georgetown Conservation Officer Michele Grenier.

Winespeare's investigation of Grenier involved a complaint by a resident that she violated the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and the code of ethics.

Winspeare met with Grenier to conduct an investigation of her. His report on his investigation regarding Grenier proposed that she and all members of the ConComm be required to submit to training about Open Law Meetings.

It is unclear who asked for the Grenier investigation. Pacheco pointed the finger at then SelectBoard Chair Amy Smith, but Smith sent an email last week asking The Town Common to retract that claim.

In a separate email, Pacheco wrote, "He (Winspeare) was asked by then Chair Amy Smith to look into complaints received. I assume the investigation is complete. No action has been taken that I am aware of."

Michele wrote this week that she asked Winspeare who had told him to investigate the complaints against the commission. She said he responded that Pacheco had ordered the probe.

North Shore Regional 911 Center in Middletonto take Rowley Calls (Photo: N.S. Regio

# Rowley 911 Center Moved to Regional Service

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**ROWLEY** – With no controversy and limited discussion, the SelectBoard this month approved by voice vote the town's call center joining the regional center in

Middleton Aug. 1. The proposed move to the North Shore Regional 911 Center in Middleton, which is expected to cut costs, was approved by

last month.

The amount of work and effort that has gone into his has been huge," chair Christine Kneeland said.

North Shore 911 currently handles the state Emergency Services Department calls from Amesbury, Essex, Middleton, Continued on page 2



Front row, from left, Sarabeth Belliveau, Julia Connelly, Lucy Collins, Evelyn Healey, Lily Kesner; second row, Anna Newman, Ian Parrott, Holden Choma, Jacob Giordano; third row, Steven Costello, Annarose Bissitt, Abby McIntyre. (Photo Courtesy of Pentucket Regional School District).

### Pentucket Students Participate in German Exchange Program

participating in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP).

The German American Partnership Program (GAPP), supported by the U.S. State Department and the German Federal Foreign Office, allows students from the U.S. and Germany to visit a

WEST NEWBURY - Superintendent More than 750 U.S. schools and 400,000 destinations such as Boston, Plum Island, Justin Bartholomew is pleased to American and German students have share that 12 Pentucket students are participated in the program since its establishment in 1972. It is the largest bilateral exchange program between the U.S. and another country.

In October 2023, 12 German students visited Pentucket and stayed with host families. During their visit, shadowed students learning German at the high secondary school in the other country. school and explored Massachusetts

and Newburyport.

Now, it is Pentucket's turn to explore German culture.

Twelve Pentucket students are visiting Rheine, Germany from June 14-26, where they will stay with host families and attend the Emsland Gymnasium School.

They will learn the German education Continued on page 5



How to Submit Letters to the Editor



Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph. Publisher/Editor, The Town Common Letters to the Editor provide a useful way of communicating concerns, issues, or suggestions to all members of the community.

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a great start to a vital reimaging of what a

more inclusive Newburyport can be. We

are not done with this issue - in fact, we

The last event, "Where Do We Go

From Here," held at the Bresnahan

school included a breakout session where

everyone had a chance to brainstorm

ideas on diversity, equity and inclusion.

The discussion centered on 3 basic areas:

Civic/Business; Schools/Education; and

We've culled a few suggestions that we

•Display signs that businesses

• Work with the Chamber of

Commerce to encourage more BIPOC-

demonstrate/showcase inclusive language

– Do not accept racist attitudes.

owned businesses. We'd like to thank everyone who

• Engage with the Superintendent of Schools to develop an appropriate curriculum.

• Help train teachers on DEI and hire more teachers/aides of color. • Host bystander training programs to

public to promote DEI. • Create a 5-year plan & make

commitments by year. • Make a full-time DEI position at City

Hall to coordinate and drive ongoing efforts.

We welcome your thoughts and feedback as we move forward. We hope the public will join us for actions, gatherings, and meetings throughout the vear.

The PEG Center for Art & Activism 3 Harris Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. Center hours: Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday: 12-5, Friday and Saturday: 12-4, and by appointment. 978-376-4746, info@pegcenter.org, www.thepegcenter.org.

### Hook Up to Breezeline After Labor Day

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

SALISBURY - Breezeline has recently started installing fiber-optic cables here to provide high-speed internet services. The task will be finished before Labor Day, the company said.

In its first community on the Massachusetts North Shore, fiber is being installed on telephone poles on several streets, while other streets will have fiber placed underground in the public rightof-way.

The subterranean project will cover a limited area and the fiber optic cable will be buried 28 inches below the surface.

Breezeline, headquartered in Quincy, is the first provider in Salisbury to offer fiber internet via advanced Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) technology. The technology offers users online experience with fast download and upload speeds, great for video calls, online classes, virtual doctor visits and gaming.

### **ROWLEY 911 CHANGE** Continued from page 1

Topsfield, Wenham and Manchester-bythe-Sea. Ipswich considered joining, but decided not to when the police and firefighters opposed the transfer.

The move from a four-dispatcher town service to a larger regional call service is expected to free funds to add other services. The fire department, for example, has wanted to expand its coverage to 24-hours per day.

Rowley began considering the move in April, but ran into stiff opposition from current employees, who are likely to love their jobs, and Robert Adams, a former patrolman and detective.

Opponents congregated on the webpage, Save Rowley 911.

At last month's SelectBoard meeting, Adams spoke against the proposal, saying, "For decades, the men and women of the Rowley Police Department, and the Rowley Communications Center, have been there to help the people of this town - often on the worst day of their lives.

"They have been the calm voice on the

"We are excited to offer fiber services and advanced connectivity solutions in Salisbury," said Frank van der Post, president of Breezeline. "As the exclusive provider of FTTH technology in this market, we are pleased to bring this community not only a choice in providers, but also the benefits of advanced fiber technology for a great connected experience."

For more information, visit Breezeline. com.

Breezeline is the eighth-largest cable operator in the United States. The company provides its residential and business customers with Internet, TV, and Voice services in 13 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Breezeline is a subsidiary of Cogeco Communications (TSX: CCA), which also operates in Canada, under the Cogeco Connexion name.

one, instructing CPR, or coordinating backup for an officer screaming for help. How dare this town consider turning their backs on them. For even considering the notion, I think you have made a terrible mistake."

SelectBoard member Sheri David, who served as a dispatcher for 29 years, disagreed, saying that a regional call center would be better equipped than a single dispatcher to handle a growing volume of calls from Rowley residents. She abstained from the otherwise unanimous vote.

Without local dispatchers, some residents worried that communication would be disrupted within the department and that Rowley would lose its "personalized feel."

Proponents of the proposal said that a regional system would be better equipped to deal with large volumes of calls, especially as the town grows.

On Save Rowley 911, an opponent wrote: "Who do you want to report an emergency to on what could be the worst day of your life? Someone you know and trust? Or someone who has never stepped foot in your town? Outsourcing 911 is



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Joint Operations, a cannabis dispensary

with three locations across Massachusetts,

is thrilled to announce the tremendous

success of their recent donation drive in

collaboration with the esteemed non-profit organization "Thanks to Yanks."

The drive, which began on May 18th and

continued until Memorial Day, generated

significant donations aimed at supporting

The initiative, which took place across

all three Joint Operations locations in

Mendon, Rowley, and Gardner, saw an

outpouring of generosity from customers

Jillian Roberts, District Project

Coordinator at Joint Operations,

expressed her gratitude for the

overwhelming support: "We are deeply

thankful to everyone who contributed

to support our deployed troops and

veterans in need. The extended donation

period allowed us to gather an impressive

The collaboration with Mike Shain, the founder of "Thanks to Yanks,"

underscores Joint Operations' unwavering

commitment to honoring and assisting

number of essential items.

and community members alike.

deployed troops and veterans in need.

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The Joint Operations District Manager Daniel Lencioni (middle) stands alongside Jillian Roberts, District Project Coordinator (right), and Mike Shain, founder of the non-profit "Thanks to Yanks" (left).

Successful Donation Drive for

Veterans and Deployed Troops

THANKS TO YANKS

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### 1950s Multi-Media Event in Rowley July 18, 2024

ROWLEY – The "Beat Generation" -A Cultural Review of the 1950s Through Music will be presented in Rowley on Thursday, July 18 beginning at 1:00 PM at the Rowley Senior Center, 39 Central St., Rowley, MA.

This presentation features live acoustic music and audience sing-alongs, coupled with audio and video clips highlighting the best (and sometimes the worst) of the 1950s.

The decade of the 1950s conjures up images of the Korean War, the beginnings of the Cold War, the Civil Rights movement, the Hula-Hoop, and Elvis, to name just a few.

we pay tribute in this presentation to many of the greats: Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Little Richard, James Brown, Fats Domino, Pat Boone, and others. The presenter is Fran Hart, founding member of the Beatles tribute band 4EverFab. The presentation is family-friendly and suitable for all ages. The presentation is hosted by the

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Rowley Cultura Council,

### Local Summer Concerts ...

#### Wednesday, July 17 - 6:30 PM Georgetown Peabody Library, 2 Maple Street, Georgetown, MA

Joe Leary's solo acoustic guitar and vocal performances of the music from some of the well-known singer-songwriters of the 60's & 70's, including James Taylor, Bob Dylan, Jim Croce, Neil Young, and Gordon Lightfoot. A 1979 graduate of Boston's Berklee College of Music, Leary has spent more than half of his life dedicated to the music education of children in both the public and private sectors while still maintaining an active performing schedule. Venue: library lawn. Inclement weather: inside.

https://georgetownpl.org/summer-concerts-at-thelibrary-2024/.

### Wednesday, July 24 6:30 PM Rowley Public Library, 141 Main St. in Rowley, MA

Jumpin' Juba mixes regional styles of blues from Chicago, Memphis and New Orleans together with rootsy rock & roll. The music is seasoned with jazz, folk, calypso, and Latin flavors. Then it's wrapped together with Steve Hurl's songwriting sensibilities. Steve's a long-time veteran of the Boston folk scene, and his guitar playing draws equally from the great acoustic blues fingerpickers, and from the roots-y string benders of the 1950s and early 1960s. David Lockeretz expertly thumps an upright bass. Venue: library lawn. Inclement weather: inside.

Free frozen treats will be provided. www.rowleylibrary.org/ calendar

military members, veterans, and their families. Collected items, which included toiletries, non-perishable food, and other essentials, will directly benefit those who

We Thank All Our Veterans!

bravely serve our nation. We are immensely proud to stand alongside 'Thanks to Yanks' in this noble endeavor," stated Roberts. "Our collective efforts symbolize our gratitude and unwavering support for those who have sacrificed so much for our country. We look forward to future collaborations with Thanks to Yanks.

Joint Operations extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the donation drive, making a significant difference in the lives of our deployed troops and veterans. The community's generosity is a powerful reminder of the collective support for those who serve our nation with valor.

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# Health & Wellness 🔇 Brighter Smiles... SHOULD I SAVE THE TOOTH?



By I. Peter St. Clair, DMD

Many patients and dentists face a decision-making process when it comes to keeping a natural tooth with root canal therapy vs. removal of a tooth and replacing it with a dental implant. The introduction of dental implants has proven to be a pivotal technology in dentistry. In a profession that strives to help patients keep their dentition, the point when it becomes necessary to opt for dental implants is a judgment call.

So, is one treatment better than another? There have been many scientific papers written on this subject. In one more recent study published in the Journal of Dental Research the authors noted, "Both options should be seen as complementing each other, not as competing, and should serve the overall goal in dentistry, the long-term health and benefit of the patient, being least invasive

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growing as independent thinkers and

developing new skills that increase their

chance at success in life."

the future.

implant,' but this is not always simple or ethical.

In comparing many of the research studies, there seems to be a difference in what the implant studies define as their "survival" rate vs. "success" rate. Many dentists will tell patients that the survival rate for dental implants is in the 95% range but when looking at the research, the success rates of these same implants fall into the low to mid 70% range. Meanwhile, there are strict guidelines for root canal (endodontic) success.

In another study the authors compared the prognosis for implants and root canal treated teeth, and noted that "natural teeth exceed the life expectancy of implants at 10-year observation points, including root canal treated or periodontally compromised teeth." Note: Periodontally compromised teeth are those with at least moderate bone loss.

In yet another study that compared root canal treated teeth with single-unit implants, researchers observed a positive outcome in 74% of the implants and 84% of the root canal treated teeth after seven to nine years. They also found significantly higher rates of complications and necessary interventions in the implant group, and patients needed more time to adjust to implant restorations.

Treatment outcomes differ significantly, depending on the experience of the

and incorporating function, comfort, and esthetics. A tendency exists toward a simplified approach of 'extraction and In one study, implant specialists achieved a 96% survival rate, while inexperienced practitioners only had a survival rate of 73%. Meanwhile, researchers observed less of a difference when it came to clinician type and endodontic treatment in a multicenter study with 350 teeth meeting the inclusion criteria: General practitioners had a 90% survival rate, while root canal specialists had a 98% rate.

> Now that you are thoroughly confused, how do you make a decision when posed with the question to keep a natural tooth with root canal therapy vs. a dental implant? There are many factors to consider, and each situation is unique. It is important to discuss the pros and cons with your dentist.

> While dental implant treatment is absolutely the treatment of choice for many situations, keep in mind that many of the studies comparing the two treatment options suggest that "too many teeth are extracted in favor of dental implants.

> Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to healthcentered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMI 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

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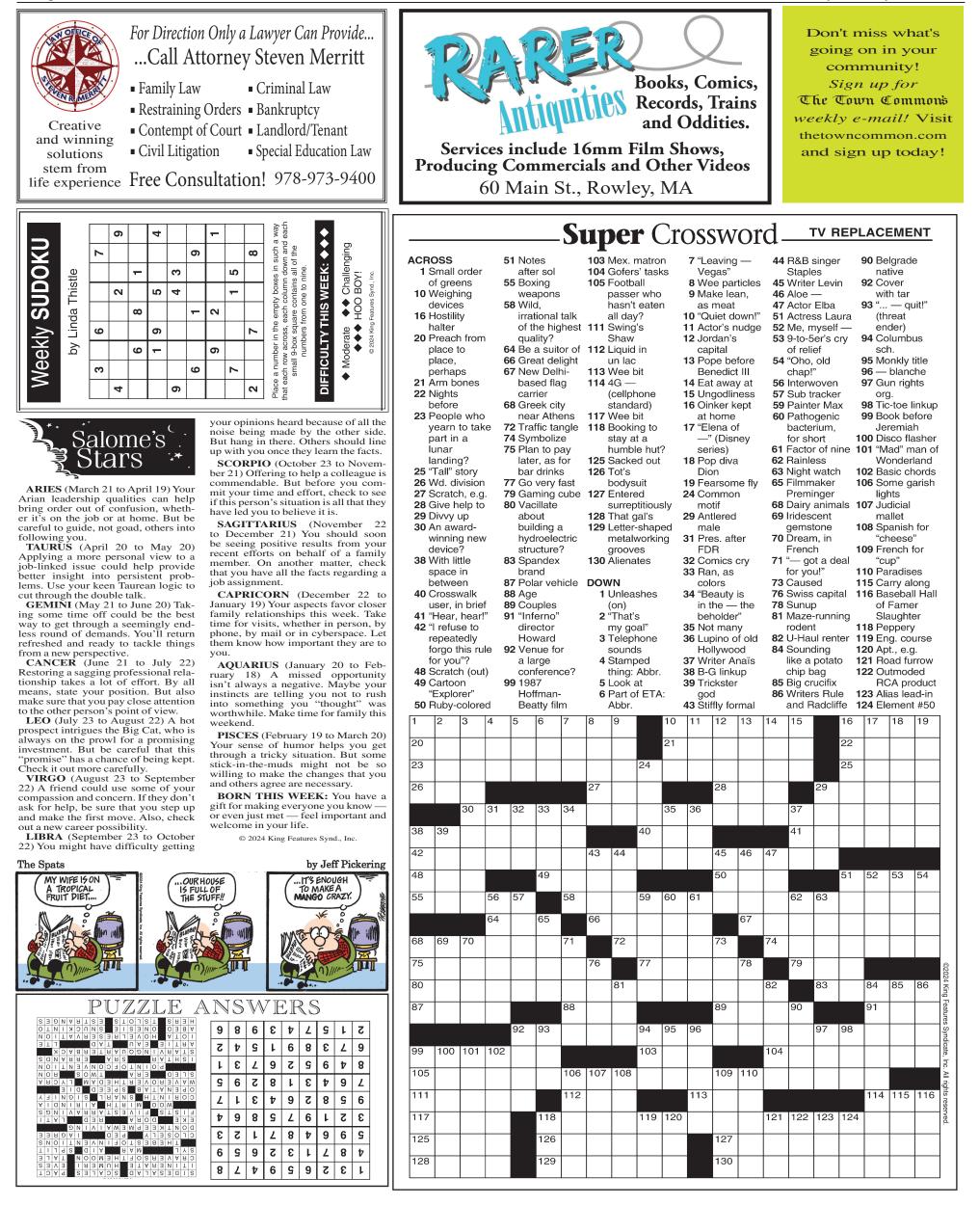
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