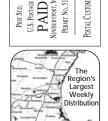
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Georgetown Police Complete Re-Accreditation Process

The department was re-accredited

on Wednesday, June 26, meaning the

department has remained accredited

every year since 2007. The department

(MPAC) for the seventh time.

he interpretative sign on Brown's Square (Photo: The Town Con Black History Initiative Wins National Award

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – To educate tourists and residents about this city's largely unknown black history, new plaques have sprung up all over downtown. They tell the stories of an African American neighborhood, about activists who worked against slavery and of ordinary residents.

For that effort, the Newburyport Black History Initiative has been named a 2024 Leadership in History Award of Excellence by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH).

In its 79th year, the AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. This year, the AASLH conferred 47 national awards to people, projects, exhibits and publications, the best in the field who provide leadership in state and local history.

"This is really exciting for the Newburyport Black History Initiative to receive recognition at the national level," wrote Geordie Vining, senior project manager for the city's Office of Planning and Development and an initiative team leader.

"I am hoping this award will help

further expand the spotlight we are shining on forgotten history. Thanks to the AASLH, as well as the support we have received from so many people. The work continues!"

The mission of the initiative is to illuminate black histories that have been largely overlooked or forgotten and ensure that these stories are accessible to a broad audience.

The panels feature the stories of Black Americans who lived and worked in Newburyport from the pre-Revolutionary War era to the early 20th century. The narratives feature ordinary people such as domestic servants, mariners, barbers, soldiers, lawyers and activists. While most of these people were unsung, their lives and contributions helped build local communities and the nation.

In addition to the interpretive signs downtown and at high-profile locations like the Clipper City Heritage Trail, the initiative and local historian Ghlee Woodworth joined forces to identify marked and unmarked graves in what appears to be a black section of Oak Hill Burying Ground. Almost 20 African American, former residents of this port city were buried a century ago without headstones.

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ODD FELLOWS of NEWBURYPORT in Last Year's Yankee Homecoming Paraa

Don't Miss Yankee Homecoming Fireworks & Parade! By Lonnie Brennan walks along the Newburyport waterfront! and the Newburyport Lions Yankee

on the local event of the summer: parade, fireworks, music, events and waterfront

GEORGETOWN — Chief David

Sedgwick is pleased to report that the

Georgetown Police Department earned

re-accreditation from the Massachusetts

Commission

Accreditation

Police

NEWBURYPORT – Don't miss out feature sidewalks sales (August 1 - 3), a U.S. Coast Guard Open House on August 1 from 10 am. - 2:00 pm.,

Yankee Homecoming's last few days Homecoming Bed Race on August 1 from 6 - 7 pm.

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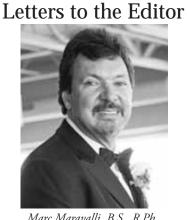
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Accreditation is a self-initiated, lengthy

A road rally will consume the area on Continued on page 4







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The Town Common encourages all citizens to submit letters concerning issues of interest and concern to the local community.

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Sunset Cruise for Ukraine

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

PLUM ISLAND – The Captain's Fishing Parties & Blue River Diamond's sail the Merrimack River, not the Dnipro River, but on Aug. 18, there will be a sunset cruise to raise money to help Ukraine's desperate population.

Nova Kaĥovka for Life, Inc., a Newburyport-based non-profit organization, organized the fundraising event to help directly the people in the Kherson Region, Nadiia Sadowski's hometown, which is still occupied by Russian troops.

Jarred and Nadiia Sadowski created the non-profit group, based on Plum Island, to send money directly to purchase food for the needy. Nova Kakhovka, which has a population of 44,427, has been under Russian occupation since February 2022.

"Enjoy your time with the beautiful views of the sunset on the Merrimack River with DJs Neal VanDam and DJ Scroll mixing Reggae, Modern Funk and Tropical House.

One hundred percent of all ticket sales go to provide humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian people. To learn more about our mission please visit our website at NovaKahovka.Life

The Captain's Lady II departs from Plum Island Point. The sunset cruise will leave at 5:30 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. Pre-Sale Tickets are \$35. Tickets are limited. Captain's Lady is at 10 82ND Street, Newburyport, Plum Island.

Rowley Residents... It's not over yet!

Attend the MBTA 3A Revisited Workshop at the

Rowley Public Library

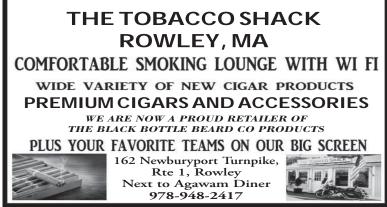
Tuesday, August 6th, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Let's work together!

The Rowley Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) has authorized staff from the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) to hold a community workshop in order to meet with residents to discuss their ideas, questions, and concerns on how the Town could comply with the state law.

All voices are welcome to help find a path that best suits the town to reach compliance with the law.

If you have any questions about the event, contact Kirk Baker, Rowley Town Planner by email at kirk.baker@townofrowley.org or by phone at 978-948-5549





From left, Nathaniel Guaron, of Georgetown, Connor Hastings, of Amesbury, Parker Jolivet, of Amesbury and Daniel Hanshumaker, of Haverhill, stand with the refurbished Amesbury Fire Department rescue boat. Students in the Whittier Tech Marine Service Technology program refurbished and repaired the boat for the Amesbury Fire Department. (Photo Courtesy Whittier Tech)

Whittier Tech Marine Technology Students Repair Boat for Amesbury Fire Department

HAVERHILL – Superintendent Maureen Lynch is pleased to report that students in the Whitter Tech Marine Service Technology Program repaired a rescue boat for the Amesbury Fire Department.

The Amesbury Fire Department's only rescue boat was out of service and had been in need of repairs. Last year, representatives of the department reached out to Whittier Tech for help with getting the boat repaired and back into service. The boat needed a new engine and Amesbury Fire Chief James Nolan also requested that the boat's steering system be changed.

Students in Grades 9 and 10, under the direction of Instructor Mike Murray, took on the challenge of repairing the boat as part of their studies and turned the work into a project that enabled students to learn their trade while also benefiting the community.

Students stripped down worn-out non- the safety of Amesbury's waterways." skid paint on the decks of the boat, repainted the decks, and sanded the boat's from the Auto Body/Collision Repair shop.

Students also converted the boat from tiller steering to remote steering by adding a console, steering system and side controls. Students also repowered an old and unreliable engine that was on the boat and installed a new engine.

Members of the Amesbury Fire Department then used the boat to break in the new motor, and Marine Tech service on the motor to get it into top working order.

'This project provided students with a great opportunity to use the skills they have learned at Whittier Tech to work collaboratively with our surrounding

'Students learned the importance of giving back to our local by assisting the Amesbury Department, who service our general public.'

"Without Marine Tech Program nationwide. and the diligence of the students and teachers, the AFD's boat would not be in service for the foreseeable future," said Chief James Nolan. "The members of the Amesbury Department Fire wish to thank the Whittier Tech Marine Technology Program students and teachers for all of their hard work and effort in helping to enhance

Students who contributed to the project are 10th-graders Daniel Carron, hull and painted it red with assistance from Haverhill, Leonidas Flores, from Haverhill, Lincoln Gilbert, from Haverhill, Daniel Hanshumaker, from Haverhill, Forrest Gonzales, from Ipswich, Connor Hastings, from Amesbury, Parker Jolivet, from Amesbury, and ninth-graders Nathaniel Gauron, from Georgetown, Joshua Manseau, from Merrimac, and Kiley Markarian, from Rowley.

Students in the Marine Service Technology program learn how to operate, maintain, repair, rebuild and students also performed 20 hours of install onboard systems, as well as hull maintenance and repair, marine canvas fabrication and repair, gas and diesel engine operation and repair, and welding and precision metal fabrication.

They also earn relevant certifications, learn how to operate a boat safely, and communities," said Instructor Murray. obtain their boating license. Students will have the opportunity to earn their captain's license during their senior year. According to the National Marine community Manufacturers Association, the recreational boating industry in Fire Massachusetts has an economic impact of \$4.4 billion and employs more than 20,000 men and women. However, there is a substantial workforce shortage in the the industry, both in Massachusetts and

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activities. They cover areas such as

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planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use

of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner

The re-accreditation process was

"I am pleased that our department has

once again been re-accredited, meaning

we have maintained accreditation since

2007," said Chief Sedgwick. "Everyone

on the department, and especially our

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to our residents."

August 3 from 8 am until 3 pm. The area's best FIREWORKS display takes place again this year on August 3 at 9:15 pm., and the annual parade which features groups from Newburyport and beyond will take place on Sunday August 4, kicking off at noon, with a big thanks to the Odd Fellows of Newburyport for sponsoring the Waltham American Legion Band!

From www.yankeehomecoming.com: The parade is the last official event of Yankee Homecoming. It begins at the intersection of Moseley Avenue and Ferry Road and follows historic High Street in Newburyport, ending State Street. Fire engines from the area will lead off the parade followed by the YHC General Chairman, Volunteers of the Year, bands, floats, performances and more! Once again we will be collecting money for the Jimmy Fund. Our parade (originally known as the Jimmy Day Parade) was the first fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund. Please help keep this tradition alive by donating during the parade."

BLACK HISTORY Continued from page 1

Thanks to the city and the initiative, those graves are now marked with small granite stones and the section of Oak Hill Cemetery has a sign explaining it.

The initiative also interacts with the public with a website, public events, indoor displays, lectures, tours, videos and articles, Vining said.

Mayor Sean Reardon said, ""We are overjoyed to receive this national attention for this local initiative. I am very proud of the work that has been done by the Newburyport Black History Initiative to share stories that have been hidden for too long. To have the opportunity to amplify these voices to an even broader audience is a tremendous accomplishment."

The NBHI core team consists of Vining; Dr. Kabria Baumgartner, the dean's associate professor of history and Africana studies at Northeastern University, and Cyd Raschke, writer/ community organizer.

For more information, go to: https:// www.cityofnewburyport.com/planningdevelopment/newburyport-blackhistoryinitiative. For more information about the NBHI, contact Vining at 978-465-4400 x6 or gvining@ newburyportma.gov.

For more information about the AASLH and the Leadership in History Awards, contact Aja Bain, AASLH senior manager of professional development and publications, at 615-320-3203 or abain@aaslh.org.



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Health & Wellness

Brighter Smiles... WHAT DO YOU WANT?



By J. Peter St. Clair, DMD

Gravity is precise in nature, governed by laws and formulas; it does not respond to individual circumstances or objectives. It's easy because it always works. Clinical dentistry, on the other hand, is science for sure, but an inexact science at best. Inexact science requires the skill of an artist to create a consistent and predictable result, since it is not a matter of an equation; hence the "Art and Science of Dentistry." This inexactness is something that dentists struggle with daily.

I am currently treating a patient who presented with a bunch of broken teeth. The patient is frustrated because these teeth have been "fixed" numerous times over the past few years. His previous dentist had tried to bond things here and there to keep the cost down for the patient, but they just kept breaking. The patient, an engineer, said that he even tried giving the dentist suggestions to make things "stronger". Those suggestions only led to more failure. Predictable dentistry often requires doing things that you would rather not do.

I recently heard an ad on the radio with a famous actor talking about colon cancer screening. He describes that having a colonoscopy after age 50 is huge in finding and treating early changes that lead to colon cancer. Most people don't want to have a colonoscopy, but also don't want to get colon cancer, so there is a dilemma. These actions have now become inconsistent with the desired outcome, much like the patient I just described. He doesn't want to have a complete exam and map out a precise treatment plan that will ensure a more predictable result, but he wants to save his teeth.

We have come to a fork in the road. If you don't want to get colon cancer, you get screened and treat any early signs of problems to help avoid the cancer. If you want to risk getting colon cancer, you don't get screened. If this dental patient doesn't want to lose his teeth, he should get a complete exam and address the issues in a more logical and predictable manner. If he wants to risk losing teeth, he can keep putting band-aids on the teeth, but they may not hold up as he has already experienced.

Dentists often struggle with patients whose actions are inconsistent with what they want from dental treatment. It is important for dentists to listen to people to know what they want. A patient who says she doesn't want to do a crown on a tooth has not said she would not do the crown. She is saying she doesn't want to do it, would rather not spend the money to do it, won't enjoy doing it, and will want it to be over as quickly as possible. What does she want the outcome to be?

Too many disappointments have occurred because a dentist compromised treatment and the result was not what the patient expected. The dentist and the patient need to be very clear on compromise. The patient must understand that, if there is failure, it is most likely the result of the decision not to do the more ideal treatment. The dentist needs to thoroughly explain to the patient the risks and benefits of any treatment they are doing so that everyone is on the same page.

Co-discovery, co-diagnosis, co-treatment planning. A mutually respectful and open (authentic) dentist/ patient relationship will have less disappointments and be more gratifying for all.

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

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Local Summer Concerts ... Wednesday, July 31 6:30 PM

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Two-time New England "Roots Act of the Year" nominee and winner of the International Acoustic Music Awards Best Country/Bluegrass song 2024, Crowes Pasture inspires audiences with their powerful and moving songs that connect with listeners at every stage of life. The duo has gained a loyal following throughout New England, charmed by their approachable presence and mesmerized by their intimate and haunting harmonies, described by Americana Highways as "a wholly vintage vocal parfait" and "rurally expressive with a genuine instinctive unifying feel."

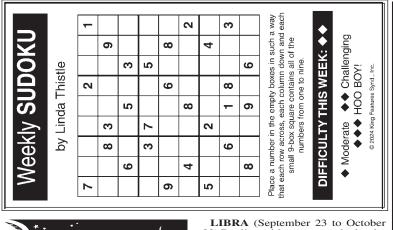
Get more information on this event and more at www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar, or call 978-948-2850. In case of rain or excessive heat, the events will be held indoors. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.





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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A bit of Arian contrariness could be keep-ing you from getting all of the facts. Turn it off and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you'd expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your good sense to see what really might be driving a colleague's work-place agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old prebleme. old problems

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appre-ciate what follows from it. **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You revel in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by sen-timent. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

between emotion and common sense

22) Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you're able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be suc-cessfully handled.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A "friend" who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer, and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) After all the effort for friends and family, it's a good time to indulge your own needs. Mean-while, the weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might want to do something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, then do it! Or come up with the closest practical alternative.

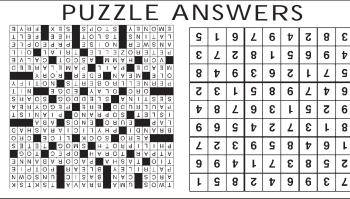
AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febru-ary 18) Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes

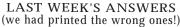
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Trolling for compliments isn't neces-sary. You earned them, and you'll get them. This week, concentrate on mov ing ahead into the next phase of your rogram.

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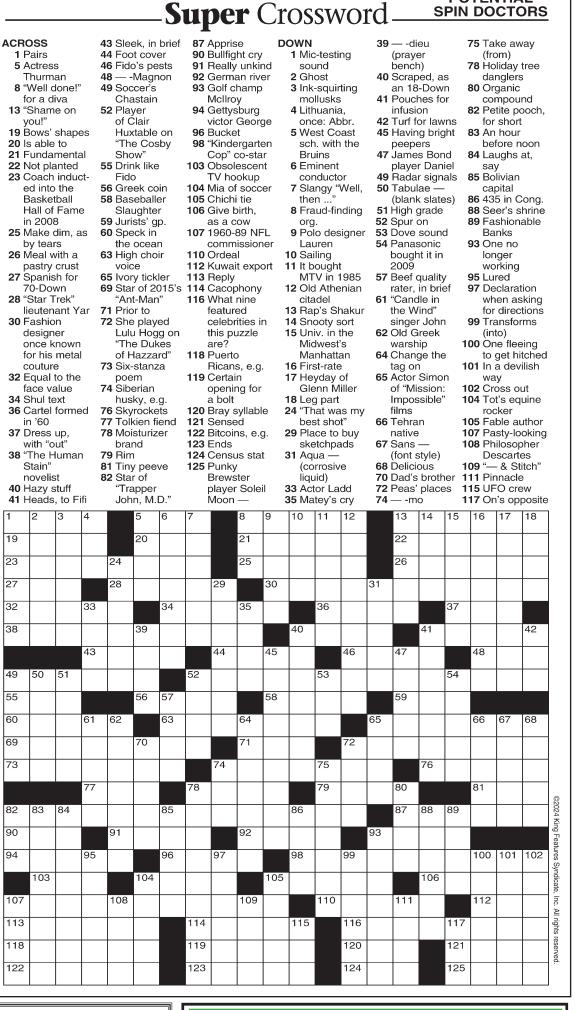
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The Boxford Planning Board and the Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, Sections 3 & 4 (Removal of Public Shade Trees) & Chapter 40, Section 15C (Scenic Roads Act) to consider the removal of approximately 15 linear feet of existing stone wall along the property line of 103

Georgetown Road and the Georgetown Road right-of-way. Said hearing will be held via Zoom teleconference on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information will be available on the Town of Boxford webpage calendar several days prior to the hearing, or can be requested from rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Planning Board and the Tree Warden,

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BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom videoconference on Thursday August 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the Notice of Intent by spplicant: Edward & Nicole Potter, for the property located at: 50 Burning Bush Drive, Map 42, Block 1, Lot 3 to install a septic system and conduct associated grading within 100-feet of 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 Planning Board and the Tree Warden,

7/31

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, August 6, 2024 at 7:45 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Wayne Banks for proposed installation of two 3/4" crushed stone parking areas (27' x 12' & 25' x 12') within the 100' Buffer Zone Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 590 Wethersfield Street (Map 11, Parcel 6 Lot 11) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel R. Shinnick, Chairman

Rowley Conservation Commission

7/31

LEGAL NOTICE **ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

In accordance with the Town of Rowley Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw, as amended, a remote Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 8:00 PM, to consider a Stormwater Management Permit application filed by Osprey Court LLC for proposed construction of a single-family dwelling 2,475 sq. ft., in-law apartment 780 sq. ft., driveway access, associated grading, drainage facilities, and utilities at Osprey Court, Subdivision Lot 5 (Map 19, Parcel 10, Lot 5) in Rowley, MA. Total site disturbance is approximately 29,890

Daniel R. Shinnick, Chairman Rowley Conservation Commission

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