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Meegan O'Neill and Kevin Prendergast in front of a new home (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

## Changing Lives

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**HAMILTON** – Habitat for Humanity won't solve the housing shortage along the North Shore which is so critical that Gov. Maura Healey persuaded the legislature to pass a \$5.16 billion housing bond bill on the last day of the session.

But creating 10 new homes here, plus a duplex in Haverhill on Leslie Road and a duplex on Curtis Street in Ipswich for low-income families is very likely to change forever the lives of the families, who are helping build homes they will own.

Specifically, it will change the lives of four single mothers and their children, a Marine, a teacher and a veterinarian, who won the Habitat for Humanity lottery for homes here in Hamilton.

"The stability of owning their own home, growing up in one school district with friends, playing sports is life-changing," said Meegan O'Neil, executive director of the Essex County Habitat for Humanity. "The families I meet through Habitat are incredible, creating bright futures for their family."

Habitat, the global non-profit organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in approximately 70 countries, is building one-, two- and three-bedroom homes about a mile down Asbury Road from the estate of the late General George Patton. Surrounded by farms and preserved Greenbelt land, the homes at 434-436

Asbury St. are being built by Habitat professionals assisted by the homeowners, who applied to own the homes and were selected by lottery.

The two- and three-bedroom homes are expected to be ready for move-in early next year, O'Neill said. The one-bedroom homes will break ground soon.

In a market where homes average \$634,429 for three-bedroom residences, these three-bedroom homes cost the new homeowners \$244,500. The two-bedroom homes sold for \$195,000. The one-bedroom homes, which will cost \$194,600, are a bit of new departure for Habitat.

Known for building larger homes for families, Habitat is experimenting with the one-bedroom homes because so many younger people are leaving to the state to find affordable housing, O'Neill said.

Habitat arranges for the homeowners to have a 30-year mortgage. The monthly payment, made up of principal, interest and fees, cost the homeowner no more than one-third of their income.

Founded in 1979 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat's vision is to create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat works toward this vision by building strength, stability and self-reliance in partnership with families in need of decent and affordable housing. Habitat homeowners contribute 250 hours of sweat equity in building the house.

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## Books and a Movie from the Topsfield Fair

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**TOPSFIELD** – Read books and earn a free admission ticket or watch a free movie on the grounds, thanks to the Topsfield Fair.

The fair is hosting a Movie Night, Thursday, Aug. 22, in the arena at the fairgrounds. It will feature the movie, *Moana*, a 2016 Disney film about a Polynesian girl who saves her village. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m.

The event includes a free movie, popcorn and parking. Food trucks will also be on site to purchase extra snacks.

Although the event is free, registration is required to make sure everyone can be accommodated and to communicate with guests in case there are any changes or cancellations. Register at <https://www.topsfieldfair.org/event/topsfield-fair-movie-night-2/>

Bring your own beach chair, seat or blanket. The bleachers have limited seating, but there's plenty of space on the arena floor for everyone. An adult must accompany children, and please refrain from playing ball in the Arena.

The Topsfield Fair is teaming up again with libraries in Essex and Middlesex counties, as well as those in southern New Hampshire, to support its Read & Win program.

Each library establishes a target for elementary school children, motivating them to read library books. Students from kindergarten to 6th grade who achieve their reading goal will get a ribbon from the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions and a complimentary admission ticket for students aged eight and above.

Children under eight accompanied by an adult always get in for free. Additionally, each child will receive a coupon for a free hot dog and drink courtesy of the Topsfield Fair.

Save money by purchasing advanced

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Beth Dolas of Amesbury

## Two Amesbury Stars!

**NEWBURYPORT** – Two Amesbury folks did very well in the Yankee Homecoming 10-mile race last week during the week-long local celebration.

Beth Dolas was the first woman finisher. Drew Everett finished second in the men's division!



Drew Everett of Amesbury

Photos courtesy of Peter McClelland.

## Hike the New Tracker's Trail with Rowley Open Spaces

Tracker's Trail is a new educational nature trail located on municipal forested land behind Pine Grove School and adjacent to Bradstreet Farm. The family-friendly trail is a short 0.35 mile loop that takes visitors past interpretive ecology signs, raised beds with native flowers, and a Story Walk. The trail traverses mowed meadowlands and a single-track dirt trail on rolling terrain with some roots and stumps.

The walk will take approximately

20 minutes. Participants should meet at the Bradstreet Farm Community Gardens, located at 239 Main Street in Rowley (stay to the right when the driveway forks).

Offered in cooperation with the Rowley Open Spaces Committee.

Registration is appreciated. Visit [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar) or call 978-948-2850 to sign up today.

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Liz Ichizawa, '04-05 Reporter (1956 - 2005)  
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They Have No Voice, They Have No Choice  
Protesting Land Development in Groveland – Part 2

To the Editor:

When I first heard about the land being upset, it never dawned on me that it would mean so much to a lot of people and wildlife – that this would have such an impact on them [the wildlife].

I started to wonder where will they go, where will they get their food? And who will they show their beauty to? So that meant they don't have anyone to turn to and have a voice they can count on to speak on their behalf.

I saw the animals there and the deer were playing in the field – baby's fauns next to their moms. Hawks flew overhead, yelling continuously; Rabbits with their babies, and I call one Mr. Owl, yes, an owl sits in the big tree. Then, I figured they must know. Their home! People want to take their home and playground away.

Mind you, I was told to stay out of it. And as I sat and watched, it was right in front of my eye: They TRUST me. I continued to watch them, and I told them: I won't let it go without a fight.

There was an old farmhouse there years ago ... and it was willed for a house for older gentlemen. It has been an open field for years and they had it hayed and used for the local farmers for their livestock. So, now they want to build a place like a complex with a lot of parking and dug up for these places they call low-income housing. It really shouldn't be a place like this on Garrison St. It's a scenic route



Old farmhouse, torn down (Courtesy photo)

along that way. It's all we have left besides this place.

It's my understanding they're putting units on Salem Street. Why does it have to be another one?

There's no reason for all this to be done. Are the people that are building these looking out for anything but themselves? We might have been a small town, but we are not stupid. Hey, ya know whatever or whomever has a bit of sorrow for this place to be upset – go and sit and take it all in with your eyes and hear everything around you. Then, come back and tell us your story and your heartfelt joy.

Go and see what we all see and hear.

I'll speak for the wildlife and the trust they have in me. Even if you go ahead with it, at least I know I had their trust and dreams; I had their backs. I didn't just walk away and when I did finally walk away, I looked back and said: It will be OK. We have your way!

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





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Mike Derusha of Maine shows off his fling golf skills (Photo: Courtesy New Swarm Sports LLC, Amesbury, MA)

FlingGolf on ESPN

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

AMESBURY – FlingGolf went live Friday on ESPN with an hour show that featured some of the world's best players demonstrating how to fling a golf ball hundreds of yards down a fairway, flick it a few dozen yards and putt it on the green – all with one stick.

The alt-golf-sport has been on ESPN twice before, but on pre-recorded shows. The show that aired at 9 a.m. Friday featured instructions on how to be a successful FlingGolf player by top players sprinkled among a team skills competition.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to expand our presence on ESPN with an hour-long competition this year, as well as to switch up the format to focus on the unique skills that pro FlingGolf athletes are using to reach the top of their game," said Alex Van Alen, CEO of New Swarm, the inventor of the new sport.

"As more and more fans are familiar with the sport across the U.S. and internationally, it's become clear that so many want to dig in and better understand FlingGolf's nuances to improve their approach to the sport. This format will address that curiosity in a really fun but competitive way."

With headquarters here in the CIWorks facility, FlingGolf is being played on more than 2,000 golf courses and in more than 35 countries. The sport appears simple, much easier to learn than traditional golf. But there is a very challenging skillset needed for players to reach the higher levels of play, FlingGolf said.

Those skills from the long throw to short flicks, called sidecar, clean sweep and other colorful names were demonstrated

in the competition to hit targets at various ranges.

John Pruellage, the World League FlingGolf league commissioner, believes this format will not only give these players an opportunity to shine and showcase their skills, but also introduce the growing team-based competition.

"We are seeing more and more of our players, fans and general audience support our team, or club, approach to the league in addition to our individual format. And while it will not be exactly as you see it on tour, the teams experience that our players will be participating in on ESPN will be very entertaining for our fans," Pruellage said.

Kyle Stevenson, a moderator for the skills event, said he took up traditional golf at age 12, but "never got good." He took up FlingGolf and mastered the basics in a few minutes.

Pruellage said the sport "is easy to learn, but it takes a lifetime to master."

The FlingGolf Skills Challenge involved several top players, all with colorful nicknames. They were Sam (Scantron) Scannell, Rosie (Mamacita) Flores, Garry (Bruce Leroy) Callis, Jr., Britt (Reggie Queen) Hammond, Austin (Showtime) Ebersole and Jake (Island Hopper) Anderson.

Ken (Kenzo) Pytluk, Mike (Big Cat) Edwards, Zac (Mountaineer) Mulvey) Ryan (Soldier Boy) Stainbrook and Christina (Sommerfling) Sommerfield demonstrated the individual skills.

FlingGolf, an action sport for golf courses that combines athleticism, strength and touch, is governed by the World League FlingGolf. WLF's 2024 New Swarm Tour will make five stops in Florida, Delaware, Pennsylvania, California and Virginia.

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Nichole Raftopoulos (Courtesy Photo)

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## Sons & Daughters of First Settlers of Newbury Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society of the Sons & Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at the Hope Community Church, 11 Hale Street, Newburyport.

The non-profit organization's mission is the preservation of the history of Old Newbury and the pioneer families that created its Yankee traditions and community.

The organization owns and maintains the historic Jackman-Willett House on Cottage Road in Newbury. In addition to descendants of the first settlers, members include those interested in local history and the preservation of the Jackman-Willett House.

There will be a brief business meeting followed by a presentation, Following the Footsteps of Benedict Arnold and his 1775 Quebec Expedition from Old Newbury, by Jack Santos, Vice Chair, Custom House Maritime Museum. On the 19th of September 1775, 1,100 farmers, soldiers, merchants, teachers, and laborers gathered in Newbury and Newburyport to leave on ten ships for a secret, bold attack on Quebec City. They were led by Benedict Arnold, before he became the infamous turncoat. It was a plan concocted by Arnold and George Washington in Cambridge in July 1775 - a full year before the Declaration of Independence.

Had the plan worked, there likely would have been no revolutionary war,



and probably 14 - not 13 - states in a new United States of America. Join us for a retelling of the wilderness march - in preparation for its 250th anniversary.

A continental breakfast and buffet lunch are included in the \$30 registration fee. The doors and registration open at 8:30 am, with the business meeting starting at 9:30 am. Details about the meeting and on-line registration can be found on the Society's website, [www.sonsanddaughtersofnewbury.org](http://www.sonsanddaughtersofnewbury.org).

Tours of the Jackman-Willett House, 1 Cottage Road, Newbury, will be held after the meeting 1:30 - 3pm and docent tours of the Custom House Maritime Museum will be free to meeting attendees.

The public is welcome to attend.



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# Newbury Police Department Receives \$104,310 State Grant to Secure Body-Worn Camera Equipment

**NEWBURY** – Chief Patricia A. Fisher is pleased to share that the Newbury Police Department received a \$104,310 grant from the Healey-Driscoll Administration as part of the FY25 Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) Grant Program.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration awarded more than \$3 million in grant funds to 32 local police departments to implement or expand body-worn camera programs.

Newbury Police wrote the grant in collaboration with the Georgetown Police Department. The award will outfit both departments with BWC hardware.

The BWC Grant Program supports municipal police departments in planning and implementing a new BWC program or expanding an existing BWC program to improve officer and community safety.

Wearing body cameras demonstrates departments' commitment to transparency and accountability and helps improve policing practices so that officers may

better serve their communities.

Research done by the Bureau of Justice Assistance suggests that implementing BWCs has led to reductions in crime, police-generated incidents, assaults against police officers, and complaints against police officers in certain communities.

It is estimated that the grants will support more than 1,200 officers.

"We are extremely grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration for providing funding to implement this important technology into our programming," said Chief Fisher. "We are hopeful that by utilizing body camera technology, our officers will continue to serve our community at the highest level possible and exceed the expectations of our residents."

## Seven Cape Ann Artisans Collaborate to Open on Mass Tax Free Weekend

On Saturday, August 10th, seven of the Cape Ann Artisans will open up their studios for visitors and locals to take advantage of Massachusetts' tax-free holiday. Although the main tour is on sabbatical in 2024, the artisans have all held hours individually for studio visits and this is a convenient way for visitors to get a peek into the bigger tour which will resume in 2025. All Studios will be open from 10-5:30 unless otherwise indicated. The artisans involved are as follows:

David Archibald, Pottery, Plum Cove Studio, Lanesville/Gloucester  
Cynthia Curtis Pottery, Rockport  
Danette English, Pottery, Lanesville/Gloucester  
Jacqueline Ganim-DeFalco, Sea Glass Studio, Riverdale/Gloucester  
Melody Phaneuf, Painter, Gloucester (open 1-5)  
Pam Stratton, Mosaics, Rockport  
Beth Williams, Glass Art & Jewelry, downtown Gloucester

Download the Brochure & Map PDF for help finding studios. Reminder! You can contact any of the other Artisans not listed above to visit by appointment, be it August 10th if they are available or any other time throughout the year.

The Artisans have also posted a call for new members on Cape Ann. Please read details here on our blog. Deadline to apply is September 30, 2024 for the 2025 Tour. For questions and additional information, please email [info@capeannartisans.com](mailto:info@capeannartisans.com).



## Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack August Meeting

Wednesday, August 14  
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Hilton Senior Center - 43 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, MA

Please join us at our August meeting for a presentation by Michael Schroeder Phd on "Female Spies in Blue and Gray." Dr. Schroeder will share his research on the activities of women spies behind the scenes on both sides during the American Civil War. This event is free and open to the public

## Topsfield Fair

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admission tickets for \$15 each at [www.TopsfieldFair.org](http://www.TopsfieldFair.org), plus a \$2.50 convenience fee per ticket.

A three-day pass is also available for \$42, with a \$4.26 convenience fee. During the Fair, admission tickets will be \$20 each. Children under eight get in free

with an adult ticket.

For rides, 10 are for \$33 with a \$3.50 convenience fee before the Fair. This is a 30 percent savings compared to buying during the Fair. Some rides may be excluded, and there is a limit of 20 pre-Fair ride tickets per order.

For more information, visit [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org)

## Changing Lives

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The Hamilton property was purchased from the estate of Phillip Marcovelle. It is surrounded by protected woods, giving the new homeowners scenic views from almost every room.

In addition to the homeowners helping cut the cost, Habitat receives private donations. For this build, the Hamilton Affordable Housing Trust contributed \$400,000 toward the land purchase.

Volunteer Kevin Prendergast from North Andover brought a lifetime of construction skills to the construction of these homes. He became a Habitat volunteer because he wanted to put those skills to work for a good cause. In 2007, when his employer reorganized and laid him off, he started volunteering his time and skills to Habitat.

Working last week at one of the homes

in Hamilton, he said it is great place to volunteer. "Everyone is here because they want to be," Prendergast said. "It is a pretty nice environment."

On several builds, he has honed his construction skills, learning from other volunteers and contractors, he said. "Now I'm the guy they send the tough problems to."

In the two-story, three-bedroom homes, Habitat is designing the homes with wider doors and a bedroom on the first level to accommodate residents who are aging. Ramps can be added easily if a resident is in a wheelchair, O'Neill said.

And it is expanding its services beyond home building. It now offers to repair and improve homes for low-income families. This month, the Habitat volunteers are building a ramp for a low-income elderly resident in West Newbury.

For more information, to volunteer or apply for a home, visit [www.essexcountyhabitat.org](http://www.essexcountyhabitat.org).

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## Brighter Smiles...DO YOU PERCEIVE THE NEED?



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

We all have people we look up to, whether in our personal or professional life. One of those people in my professional life is the late Dr. LD Pankey. Dr. Pankey was a true visionary. There is an advanced dental education institute named after him in Florida, where dentists learn from his influential teachings.

One of my favorite quotes from him he wrote in 1981, 8 years before his death. It is interesting to read some of the things he wrote, because it shows how little things have changed, and how well he understood people and his profession. I would like to share a few paragraphs from this piece:

*"Another important element, then, in the future of dentistry is determining the answer to the question: why don't more people with needs go to the dentist? In-depth studies on consumer attitudes have turned up a host of reasons, but one surpasses all the rest. Most people who fail to seek dental care fail because they don't perceive their need. More*

*astounding than that is the fact that the majority of people who do go to the dentist don't perceive the need either!*

*If the public is ever to be enlightened about the importance of dental health, who will have to do the enlightening? I've never found anyone else I could depend on to do it. I had to build the one-to-one relationships with my patients that were needed to make my practice- and thus the future of dentistry- prosper and grow.*

*People with dental needs are out there, all right, but even when they do perceive their need, they must be assured there's someone available who will identify with what they're feeling and devote themselves to helping them to be healthy, happy and whole."*

Dr. Pankey asks who will enlighten the public about how good dental health is better for your overall health? His answer is the same today as it was when this piece was written. The dentist (and dental team), who is dedicated to taking the time to listen and build a relationship with the patient, is the only one who has the best interest of the patient.

The insurance industry is trying to turn dentistry into a commodity, where a "cleaning", a filling, a crown, or a denture is the same anywhere. It's just "stuff" that's done to fix problems. The insurance company's main interest is profitability – period. Does it make sense that an insurance company should be able dictate who you can see as a provider?

The business of dentistry has reacted to these things as well. One example are the commercials on TV for a corporate dental facility that only does dental implants.

The ads target the large sector of the population who think removal of teeth and replacement with dental implants fixes them for life. This is far from the truth. While there are patients who truly benefit from these types of procedures, many others have healthy teeth removed because it seems like the easier thing to do.

You have to be the one to decide how important your health is. In 1981 there were no connections between oral health and systemic health. Today we know that a healthy mouth is so important to a healthy body. If your health is a priority, you should seek regular dental care with a professional team who has your best interest at heart.

*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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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](mailto:rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us).

For the Planning Board and the Tree Warden,  
Ross Povenmire

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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](mailto:rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us).

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