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Mary Donahoe Lytle

The world lost one of its most creative, loving, funny women when the Lord Jesus on May 27th called Mary Donahoe Lytle of New York City, Dallas, and Newburyport home to be with her family and friends. She was a gifted Montessori kindergarten and reading teacher at the River Valley Charter School and at the Hillview Charter Montessori School.

Born in New York City on November 25, 1958 to Bernice Ethel Frevert Donahoe of New York City and Kevin Michael Donahoe, also of New York City. She was blessed with three loving and devoted sisters, Teresa Spaulding of Newburyport, Deidre Mannix and Jennifer Truesdale of Nantucket. Together, they built a lifetime of memories, many of them as children during summers on Nantucket.

Mary graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart, known as 91st Street, the oldest all-girl school in the country, in 1976 and from the College of the Holy Cross in 1980. At Holy Cross, she majored in History and Art History.

At Sacred Heart, where she was senior class president, she and her father raised significant amounts of money for the school through events like the inaugural Father/Daughter Dinner. Her father, a board member, also recruited and raised scholarship funds for five of the school's first African American girls to attend the prestigious school.

At Sacred Heart, she fell in love with photography, creating her own dark room for developing photos at school and in the family's historic home in Tarrytown, NY. She was known at Sacred Heart as the unofficial, "official" school photographer. At Holy Cross, she was the varsity basketball team's photographer. After graduating, she was employed with national magazines as a photographer.

As a senior at Holy Cross, she was asked to use her photographic skills to develop the college's first historical photographic

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Sail Trace arrives home at Market Landing Park Photo by Bob Watt

'Clipper Ship' Arrives on the Waterfront

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT WATERFRONT – The arrival home of a clipper ship in the early days of this city meant not only great wealth for locals, but also that fathers and brothers were returning home after months at sea.

In 2025, the arrival of Aaron T Stephan's clipper ship sculpture, *Sail Trace*, on the waterfront park, heralding the city's past,

is expected to its own boom to the local economy, drawing tourists for the downtown shops and restaurants.

Stephan's clipper ship is berthed in Market Landing Park a few feet from the Merrimack River, just in time for the summer season. Stephan, who works in a studio two blocks from the working Portland, ME, docks, was awarded the commission by the Public Art Commission, beating out 20 other artists.

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West Newbury Art in the Garden Tour

Art in the Garden. It is a celebration of gardening as art and the six gardens (3 in West Newbury and 3 in Merrimac) will not only show the personal expression, skills, and energy of the gardeners, they will also have visual artists creating and musicians performing.

A special treat is a tour at one of the gardens of a 1710 house, built originally

in Concord, MA and moved about twenty years ago to Merrimac. The tour is from 10-4 on June 14.

Advance tickets (\$25) are available at the West Newbury Food Mart, the West Newbury Memorial Library, and on Eventbrite. Tickets will be available on June 14 at the gardens and at the West Newbury Town Hall for \$30. ♦

Newburyport Announces Departure of Director of Public Services

NEWBURYPORT – The City of Newburyport announced that Director of Public Services Wayne S. Amaral will be stepping down at the end of June after two years of service. Amaral was appointed by the mayor in 2023. He previously served as deputy director of the department from 2014- 2018.

"Wayne has been an invaluable asset to our community. Under

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James J. McCarthy

James J. McCarthy Appointed President of Newburyport Bank

NEWBURYPORT – Lloyd L. Hamm, Jr., President and CEO of River Run Bancorp, MHC, together with the Boards of River Run and Newburyport Bank, are pleased to announce the appointment of James J. McCarthy as President and Chief Operating Officer of Newburyport Bank, effective June 28, 2025.

With more than four decades of executive leadership in community banking and financial services, James (Jim) brings to the role a proven track record of growth, operational excellence, and a deep understanding of community-based banking. Since 2021, he has served on the Board for Newburyport Bank, actively contributing as a member of both the Executive Loan Committee and the Commercial Credit Committee, while also serving as a Corporator for River Run.

As President, Jim will lead the day-to-day operations of Newburyport Bank, with a strong focus on executing the Bank's long-term strategic goals. He will work closely with leadership at affiliated institution Pentucket Bank to ensure continued alignment with the broader objectives of River Run Bancorp, MHC—fostering a unified vision for innovation, service, and sustained community investment across the River Run family of banks.

"Jim is a seasoned and respected leader who understands both the opportunities and the complexities of modern banking," said Lloyd Hamm. "At a time when our industry is navigating rising interest rates, regulatory pressures, and rapidly shifting customer expectations, his experience and strategic mindset will be instrumental in driving forward our mission and delivering value to our communities."

Prior to this appointment, McCarthy served as Chairman, President, and CEO

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MeVa Pushes Ferries on the Merrimack

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

THE MERRIMACK RIVER – The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MeVa) hopes soon to offer a new way to travel between Salisbury and Haverhill for residents and visitors.

MeVa, which provides free bus transportation to 16 communities, mostly along the river, is moving this summer to

begin offering two of its brightly colored ferries to transport passengers up and down the river.

Last week, MeVa began looking for qualified design-build contracts to submit proposals for two solar-powered, electric ferries with net zero emissions.

"Although we provide an excellent bus service; seasonal summer congestion

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archives. Impressed with her work, Boston College hired her post graduation and pregnant with her first child to develop its historical photographic archives.

She was the mother of four children, whom she adored -- Kevin, John, Kara and Sarah Nealon. She was blessed with five grandchildren, the love of her life -- Ava Marie, Lila Rose Nealon, Rhea May, John Nealon IV and Maverick Nealon.

Before becoming an exceptional teacher, where she discovered a passion for teaching students to read, she and two of her sisters were in-demand decorative painters, turning the walls of houses throughout the country into palaces. They learned their art from the late Leonard Pardon, a British master of faux painting.

In addition to her children and grandchildren, she is survived by two brothers-in-law, David Spaulding of Newburyport and Lawrence Mannix of Nantucket and Wilton, CT. She is also survived by grandchildren, Harry, Samuel and Lily Spaulding; Madeleine, Ella and Lawrence Mannix, Jr.; Juliet, Bruce III and Anneliese Truesdale.

Mary was married for 25 years to Stewart Lytle of Newburyport. They met and married in Dallas, where Mary volunteered raising money for charities like Kidney, Texas and the Cattle Baron's Ball, one of the nation's largest fundraisers for the American Cancer Society. She chaired the star-studded event during the year that George Strait performed and Larry Hagman (JR Ewing) made an appearance. She organized the Junior Cattle Baron's Ball at Texas Stadium.

She and her sisters renovated a church near downtown Dallas for her home. She was pleased to offer the renovated church sanctuary to an African American congregation that was without a place to worship. The members turned her living room every Sunday into the church sanctuary. She, her husband, Stewart, and her children loved being members of the church.

In 2006, when Mary tired of the Texas summer heat, they purchased a home in Newburyport, near the homes of two of her sisters.

Mary was an exceptional cook and enjoyed hosting dinner parties in her homes. She traveled extensively, including her honeymoon with Stewart to Paris, France and Italy. Her favorite place, where she went often, was Florence, Italy.

Her life will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at the Twomey, LeBlanc & Conte Funeral Home at 193 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950.

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Georgetown Receives \$250,000 Taxpayer-Funded Grant for Municipal Fiber Optic Network

GEORGETOWN – Georgetown has received a \$250,000 state grant that will support the creation of a fiber optic network connecting municipal and school buildings.

The grant means municipal government will manage and control its digital presence, rather than relying on external developers and private internet service providers.

The Town was one of 39 selected in this round of grant funding in the Community Compact Municipal Fiber grant program and received the maximum \$250,000 award. The state Executive Office for Administration and Finance uses the program to assist municipal agencies in improving technology infrastructure and closing gaps in their local

networks.

The new hub-and-spoke network will be based in the Public Safety Building and connect town hall, schools, and other municipal sites.

The fiber optic municipal area network's passive optical design is designed to support transmission of all communications applications on the network including voice and data, security systems, surveillance systems, audio visual systems, wireless edge applications, public safety alarm and radio frequency transmissions, extended LAN networks, building control systems, SCADA applications and all other communications systems. ♦



Newburyport Bank

JOURNEY WELL

McCarthy

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of First Ipswich Bank, where he led the organization through a period of growth and transformation, contributing to the broader success of parent company Brookline Bancorp. His leadership included participation on key governance and strategy committees including ALCO, Risk Oversight, and Product Development.

Earlier in his career, McCarthy served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Danversbank, overseeing finance, retail operations, risk, compliance, and facilities. He also served as President and CEO of Revere Federal Savings Bank, guiding the institution through a successful period of asset growth, expansion, and strategic change.

McCarthy began his professional journey at Ernst and Young as a Certified Public Account and Senior Auditor. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Northeastern University and has completed executive education programs at the MIT Sloan School of Management and the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

McCarthy is highly regarded by colleagues and former employees alike as a trusted advisor and mentor—a role he looks forward to resuming as President of Newburyport Bank. "I am truly honored to take on this leadership role at Newburyport

Bank during such a pivotal time in our industry," said McCarthy. "While banking is facing significant headwinds—from economic volatility to evolving technologies and customer needs—I am confident that through strong teamwork, local focus, and collaboration across River Run, we are well-positioned to continue our tradition of trust and innovation."

In addition to his banking credentials, McCarthy has long been active in community service, including his role on the Advisory Board of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club. He is frequently seen at Seacoast-area community events, supporting local nonprofit organizations. He is a longtime resident of Newburyport, where he lives with his family. ♦

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Storm Surge Presents Expert Discussion on Coastal Flood Risks in Newburyport

NEWBURYPORT – *Storm Surge* will host "High Stakes at High Tide: Understanding Coastal Flood Risks" on Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street.

The event features Katie Giannakopoulos, Coastal Dynamics Research Associate at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, who will examine the complex factors driving coastal flood risks in New England. Her presentation will address both long-term climate change impacts and the immediate threats posed by severe weather events, including an analysis of the devastating January 2024 storms that significantly impacted Gulf of Maine communities.

"Sea levels are rising, bringing both challenges and opportunities for coastal communities," said Giannakopoulos. "We'll explore how science and community action can transform vulnerability into strength and examine what it truly means to live and thrive at the water's edge."

- The presentation will cover:
- Forces driving coastal change, from gradual climate shifts to sudden storm impacts
 - Lessons learned from the January 2024 storm events
 - Science-based approaches to improving community preparedness

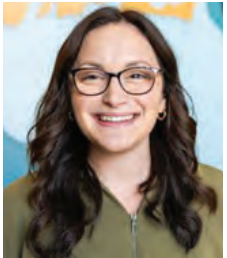
• Strategies for building long-term coastal resilience
This free community event is part of Storm Surge's 2025 Speaker Series, designed to inform and engage residents about critical environmental issues affecting the region. No registration is required, though advance notice helps organizers plan for adequate seating and refreshments.

Residents interested in attending can indicate their plans at: <https://tinyurl.com/registerstormsurge1>.

Event Details:
Live Streaming: Watch live on Port Media CH 9 or the NCMhub website starting at 7pm.

Storm Surge organizes educational events and community discussions focused on coastal environmental issues and climate adaptation strategies. Learn more at storm-surge.org.

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute conducts collaborative research to understand and sustain the Gulf of Maine ecosystem, connecting science with communities to address environmental challenges. ♦



Katie Giannakopoulos



Newburyport Police and Fire Departments utilized several rescue tools while responding to a multi-vehicle crash on Saturday, June 7. (Photo Courtesy Newburyport Fire Department).

Three Vehicle Crash at Rte 1 and Pond St.

On Saturday, June 7, at about 4:03 p.m., Newburyport Police and Fire responded to a crash involving multiple vehicles at the intersection of Route 1 and Pond Street.

Responding crews observed that 3 vehicles, a 2022 Tesla Model 3, a Toyota 4Runner, and a Toyota Corolla, had been involved in a crash.

Fire crews utilized the jaws of life cutting tool to quickly extricate the driver of the Tesla. Crews also used an electric vehicle emergency plug to keep the Tesla from accidentally starting or moving. In addition to the plug, crews also utilized their electric vehicle app to access vehicle-specific information, which guided their strategy in executing rescue operations.

Atlantic Ambulance transported two individuals to area hospitals with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. In addition to Atlantic Ambulance, Amesbury Fire Department also remained on standby to assist with the transport of the vehicles.

Police and Fire crews cleared the scene within two hours of the initial call.

"This was an excellent response from all involved. The quick work of our crews in efficiently utilizing rescue tools ensured that all involved in the crash received the highest quality of care," said Chief Bradbury. "As always, I commend the strong teamwork between the Police and Fire Departments, and I thank our mutual aid partners for being ready to support us at any moment."

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Newburyport Police Department. ♦

Newburyport Police Investigating Accident Involving Police Cruiser and Teenage Pedestrian

NEWBURYPORT — City Marshal Matthew Simons reports that the Newburyport Police Department is investigating an accident in which a police cruiser was involved in an accident with a 13-year-old pedestrian.

On Thursday, June 5, at approximately 2:30 p.m., the Newburyport Police and Fire Departments responded to the Rupert A. Nock Middle School, 70 Low St., for a report of an accident involving a police cruiser and a teenage student from the school.

A preliminary investigation determined that a marked police cruiser, which was not responding to an emergency, collided with a 13-year-old boy who was crossing Low Street in front of the Middle School.

The accident occurred during school dismissal. According to several witnesses, the boy darted out between two parked cars and ran across the street in front of the cruiser which was traveling eastbound.

Preliminary investigation and witness accounts suggest that the cruiser had no warning and that there was nothing the officer could have done to avoid the accident.

The officer operating the cruiser immediately rendered aid to the student, along with other arriving first responders.

The boy was taken by ambulance to Anna Jacques Hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. The officer who was driving the cruiser was evaluated on scene but not transported.

"This is an extremely traumatic event for everyone involved," said Marshal Simons. "I'm relieved that the student was not injured seriously, and grateful to the

officer involved for acting calmly while being involved in a very stressful event. The officer's attentiveness and quick reaction undoubtedly prevented what could have been more serious injuries."

The circumstances surrounding the collision remain under investigation by Sgt. Jason Kohan from the Newburyport Police Department. Anyone who witnessed the collision, and has not already spoken with police, is asked to call Newburyport Police at 978-462-4411, ext. 1. ♦



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73352461	SLD	15 Rowley Rd	Topshfield, MA	AN6886	Detached	3	\$994,000	\$1,060,000
73352004	SLD	192 Middle St	West Newbury, MA	AN5363	Detached	3	\$1,199,900	\$1,199,900
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For the Fifth Year, Pentucket Regional School District Receives National Recognition by the NAMM Foundation

Superintendent Dr. Justin Bartholomew and Fine & Performing Arts Department Chair David Schumacher are proud to announce that the Pentucket Regional School District has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation as part of the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) list for the fifth consecutive year.

The Pentucket Regional School District was one of 22 schools across Massachusetts to receive the honor of being included in the BCME list. Now in its 26th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts nationwide that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

"Thank you to the NAMM Foundation for honoring our music program here in

Pentucket as part of the Best Communities for Music Education list," said Schumacher. "Our music students are passionate about their craft, which allows this program to thrive. Thank you to all of those in our community who have supported our program and made this achievement possible."

"This fantastic news comes on the heels of the Pentucket Jazz Program's 25th Annual Cafe Jazz, and that David has been named a quarterfinalist for the 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award," said Superintendent Dr. Bartholomew. "The success of Pentucket's music program is thanks to the dedication of our educators and students. We are proud to be recognized by the NAMM Foundation for the fifth consecutive year."



The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works to advance active participation in music-making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. ♦

Pentucket Fine & Performing Arts Chair David Schumacher Honored as 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist

Superintendent Dr. Justin Bartholomew and the Pentucket Regional School District are proud to announce that Fine & Performing Arts Chair David Schumacher has been named a 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist.

The Music Educator Award recognizes current educators who teach students in kindergarten through college at public and private schools. Nominees have made a significant and lasting contribution to music education and demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools they serve. The award is presented jointly by the Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Museum.

A total of 200 music teachers from 180 cities nationwide were selected as quarterfinalists, from more than 2,000 initial nominations.

After years of waiting for the right time to apply, Schumacher decided to engage in the challenging and highly critical application process.

The initial application for this prestigious award involved a lengthy questionnaire regarding his teaching philosophy, best practices and program details. He also had to write a brief statement about why he is worthy of the award. All materials are then sent to the GRAMMY group for

review, which analyzes and breaks down everything to make their selections for the quarterfinalists.

"I am incredibly honored, humbled, and excited to be a quarterfinalist for the 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award! Thank you to the entire Pentucket Music community for your everlasting support. We have all - students, alumni, families, and staff - built this community together, and it remains my proudest accomplishment," said Schumacher.

To be considered for semifinalist status, Schumacher must submit a brief video capturing himself in the act of teaching, a second detailing his impact on students and community, and a third video sharing a concept, tip, or instructional idea that would benefit his colleagues and/or students, alongside a resume or list of accomplishments, by mid-June.

The semifinalists for the award will be announced in September. The final recipient of the 2026 Music Educator Award will be flown out to Los Angeles to attend the 68th Annual GRAMMY Awards and a range of GRAMMY Week 2026 events, where they will be honored for their dedication to music education.

"We are incredibly proud of David for being recognized as a quarterfinalist for the



Pentucket's Fine & Performing Arts Chair David Schumacher has been named a 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist. (Photo Courtesy Pentucket Regional School District)

2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award," said Superintendent Dr. Bartholomew. "It was evident from the moment he joined our District that he was passionate about music education, and since then, he has made a lasting impact on the students who have come through our music program. This recognition is so well-deserved, and we wish him the best of luck as the Award process continues." ♦



Town officials and residents celebrated the opening of the new playground at the Central Street Recreation Area. (Photo Courtesy Town of Newbury)

Newbury Opens New Playground at Central Street Recreation Area

NEWBURY—The new town playground at the Central Street Recreation Area is now open for fun.

Last month, members of the Recreation Commission and Select Board and residents cut a ribbon to officially mark the opening.

The new playground aligns with the Recreation Master Plan, which was created

in 2023 to create a cohesive strategy to support and improve recreational facilities and provide greater opportunities for residents in all areas of town. The plan was created by noted land use architect Chris Huntress, who has extensive experience in recreation.

The Town used \$240,000 in funding from the American Recovery Plan Act to

build the playground.

The project team included Huntress Associates of Andover, which designed the playground; Desmond Landscape Contractors of North Andover, which completed site preparation; and outdoor recreation supplier M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc., of Medway, which performed installation.

Salisbury Board of Health Amends Fee Schedule to Match Applications

By Greigh Cloward, Reporter

SALISBURY – The Salisbury Board of Health met on June 3, 2025 to amend the town's fee schedule to match the wording and costs on their current applications. Among the list were eight suggested corrections for four different fee sections. These include septic, habitability, food establishment, and dumpster permits and costs. To clarify, the actual price wasn't changed for any fees; only the information on the fee schedule was amended to align with applications.

Out of the eight, the proposed changes that prompted the most debate were to food establishment plan reviews. On the application, for a full service plan review of smaller operation mobile and static food establishments, it states that the costs are \$150 and \$250, respectively. Although people have been paying these prices for a long time, the fee schedule was never changed to match them. Instead, it stated the old costs of \$100 and \$150, respectively. This brought up questions from multiple Board of Health members as they were wondering: What prompted these price changes? When were these adjustments made? One member speculated the costs were amended due to the fact that plan reviews require a great amount of work hours, causing the town to have to raise prices of plan review fees to pay their workers adequately. This conclusion was ultimately agreed upon by the six Board of Health members.

Though, they couldn't pinpoint the exact date these adjustments were made as there

was no record or documentation of changes. In the end, there was a unanimous decision among all six Board of Health members to amend the fee schedule to match the plan review application, preventing further confusion, and to keep this price change as one said, "it is a reasonable price for the man hours required".

Another one of the eight amendments to the fee schedule, encouraging debate, was to the section containing the soil evaluation fees when replacing septic systems (ground water test).

The proposed change was to write that the fees apply to "per proposed lot" instead of "per lot". As said by a Board of Health member, this is to prevent future misunderstanding as someone could have one lot divided into ten smaller lots with ten different septic systems. One member suggested that the fee says "per proposed septic system" to further elaborate this idea. This member's suggestion was accepted and the amendment was unanimously voted in by all six Board of Health members.

Other minor amendments that were proposed include changes to the wording on the fee schedule of the drain layers license, dumpster permit, habitability re-inspection fees, certificate of habitability, and a suggestion to combine the hotel and motel habitability application while eliminating that people have to pay extra for more than ten units. All motions were unanimously passed.

Learn more online at Salisbury Community TV & Media Center (SCTV - Channel 1073). ♦

Pink House Update: Party June 14th

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

PLUM ISLAND – In 1925, Gertrude W. Cutter bought land on the edge of the Great Marsh to build a house for her son, his wife and her grandson. The house has stood with the marsh as its backdrop for a century before being demolished on March 11 by its last owner, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

On Saturday, June 14, Pink House fans will gather to celebrate the iconic house's 100th birthday. at the Pink House Art Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at PITA Hall, 8 Plum Island Blvd.

Local artists will show and sell their paintings and photographs of the Pink House, with at least 15 artists expected to take part.

Gov. Maura Healey will cut the house's birthday cake at 3 p.m. She will be joined by state Sen. Bruce Tarr, a stalwart in the fight to save the house, and Bruce Stott, the last person to live in the Pink House. The event will also include short speeches to mark the occasion.

Organizers Sandy Tilton, a Supporters of the Pink House (STPH) board member, and artist Kathy Culbert led the planning for the birthday party. They were joined by STPH president Alison Odle, Kelly Page and other board members.

"The reaction and the eagerness of SO

many in this community to participate is wonderful!" Tilton wrote in an email. "I could not be prouder of the overwhelming support for this Centennial Celebration of our local icon, The Pink House!!"

For decades, the Pink House attracted the passions of artists and photographers, who were inspired by its simple beauty and marshland setting. Travelers often paused to capture it, while locals came to see it as a symbol of the area's character and charm.

A prolific photographer herself, Tilton wrote that the Pink House will continue to "inspire the artist in each of us," and serve as a reminder of how a community pulled together for what they hold dear.

"Remember, The Pink House forevermore -- those who fought to save it, those who did not. This place still matters."

The June 14 celebration is open to all and is expected to bring together people from across the region. With Gov. Healey joining the event, the day will serve as a fitting tribute to 100 years of Pink House history.

"It's going to be a great celebration!" said Rochelle Joseph, the longtime president of the STPH. "One hundred percent of this day is for the benefit the over 50 merchants and countless artists participating - and all who will enjoy it, whether locals or tourists."

"With over 50 establishments, including the Tourist Bureau, and countless artists involved, this region wide celebration inarguably shows that The Pink House was an integral part of this region, supporting our local economy, inspiring art, and drawing people here from all over the world," Joseph said.

Several area businesses are planning to offer Pink House specials. Stay tuned to The Town Common for more details. ♦

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Upcoming Events

AMESBURY

June 26 - July 4 - Amesbury Day - details to follow.

BOXFORD

June 16th public information session on the Town's exploration to join the North Shore Regional 911 Center. See story, Page 1.

GEORGETOWN

The Georgetown Republican Town Committee will meet at the library on Sat. June 14th. Join us! E-mail: GtwnRTC@gmail.com. *Lenny Mirra, Chair*
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HAVERHILL

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m. The agenda includes updates on the commission's activities and is available at the MVPC website www.mvpc.org. For questions or details of this meeting contact Jodie Furey at jfurey@mvpc.org

IPSWICH

Dow Summer Arts Program - Tues-Thurs 10 am - 12 p.m. JULY! www.ipswichmuseum.com.

WEST NEWBURY

Art in the Garden. It is a celebration of gardening as art and the six gardens (3 in West Newbury and 3 in Merrimack) will not only show the personal expression, skills, and energy of the gardeners, they will also have visual artists creating and musicians performing.

A special treat is a tour at one of the gardens of a 1710 house, built originally in Concord, MA and moved about twenty years ago to Merrimack. The tour is from 10-4 on June 14.

Advance tickets (\$25) are available at the West Newbury Food Mart, the West Newbury Memorial Library, and on Eventbrite. Tickets will be available on June 14 at the gardens and at the West Newbury Town Hall for \$30.

ROWLEY COUNCIL ON AGING

Wed., June 11th @ 1pm - Virtual Companion

What is a virtual companion and how can it help in keeping you healthy and save? Find out on Wednesday, Jun. 11th at 1pm for a presentation and demonstration by Care.Coach. Join the COA and Kendra Seavey, CEO of Care.Coach as she shares with us their interactive tablet. Care.Coach has partnered with researchers at the National Institute of Aging, Harvard Medical School, and Stanford University to develop their services. Please RSVP by calling the Rowley COA at 978-948-7637. The event will take place at the Rowley Public Library.

Tue., Jun. 17th @ 10am Electric Department

The Town of Rowley's Electric Department returns to present their popular annual safety workshop. Ray Gouley will be coming to the Rowley COA, 39 Central Street, Rowley, on Tuesday, Jun. 17th at 10am to discuss common electrical hazards at home and how to keep your household safe. Refreshments and door prizes will be included. Please RSVP by calling the Rowley COA at 978-948-7637.

Tue., June 24th @ 10am - Care for the Caregiver

The Rowley COA, Rowley Public Library and CareDimensions Learning Institute are excited to co-present, "Care for the Caregiver" at 10am on Tuesday, Jun. 24th at the Rowley Public Library. Please join us for a program for families and friends that will enhance one's understanding of the factors that affect caregiver stress, challenges to caregiving and ways to help caregivers care for themselves. Please register by calling the COA at 978-948-7637.

Wed., Jun. 25th @ 10am CaptionCall Presentation

CaptionCall is for people with hearing loss who need captions to use the phone effectively. Come check out how the phone and captioning service work, why there's no cost for the service, and what you can do to get CaptionCall and improve your conversations on Wednesday, Jun. 25th at 10am at the Rowley COA, 39 Central Street, Rowley. RSVP by calling the Rowley COA at 978-948-7637.

SALEM, NH - DOGS!

Join us for Woofstock 2025, a paw-sitively heartwarming event bringing together local animal rescue organizations and dog lovers for a day of adoptions, tail wags, and community fun.

Guests can meet adorable adoptable pups from beloved local shelters and rescue groups, learn more about fostering and adoption, and enjoy pet-friendly activities, giveaways, and pup cups. It's the ultimate celebration of compassion, connection, and second chances.

Saturday, June 14, 2025, PAW-ty starts at 12PM, Lake Park at Tuscan Village | 72 Rockingham Park Blvd, Salem, N.H.

SALISBURY

The next meeting of the Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack will be on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) at the Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Rd (Rte1), Salisbury, MA.

Our meeting will feature "Civil War Show & Tell," where members bring Civil War related items in to show everyone and tell the story.

Many in our group have relics, perhaps from some long-past ancestor, which is great, but members can also bring in a favorite book, show us and tell why it's a favorite book.

So, now is the time to dig out that item you'd like to share!

Your Listing!

Add your organization's event to our calendar. Send details to: editor@thetowncommon.com

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Here's a presentation you won't want to miss!

"Civil War Photojournalism: Selections from the MHSM Civil War Photo Collection"

What: Slide Presentation narrated by Medford

H.S.'s Jay Stott

When: June 26, 2025 @ 5:30pm

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others, but wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine! While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Tauran tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona, but pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in their way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

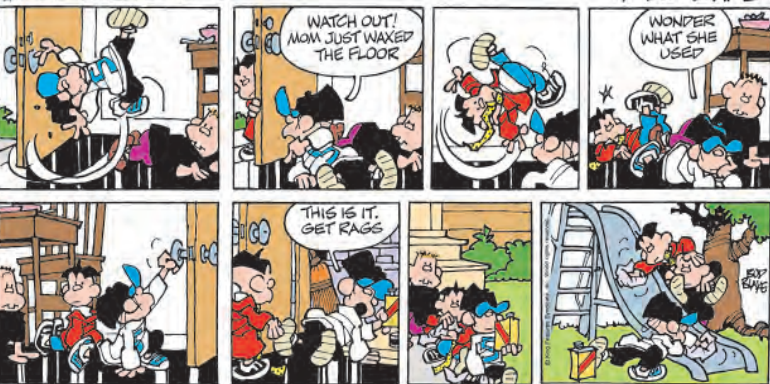
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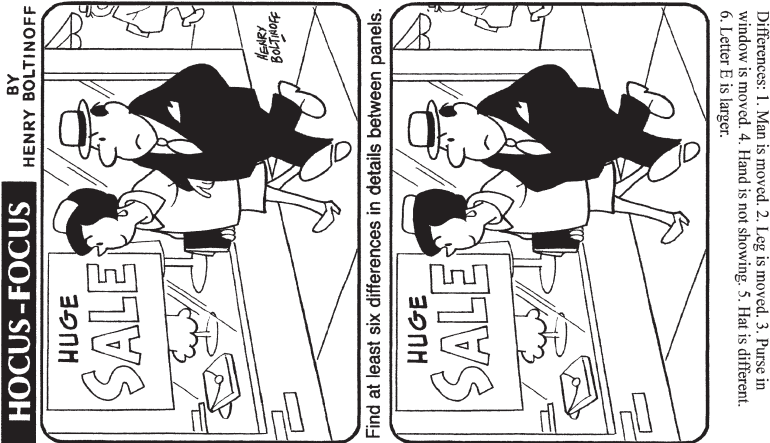
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27 Italia's capital
28 Very sad tune from the "Sir Duke" singer?
30 Stephen of the screen
32 Very big bird
34 Seattle-to-L.A. dir.
35 Jaded
36 Hazard encountered by the "Thank U, Next" singer?
42 By birth
44 Diatribe deliverers
45 Many a stencil user
48 Dog in "The Thin Man"
52 Consent (to)

- 53 "Lean on Me" singer makes twisting movements?
55 Pub potable
56 Unit of petrol
57 "@" signs
58 Total up
59 Cambodian money unit
61 Part of QED
63 Actor Carroll O'—
64 "Grease" singer's big country home?
69 Subway system named after the "Care-less Hands" singer?
72 UFO crew
73 Czech-German river
75 Infirmary-free
76 Leah's father, in the Bible
77 Ellipsis part
79 "That's someone — problem!"
81 Lacking hair
85 Webpage for devotees of the "Don't Speak" singer?

- 88 Spain's peninsula
90 Morays, e.g.
91 Creator of body designs
92 Splash, as cooking oil
93 Stanley Cup org.
94 Person painting a portrait of the "All My Ex's Live in Texas" singer?
96 Port in Iraq
100 Hawaiian strings, for short
103 Binge-watching aid, in brief
104 Part of R&R, in brief
105 "Toxic" singer dissects a sentence?
110 Soothe
112 Cut (off)
115 California city
116 "Hound Dog" singer's noisy pet dogs?
119 Totally ruins
120 Ornamental tuft on a hat
121 Funeral tunes
122 Set of nine
123 Dior dresses

- 124 Jean Arp or Max Ernst
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31 Key in
33 Dark
36 Snatch
37 Relay, say
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41 Map no.
43 Botch it up
46 Poets' Muse
47 Q-U linkup
48 Make up (for)
49 Redirect, as a train
50 Choir voice
51 Jetsons' dog
53 Actor Ferrell
54 "— in peace"
56 Hawaiian string, of a sort
59 Lisa of "Soap Talk"
60 ICU tubes
62 Painter's studio
63 Cartoon pic
64 Dijon dance
65 Off to — start (behind)
66 Insult in print
67 Toronto Maple —
68 Unleash on
70 Syngman of South Korea
71 Family VIPs
74 Make drunk
77 Contact by phone
78 Many a time
80 Fine fiddle
81 Singer Midler

MIXED-UP SINGERS

- 82 Constitution part establishing the executive branch
83 Whoppers
84 Pub missile
86 Final degree
87 Refusals
88 Hoppy brew, for short
89 Drove fast
92 Wandered
93 C.S. Lewis' fantasy world
95 Tony winner Judith
96 Back half of a 45
97 Chef's cover
98 Five plus two
99 Lift
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Notice is given that the Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of **Article XIII – Special Permits and Site Plan Review, as further provided in \$165-83** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws. The Public Hearing will be for Site Plan Approval of a proposed development converting a single-family home to three units of housing at 6 Tenney Street, Town Assessor's Map 10-16 in Zoning District RB.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 9 JULY 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**, in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027 by action of the General Court and signed by Gov. Healey. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following:
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86409974465> Meeting ID: 86409 974465
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The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 9 JULY 2025 meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at www.georgetownma.gov by choosing Cable TV option. Full and complete copies of the above-cited Site Plan application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov or by clicking here: https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/index.php#outer-4033

Any person interested in being heard on this application needs to appear at the time and place designated, herein. Please note that written correspondence will be accepted and read into the record of the hearing if it were received before Noon on the day of the hearing. Persons needing special accommodations may send an eMail to FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated February 12, 2019 from Jason Kahan and Olga Bassa to Enterprise Bank and Trust Company recorded with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37327, Page 411, the undersigned Enterprise Bank and Trust Company being the present holder of said mortgage, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at:

12:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 24, 2025

upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 23 Sagamore Lane, Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts shown as Lot 6 on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Weathered Walls in Boxford, Massachusetts" Developer Amberwood Development LLC, 7 Amberwood Lane, Boxford MA 01921 drawn by Eastern Land Survey Assoc., Inc. Christopher R. Mello P.L.S. 104 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960, said Plan being dated March 3, 2010, revised on June 14, 2010 and further revised on October 18, 2010 and recorded with the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 428, Plan 96, and containing 101,259 s.f. +/- (2.3245 acres) according to said Plan.

Subject to the Declarations of Common Scheme Restrictions dated March 24, 2014, recorded with said Deeds in Book 33181, Page 313; and Declaration and Bylaws of the Weathered Walls Homeowner's Association dated March 24, 2013, recorded with said Deeds in Book 33818, Page 318.

Together with the right to pass and repass over Sagamore Lane as shown on the above- referenced Plan for all purposes for which ways are used in the Town of Boxford, but reserving to the Grantor the fee in Sagamore Lane in its entirety.

Subject to an Order of Conditions dated July 7, 2014, DEP file # 114-1187, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 34652, Page 276; and subject to an Order of Conditions dated March 21, 2011, DEP file #114-1111, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 30418, Page 169.

Subject to all easements and restrictions of record as the same are now in force and applicable.

For record title, see deed recorded immediately prior hereto.

The above-described premises shall be subject to all easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$15,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the time and place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

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SHIP SCULPTURE

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Last week, Stephan with Mayor Sean Reardon and other dignitaries cut the ribbon, officially welcoming Sail Trace to its new home.

Born in Springfield, NY, Stephan works in

sculpture and mixed media. He often uses humor and wit to look at everyday objects "not as metaphors,...but [as] facts," stated his web site, aarontstephan.com.

"I am really excited about this project," he said at the time of the commission.

The budget for the sculpture was \$75,000, which came from a grant.

The committee, which made the decision after interviewing the five finalists, was composed of Peter Carzasty, Paula Estey, Katherine Moran, Shanna Sartori, Cynthia Schartman, Kim Turner and Nichole Whelan. city Planning Director Andy Port, who oversees the entire park development, coordinated the project. ♦

FERRIES

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remains an issue for two of our member communities, Newburyport and Salisbury, that sit upon the coast," the request for proposal stated.

In the 17th century colonial era, ferries were used for transportation along the river, but none exist today. There is only private charters and tour boats, which do not alleviate the congestion. And none of these vessels offer green solutions.

The plan is to have several stops between the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport, serving Groveland, Merrimac, Amesbury, West Newbury and Salisbury. MeVa would complement the ferries with seasonal bus routes among the marinas and public landings on both banks of the river.

This service is new to MeVa and will provide important connections with its buses, the RFP stated.

The ferries, once in operation, will provide seasonal alternative transportation to

destinations along the Northshore seacoast, relieve major traffic congestion and the burden of excessive parking fees at local shore towns and create a platform for local passengers to experience the history, value and environment that make the Merrimack River one of the state's most important resources.

Copies of this RFP document, and any subsequently issued addenda, may be obtained through MeVa's website at <https://mevatransit.com/procurements>. ♦

DPW DEPARTURE

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Wayne's leadership DPS made significant progress to the City's infrastructure. He oversaw the implementation of the Street and Sidewalks plan, with an attention to increasing pedestrian safety. He also guided our Water Division and Sewer Division's efforts to improve resiliency," Mayor Sean Reardon said.

In his resignation letter, Amaral wrote, "My two-plus years here in Newburyport has been an amazing experience working around such a strong DPS team of hard-working and dedicated individuals. My staff has allowed me to succeed, and I am very proud to have worked alongside every one of them. The support I have

also received from many residents, the mayor, and city council members allowed me to lead the department into the future."

Amaral has been appointed as director of public works in another municipality but will stay with the City until the end of June. ♦

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