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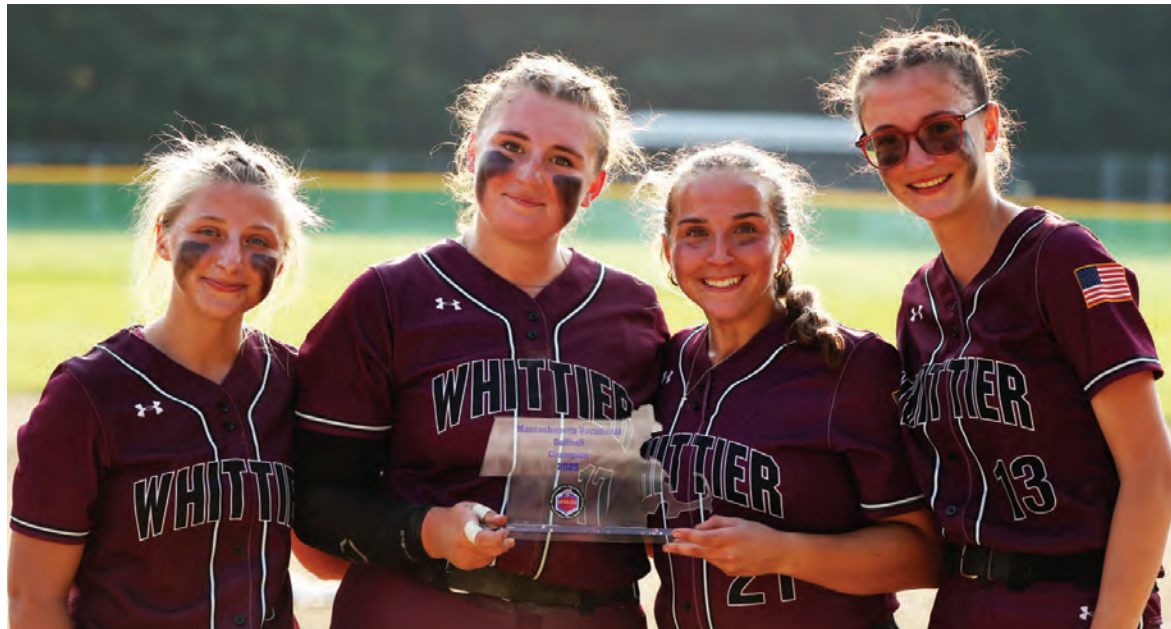
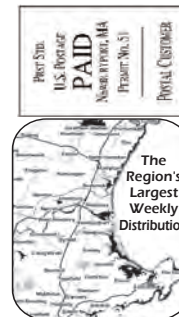
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Wildcats Captains with the 2025 Massachusetts Vocational Softball Championship Trophy

Left to right: Ainsley Rousseau, Kayden Ouellette, Kaylee Habib, Cali Moore - Photo: Peter McClelland

Whittier Tech won the Vocational State Championship 5-1 vs Greater Lawrence Tech at Whittier



Jo Ann Simons and Steven Rosenthal at the YMCA of the North Shore in Beverly  
(Photo provided by Northeast Arc.)

## Steven P. Rosenthal's Gift Continues to Give Free Swim Lessons Across North Shore and Cape Ann through Northeast Arc's Saving Lives Swim Program

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**REGIONAL** – It is summer, when families love to head to the beaches and pools. For safety, every child, whether he or she have disabilities or not, should know how to swim.

Northeast Arc, a not-for-profit organization that helps children and adults with disabilities and autism become full participants in the community, has launched a new swim program aimed at reducing the risk of childhood drowning across the North Shore and Cape Ann.

Through the Saving Lives Swim Program, Northeast Arc now offers free

swimming lessons to children 6 months and older enrolled in the agency's Early Intervention Program.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more children ages one to four die from drowning than any other cause of death. The risk is greatest among children with autism; according to a 2017 study by Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, children with autism are 160 times more likely to die from drowning than other children.

"Learning how to swim is a critical part of childhood development, and important

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## 'Remembering the Women Who Raised America'

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** – A new interpretative sign was dedicated last week on Juneteenth to honor Black domestic workers who worked historically in Newburyport, with special recognition given to Caroline C. Cottrell. The title of this interpretative sign was "Remembering the Women who raised America."

The ceremony was hosted by the Newburyport Black History Initiative (NBHI) marking the 12th plaque sign installed by the group to inform residents and visitors about the city's Black history. The sign stands on Green Street across from the Newburyport Police Department.

Cottrell, a former nanny and domestic worker for the Morrill family, helped raise Gayden W. Morrill, who would become one of Newburyport's most venerated mayors.

Dr. Cyd Raschke, NBHI co-founder, led the ceremony on the history of Black domestic labor in the city, highlighting the critical role Black women played in Newburyport households after the Civil War. By 1900, nearly 40 percent of Black women in the city worked as domestic servants.

Their workdays often lasted from 12 to 18 hours, seven days a week, Raschke said. And they were required to wear a long white coverup that identified them as household servants.

These women cleaned,

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## Newburyport Lantern Festival Returns to Bartlett Mall this Weekend

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** – The Newburyport Lantern Festival will be held this Saturday, June 28, at Bartlett Mall. Come launch a lantern in honor of a memory or hope for the future.

The annual festival, which promotes ovarian awareness cancer, begins at 6:30 p.m. with the decorating of the lanterns. There will be materials on hand for decorating, and calligraphers can help write a special message to include on the floating lantern.

The floating of the lanterns on the pond will begin at 8:30 p.m.

There will live music, and participants are encouraged to bring a chair and/or blanket.



You may want to make it a picnic.

The organizers ask that you consider making a \$10 donation for ovarian cancer awareness.

If it rains Saturday, the festival will be held on Sunday.

The festival is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the cultural councils of Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury. ♦

## Legally Blonde: The Musical

**NEWBURYPORT** – The Firehouse Center for the Arts is thrilled to announce its summer Mainstage production of Legally Blonde: The Musical, running July 4 through 27, 2025. With book by Heather Hach and music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, this high-energy musical comedy promises to dazzle audiences with its heart, humor, and contagious pink power.

Performances will take place at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, Newburyport, MA, on Fridays at 7PM, Saturdays at 2PM and 7PM, and Sundays at 2PM.

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Tyler DeCouto as Elle Woods  
(Photo by Christine Kattar)

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# Remembering the Women Who Raised America

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cooked, and raised their employers' children. They wore high-collared, long-sleeved white uniforms to mark their role. Though employers often called them "part of the family," they were usually underpaid and financially dependent, Raschke said.

Amy Mazur with Hand in Hand, a firm that supports domestic workers, said domestic workers like Cottrell provided care, labor and resiliency for families like the Morrills. "Caroline was not just an employee, she was essential component of the Morrill family household."

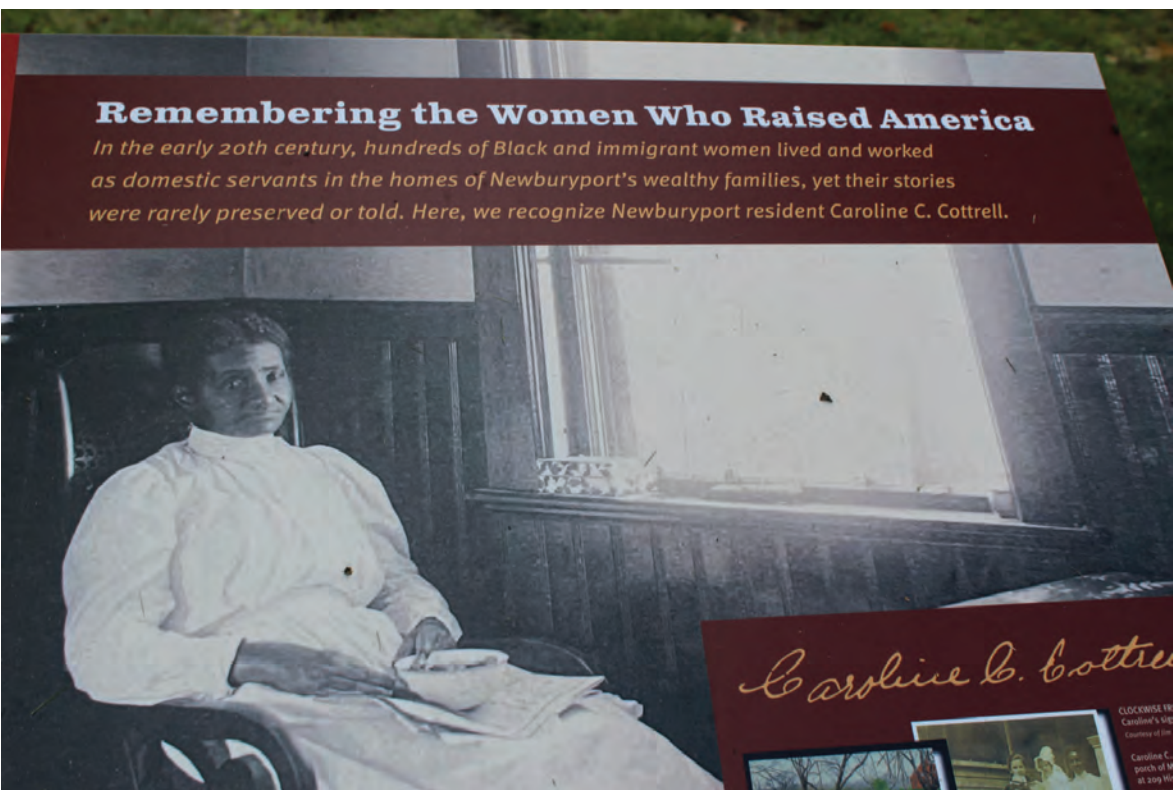
She said many domestic workers today are immigrants and live in fear they will be deported.

Cottrell was born into slavery in North Carolina in 1856. After the Civil War, her family moved to Chattanooga, TN. There, she likely met Mary Hamilton, who later married banker Frank F. Morrill.

When the Morrills settled in Newburyport, Cottrell joined them as a live-in servant at 209 High St. She worked for the family for many years and helped raise their son, Gayden. Cottrell was literate and maintained a regular correspondence with her family in the South.

As mayor from 1932 to 1935, Gayden Morrill oversaw the construction of Newburyport High School. He remained devoted to Cottrell throughout his life. Dr. Raschke suggested her influence may have helped shape the mayor's success.

The interpretative sign was written by Dr. Kabria Baumgartner and senior city planner Jordie Vining. It notes that Cottrell sent



The interpretative sign on Green Street. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

letters and photos to her family, including a postcard in 1913 that was preserved in a family Bible. A photo she mailed home showed her with fellow servant Maggie Reardon, described as her best friend.

Cottrell died of stomach cancer on her 62nd birthday. Her funeral was held at the Old Baptist Church, now Mission Oak Restaurant not far from her interpretative sign. S was buried in the Morrill family plot in Amesbury.

After her death, the Morrills sent her belongings and \$2,500 in Liberty Bonds to her brother in Tennessee. Her savings,

the equivalent to more than \$50,000 today, reflected decades of careful saving.

Cottrell's legacy now stands publicly recognized in the city where she lived and worked, thanks to the continued support

of the NBHI and the city of Newburyport. To learn more about the NBHI, visit <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/planning-development/newburyport-black-history-initiative>. ♦

## SWIM LESSONS

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to ensure the safety of children around bodies of water," said Anne Dolan, director of Northeast Arc Early Intervention. "Through swim classes, children can acclimate to the water while building comfort and confidence, while parents can learn about the importance of supervision for drowning prevention."

Thanks to a gift from Marblehead philanthropist Steven P. Rosenthal, Northeast Arc created the Saving Lives Swim Program in 2017.

"When Steve established the Changing Lives Fund, he challenged Northeast Arc to find new and innovative ways to

support our families, and I believe the Saving Lives Swim Program does that," said Jo Ann Simons, president and CEO of Northeast Arc. "By making swimming lessons more accessible, we can ensure that families are able to safely enjoy the water all summer, and year-round."

Swimming classes are for children enrolled in Early Intervention and will be offered at the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore, as well as multiple locations of the YMCA of the North Shore and YMCA of Metro North.

Early Intervention services are offered free of charge to all families, and parents can self-refer by visiting [earlyintervention.ne-arc.org](http://earlyintervention.ne-arc.org). ♦



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## After Cancer and Loss – One Grandmother’s Hopeful New Chapter

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## AMESBURY: City Wide Yard Sales & Downtown Sidewalk Sales

The 2025 Amesbury Days will be bringing back the city wide yard sale and expanding it to include sidewalk sales at local businesses! This event will take place on Saturday June 28th, with a rain date of Sunday June 29th from 8am-3pm.

## DANVERS: Ira Subaru \$41K Donation to Habitat for Humanity

Ira Subaru, located on Andover St. in Danvers, will presented a check totaling \$41,038 to the Essex County Habitat for Humanity on last week. Additionally, Ira Subaru employees rolled up their sleeves by volunteering their time to help build a home for a well-deserving family selected by Habitat for Humanity.

“Habitat for Humanity does a phenomenal job of helping families get a leg up on owning their own place to live, and we’re proud to support such a worthwhile organization, not only financially but also with our employees’ volunteering their time to help construct the home,” said Roscoe Robinson, General Manager of Ira Subaru.

“Supporting local communities is part of our DNA, and our donation represents Ira Subaru and Group 1’s legacy of positive change that will benefit future generations.” ♦

## GROVELAND: QUICK UPDATES!

BY MICHAEL DEMPSEY  
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN COMMON

### Recycling

New 96-gallon recycling carts were approved in the 2026 budget by the Annual Town Meeting. The wheeled carts will make it easier to get recycled materials to the curb each week, keep the materials dry and contained, and encourage more recycling. The Trash and Recycling Committee emphasized that the more we recycle the more we save on our trash disposal. The Town Administrator, Rebecca Oldham, announced at a recent Select Board meeting that she expected distribution of the containers to every household in town to begin in September.

### Dam at Salem Street

The dam and culvert that runs under Salem Street near the Washington Street and Salem Street intersection is failing. It has been considered a hazard for over 15 years by the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety, however no funds have been available to address it. Unfortunately, over the past year the culvert under the roadway has appeared to crack allowing water to weaken the headwalls of the outlet. The Groveland Highway Department has been monitoring the dam and culvert on a weekly basis to assure drivers that it remains safe to use the road. Over the past month our Town Administrator, Rebecca Oldham, obtained funding combined with our share of Chapter 90 funds to repair the leaking culvert. Repairs

include placing a sleeve in the existing culvert and reinforcing the walls of the outlet to prevent further degradation. Then the roadway will be repaved. The work requires review and a permit from the Conservation Commission along with comments from the state Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program since Meadow Pond behind the dam is protected habitat. This repair will provide continued safe passage over the road for at least five years until funding can be obtained to completely rebuild the passageway for Johnsons Creek as it flows under Salem Street. The repairs are expected to begin in July.

### Adopt-A-Space

The Groveland Conservation Commission approved its Adopt-A-Space policy at its May meeting. The program will enhance the town's aesthetics through community involvement in maintaining public spaces, particularly those spaces under the care, custody, and control of the Commission. Individuals, businesses, civic groups, and other organizations can participate. Examples of donations could include plantings or maintenance on trails, enhancements at trail entrances, installation of park benches or picnic tables, or garden spots along property roadways. The Commission has already signed donations for two locations at Veasey Park by Lovely Earth Gardening, a local landscaping company. Interested parties should contact the Commission at 978-556-7205 or check the town website at [grovelandma.com/conservation-commission](http://grovelandma.com/conservation-commission).

## ROWLEY: \$500,000 More for Bridge

Last week the Mass. Dept. of Transportation announced the earmark of \$500,000 (roughly \$33,333 linear per foot) to be spent on the replacement of the 15-foot long Glenn Street Bridge over Mills River.

“The bridge serves as an important connector for residents and emergency services,” said Patrick Snow, Highway Surveyor for the Rowley Highway Department. “We are grateful to Mass DOT’s Small Bridge Program for recognizing the importance of this project and for their continued commitment to

supporting the needs of small towns like Rowley.”

Rowley’s project is among 35 statewide to be selected in the latest round of funding this year, which is distributing approximately \$14.6 million this year to assist municipalities with bridges that are not eligible for federal aid but still require substantial repair or replacement. Federal law does not recognize structures with a span of less than 20 feet as bridges, making the 15-foot Glen Street bridge and other similarly sized bridges ineligible for federal aid. ♦

## NEWBURY: Open Space Online Survey

We will be closing our public feedback survey on JUNE 30th, 2025. If you have not yet filled out this brief survey, go to <https://tinyurl.com/surveynewbury>, no login required!

Your responses will help the Open Space and Recreation Committees build a new Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Newbury. Your input matters!

Though survey responses are most effective at this time, this won’t be your only chance to provide feedback. Look out for more public meetings regarding the Plan, or come join us at our Open Space Committee meetings on the third Tuesday of every month! <https://www.townofnewbury.org/open-space-committee> to visit our page for more information. ♦

## GEORGETOWN: Beaver Deceivers?

Caroline Kipling of Georgetown has offered to have Skip Lisle from beaverdeceivers.com install Beaver Deceivers at some of Georgetown’s problematic sites prone to flooding.

Caroline had reached out to the Georgetown Conservation Commission and was directed to consult the highway department’s Peter Durkee regarding his activities directing beaver trapping and other activities (Durkee addressed the selectboard two week ago about trapping of beavers and other beaver activities).

In an e-mail shared with The Town Common, Caroline shared her frustration with trying to get a response to this issue, noting in part: “I can honestly say I never thought it would be so difficult to give away money. Beaver Deceiver is a win-win situation, for the town and for wildlife.”

Caroline expressed frustration with not receiving an answer from/cooperation from the town, and seeks intervention by the board of selectmen in this matter. She hopes less-lethal solutions can be employed. ♦

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From left, MERMS Civics Teacher Joan McWhorter, and Grade 8 students Katelin Aloï, Erika Kozyrev and Kendall Shanks. (Courtesy Photo)

# Manchester Essex Regional Middle School Grade 8 Civics Students Present Projects at State Civics Showcase

**MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA**  
Two groups of Grade 8 students from Manchester Essex Regional Middle School (MERMS) attended and presented projects at the State Civics Showcase at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute in Boston last month. Each spring, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) celebrates the work of civics students in Grades 8-12 across the state. Through "science fair-style" showcases, students have the opportunity to share their civics projects with local community advisors and each other, receive feedback on their work, and be recognized

for their civic engagement. MERMS students Kaitelin Aloï, Kendall Shanks, and Erika Kozyrev — who have been working on their projects since the spring — attended the event. Aloï's project focused on loneliness in the senior population and the subsequent negative emotional and health effects. As part of her project, she reached out to the Manchester Council on Aging and organized an event at her church where young people colored seashells with seniors. Shanks and Kozyrev researched the detrimental effects of fast fashion on our environment. They raised awareness of the

issue through social media and created a petition to show support for their policy goal of getting sustainable fashion companies tax incentives. They also reached out to Rep. Tram T. Nguyen to support her work to pass legislation to reduce fast fashion in our society. Keynote speakers at the event included Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler and former state legislator Adam Hines. All students had the opportunity to present their Student-Led Civics Projects at MERMS's Local Civics Fair on June 12th, which was hosted by their Civics Teacher, Joan McWhorter.



The three new tennis courts at the Nock Middle School. Two more can be seen in the distance. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

# Newburyport Builds New Tennis Courts

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** — This city's high school tennis teams have gone from famine to feast with the construction of three new courts beside the Nock Middle School. With two that were already there, Newburyport has moved from having only three courts, when at least four were required to host championship matches. Newburyport High School is a perennial tennis power in the state with strong boys' and girls' teams and have produced players that go on to play in college. Recognizing the needs for more and better courts, the Community Preservation Commission and the City Council last year approved the Newburyport schools' request for \$474,560 to build the new courts on

an underutilized softball diamond at the middle school. The school district also wanted to have more courts for practice and use in physical education. The plan, outlined for the CPC, is to build a viewing stand between the existing and proposed courts for spectators. Supporters raised more than \$21,000 to help fund the new courts. More than 100 individuals and organizations contributed \$21,000 to the Friends of Newburyport Tennis. Rosemary Turgeon and others organized a GoFundMe page for donations. The Institution for Savings donated \$2,500, the Joy Nest gave \$1,145 and the grandparents of one team member contributed \$1,451. ♦

# GROVELAND TOWN MEETING NOTES

BY MICHAEL DEMPSEY  
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN COMMON

About 120 residents gathered at the Elmer Bagnall School on Monday April 28 for our Groveland Annual Town Meeting. The meeting started at 6:30 pm as scheduled without a plea for residents to come to meet the quorum of 100. The warrant was a dense tome of 48 articles including several wordy town bylaw changes. Amazingly all 48 articles passed, and the meeting ended at 9:19 pm, a mere 2 hours and 49 minutes. The most notable approval was for the MBTA Law or 30B zoning overlay district which passed with barely a whimper of dissent. Due to the excellent explanation offered by Planning Board chair, DJ

McNulty, most residents' questions about it seemed to be answered. Additional bylaw changes that were enacted included a town administrator bylaw, changes to the Council on Aging bylaw, changes to the Community Preservation Act bylaw and changes to the Battery Energy Storage Systems bylaw. New bylaws were also enacted for Accessory Dwelling Units, Driveways regulations and Flood Zones. Residents later passed a \$24.2-million-dollar budget and a \$44-million-dollar water filtration plant funded by rate payers with no dissent. Moderator Joe Damore attributed the smooth meeting to thorough preparation, including our Groveland Cable News (GCN) coverage, his community TV shows on the issues, and a display of articles on screen at the front of the meeting stage.

Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham thought the meeting went so smoothly because there was a lot of preparation and clear communication ahead of time. the messaging around MBTA compliance emphasized the practical benefits and made it clear that this was a state mandate we needed to address. That helped frame the article as a necessary step rather than a controversial choice. Overall, Oldham felt like residents trusted the work that had gone into all the proposals, which contributed to the smooth discussion and broad support at the Town Meeting.

When discussing finances, some residents were dismayed that a full budget handout wasn't provided at the meeting. They requested a standard handout be available in 2026 rather than this year's condensed version. Overall, the positive and cooperative tone of the meeting helped set expectations for a productive night.

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June 28 - City-Wide Yard Sale and Downtown Sidewalk Sales 8 am - 3 pm  
June 28 - 5K Run/Walk 10AM Start  
June 29 - Pancakes at The Pines - Town Park Pines in the grass skating rink area. 8 - 11 am, \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and kids.

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**SALEM, MASS.**  
Alert Alert for illegal immigrants/aliens: The House of Seven Gables is hosting an event by attorney Losmin Jimenez Gregory. "Safety Planning for Immigrant Families" is what they're calling it. Their graphic includes what appears to be two lesbian couples and two homosexual couples, and they urge folks to attend on Wednesday, June 25, 6:00 p.m. at their Shetland Park location at 27 Congress Street, Buildign One, #1109, in Salem, MA. The event is free, but registration is requested at: <https://7gables.org/event/safety-planning-for-immigrant-families/>.

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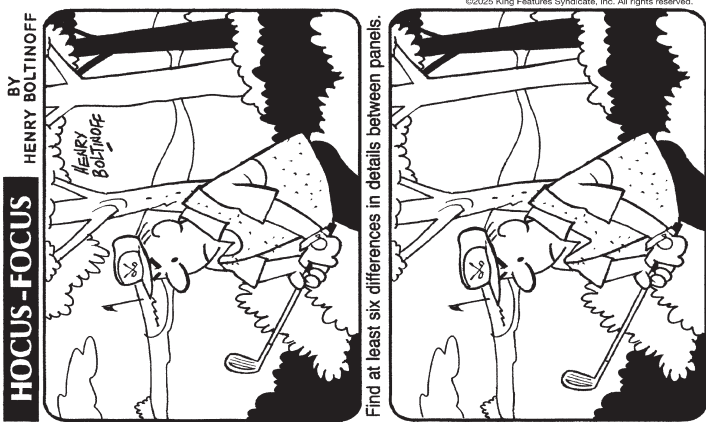
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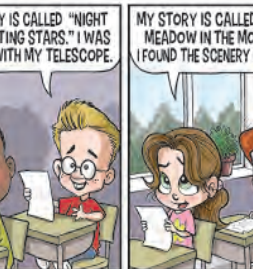
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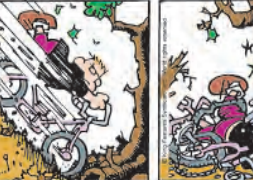
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Family and friends rally around as you confront an unexpected challenge. Some plans will have to be changed until all the fuss and fluster settle down.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your creative gifts find new outlets for expression this week. Someone (a Libra, perhaps) has ideas that you might find surprisingly appealing. Pay attention!

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll soon be able to restart your delayed travel plans. In addition, a financial matter you thought was closed could suddenly reopen. Be prepared to take swift, decisive action.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A romantic relationship takes an unexpected turn. You might be confused about how to react. It's best not to be rushed into a decision that you're not ready to make.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Don't let your pride stand in the way of resolving an emotionally painful situation. This is a good time to deal with it and let the healing finally begin.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem that you've been handling so well suddenly spins out of control. Don't panic. You can rely on your good sense to help you restore order.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) Wearing rose-colored glasses won't solve a thorny personal situation. You need to take a hard look at what's happening, then act according to the facts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun!

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family matters dominate the week. Health problems raise concern but soon prove to be less serious than you had feared. Things start easing up by the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Most situations are calmer now, both at home and on the job. But there's still a chance that a co-worker will set off another round of unpleasantness.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) There's no need to fish for compliments from an admirer who can't say enough nice things about you. Meanwhile, the holiday weekend bodes well for family gatherings.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to compete, both on a personal and a sporting level, and you hate to settle for anything less than excellence.

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## Summer Concert Series on the Rowley Library lawn

### First event Wednesday, July 2, 6:30PM

The Rowley Public Library is offering a Summer Concert Series: live family-friendly music events Wednesday evenings in the month of July. Bring a blanket or chair and relax on their beautiful front lawn while enjoying great local musicians. Free frozen treats will be provided.

Wednesday, July 2, 6:30PM: The Paul

Speidel Jazz Quintet (jazz)

Wednesday, July 9, 6:30PM: Ask Alice (rock)

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30PM: Rooster Sauce (pop and rock classics)

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30PM: Stomp N' Holler (country/country rock)

Get more information on these events and

more at [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar), or call 978-948-2850. In case of inclement weather, the events will be held indoors. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Rowley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Newburyport Bank Announces Promotion of Tim Regan to Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer

**NEWBURYPORT** – Newburyport Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of Tim Regan to Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer.

Since joining Newburyport Bank, Tim has played a critical role in serving the needs of local businesses across the Bank's Massachusetts and New Hampshire footprint. In his new role as Vice President, Tim will continue to manage and grow a diverse portfolio of commercial lending relationships, offering a full suite of business financing solutions including term

loans, lines of credit, commercial real estate mortgages, and deposit products.

Tim brings six years of experience in the commercial banking industry. He holds a degree in Accounting from the University of Alabama, where he developed a strong foundation in financial analysis and strategic lending. Active in the Greater Newburyport community, Tim has volunteered with the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce's Finance Committee and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Custom House

Maritime Museum through April 2025.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow with Newburyport Bank and continue supporting the businesses that make our region so vibrant," said Regan. "It's an honor to be part of a team that values relationships and service above all else."

A resident of Newburyport and a passionate supporter of University of Alabama athletics, Tim enjoys connecting with the community both professionally and personally. "Roll Tide," he adds with a smile. ♦

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