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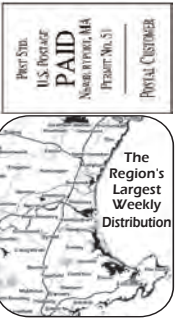
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L-R: Vice Commander Joe Soucy, Adjutant Nick Feitz, Ricky DiChicco, Vice Commander Steve Denno, and Commander Doug Dawes

Georgetown Rene J. Gagnon American Legion Post #211 Sponsored Ricky DiChicco for Boys State Program

GEORGETOWN – Georgetown's Rene J. Gagnon American Legion Post #211 sponsored Georgetown resident Ricky DiChicco as their candidate to the 2025 Massachusetts Boys State program run by the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion.

The program is committed to helping students develop a strong sense of civic responsibility while providing them with the tools to contribute to their communities. Seminars on local and state government along with recreational activities are provided during the event.

Ricky recently met with Post #211 officers including Commander Doug Dawes, Vice Com-

manders Joe Soucy and Steve Denno, and Adjutant Nick Feitz and shared his experience.

"Boys State was such an eye opening experience. I truly believe that the friends I made during that week will last the rest of my life," Ricky related.

"I met many influential and important people and learned so many valuable lessons about topics I didn't expect," he explained. "I want to become an architect and being able to connect the dots between my future career and the lessons being taught at Boys State took a few days, but when I did I realized just how important this trip was. I can't thank you enough for sponsoring me to go on this amazing trip." ♦



Yankee Homecoming Long-Time Organizer Dennis Palazzo (second from left) with Domenic, Charlie, and Katja of Metzys' - PHOTOS PAGES 6 - 7

Smooth Sailing at Yankee Homecoming

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – In years past, when veteran Yankee Homecoming leader Dennis Palazzo came home from managing Yankee Homecoming, his wife would ask, "What is the drama today?"

This year, except for a couple of days of heavy rains, which postponed the bed race and the Beatle Juice concert, there was no drama for Ms. Palazzo to hear about. Yankee Homecoming that ended

last week came off without a hitch, he said last week.

Palazzo, who has helped direct the festival for decades, said, "It went so well, it was almost scary. Everything went so smoothly."

Even 90-degree temps did not interfere with the nine-days of festivities.

After checking with the police and fire, public health and public works department, the conclu-

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Yankee
Homecoming

PARADE COLLAGE

Yankee Homecoming
photos are on
pages 6 & 7.

Rowley Library - School Clothes: Donate, Shop!

By Sarah Nicholson
Rowley Public Library Youth Services

ROWLEY – Back to school time is rapidly approaching, and there's nothing more costly than new clothes! Rowley Public Library and Striving for Sustainability have a solution for you; a free back to school clothing shop! From July 14th until August 29th you can drop off your gently used baby, children's and teen's clothing at the Rowley Public Library, 500 Wethersfield Street, or 41 Wethersfield Street.

There will also be a drop-off spot at Green Fest on August 9th.

Join us on August 30th from 11AM to 1PM for free

shopping! Please note, we are not accepting undergarments of any kind. Don't have anything to donate? Don't worry! You're welcome to come and shop regardless. ♦

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YANKEE HOMECOMING

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sion was the 2025 Yankee Homecoming was glitch free.

Asked what he attributed the success to, Palazzo joked that it must be his great planning. He actually gave credit to the legions of volunteers the festival takes. They start working on the next mid-summer event in April, he said.

The volunteers were “phenomena. They work so hard,” he said. The vendors and city staff were equally great.

Brittany Verville, the General Chair of this year’s event, thanked all who participated and wrote: “What a tremendous success our 68th year has been.”

To the volunteers, Verville wrote: “You are the heartbeat of this festival.” And to the generous businesses that make the festival possible, she wrote: “thank you for believing in this tradition and investing in its future.”

This year, there were a few changes. The Saturday night fireworks were cut back about 10 minutes because of a lack



With clipboard in hand, Dennis Palazzo makes a final round to check on vendors setting up shop (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

of funding. They still cost \$20,000, but that was down from \$30,000 in recent years.

Palazzo noted that some of the new events, like the five-year-old waiter/wait-

ress race, have grown in popularity. He said several entrants told him they had been practicing in their restaurants for weeks.

Starting in the Covid year, Yankee Homecoming launched a food drive with donation boxes at Dunkin Donuts and Market Basket. Palazzo said the food comes in all year and is delivered to three food banks, including one last week that went to the First Parish Food Bank in Newbury.

Some changes, like shortening the Sunday parade a few years ago, were not so well received. The route was cut back because at more than 2 miles it was too long for the marching bands and other

walking units.

“I got death threats,” he said. “The festival has to evolve.”

Asked why he continues to devote time and effort in helping manage Yankee Homecoming, Palazzo, who is a town health inspector and has other enterprises, said it is because of all the people he meets.

“I’ve made lifelong friends being with Yankee Homecoming that I would not have. It is fun,” he said.

And this year, he marched in the parade. He was the guy up front in the Dunkin Donut suit.

For more on Yankee Homecoming, visit yankeehomecoming.com/events.



Yankee Homecoming General Chair Brittany Verville greets friends at the parade.

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Rowley Council on Aging August Events

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Farmers Market Coupon Book
Income-eligible seniors may be able to participate in the Farmers Market Coupon Book Program. The coupons can be used at a variety of farmers markets in the region and are \$25 retail value. A list of participating farmers markets is also available at the COA. Applications can be picked up at the Rowley COA beginning on Friday, Aug. 8th. Please contact Ellie Davis at the COA if you have any questions. 978-948-7637

Monthly Podiatry Clinic
Appointments are still available for our monthly Podiatry Clinic on Wednesday, Aug. 13th beginning at 9am with Dr. Gregory Van Ess. Please contact the COA for details pertaining to self pay and insurance procedures

978-948-7637.
Trip to Cider Hill Farms
Join us as we take a trip to Cider Hill Farms in Amesbury, MA on Thursday, Aug. 14th. The van leaves the COA at 10:30am and will return at 2pm. Participants are welcomed to go blueberry picking for \$6. Lunch is available for purchase at the farm. To save your spot on the van, please call the COA at 978-948-7637.

History: Bob Bruseki
Learn about the rich history of our local area with history buff, Bob Bruseki, on Tuesday, Aug. 19th at 1pm at the Rowley COA. "Local History: North of Boston" is a fascinating presentation sure to enrich your knowledge of the area we call home. To register, please call the COA at 978-948-7637.

Nutrition Talk
"Nutrition Talk: Important Nutrients for Older Adults" will be presented by Leigh Hartwell, Registered Dietician from AgeSpan on Wednesday, Aug. 20th at 10:30am at the COA. Topics to be covered include vitamins and minerals, macronutrients, brain nutrition, recipe ideas, food versus supplements. Leigh will also answer any of your pressing nutri-

tional questions. To register, please contact the Rowley COA at 978-948-7637.

Dental Clinic
The COA will host a dental clinic on Thursday, Aug. 21st from 9am to 1pm by appointment at the COA. Adults will be able to receive a dental screening, cleaning, sealants, and fluoride treatment as needed. The service provider, Polished Teeth Dental, directly bills MassHealth. A self pay option is also available. Registration is required by contacting Polished Teeth Dental at 508-237-5378.

Crafting With Shells
Celebrate summer's coastal beauty in our "Crafting With Shells" led by Tammy W. on Thursday, Aug. 28th at 2pm at the COA. \$5 suggested donation and includes all materials. No prior crafting experience is necessary. Please register by calling the COA at 978-948-7637.

OPEN HOUSE!
Save the Date for the Rowley COA's Open House on Thursday, Sept. 18th from 2pm to 4pm on the Rowley Town Common. Learn about what we do and our community partners while enjoying great music, delicious food, and fun prizes! ♥

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73366088	SLD	51 Turkey Shore Rd	Ipswich, MA	AN6818	Detached	2	\$745,000	\$710,000
73402194	SLD	109 School St	Groveland, MA	AN6888	Detached	5	\$750,000	\$790,000
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Charlie Mendez (lower left) films the Dueling Piano sign-along at the American Legion park last Sunday. Don't miss the last free show of the season: 12 Barz Band - R&B Vocal & Horn - American Legion Park Sunday August 17 from 5 - 7 pm. Bring your lawn chair. Great food/drinks/wine for sale (and Lobster Rolls!).

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by Ida Wye

Plant Matters

A Visit to Veasey Park in Groveland

A visit to Veasey Park in Groveland with Dianne Plantamura and a group of volunteer weed annihilators including a woman from Washington state:

We last spoke with Dianne on March 5th 2025 about her leadership and involvement with Veasey Park and the creation of native plant gardens and a Miyawaki forest.

Dianne gave me a tour of all the plantings she and her volunteers have been creating over the years. I had an opportunity to spend a couple of hours in the most recent area protected by deer fencing and observe the progress of the Miyawaki forest, which is growing rapidly. The Miyawaki method is especially effective in cities to reduce heat islands and retain storm water. I also got to see the two American Elms and three Red Bud trees that were discussed in the March column.

I had been looking forward to meeting Dianne and to have an opportunity to better understand what this project entailed. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with Dianne, the volunteers, and I was impressed with their work. The area within the deer fencing includes the Miyawaki forest, a native perennial border, and a native plant demonstration garden that provides a template for homeowners who are interested in creating a more tra-

ditional appearing planting. This demonstration planting includes *Ilex glabra*, *Hypericum perforatum*, *Clethra alnifolia*, *Juniper horizontalis*, *Pycnanthemum muticum*, and *Verbena officinalis*.

I was especially impressed with the buffer strip that separates the Miyawaki planting from the pathway. It was humming with bees and absolutely gorgeous featuring *Chamaecrista fasciculata*, *Monarda punctata* and *Symphytotrichum pilosum*.

There are three Screech Owl nest boxes within this area. The screech owls did not arrive this year, but birds flock to this area because it is ideally nestled between forest and open field.

Volunteers are crucial for all maintenance and anyone who is willing is welcome. Sheet mulching is needed and people who are willing to place cardboard around plants and top-dress with wood chips to suppress the aggressive weeds are encouraged to participate on: August 22nd, September 5th, and September 12th.

I was curious about the water requirements and learned that these plants are sustained by town water (ongoing) and the past installation of an irrigation system. Initially, the young plants required weekly watering. This season, the plants have been irrigated only three times and only after midnight. In the March col-

umn, I described the collaboration with Groveland commissions and volunteers. There are other participants that deserve recognition. On August 12th and 13th, men from the Lawrence Correctional Facility will volunteer their labor. Later in Autumn, goats, sheep and one llama will devour the seasonal growth on the hillside meadow instead of gas powered machines.

Other service providers include: Willow Cheeley L.A., New England Wetland Plants, Collins Family Tree, and Comeck Brothers Irrigation.

Donations are welcome through the website <https://www.veaseypark.org/rewilding>.

I'd like to thank Dianne and the volunteers who warmly welcomed me and made time to share their experiences and the story of rewilding Veasey Park. ♦

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Upcoming Events

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GEORGETOWN

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ROWLEY

Thurs. Aug 14 7 p.m.
The Rowley Democratic Town Committee is holding its August meeting on Thursday, August 14 at 7pm at the Rowley Public Library. Representative Kristin Kassner will share a Beacon Hill update. If you wish to socialize, please arrive as early as 6:30pm to chat with your Dem friends!
The Rowley DTC provides a forum to meet like-minded people, learn about local issues and candidates, and be active participants in the political process. For any questions about our meetings or to be added to our monthly newsletter, please check out our website at www.rowleydemocrats.org.
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Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack

Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 PM

Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, MA

Our own John Manning will present the program for the August meeting: "Artillery in the Civil War from Ft. Sumter to Apomattox."

Technology rapidly advanced in the mid-nineteenth century and John will discuss both land and naval artillery, the good, the bad and the dangerous, which played important roles in the four-year conflict.

John Manning is currently the president of the CWRT of the Merrimack, but has been a life-long student of history, devouring books and learning about participants in historical events from both sides.

Join us for this program and bring a friend!

Also, we are excited to share that the Roundtable will celebrate its 30th anniversary at the September meeting with music, refreshments and a party atmosphere. <https://sites.google.com/site/cwrtmerrimack/roundtable-news>



Rowley Veterans Committee

Invites All to Attend Ceremony for American Flag Collection Box

ROWLEY – The Rowley Veterans Committee wishes to invite all to attend a dedication and recognition ceremony for the American Flag Collection Box installed outside the Rowley Police Station.

This box was secured due to the diligence of girl scout Jessica Garron, with the support of the Rowley Veterans Committee and the Rowley Highway Department (which prepared the concrete base/anchors for the box).

Residents from Rowley and all surrounding towns are invited to join the gathering outside the Rowley Police Station at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 16th. The box has been installed to allow for the proper collection and disposal of used American Flags. ♦



The Newburyport Art Band of Brushes present "Through Our Eyes" An exhibit celebrating the joy of painting outside. This exhibit and sale of their paintings will be held in the Newbury Town Library, 0 Lunt Street, Byfield, MA, thru September 6th.

The Band of Brushes is pleased to exhibit their Plein Air paintings. Participants include: Michele Champion, Grace Daly, Mary Francis, Fran Kaplan, Kris Munroe, Mary Parks, Mary Ann Varoski, and Mary Webber.

The Band of Brushes is a group of local artists who paint various landscape, sea-coast and garden venues together en Plein Air, a French expression meaning in the open air. For more information on the Band of Brushes go to their website: www.bandofbrushes.com

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Yankee Homecoming

Tides of Time: Preserving the Past, Charting the Future

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(Photos by Lonnie Brennan)

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22 Be incorrect

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Mosquito Spraying on the Coast

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

REGIONAL – From August 10 to 16, during daylight hours, residents in Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Rowley, and Ipswich can expect to see helicopters flying low. The flights are part of a mosquito control program aimed at reducing the insect population.
The timing follows late July high tides that flooded salt marshes, creating ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Eggs typically hatch quickly, with larvae peaking 7 to 10 days later. Officials say this week offers the best opportunity to treat the insects before they mature.
In 2024, Massachusetts recorded 19 cases of West Nile virus, significantly higher than the usual 10 to 12. While 2025 figures are not yet available, conditions suggest another active season.
The Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control District will apply VectoBac 12AS, a larvicide derived from natural bacteria. The product, sprayed directly over wetlands, targets mosquito larvae and some related aquatic insects. Officials say it is safe for people, pets, pollinators and wildlife.
For more information, contact District Director Barry Noone at 978-352-2800 or email at NEMMC@mass.gov.

Newburyport Art Presents
'30 Under 30,' Now through August 20

By Kelly Page
Gallery Manager, Newburyport Art

NEWBURYPORT – Newburyport Art (NAA) is proud to introduce 30 Under 30, a show featuring 30 artworks by local and regional artists under the age of 30! This show features a variety of media, including experimental film, mixed media, oil, acrylic and photography.
Join us for a free, opening reception on Saturday, August 9th from 4-6pm! The public is welcome to attend, meet some of the exhibiting artists, and enjoy light refreshments.
This show coincides with the Coming Home exhibition on view in the first floor Hills Gallery and upstairs in the Hartson Gallery.
Founded in 1948, Newburyport Art is dedicated to promoting and exhibiting members' work and to providing art education and access to the visual arts for the entire community.
The galleries are free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00am–5:00pm, Sunday (summer hours through August 17th) 10am-2pm and closed on Mondays. The ground-floor has an accessible entrance. More information, as well as an online gallery is available at newburyportart.org.
Thank you and I hope you're enjoying the beautiful weather!
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Town of Newbury Once Again Honored for
Excellence in Budget Presentation

NEWBURY – For the third consecutive year, the Town of Newbury is being honored for excellence in accounting and financial reporting.
The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognized Newbury for the FY2026 Town Report and Budget, a comprehensive 267-page document that explains the foundation of the Town's budget decisions.
The award is a significant achievement in governmental accounting and financial reporting, reflecting the commitment of a governing body and its staff to meeting the highest standards of governmental budgeting.
Awardees will have scored proficient in 14 categories based on the budget's ability to serve as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications tool.
The FY2026 Town Report and Budget includes a general overview, guiding goals and objectives, and clear explanations of spending priorities and outcomes.
"This award re-flects the hard work of our financial team, and the dedication of our select board, finance committee, and capital planning committee in developing sound financial policies," Town Administrator Tracy Blais said. "The budget presentation reflects meeting our residents' expectations that we be open and transparent with their tax dollars." ♦

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North Hampton Fire Rescue and Mutual Aid Partners Maintain Containment, Continue Multi-Day Effort to Fully Extinguish Brush Fire

NORTH HAMPTON — Interim Chief Jacob MacGlashing reports that the North Hampton Fire Department and mutual aid partners from three states have maintained full containment of a brush fire that has now entered its third day of active suppression work.

The fire, which began Thursday afternoon, Aug. 7, in a heavily wooded area near North Hampton School, burned approximately 5.4 acres before being brought under control.

Crews have now reduced the active hot spots to an estimated 1-2 acres, but deep-seated burning in tree roots and downed logs continues to require extensive labor.

Firefighters are rolling over large logs, digging out root systems, and using small water lines and hand tools to extinguish hidden embers. Heavy equipment is also in use, but most of the work remains manual.

While fire officials do not currently believe there is any risk of the fire breaching established containment lines, weather conditions have not been especially favorable, with high temperatures and winds. Crews have been working from roughly 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. each day in challenging heat.

Mutual aid resources have increased since the early days of the response, with additional support arriving from Massachusetts and Maine.

The New Hampshire State Forest Protection Bureau has been on scene daily, and approximately 30-40 firefighters are expected to return on Sunday for what is hoped to be the transition into the monitoring phase.

"Our firefighters and mutual aid partners have worked tirelessly for three straight days to keep this fire fully contained and reduce hot spots," said Chief MacGlashing. "While progress has been significant, the nature of this fire means we need one more strong push tomorrow before we can hopefully shift to a watch-and-monitor status."

The North Hampton Fire Department asks residents to continue avoiding the fire area so crews can work safely and efficiently. There have been no injuries reported.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the North Hampton Fire Department with assistance from the State Forest and Lands Department. ♦



The scene on Thursday, Aug. 7, when a brush fire broke out in a heavily wooded area near North Hampton School. (Photo Courtesy North Hampton Fire Department)

College Honor Lists

State University of New York Dean's List: Luke Van Galen of Georgetown	Rebecca Dinsmoreof Newburyport	Lizzie Metsker of Newburyport
Georgia Tech Dean's List: Ethan Downs of Newburyport	Sarah Eliot of Ipswich	Madison Micale of Georgetown
Brody Junge of Boxford	Joey Ellard of Boxford	Lilly Ragusa of Newburyport
New York Institute of Technology Dean's List: Ryan King of Hamp- ton, NH	Aidan Hoidal-Bui of Newburyport	Olivia Ribeiro of Georgetown
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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, 75 West Street, Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent filed for the Georgetown Water Department upgrades, and a new building within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712

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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for 96 North Street, a Notice of Intent for the Addition to an existing house on previous disturbed riverfront property.

Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712

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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting 27 Marlboro Road Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent for a proposed a addition on a Single-Family house within the altered area and within the 200 ft Riverfront located across North Street.

Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712

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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for 12 Jewett Street proposed demolition and removal of existing residential dwelling to construct a proposed 7- bedroom residential dwelling and associated activities within the 100-foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands.

Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712

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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for 91 Nelson Street proposed Removal of the remains 2 collapsed buildings and construction of a driveway in the 100-foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands outside the 75 Foot.

Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION

NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Project Description: Ipswich – Resurfacing and Related Work on Central and South Main Streets

Project File No. 605743

A Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Ipswich, MA.

WHEN: 6:30 PM, Tuesday, August 26, 2025

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with an update of the project and discuss the project schedule. An overview of the project improvements will also be presented. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of roadway corridor and intersection improvements on Central Street and South Main Street, from Mineral Street to County Street. Improvements include full pedestrian accommodations and on-road bicycle accommodations, intersection reconfiguration to revise the existing traffic patterns at North Main Street / Market Street (a.k.a. Market Square) and at County Street / Poplar Street. The project includes a new traffic signal system at Market Square, geometric modifications, stormwater drainage system upgrades, ADA/AAB compliant curb ramps and sidewalk, pavement rehabilitation, new signage and pavement markings along the corridor and at intersections. Landscape and streetscape elements that complement and enhance the historic character of the area will also be included in the project.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
8/13, 8/20

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Newburyport Towing Service, Inc. 27 S. Hunt Road, Amesbury, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that they will auction the following vehicles August 28, 2025 on the website http://sta.ibidsmart.com. The auction will end at 1:00 p.m. and buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after August 28, 2025 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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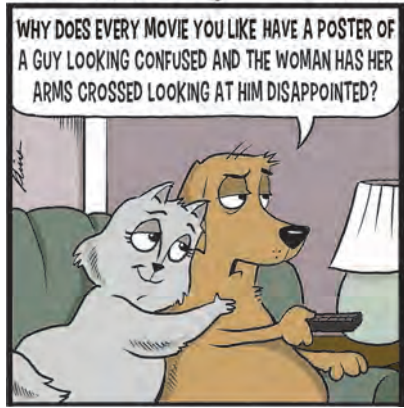
10. 2010 GMC Sierra 1500 VIN 1GTPKTE03AZ169798

11. 2002 Ford Ranger VIN 1FTYR10U12TA63871

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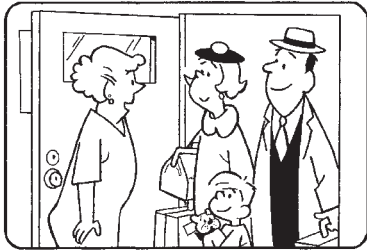
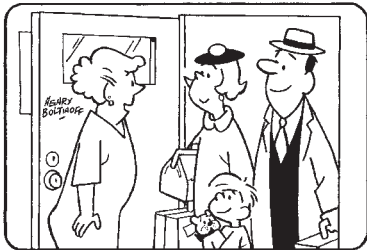
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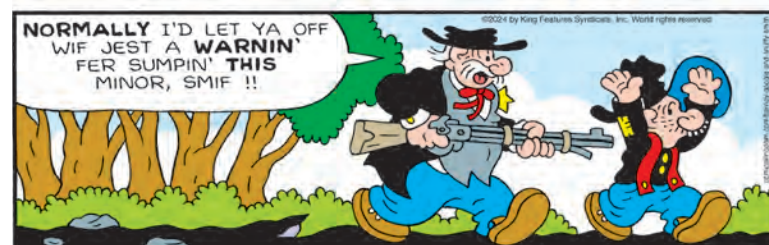
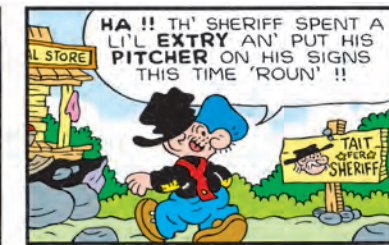
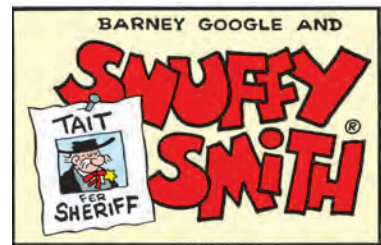
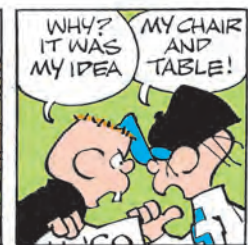
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Manchester-by-the-Sea and Essex Police Respond to Violent Mental Health Crisis

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA – The Manchester-by-the-Sea and Essex Police Departments responded jointly to an individual experiencing a violent mental health crisis.

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, at approximately 8:26 p.m., Manchester-by-the-Sea Police were called to a report of a disturbance at a home on Summer Street. A 911 caller reported that a family member was out of control.

Manchester-by-the-Sea Police requested assistance from Essex Police while officers were heading to the scene due to the potential danger.

Officers arrived at the home to learn from family members who had fled the home that an adult male inside was experiencing a mental health crisis and acting violently.

Tactically entering the home's garage to search for the adult male inside the home, officers were immediately attacked by a male with a claw hammer and rake.

Officers then used less-than-lethal weapons during the struggle. The adult male was eventually taken into custody without injury and transported to Beverly Hospital for evaluation.

A Manchester-by-the-Sea officer who was struck in the head with a hammer was taken to Beverly Hospital via Beaufort Ambulance, where he was treated

and released for a non-life-threatening injury.

Additional off-duty Manchester officers, including Chief Todd Fitzgerald and Lt. Mark McCoy responded promptly to the scene. Manchester-by-the-Sea and Essex Police have access to a co-response mental health clinician, though the incident unfolded before the clinician could arrive on the scene.

"I want to express my gratitude to all the responding officers for their quick and decisive action in a volatile situation that could have had a much more serious outcome. Our department emphasizes the importance of swift, coordinated responses in potentially dangerous situations, and I commend all the officers involved for their professionalism and bravery," said Chief Fitzgerald. "I want to thank Essex Police and the Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Department for their quick responses and assistance."

"It was alarming to see how violent the individual was on scene," said Chief Shamshak. "It was a potentially lethal situation. I credit the officers with using their training and tactics to preserve life."

The incident remains under investigation by Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Detectives. Chief Fitzgerald anticipates subsequent criminal charges may be filed.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Technology snafus tax your patience. But before you throw your computer or other bulky hardware into the trash, take a deep breath and call someone knowledgeable for help.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be too upset if your generosity goes unappreciated. These things happen, and rather than brood over it, you should move on. Meanwhile, a new friend could open up some exciting possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A loved one helps you get through an especially difficult emotional situation. Afterward, spend the weekend immersed in the restorative powers of music and the other arts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are pretty much in charge of what you want to do this week. However, it might be a good idea to keep an open mind regarding suggestions from people you know you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Another chance to shine (something always dear to the Lion's heart) might be resented by others. But you earned it, so enjoy it! The weekend brings news about a family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A suggestion that never took off could become viable again. Dust it off, update it if necessary, and resubmit it. In your personal life, a new relationship takes an "interesting" turn.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confronting a new challenge to your stated position could work to

your advantage. You can settle all doubts once you're able to present a solid defense that is backed up by equally solid facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You enjoy doing nice things for others, but this is a good time to do something nice for yourself as well. You might want to start by planning a super-special getaway weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some changes you feel like you need to make might be reasonable and appropriate. But others might lead to new problems. Think things through carefully before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good instincts usually keep the sure-footed Goat on the right path. What others might see as stubbornness on your part reflects your good sense of what is worth supporting.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A period of introspection could lead to some surprising conclusions and equally surprising changes involving a number of your long-held positions on several issues.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The financially practical Pisces might want to take a sensible approach to spending as well as investing. Being prudent now pays off later. In other news, a romantic situation moves into another phase.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of curiosity keeps you continually alert for what's new about people, places and things. You know how to stay on top of trends or even start them yourself.

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Rowley Opposes Whittier Shared Campus

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

HAVERHILL – Critics last year of approving a new building for Whittier Vocational Tech Regional High School often complained that not enough students from their towns and cities were being accepted.

According to a new report on the admissions from each of the 11 cities and towns, Rowley seems to be justified in its complaints. Whittier accepted eight students out of 14 who applied and eight are enrolled for the coming year. That's a 57 percent acceptance rate, down from 64 percent last year.

The winners this year are Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac and West Newbury. Each reported 71 to 75 percent acceptance.

Haverhill, which has the largest number of students attending Whittier, reported a 65 percent acceptance rate, up from 56 percent last year. Of its 437 students who applied this year, 285 were accepted and 227 were enrolled.

It was a similar story in Newburyport, the second largest city in the Whittier district. It reported 67 percent, up from 56 percent last year. For this year, 12 Newburyport students applied, eight were accepted and four are enrolled.

City/Town	2024-2025 Applied	2024-2025 Accepted	2024-2025 Waitlisted	2024-2025 Enrolled	ACCEPTANCE % 2024-2025	2025-2026 Applied	2025-2026 Accepted	2025-2026 Waitlisted	2025-2026 Enrolled	ACCEPTANCE % 2025-2026
AMESBURY	65	27	38	25	42%	56	34	22	25	61%
GEORGETOWN	20	18	2	11	90%	25	18	7	15	72%
GROVELAND	14	13	1	8	93%	15	11	4	10	73%
HAVERHILL	479	268	211	233	56%	437	285	152	227	65%
IPSWICH	23	15	8	13	65%	16	12	4	8	75%
MERRIMAC	19	12	7	9	63%	28	20	8	15	71%
NEWBURY	12	9	3	9	75%	13	9	4	4	69%
NEWBURYPORT	16	9	7	5	56%	12	8	4	4	67%
ROWLEY	11	7	4	3	64%	14	8	6	6	57%
SALISBURY	25	13	12	12	52%	33	21	12	16	64%
WEST NEWBURY	7	2	5	2	29%	7	5	2	3	71%
TOTAL	691	393	298	330	57%	666	431	225	333	66%

SOURCE: https://www.salisburyma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1166/fnews/2015-2025_whittier_regional_admissions_data_6.23.25.pdf

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