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CUSTOM HOUSE

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they have to leave.”

The inside joke, he wrote in the

museum’s newsletter, is that one of its capital projects may be to install soundproofing, most likely for the Discovery Center in the basement.

About a third of the attendees are young, up from about 5 percent in past years, Russell said.

Russell, who joined the Newburyport Maritime Society less than two years ago, set about to transform the staid old institution that has been celebrating the city’s maritime history and culture for 50 years.

Built in 1835, the Custom House promoted overseas trade and collected taxes on

imported goods that off-loaded on the Newburyport waterfront. It is not surprising that visitors can find information about Alexander Hamilton and tariffs, as well as how the young country opened trade with China.

The building lost its focus until 1968 when the Newburyport Maritime Society was founded and began to restore and manage the Custom House, which opened in 1975, making it one of the east Coast’s youngest maritime museums.

When Russell, who had headed the Nantucket Historical Assn. and the New Bedford Whaling Assn., arrived in Newburyport, he found a building that had structural challenges and was very short on storage space for equipment and historical exhibits. With the help of Dan Healey III, who donated \$100,000 to help fund, in part, the expanded Discovery Center, the Custom House found climate-controlled storage space in Amesbury and opened up space in the basement for the center.

In every corner of the basement there is an ever-expanding array of educational games, toys, demonstrations, photos, videos designed for youth to learn and play with the science involved in wind, waves, oceans and rivers.

River Valley Charter School student Peter Jackman created teeth that he inserted in whale’s jaw bone. There is a magic dolphin to ride and an iron brig, created by a volunteer.

About three months after his arrival, Russell met with Jim Keenan, director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Merrimack Valley, about forging a partnership with the Custom House. With just a handshake, the two agreed that the Boys and Girls Club would bring a busload of students daily to have their world broad-

ened while having fun at the Custom House.

A few weeks ago, the Custom House opened the back lawn overlooking the Merrimack River to families to enjoy for free. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rainy or not, youth can jump in a bouncy castle, sail in a pirate ship, do nautical crafts, explore the sensory water tank, steer a boat into port with a wheel from a real pirate ship, guide ships home from a working lighthouse and dress up as a sailor.

Sponsored by The Institution for Savings and Newburyport Cultural Council, the first Saturday drew 300 people. The following Saturday, 700 showed up.

“That was beyond my wildest dreams,” Russell said.

For next year, the Custom House plans to build a handicapped lift at the back door to make the museum and particularly the Discovery Center wheelchair accessible.

Russell attributes the success the Custom House is enjoying to the 120 volunteers and paid interns who provide most of the staff for the museum. Some of those volunteers bring tremendous expertise as curators, such as the invaluable Kevin MacDonald, who donated his talents before passing away earlier this year.

In honor of MacDonald a donor offered a matching challenge of \$50,000 to launch a fund that provide college scholarships and the chance to intern at the Custom House. It has already matched the first \$25,000 for the fund and has until December 31 to meet this challenge, which will then total no less than \$100,000 with expectations for the fund to hit \$250,000 by 2028.

Russell said the board, headed by former City Councilmember Robert Cronin, has been very supportive of the changes the museum is making and has stepped up financially to put the museum on a strong financial footing.

He singled out Jen Germain, Susan Finneran and Susan Bernhard for their work in producing a successful 50th anniversary gala last year.

For more information, visit custom-housemaritimemuseum.org. ♦

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Newburyport Art Celebrates Yankee Homecoming and thanks Newburyport Bank by 'Coming Home'

NEWBURYPORT – Newburyport Art (NAA) had an opening reception of their 'Coming Home' exhibition on July 27th which included a plaque dedication to Newburyport Bank Charitable Foundation Range Light Community Sculpture Garden. Their generous donation, over the course of the last three years, extends the life of this place for visitors to rest along the rail trail, while being inspired by regional artists' sculptures (photo by AJ Simmons, pictured: Lloyd Hamm, Tim Felter, Belle Carver Struck & Jim McCarthy).

A lively evening was had on July 28th with artists "coming home" to discuss how Newburyport influenced their creative passions of visual art, film, music and writing. The exhibition displaying their artworks is through August 20th (photo by Eric Wojnarowski, pictured: Belle Carver Struck with panelists Paul Wann, Michael Angelis, Kate Bolick, Nickole Beckwith, Paul-Emile Cendron, Camela Murphy, Sam Szabo, Gordon Przybyla and Edward "Teddy" Speck)

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 and Sunday from 10:00pm–2:00pm. Newburyport Art is closed on Mondays. The ground-floor Hills Gallery has an accessible entrance. More information, as well as an online gallery is available at newburyportart.org.

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Georgetown Fire Department has welcomed three new hires: (from left) Firefighter/EMTs Jordan Hebert, Andrew Dwinell and Andrew Gibson. (Photo Courtesy Georgetown Fire)

Georgetown Fire Department Welcomes New Hires

GEORGETOWN – Chief Matt McKay is pleased to share that the Georgetown Fire Department has welcomed three new hires.

Andrew Gibson

Firefighter/EMT Gibson joined the Department in September 2023 as a call/per-diem Firefighter/EMT. Gibson has since received his paramedic certification.

Jordan Hebert

Firefighter/EMT Hebert joined the department in March as a call/per-diem Firefighter/EMT. He comes to Georgetown from the Newbury Fire Department, but also has fire service experience in Texas. Hebert is currently close to completing his paramedic certification.

While Georgetown does not currently run a paramedic service and only services at the Basic Life Support level, the EMS knowledge that both

Gibson and Hebert bring will continue to enhance Georgetown Fire's services.

Andrew Dwinell

Firefighter/EMT Dwinell is brand new to the Georgetown Fire Department. He currently works with the Topsfield Fire Department as a call/per-diem Firefighter/EMT. Firefighter/EMT Dwinell also worked for the Topsfield Highway Department, where he gained experience with heavy equipment.

These new full-time positions will help the Department fill long-term schedule gaps and allow it to have round-the-clock staff, which coincides with the standard staffing model of three full-time firefighters per shift.

With the addition of the new hires, Georgetown Fire's full-time staff now includes eight firefighters and the Chief. ♦

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Attention: Please Contribute to the Georgetown Troop #50 Boys Scouts with Your Returnable Bottles and Cans

by Kay Lee Ogden
Georgetown, Mass.

I'm asking all you folks if you would be kind enough to donate all your recyclable, returnable bottles and cans for the Boy Scouts of Troop 50 in Georgetown.

The boys use this money to do their projects and go on trips during the winter and summer. They also donate scholarships! They could not do this without your support!

My name is Kay Lee Ogden, and I am willing to drive around and pick up your recyclables, and cash them in and give the money to the Scouts! My son is an assistant scout master, and works with the boys along with my grandson.

Please leave me your name and number, and I will be glad to call you and make arrangements. I can be reached at the following:

KAY LEE OGDEN: TEXT 978.771.6884 OR CALL: 978.352.8318 or you may send me a message at: KayLeeOgden4@gmail.com.

We appreciate your help with supporting these great kiddos who will make these good boys become better men. Thank you.



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Thanks for your article on AJ Paglia's promotion to captain at Boxford PD, and I really enjoyed the Valley Manufacturing Well story, as I drive by it frequently.

Best regards,
Bob Hazelwood (BPD Lt. ret.)
Boxford

Dear Chamber Members, Neighbors, and Friends,

I'm honored and thrilled to introduce myself as the new President of the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

As a 20-year member of the Chamber, a proud Newburyport resident, and the owner of a small business on State Street for the past 15 years, this community means everything to me. I've walked these streets, built my livelihood here, and live alongside many of you.

My background includes years of non-profit board service and leadership, including my current role with the Firehouse Center for the Arts. I've helped build organizations from the ground up—and I step into this role with a deep understanding of what it takes to serve a mission, sustain momentum, and inspire meaningful growth.

Newburyport is extraordinary. Whether you're operating in our historic downtown, the thriving industrial park, or one of our vibrant neighboring cities like Amesbury, Salisbury, Rowley, or West Newbury—you're part of a region full of energy, innovation, and opportunity.

As your new leader, my commitment is clear:

We will rebuild, reimagine, and reinvigorate the Chamber—with your partnership.

Together with our board, our volunteers, and our team, we will:

- Learn more about your business to better support your exposure and growth
- Represent our city with pride to attract tourism and talent
- Advocate for our business needs with elected officials
- Incubate great ideas and champion entrepreneurs
- Offer workshops and *Breakfast Series* on relevant tools like AI and banking
- Launch a *Young Professionals Network* (ages 21–39) (September)
- Introduce *HERizon—a women's leadership series including HERtable lunches and the EmpowerHer conference* (October)
- Kick off the launch of the *Leaders for Local Impact: Chamber Non-Profit Leaders Circle* (November)
- Form a Youth Council to uplift and celebrate emerging young leaders

Our social media will evolve into a real-time hub—showcasing what's happening now across Newburyport and beyond. Our events will reflect today's business climate and community spirit.

But most importantly, I want you to know this:

You have my full commitment.

I've always made time for the businesses in our community—and I will continue to. I believe in what we can build together. What comes next depends on all of us. Join us at the table, and let's reimagine what this Chamber can be.

With gratitude and excitement,

Nancy Caswell

President

Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce & Industry



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Commerce & Industry



Elliot Smith

Newburyport Bank Welcomes Elliot Smith to Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer

NEWBURYPORT – Jim McCarthy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Newburyport Bank, is pleased to announce Elliot Smith has joined the Bank as Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer.

With more than 12 years of experience in commercial lending, Elliot brings deep industry knowledge and a thoughtful approach to structuring financing solutions that support long-term business success. In his expanded role, Elliot will be responsible for helping drive prudent and responsible growth of the Bank's Commercial & Industrial (C&I) portfolio. His focus includes providing tailored financing solutions for New England-based businesses and supporting the financing of mergers and acquisitions alongside private equity and search fund investors.

"Elliot is a strategic thinker with a strong commitment to his clients and community," said McCarthy. Mary Beth Parker, SVP, Senior Lending Officer stated, "His expertise in complex financing and his collaborative mindset makes him an exceptional asset to our commercial banking team. We are excited to see him thrive in this new role."

Based out of the Bank's Exeter, NH office, Elliot brings not only a wealth of professional insight but also a strong sense of community engagement. He is a board member of the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation, supporting the Elliot Hospital since 2021, and has served as Music Director of the Pipes & Drums of NHSCOT since 2018. A competitive bagpiper himself, Elliot has performed in three World Championship competitions in Glasgow, Scotland and continues to share his passion for music through teaching and performance.

Elliot earned a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Southern New Hampshire University and is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking.

A resident of Dunbarton, NH,

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Newbury Invites Community to Attend Annual Purple Heart Day Ceremony

NEWBURY – The Town of Newbury would like to invite the public to join in honoring the dedicated veterans who fought for their country at its annual Purple Heart Day Ceremony, Thursday, Aug. 7, beginning at 7 p.m., at Comrades Monument, Upper Green, Route 1A.

Purple Heart Day is observed annually on Aug. 7. It provides Americans with an opportunity to pay their respects to the millions of individuals who fought and continue to fight for their country's freedom.

The Purple Heart is awarded to those injured in combat or in remembrance of those killed in action. The original Purple Heart medal, the Badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. It is the nation's oldest military medal.

The Town of Newbury was officially recognized as a Purple Heart Community in March 2022.

Newbury's annual wreath-laying ceremony will take place on Aug. 7, starting at 7 p.m. William DiMaio, the Select Board Chair and a Vietnam War veteran, will host a brief recognition ceremony.

All veterans and residents are welcome to attend to pay their respects. ♦

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. ♦



Free Musical Baseball Show at Georgetown Senior Center Aug. 12

GEORGETOWN – With the Red Sox in the thick of the playoff picture, the Georgetown Senior Center, 51 North St., is hosting a free Musical Baseball Show by local singer-songwriter (and former sportswriter) Howie Newman on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 12:30 p.m.

The show is open to all seniors in the greater Georgetown area. Registration is encouraged; call 978-352-5726 to reserve a spot.

Newman, a former sportswriter for the Patriot Ledger, Lowell Sun, Boston Globe, Associated Press and several other publications, covered the Red Sox for many years and has also remained an avid fan, having visited 104 major and minor league ballparks. He will sing baseball songs, offer up baseball trivia and talk about his days on the Bosox beat.

In addition, there will be a display of his personal baseball memorabilia and a free raffle for one of his baseball CDs.

"Baseball is the one sport that really lends itself to music," said Newman, whose experience also includes three years of radio color commentary for the Lowell Spinners, a former Red Sox farm team. "I'll be playing my own baseball songs and some other tunes that everyone knows. We'll talk baseball, do some trivia and just have fun."

"It's going to be a unique, interactive type of show and I'm sure folks will enjoy it."

For more information about Howie Newman and his baseball show, visit howienewman.com/baseball-show ♦

Upcoming Events

All Events are Free Unless Otherwise Noted

AMESBURY
Thursday Aug. 7 5 - 8 p.m.
Summer Sip & Stroll Downtown
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BOXFORD
Thursday Aug. 7 2 - 3 p.m.
Summer Reading Part for Kids Featuring Comedy Magician Mike Ben and Ice Cream from Benson's
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GEORGETOWN
Wednesday August 6 6:30 p.m.
Summer Concerts at the Library
Georgetown Peabody Library
2 Maple Street
Peryle (indie-pop and folk)
Sunday August 10 5 - 7 p.m.
Georgetown Summer Concert Series
Flying Ivories - Dueling Pianos
Big band music from the gold age
American Legion Park
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 12:30 p.m.
Musical Baseball Show with Howie Newman
Baseball songs, trivia and stories
Georgetown Senior Center 51 North St.
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howienewman.com/baseball-show
Sunday August 17 5 - 7 p.m.
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American Legion Park

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Thursday, August 7th at 7pm:
The Many Faces of Grief (VIRTUAL).

Join this conversation moderated by Dr. Michele Bograd, a certified end-of-life doula and psychologist, to explore your thoughts and feelings about grief. Virtual registration required.
Tuesday, August 12th at 6pm:
Crusading Against Vice: How Newburyport Helped Fight America's Profanity Problem (IN PERSON). This program explores Newburyport's role in a little-known national reform effort, tracing the Anti-Profanity League's origins, its methods, and its unexpected legacy in American culture. No registration required.

ROWLEY
Saturday Aug 9 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Sunday Aug 10 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rowley Farmer's Market
Rowley Town Common

SALISBURY
Wednesday August 6 6:45 - 8 p.m.
Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series -
Salisbury Beach Center -
6:45 Groovy Grace (Danvers Church of Nazarene, Danvers)
8:00 Centerpoint Worship Band (Centerpoint Comm. Church)

Salem, N.H.)
Wednesday August 13 6:45 - 8 p.m.
Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series -
Salisbury Beach Center -
6:45 BCA Chapel Band (Bradford Christian Academy, Haverhill)
8:00 The Fourth (Connect Comm. Church, Portsmouth, N.H.)

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Connect Community Church, Portsmouth, NH

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Yankee Homecoming

Tides of Time: Preserving the Past, Charting the Future



back row: Kim of SkinMD, Dennis, and vendors Peter and Chris (kneeling)



Dennis (right) with Ash & Leanne of Anchor Pizza



Yankee Homecoming introduces The Town Common



back row: Maggie, Angela, Evely, & Dennis
front row: Alyssa, Charlotte, & Carrie



Kenny & Cris Bizarro of 'Bees and Thank You' with Dennis



Julia Savvas of Harbor House

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Coming The Future



Coming's longtime organizer Dennis Palazzo
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Devon Pierro of Marley's Good Eats,
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Vin Brienze goofing with Dennis



Dennis with Domenic, Charlie, and Katja of Metzys



Ice Creamery with Dennis



Cladio and Everton of Mr. Petisco with Dennis



Jan Olivier of The Bead Thing with Dennis

GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the Georgetown 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 improvements to filter operation and reliability at the existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP) while addressing aging building systems at **75 West Street; 51 West Street; 101 West Street; and 15 Bailey Lane.**

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 20 AUGUST 2025 at 7:30 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 Passcode: 071579

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 20 AUGUST 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 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/current_projects.php#outer-4253

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
Frank O'Connor, Jr.
Planner for Town of Georgetown

7/30, 8/6

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9 Metallic car trims
16 Sporty German cars
20 Cosmos
21 What a flushed person has
22 Uncommon
23 Start of a riddle
26 Advance, as money
27 Japanese pond fish
28 Bad with musical pitches
29 Letter-shaped girder
33 Feared fly
37 Wine barrels
38 Riddle, part 2
44 Before now
45 Indent keys
46 Poodle, e.g.
47 Org. fighting trafficking
48 Particular mag. edition
51 Letter following 36-Down
52 Supports for broken arms

- 55 Supersonic speed unit
57 Scissor cut
58 Fetuses-to-be
60 Riddle, part 3
64 BLT offerer
65 Listen (to)
67 Post-workout discomfort
68 Swelled head
70 Queued up
72 Comedic sort
73 Like the pope
77 Trattoria rice dish
80 Wee bits
83 Riddle, part 4
85 Ottawa's province
87 Seoul soldiers
88 "A little dab'll —"
89 Noisy napper
91 Marina — Rey
92 Corrosive cleanser
93 Place to input a PIN
94 Frat party dispenser
97 Language of Pakistan
98 — Fridays (restaurant)
99 End of the riddle

- 104 Father of Hector and Paris
107 Ready to go, as a car
108 Actor Dick Van —
109 Reaps
112 Spunk
114 Use a keypad
118 Riddle's answer
125 Beef cut
126 Attacked with a jump
127 Refrigeration slows it down
128 Paquin of "The Piano"
129 Intertwists
130 Tinkered (with)

DOWN

- 1 Two-in-one
2 Facts or stats
3 — fire under (roused)
4 No matter whether
5 Sea, to Jules
6 "Rocky III" actor
7 Bat wood
8 Try to find
9 Sailing outing
10 "You! Look over here!"

- 11 Nutrition fig.
12 Frequently, poetically
13 Lusterless photo surfaces
14 Cave sound
15 Not hidden
16 Like many white gowns
17 Features of zebras' necks
18 Inflict, as havoc
19 Medieval menials
24 Cousin of emo
25 Joe causing no jolt
30 Itsy- —
31 Like a clock with hands
32 Giovanni of "Avatar"
34 Roush of baseball
35 Albeit, for short
36 18th Greek letter
38 Abhorred
39 Best competitive effort, slangily
40 Surprised second look
41 IRS datum

- 42 Like Popeye and Rambo
43 Former anesthetic
48 Apropos of photo
49 Knights, e.g.
50 1974 CIA spoof flick
53 Pop's Stefani
54 Big scissors
56 "Plus" point
57 Hyundai model
59 The "R" of ERA
61 College "Eli"
62 Bracelet sites
63 Hem, e.g.
66 French spa city
69 "Nice one!"
71 Twelve p.m.
73 Key near Alt
74 Cry on a ship
75 Samsung or LG product
76 "Where — from ..."
78 Really hot
79 In the future
81 San — Padres
82 Not at all iffy
84 Made of a certain sturdy wood
86 Place for a car jack

- 90 "— Lips Are Sealed"
93 "Bibleman" star Willie
95 Nest nugget
96 "Aw, shucks"
99 Cuban capital
100 Sight-related
101 Simple putts
102 Greek Mars
103 In fine — (doing well)
104 Big city in Penna.
105 Betray by blabbing
106 Novelist Shaw
110 Store lure
111 Subsequently
113 "You! Look over here!"
115 Calendar unit
116 Calendar unit
117 — out a living (barely scraped by)
119 H.S. transcript stat
120 & so forth
121 "The Simpsons" tavern keeper
122 Fed. cleanup group
123 DeLuise of "Silent Movie"
124 Drink a little

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Firefighters battle a fire early Friday at an auto body shop on Eastern Avenue in Gloucester.
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Gloucester Fire Department Battles Fire at Business on Eastern Avenue

GLoucester ♦ Chief Eric Smith reports that the Gloucester Fire Department and its mutual aid partners successfully battled a blaze early Friday at a local business.

Fire crews were notified at 2:35 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, of a fire at 150 Eastern Ave., which housed an auto body shop.

The first firefighters on scene noted that the building was fully involved. Two lines were immediately extended, master streams, and a ladder pipe put into operation,



and a request was made to National Grid to shut off power to the site.

Firefighters were able to knock down the fire in about an hour. There were no reported injuries.

Mutual aid coverage was provided by Rockport firefighters and Beaufort Ambulance Service.

The cause of the fire does not appear to be suspicious, but it remains under investigation by the Gloucester Fire Department and the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit attached to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Essex Police Arrest Man on Drunken Driving, Resisting Arrest Charges After He Parked and Drove Atop Boulders

ESSEX – Chief Thomas Shamshak Jr. reports that the Essex Police Department arrested and charged a man with drunken driving and multiple motor vehicle offenses after he parked and drove atop boulders and failed to stop for police.

Anthony Altieri, Age 48, of Essex, was arrested and charged with:

- Operating Under the Influence of Liquor
- Operating to Endanger
- Resisting Arrest
- Open Container of Alcohol in Vehicle

On Friday, Aug. 1, around 9:30 p.m., Essex Police Patrol Officer Michael Sudora was patrolling the Town Landing on Main Street when he observed a Ram pickup truck parked unusually, partially on the Town Landing grass and partially in the parking lot of a local restaurant.

The driver of the Ram, later identified by officers as Altieri, drove forward over the large boulders dividing the Town Landing and the restaurant.

The truck crossed the boulders without headlights and continued onto Main Street while Officer Sudora signaled the vehicle to stop with lights and siren. The driver took a left onto Mar-



tin Street southbound and eventually stopped in the area of 15 Martin St.

Officer Zakary Johnson of the Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department responded to the scene for backup until Essex Police Officer Shane Seekamp, who was conducting an unrelated investigation into an unlicensed driver at the time, was able to respond.

When officers attempted to place him under arrest, Altieri resisted handcuffing, and a struggle ensued. A short time later, Officers Sudora, Seekamp, and Johnson were able to place Altieri into custody without further incident.

"I want to commend Officer Sudora for being in the right place at the right time to proactively observe and stop a suspected drunken driver," said Chief Shamshak. "I also want to commend Officers Seekamp and Johnson for containing Altieri and de-escalating this situation, preventing it from turning into something that could have resulted in serious injuries."

Altieri was expected to be arraigned Monday morning in Gloucester District Court.

These are allegations. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. ♦



Planning Board Chair Harry LaCortiglia visits the site of the "farm" in mid-July after many weeks of delays where he is seen perhaps contemplating if the mining equipment and the piles of sand and gravel, and a 19' hole down to the water table, constitutes any type of violation. **Post inspection, LaCortiglia stated to The Town Common that his board "has no legal authority to do anything other than ASK them to stop."** He had previously related "It's a shame that people don't have greater consideration for their neighbors."

GEORGETOWN MINING

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state Department of Environmental Protection Agency toured the farm, and other state agencies have also reportedly been monitoring the sand mining operations.

Farm manager Todd Champlain told the Planning Board the current operations plans to continue through the fall until almost 29,000 yards on a 5-acre section have been excavated in some sections to 19 feet, where the water table is.

The plan is to replace the extracted sand, which is valuable, with clay to hold water and high-nutrient soil for an organic farm.

When asked if the farm would continue removing sand without a town permit, Peter Durning, the attorney for the farm, said, "We will be continuing."

The farm maintains that state and federal law governing agriculture

allows it to remove and sell the sand, and the town is without authority to stop it or regulate it.

The town, according to the law suit, states that Chapter 49 of its bylaw prohibits the excavation of sand on private land without a special permit granted by the town.

Champlain told the Planning Board his future plans are to excavate the sand in at least three other 5-acre sections.

According to neighbors, that means 18-wheel trucks, sifters and excavators will continue to operate from 6:15 a.m. until late in the day for months and possibly years.

Neighbor Beth Gramolini said she has to leave home all day because of the noise and vibrations from the trucks and other equipment. "My life has been devastated. This has to end," she said.

While many in the adjacent neighborhoods have been vocal against the mining, some have not openly

opposed the operation, thus far, as Champlain has made provisions for them, including sharing of crops.

Board member George Comisky said in his six years on the board, "I have never seen anything like this." He said it was the first time the Planning Board has lost control of a site under its jurisdiction.

Board member Bob Watt agreed with Comisky. "It sounds like a mining operation," he said. Removing soil to 19 feet is "excessive."

One neighbor asked why the farm needs to replace the soil to 19 feet "to plant organic tomatoes."

The SelectBoard was scheduled to meet again Monday for a follow up to its summer workshop. It is unclear if the sand mining operation at 214 North St. would be discussed or any action taken in open session.

The Planning Board is also scheduled to meet again this week to decide and vote on whether to grant a soil importation permit for the farm. ♦



Farming for Sand?: Piles to left (larger files are outside of view), screener at center, as one of several excavators works in the upper right. Cones to right delineate a digging pit. (Photo: George Comisky, Georgetown Planning Board, via Freedom of Information request - as The Town Common's reporter was blocked from entry). According to the town's keeper of records, Mr. Cominsky was the only member of the board who took photos (6 photos) of the site on their visit, and that one member (Watt) was absent. We've placed the photos at www.TheTownCommon.com.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

IN POKER I SAID IT'S OK TO BLUFF, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE USING "WOMEN'S INTUITION" IS UNFAIR.



GRIN & BEAR IT


by Dave T. Phipps




"It's not so bad. ... I've invaded worse homes than this!"

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.




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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



I WONDER HOW THE MOON CUTS HIS HAIR?



ECLIPSE IT!!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



UGH, WHY THE HECK DOES MY TEACHER EXPECT US TO ALWAYS READ SO MUCH?



I'LL BET MY DAD DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER THIS STUFF.




HEY, DAD, WHO WAS THE 5TH PRESIDENT?




IF I TOLD YOU THEN YOU WOULDN'T LEARN. HE'S GOOD.

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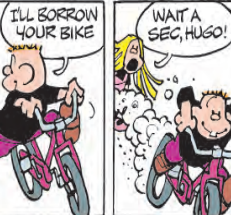
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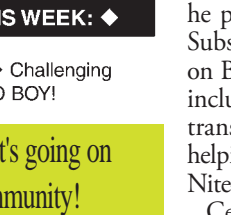
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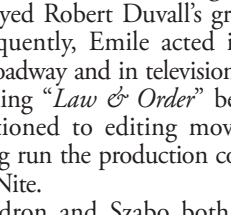
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WAIT A SEC, HUGO!




HEY, TIGER...



YOU COULDA WARNED ME ABOUT THE BRAKES

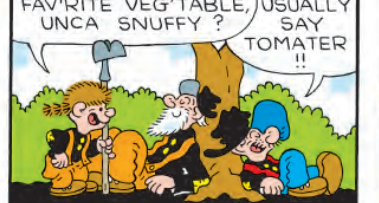
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SNUFFY SMITH





WHAT'S YORE FAVORITE VEG'TABLE, UNCA SNUFFY?

WELL, I USUALLY SAY TOMATER !!




ACTUALLY, TOMATERS ARE FRUIT !!


JEST T'HEAR SOME KNOW-IT-ALL SAY THAT !!



HEY !! WHATTA YA TRYING TO PULL ?! THESE AREN'T FRESH LOCAL VEGETABLES !!



ARE TOO !! THAR FRESH FROM TH' LOCAL GEN'L STORE !!



Sam Szabo and Paul-Emile Cendron: Featured in *Coming Home* Newburyport Art Exhibit

By Greigh Cloward

NEWBURYPORT – Sam Szabo and Paul-Emile Cendron are featured artists in *Coming Home*, a current art exhibit at Newburyport Art that has invited past and current citizens of Newburyport back to their hometown to showcase their unique artistic talents.

Szabo is a cartoonist who received a bachelor's in creative writing from Oberlin College. She started making visual art in college to explore different ways of expressing herself. She was inspired by a diary comic, "American Elf" by James Kochalka, to make four panel comics about her own life and experiences. Shortly after college, she became a freelance joke writer for the satirical newspaper "The Onion" and now currently works through freelance art gigs, giving guest lectures at art schools, or teaching workshops. In 2023, Szabo published her first graphic novel titled "Enlightened Transsexual Comix."

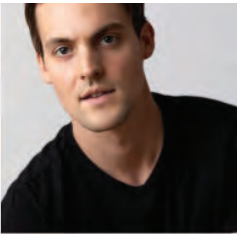
Cendron is a filmmaker who attended Skidmore College to study acting at the Moscow Arts Theater in Russia. He received degrees in English and theater. He first started out as an actor in the film "The Judge" where he played Robert Duvall's grandson. Subsequently, Emile acted in plays on Broadway and in television shows including "Law & Order" before he transitioned to editing movies and helping run the production company, Nite4Nite.

Cendron and Szabo both started out participating in the local theater, *Theater in the Open*, in Newburyport. They have been friends since they were younger. Both enjoyed creating unique artistic projects with their friends.

Szabo first became interested in art, especially graphic novels, at a young age by exploring the comics section of bookstores. She was greatly influenced by her friends and growing up in



Sam Szabo



Paul-Emile Cendron

Newburyport. Newburyport's history encouraged her exploration of early American history and her own history in her future writing. When she first started creating comics, she was greatly inspired by writings from other transgenders describing their experiences. Her writing consists of humor and sincerity to reflect on her experiences as a trans as they were painful and traumatic for her. Emile was first inspired to create art by looking at the illustrations in children's books and being around his mother's paintings and drawings. He always loved movies, partly prompting his choice to first become an actor. His greatest inspiration for coming up with new ideas is listening to songs and composers.

By being a part of *Coming Home*, Szabo and Cendron want to meet new artists and see work from artists they haven't seen in a while. Szabo wants to demonstrate that you can leave your home and grow but still keep your origins close to your heart. She believes "this is an opportunity to showcase our very eclectic art community." Emile states that he will "hopefully not embarrass himself." He thinks that "Coming Home shows the impact of what happens when a community,

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Salome's Stars

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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and people like Belle Struck, support artists over many years—people come home!”

When asked if they had any advice

for aspiring artists, Sam Szabo said that you should care about instincts and passion over making money, make what inspires you, and to just start creating, and Paul Emile-Cendron stated that you should “Immerse yourself in the greats, find your voice, do the

thing, don’t quit.”
Paul-Emile Cendron’s Production Company: www.Nite4Nite.com Sam Szabo’s Online Store: brainboogerindustries.bigcartel.com To learn more about *Coming Home* visit: newburyportart.org ♦

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Elliot enjoys life with his wife Nicole, their son Lewis, and their German shepherd Brodie. The family loves spending time at Newfound Lake, traveling internationally, and working on their property with their vintage 1990 Kubota tractor.

“I’m proud to be part of an organization that values long-term relationships and community,” said Elliot. “Newburyport Bank has built a reputation for trusted partnerships and thoughtful growth, and I look forward to continuing to support that mission.”

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Town of Newbury Implements Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion on Larkin Road

NEWBURY – The Town of Newbury announces that a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion has been put into effect on Larkin Road. On June 17, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) approved a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion for Larkin Road. The exclusion went into effect on June 22, when the Town received and posted its DOT-approved signage.

The exclusion bans travel from heavy commercial vehicles weighing more than 2 ½ tons on Larkin Road 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Alternate route(s) include: Central Street, Main Street, North Street (Town of Georgetown), Thurlow Street (Town of Georgetown), Jewett Street (Town of Georgetown), Jackman Street (Town of Georgetown); or Central Street, School Street, Elm Street, Jackman Street (Town of Georgetown).

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