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Robert "Boots" Chouinard (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

Salisbury Beach Lifeguard Command Station Named after 'Boots' Chouinard

SALISBURY - Gov. Maura Healy joined other state and local officials last week to honor the 101-year-old Robert "Boots" Chouinard for a lifetime of service to country and community by naming the Salisbury Beach Lifeguard Command Station

Chouinard, who was the head lifeguard on the beach for 15 years, led the large crowd that came to honor him in a Hip, Hip Hooray cheer.

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter An overwhelmed Chouinard said, "I never expected my life would end up this way, to get some recognition for some of the things I did in my life, and I'm so happy about it.'

Local officials, headed by the Salisbury SelectBoard, have been lobbying the legislative delegation to honor Chouinard for years.

"We finally got it done," Healy told the crowd. "We think about the greatest generation, and there is nobody who embodies that more than Boots



Left-to- Right: Hilde Vienneau on the ukulele, Holly Nowak on keyboard, Bethany Durkee as lead vocal, Sarah Hunter vocal, Matthew Woolley on drums, Mark Vienneau on bass guitar, Bob Lathrop on guitar in front (Bob is also the BPC music director), and Mike Sylvester on guitar in back. (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

Byfield Parish Church Praise Band Shined at the Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series 2025

Band closed the 2025 Christian Con-The free event is promoted by Tom ductions.org).

SALISBURY - The BPC Praise Saab of Tom Saab Real Estate (tomsaabrealestate.com) and Christian cased groups from Massachusetts, New cert Series at Salisbury Beach last week. Film Productions (christianfilmpro-

The 10-week concert series show-Hampshire, as well as the Dominican

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Vote for Favorite Documentary Film Thursday

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT - Get a free sneak peek at this year's Newburyport Documentary Film Festival on its Preview Night, Thursday Sept. 4, at the Firehouse Center for the Arts. Those attending can vote for their favorite trailer using their phones.

The 21st Newburyport Documen-

day, Sept. 26 to Sunday, Sept. 28 and is being held at the Firehouse and A reception begins at 6 p.m., for The Screening Room in downtown Newburyport

Festival passes will be on sale at the preview event. Attendees can pick their films and reserve seats before they sell out.

Admission to the preview is free, with a suggested \$10 donation. All tary Film Festival is scheduled for Friproceeds go to support the all-volun-

A reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by trailers for this year's films at 7 p.m. Light snacks will be provided, and a cash bar will be open.

The festival began in 2004, founded by Michelle Fino, and has shown more than 300 films since its start. It has gone through several name changes before officially becoming

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PLANNED MUNICIPAL PHONE OUTAGE IN NEWBURY

The Municipal Offices at 12 Kent way, not including the Council on Aging, will be undergoing planned phone system maintenance on Thursday, September 11th, 2025. This maintenance is expected to take several hours and during this time the phone system will be unavailable. The Municipal Offices will be open during regular hours at that time. Other methods of contact, including but not limited to, email, website outreach, and walk-ins will not be affected by this maintenance.

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FILM FESTIVAL

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the Newburyport Documentary Film

Today, the festival is known for bringing filmmakers and audiences together in what has been called the "Filmmakers' Festival."

Over the years, the festival has added awards, including the David

Kleiler Award, created in memory of one of its early supporters. It also highlights young talent through the YES Award, which features the work of student filmmakers.

Even during the pandemic in 2020, the festival continued by moving online. It now takes place every September in Newburyport, along with smaller events held throughout the

BCP PRAISE BAND

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Amesbury McDonalds' Backpack Giveaway a 'Wonderful Event'

Local McDonald's Owner Oper- the McDonalds at 100 Macy Street in ator Carissa Haley had a lot of fun last week giving away backpacks filled with school supplies to help children and families start the school year prepared and confident.

From 12 noon until 4 p.m., a weekago Tuesday, smiling students and wheel to win backpacks and prizes at school year." •

Amesbury.

"I feel blessed to be able to give back to this community that supports us," said local McDonald's Owner/Operator Carissa Haley. "The families here mean so much to me and my team, and I'm proud to show our apprethankful parents spun an interactive ciation by giving back ahead of the

Temporary Water Bans Coming as Groveland Launchs Drinking Water **Filtration Treatment Study**

GROVELAND – The Groveland Iron, Manganese, and PFAS. Water and Sewer Department would like to share that, as the first step in the ongoing water treatment plant project, the Department will be launching a drinking water treatment pilot study.

The study, which is a requirement from MassDEP for all new treatment plant design projects, will begin this fall and will include establishing small-scale treatment systems at each well. This system will arrive in Groveland on a self-contained trailer. Different filtration media will be tested at each well in order to help design the large-scale facility for the removal of lating individual wells in the system.

The result of the study will help the Groveland Water and Sewer Department ensure that the treatment plant will produce high-quality drinking water for years to come.

While each well is tested through

the pilot trailer, the well must be isolated from the water system. This will reduce the available water supply and limit the current pumping capacity across town.

During this phase of the water treatment plant project, the department will be issuing a water ban while iso-

> More information will be shared about the water ban when the study begins.

Ğroveland Water and Sewer thanks residents for their continued support understanding as the department works towards implementing a water treatment

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Left-to-Right: D. J. Shaw, (3rd place) Austin Teras (1st place), and Rowley's Eddie MacDonald (2nd place). (Photos by Peter McClelland)

Rowley's Eddie MacDonald: Outstanding Again!

ROWLEY (via Oxford, MAINE!)

 Maine's biggest races take place at the Oxford Plains Speedway, and intense action took place two weeks ago where Eddie MacDonald of Rowley attempted to regain his top slot in the Oxford 250.

MacDonald had previously achieved two first-place finishes, and this year, he landed a second-place finish on the 250 lap race.

MacDonald faced stiff competion in a race that saw multiple cautions, including three cautions in the final 20 laps

MacDonald's recent top-10 finish established him again as a top contender in the pretigious Oxford 250 top racers. ♦









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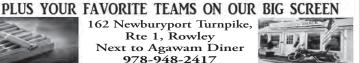
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Salsibury Town Manager Neil Harrington (third from left) at 'Boots' ceremony (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

'BOOTS' CHOUINARD

Continued from page 1 Chouinard.

Born in Newburyport, Chouinard was given his colorful nickname by a local grocer when he came in his store to pick up his mother's order wearing shoes that were much too big for his

During World War II, he served in the Army, storming the beaches at Normandy. Later, he and his unit took a swim in a French river to get clean. He said one of his fellow sol-

diers did not know how to swim and began to sink. A natural lifeguard, Chouinard saved him.

"I felt good about saving that soldier," he told the crowd.

He became the head lifeguard at the beach and taught swimming lessons when he returned home. In college at Boston College, he played football. Later he became a physical education teacher and coached various teams at Salem High School.

A natural storyteller, Chouinard wrote newspaper columns. •



Seacoast Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol in Portsmouth to Host an Open House

PORTSMOUTH – You are invited to come to the Seacoast Composite Squadron Open House on Thursday, 18 September 2025, beginning at 6:30 P.M., at the Service Credit Union, 3003 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is an all-volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The Portsmouth Squadron was founded in 1941 and is the longest continuously Operational CAP Squadron in New Hampshire. The Squadron meets on Thursday evenings on the Pease ANG Base.

Civil Air Patrol members range in age from 12 to 18 years old for Cadets and 18 and older for Senior members. All members may participate in the three primary missions of CAP: Search and Rescue, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs.

Among their many activities, CAP Cadets are eligible for 5 flights in a powered aircraft, during which time they will have the opportunity to fly the airplane with a CAP pilot.

Cadets can also participate in areas such as Squadron Color Guard, drill team, ground team search and rescue, building and testing a wind tunnel, aerospace education, leadership pods, and many more things.

Senior members can participate as

aircrew members, ground search team search and rescue team leaders, and in many more activities such as leading and teaching in Cadet Programs. If a Senior Member is already a certificated pilot, he/she can become qualified in one of CAP's Cessna 182 aircraft as a pilot performing CAP missions. CAP pilots also have opportunities to participate in glider flights.

There will be displays at the Open House showcasing the many areas in which a CAP member may become involved, and many members of the Squadron will be present to show you their areas of expertise.

If you have an interest in aviation or in any of the other CAP activities, please be sure to come to our Open House on 18 September 2025. ♦

At 8pm on Wednesday, September

10, 2025, all are welcome to enjoy

Civil War era music with New Hamp-

shire's own, Bob Kilham, recipient of

the Stephen C. Foster Award in 2011.

ries of song and instrument origins,

explain the history of American pop-

The program will feature historic music, plus Bob will intersperse sto-

Civil War Roundtable 30th Anniversary Meeting: Salisbury - Sept. 10

The Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a musical program



Bob Kilham

featuring Bob Kilham.

ular music, and encourage sing-along participation. Founded as a non-profit group in the fall of 1995, the CWRTM has

always been an independent and volunteer run group.
The CWRTM will hold a collation

beforehand exclusively for members, but those wishing to enjoy the music and be part of the fun are more than welcome for the 8 o'clock program.

The CWRTM meets at the Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Rd (Rte1), Salisbury, MA, (next to the fire station). Donations are welcome and tax deductible.

More details can be found at: cwrtmerrimack.org. ♦

Groveland Day Sat. Sept. 6th

Craft fair, pony rides, car show, train ride, book sale, cornhole tournament, food, music, parade, softball tournament, pickleball tournament, raffles, games... at the Pines Recreation Area: 1 am to 3 p.m. Sat. Sept. 6 2025

Kids rides and games, Touch a Truck, animals, crafts, music, food, vendor fair, entertainment and more!

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs who are eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded an explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't come out yet.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This

per in check for now. The full story hasn't come out yet.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track, but watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person — even if it's said in jest — could delay or even derail your progress.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A colleague might goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if they rile up your royal self. Your supporters will stand with you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Careful not to let your on-the-job zealousness create resentment with

zealousness create resentment with co-workers who might feel like you shut them out. Prove them wrong by

including them in your project. **LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins. This way, you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance underneath.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll find people who are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. ... Won't you?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Give the special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. This will go a long way in restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a delightful paradox. You like things neat and tidy, but you're also a wonderful host who can throw a really great party. You're quite versatile.

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Newburyport Vintage Vehicles Took Over Shopping District!

Cruisin' the '50s returned to down-space prevented us from sharing town Newburyport for its 13th year, drawing large crowds. We reported Reporter Stewart Lytle snapped drawing large crowds. We reported on the event last week, but limited

a lot of shots of folks taking in this

autos, as well as a tremendous sur-

year's large collection of vintage State Street and Pleasant Street intersection into a makeshift 'stage' for prise when the Pink Ladies from the their magnificent 50s performance. Fox Run Dance Troupe turned the A few photos are printed below!



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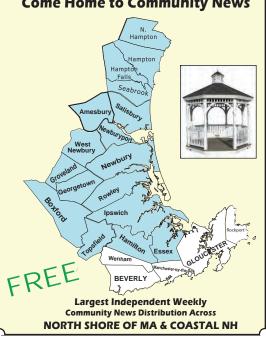
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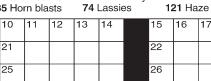
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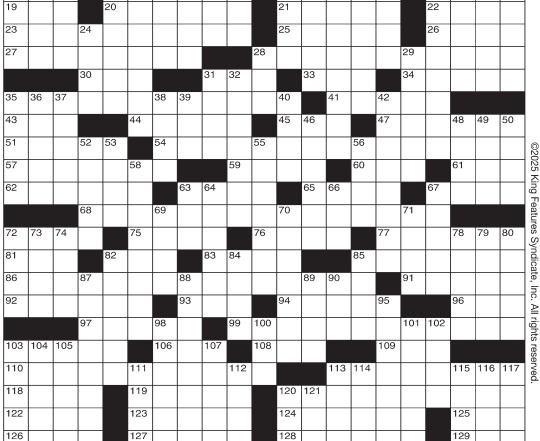
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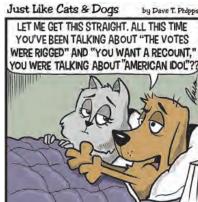


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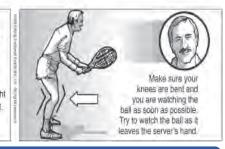








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This public hearing shall be held remotely on Wednesday, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7:30 P.M., in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027 by 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/85195158813 Meeting ID: 851 9515 8813 Passcode: 988703

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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

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73409173	SLD	16 Amburg Street	Georgetown, MA	AN7874	Detached	2	\$549,900	\$620,000
73405891	SLD	89 Congress St	Amesbury, MA	AN2670	Attached	1	\$585,000	\$630,000
73408430	SLD	520 N End Blvd	Salisbury, MA : Salisbury Beach	AN6420	Detached	1	\$599,900	\$605,000
73401362	SLD	2 Thorndike Ave	Merrimac, MA : Lake Attitash	AN6420	Detached	3	\$634,777	\$651,000
73402832	SLD	39 Jak Len Dr	Salisbury, MA	AN7636	Detached	2	\$749,000	\$750,000
73393325	SLD	7 Perkins Row	Topsfield, MA	AN6886	Detached	3	\$849,000	\$874,000
73367438	SLD	52 Center St	Groveland, MA	AN6888	Detached	2	\$859,000	\$840,000
73404833	SLD	13 Pheasant Ln	Topsfield, MA	AN6886	Detached	3	\$914,000	\$976,000
73347779	SLD	3 Bear Hill Rd	Merrimac, MA	AN8279	Detached	2	\$929,000	\$885,000
73376858	SLD	5 Rocky Woods Road	Groveland, MA	C95098	Detached	3	\$939,000	\$935,000
73393060	SLD	15 Hillside St	Rowley, MA	AN6890	Detached	3	\$985,000	\$1,015,000
73397080	SLD	111 Herrick Rd	Boxford, MA	AN6420	Detached	3	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
73379044	SLD	4 Rowley Road	Topsfield, MA	AN1223	Detached	3	\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000
73408885	SLD	39 Fatherland	Newbury, MA : Byfield	AN6420	Detached	3	\$1,290,000	\$1,250,000
73405491	SLD	26 Olive St	Newburyport, MA	AN7944	Detached	2	\$1,299,900	\$1,249,900
73378483	SLD	21 Bourbeau Ter	Newburyport, MA	AN8279	Detached	3	\$1,495,000	\$1,450,000
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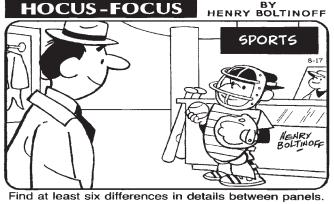
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The Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library will hold their Fall Book Sale September 10 - September 14 at the Georgetown Peabody Library, 2 Maple St, Georgetown, MA. The sale features: books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, board games, and vinyl records. This event is budget friendly, with most items priced from .50 cents - \$2.00. New this season: Evening Hours! The Sale kicks off Wednesday September 10 6-8 pm and continues September 11 & 12 10am-5pm; September 13 9am-1pm; September 14 1pm-4pm. September 14 is the popular Bag Sale Day. The Friends provide the bag, you fill it for just \$8.00.

Donations for the sale gladly accepted September 5-10 during library open hours: September 5: 10am-5pm, September 6: 9am-1pm, September 8 2pm-8pm, September 9: 10am-8pm, September 10: 2pm-6pm. Your donations should be clean and in good condition; suitable to give to a friend. (No encyclopedias or cassettes.)

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