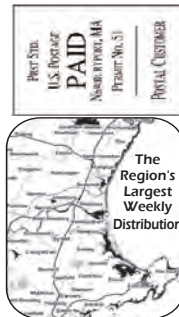


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## INSIDE: Hometown Heroes Banner Program Honors Georgetown Veterans



## Rowley to Celebrate Purple Heart Recipients - Sat. Nov. 8th

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**ROWLEY** – The town will honor Purple Heart recipients at a ceremony Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11:00 am. at the Star Garden next to Town Hall.

The ceremony will recognize two local Purple Heart recipients, Chet Bishop and Nick Ford.

The Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military medal, created by Gen. George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit in 1782. It was revived in 1932 as the medal it is today.

Bishop, a Vietnam War veteran, received two Purple Hearts during his service. He was in the Navy and assigned to river boat duty in Vietnam. He received his first Purple Heart while manning a 50-caliber machine gun when an RPG hit the boat and

he was wounded. After spending time in the hospital, he was reassigned to another river boat. On that mission, he was in the wheelhouse when the boat was again hit by an RPG, resulting in a more severe wound.

Ford, a special-operations combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, served with the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment as an Assault Team Member. In 2005, his team carried out a raid against a High

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Patricia Robertson presents certificate to Sadiq Amin of AL Prime.



Erica Swanson (L) and Charleen Maunsell (R), present certificate to Lynne Petty (center) of the Plum Island Beautification Society.

## Newbury Garden Club Awards Local Business and Non-Profit Organization with Certificate of Recognition

by Charleen Maunsell  
Newbury Garden Club  
Beautification Committee Chair  
newburygardenclub.org

**NEWBURY** – The Newbury Garden Club has started a new annual project that recognizes and honors organi-

zations, businesses and non-profits that provide and maintain seasonal planting that enhances the beauty of the Newbury Community.

The first recipients in 2025 are AL Prime Energy at 17 Central Street, Newbury and the Plum Island Beau-

tification Society's work at the Newbury Public Restroom on Plum Island Turnpike and seven container planters on Northern Boulevard, Plum Island, Newbury, Ma.

Each recipient received a Newbury

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## YWCA Seeks Nominations for the Yearly Nancy E. Peace 'Action Against Prejudice Award'

Submitted by  
Illene Harnch-Grady  
YWCA Greater Newburyport  
**NEWBURYPORT** – YWCA Greater Newburyport welcomes nominations for the yearly Nancy

E. Peace "Action Against Prejudice Award."

The YWCA "Action Against Prejudice" Award, established in honor of Nancy E. Peace, recognizes individuals who have made significant contri-

butions towards eliminating racism, fighting prejudice and celebrating diversity.

YWCA Greater Newburyport welcome nominations for any adult or

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Conveyor hauls sand up from the 19' deep sand mining operation. - August 2025

Georgetown Sand Wars Update:  
Police Arrest Excavator

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The contro-  
versial sand mining operation that  
has been on-going for months at 214  
North St. erupted last week in crimi-  
nal charges of larceny, lying and forg-  
ery against Todd Champlain, who  
billed himself as the manager of the  
100-year-old Zibell Farm.  
Police Chief David Sedgwick  
announced that with assistance from  
the Danvers and Middleton Police  
Departments, his department arrested  
41-year-old Champlain of Middleton  
Friday, following a lengthy investiga-  
tion. He was scheduled for arraign-  
ment in Haverhill District Court  
Monday.

Champlain is charged with two fel-  
ony counts for forging owner Kathy  
Potter's signature on documents filed  
with the town regarding the sand  
mining, two felony counts of "utter-  
ing false writings" and one count of  
larceny. He was also accused of tak-  
ing \$30,000 from the property owner  
and that he sold more than \$200,000  
worth of sand without reimbursing  
the property owner.  
Georgetown Police also determined  
that Champlain was working at the  
farm under false pretenses. In August,  
Champlain was taken into custody on  
an undisclosed, unrelated warrant,  
according to the Georgetown police.  
The chief said police initially

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Solace for Stephanie Fundraiser Seeks  
Donations to Help Those With Cancer

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

REGIONAL – REGIONAL – The  
15th annual comedy night fundraiser  
for Solace for Stephanie Nov. 22 is  
officially sold out, but there is time to  
make a difference in the lives of cancer  
suffers on the North Shore.  
"We are blessed, but sorry to those  
that did not order tickets in time,"  
wrote MaryAnn (Mo) Levasseur, a  
friend of Stephanie, who with the Jen-  
kins family has led this organization.  
For those who still want to attend,  
there is a waiting list on the charity's  
web site - www.solaceforstephanie.org.  
The Rowley-based charity has  
helped more than 130 people in its  
15 years with direct financial help  
through gift cards for groceries, trans-  
portation and college scholarships for  
high school seniors in families of can-  
cer victims. With two months left this  
year, it has helped 15 cancer suffers.  
Levasseur called it a pinnacle year, "a  
year of reflection and remembrance."  
For the event, the organization is still  
looking for more donations. "If you  
would still like to participate, there's  
plenty of time," she wrote. "Our raffle

is amazing this year with no less than a  
\$150 value for any basket."  
On the web site, there is a button to  
make a donation.  
Levasseur credited Deb Perry for  
coordinating the raffle again this year.  
"This is a pinnacle year, a year of  
reflection and remembrance," said.  
"We need to look back at what we  
have done. We have stayed together as  
a family for 15 years. We are united."  
She praised the supporters and vol-  
unteers, who come from all over the  
North Shore. "Their support makes it  
happen. They are our solace."  
Sponsors include Off the Vine  
(Rowley), J. Peter St. Clair Den-  
tistry (Rowley), Gregory Insurance  
(Ipswich), and Profile Research (Tops-  
field). Auction sponsors include Tom  
Amoroso, Larry Smith, Jim Delaney,  
Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins and  
the Boston Celtics (Duane Johnson).  
The comedy night will again feature  
Paul Gilligan, as host and comedians  
Paul D'Angelo, a favorite, and a new  
addition, Jimmy Cash.  
For more information or to get  
involved, visit www.solaceforstepha-  
nie.org.

Groveland's Stokes Takes Georgetown Job

GROVELAND - Groveland Water  
and Sewer Department Superinten-  
dent Colin Stokes will be leaving his  
position and moving on to become  
superintendent in nearby George-  
town. During his time with Grove-  
land, Stokes has overseen replacement  
of outdated pipes, moved the Com-  
mission into its new office on School  
Street, and worked to address system  
problems with discolored water due  
to excess iron and manganese. The  
Commission has started a search for  
a new Superintendent. Stokes has  
agreed to fill in part-time until a new  
superintendent is hired. ♦

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# 'Honoring Heroes: A Veterans Day Celebration' at Wenham Museum, Tues. Nov. 11, 2025

Submitted by:  
**Laura Rivas**  
Wenham Museum

**WENHAM** – Wenham Museum invites the community to come together this Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, for Honoring Heroes: A Veterans Day Celebration – a day of family-friendly programming in tribute to those who have served our nation.

Visitors of all ages are encouraged to join in a day filled with meaningful experiences designed to inspire reflection, connection, and appreciation for our veterans.

Featured Activities Include:

Military History Exhibits Explore stories of service and sacrifice through exhibits highlighting General George S. Patton and Major General Patton IV. Rarely seen artifacts from the museum's archives will be on special display for one day only.

"World War I: Lessons and Legacies" Poster Exhibition Discover how the Great War reshaped America – from

women's suffrage and the Great Migration to advances in medicine and technology – in this thought-provoking Smithsonian poster exhibition.

Reading of Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Families are invited to a special reading of Jeff Gottesfeld's moving children's book (recommended for ages 7-10), which honors the dedication and discipline of the sentinels who guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Outdoor Display of Restored Vintage U.S. Army Trucks Step outside to see an impressive lineup of restored U.S. Army troop transport trucks, generously provided by the organizers of Military Service Day at the Patton Homestead (weather permitting).

Rock N' Rumble Performance Enjoy an uplifting live performance by Rock N' Rumble, a music program that supports veterans and service members through connection, healing, and the shared language of music.

Admission is free for veterans and

active military families.

Wenham Museum gratefully acknowledges the George J. Molignano Charitable Trust for sponsoring this event, and Military Service Day at Patton Homestead (Hamilton, MA, July 18, 2026) for their generous contributions of the restored U.S. Army trucks and Rock N' Rumble performance.

Veterans Day Celebration Date: Tuesday, November 11 Time: 9 AM – 4 PM Location: Wenham Museum, 132 Main Street, Wenham, Mass. Admission: Free for veterans and active military families; included with regular admission for all other guests.

## ROWLEY PURPLE HEART SAT. NOV. 8th

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Value Target of al-Qaeda. During the raid, one of his teammates was wounded by gunfire.

While treating his teammate, an enemy combatant threw a hand grenade toward their position. Ford covered his teammate with his body to shield him from further injury. The raid was completed with no friendly casualties and the High Value Target was eliminated.

"We do not celebrate this day with parades or fireworks, but with

a remembrance of those men and women who endured so much so that others would not have to, Rowley veteran Walt Pomerleau said at a previous Purple Heart ceremony.

"We recognize your contributions, express our deepest gratitude, and we will always remember your efforts," Pomerleau said. "We owe you so much."

[The Town Common thanks Tammy Garron for her contribution to this article.]

## YWCA NOMINATIONS

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youth who lives or works in one of the communities served by the YWCA Greater Newburyport and has made a difference: Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Amesbury, Merrimac, Salisbury, Georgetown, Rowley and Ipswich, MA – and – Seabrook, Hampton, Hampton Falls and Kensington, NH.

Nominations are due by November 30, 2025. Please visit the YWCA Greater Newburyport website to nominate your applicant: [www.ywcaneburyport.org](http://www.ywcaneburyport.org).

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## Harvey Mades

Harvey Mades of Newburyport, formerly of Georgetown, Massachusetts died peacefully on October 26, 2025, at the age of 93 surrounded by the love and gratitude of his family.

Harvey was born in 1932, to Dr. Meyer & Anne (Drucker) Mades of Revere, Mass. A highly decorated army medic in Korea, Harvey was injured during combat, for which he received the Purple Heart Medal in 1953. He was also awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Medic Badge. He was a fighter through and through and to be under his protection was to feel no fear.

In 1957, Harvey met the love of his life, Ruth, on a blind date and knew instantly he wanted to marry her. He wooed Ruth by driving her to her classes at Boston University. The two were married that same year and moved to Georgetown, where Harvey had found work as a teacher in the local high school. He would stay on at GHS for 35 years, many of which he served as the Chair of the Science Department. All three of his children had their Dad as their Biology teacher which was fortunate because he was a great teacher. Years after his retirement, Harvey would still run into students who thanked him for helping to inspire their own pursuits.

Harvey loved his country and the community in Georgetown. His life was full of good dogs, and beautiful Classical music. He never willingly missed a Red Sox game. His yard was always immaculate, and roses would flourish under his care. He loved boating on the Atlantic with his family and especially, Bluefish season. And oh, did he love his children. But all of it paled next to spending time with Ruth, who passed in December of last year. And while it's hard to imagine a world without them, it's a tremendous comfort to know that Harvey and Ruth are at peace and together once again.

Harvey was also predeceased by his mother and father; his brothers Michael M. "Mickey" Mades and Dr. Joel Mades. He is survived by his son David Mades and his wife, Linda; his son Daniel Mades and his wife, Karen; by his daughter, Debbie Mellor and her husband, Art. Harvey also leaves behind a nephew, Dean Mades and his wife Kelsey, as well as three grandchildren: Alyssa Sexton and her husband, Michael; Michael D. Mades; and Douglas Mades and his wife Revati. Harvey was the great grandfather to Finn & Rory Sexton.

A private graveside service will be held at Sharon Memorial Park in Sharon, Massachusetts.

See [www.Keohane.com](http://www.Keohane.com) for online condolences.



## Helen Louise (Wilkins) Downing

Helen Louise (Wilkins) Downing passed away on October 13, 2025, at Portsmouth (NH) Regional Hospital. Most recently a resident of Amesbury, Helen grew up and spent most of her adult life in Rowley, the third of four children born to Oscar M. and Harriet A. (Maynard) Wilkins.



A beautiful young woman inside and out, Helen married Russell C. Downing and together they had one son, Russell Jr. (Rusty). In later years Helen was the loving companion of William E. "Billy" Daniels, also of Rowley. After Billy's death she lived for a time on Plantation Drive, where she soon found friends to share her love of card games.

A perennially social person, Helen enjoyed her final years living in a shared home in Amesbury. She was a lifetime member of the Rowley Grange, and she enjoyed many activities including writing to pen pals, crocheting, playing cards, bowling, and dining out. Over her lifetime Helen was a member of both the Baptist and Congregational churches and remained devoted to saying her prayers daily and sharing them with family and friends.

Helen was predeceased by her parents, husband, son, and one sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie (Wilkins) and Joseph Eires. She leaves behind her siblings Harriett A. Perley and husband Neal and Oscar M. Wilkins Jr. and wife Jean, daughter-in-law Lisa (Johnson) Downing, grandsons Jason and Matthew Downing, and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews as well as long-time friend Pat Moore.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bridgewell for their dedicated and loving care of Helen during her residence there.

All services were private, and Helen was laid to rest with her husband and son at Rowley Burial Ground.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit [www.fsrobertsandson.com](http://www.fsrobertsandson.com).

*Arrangements entrusted to F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Rowley, MA.*

## Penelope 'Penny' J. Verow

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Penelope 'Penny' J. Verow on October 18, 2025, in Newburyport, MA, at age 78.



Born in Walthamstow, England, on September 12, 1947, Penny came to the United States at nine years old and lived in Lake Ronkonkoma, NY, until she moved to Bangor, Maine, as an adult. There she met and married the love of her life, Ronald, where they raised their children and built their life together.

Penny adored animals, especially her beloved dogs and cats, loved Disney World, playing bingo, and beating everyone else at Final Jeopardy. Many of Regina and Robin's friends will remember her as the chauffeur driving a car full of teenagers home after school activities.

She loved to laugh and was incredibly funny. Her memory lives on with MFOs (Mandatory Family Outings), all her favorite shows that she watched over and over again despite knowing the scripts word-for-word, her favorite foods of cannoli, eclairs, and Five Guys' fries, and of course, her way of greeting people, "Hi-Two's." Her unfailing kindness changed many people's lives.

Although Multiple Sclerosis and breast cancer stole her body, they never stole her joy. Most importantly, "We promise we won't forget you!"

Penny is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ronald Verow; and her daughters and grandchildren: Regina Verow (KP McLaughlin), Braidon and Teaghan; Robin Verow-Jolliffe (Scott Merrill); Sarah and CJ (and their father, Brian Jolliffe); and her sisters Julia Dutton, Carol Taylor, and Sharon Saunders. She will also be missed by her closest friends, Pam and John Mugani. She was predeceased by her father, Reginald Dutton, her mother, Francis (Dilworth) Dutton, and her sister, Jean Powell.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at AdviniaCare Newburyport and to Christel and Kristen of Riverside Care Advisors, who worked so hard to care for Mom over the past 2.5 years.

A celebration of life will take place in Bangor at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please pledge donations in her honor to the Bangor Humane Society or an animal charity of your choice.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit [www.fsrobertsandson.com](http://www.fsrobertsandson.com).

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# To the men and women and families that served and sacrificed for the United States of America, for our freedoms.

## Hometown Heroes Banner Program Honors Georgetown Veterans

by **Kay Ogden** (former selectman Larry Ogden's better half!) with contributions from **Doug Dawes** (Commander Rene J. Gagnon American Legion Post #211) and **Jon Pingree** (Georgetown Kiwanis)

**GEORGETOWN** – As Veterans Day approaches, we extend our appreciation to all service members for their contributions to the country and communities.

Our friend, Jon Pingree was jogging in a small town in Maine, and noticed all the banners of veterans, up on their

utility poles. Jon decided this was a great idea, and partnered, and spearheaded, with the Kiwanis organization in Georgetown. He brought the idea forward, the Kiwanis is a charitable organization which performs various services for the town: a Senior Thanksgiving Dinner, they donate to food pantries, tree lighting at Christmas, Wreaths Across America, and many more.

This program is called Hometown Heroes. The program displays 24" x 36" banners on utility poles from May

1 through the end of November and spotlights local veterans with a link to Georgetown.

Banners are produced in minimum batches of five and cost \$195 each but there are provisions for financial assistance (see below). The program currently plans to continue through May 2026; organizers advise confirming availability and deadlines when ordering. For information or to request a banner, contact Jon Pingree at this email address, greaterbostonaware.net. You will need to provide the vet-

eran's name, years of service, rank, and the branch of the military the veteran served.

Thanks to groups providing financial support, the criteria for a free banner are as follows: you work for the town, or have a relative who was killed in action, or you have a financial hardship.

The program is for people that are alive or who have passed. To qualify, they need to have some connection to Georgetown - either they grew up here or have a family member that lives

here, etc. The criteria are pretty liberal.

In addition to all the work and funding by the Kiwanis, there were many people who have helped this program:

- **Dave Schofield**, now retired general manager of Georgetown Electric Light, initiated the effort with 46 banners.
- **Frank Harper** arranged thousands in donated funds from the Georgetown VFW Post No. 7608 to the Kiwanis which donated \$3,000 to get the program launched
- **Awesome Georgetown** (a local philanthropic organization\*) donated \$1,500 to the cause.
- **Nick Lawler** of Georgetown, who worked with **Scott Edwards** to provide a donation of banner-mounting brackets.
- **Mark Perry**, also from the Kiwanis, and Georgetown Municipal Light Dept., was also heavily involved with making the hometown heroes banner program come to fruition.
- Selectman **Doug Dawes** gave Jon Pingree and the Kiwanis 10 free names from the vets/VFW to be made into banners.
- **Mary Snow**, the new general manager of the Georgetown Municipal Light Department, will coordinate banner installation and removal each season.

We highly respect all our service members, we salute, and recognize them and their families, who have proudly served our country and communities around the world from the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Marines, Merchant Marines, Navy, Space Force and all who have served.

### Join the American Legion

The Rene J. Gagnon American Legion Post #211 is looking for new members to join, they would appreciate your help, you may join by contacting Doug Dawes at 978.270.3037 or dougdawes@gmail.com.

### Shout-Out to

#### Awesome Georgetown

\*Awesome Georgetown, a group of people that donate their own money for our "pearl of a town" (a quote from deceased Atty. Fred True who lived on Elm Street, in our town). This is a group that donates their own money once per month to a program that needs financial support. Anyone can win money at Awesome Georgetown. They usually have three applicants applying for grant money, which is normally \$1,000. All applicants present their projects, and the trustees pick, which one they think will make Georgetown more awesome. If you don't win, you automatically go back into the queue for the next month. The Awesome group members, then choose who they think is the best candidate for their needs. ♦



Alan Aulson, Scott Aulson, Sam Demeo, Maureen Cannon, Doug Dawes, Rob Fogle, and Kevin Leeman on the north lawn at St. Mary's Church, Georgetown display the new flag before raising it on a very windy day!

## American Legion Flags for the Faithful

Members of the Georgetown American Legion joined with Maureen Cannon of St. Mary's Church in a flag-raising ceremony that the Legion performed to replace the huge flag flying on the church's north lawn, adjacent to Rte. 133 (Andover Street) last

Saturday.

"We're glad to help religious organization and others in our area display the American Flag with pride," said Alan Aulson who conceived of the Flags for the Faithful program. "It's our way of giving back and thanking

those who display the flag and help them do so with pride.

The new American flag was raised by Sam Demeo who has performed a lot of events in Georgetown over the years. He took great care in slowing raising the flag while members present

saluted. He noted: "we try to follow procedure when we do this, there's a protocol for handling the flag and I hope we always do it right."

Scott Aulson shared that it was a nice crisp looking flag now. Scott has picked up the flag and said, "I felt good being a part of this and I would do it any time."

"American Legion is glad to be part of making sure worn flags are replaced," Rene J. Gagnon American Legion Post #211 Commander Doug Dawes said. "It's easy to forget to do the little things. Driving around town, I notice that some people put up flags and leave them up until there's practically no color left in them. I think

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US Army  
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World War I, 1917-1919

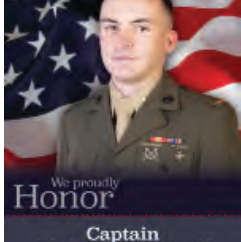
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2020-Present

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US Navy  
1982-1985

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US Army  
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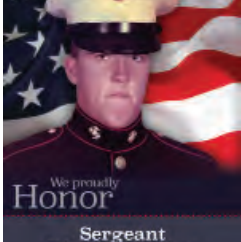
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US Marine Corps  
1978-2000, Desert Storm

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Honor

**Sergeant Richard Prior**  
US Marine Corps  
1980-1984

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**E4 Todd P. Gilbo**  
US Air Force  
1994-2001

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**FCSN Charles Perry**  
US Navy  
World War II

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Army Medic  
1942-1946

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Honor

**Yeoman Second Class Larry A. Wiseheart**  
US Navy  
1967-1970

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**Captain Robert Ingraham**  
US Air Force  
1993-2005

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**Specialist Vincent Bono**  
US Army  
1968-1971

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**Lieutenant Clarence Marsh Rice**  
US Merchant Marine  
RFA March 27, 1944

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US Army  
1963-1966

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**SP4 Leonard S. 'Butch' Laing**  
US Army  
1963-1965

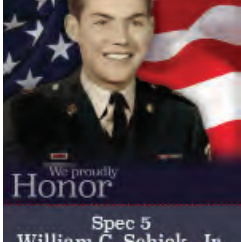
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US Navy  
World War II

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**Spec 5 William C. Schiek, Jr.**  
US Army  
1968-1970

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We proudly  
Honor

**Sergeant Connor M. Fielding**  
US Army, Military Police  
2019-Present

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**Corporal James J. Donovan**  
US Marine Corps  
1963-1964

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**EN2 Michael Bridges**  
US Navy  
Desert Storm, 1990-1994

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**Corporal Raymond Earle Fuller**  
US Army  
Korea

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**CT 3 David E. Stewart**  
US Navy  
Korean War

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We proudly  
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**Petty Officer 2nd Class Joanie Desilets**  
US Navy  
1966-2002

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**MSGT Nicole M. Ivone**  
US Air Force • National Guard • Reserve  
2005-2025

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**Engineer / LT Roger Mercaldi, Jr.**  
US Merchant Marine, 1966-1970  
US Naval Reserve, 1988-1992

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**PFC William Ingraham**  
US Marine  
1997-1998

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US Army  
1986-2010

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US Navy  
1945-1949

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**Sonarman 3rd Class Paul B. Thompson**  
US Coast Guard  
1990-1993

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**Yeoman I/C Roland Spofford**  
US Navy  
1942-1945

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We proudly  
Honor

**Major William Ryan**  
US Marine Corps & US Army  
Operation Enduring Freedom, 2000-2001

## FLAGS FOR THE FAITHFUL

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we, as the American Legion, need to help folks either providing new flags or whatever we can do, to replace worn flags."

"The American Legion is growing, and we're always looking for new members, and younger members too," Doug added, "because we need to pass the torch for veterans within Georgetown."

The worn flag was provided to David Crosby who works with the Boy Scout Troop 50. He'll take the flag to show the scouts the proper way to retire/dispose of the flag at one of their twice-yearly ceremonies. He reminded residents that there is a collection box at the Georgetown Fire Department as well as in Middleton. A newly installed box is also located at the Rowley Police/Fire complex. ♦



Bob Fogle helps lock in the flag as Doug Dawes begins the salute



Rob Fogle secures the lines



Sam Demeo pauses after raising the flag.



L-R: Scott Aulson, Sam Demeo, Doug Dawes, Kevin Leeman, Alan Aulson, and Rob Fogle



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# Massachusetts's Ashley Jordan at Grand Ole Opry!

NASHVILLE, TN – Award-winning singer-songwriter Ashley Jordan has been nominated for multiple honors at this year's Josie Music Awards (JMA's). Known for her powerhouse vocals, heartfelt songwriting, and magnetic stage presence, Ashley Jordan continues to rise as one of the most dynamic independent artists in the Americana and country music scene. This year's nominations recognize her exceptional artistry, dedication, and growing impact across both the Nashville and New England music communities.

"Performing at the Grand Ole Opry House is a dream come true," says Ashley. "It's the heart of country music, and to stand on that stage – representing both my Nashville family and my Massachusetts roots – is beyond words."



Jordan's journey began as a street performer in Massachusetts at the age

of 13, where her raw talent quickly drew crowds and led to sharing stages with The Charlie Daniels Band, Trace Adkins, Garth Brooks, the Beach Boys, and more. Since then, she's built an impressive independent career, earning multiple music awards, national radio play, and a passionate fan base drawn to her authentic, story-driven sound.

The Josie Music Awards – celebrating independent musicians worldwide – are among the largest and most respected indie award programs in the industry. Ashley's nominations this year further cement her standing as a leading independent voice bridging classic country roots with contemporary songwriting.

Fans can follow Ashley journey and music at [www.AshleyJordanMusic.com](http://www.AshleyJordanMusic.com) or on all major streaming platforms.

## SAND MINING ARREST

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received several reports of large commercial activity and traffic on the property. Neighbors had been complaining for months to the town about the huge volume of dump truck, sifters and bulldozers that were removing sand from the farm through their neighborhood. The trucks and equipment operated long hours to the dismay of the neighbors.

Champlain told The Town Common that the valuable sand was being sold to concrete manufacturers.

The police served seven traffic violations on Champlain on the sand removal.

"I want to recognize the Georgetown Police Detectives who used their skills and experience to bring this case to a conclusion," Chief Sedgwick said. "Thank you to the Danvers and Middleton Police Departments and the Essex County Sheriff's Office for their support and guidance."

In August, the Lawrence Superior Court

ordered the mining operation at the farm to cease, acting on a motion by town attorneys, who argued that Robles Excavating Co., Champlain and Potter were mining the sand without permits from the town.

At a recent meeting of the SelectBoard and Board of Assessors, Georgetown Town Manager Orlando Pacheco said the farm is in the process of being sold.

Pacheco said the property would most likely be under agreement for sale to an unnamed developer "by December first. (Mary Potter is) going to sell the property, the whole property."

The 100-year-old farm has 28 acres, five of which were being mined for its sand. The plan was to mine other 5-acre parcels for the valuable sand, Champlain told the Planning Board.

Town hall sources confirmed that the future developer has met with the planning, conservation and other offices investigating the property, reviewing maps, asking about utilities, water, and determining any offsets and any limitations on placing an untold number of homes/townhouses/apartments on the parcel. ♦

### WINTER IS COMING - LIST #1

- Things to get done:
- Things to stock up on:
- ☐ Change the oil, check the tires

☐ Invest in batteries, portable lamps

☐ Clean and spray with oil or silicone all tools

☐ Think of a present for your mailman/mailwoman
- ☐ Canned beets, corn, gravy, and pasta sauce

☐ Cashews, dried fruits, baked beans

☐ Ingredients to bake your own breads

☐ Paper, ink/toner, postage stamps, toilet paper, and glass cleaner

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**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Good news! You finally get to the bottom of a pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break their silence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so that you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it!

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                                   | <b>55</b> * Much-anticipated Yuletide visitor                 | <b>93</b> Nav. leader                                                                      | <b>DOWN</b>                               | <b>36</b> Word before while               | <b>81</b> — mater                          |
| <b>1</b> For the stock issue price              | <b>57</b> * Yuletide tinsel, ornaments and lights             | <b>94</b> Be litigious                                                                     | <b>1</b> Honda model                      | <b>39</b> Brewing fungi                   | <b>82</b> Adolescent                       |
| <b>6</b> Low voices                             | <b>59</b> Wray of “King Kong”                                 | <b>95</b> Buddy                                                                            | <b>2</b> Seat of Ireland’s County Kerry   | <b>42</b> Brazilian juice berry           | <b>83</b> Be determined by                 |
| <b>12</b> Test version                          | <b>60</b> Circular square dance maneuver                      | <b>96</b> Zesty taste                                                                      | <b>3</b> Arrive at a stop, as a bus       | <b>43</b> Kind of poker                   | <b>84</b> Be a fan of                      |
| <b>16</b> Aykroyd of “Coneheads”                | <b>61</b> Actress Reid                                        | <b>97</b> Intl. 1940s conflict                                                             | <b>4</b> Tilted                           | <b>44</b> Canadian gas station name       | <b>86</b> Chip topper                      |
| <b>19</b> Small wine or oil container           | <b>62</b> Keeps pelting                                       | <b>98</b> Misstep                                                                          | <b>5</b> Camping gear retailer            | <b>46</b> Smooth but unconvincing         | <b>88</b> Texters’ playful growl           |
| <b>20</b> “Fighting” NCAA team                  | <b>64</b> Eat away (at)                                       | <b>100</b> Edge along                                                                      | <b>6</b> Conference for UC Davis          | <b>49</b> Meanie’s look                   | <b>89</b> “Yeah, dude”                     |
| <b>21</b> Epochs                                | <b>66</b> Backup strategy                                     | <b>105</b> * Yuletide tree, e.g.                                                           | <b>7</b> Einstein or Camus                | <b>50</b> URL opener                      | <b>90</b> Rotate                           |
| <b>22</b> Logging tool                          | <b>68</b> * Plant hung up for                                 | <b>108</b> * Time off for Yuletide, say                                                    | <b>8</b> Lost traction                    | <b>51</b> Asia’s — Sea                    | <b>94</b> Transparent, informally          |
| <b>23</b> * Fourth-day gifts in a Yuletide song | <b>70</b> Jessica of “King Kong”                              | <b>113</b> Office tel. add-on                                                              | <b>9</b> Knightly title                   | <b>52</b> Actress Sorvino                 | <b>95</b> Empty talk                       |
| <b>25</b> * Warming Yuletide drink              | <b>75</b> Roaring cat                                         | <b>114</b> — fire under (stirred up)                                                       | <b>10</b> Alternatives to escaroles       | <b>53</b> One-named supermodel            | <b>97</b> “Buddy Holly” rock band          |
| <b>27</b> Earthen cooking pot                   | <b>77</b> Bombardier’s attack                                 | <b>115</b> Make — for it (try fleeing)                                                     | <b>11</b> Spacek of “Carrie”              | <b>54</b> Once more                       | <b>99</b> Egg-holding capsule              |
| <b>28</b> Bedazzled                             | <b>79</b> Paper pack                                          | <b>116</b> * Scrooge in a Yuletide classic                                                 | <b>12</b> Scrooge’s cry                   | <b>55</b> More reasonable                 | <b>101</b> Lake that feeds the Mississippi |
| <b>29</b> Suffix with art                       | <b>80</b> Quality evoking pity                                | <b>119</b> Apt phrase spelled out by the first letters of the answers to the starred clues | <b>13</b> Vanity                          | <b>56</b> Oral health org.                | <b>102</b> Fortright                       |
| <b>31</b> President Reagan                      | <b>84</b> In time past                                        | <b>122</b> Spock’s pointy part                                                             | <b>14</b> “Neon” fishes                   | <b>58</b> Pixar title fish                | <b>103</b> Paris art museum                |
| <b>32</b> * Flying Yuletide team                | <b>85</b> * Phrase from the Yuletide carol “Silent Night”     | <b>123</b> Toon frames                                                                     | <b>15</b> Chichi scarf                    | <b>59</b> Book leaf                       | <b>104</b> Group of nine                   |
| <b>34</b> * Leafy Yuletide door decoration      | <b>87</b> * What “it’s lovely weather for” in a Yuletide tune | <b>124</b> Tough trial                                                                     | <b>16</b> Father, to a wee tot            | <b>63</b> Rocket part                     | <b>106</b> Sweater type                    |
| <b>37</b> Tooth: Prefix                         | <b>90</b> NFL scores                                          | <b>125</b> Capital of Ghana                                                                | <b>17</b> Skating jump                    | <b>64</b> Targets                         | <b>107</b> Parolee, e.g.                   |
| <b>38</b> Fashion flair                         | <b>91</b> To a huge degree                                    | <b>126</b> Seeded loaf                                                                     | <b>18</b> “Adorkable” sort, perhaps       | <b>65</b> Astrophysicist — deGrasse Tyson | <b>109</b> Vid recorder                    |
| <b>40</b> Shared by us                          | <b>92</b> Church cries                                        | <b>127</b> Jenner of reality TV                                                            | <b>24</b> Scot’s denial                   | <b>67</b> Online journals                 | <b>110</b> Bar brew                        |
| <b>41</b> Soften                                |                                                               | <b>128</b> Subtle distinction                                                              | <b>26</b> Wearing stilettos, say          | <b>69</b> Wall Street worker              | <b>111</b> Auction site                    |
| <b>45</b> Fed, e.g.                             |                                                               | <b>129</b> Detested                                                                        | <b>30</b> Involving give-and-take         | <b>71</b> Circle parts                    | <b>112</b> Richard of “First Knight”       |
| <b>47</b> High trains                           |                                                               |                                                                                            | <b>33</b> — for “Murder” (Hitchcock film) | <b>72</b> In tidy order                   | <b>114</b> Legal claim                     |
| <b>48</b> Ill. neighbor                         |                                                               |                                                                                            |                                           | <b>73</b> Chutzpah                        | <b>117</b> Roth of horror films            |
| <b>49</b> Religious branches                    |                                                               |                                                                                            |                                           | <b>74</b> TV trophy                       | <b>118</b> Web feed format inits.          |
| <b>50</b> Figure skater Dorothy                 |                                                               |                                                                                            |                                           | <b>76</b> “Sorta” queen                   | <b>120</b> Dietary std.                    |
| <b>54</b> Some toy batteries                    |                                                               |                                                                                            |                                           | <b>78</b> Opera                           | <b>121</b> Sigh of relief                  |

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TOWN OF BOXFORD PLANNING BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Boxford Planning Board will hold a **Public Hearing** to consider **changes to the Boxford Zoning Code (Section 196 of the Town Bylaw) and the associated Zoning Map to create an MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District (MCMOD) that would allow as-of-right multifamily housing** in accordance with Section 3A of the Zoning Act (codified at MGL Chapter 40A). The proposed MCMOD is on a portion of the property known as “The Willows at Boxford,” Assessor’s Map 6, Block 2, Lot 2.2. Said hearing will be held on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:30 PM** by Zoom videoconference. The Zoom connection information is here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89213314907>

The complete text relative to the proposed amendment and a copy of the proposed map change are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk’s office as well as the Planning Board office at 7A Spofford Road, Boxford, MA.

For the Planning Board,  
Ross Povenmire

10/29, 11/5

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 **Site Plan Review, as provided in §165-83V: Modifications to approved site plans** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws. The Public Hearing will be for modification of an approved Site Plan and related special permits at 93 Tenney Street.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 19 NOVEMBER 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/82968978144> Meeting ID: 82968 978144 Passcode: 078600

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **29 OCTOBER 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](http://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](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov) or by clicking here: [https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/government/boards\\_\\_commissions/planning\\_board/index.php#outer-4524](https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/index.php#outer-4524)

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](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov)

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ROWLEY

The All-Scout Paper Drive will be held on Saturday November 8, 2025 from 9:00am to 12 noon behind the First Congregational Church of Rowley on Main Street. The Scouts will be collecting newspapers, books, cardboard, and magazines. Scouting Troop 15 will be collecting \$.05 redeemable bottles and cans. Scouting America and the Girl Scouts of Row-ley thank you very much for helping to keep Scouting active in Rowley.

The paper drives are held the second Saturday of odd numbered months. If you have any questions please call George Pacenka at (978) 314-8690.

Non-perishable items including diapers, paper towels, toilet paper will also be collected at this time for the Rowley Food Pantry.

The next paper drive will be held on January 10, 2026.

SALISBURY

WED NOV12 | 7:30 pm Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack November Meeting. Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Road.

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Garden Club 'custom' designed and printed Certificate of Recognition and photos of the landscape areas they beautified and maintained.

AL Prime Energy location Supervisor Sediq Amin received the award for AL Prime Energy, and it read as follows:

AL Prime Energy is awarded this certificate in recognition of providing a beautiful display of seasonal planting for all to view and enjoy. We thank you for enhancing the beauty of our Newbury Community.

Newbury Garden Club Beautification member Patrica Robinson presented the award along with the Club President Julie Marion, Vice President Erica Swanson, and Beautification Committee Chair Charleen Maunsell.

Plum Island Beautification Society President Lynne Petty received the award for providing a creative beautiful display of seasonal planting on Plum Island Turnpike and Northern Boulevard, Plum Island Newbury, Ma. And it read as follows:

Plum Island Beautification Society Newbury, Mass. is awarded this certifi-

cate in recognition of such a wonderful group of volunteers creating and maintaining the beautiful summer planting at the Newbury Public Restroom boat planter on Plum Island Turnpike and the seven container planters on Northern Boulevard. Incredible!

We thank you for your dedication to adding beauty to our Newbury Community.

Newbury Garden Club Vice President Erica Swanson and Beautification Committee Chair Charleen Maunsell presented the award to Plum Island Beautification Society President, Lynne Petty.

Members of the Plum Island Beautification Society attending were President Lynne Petty, Vice President Tracy Smith and members Jill Mandragouras, Cynthia Keefe, and Lisa Yeastedt. Members Lela Wright, Kevin Kelley, and Liz Gemba were unable to attend.

The PI Beautification Society is a volunteer group of Plum Island residents dedicated to preserving/complementing the beauty of their island home. They are volunteers who depend solely on donations for funding. If you would like to donate, contact Lynne Petty via email at [lynnepisland@gmail.com](mailto:lynnepisland@gmail.com). ♦

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