

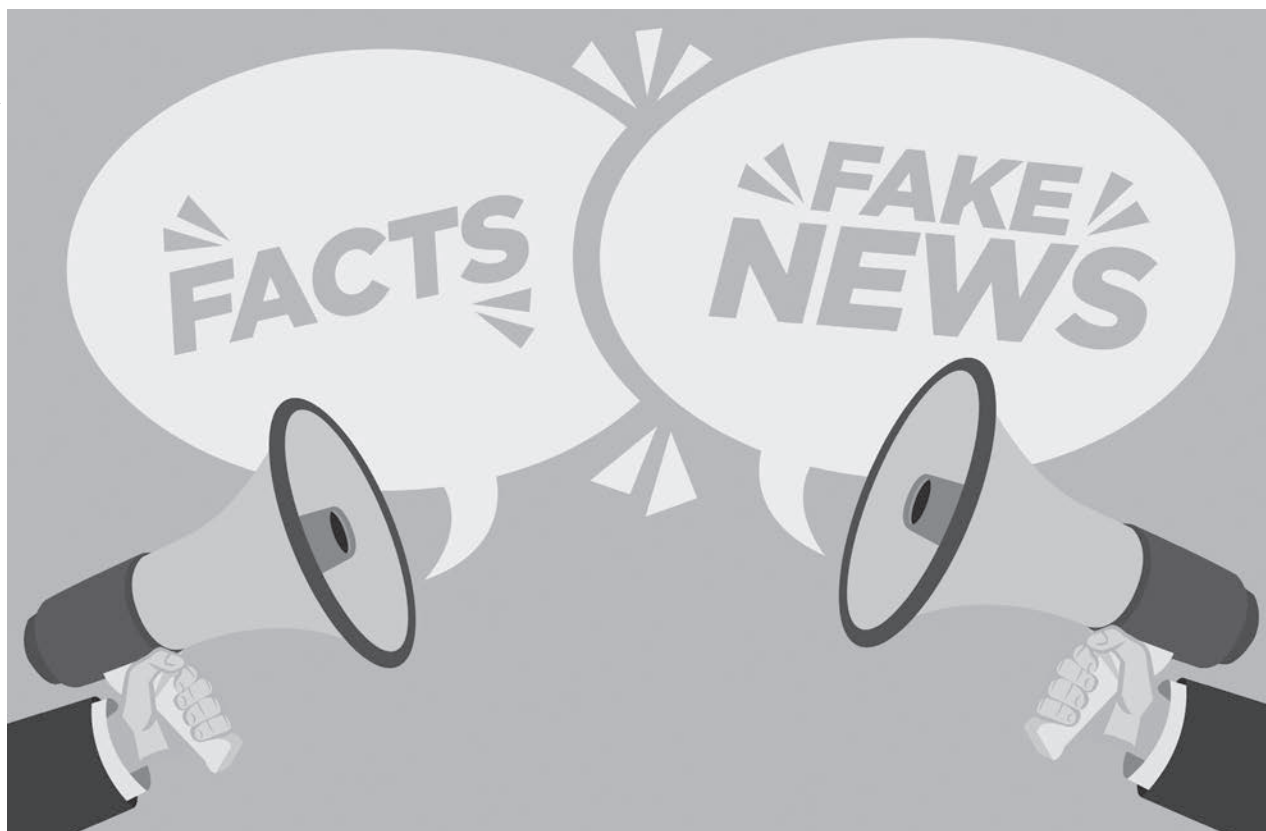
FALL SPORTS IN FULL SWING

The fall athletic season is in high gear with teams from around the region competing with an eye toward the championships. For more photos see Pages 6 and 7.



Methuen Rangers football players enter the field ready to do battle with Andover at Methuen on Oct. 2.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo



Looking to combat fake news?

Here are some resources to help you determine if what you've read is true:

» **Politifact** is the Pulitzer Prize-winning fact checking operation run by the nonprofit Poynter Institute. The site fact-checks statements by politicians and debunks myriad Facebook hoaxes.

<https://www.politifact.com/>

» **FactCheck.org**, run by Annenberg Public Policy Center, performs much of the same tasks, and also let's you ask questions of the fact checkers. An example question: Did the Supreme Court rule that it is illegal to take the oath of office with anything but the Bible? (The answer is no.)

<https://www.factcheck.org/>

» **Snopes** is the original fact-checking website. Use the site's search bar to get to the bottom of political statements, viral videos and urban myths.

<https://www.snopes.com/>

» **A Google reverse image search** is the best way to find out if that photo you saw making the rounds on Twitter or Facebook is real. This story from PC Magazine walks you through how to do it on your desktop or your phone.

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» **Still need help?** Contact us at the Eagle-Tribune, and we'll get the answer for you, no matter the topic. Email editor Tracey Rauh at trauh@eagletribune.com.



REAL NEWS IN SCHOOLS

How the program works

Everything you need to know about
Real News in Schools

Who: It involves local schools participating in the Eagle-Tribune's Newspapers in Education program, Real News in Schools.

What: Students and faculty at these schools are granted full access to EagleTribune.com and receive print copies of the monthly Real News in Schools publication you are currently reading.

Where: These free digital subscriptions are accessible on all electronic devices within participating schools. Schools currently enrolled include Haverhill High School, Methuen High School, North Andover High School, Salem High School and Austin Prep.

When: As soon as a school administrator contacts the Eagle-Tribune to set-up access and a sponsor is secured for that school, it is enrolled into the program. This process typically takes two to three weeks to complete.

Why: Local businesses understand the importance of local journalism and endeavor to strengthen their communities. The Real News in Schools program is designed to battle the fake news proliferating on social media, and introduce students to trusted news sources.

How: Teachers use the local newspaper and partner website EagleTribune.com/RealNews to design course work. This curriculum utilizes news stories to teach reading, vocabulary, math, geography and civics.

If you are a school administrator or business looking to get involved in this program, please contact the Eagle-Tribune at (978) 946-2200.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EAGLETRIBUNE.COM/REALNEWS

It's a dangerous business, reading a newspaper

Andy Ostmeyer

Commentary



The late Richard Langworth, senior fellow at the Hillsdale College Churchill Project, was once asked what newspapers Winston Churchill read.

Langworth replied: "All of them. Remarkably, Churchill read all the newspapers he could lay his hands on — from *The Times* to the *Daily Worker*. ... He would do this in bed of a morning after breakfasting off a tray. He often liked to discard sheets of read newspapers on the floor."

According to Langworth, reading all the newspapers — combined with a photographic memory — gave Churchill "a useful arsenal in Parliamentary debate."

Erik Larson, in his book "The Splendid and the Vile," wrote of Churchill: "He received eight daily and Sunday papers, and read them."

Churchill is credited for this remark about newspapers: "A free press is the sleeping guardian of all other rights that free men prize; it is the most dangerous foe of tyranny."

Local news

As we think about the importance of the press, we want to recognize the critical roles newspapers play in our communities and in our country.

They are still the single most important source of local news in this and every community.

"They remain, by far, the most significant providers of journalism in their communities," Nieman Lab reported.

Despite newspapers

accounting for only a quarter of local media outlets, they accounted for nearly 60% of local news stories.

"Essentially, local newspapers produced more of the local reporting in the communities we studied than television, radio, and online-only outlets combined," Nieman Lab found.

Numerous studies have found that communities with newspapers are:

- Healthier politically ... meaning more people run for office and more people vote.

- Healthier environmentally ... meaning there is less pollution.

- Healthier financially ... as the cost of public borrowing is less and government is more efficient and

responsive.

— and healthier civically ... as more people are engaged at the local level.

An act of courage

Perhaps the most important role a community newspaper plays is asking you to get to know your neighbors.

A newspaper arrives at your home, maybe on your porch, maybe in the mail, increasingly on your computer or your phone, but then immediately invites you out of that space, challenging you to learn about the people who live just down the street, who send their children to the same schools, who shop in the same stores.

And because of that — because a community

newspaper bids you to venture forth — reading one is an act of courage.

Because not everyone who lives down the street sees the world the way you do.

Not everyone who sends their children to the same schools wants the same things for their children.

And because not everyone shopping at the same stores votes the same way.

Committing to reading a community newspaper, then, is committing to learning about others, and from others, and to understanding them, and committing to having our values, views and our priorities challenged.

That is no small thing, especially when the safe thing to do is to hunker

down in our silos, to double down in our echo chambers, to choose the comfortable life over the challenged life.

Having our values, our views and our priorities challenged is not to abandon them, though, but rather it is to ask questions about them, to think more deeply about them, and in the end to maybe even strengthen them.

For all the things that are lost when a newspaper closes, and for all the ways that a community is diminished when a paper dies, maybe the biggest loss of all is the invitation of the newspaper to leave our hobbit holes and venture out into our community, meeting those neighbors with their varied values.

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door."

Permit us a slight tweak of a comment by the playwright Arthur Miller, who said that a good newspaper is a community talking to itself.

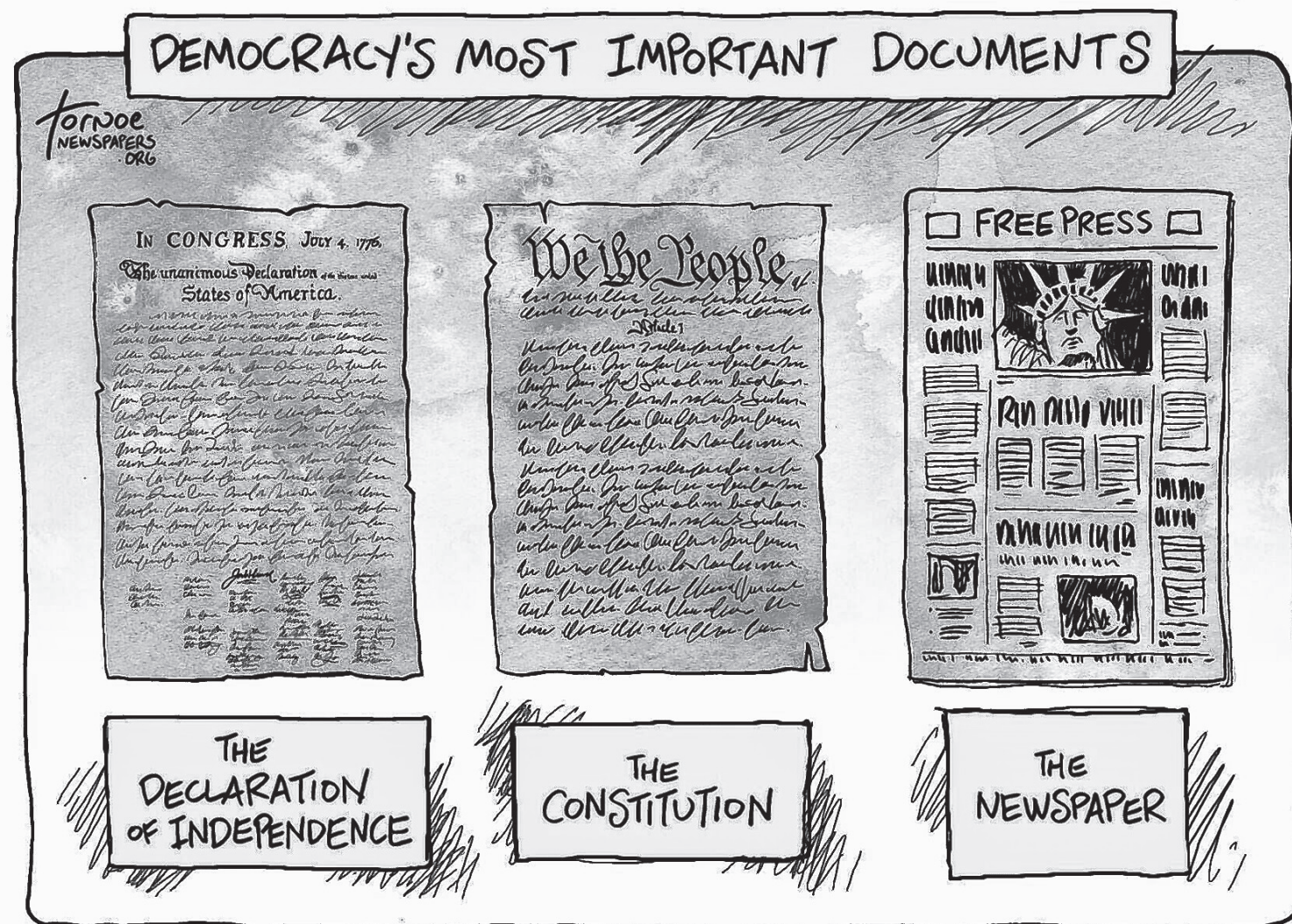
A good newspaper is a community getting to know itself. And that makes for a healthy, vibrant, thriving community.

That's why we salute and thank you, our readers, for your acts of courage.

Yes, it's a dangerous business, reading a newspaper.

The only thing more dangerous may be not reading the paper at all.

Andy Ostmeyer is the editor of the *Joplin Globe*, a sister CNHI newspaper to *The Eagle-Tribune*.



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VARSITY BOYS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday Oct 16

Haverhill High	at	New Bedford	6:30 PM
Methuen High	hosting	Lawrence	7:00 PM
North Andover	at	Chelmsford	7:00 PM
Salem High	at	Alvirne	7:00 PM



Friday Oct 23

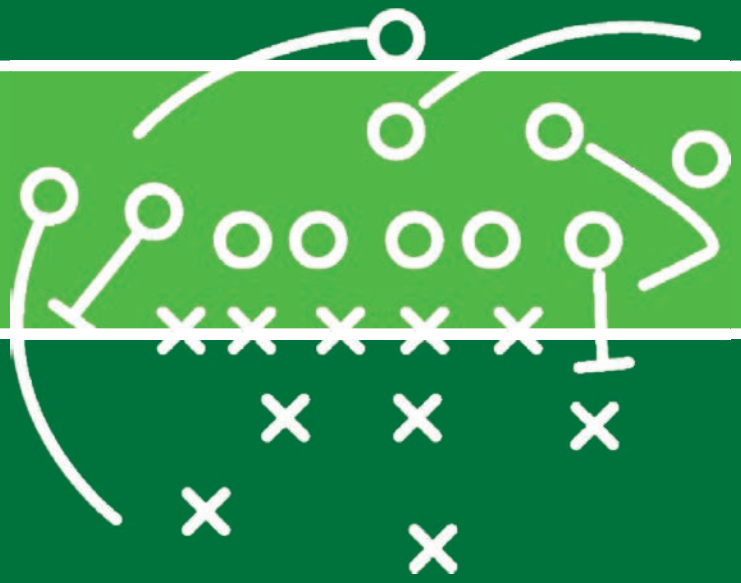
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North Andover	hosting	Tewksbury	6:30 PM
Salem High	hosting	Manchester Central	7:00 PM

Thursday Oct 29

Haverhill High	at	Central Catholic	7:00 PM
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Friday Oct 30

Methuen High	at	Billerica Memorial	7:00 PM
North Andover	at	Lowell	6:00 PM
Salem High	at	Exeter	7:00 PM





Omar Ali, Salem's goal keeper, makes the save in the Blue Devils' 3-2 win over Pinkerton Academy on Oct. 6.



Methuen's Caiden Hartley-DiDio sprints for yardage against Andover at Methuen varsity high school football Oct. 2. 1



Salem captain Kingston Freitas celebrates after scoring the winning goal against Pinkerton Oct. 6.



North Andover quarterback Austin Allen looks to pass in the opening-night win over Methuen on Sept. 13.

Getting in on the action

A collection of images from fall high school sports, by Eagle-Tribune photographer Carl Russo.



Haverhill's Lucia Philippe, left, and North Andover's Cameron Kvatemik fight for the ball in a Sept. 24 game.



North Andover's Nora Smith takes control of the ball during a late September game against Haverhill.



North Andover's Emma Carbone, left, and Maeve Orlando defend the net in a 3-0 win over Lowell on Sept. 29.



Methuen quarterback Lyric DeLeon prepares to make a pass in a game against Andover at Methuen High School on Oct. 2.



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