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2025 PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

Local photographers for The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times captured all sorts of events in 2025 across the North Shore and Cape Ann, many of

which focused on graduations, sports, bands, events and other activities at your schools.

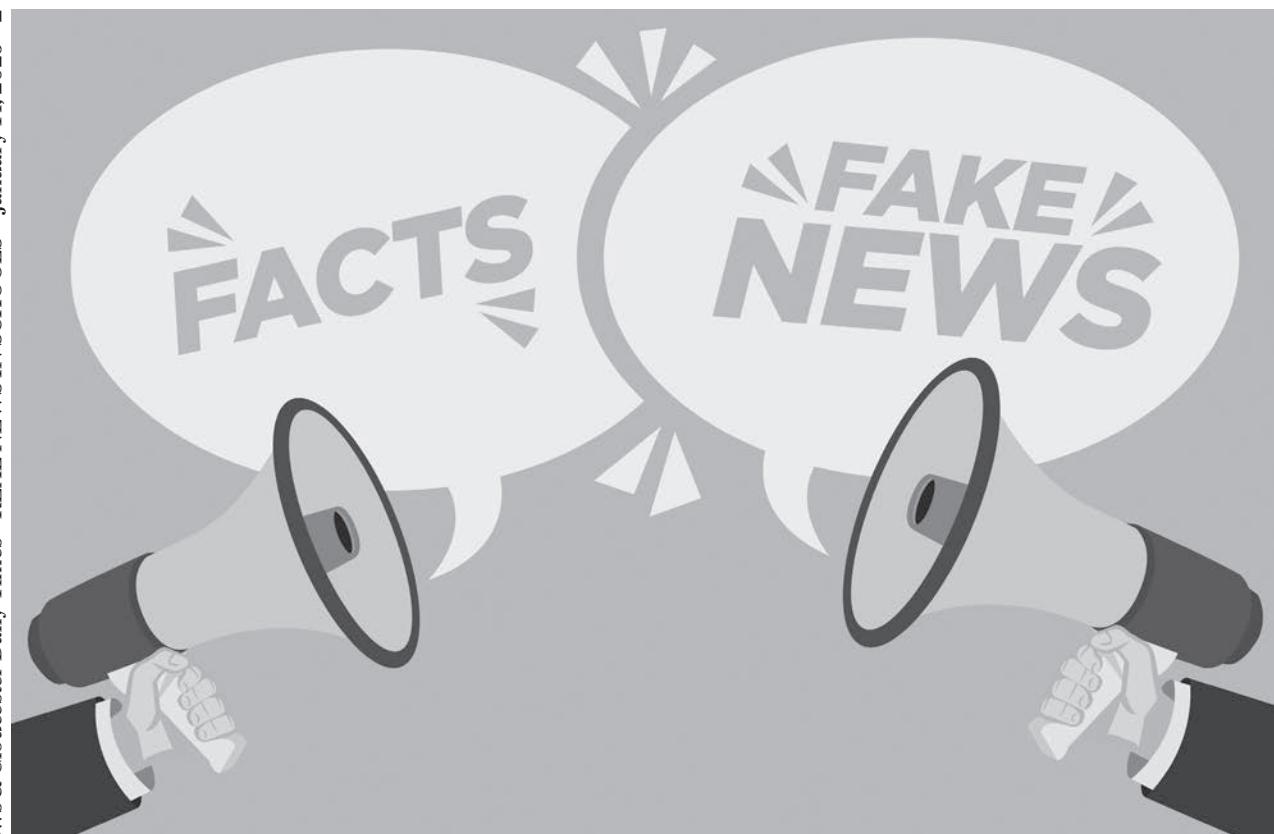
This just a small sample of their work

from the past year. And if you look closely — sometimes just glance — you'll often see yourself, a classmate, or a close friend.



The Salem High School Class of 2025 toss their caps at the end of their graduation ceremony on June 8.

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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 lets 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.)

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» **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.

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» **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.

<https://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2492468,00.asp>

» **Still need help?** Contact us at the Gloucester Daily Times or Salem News, and we'll get the answer for you, no matter the topic. Email Gloucester editor Andrea Holbrook at aholbrook@gloucester-times.com, or Salem editor John Castelluccio at jcastelluccio@salemnews.com



REAL NEWS IN SCHOOLS

How the program works

Your school can have access to local, trusted journalism from The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times on a daily basis. We report on news throughout the North Shore and Cape Ann, covering all things local — from schools, to sports, to government, people profiles, business, entertainment and more. You get the facts — the real news — from experienced reporters, photographers and editors you can count on at no cost to your school.

Here are the basics of the program:

What is it? The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times partner with local businesses to provide free digital access to our newspapers to anyone within a school in our coverage area at no cost to the school. This access encourages students to value the vital news coverage being produced by The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times. They will build awareness and gain critical thinking skills in the process.

Who can participate? This program will benefit teachers, students, and others in the school community.

Where does it take place? You can access our newspaper online. Teachers can incorporate the program into their curriculums, even having reporters, photographers and editors visit your class.

When can we start benefiting? As soon as we have your commitment to participate in Real News in Schools we will go to work to find a local business who wants to sponsor you. Once we have one, we will work with your IT Department to get the program up and running.

Why is this valuable? There's a lot of fake news out there on social media and elsewhere. The Salem News, founded in 1880 as The Salem Evening News, and the Gloucester Daily Times, founded in 1888, both award-winning publications, have long track records of fair and accurate reporting that cuts through the misinformation.

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DAVID SOKOL/Staff photo

Kevin Ouellette, left, gives classmate Kobi Dawe a fist bump Saturday, June 7, after receiving his diploma during the Danvers High School graduation ceremony.



DAVID SOKOL/Staff photo

Senior class president Jasmine Ramirez waves to classmates Friday, June 6, after receiving her diploma during the Peabody Veterans Memorial High School graduation ceremony.



DEREK KOUYOUNJIAN/Photo

Beverly High graduate Ryan Ssemujju Kitunzi smiles after his trip to the podium and diploma in hand during commencement on June 8.



DAVID SOKOL/Staff photo

Erica Sweet, 10, Samantha Doane, 10, and Michelina Devita, 11, harvest carrots Oct. 9 in East Veterans Elementary School's raised garden beds as part of a partnership with Backyard Growers. State officials were on hand to see the impact of public farm-to-school programs.

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Reagan Lewis, 11, and Kate Frithsen, 11, use a hand saw on Wednesday, Dec. 10, to cut a piece of wood to the correct length as they start the process of building a bluebird house during a program at O'Maley Innovation Middle School.



DAVID SOKOL/Staff photo

The Manchester Essex boys tennis team poses after capturing their second straight Division 4 state championship with their June 15 win over rival Lynnfield.



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Silus Arnaud, left, James Brennan, Sophia Drost, and Lucy Wilcox perform in the scene entitled "Joe" during the Rockport High School Drama Llama production of "Working: A Musical" in October.



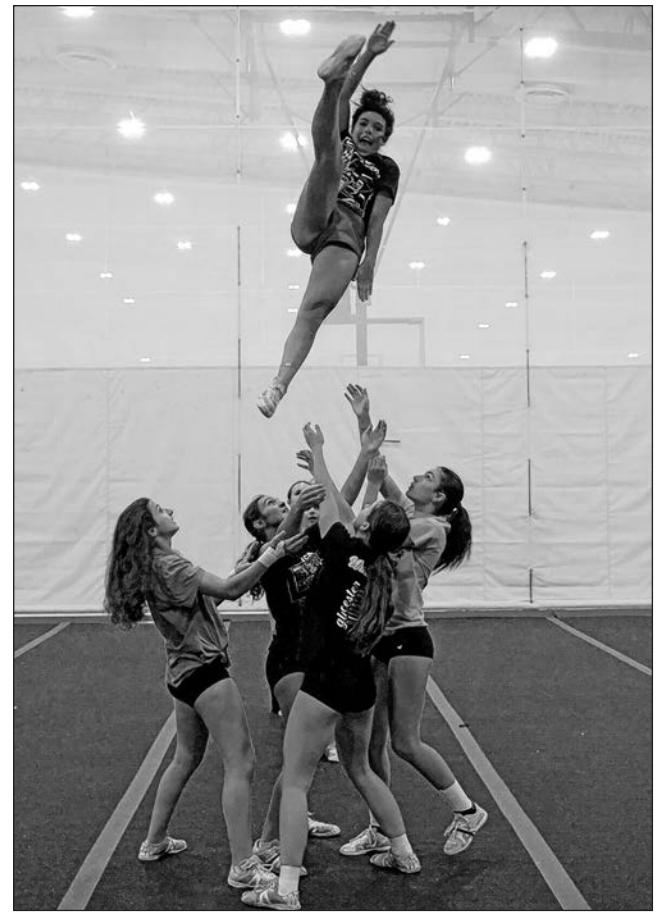
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Gloucester Vocational Auto Tech students, teachers and Gloucester High School administrators join together for a ribbon cutting of the new facility in November.



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Hamilton-Wenham coach Joe Maher looks on as senior co-captains Naomi Provost and Olivia Romans hoist the Division 4 girls tennis championship trophy after defeating Manchester Essex Sunday, June 15.



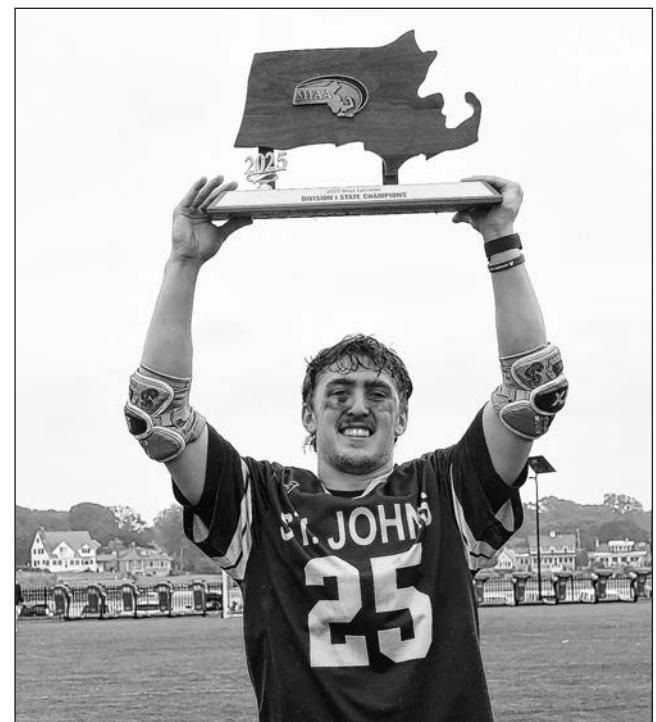
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Gloucester High School cheerleaders go through their routine while practicing for the Nov. 22 state championship at Worcester State University. The team earned a seventh place finish out of 20 teams at the championship.



COURTESY PHOTO

Peabody's boys track team celebrates with the Division 2 state championship trophy and banner after the final event Saturday, May 31, at Merrimack College. It was the first time the boys team won a state title in 50 years.



ROSE RAYMOND/Photo

St. John's Prep captain Luke Kelly, of Marblehead, holds the Division 1 boys state championship trophy aloft after his overtime goal gave the Eagles a pulsating 8-7 victory over BC High Saturday, June 14, at Mass. Maritime Academy.

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