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## Read to Win

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

TOPSFIELD – Reading has its rewards. The Topsfield Fair, Fiesta Shows and The International Association of Fairs and Expositions this summer promoted a 'Read and Win' program with at 32 libraries in Essex, Middlesex counties and southern New Hampshire.

For each elementary school student that achieves their goal, 4,148 students were rewarded with an admission ticket to the Topsfield Fair. Children under eight get in free. They also get a free hot dog and drink voucher, two ride tickets, a ribbon and certificate.

In addition to the normal fun at the Fair, the students will get the chance to see the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, scheduled to make several appearances at the 2023 Topsfield Fair.

The eight-horse hitch will be harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon at the Topsfield Fair on Oct. 5 to 8. The "Gentle Giants," as they are often referred to, will make their way around the fairgrounds starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

About 20 minutes into the procession, the hitch will stop at the Topsfield Fair's Beer Garden to deliver a case of beer. The horses will also be in the Arena at 5 p.m. on Thursday and 6 p.m. on Saturday for a brief program.

When not on the grounds or in the Arena, the Clydesdales will be in a tent next to the Horse Barn adjacent to the Cattle Gate for attendees to visit.

"Partnering with local libraries directly ties to the extensive educational programs we run every year at the Topsfield Fair," said Kate

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## Pentucket Students to Participate in German American Partnership Program



German GAPP Coordinator Christophe Kotte, left, and the students who will visit Pentucket this fall. (Photo Courtesy Pentucket Regional School District)

WEST NEWBURY — Superintendent Justin Bartholomew is pleased to share that Pentucket Regional High School students will participate in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP).

The German American Partnership Program (GAPP), supported by the United States State Department, allows students from the U.S. and Germany to visit a secondary school in the other country. More than 400,000 American and German students have participated in the program since its establishment nearly 50 years ago.

Pentucket's last GAPP exchange took place in 2014. For the past two years, German Teacher Stephen Petersen and

Pentucket German IV students participated in a virtual exchange program, the German American Virtual Exchange (GAVE), with students from Stadtgymnasium Emsland in Rheine, Germany.

Pentucket students will finally meet their virtual exchange partners in person this year, as they engage in the GAPP. Students from Germany will visit Pentucket from Oct. 2-15, where they will live with host families to experience American family life firsthand.

Throughout their visit, students will also have the opportunity to get a feel for the Massachusetts educational system through shadowing a Pentucket student who is learning

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## Stephanie's Angels Raise More than \$20K for Cancer Victims

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

REGIONAL – The 13th Annual Comedy Night to raise money for cancer victims through the Solace for Stephanie (Jenkins) last month ago raised \$24,300, one of the organization's biggest year.

In a wrap-up letter to the hundreds of "angels," who participated in the Comedy Night with comedian Paul Gilligan, the host of the event, MaryAnn (Mo) Levasseur wrote: "Whether it was hands on behind the scenes, to purchasing a ticket, to sending a donation, to sponsoring a gift card, to volunteering that night. We could go on and on. YOU made the difference."

Levasseur, a longtime friend of popular hairdresser Jenkins before her death, and Stephanie's family, who together run the charity, they wanted to close the books at \$25,000. "If you would like to help us reach \$25K, you can go to our website and use the Make A Donation button at the top and help get us to \$25K this year which would be a record for us!"

Solace for Stephanie uses the funds to support cancer victims with gift cards for prescriptions, gas, groceries and even personal care. Since it was founded, Solace has helped more than 100 cancer survivors.

A highlight was Stephanie's sister, Ann Marie, flew in from Florida to attend the Comedy night. "That was BIG," Levasseur wrote.

Other angels Levasseur recognized included Maureen Sabino, who will do anything we ask of her and Randy Sabino, who allowed Solace to use extra



Stephanie Jenkins

office space in his building as we had more raffle items.

Chris Breen, who attends and makes a donation for the raffle every year.

The Topsfield Police Department and the Georgetown Police and Fire Departments for their support. "You make a difference!" Levasseur wrote.

Ron Agrella, who got together a table of 12 together.

Chris Connolly for his "Never ending support!" My man in white! Get it!

Roger and Karlene Merry, who have supported Solace from the beginning.

Arthur Skarmas, Linda Flaherty and Mike DiFilippo from Skarmas Law for buying a table and Linda always going the extra mile.

The business network group, BNI, made a difference this year, Levasseur, a member of the group, wrote.

The event, held at the Topsfield Fair, included dinner by Dinner Ala Cart and a full bar. The comedians included Gilligan, Paul D'Angelo and Mitch Stinson who kept the audience laughing.

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Registration is required for this online program. To sign up to watch from home, visit the Rowley Public Library web site at [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar). You will receive an email with the link to the webinar.

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## Read to Win

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O'Brien, Education Program Manager, Topsfield Fair. "Having Fiesta Shows and The International Association of Fairs and Expositions eagerly participate in the Read and Win program with us again is a testament to the importance of the program."

The top five libraries with the most children participating this year were:

1. Beverly Public Library: 667
2. Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library: 473
3. Boxford Town Library: 221
4. Peabody Institute Library of Danvers: 209
5. (Tie): Ipswich Public Library & Peabody Institute Library in Peabody: 164

Ticket prices for the 2023 Topsfield Fair are \$20 every day. Discount admission tickets are available at [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org) through September 28. General Admission discount tickets can be purchased for only \$10 plus a \$2.25 convenience fee. Tickets are good any day during the Fair's 11-day run. A three-day pass, good any three days, is available for \$42.00 plus a \$3.50 convenience fee. Children under eight are free with an adult admission ticket. Discounted ride tickets are also available when purchased in advance at [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org).

## Pentucket Students

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German at the high school, and visiting a district elementary school, Whittier Tech, and Boston University. Students will also get to take a trip to Boston, Newburyport, a local farm, and the beaches on Plum Island.

"In the past, life-long connections have been made between Pentucket and German students through this program," said Pentucket Regional Middle High School Foreign Language Department Chair Linda Hackett. "We are excited to be bringing back the GAPP to Pentucket and are confident that our students will benefit from the connections made with the students from Germany."

The Pentucket School Committee approved the program for the 2023-24 school year last spring.

Plans are being made to take Pentucket students to Rheine in June 2024.

## Newbury Residents to Participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

NEWBURY - Four residents from Newbury will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Amy Price, Robert Champagne, Taryn Marcorelle, and Olivia Mullen, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"The 2023 Walk will be held during the Jimmy Fund's 75th anniversary year and will aim to raise \$9 million in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. "This year also marks the 35th annual Jimmy Fund Walk."

To register to walk or volunteer (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

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## Ipswich Public Health Department to Hold Flu Vaccination Clinic

IPSWICH – Public Health Director Colleen Fermon and the Ipswich Public Health Department would like to share information on this year's flu vaccination clinic, held in partnership with the Ipswich Council on Aging and Conley's Drug Store.

### When:

Wed., Oct. 18, from 1-3 p.m.

### Where:

Council on Aging Cafeteria, Town Hall, 25 Green St., Ipswich, MA

### Who:

Ipswich residents aged 50 & up.

### What:

The Ipswich Public Health Department has partnered with the Council on Aging and Conley's Drug Store to offer a flu vaccination clinic for residents aged 50 and up.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone six months and older get vaccinated every flu season. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

Fluad Quadrivalent adjuvanted influenza vaccine (for those 65+) and Flucelvax Quadrivalent influenza vaccine will be offered at the clinic.

Pre-registration is required and can be done through Conley's Drug Store website.

Shingles, Pneumonia, TDAP, and RSV vaccines can also be provided if chosen during the pre-registration process.

Those with questions regarding the clinic should contact Conley's Drug Store at 978-356-2121.



# Health & Wellness



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

## Brighter Smiles... OTHER OPINIONS

necessarily do or want to do what the dentist wants them to, but they are comfortable enough to make the decision on treatment. It is when there is a lack of trust, for one reason or another, that patients tend to venture out for another opinion. This lack of trust usually stems from a personality conflict or the inability of the dentist to properly communicate with the patient effectively.

Even when there are more complex dental issues, it is my feeling that patients base the need for another opinion on lack of trust. Another important factor is that the patient is given choices. Patients always have the right to choose what treatment they feel is right for themselves. If choices are given and the treatment is properly communicated to the patient, they have the ability to decide in what direction to proceed.

If a dentist properly communicates the need for treatment and the patient decides to do nothing, it is the patient's choice. It is when treatment is properly presented and it aligns with the patient's perception of need or desire, that the patient

moves forward with treatment.

Fees tend to be a less common reason for patients to seek another opinion. Fees for treatment can definitely vary. The problem with seeking treatment based on fees is that the same treatment in two different offices with different fees can also vary in the level of expertise and precision in which it is done. There are many factors.

A higher fee does not always mean a higher quality product. Fees are generally based on the time involved, the materials used, and the perceived expertise of the provider. Be cautious when seeking treatment based on fees. The fee for treatment should definitely be considered, but the entire treatment presentation and the way in which it is communicated should be used to determine your decision.

*Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to health-centered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMJ problems. If there are certain topics you would like to see written about or questions you have please email them to him at jpstclair@stclairdmd.com*

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts you have to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters of your proposal.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. There's no such problems in your personal life, though, as things continue to flow smoothly.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life — both on personal and professional levels — this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get a job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run, it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a penchant for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

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### The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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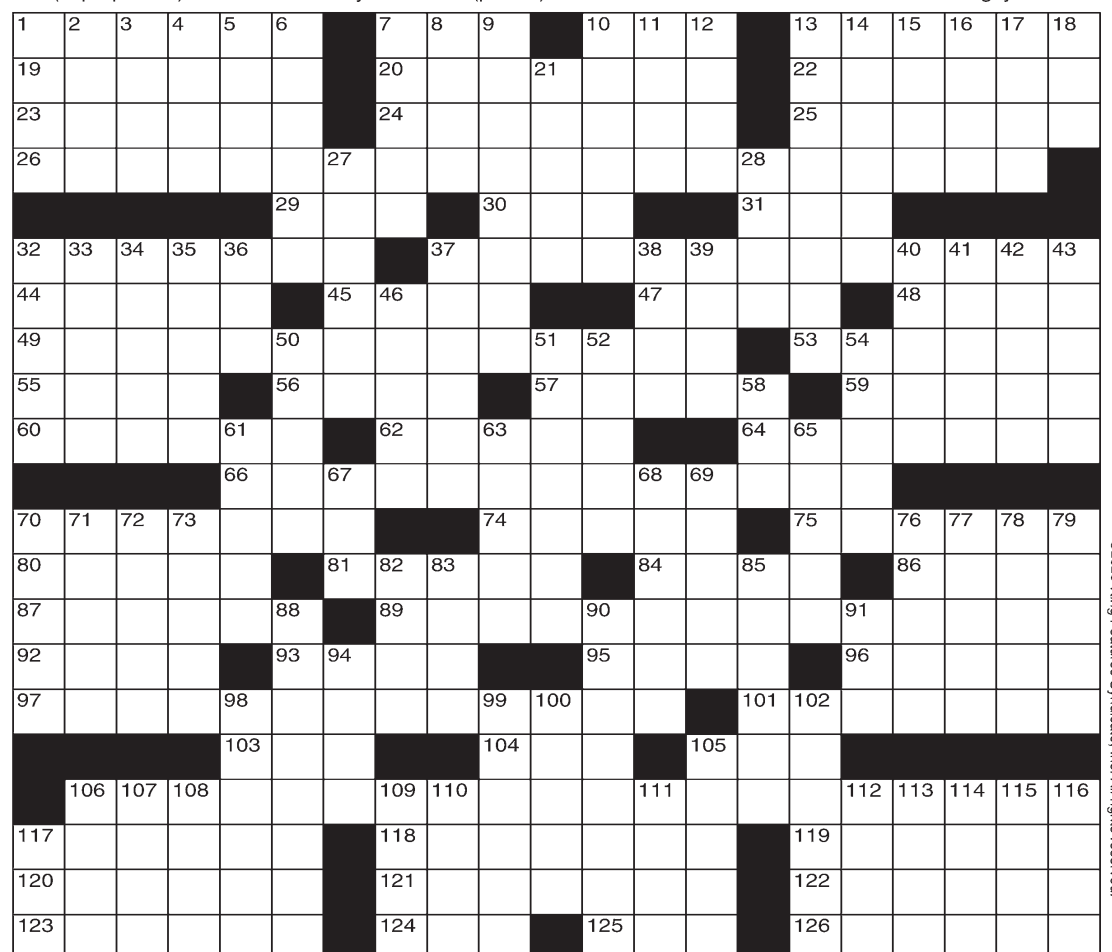
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### ACROSS

- 1 Bumper-car carnival ride  
7 TV title alien  
10 Garden pond fish  
13 Cause to blunder  
19 Cook too long  
20 Ned of NASCAR  
22 Ned of "The D.A."  
23 Appear gradually, as a scene  
24 "No, seriously!"  
25 Surrounded by  
26 Mountain laurel  
29 Clumsy type  
30 Stocking stuffer  
31 It's charged  
32 Alternative to ChapStick  
37 "Old Folks at Home"  
44 Vital artery  
45 Spellbound  
47 1989-2007 senator Trent  
48 Stein fillers  
49 Blue spruce  
53 Propose a date to  
55 Author Ferber  
56 Pro — (in proportion)  
57 "— a customer"  
59 Joe of "GoodFellas"  
60 Clinton aide Myers  
62 Susan of "Goldengirl"  
64 Eurasian animal with antlers  
66 "North to the Future"  
70 Used up  
74 118-Across was one  
75 Printing goofs  
80 Humdinger  
81 Reformer Ralph  
84 "OK" from Tom Sawyer to Aunt Polly  
86 Workplace welfare org.  
87 Fuddy-duddies  
89 Topaz  
92 Relative of a lutz  
93 Bullfight yells  
95 Israeli airline  
96 Right wrongs  
97 Cactus wren  
101 Went in  
103 To the — power  
104 Savings acct. accrual  
105 Hail, basically

### DOWN

- 8 Desktop illuminator  
9 No longer being detained  
10 Sax celebrity  
11 Soulful Redding  
12 Really tiny  
13 "Saturday Night Fever" star  
14 Hard Italian cheese  
15 "Sure, put me down"  
16 Toenail treatment, informally  
17 Astral bear  
18 Coffee holder  
21 Rambled  
27 Mexican city due south of Dallas  
28 Elevate  
32 Waiting with — breath  
33 2013 Grammy winner for "Royals"  
34 Dunne of classic films  
35 Lieu  
36 Chinese ideal  
37 California county whose seat is Fairfield  
38 Sign word after "Ye"  
39 Stocking stuffer  
40 Worked on a leaf collection?  
41 "You beat me"  
42 Tennis tie  
43 Up and about  
46 Gained access to  
50 Refrigeration fluid  
51 Workers with shingles, maybe  
52 Kofi, once of the U.N.  
54 Caveman's weapon  
58 Scrub nurses' sites, in brief  
61 Be hammy  
63 Tribal pole emblem  
65 — Mountain (Vermont ski resort)  
67 Two fives  
68 — Marymount University  
69 Stadium's kin  
70 Britcom of the '90s  
71 Pope before Paul V  
72 Coors offering  
73 Trade group  
76 GPS calculation  
77 1941 Oscar winner Mary  
78 Scottish title  
79 Emitted a contented sigh  
82 Ending for golden or New  
83 Arnaz of TV  
85 Decide on  
88 Toned down  
90 Outside clearance event, of a sort  
91 Quite chubby  
94 Bert with lion lines  
98 Not delayed  
99 Diamond substitute  
100 Baseball pioneer Buck  
102 Came closer  
105 One way to fry food  
106 Chunky slice  
107 Garr of films  
108 Spellbound  
109 Flair  
110 Cocooned insect  
111 Son of Seth  
112 Head, in Haiti  
113 Classroom Apple, often  
114 Glen  
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