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Hope Church Open for Operation Christmas Child

NEWBURYPORT - Hope Community Church will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 13 - 20.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, personal care items and fun toys—to children worldwide since 1993. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children.

Anyone can pack a shoebox! Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage (www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box).

"Children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

Participants can drop off their boxes at Hope Community Church at the designated times or they can find another drop off center and hours by visiting www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each

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"Joyful Watercolors" Found in Newbury



"The Colors of Kleimola Quarry, Gloucester" by Katie Cornog

NEWBURY - Watercolor Interest Group of the Newburyport Art in conjunction with the Newbury Public Library, Byfield will be hosting "Joyful Watercolors" an exhibition of watercolors at the Newbury Public Library Nov. 21 through to Jan. 7, 2024.

Twenty-one members of the group will exhibit work that will be on view to the public from Nov. 21 to Jan. 7, 2024. Meet the artists at the Artists' Reception on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 4-7:00 pm. MaryAnn McCarthy McCardle, exhibiting watercolorist, will also be completing a watercolor demonstration onsite at this reception opening. A second reception will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 12-2pm. At this time, the artists will be offering activities for all ages. There will be prints, cards, calendars, ornaments, etc available at both receptions.

Come for good conversation, to learn about the medium, light refreshments and to support these local watercolor artists members. Free and Handicap Accessible. This exhibit is possible in part due to a Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant.

Newbury Public Library, 0 Lunt Street, Byfield, MA 01922.
<https://newburylibrary.org/>
Tel #978 465 0539.

Library Hours: Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am-5pm, Wed, 11am-7pm, Sat, 10am-2pm.

Horses Are Great Therapists

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter



A youth learns to feed a donkey.

Photo by Jen Wright

REGIONAL - Fair Winds Farm in West Newbury has partnered with the Amesbury-based Center for Children and Teen Center (CATCH) to provide equine-based therapy programs for young people.

"It seemed like a natural partnership," said Carolyn Gayler-Romero, CATCH director.

Christine Turner, the executive director Link House, said of the equine therapy, "It is different than being in an office."

A generous grant from Essex County Outreach funded a pilot equine-based program last summer for young people with Jen Wright, the energetic owner of the 8-acre Fair Winds Farm. The program, which does not require any prior experience with horses, teaches participants communication skills, problem solving, critical thinking, decision-making, self-regulation, confidence and creativity.

In addition to building trust with their horses, participants explore respectful, mindful boundaries with one another.

"The benefits of equine-assisted services have been recognized for a long time," Gayler-Romero said. "Horses provide a no-judgment zone that holds space for the entire spectrum of feelings and promotes emotional growth. It was exciting to see the growing confidence of the young people who participated in the program, and we also were very happy to see the social connections made by their caregivers, who accompanied them to the weekly sessions."

The program ran two afternoons a week for six weeks, serving two groups of four youths each, ages 9 to 12 and 13 to 17 in the joint program. It was designed

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Honoring 'Once Known' Graves

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

From left, Geordie Vining, Ghlee Woodworth and Ed Balsky survey the newly discovered graves.

NEWBURYPORT - The city is raising money to recognize 18 grave sites in the Old Burying Ground that were recently found by ground-penetrating radar.

The city and the Newburyport Black History Initiative believe the unmarked graves near Auburn Street were those of 18th and 19th century black residents, some of whom may have lived in a nearby neighborhood called Guinea Village.

The plan is to mark these 18 graves with 6-inch by 6-inch granite stones encrypted with the words Once Known. The project will cost approximately \$3,200 in private donations.

Local historian Ghlee Woodworth, who with city senior planner Geordie Vining led the search for the unmarked graves, said some have already made tax deductible donations for the project.

"Thank you very much for your continued interest in our Early Black Community Members' history and their contributions to our community," Woodworth wrote.

Checks can be made to the City of Newburyport, Newburyport City Hall, c/o Geordie Vining, senior project manager, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

In an area of the Old Burying Ground cemetery about 75 feet by 75 feet, Ed Balsky, whith Sterling-

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Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph.
Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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Liz Ichizawa, '04-05 Reporter (1956 - 2005)
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Letters To The Editor

Georgetown COA Director to Retire



Dear Editor,

I just wanted to let you know that I will retire from my position as Director for the Georgetown Council on Aging on November 25. My last day in the office will be November 23.

I have been the Georgetown COA Director for the past 17 years. During that time, we have seen significant growth in our older adult population.

When I began my work, Georgetown's older adult population was 16 percent of the town's population. Older adults now represent 30 percent of the Town's population.

Initially, the Georgetown COA offices were located at Town Hall. To provide programs and activities, we rented space at the First Congregational Church, used conference rooms at Town Hall and the Community Room at Trestle Way (housing for older adults and others). When the Penn Brook School was built as a Kindergarten – Grade 6 school, we were able to propose repurposing a wing of the Perley School as the Georgetown Senior Community Center. The building project was completed in February 2017 and we moved in during a blizzard!

It has been a wonderful 17 years. Truly an honor and a privilege to be part of this community for so long. The incoming COA Director will be Kristin Crockett, who is currently the Essex COA Director. She will begin her work on November 20. I wanted us to have a few days of overlap.

The COA Board, staff and volunteers planned a wonderful gathering for me that was held on Tuesday at the Senior Center. Above is a photo of Senator Tarr and Rep. Kassner presenting me with legislative citations. Left to right, Rep. Kassner's legislative aide Christina Eckert, Rep. Kristina Kassner, COA Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Senator Bruce Tarr and Senator Tarr's legislative aide Mary Ann Nay.

I want to thank you for your support and help in publicizing our programs, activities and services. The Town Common has helped us connect older adults to our programs.

Thank you,
Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Director
Georgetown Council on Aging

Seeking Model Railroad and Wooden Railway Donations!



Dear Editor, Friends and Supporters,

Thank you to all those who donated trains to the Wenham Museum over this past year. We had fantastic response to our earlier e-mails seeking donations, which has been a tremendous benefit to the Train Room.

If you are cleaning out your garage or attic this fall and have trains, please think of the Wenham Museum. We are always seeking model trains, toy trains, or wooden railway pieces like Brio, Thomas, and others. These items are used day-to-day in museum operations or are resold to benefit the Train Room and new exhibitions and programs.

We are especially interested in model trains, tracks & accessories from all gauges and manufacturers—even if you're not sure they are in good working order. We are also interested in Brio/wooden railway track, buildings, accessories, and trains. Buildings, accessories, and wooden trains from "Thomas and His Friends" are also in high demand, as many characters are retired and new Thomas trains retail for over \$25 each.

Railroad memorabilia from "real" trains is also of interest to us. This could include advertisements, tickets, time tables, lanterns, signage, and other similar items.

If you have these items lingering in your home, consider donating them to the Wenham Museum where they can have a second life bringing joy and happiness to many children and visitors throughout the year.

Please bring your donations to the museum during regular business hours (Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays from 12 – 4 p.m.). We kindly ask that you do not leave them outside our facility before or after hours.

With thanks,
Rob Flanagan, Train Curator
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to foster an understanding of the relationship between humans, animals and environmental health.

Working alongside animals can effectively relieve symptoms of anxiety and depression, according to the program managers. When engaging with children diagnosed with ADHD, it becomes necessary to adopt a more moderate pace to interact with the 1,000-pound horses and 200-pound donkeys.

Participants learned to groom horses, which aids in the development of empathy for animals and humans.

In the program, the participants are also taught to put a halter on the horses and lead them through obstacle courses, which the youth created themselves.

CATCH, located in the Boston North Technology Park, is a program offered by Link House. In addition to Amesbury, it serves Newburyport, Salisbury, Rowley, Newbury, West Newbury, Groveland, Georgetown and Merrimac. CATCH specializes in addressing various mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, gender dysphoria, trauma, substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorders. The program offers both one-on-one sessions and therapy sessions, which are conducted either within the school or at the CATCH offices.

Wright, who feels fortunate to have had horses in her life since she was a young child, has more than 15 years of experience working with and developing therapeutic programs. Fair Winds farm also offers private lessons for adults and children.

Fair Winds Farm is at 14 Kimball Rd. in West Newbury. Please contact Jen Wright at 978-463-7446 or at fwfprograms@gmail.com.

For more information on CATCH, visit catchkidsnow.org.

Honoring Gaves

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based GeoSource found the bodies, buried in shallow graves that had no markers. A group of historians, museum leaders and city employees watched as his ground-penetrating radar found one gravesite after another.

"It's safe to say these are black peoples' graves," Woodworth said. "I think we can go out on a limb. Most likely these are unmarked black graves."

Six graves in the area are marked with headstones. Most of those have been identified to be black residents from their inscriptions and from old records.

Vining, who has been doing and overseeing extensive research on the city's black residents, said Newburyport was not large enough to have a separate black cemetery like larger cities. And some graves of black residents have been found in other cemeteries.

"This appears to be the black section," Vining said. "Headstones cost a lot of money. They get buried. They didn't get a marker. They get forgotten."

With the new markers city officials and the Newburyport Black History Initiative hope these black residents will not be forgotten.

Hope Church

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Fri, Nov. 17, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Sat, Nov. 18, 9am-12pm
Sun, Nov. 19, 12:30pm-2:30pm
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Assessors' map 20, parcel 31
Recorded in Land Court, Certificate of Title# NONE
1992 Real Estate Tax: \$29.33 Unpaid balance: \$193.58
1993 Real Estate Tax: \$33.26 Unpaid balance: \$210.33
1994 Real Estate Tax: \$26.16 Unpaid balance: \$169.17
1995 Real Estate Tax: \$27.32 Unpaid balance: \$171.09
1998 Real Estate Tax: \$32.02 Unpaid balance: \$181.34
1999 Real Estate Tax: \$34.82 Unpaid balance: \$189.43
2000 Real Estate Tax: \$41.07 Unpaid balance: \$210.80
2001 Real Estate Tax: \$42.80 Unpaid balance: \$213.00
2002 Real Estate Tax: \$43.92 Unpaid balance: \$211.55
2003 Real Estate Tax: \$42.72 Unpaid balance: \$211.94
2004 Real Estate Tax: \$40.68 Unpaid balance: \$198.34
2005 Real Estate Tax: \$48.70 Unpaid balance: \$182.52
2006 Real Estate Tax: \$36.86 Unpaid balance: \$135.14
2007 Real Estate Tax: \$40.90 Unpaid balance: \$142.96
2008 Real Estate Tax: \$42.30 Unpaid balance: \$142.52
2009 Real Estate Tax: \$17.40 Unpaid balance: \$74.76
2010 Real Estate Tax: \$18.73 Unpaid balance: \$75.61
2011 Real Estate Tax: \$20.20 Unpaid balance: \$77.15
2012 Real Estate Tax: \$32.91 Unpaid balance: \$108.14
2013 Real Estate Tax: \$34.53 Unpaid balance: \$108.05
2014 Real Estate Tax: \$35.37 Unpaid balance: \$105.25
2015 Real Estate Tax: \$35.25 Unpaid balance: \$100.06
2016 Real Estate Tax: \$35.01 Unpaid balance: \$94.62
2017 Real Estate Tax: \$35.76 Unpaid balance: \$91.17
2018 Real Estate Tax: \$35.34 Unpaid balance: \$85.43
2019 Real Estate Tax: \$35.58 Unpaid balance: \$80.87
2020 Real Estate Tax: \$34.38 Unpaid balance: \$84.04
2021 Real Estate Tax: \$33.78 Unpaid balance: \$78.33
2022 Real Estate Tax: \$33.42 Unpaid balance: \$73.15
2023 Real Estate Tax: \$32.40 Unpaid balance: \$159.82

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1974 Real Estate Tax: \$24.00 Unpaid balance: \$224.82
1975 Real Estate Tax: \$40.80 Unpaid balance: \$353.38
1985 Real Estate Tax: \$8.75 Unpaid balance: \$61.45
1991 Real Estate Tax: \$37.23 Unpaid balance: \$213.89
1992 Real Estate Tax: \$38.79 Unpaid balance: \$245.38
1994 Real Estate Tax: \$44.38 Unpaid balance: \$263.49
1995 Real Estate Tax: \$46.32 Unpaid balance: \$267.13
1996 Real Estate Tax: \$48.08 Unpaid balance: \$269.30
1997 Real Estate Tax: \$50.12 Unpaid balance: \$156.63
1998 Real Estate Tax: \$54.28 Unpaid balance: \$284.46
1999 Real Estate Tax: \$59.04 Unpaid balance: \$298.23
2000 Real Estate Tax: \$39.70 Unpaid balance: \$206.45
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2002 Real Estate Tax: \$47.80 Unpaid balance: \$228.21
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2004 Real Estate Tax: \$44.74 Unpaid balance: \$213.74
2005 Real Estate Tax: \$52.60 Unpaid balance: \$196.78
2006 Real Estate Tax: \$42.59 Unpaid balance: \$155.12
2007 Real Estate Tax: \$47.44 Unpaid balance: \$165.01
2008 Real Estate Tax: \$49.07 Unpaid balance: \$164.53
2009 Real Estate Tax: \$21.98 Unpaid balance: \$89.17
2010 Real Estate Tax: \$23.66 Unpaid balance: \$90.25
2011 Real Estate Tax: \$25.51 Unpaid balance: \$92.18
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2022 Real Estate Tax: \$26.74 Unpaid balance: \$64.52
2023 Real Estate Tax: \$25.92 Unpaid balance: \$152.36

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1985 Real Estate Tax: \$57.50 Unpaid balance: \$375.94
1989 Real Estate Tax: \$141.47 Unpaid balance: \$838.37

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1990 Real Estate Tax: \$4.52 Unpaid balance: \$31.00
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1997 Real Estate Tax: \$23.12 Unpaid balance: \$143.38
1998 Real Estate Tax: \$25.06 Unpaid balance: \$149.10
1999 Real Estate Tax: \$27.24 Unpaid balance: \$155.38
2000 Real Estate Tax: \$34.23 Unpaid balance: \$181.02
2001 Real Estate Tax: \$35.68 Unpaid balance: \$183.05
2002 Real Estate Tax: \$36.18 Unpaid balance: \$180.08
2003 Real Estate Tax: \$35.24 Unpaid balance: \$182.53
2004 Real Estate Tax: \$33.56 Unpaid balance: \$171.32
2005 Real Estate Tax: \$39.93 Unpaid balance: \$150.55
2006 Real Estate Tax: \$30.30 Unpaid balance: \$111.97
2007 Real Estate Tax: \$33.54 Unpaid balance: \$118.13
2008 Real Estate Tax: \$34.69 Unpaid balance: \$117.78
2009 Real Estate Tax: \$14.66 Unpaid balance: \$66.14
2010 Real Estate Tax: \$15.78 Unpaid balance: \$66.85
2011 Real Estate Tax: \$17.01 Unpaid balance: \$68.12
2012 Real Estate Tax: \$25.23 Unpaid balance: \$87.62
2013 Real Estate Tax: \$26.47 Unpaid balance: \$87.49
2014 Real Estate Tax: \$27.12 Unpaid balance: \$85.37
2015 Real Estate Tax: \$27.03 Unpaid balance: \$81.40
2016 Real Estate Tax: \$26.84 Unpaid balance: \$77.20
2017 Real Estate Tax: \$27.42 Unpaid balance: \$74.57
2018 Real Estate Tax: \$27.09 Unpaid balance: \$70.15
2019 Real Estate Tax: \$27.28 Unpaid balance: \$66.68
2020 Real Estate Tax: \$26.36 Unpaid balance: \$71.44
2021 Real Estate Tax: \$25.90 Unpaid balance: \$67.06
2022 Real Estate Tax: \$25.62 Unpaid balance: \$63.07
2023 Real Estate Tax: \$24.84 Unpaid balance: \$151.11

Owner of Record: OWNER UNKNOWN
Location: LITTLE RIVER
Containing: 2.2 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 26, parcel 17
Recorded in Land Court, Certificate of Title# NONE
1971 Real Estate Tax: \$3.15 Unpaid balance: \$31.50
1973 Real Estate Tax: \$4.30 Unpaid balance: \$39.97
1974 Real Estate Tax: \$2.00 Unpaid balance: \$20.99
1976 Real Estate Tax: \$4.60 Unpaid balance: \$40.48
1978 Real Estate Tax: \$4.80 Unpaid balance: \$22.75
1979 Real Estate Tax: \$4.80 Unpaid balance: \$40.00
1984 Real Estate Tax: \$3.60 Unpaid balance: \$28.73
1998 Real Estate Tax: \$25.06 Unpaid balance: \$63.94
1999 Real Estate Tax: \$27.24 Unpaid balance: \$98.66
2000 Real Estate Tax: \$32.86 Unpaid balance: \$175.20
2001 Real Estate Tax: \$34.24 Unpaid balance: \$176.99

2002 Real Estate Tax: \$34.88 Unpaid balance: \$174.84
2003 Real Estate Tax: \$34.18 Unpaid balance: \$178.35
2004 Real Estate Tax: \$32.54 Unpaid balance: \$167.45
2005 Real Estate Tax: \$38.96 Unpaid balance: \$147.02
2006 Real Estate Tax: \$29.48 Unpaid balance: \$109.08
2007 Real Estate Tax: \$32.72 Unpaid balance: \$115.36
2008 Real Estate Tax: \$33.84 Unpaid balance: \$115.01
2009 Real Estate Tax: \$14.66 Unpaid balance: \$66.14
2010 Real Estate Tax: \$15.78 Unpaid balance: \$66.85
2011 Real Estate Tax: \$17.01 Unpaid balance: \$68.12
2012 Real Estate Tax: \$24.13 Unpaid balance: \$84.70
2013 Real Estate Tax: \$25.32 Unpaid balance: \$84.57
2014 Real Estate Tax: \$25.94 Unpaid balance: \$82.53
2015 Real Estate Tax: \$25.85 Unpaid balance: \$78.72
2016 Real Estate Tax: \$25.67 Unpaid balance: \$74.72
2017 Real Estate Tax: \$26.22 Unpaid balance: \$72.19
2018 Real Estate Tax: \$25.92 Unpaid balance: \$67.99
2019 Real Estate Tax: \$26.09 Unpaid balance: \$64.63
2020 Real Estate Tax: \$25.21 Unpaid balance: \$69.63
2021 Real Estate Tax: \$24.77 Unpaid balance: \$65.44
2022 Real Estate Tax: \$24.51 Unpaid balance: \$61.64
2023 Real Estate Tax: \$23.76 Unpaid balance: \$149.87

Owner of Record: OWNER UNKNOWN
Location: WOODSIDE
Containing: 3 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 26, parcel 21
Recorded in Land Court, Certificate of Title# NONE
1991 Real Estate Tax: \$28.15 Unpaid balance: \$150.19
1992 Real Estate Tax: \$29.33 Unpaid balance: \$193.58
1993 Real Estate Tax: \$33.26 Unpaid balance: \$210.33
1994 Real Estate Tax: \$26.16 Unpaid balance: \$169.17
1995 Real Estate Tax: \$27.32 Unpaid balance: \$171.09
1996 Real Estate Tax: \$28.36 Unpaid balance: \$172.39
1997 Real Estate Tax: \$29.56 Unpaid balance: \$174.11
1998 Real Estate Tax: \$32.02 Unpaid balance: \$181.34
1999 Real Estate Tax: \$34.82 Unpaid balance: \$189.43
2000 Real Estate Tax: \$41.07 Unpaid balance: \$210.80
2001 Real Estate Tax: \$42.80 Unpaid balance: \$213.00
2002 Real Estate Tax: \$43.92 Unpaid balance: \$211.55
2003 Real Estate Tax: \$42.72 Unpaid balance: \$211.94
2004 Real Estate Tax: \$40.68 Unpaid balance: \$198.34
2005 Real Estate Tax: \$48.70 Unpaid balance: \$182.52
2006 Real Estate Tax: \$36.86 Unpaid balance: \$135.14
2007 Real Estate Tax: \$40.90 Unpaid balance: \$142.96
2008 Real Estate Tax: \$42.30 Unpaid balance: \$142.52
2009 Real Estate Tax: \$17.40 Unpaid balance: \$74.76
2010 Real Estate Tax: \$18.73 Unpaid balance: \$75.61
2011 Real Estate Tax: \$20.20 Unpaid balance: \$77.15
2012 Real Estate Tax: \$32.91 Unpaid balance: \$108.14
2013 Real Estate Tax: \$34.53 Unpaid balance: \$108.05
2014 Real Estate Tax: \$35.37 Unpaid balance: \$105.25
2015 Real Estate Tax: \$35.25 Unpaid balance: \$100.06
2016 Real Estate Tax: \$35.01 Unpaid balance: \$94.62
2017 Real Estate Tax: \$35.76 Unpaid balance: \$91.17
2018 Real Estate Tax: \$35.34 Unpaid balance: \$85.43
2019 Real Estate Tax: \$35.58 Unpaid balance: \$80.87
2020 Real Estate Tax: \$34.38 Unpaid balance: \$84.04
2021 Real Estate Tax: \$33.78 Unpaid balance: \$78.33
2022 Real Estate Tax: \$33.42 Unpaid balance: \$73.15
2023 Real Estate Tax: \$32.40 Unpaid balance: \$159.82

Owner of Record: OWNER UNKNOWN
Location: GREAT MEADOWS
Containing: 4 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 35, parcel 164
1972 Real Estate Tax: \$6.60 Unpaid balance: \$59.60
1974 Real Estate Tax: \$4.00 Unpaid balance: \$36.96
1975 Real Estate Tax: \$6.80 Unpaid balance: \$58.40
1976 Real Estate Tax: \$9.20 Unpaid balance: \$75.95
1977 Real Estate Tax: \$9.60 Unpaid balance: \$77.69
1978 Real Estate Tax: \$9.60 Unpaid balance: \$76.35
1980 Real Estate Tax: \$9.20 Unpaid balance: \$70.80
1981 Real Estate Tax: \$8.40 Unpaid balance: \$63.90
1982 Real Estate Tax: \$7.60 Unpaid balance: \$57.22
1983 Real Estate Tax: \$7.20 Unpaid balance: \$53.47
1984 Real Estate Tax: \$7.20 Unpaid balance: \$52.46
1985 Real Estate Tax: \$5.00 Unpaid balance: \$37.26
1986 Real Estate Tax: \$5.04 Unpaid balance: \$36.81
1987 Real Estate Tax: \$5.12 Unpaid balance: \$250.19

Owner of Record: PEARSON JR., HERBERT A & PEARSON, JUDITH P.
Location: 5 ODIN ST
Containing: 21,997 Square Feet more or less
Assessors' map 19, parcel 130
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 5840, page 270
2023 Real Estate Tax: \$4,006.80 Unpaid balance: \$163.14

Health & Wellness



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

It seems I have more and more patients telling me about their upcoming shoulder, hip, and knee replacement surgery. There are other parts that people have replaced, but those are the top three. Most of these people decide to go under the knife to improve their quality of life.

If you were born in the Paleolithic era, you could expect to live to 33 years old. The average global life expectancy in 2010 was more than double this number at 67 years. The main reasons for this are advances in hygiene, food production, and medical care.

On the bright side, if you were born in the Paleolithic era, you would most likely never need a hip replacement. It usually takes longer than 33 years to wear out the joint.

Today, about 2.3% of Americans have had a hip replaced and 4.6% have had a knee replaced. More than a million joint replacements will be done this year and the number continues to grow. The longer we live, the more chance we have of parts needing replacement.

What about teeth? Your lower first permanent molars erupted into your mouth around the age of 6 years old. If you are 50 years old, these teeth have been tolerating chewing, hot coffee, cold ice cream, the occasional popcorn kernel, and maybe even grinding back and forth for 44 years. You have used them every

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day for 44 years!

What else can you use that much for 44 years that doesn't require some kind of maintenance? How about that car you drive every day? The car certainly requires maintenance to function properly. The oil needs to be changed on a regular basis. Depending on several factors, the tires need to be rotated to wear evenly and usually need to be replaced after so many miles. I don't know too many people who drive the same car for 44 years.

Of course, I am not insinuating that everyone needs replacement teeth at some point. I am saying that it is naïve to think that a car, a furnace, a computer, or your teeth will run forever without maintenance, and that they will run better with routine maintenance.

What happens if you don't do regular maintenance on your car? It will run for a long time, at some point its performance will decrease, and then when it finally decides to quit, it will be catastrophic. You will have to replace your car. How much will it cost to replace your car? Doesn't it make sense to keep up with the routine maintenance?

Sometimes, even with regular maintenance, parts need to be repaired or replaced. We often

have to make a decision on "how" to fix something. Do we patch it up to get some more miles out of it or do we replace the part to extend the serviceability? It may depend on the cost. It may also depend on the risk of the patch failing. You may decide that the risk is too high and go ahead and replace the part, even though it may cost more.

If you were a caveman, we wouldn't be discussing this. You wouldn't have a car and most of your own "parts" would make it to your expected 33 years.... but you're not a caveman. You are likely to wear parts out. You may need a hip replacement, or a filling, or a crown.

And remember: Just like regular oil changes and maintenance will help your car run well much longer, regular professional dental maintenance will help keep your pearly whites functioning at peak performance.

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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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more accomplished. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so that you can heed some important advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you wish you could avoid. Look to those helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling, but be patient. By the weekend, your spirits will perk up, and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stick with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So, go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome mysterious situation will soon be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly realizes will benefit them both. Meanwhile, someone from your workplace makes an emotional request.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying the things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, try to make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for truth keeps everyone around you honest.

The Spats



PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Super Crossword

"MM, GOOD!"

ACROSS

- 1 Kiddie-lit elephant
6 Seder bread
11 Warren in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
15 Numbered work of a composer
19 "I'd love to help"
20 Fictional town in an Edgar Lee Masters title
22 Intensify, with "up"
23 Aged female horse that has won lots of singing awards?
25 Dog food brand
26 Flimsy
27 Hive swarm
28 "Lie Down With Lions" novelist Ken
30 Romanov royal
31 — -fi film
33 Michael of "Superbad"
34 Stephen of the screen
35 Time when everybody turned down their radios all at once?
- 41 — v. Wade
42 Aussie critter
43 Soporific drug
44 Electrolysis particles
45 Reading quickly in the Scandinavian manner?
50 Novelist Stout
52 Hammer or Spade
53 History topic
54 Hot tub sigh
56 Tranquility
60 Brainchild
62 Big meeting to discuss protective metal gear?
66 Foot the bill
69 A-bomb, e.g.
71 "— dare?"
72 — Lilly
73 "Tamerlane" poet
74 Cold, damp park birds?
79 Declare
82 Apia locale
83 Elton John's '70s label
84 Figure skater Midori —
86 Bet to win and place
90 Cloning stuff
92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
96 Cato's "to be"

DOWN

- 1 Strike with the horns
2 Court champ Arthur
3 Lead-in to "done that"
4 "Eek!"
- 5 Add ammo to
6 Emails or texts: Abbr.
7 Wet mo.
8 Come — halt
9 Body not staying at rest?
10 "My treat!"
11 Family in computer games
12 DuVernay of "Queen Sugar"
13 Flawless
14 Request in advance, in a way
15 Spoken exam
16 Sicily's capital
17 A gazillion
18 Brief plugs for political candidates
21 Bread variety
24 — Lube (STP alternative)
29 Chou En- —
31 Add fuel to
32 Groups on church risers
33 The Plame affair, informally
35 Hammer or spade
36 52-wk. units
37 Dad's partner
38 Longtime wire svc.

- 39 Moses' peak
40 Seltzer, e.g.
41 ICU VIPs
46 Imbiber's hwy. offense
47 "— be nice if ..."
48 Like taffy
49 Bea Arthur sitcom
51 Air-testing gp.
55 Hispanic "hello"
57 Intensify, with "up"
58 Loving sound
59 Previous to, poetically
61 12-hour clock toggle
63 Lowing sound
64 Fluid dram fraction
65 "Hawaii —" (Jack Lord series)
66 Acer offerings
67 Styled after
68 Orange tuber
70 Say aloud for transcription
75 Net access provider
76 Groom, e.g.
77 "The Dance" singer Brooks
78 Canned heat
80 Good Grips brand
81 Nursery cry
85 Dramatist Clifford
- 87 Merry-go-rounds
88 Not kosher
89 Hurry-scurry
91 For free
93 Furious state
94 Spill cleaner
95 Sony products
96 1962 Paul Anka hit
97 Tarnished
98 Tarnished
100 Chinese soup
104 Sort
105 Facet
106 "Surprised to run into you!"
107 University in Greenville, South Carolina
108 In a blazing brandy sauce
114 Fed Eliot
115 Ace or queen
116 Fruit drink brand
117 Tip jar bills
118 Nursery school, briefly
119 Play — (perform some songs)
120 Env. items
123 Receivable
124 John in court cases
125 High-tech organizer

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