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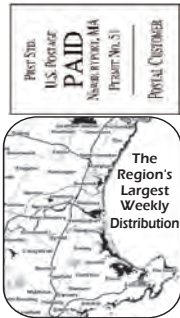
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Toni Cassidy, Michelle Brock, Jen Studer, Sunny Kelly (laying down) and Joanne Kelly (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

1st Congregational Church of Georgetown 'Finishing Touches' on Eagle Scout Project

GEORGETOWN, Mass. — Putting the finishing touches on her daughter's creation, Jen Studer and members of the community paused for a quick photo last week at the firepit in front of the 1st Congregational Church of Georgetown.

"Ella created it as her Eagle Scout project as she wanted to create a welcoming outdoor gathering space for the church and community," Jen shared.

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Seen & Heard participants, from left, Ruth Dergarabedian, Lee Thomas, and Surya Sarkhel. (Photo: Kelly Mintz, Mintz Photo Studio)

Groveland COA Seen & Heard Project

GROVELAND, Mass. — On October 9, the Groveland Council on Aging is inviting the public to experience Seen & Heard, a portrait and storytelling project celebrating the individuality, experiences, perspectives, humor, and humanity of local older adults.

The project pairs portraits by photographer Kelly Mintz of Mintz Photo Studio with participants' own words, giving each person an opportunity to share

something about who they are, what they value, and the experiences that have shaped them.

The project invites viewers to look beyond age and encounter each participant as a whole person with experiences, relationships, interests, opinions, contributions, hopes, and stories that cannot be reduced to a number.

At its heart, Seen & Heard pushes

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West Newbury: No 'Special' Town Meeting

Message from the Select Board
WEST NEWBURY, Mass. — The Select Board has decided that we will not have a Special Town Meeting this fall.

The Annual Town Meeting is where the business of the Town is meant to be conducted, with Special Town Meetings only called when items arise that were unanticipated and which can not wait until the Annual Town Meeting

in April.

Over the last several years, we started holding Town Meetings in the fall as routine even when the items weren't urgent. It's expensive to have Town Meetings and if the articles aren't urgent it's a waste of taxpayer money. We are therefore planning on returning to the way Town Meetings were historically managed and focus on the Annual Town Meeting in the spring. ♦

Plum Island Slated for Huge Sewage Monitoring Program

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

PLUM ISLAND, Mass. — Maintaining a sewer system on a barrier island sand bar is never an easy task. And the sewer system on this ever-more-populated island is no exception.

For all its challenges, the PI sewer system has enhanced the island's charm by producing the cute candy cane-like exhaust pipes in many yards that serve as an unofficial symbol of the island.

In 2015, the sewer system, fragile at

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Newbury Fire Capt. Brandon Ivone oversees Firefighter Heather Palardy and Firefighter Rich Barnes as they work together to check a drafting line while undergoing pump and tanker training. (Photo Courtesy Newbury Fire Department)

Newbury Fire Department Conducts Pump and Tanker Training at Byfield Station

BYFIELD, Mass. — Experienced officers of the Newbury Fire Department provided hands-on pump and tanker training to newer members at

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It's Topsfield Fair Time!

TOPSFIELD, Mass. — The 2026 Topsfield Fair opens on Friday, October 2nd at 4:00pm and will run through Monday, October 12th.

Highlights of America's Oldest Fair:

- Giant Pumpkin Contest: An Opening Night favorite is the 42nd annual New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off. Will anyone break the Topsfield Fair or world record? Find out when the weigh-off begins at 5:00pm on Friday, October 2nd. A winner is expected to be announced by 8:00pm.
- Dock Dogs: Friday, October 2 — Sunday, October 4, multiple shows in the Grandstand
- Junior King & Queen Contest: Saturday, October 3 at 1:00pm on the Trianon Stage
- 8th Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest: Saturday, October 3 at 3:00pm on the Trianon Stage
- Fireworks! The night sky will light up on Saturday, October 3 at 8:30pm
- Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show:

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Camera at Rowley Market Basket is Not a Flock

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

ROWLEY, Mass. — The camera focused on the parking lot at Market Basket here is surveilling snow and ice accumulations, not license plates, according to Police Chief Michael Balsley.

When Chair Sherri David of the Rowley SelectBoard heard a variety of concerns from residents that Market Basket was operating a Flock camera, she asked Balsley on a Sunday afternoon to check out the camera near the Salem 5 bank branch.

The chief found that the camera operates only during winter months and is not capable of reading or identifying license plates.

Balsley said his department has no

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ROWLEY - FLOCK NOT

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plans to install license plate-reading cameras in town. No other North Shore towns and cities operate such cameras, which have come under national scrutiny for misuse of the data that violates individuals' privacy. The police department has acquired a drone that can help find missing persons, Balsley said. The department has two certified operators and a command console in the rear of a police cruiser. It also earned FAA approval for using the drone, which the chief said was a significant accomplishment.



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ment. The drone and a second battery cost \$19,468 and were paid for from a state police grant, he said. It will be available to assist other towns under the county's mutual assistance agreements. ♦

PLUM ISLAND SEWERAGE

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best, went into catastrophic failure, resulting in many outages and law suits that generated some funds for upgrades. But the upgraded system has never worked properly in its entirety, causing residents and city workers tremendous stress as repairs the system were required in the worse of weather. Now the city is preparing at least to install a better monitoring system to pinpoint where the sewage system is not working. But before they spend vast sums on the monitoring system, they want to test it. The pilot, according to the city's official web site, will monitor 100 pits for six months before the city commits to install the monitoring system on all 630 pits. Beginning next month and through mid-November, expect to see narrow trenches between roadside pits and air terminals to house conduit and wiring for the new monitoring system. This may require some intermittent road closures. The city does not expect the pilot will cause interruptions to the sewer service. If successful, the pilot will help city crews more easily detect and deal with issues in the system. The test will be considered successful if there is a minimum of 95 percent operational availability across all 100 locations during the six-month pilot, the city said. ♦

TOPSFIELD FAIR

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Multiple shows, daily on Arena Road

• Swifty Swine Racing & Swimming Pigs: Multiple shows, daily on Grange Road

• Painted Pony Championship Rodeo: Wednesday, October 8 & Thursday, October 9 (3:00pm & 7:00pm) in the Arena

• Flying Wallendas: Saturday, October 10 – Monday, October 12, multiple shows in the Grandstand

• Mrs. Essex County Pageant: Sunday, October 11 at 1:00pm in Coolidge Hall

• Motorsports Monday (October 13): Double Figure "8" Race at Noon & 3:30pm; Demolition Derby at 7:00pm, both in the Arena

Concerts
(Free in the Grandstand with paid Fair admission):

• Grand Funk Railroad Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 7:00pm

• Ashley McBryde: Thursday, Oct. 8th at 7:00pm

• Chubby Checker: Friday, Oct. 9th at 7:00pm

Special Days:

• Senior Citizen Days (Expanded from 1 to 3 days this year): Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (October 5-7) admission tickets for seniors (age 65 & over) are only \$10.00.

• Sensory Day: Monday, October 5th will be an opportunity for a more sensory sensitive experience at the Topsfield Fair for those who have family members with autism or sensory processing disorders. Vendors will have no flashing lights, music, or announcements. The sound for entertainment and stages will be lowered and announcements on the grounds will be limited and turned

down as well. Topsfield Fair is an approved Autism Welcoming business with the Autism Alliance and Advocates organization.

- Military Day - Active members of the United States Military and their immediate families are invited to attend the Topsfield Fair for FREE on Tuesday, Oct.6th. This offer is only available on Oct. 6th.

Tickets:

- Admission to the 2026 Topsfield Fair is \$20 per person each day. Discount admission tickets are available online at www.topsfieldfair.org through October 1, 2026, for just \$15 plus a \$3 convenience fee. Discount tickets are valid on any day during the Fair's 11-day run. A three-day pass, valid for any three days of the Fair, is also available for \$42 plus a \$3 convenience fee. Children under eight are admitted free with an adult admission ticket. Discounted food vouchers and ride tickets are also available when purchased in advance at www.topsfieldfair.org. Convenience fee does not apply for tickets purchased at the ticket booth at the fairgrounds through October 1, 2026.

Alternative Entry Points and Parking

- If possible, avoid the Route 1 backup by

going an extra exit north on 95 to enter from the North! Alternatively, if coming from the North Shore, take Rte. 97 to the Fair.

- In addition to having plenty of on-site parking and to help alleviate traffic on Route 1 during weekends and other busy periods, the Topsfield Fair will make parking available on a large lot it owns conveniently located down the street from the fairgrounds. Fairgoers using the Fair View Lot will be bussed to the entrance using a dedicated lane on Route 1. North Shore Community College in Danvers will serve as an additional parking location on the second weekend (Saturday, October 10-Monday, October 12).

Transportation Option From Boston Returns For Second Year:

- For people who live in the city, don't have a car, or simply don't want to drive, the Fair has partnered with Keolis Mass Adventures to offer a Topsfield Fair Package that includes a Commuter Rail Train Ride, Shuttle to and from the Fairgrounds, Entry Ticket, and a \$12 Food Voucher. Note: This is only available on weekends (10/3, 10/4, 10/10, 10/11 & 10/12)

More Information is available at www.TopsfieldFair.org. ♦

GROVELAND COA

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back against a simple but persistent form of ageism: the tendency to see someone's age before seeing the person. "Age should never become shorthand for who we think someone is," said Groveland COA Director Alyssa Lee. "We have a habit of learning someone's age and thinking it tells us something important about them. It doesn't. It doesn't tell us what they care about, what makes them laugh, what they've lived through, what they're curious about, or what they still want for their lives. Seen & Heard is about putting the person first and giving people the opportunity to show us who they are in their own words." All are invited to experience the project at a Seen & Heard Gallery Gathering on Friday, October 9, from 3:00–5:00 PM, in the Center Meeting

Room at Groveland Town Hall, 183 Main Street. The gathering is free and open to all, with guests welcome to drop in at any time to view the portraits and stories, meet project participants, and connect with neighbors and friends. Light refreshments will be served. October 9 is also Ageism Awareness Day, a day dedicated to calling attention to age-based stereotypes and assumptions and encouraging people to think differently about how aging and older adults are represented. The Groveland Council on Aging welcomes people of all ages to experience Seen & Heard and reflect on the importance of seeing and valuing people for who they are throughout their lives. For more information, contact the Groveland Council on Aging at COA@GrovelandMA.com or 978-372-1101.

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ELLA'S PROJECT

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"The project really became a community effort and we are incredibly grateful to those who helped bring Ella's vision to life. Her project mentor, Mike Bonia, provided tremendous guidance throughout the process, and fellow scouts and volunteers contributed countless hours of hard work shoveling, moving stone and setting up the wall and firepit.

"Several local businesses also supported the project along the way: Georgetown Building Supply, Georgetown Laser Engraving Services, and Daniels Electric. Their help, expertise, and willingness to work with us was truly amazing in helping Ella create such a beautiful space.

Adding those plantings yesterday behind the firepit was the last finishing touch!"

West Newbury Native Plant Sale

You didn't miss it! Last week's tremendous rainstorm has pushed the West Newbury Native Plant Sale to this coming Saturday, October 3, 2026. The event, to be held at 181 River Road, will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Cash, Venmo®, or Checks accepted. ♦

Newburyport's Metzy's Grand Re-Opening

METZY'S is entering a new era, evolving from a beloved local restaurant and food truck into a broader food, hospitality, entertainment, and events brand let by an expanded team of culinary and operational leaders.

Founded by Erik Metzdorf as a food truck in 2014, Metzy's is celebrating the truck's 12th anniversary and the Cantina's 10th anniversary in 2026. Its next chapter brings together dine-in service, authentic BBQ and Taqueria favorites, catering, expanded mobile food services, private and corporate events, entertainment and community gatherings.

Join us for our Grand Re-Opening celebration on Thursday, October 1, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

"This is an exciting new chapter for Metzy's. We've grown tremendously since we started with one food truck. What matters most to us is creating great food and a place where people feel welcome.

We want Metzy's to be the place you think of when you ask, "Where to go?" "Where should we have our celebration?" said Founder and Co-Owner, Erik Metzdorf.

"This is much more than a renovated restaurant or an expanded menu. We're building a place and team that can serve people in many different ways. Whether you're coming in for lunch, meeting friends for dinner to watch a game, celebrating a milestone, planning a company event or having our truck come to you. Come in and see what's new, said longtime Newburyport resident, entrepreneur, and advisor Mike Doyle. ♦



Top Photo: Ella Studer works with friends and troop members on her Eagle Scout project last fall, creating a big-dig outside the church. Bottom Photo: Ella prepares to place an engraved top stone around her creation. (Photos courtesy of Jen Studer)

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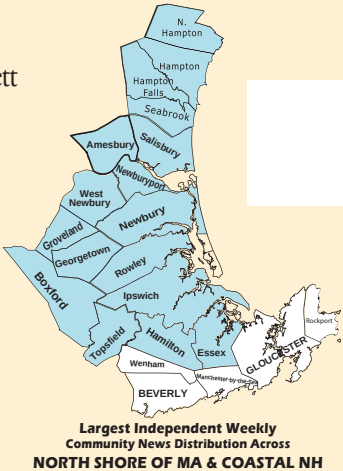
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NEWBURY FIRE DEPT.

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the Byfield Station last week, overseeing operations as firefighters learned every dial, knob and hose that keeps a water supply reliable.

The Byfield Station includes ample parking and a large, paved area where firefighters can train once a month without using private property or inconveniencing community members. The de facto training ground is an essential part of Newbury Fire Department operations.

Last week, the station was home to pump and tanker training, which taught newer members to draft water from local streams, ponds or hydrants, to operate the pumps that make that possible, and to operate the pumps that engines use to provide water during emergencies.

Experienced members guided newer members through using the pumps, drafting tools, and hoses with

both a forestry truck, an engine and a tanker, with newer members taking turns going through all the steps.

The complicated but powerful pumps require skill and practice to use efficiently when lives are on the line. Firefighters train and take refresher training to hone their skills on a regular basis.

The Newbury Fire Department emphasizes the importance of training to build skills and muscle memory that can save lives when emergencies occur.

"I want to thank the members that made this training possible and the members who focused on the lessons and hands-on exercises to build their skill sets," said Chief David Evans. "Training is essential to successful firefighting, and some of the most basic firefighting skills are also the most important. We work hard to be prepared for this community, and this training is just another example of the work that we do behind the scenes."



Top photo: Firefighter Ashley Paquin gets a hands-on lesson in how to operate the pumps on one of the department's engines. Middle photo: Firefighter Rich Barnes is instructed by Capt. Brandon Ivone. Bottom photo: Firefighters setup a portable water supply as they drafted water and operated pumps on the department's apparatus on Monday at the Byfield Station, where a paved surface provides an ideal ground for department training once a month. (Photos courtesy Newbury Fire)

Despite Heavy Rains, Aulson Roofing, Goats to Go, and Many Others Begin Rejuvenation of *The Gardens* in Georgetown

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN, Mass. —

Goats, rakes, brush cutters, clippers, and tractors slowly moved forward, clearing piles of debris from the front area of the Georgetown Community Gardens last week.

The effort, led by former selectman and local businessman Alan Aulson got underway despite heavy rains that dominated the region. On Saturday, a few volunteers showed up to take a look at the progress to date. Most activities were postponed until earlier this week due to the weather.

Aulson related that the piles of weeds, vines, plastic, mixed metals and woods would all be removed from the area. Multiple signs were posted to the bulletin board thanking those who have helped Aulson's efforts to move the rejuvenation project forward. Those thanked to date include:

- The many volunteers
- American Legion Post 211
- Georgetown Kiwanis
- Knights of Columbus 6064
- Aulson Roofing
- Goats to Go

- Mike Vallone
- Rick Holzapfel
- The Town Common
- Pete's Toilets
- Frost Forestry
- G. Mello Disposal
- Essex County Sheriff Coppinger
- The Conservation Commission
- Blue Sky Drone Media
- Jill Bena
- Pratt's Hobby Shop

At press time, the cleanup was scheduled to continue "until we restore this part of the gardens to their former splendor," Aulson shared.



Top photo: Thank you notices affixed to bulletin board at The Gardens. Second row (left-to-right): one of several piles of tangled overgrowth removed from the planting areas, pile of metals and debris, pile of plastics and ground fabrics. Lower row (left-to-right): Mixed metals and debris, bags of plastics and pile of hoses, orange fence surrounding one of several quarantine areas designated 'no till' around invasive species. (Photos: Lonnie Brennan)



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Kelly Files Legal/ Ethical Complaint Against Rep.

by Lenny Mirra
Former Mass.State Rep.
IPSWICH, Mass. – Dan Kelly of Ipswich has filed a written complaint with the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), asking the agency to review contributions reported by the Committee to Elect Kristin Kassner during Kassner’s 2022 campaign for state representative. According to Kelly, “Kristin Kassner, while serving as the Town of Burlington’s paid Planning Director and advisor, took contributions from large real estate developers and their counsel at the same time she was overseeing and recommending large developments proposed by these developers to the Burlington Planning Board. That’s against the law.” Kelly is the Republican candidate for state representative in the Second Essex District. He is challenging Kristin Kassner, the two-term Democratic incumbent from Hamilton.

Kelly’s Complaint asks OCPF to review direct contributions during this transition period by executives with Nordblom and The Gutierrez Company, along with attorney Robert C. Buckley.

These contributions were made while Kassner served as the Town of Burlington’s compensated, full-time planning director. During the same time, Robert C. Buckley was representing Nordblom Company and The Gutierrez Company, two large real estate developers, in pending matters before the planning board, for which Kassner, in her capacity as planning director, reviewed applications, advised the planning board, worked on conditions and mitigations, and made recommendations which resulted in, according to Kelly, “favorable treatment” to Buckley’s clients by the board.

He cited M.G.L. 55, Section 13, which states that candidates cannot accept a contribution from a person whom the employee knows or has reason to know has an interest in a particular matter in which the employee participates, has participated, or has official responsibility.

Kelly states “When Kristin Kassner ran against Lenny Mirra in 2022, she heavily criticized the MBTA Communities Act (3A) and Chapter 40B, two major statutes which allow developers to come into our communities by right and build huge developments without Planning Board review. Since she was elected, Kassner has done nothing to change or modify 3A or 40B; rather, she is the leading proponent for more top-down, by-right zoning, giving developers more freedom to bring large developments to our towns. Instead of putting the interests of the people first, she puts her donors first. It is time for a change.”

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LEGAL NOTICE
ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL 131, Sec 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:45 PM** to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by Theodore Seros for Rowley Farms Development LLC for proposed temporary passage of rubber tired backhoe along historic cart paths and public trails possibly within 100’ Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and By-law 100’ Buffer Zone to Isolated Vegetated Wetlands and Vernal Pool Habitat at Smiths Ln (Map 13, Parcel 3), 467 Haverhill St (Map 13, Parcel 14) and 55 Silva Ln (Map 8, Parcel 62, Lot E) to access vacant land for soil testing not within jurisdictional areas in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE
ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Invitation for Proposals to Farm
The Town of Rowley has an opportunity for farming on its Pingree Farm Conservation Area at 60 Pingree Farm Rd. (Map 4, Parcel/Lot 12) & 29 Boxford Rd. (Map 5, Parcel/Lot 84) starting in the 2027 growing season. These areas have been previously farmed under license since 2024. The area available to be farmed includes two parcels of approximately 17 acres and 7 acres respectively. The farming would be done under a license issued by the Rowley Conservation Commission and would be revocable at will. The Town is looking for qualified applicants (farmers) from the Town of Rowley or directly abutting municipalities. Applicants would have to provide a detailed planting and pest control plan and have liability insurance. Written expressions of interest requested by November 1, 2026. Interested parties should contact the Conservation Commission’s Agent at 978-948-2330 for further details.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission
9/30

LEGAL NOTICE
ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Invitation for Proposals to Farm
The Town of Rowley has an opportunity for farming on its Bradstreet Farm Conservation Area at 239 Main Street (Map 26, Parcel 26, Lot 1) starting in the 2027 growing season. These areas have been previously farmed under license since 2017. The area available to be farmed includes two parcels, the North field of approximately 0.85 acres with an 800’ perimeter and the South field of approximately 1.05 acres with 930’ perimeter with a freshwater pond that is approximately 0.15 acres with a 320’ perimeter. The farming would be done under a license issued by the Rowley Conservation Commission and would be revocable at will on thirty (30) days’ notice. The Town is looking for qualified applicants (farmers) from the Town of Rowley or directly abutting municipalities. Applicants would have to provide a detailed planting and pest control plan (IPM) and have liability insurance. Written expressions of interest are requested by November 1, 2026. Interested parties should contact the Conservation Commission at 978-948-2330 for further details.
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9/16, 9/23, 9/30

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1. 2013 Honda CRV VIN 2HKRM4H78DH652314
Signed,
Mark Trombly
Trombly Bro., Inc.
9/23, 9/30, (10/7)

GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Notice is given that the Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of **Article XIII – Special Permits and Site Plan Review, as further provided in §165-83** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws and **Ch. 57 Erosion and Stormwater Control**. The Public Hearing will be for both a Site Plan Approval and Stormwater Permit for installation of a BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM at **203 East Main Street, Town Assessor’s Map 10, Parcel 45** in Zoning District RB.
This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 28 OCTOBER 2026 at 7:20 P.M.**, in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027. 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/81492367755> Meeting ID: 814 9236 7755
Passcode: 655962
The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **28 OCTOBER 2026** 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 by choosing Cable TV option. Full and complete copies of the above-cited Site Plan application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov or by clicking here: https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/current_projects.php#outer-5552
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
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54 Part of FDR

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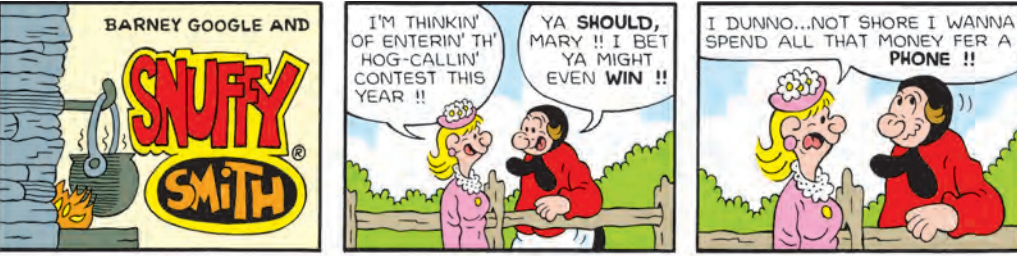
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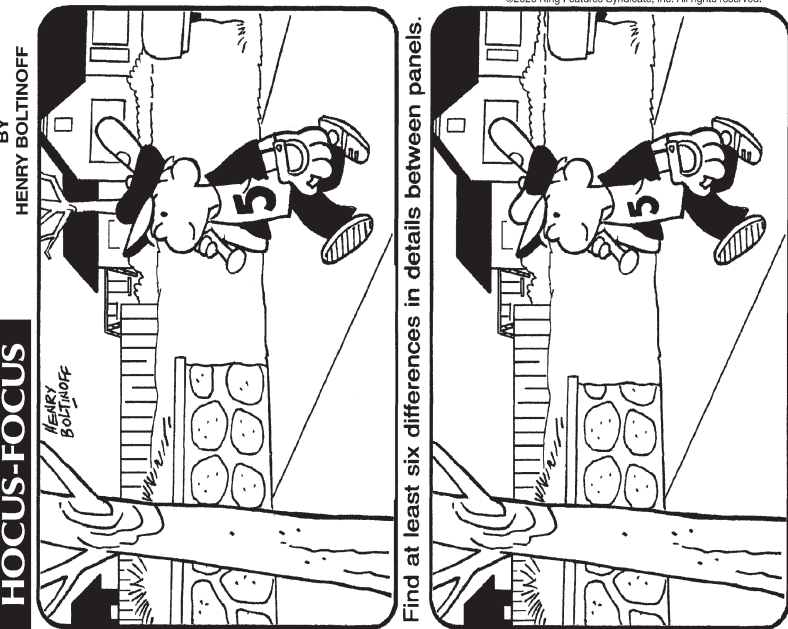
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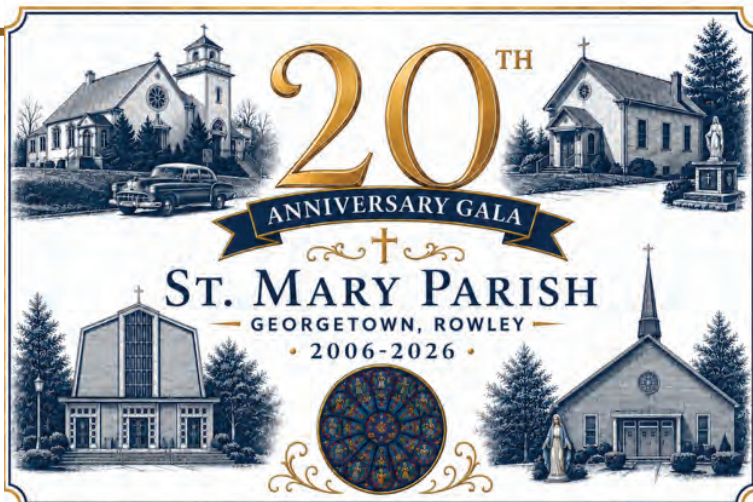
invites all kids under the age of 15 for a fishing derby!

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2nd Annual Oktoberfest Celebration Set for Oct. 10, Featuring Live Music by *Back to the 80's* Band

GEORGETOWN, Mass. — The Second Annual Oktoberfest Celebration will take place from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Colantoni Center, 51 W. Main Street (rain date of Sunday, October 11).

This family-friendly celebration will feature seasonal beverages, full bar beer, delicious food, local artisans, activities for all ages, and live music by Back to the 80's — New England's premier 1980s tribute band. Opening act will be the band Flash Drive.

• Admission: \$7 presale; \$10 day of show; children 12 and under are free. Presale tickets can be purchased at www.colantonnicenter.com.

Back to the 80's is New England's premier 1980s tribute band, delivering authentic, high-en-

ergy covers of the decade's biggest pop, rock, and new wave hits, complete with retro costumes and showstopping stage presence.

Additional Oktoberfest Features

• Local food vendors and artisan booths

• Family-friendly activities and games

• Georgetown Council on Aging food drive collecting non-perishable food items and essential household goods to support local families

• Renegade's Pub open with food, beverages, inside and outdoor seating and outdoor fireplace

• Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs

For vendor opportunities, sponsorship information, or additional event details, please call (978) 317-7999.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

Georgetown Council on Aging



by Kay Lee Ogden

This week's column will shine on the COA, located 51 North Street, Georgetown. Phone: 978-352-5726.

The Council on Aging provides the following services/activities:

Fitness - Yoga 2x weekly, chair yoga, Zumba, Tia chi, meditation, bocce, and pickleball.

Support groups - Caregiver support, for dementia, sponsored by Karen Coppola, a certified dementia practitioner. The COA also offers a monthly grief support group. and a living alone support group.

Social & Recreational - Quilting, crafts, knitting, group games, stamp club, modeling, tech classes, speakers, and performances; men's breakfasts, and last year's favorite: "Guns and Hoses Chili Cook-Off".

Veterans-Beteran's coffeesocial, monthly. Veteran's gallery the month of November, offering breakfast/luncheon for our vets of all ages!

Social services: Important services; individual support, info and referral services! Assistance

with accessing public benefits, (snap, fuel assistance, etc.), finan-

cial benefits, social security, referrals. Please call, to have them assist directly, or refer to appropriate agencies/services!

The council partners with AARP provide free tax assistance for low and moderate income individuals/families; as a regionally-based program, Georgetown residents have a priority registration window.

Kristin, our SHINE counselor, is able to provide assistance for Medicare beneficiaries, This program saved our residences tens of thousands of dollars each year!

The COA works closely with other town departments, i.e. police, fire, Board of Health, housing, and assessors to help meet the needs of our seniors!

Transportation: A van, taxpayer-funded and run through meva.net provides transportation.

Upcoming Events:

Vaccine Clinic and Health Fair: Wednesday, October 14th!

Medicare open enrollment: October 15th through December 7th.

The COA has a wish list and would appreciate the communities support:

Please donate tuna, soups, canned veggies, pb, jelly, jams. Ensure/Boost is extremely needed for our seniors!!! Healthy snacks, cereal/oatmeal, tea, coffee, and canned fruit! Financial donations, as well as gift certificates are so important to fill the pantry!! Please donate, what you can, everything helps!!!

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