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Ipswich YMCA 'Trunk or Treat'

IPSWICH – Last week's Trunk or Treat event at the Ipswich YMCA included many familiar faces giving out treats, including those shown below:



(left to right) Beth Sotis, Mary Kate Flaherty, and Haven Bromby of Dairy Queen in Ipswich. (Photo by Julianne DeSantis)



Dr. Marina from Great Marsh Pediatric Dental in Georgetown and her children John and Marcella. (Photo by Julianne DeSantis)



2026 Jr. Queen Zaaalee Pottle of Georgetown sits alongside Jr. King Kyrie Mercedes of Salisbury at the Topsfield Fair (Photo courtesy of Tiffany Pottle)

Georgetown's Zaaalee Pottle Crowned the 2026 Jr. Queen at Topsfield Fair

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – For most contestants to be the 2026 Jr. Queen of the Topsfield Fair, their challenge was picking a beautiful dress, getting over their nerves and having good answers to the questions the judges asked.

Zaaalee Pottle also had a challenge to see as well as others.

It is not that Zaaalee is completely blind. The beautiful young girl who won the hearts of the judges this year lives with cortical visual impairment (CVI) and epilepsy.

The Penn Brook School student has faced challenges that many children her age have never had to experience, he mother Tiffany said. With CVI, Zaaalee can see, but her brain does not

process the images the eye transmits.

"Despite those challenges, she continues to approach life with so much confidence, determination and joy," her mother said. "Sometimes," her mother said in an interview, "we don't know that she is blind."

Zaaalee loves to dress up in bright colors and relished the chance to compete

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Rowley: Finding an Affordable House 15 Years Later

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

ROWLEY – If even one affordable housing is a gem in this over-heated market, Rowley has had a diamond in the rough in its downtown area for 15 years.

In 2010, as a condition of construction, the town's Planning Com-

mission granted Kenneth Hamilton, manager of local builder Miken LLC, a special permit to build 10 townhomes at 168-172 Main St. across Rte. 1 from the Post Office, Rowley Realty Office and Three Sweet Pea Bakery.

Unit #4 of 168 Main, a one bedroom with a living room/kitchen and one full bath in 568 square feet of

living area, was supposed to be designated as affordable. That means Miken could have sold it along with the other units, but only for 20 percent less than the median home average.

Zillow currently lists that unit for sale at \$241,200.

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Boxford Electricity Plan: For Review Until Nov. 8

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BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford is holding a 30-day public review period for its revised aggregation plan for Boxford Community Electricity. Boxford Community Electricity is the Town's official electricity supply program, active since June 2024.

The aggregation plan describes how the electricity program is structured and operated. Boxford secured approval for the original aggregation plan from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in December 22, 2023. In July 2024, the DPU issued new rules for aggregation plans, called "Guidelines for Municipal Aggregators".

The Guidelines expand local authority for cities and towns concerning the operation of their programs and increase public transparency about program operations. The revisions to the aggregation plan ensure that the plan aligns with the new Guidelines.

Since launching in June 2024, Box-

ford Community Electricity has saved participating residents and businesses nearly \$1 million to date compared with National Grid's Basic Service, according to Good Energy. By locking in a fixed electricity supply rate, the Town has provided participants with more predictable supply costs while delivering substantial savings.

The revised Plan allows the Town to update its format without lengthy DPU approval, strengthens annual performance reporting, and expands flexibility to introduce new supply options.

On the program website, BoxfordElectricity.com, you can review both the revised plan and the current plan.

The program website has a comment form to provide written comments, or you may email "support_ma@goodenergy.com," with the subject line "Boxford Plan Comments."

Good Energy is the consultant that developed and manages our program on a day-to-day basis. The public review period is open until November 8, 2026.



Patriots Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett (far left) and Gillette's VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley congratulate Karen Coppola from It Takes A Herd Foundation, Inc. for being selected as a 2026 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. During the September 15 luncheon, the Kraft family, the Patriots Foundation and Gillette awarded \$275,000 in grants to 26 New England nonprofits. It Takes A Herd Foundation, Inc. received a \$10,000 grant in honor of Coppola's volunteer efforts. (Photo courtesy of Lexi Ehle/New England Patriots)

Kraft Family, Patriots Foundation Awards Karen Coppola of *It Takes a Herd Foundation* - Georgetown - as Community MVP

FOXBOROUGH – On Tuesday, September 15, the Kraft Family and New England Patriots Foundation celebrated the 2026 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award Winners. They recognized 26 volunteers for their contributions to the New England community at an awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium. In total, \$275,000 in donations were distributed to the nonprofits represented by each volunteer. Twenty-five organizations each received \$10,000 and William's Be Yourself Challenge received this year's grand prize of \$25,000.

Since 1998, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation have been recognizing volunteers for going above and beyond to give back to their communities through the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program.

"Throughout New England, extraordinary individuals are strengthening their communities through selfless acts of service," said Robert Kraft, Chairman and CEO of the Patriots. "My late wife, Myra, of blessed memory, believed that each of us has a responsibility to help others and leave our communities better than we found them. This year's honorees embody that spirit through their compassion, generosity and unwavering commitment to those they serve. We are proud to recognize them with the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards and celebrate the meaningful difference they make every day."

Gillette, a longtime supporter of the New England Patriots and a cornerstone partner of the Patriots Foundation, served as the presenting spon-

sor for this year's program. On hand to congratulate the award winners were Patriots, College and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett and Gillette's VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley.

"We are honored to recognize this year's Myra Kraft Community MVPs, whose generosity, dedication, and leadership help create stronger, more connected communities," said Kara Buckley, Vice President of Community Affairs at P&G Gillette. "Each honoree reflects the spirit of service that Myra Kraft championed and demonstrates how one person's actions can positively impact countless others. At Gillette, we are proud to support and celebrate those who bring out the best in people, and we thank the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation for continuing this meaningful tradition."

Karen Coppola of Georgetown, MA was recognized as one of this year's honorees and presented with a \$10,000 donation for It Takes A Herd Foundation, Inc.

"Receiving the Myra Kraft Community MVP Award is an extraordinary honor because it carries forward Myra Kraft's remarkable legacy of compassion, service, and commitment to community," said Coppola. "To be associated with an award created in her honor is humbling, and what makes it especially significant is that this award celebrates something much larger than any one person. It

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The high teas are being offered for breakfast and lunchtime slots at the

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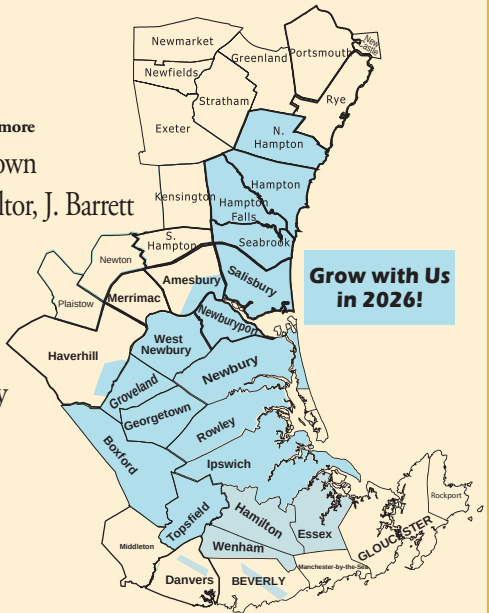
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Rest-Stop-Ranch Receives Grassroots Fund Grow Grant

by **Sam Sherman**
Programs Coordinator
Reswt-Stop-Ranch

TOPSFIELD – The Grassroots Fund recently awarded a Grow Grant in the amount of \$2,800 to Rest-Stop-Ranch in Topsfield. Rest-Stop-Ranch is an inclusive nature sanctuary built for caregivers and the people they are caring for. The property offers a half mile of paved, ADA-compliant pathways that wind through the gardens and lead to a patio overlooking a lily pond.

This grant will be used to continue the construction of a boardwalk system from the patio to the edge of the pond. When completed, the boardwalk will expand the wheelchair-accessible area for visitors.

The Grassroots Fund is dedicated to co-creating healthy and sustainable communities throughout New England. They empower individuals, groups and organizations working across a broad range of environmental and social justice issues by help-

ing them identify, select and access the specific tools, resources and connections they need to challenge existing systems and develop lasting solutions to the complex problems affecting their communities. To learn more, see www.grassrootsfund.org.

Rest-Stop-Ranch is located at 202 Haverhill Road (Rt. 97), Topsfield, MA. The wheelchair-accessible gardens feature a wide variety of roses,

lilacs, fruit trees, and a kitchen garden with raised beds, all planted for close-up enjoyment from the paths. The property is also a Level I accredited arboretum. Rest-Stop-Ranch hosts a monthly memory café and support programs as well as seasonal events; all are free of charge. Programs resume after Labor Day. For more information on programs and visiting details, see <http://rest-stop-ranch.org>.

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Resident Kevin Wood, the sole member of the audience (not counting the photographer) at the Select Board's Oct. 5th meeting where the board discussed changing the form of government, eliminating most elected positions, etc. (Photo Lonnie Brennan)

'Maybe We Ought to Slow this Wagon Down a Bit' Georgetown Select Board Temporarily Puts Brakes on Potential New Form of Government – Seeks Analysis, Definition of Problem to Be Solved

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN – “I was hoping that the chair of that committee would have been here tonight,” Select Board Chair Doug Dawes opined as the board took up the matter of reviewing the Charter Committee’s four-and-a-half-page report which states that the town should move forward with a drafting a charter - a new form of government which would potentially eliminate most elected positions in town.

Resident Kevin Wood, during the public comment portion which began the meeting, pointed out that the report from the exploratory charter committee stated that the town’s problem is “unclear authority.”

He went on to point out, however, that the committee never examined the cases that prove that point.

Wood also noted that there were problems with not following existing bylaws, let alone new ones. He stated that “in March, this board voted to review the process used to remove the conservation agent. Chair Hoover then refused to put that review on the agenda. On April 27, Chair Hoover stopped criticism of that conduct mid-comment and had [police] Chief Sedwick remove the speaker. On July 8, the New England First Amendment Coalition wrote that your actions are unconstitutional. The letter was addressed to this

board. It was emailed to you, [current] Chair Dawes. It is in no packet. It was not distributed to the board. You withheld it.”

Wood went on to point out that “these are not personality disputes; they are your failures to apply the rules you already have ... Nothing in this report explains who would enforce the next rules when this board will not enforce the current ones.”

When the agenda topic came up later in the meeting, after some discussion, Selectman Ed Dobie asked if Mr. Wood could explain more about what he stated in his public comments.

Wood was recognized by the chair and replied in part: “I think your board has three options right now. The first option is to not accept the recommendation, either dissolve or not dissolve the exploratory charter commission ... you have to analyze the information given in that report and believe it is sufficient to move forward into a charter or if additional information from an exploratory committee is necessary for you to make that decision.”

“The second option is to approve the recommendation, dissolve the exploratory committee, and then either establish a charter committee, which is appointed by you, which then puts together a special act to change our town government or to put it to the voters to elect a charter commission from the citizenry who are not appointed by you, to do the same thing...”

Wood went on to state that there are a lot of reasons not to accept the charter committee’s recommendation to move forward with a new form of town gov-

ernment. Commenting on the committee’s letter to the select board, Wood said “I don’t think it’s thorough. I don’t think it explains what the problems are that they have uncovered. And it doesn’t give you a needle to say, which way should we go if any way?”

He continued “they spent \$8,000 on the Collins [consultants] report. You don’t have it [a copy of the report]. You don’t know what they [the consultants] said. You don’t know how they [the committee] interpreted it. That’s your oversight responsibility of subcommittees: to look at what they did and how they arrived at their decisions, not to just take their recommendation carte blanche. That’s your job.”

Selectman Hoover disagreed on the charter committee’s role, stating that the role of “the committee was to make a recommendation to this board.” The next steps would then take place in a long process by a Charter Commission which would then “educate the town” on the pros and cons of a new form of government.

“I saw this as moving the ball just forward a little bit, not risking anything in doing that. I see no risk to it,” Hoover said.

After some more discussion, Selectman Dobie said, “I don’t believe what Mr. Wood said is unreasonable ... and I do think that each one of those things



Rob Hoover

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Jr. King and Queen
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for one of the fair's top youth honors. When her name was called as the winner, she did not realized she was the new Queen until she looked at her parents.

CVI is caused by damage to the visual pathways or processing centers of the brain rather than an issue with the eyes. It is the leading cause of permanent pediatric visual loss and blindness in developed nations.

Her mother said CVI is often misdiagnosed. The sight appears normal because the eyes can capture light and send signals, but the brain struggles to interpret them.

Zaalee told her parents she can see others in the room, but her eyes are captured by movement.

Her mother wrote, "Watching her get on stage and then hearing her name announced as Jr. Queen was an incredibly proud and emotional moment for our family. We would love the opportunity to share her story and celebrate this special accomplishment with our community."

As the Queen, she and Kyrie Mercedes, 5, of Salisbury, who was crowned King for 2026, led the Topsfield parade, which the Pottles declared to be "awesome." They will also represent the fair in various events all year, including another parade in Beverly and possibly the Santa parade here. She and Kyrie will also be on hand next fall to crown the next Jr. Queen and King.

It was not her first time to compete to be the Junior Queen. She entered the contest last year, but did not win, which did not dissuade her from trying again this year.

She learned from the first year to speak directly into the microphone this year when she was asked questions like what is her favorite ice cream and what is her favorite subject at school. She loves anything related to art, her mother said. And if you want to win her heart, load up a cone with Gummy Bears, chocolate sauce and sprinkles. For winning, she and Kyrie received a bicycle, a medal and a trophy. ♥



Kaitlin Frasca-Moses (Photo courtesy of the Topsfield Fair)

Topsfield Fair Crowns Mrs. Essex County 2027

TOPSFIELD – The Topsfield Fair, America's oldest agricultural fair, today announced the winner of the annual Mrs. Essex County Pageant. The winner, Kaitlin Frasca-Moses of Peabody, received her crown during the 55th pageant, which takes place annually at the fairgrounds.

Frasca-Moses was one of four contestants participating in this year's pageant. The other women were Yesenia Aguilera of Methuen, Janet Foote of Rowley, and Emily Girard of Georgetown.

Frasca-Moses placed third for her Boston Cream "Birthday" Pie in this year's prepared food contest, which was to make their family's favorite celebration dessert. Foote placed first for her apple cake and Aguilera placed second with her Tres Leches.

Yesenia Aguilera was named Mrs. Congeniality by the other contestants.

The contestants were judged on poise, general stage presence, an interview, and a culinary arts submission, which this year was their family's favorite celebration dessert.

The Topsfield Fair's Mrs. Essex County Pageant is open each year to married women currently living in Essex County who are at least 18 years of age. Each contestant submits a prepared food item. In keeping with Topsfield Fair's agricultural roots, contestants are urged to "Buy Local" and use ingredients from local farms in their entries.

As Mrs. Essex County, Frasca-Moses will be instrumental in the Essex Agricultural Society's goal to educate the public regarding the organization's importance in an atmosphere of fun and excitement through the Topsfield Fair. ♦

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Open Garden "Sunday Stroll" at Rest-Stop-Ranch

A restorative outdoor experience for care partners and their loved ones, offering a peaceful Sunday escape into the beauty of wheelchair-accessible gardens. Second Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., April through November. Free. Parking is limited, so registration by hourly appointment is required. The staggered arrival times ensure that the garden paths remain quiet and peaceful, giving visitors the space to truly relax. Rest-Stop-Ranch is an inclusive nature sanctuary built for caregivers and their loved ones. 202 Haverhill Road (Rt 97), Topsfield. Register here: <https://rest-stop-ranch.org/programs/>

Memory Café at Rest-Stop-Ranch

An opportunity for people experiencing memory changes and their family or care partners to connect, network, and engage in accessible, stress-free, shared activities. April – October, the café is held in the wheelchair-accessible gardens (weather permitting; if necessary, it moves indoors). November – March, participants gather in the cozy Caretaker's Cottage, and nature comes inside through hands-on horticultural therapy, such as flower arranging and sensory plant crafts. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m. – noon. Free (though optional donations to help cover craft supplies are gratefully accepted). Parking is limited, so registration is required. Rest-Stop-Ranch is an inclusive nature sanctuary built for caregivers and their loved ones. 202 Haverhill Road (Rt 97), Topsfield. Register here: <https://rest-stop-ranch.org/programs/>

Thursday Social at Rest-Stop-Ranch

A gathering to reduce social isolation for anyone needing more connections and support. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack, spend time in the accessible gardens, or engage in uplifting conversation with others who want to build community. Meets year-round at the Caretaker's Cottage. Most Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m. Free. Parking is limited, so registration is required. Rest-Stop-Ranch is an inclusive nature sanctuary built for caregivers and their loved ones. 202 Haverhill Road (Rt 97), Topsfield. Register here: <https://rest-stop-ranch.org/programs/>

Georgetown Senior Center My Life, My Health Program

The Georgetown Senior Center will host a chronic disease self-management program starting Wed., Oct. 21.

Living with an ongoing health condition can bring everyday challenges. This supportive six-week program helps adults and caregivers learn practical ways to manage their health, build confidence, and take a more active role in their well-being. Join Maria and discover helpful tools to take charge and feel better! The program, led by Mria Aria of AgeSpane, will run from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Space is limited. Registration required. Call the Senior Center: 978-352-5726.

BOXFORD HISTORIC DOCUMENT CENTER 50th Anniversary Party

FRIDAY, October 16 | 6 - 8:30 PM
10 Elm Street
Celebrate 50 years of Boxford's stories at the Document Center's Anniversary Party.
Details:
www.historicboxford.org/events



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EVENTS Continued from page 5**SALISBURY****Thinking About Buying Your First Home or Investment Property?****SALISBURY** - Noonie's, 114 Elm St. Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:00 PM

Get your questions answered! Learn more about: What to expect during the buying process, financing and mortgage options, down payment, what to do before making an offer, common mistakes to avoid.

Featuring Frank Bertolino

North Shore Realty Group, Salisbury

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Khulse@newburyportbank.com or 603-842-8454**Hosted by Newburyport Bank in partnership
with North Shore Realty Group.****SALISBURY****Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner****SALISBURY** - Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6:00 - 9:00 PMJoin *The Town Common* as we attend the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Featuring Salisbury Town Manager Neil Harrington.Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/salisburydinner2026>
GEORGETOWN GOV'T

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that he said has merit and we should be discussing that as well."

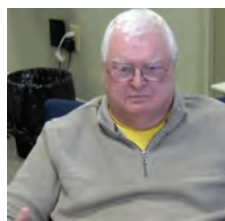
Selectman Donahue noted that the committee stated that there's an issue with hiring and firing. "So, if there's an issue, could you walk us through a couple of - one or two - examples that we think it would be worth bringing forward or highlighting?" He said there was no need to mention names, just provide a high-level example that explains what the "hiring and firing" problem is, and why a new form of government is required to fix that problem. Donahue asked if it were possible to review the consultant's report, and also if there was any review of bylaw-related issues, and could we "get meat to go on with some concrete examples?"

Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco argued that a centralized authority - eliminating for example the positions of elected town clerk, and other elected officials, would eliminate what he referred to as "a bunch of independent countries setting their own separate policy direction..."

Donahue questioned if he could just get a few examples: "if we have one or two of those examples to help kind of tell the story one way or the other, and that's all I'm asking, right? Is there a bylaw example? Is there a hiring and firing example?"

The charter process could change the assessors, planning board, water commissioners, highway surveyor (highway dept. head), town clerk, town moderator, and others positions to be appointed by the select board, instead of elected by the voters. In theory, only the Select Board and School Committee would be elected positions, town meeting could be eliminated in the short term and replaced with a "representative" town meeting, or, if the town reaches the resident threshold of 12,000 residents, adopt a city form of government.

Selectman Dobie summarized his thoughts, praising the committee for

**Ed Dobie****Mike Donahue****Orlando Pacheco**

meeting, and stated that they gave us "a great first start, but during my short tenure in this seat, I've learned that a lot of the issues we have in town are miscommunication, misunderstanding - things aren't perfectly clear. And I sense that the charter and stuff that we are going to do is going to make everything more clear. So, what you've done is not a waste of time, but I do think that Mr. Wood has provided us with some food for thought - have you thought of this? Have you thought of that?"

"Let's think about, let's extrapolate things forward first and see how it affects how we do it and does it open us up to, or our descendants coming in here, does it open them up to looking at something and saying, 'That wasn't done correctly.' We can't assume that we've done it correctly. We have to make sure we've done it correctly," Dobie concluded.

Selectwoman Laura Repplier said that "when I look at the list of issues that they suggested that need to be addressed, the authority structures, the review of town governments, that is such a broad, broad, undefined statement."

"Financial management," she added,

"which they boil down to just the capital improvement plan, which is just one small part of our financial management and seemingly hasn't been required or utilized in quite some time. Elected versus appointed, specifically regarding three roles in town. And then the role of the TA, which we've had some conversations about how that was interpreted through the bylaws recently. And then you talk about department alignment, which seems to be a bigger issue, which is not addressed in here and nothing is kind of revealed in here..."

"These don't seem to be sort of - large enough - for us to be pulling the rug out and reapplying a new rug," Repplier said. "These are things that can be fixed. And I'm not convinced of - I never have been convinced for - the need for a charter. But another issue I have is that this charter will take years, years, years, years ... and we have immediate things that need to be fixed. And if we go for a charter, we also need to address the issues with various bylaws, the parts of our bylaw structure that need to be tightened and understood or be made clearer and tighter in the meantime."

Hoover said a lot can be done in the meantime while the charter commission does its work.

Repplier summarized that "Okay. I just want to take us back to this wherever I found it [shuffling papers]: The goal is presenting a proposed charter, not more discussing whether we need a charter, but putting a charter together and bringing it to the town. Okay. So, we're not doing any more exploring? We're going forward and getting it done?"

The town administrator noted that it can be a scary process, as there is always a fear of change. Repplier retorted "Just for the record, I'm not scared." She wanted to understand why a new form of government was needed and expected some more details.

Dobie asked if it made more sense,

before spending perhaps another \$50,000 minimum on consultants, for the town to address any bylaw issues, and clean up what the town can clean up on its own. "Maybe we ought to slow the wagon down a bit" he said, regarding rushing forward with spending and changes to the government structure.

At the conclusion of just under 50 minutes of discussion, Chair Dawes suggested that the charter committee could meet once or twice again, take in some questions from the Select Board, perhaps have a joint meeting. "I would think that maybe one or two more meetings of the charter commission, excuse me, charter exploratory committee may be in order just to maybe tighten things up in the report," Dawes said.

Hoover asked for a list of specific questions from the board members for the committee to consider which members said they would forward to him.

Hoover had stated in the meeting that "I suppose you can go back and add those kinds of items and I suppose if the committee wants to do that, they could say, 'Yeah, we would do that.' What I guess I wouldn't want to do is do that with an understanding that after all of that time again spent that we're just going to come back and vote no."

After some back-and-forth, Dawes added "well, I like the report. It addresses a number of issues, but I was left wanting, because it wasn't really clear to me."

Pacheco interjected "Rob, I think the other thing when it comes to charters, you need to prepare yourself just so you don't get mentally too upset. You may never give some people enough information that they're going to be comfortable with, and that's OK too."

Following the meeting, Donahue forwarded to the board members more than a dozen questions which listed the conclusive statements made in the charter committee's report, which had no discussion, citations, notes in the committee's meeting minutes, the consultant's memo, nor in any other committee document.

Donahue asked for clarification to how the general conclusive statements were made without ever appearing in any of the committee's work product, including where the committee stated that authority over personnel is unclear, the committee's concerns that there has not been turnover in the highway surveyor's position, the committee's statement that the town administrator's authority is undefined, etc. He sought examples or some explanation for several items and why the statements are in the report. Again, as Chair Dawes had noted at the start of the discussion, for this potential pivot point for the town, the board might have benefited from having the chair and/or members of the exploratory committee present to discuss the matter.

Concerns about rolling a snowball down the hill remain. "Once started, the charter could become a self-fulfilling entity, impossible to stop," a member noted after the meeting. ♦

**Doug Dawes****Laura Repplier**



Boxford Author Publishes Debut Suspense Novel - *Don't Call Mandy*

BOXFORD – Cindy Grande of Boxford has published her first novel, *Don't Call Mandy*, a work of psychological suspense released October 10.

The book follows Cassie, a woman who attends her estranged aunt's funeral after a decade of family silence and finds a hoarded cottage one block from the parents who never visited. As she settles the estate alongside another aunt – charming, elegant and newly attentive– the story her family has told for decades begins to come apart.

Much of the novel is set on Boston's North Shore, with sections in New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

Grande wrote stories as a girl, then spent two decades in financial services and set writing aside for most of thirty years. She came back to it recently and now works in real estate in Boxford, Topsfield and Georgetown.

"I didn't expect to come back to it," Grande said. "Then one day I started again and didn't stop."

Don't Call Mandy is the first of three planned novels. The second, *Imaginary Son*, is expected in 2027.

The book is available on Amazon in Kindle (\$5.99), paperback (\$15.99) and hardcover (\$24.99), and is included in Kindle Unlimited. Grande is available for local book club visits and author events, and can be reached at cindygrandebooks@gmail.com. ♣

ROWLEY HOUSING SNAFU

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Town Planner Kirk Baker told the town's Affordable Housing Trust a year ago that he thought the unit was being used as storage, but he had not checked on it lately. Last week, he said he thought the unit might have been rented for living quarters.

Hamilton could not be reached for comment.

The Planning Board required the builder to buy a \$15,000 bond, which it did, but then it did not follow through to see if the townhome was registered on the state's Subsidized Housing Inventory at the then Department of Housing and Community Development.

The DHCD's successor, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), had no record of 168 Main Street, Unit 4, in Rowley being affordable, when Baker and town counsel Yael Magan looked for it.

They got interested in the townhouse recently after 15 years when Hamilton asked for the \$15,000 bond back, Magan told the Select-Board last week and Baker told The Town Common.

The Planning Board had no intention of giving the money back. "That's the only leverage we have," Baker said. "Obviously it was not enough."

The town also would not release Miken from its obligation to provide an affordable one-bedroom home. Last year, Baker explained to the Affordable Housing Trust that Rowley had 4 percent affordable housing, but the state wanted it at

at least 10 percent of all its housing being considered affordable. Affordable is defined as being priced at 80 percent of the town's median housing price.

"Every unit counts towards the 10 percent," Baker told the affordable housing trust last September, according to the trust's minutes.

Town Counsel Yael Magan, who has been working with the builder to get the house registered, created the affordable housing deed restriction for Unit 4 with the EOHLC's Local Action Unit. SelectBoard chair Sheri David signed it last week, and Magan said she would file it with the state.

Magan, who could not be reached after the SelectBoard meeting, described the builder as reluctant to sell the unit at the affordable price, but did not explain if he was collecting rent for someone living there or if it was used for storage space.

The town's Affordable Housing Trust took up the issue in 2025 when chair Charles Costello said that he didn't know that there is an affordable unit in the center of Town near the bakery.

Baker said the unit is not registered and "we don't have any leverage to get the company to register it."

Vice Chair Karen Summit disagreed. She told Baker, "we do have leverage and that we have a \$15,000 cash bond on that unit and that we have spoken about that in the past."

Magan told the SelectBoard that the owner will have to hire an agent to publicize that there is another affordable unit in Rowley and conduct a lottery to sell or rent it. She said that might take months. ♦

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NEWBURYPORT Old South Presbyterian Church *screens* *A Great Awakening*

THURSDAY Oct. 15 | 7:00 PM

In honor of the nation's 250th birthday, on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm, Old South Presbyterian Church (29 Federal Street, Newburyport) will host a viewing of the film *A Great Awakening*, which explores the unlikely friendship between eighteenth-century preacher George Whitefield and Benjamin Franklin.

The Rev. George Whitefield, considered by many historians to be "America's forgotten founding father" and first national celebrity, inspired the founding of Old South in 1756 and is buried beneath the pulpit. His preaching helped galvanize the colonies and shape the American independence movement. Old South has been an international destination for centuries and attracts visitors from all over the world.

A Great Awakening was produced by Sight & Sound Productions (www.sight-sound.com). It has received strong audience praise and industry attention, including a rare A+ CinemaScore. Many critics have praised the film's high production values and strong performances.

A Great Awakening dramatizes the life and legacy of George Whitefield and his surprising partnership with Benjamin Franklin, who became one of the preacher's closest friends and greatest promoters.

With the fledgling nation's freedom hanging in the balance, Whitefield's example leads Franklin to discover that true liberty cannot be written into law alone—it must be awakened in the hearts of the people.

The film will be aired in Old South's historic sanctuary. It is free to the public, but a voluntary donation will support the church's many ministries serving the greater Newburyport area. The sanctuary is ADA compliant. A ramp to the building is located at the Beck Street entrance.

Old South also invites the community to attend one of its historic tours and learn more about Rev. George Whitefield, the Great Awakening, and the significant part the congregation played in the political and spiritual birth of America. Free tours are offered every Sunday directly following the 10 a.m. service (usually around 11:15-11:30). On other days, guided tours are offered by appointment only.

Old South is a living congregation dedicated to ministering to the Greater Newburyport area. All are welcome to attend Sunday services at 10:00 am or to view them on the YouTube channel. Please visit: www.oldsouthnbpt.org for upcoming events or call the church office at 978-465-9666 with any questions. ♦

BYFIELD/GEORGETOWN

Senior Citizens Luncheon

TUESDAY Oct. 20 | 11:30 A.M.

Attend a complimentary Senior Citizen's Luncheon at the Byfield Parish Church, 132 Jackman St., Georgetown. RSVP: 978-352-2022 or byfield.office@gmail.com

GEORGETOWN

Council on Aging Traveling Chef & Pictionary™

THURSDAY, October 15 | 12 PM

Come join us for lunch featuring pork with apples, mashed sweet potatoes, and brussel sprouts. Then, stick around after lunch for some laughs and a fun game of Pictionary!

Council on Aging KevTech: Understanding iCloud and Your Apple Account

MONDAY, October 19 | 1:00 PM

Join Kevin Figuero to learn the basics of iCloud and your Apple Account, including how they work together to store and sync photos, contacts, and other important information across your Apple devices.

Finger Weaving

TUESDAY, October 20 | 11:00 AM

Cost: \$10 - due at registration. Join Karen Burr for a fun fall finger-weaving class! Learn this creative technique while-making your-own festive woven pumpkin to take home and enjoy for the season. Sponsored by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

My Life, My Health with Agespan (Session 1 of 6)

WEDNESDAY, October 21 | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Living with an ongoing health condition can bring everyday challenges. Join Maria Arias of AgeSpan for this supportive six-week program and learn practical strategies to manage your health, build confidence, and take a more active role in your well-being.

DEATH NOTICES: The loss of loved ones in our communities, compiled exclusively for The Town Common by Michelle Leininger.

Name	City/State Lived	Funeral Home	City/Town
Paul J. Riley	Peabody, MA	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home	Peabody
James Herbert Daly	Beverly, MA	Home	Peabody
Charlotte A. Andreotti	Peabody, MA	CR Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors	Danvers
Dr. William R. Nichols	Boxford, MA		Danvers
Barbara R. Black	Wenham, MA		Danvers
Sheriley Ann Farrand	Haverhill, MA	Driscoll Funeral Home & Cremation Services	Haverhill
Phyllis (Cook) Holt	Haverhill, MA	H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Services	Haverhill
Alic Lucille Daigle	North Andover	John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.	North Andover
Karen J. Whitney	North Andover		North Andover
Arthur "Pa" Gregory	Kingston, NH	Mackey Funeral Home	Middleton
Lawrence "Larry" Bograd	Newburyport, MA	Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Homes	Newburyport
James W. Goucher, Sr.	Seabrook, NH		Newburyport
Beverly A. Hollingworth	Hampton, NH	Remick & Gendron Funeral Home	Hampton
Robert R. Leverone	Hampton, NH		Hampton
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October 14, 20 26 SALISBURY
Name of City or Town

Owner of Record: 46 SEAGRASS LLC
Subsequent Owner: HUNTER PROPERTY GROUP, LLC
Location: 48 CABLE AVE Containing 8,319 Square Feet more or less
Assessors' map 32, parcel 41
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 42299, page 310 and B.42970, P.137
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$2,974.04 Unpaid balance: \$1,459.97

Owner of Record: COUILLARD ROLAND & COUILLARD MARY C
Location: 339 NO END BLVD Containing 4.19 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 34, parcel 221, being lot 4 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 28256-C filed with CTF 92952
Recorded in Land Court, book 563, Certificate of Title# 92952
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$41.71 Unpaid balance: \$20.55

Owner of Record: CUTRONA JOSEPH & WHITMAN JEFFREY, TRUSTEES OF THE 233 NORTH END BLVD CONDOMINIUM TRUST
Location: 14TH ST WEST Containing 2.3 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 34, parcel 24
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 38465, page 430
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$22.84 Unpaid balance: \$11.26

Owner of Record: DORAN JAMES H
Location: REAR BEACH RD Containing 3,005 Square Feet more or less
Assessors' map 4, parcel 141
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 34511, page 280
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$9.93 Unpaid balance: \$9.93

Owner of Record: FAHEY DEVELOPMENT LLC
Location: 26 RAILROAD AVE Containing 6,141 Square Feet more or less
Assessors' map 32, parcel 61
Recorded in Land Court, book 624, Certificate of Title# 99070
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$2,378.24 Unpaid balance: \$585.58

Owner of Record: LYNCH MADOLYN L, ANTELL DAVID B. & MARK, ANTELL RUSSELL & MARK R, TRUSTEES OF THE COLD RIVER TRUST
Location: OFF FERRY LOTS LN Containing 10.25 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 9, parcel 10
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 18797, page 59 and B.16494, P.595 and Ex.Prob 10P2357
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$612.68 Unpaid balance: \$150.86

Owner of Record: NORTON DAVID J
Location: OFF BRIDGE RD Containing 1.75 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 16, parcel 12
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 34895, page 177
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$17.87 Unpaid balance: \$17.87

Owner of Record: PB&J'S REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC
Location: 5 FANARAS DR B
Assessors' map 18, parcel 220B, being unit B of Five Fanaras Drive Condominium
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 37461, page 507
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$14,529.58 Unpaid balance: \$14,529.58

Owner of Record: RANDALL CHESTER L
Location: REAR FOREST RD Containing 5 Acres more or less
Assessors' map 26, parcel 64
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 3249, page 319
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$408.12 Unpaid balance: \$408.12

Owner of Record: T & T CAPITAL GROUP, LLC
Location: 29 CABLE AVE Containing 11,761 Square Feet more or less
Assessors' map 32, parcel 59
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 33627, page 106
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$2,492.42 Unpaid balance: \$2,492.42

Owner of Record: THIBAUT MATTHEW, THIBAUT ERIC & TORMOS MALIA
Location: 38 LIBERTY ST Containing 10,977 Square Feet more or less
Assessors' map 34, parcel 54
Recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, book 34029, page 491
2026 Real Estate Tax: \$25.82 Unpaid balance: \$25.82

Owner of Record: URBAN VISIONS, LTD
Location: 25 CABLE AVE Containing 5,270 Square Feet more or less
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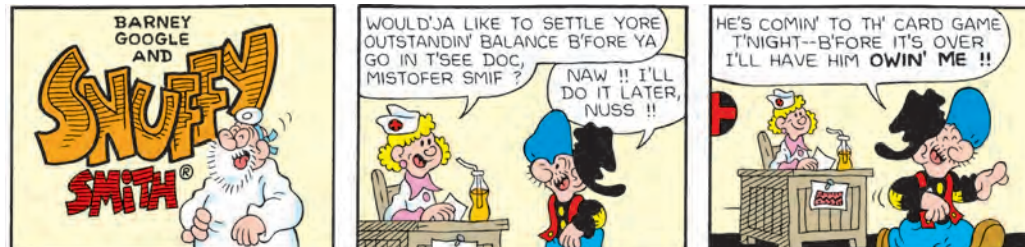
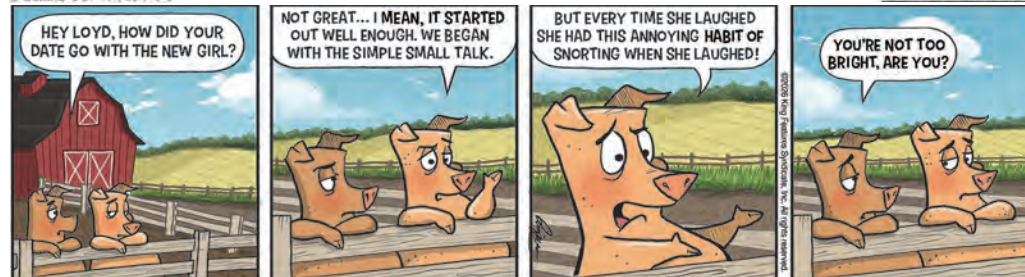
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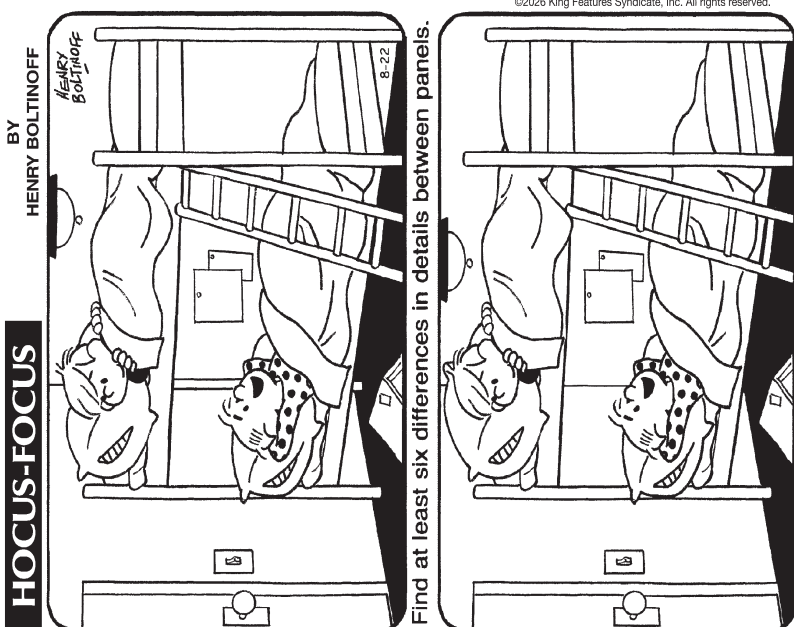
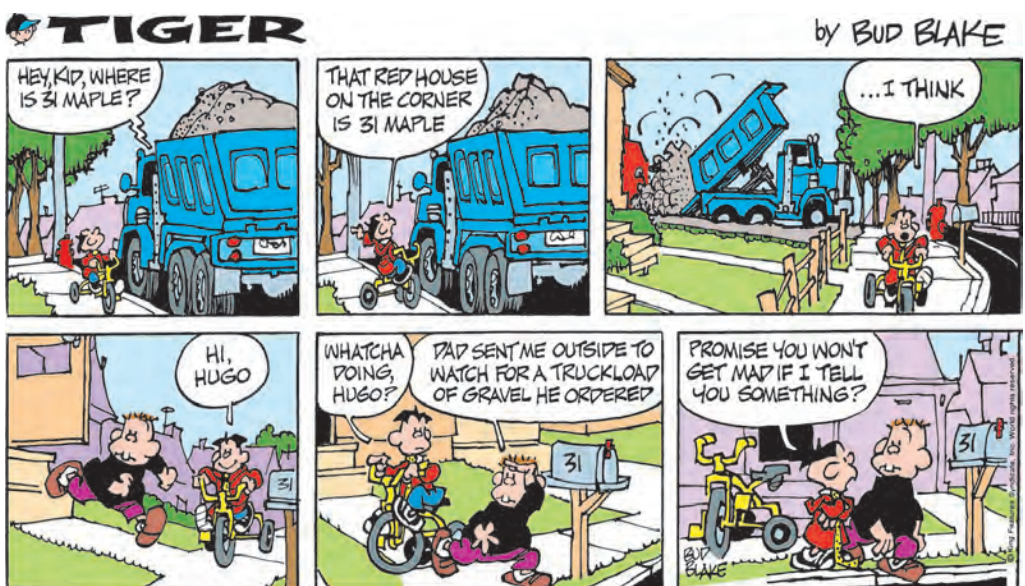
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1 "Eat — eaten"
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5 One prayed to during a drought

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20 Schnitzel meat

21 Redenbacher of popcorn

22 Chevron motor oil brand

23 Manage to avoid the introductory music?

25 Cousin of a musical

26 Cousin of a mouse

27 Look at

28 These fast musical passages, in Spain?

30 Customary actions of a World War II coalition?

34 Agnus — (Mass prayer)

35 Potential picnic pest

36 Potential picnic pest

37 Politician DeSantis

38 Expected

40 Revise copy

44 Catch by luring
47 Advancement made by a ferocious female?
53 "Don't panic!"
55 Like a 30-pound cat, say
56 Impel forcibly
57 Former rival of Pan Am
58 With life, musically
60 Divining deck
61 Fill a bishop with joy?
66 Blasting stuff
68 Film director Gus Van —
69 Peru's capital
70 "— that the truth!"
71 Fishnet stuff
72 Previously
73 Let off steam
74 Father
75 Bury Johannes Gutenberg?
79 Homer epic
81 High schoolers, e.g., slangily
83 Long period
84 Apartment sharer, e.g.
86 — Detoo (sci-fi droid)
87 School-related

92 Fishing for large shrimps from atop a rooflike sheller?
95 2006 Olympics host in Italia
96 Hershey's toffee bar
97 Mariner's "Mayday!"
98 "Of course!"
100 Potential picnic pest
101 Vardalos of film
104 Poem variety
106 Give novelist Marcel the boot?
109 Goading person who's stranger?
115 Tic-tac-toe win
116 Pekoe, e.g.
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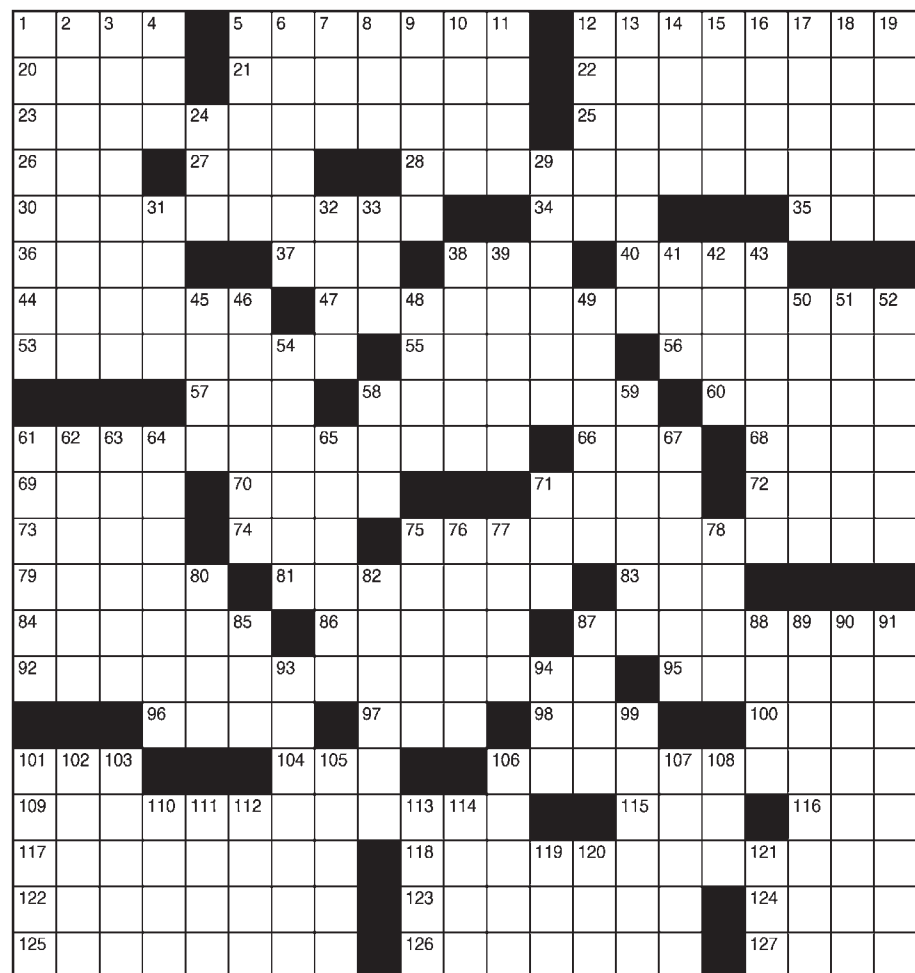
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3 "Guardians of
the Galaxy"
co-star Dave
4 Antiquity,
archaically
5 Cow catcher
6 Amount of
money owed
7 "— had it!"
8 Nothing
at all
9 Epoxies, e.g.
10 Car make
until '04
11 Bug spray
ingredient
12 Selected
13 Less sad
14 At all times
15 "Encore!"
16 Dots in
la mer
17 Big town, in
Italian
18 Writer
Chekhov
19 Minimum
24 Psychic skill
29 Port south of
Kiev
31 Nimble

32 Motorola tablet introduced in 2011
33 Gerund suffix
38 Alternative to cash or credit
39 "I volunteer to help"
41 ER worker
42 "— Rhythm"
43 Crime of some traitors
45 Ent—"bean," e.g.
46 Cat's "toe
48 Novelist Jaffe
49 One stroking a cat, say
50 Off-target
51 Wall bracket for candles
52 "English" or "Irish" dog
54 Cow catcher
58 — rock (music genre)
59 How many freelancers work
61 "Mistress of the Dark" of TV and film
62 Hide out, as a criminal
63 Membrane enclosing an embryo
64 Japanese floor mats
65 Make lovable
67 Part of ENT

71 Spanish for
"month"
75 Bisected
76 Glowing
signs
77 Sci-fi empathy
Deanna
78 — Chinese
80 Rinky —
82 Wiped away
85 Psyche part
87 Matures
88 Therefore
89 Trivial details
90 Kind of
91 Small, simple
houses
93 Divide into
fair shares
94 Sch. in
Manhattan
99 Visit for a bit
101 Dunn and
Ephron
102 Birth cert.,
e.g.
103 Sum finder
105 Meted (out)
106 Stellar hunter
107 Sweat outlets
108 King, in Caen
110 Cicero's "Lo!"
111 Cones'
counterparts
112 Cons'
counterparts
113 Likes,
slangily
114 Light beige
119 Trail mix bit
120 H.S.
transcript stat
121 Top frame



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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IT TAKES A HERD

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shines a light on the power of volunteerism and reminds us of the difference people can make when they choose to invest their time, talents, and hearts in the lives of others.”

A 50-plus year volunteer across a multitude of organizations, Coppola founded It Takes A Herd Foundation Inc, an organization whose mission is restoring the partnership between people living with dementia (PLWD) and their care partners through dementia-friendly, equine-assisted programming. The organization is dedicated to creating opportunities for connection, camaraderie, and community, as these elements are often diminished as dementia progresses.

“I have had the privilege of watching people find joy in difficult circumstances, rebuild confidence, form connections, and recognize something within themselves they may have forgotten,” Coppola said. “There is something incredibly gratifying about knowing you made a difference in someone’s life.”

Coppola’s volunteer work has profoundly improved the lives of individuals and families navigating dementia, caregiving, and loss by addressing a critical and unmet need for person-centered support and education. She seeks to help bridge the relationship-gap between the individual living with dementia and the care partner by creating environments where confidence, camaraderie, and com-

munity are restored in meaningful and lasting ways.

“For me, volunteering means seeing where you can make a difference and choosing to show up, whether that means lending my experience, creating an opportunity that did not exist before, or simply making sure someone knows they matter,” said Coppola. “Strong communities do not happen by accident. They are built by people who care enough to give something of themselves to others.”

The 2026 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range in age from 17 to 93 years old and represent almost all the New England states. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including sports, healthcare, hunger and nutrition, mentoring, social justice, human services, education, domestic violence, and more.

Since its inception, the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program has recognized more than 550 volunteers and donated more than \$4 million to support nonprofit organizations across New England.

The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received over 150 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open every February and the awards are open to all nonprofit organizations in the New England region.

For more information on the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards, please visit www.patriots.com/community. ♦

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