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Rowley Library Holiday Basket Raffle!

submitted by Jenny Patterson
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ROWLEY – Back By Popular Demand! 2026 marks the year the Annual Friends of the Library Holiday Basket Raffle returns!

This event runs from Nov. 14th - Dec. 19th With the basket raffle drawing on Dec. 19th

We are seeking donations of baskets!

Each basket should have a regular retail value of at least $50. It can

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L-R: John Dunlevy, Mike Donahue, and David Schauer (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

Georgetown Park & Rec Excited by 'New Possibilites' Thanks to Jim Bussing Sr's Generosity

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN – Members of the Georgetown Park and Recs. Commission expressed excitement last week as they discussed new possibilities for the town, thanks to Jim Bussing's donation plans.

In March we reported on a $1 million gift planned by former resident Jim Busssing. Since then, Mr. Bussing has experienced "frustration" with the town, which took almost seven months to begin the process to legally accept his donation. He was also frustrated with the selectman's office for allowing this to happen, and the accumulation of engineering bills which went unpaid for months.

Apparently, in December of 2025,

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Pentucket Regional Middle School Wins Math Competition

WEST NEWBURY ⊠ The Pentucket Regional Middle School math team won the Mosca division at the first meet of the Intermediate Math League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM) season.

The team scored 150 points, two two points ahead of second-place Harold L. Qualters Middle School of Mansfield. Its score was 80 points higher than at the same meet last year.

The team was led by Alex E., who scored 17 out of 18, answering eleven of twelve questions correctly.

IMLEM has held math competitions for middle school students since 1965. This year, 53 schools from eastern Massachusetts are competing in five meets. At each meet, every stu-

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Rowley All-Scout Paper/Bottle Drive Saturday

by George Pacenka

The All-Scout Paper Drive will be held on Saturday November 14, 2026 from 9:00am to 12 noon behind the First Congregational Church of Rowley on Main Street.

The Scouts will be collecting newspapers, books, cardboard, and magazines. Scouting Troop 15 will be collecting $.05 redeemable bottles and cans. Please make the effort to deliver during the hours of 9-12.

Scouting America and the Girl Scouts of Rowley thank you very much for helping to keep Scouting active in Rowley.

The paper drives are held the second Saturday of odd numbered months. If you have any questions please call George Pacenka at (978) 314-8690.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Non-perishable items including diapers, paper towels, toilet paper will also be collected at this time for the Rowley Food Pantry.

The next paper drive will be held on January 9, 2027.

Boxford Hazardous Waste Collection Sat.

by Karen Sheridan

Chair, Boxford Recycling Committee

The Town of Boxford reminds residents not to dispose of hazardous materials in their trash.Boxford's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held this year on Saturday, November 14 at Masconomet High School from 9 AM to 12 noon in conjunction with the towns of Topsfield and Middleton. Boxford residents are not charged a fee to dispose of most hazardous products like oil-based paints, pesticides, gasoline and anti-freeze.

Boxford residents can also access other towns hazardous waste collections for fees set by those towns. The Town of Boxford's website lists details on those open reciprocal events as well as Boxford's HHW event at boxfordma.gov.



The damage caused by a fire on Main Street.
(Photo Courtesy West Newbury Fire Department)

West Newbury Fire on Main St.

WEST NEWBURY — Fire Chief Michael Dwyer reports that the West Newbury Fire Department, with assistance from numerous mutual aid partners, extinguished a two-alarm fire in a single-family home on Main Street Thursday afternoon.

At approximately 1:57 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, the West Newbury Public Safety Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a house fire at 598 Main St.

Upon arrival, West Newbury Police units reported heavy smoke showing from the rear of the building. First arriving firefighters from Newburyport began aggressively attacking the fire. Fire Command transmitted a second alarm to bring additional resources to the scene.

Crews on scene were able to quickly knock down the bulk of the fire, bringing it under control by 2:50 p.m.

Seven people were displaced as a result of the fire. Crews on-scene helped safely remove pets from the home. No injuries were reported.

Mutual aid was provided at the scene by the Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Newbury, Merrimac, Newburyport, Rowley and Salisbury Fire Departments. Cataldo/Atlantic Ambulance, Rehab Five and the air support unit from the Seacoast Fire Officers Mutual Aid District out of East Kingston, NH also responded. Station coverage was provided by the Boxford Fire Department and the Haverhill Fire Department. In-town support was provided by the Department of Public Works, Water Department, Police Department, Public Safety Dispatch, Inspectional Services, and Principal Gregg Gilligan from the Dr. John C. Page Elementary School.

State Police assigned to the Massachusetts State Fire Marshal's Office responded to assist with the investigation. National Grid responded to shut off electricity to the home.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the West Newbury Fire Department, the West Newbury Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office

"Thanks to the quick response of our firefighters and mutual aid partners, we were able to contain the fire and limit the damage, potentially saving the structure," said Chief Dwyer.

Boxford Community Center Art Exhibit

submitted by Liz Murphy
Boxford Community Center Board Member

BOXFORD ⊠ The Boxford Community Center is proud to partner with the nonprofit "Love Your Life" to present Meagan Schmitt's Living in the Color, a groundbreaking art exhibit that works to change the perception and stigma around substance use disorder.

By reframing addiction through photography and personal narratives, a visual and emotional connection can be made. Creating art is an opportunity to have a conversation around a topic that touches nearly every individual, family, and community in some capacity.

The exhibit will be open to the public during all regular Community Center hours thru November 30th.



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West Newbury
Who Will Be Next Town Manager?

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

WEST NEWBURY – The SelectBoard with only two members, instead of the usual three, will begin Thursday to interview candidates for the town's next Manager.

The SelectBoard plans to announce this week the candidates who made the list to be interviewed.

Chair Wendy Reed and member Barry Fogel decided last week not to call a special election to fill the vacancy created when Chris Wile resigned as a selectman last week. There was no funds in the budget for a special election, which would cost $6,700 plus the expense of town employees to support the special election.

"As we did not anticipate this cost during the budgeting process, it is not available in any approved budget line. Another factor in this decision was the intensive staff effort required to bring a new Select Board member up to speed at the same time we are transitioning to a new Town Manager," the board said in a statement.

Reed and Fogel said they are confident they can fulfill the duties of the Select Board, as well as support the Town Manager transition. Should 200 registered voters disagree and submit a written petition, the town is required under state law to hold a special election.

This request for a special election would have to be received by the Select Board more than 100 days before the next scheduled election in May.

Wile, who served 30 years on the SelectBoard, the Planning Board, the School Committee and the Whittier Tech Regional Agreement Advisory Committee, announced his resignation, saying "I have realized that there are other adventures and opportunities that I need to address so I have made the very difficult decision to step away from town government."

It was the second member of the SelectBoard to resign this year. Ross Capolupo resigned last spring, and his vacancy was filled at the annual town election held on May 4, when Fogel was elected. ☒

Boxford Seeks Applications for Community Preservation Act

submitted by
Matthew Coogan
Town Administrator/ CPO
Town of Boxford

BOXFORD ☒ The Town of Boxford's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is now accepting applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding. Applications are due November 20, 2026, for projects seeking funding at the May 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

CPA funds support projects in four categories: open space, historic preservation, outdoor recreation, and community housing. Eligible uses include protecting conservation and agricultural land, preserving historic buildings and resources, creating or improving parks, trails, playgrounds and athletic fields, and supporting housing for low- and moderate-income households. Specific eligibility requirements apply to each category.

"CPA funding gives Boxford an opportunity to invest in the places and resources that make our community special," said Samantha Mento, Planning Agent and staff support for the Community Preservation Committee. "We encourage anyone with a potential project to reach out early. We can help applicants understand the eligibility requirements and prepare a proposal for the committee's consideration."

CPA investments have helped preserve Boxford's history, protect its landscape and expand recreational opportunities. Examples include historic preservation work at the Cummings House at the Center at 10 Elm; the creation of the Boxford Common athletic complex and various field improvements; the preservation of the Dorman Property, known as "Reddington Woods" and Barker Family Farm; and the new Johnson Playground.

Applicants should describe their project's goals, community need and support, proposed schedule, budget and other potential funding sources. Proposals should also explain how any ongoing maintenance will be funded. CPA funds cannot be used for routine maintenance, the purchase of artificial turf, or to replace existing operating funds.

Applicants will present their proposals at the CPC meeting on December 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting agenda and Zoom information will be posted on the Town website calendar. Projects recommended by the CPC will move forward for consideration by Town Meeting.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Boxford Community Preservation Committee, Boxford Town Hall, 7A Spofford Road, Boxford, MA 01921. To obtain an application or discuss whether a project may qualify, contact Samantha Mento at smento@boxfordma.gov. Additional information about eligible uses is available at www.communitypreservation.org. ☒

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Time for Winter Golf

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURY – With the shorts and flip flop weather last week, winter may seem a long way off, but hearty New England golfers know better. It is time to sign up for winter competitive leagues at the Newbury Golf Center.

Last year, 160 players competed in its winter leagues, using the center's 20 covered and heated bays using "Ball Flight" all winter to keep their game sharp.

"This season we have partnered with Golf Genius software to offer real-time scoring and live leaderboards for the entire 12 weeks of our leagues," said professional instructor Eric Sorensen.

The leagues start Nov. 27 and run for 12 weeks. It offers an individual handicap league and a two-person non-handicap league for the casual golfer looking to get more comfortable on the golf course. All our leagues are "floating leagues," which means players have a seven-day window to play their round for the week. If players miss a week, they can make it up.

Playing 18 holes takes an hour.

TopTracer, the leader in range technology, offers more than 25 different golf courses to play. Its technology tracks the flight of the ball.

Beginner/intermediate leagues are designed for players with no handicap or a handicap higher than 30. The handicap leagues are designed for players with a USGA handicap under 36.

The season costs $100 per person, plus the cost of the balls each week. Winners will receive prizes for each league.

Register at www.newburygolfcenter.com/toptracer-range. ☒

PENTUCKET WINS MATH TOURNAMENT

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dent answers four questions in each of three individual rounds, for a maximum of 18 points, and then the team works together on a team round. Schools are grouped into divisions of similar strength. Full results are at www.imlem.org. Questions from past meets are at www.matharchive.org/imlem/.



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Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco chose a design firm for the rec. area, and signed an $8,500 contract with them.

Unfortunately, the contract Pacheco signed was unfunded by the Bussing money at that time (the Town did not sign a contract with Bussing for Bussing's donation until three months later, and did not set up the donation account until seven months later), so when the town received their first engineering bill dated February 11, 2026, the firm had to wait. The bill sat unpaid until September.

It was later learned that the contract was open-ended (allowing additional billing for time and expense), signed only by the town administrator, and allowed the engineering firm's billing to double the stated amount: The firm's first invoice was in excess of $10,000, and ended up costing $17,090 when it was paid in September. While plans for court type and locations shifted over time, the number was "surprising" to the parties involved for design work, not actual engineering work.

Despite all that, Mr. Bussing is looking forward to the eventual construction of three tennis courts at the Bussing Recreation Center off East Main Street and a stand-alone pickle ball court. It was the proposal of those three courts which led to last week's discussion by the Park & Rec. Commission to re-purpose the old two tennis courts at American Legion Park (ALP).

"Mr. Bussing is giving an opportunity here to reconfigure the offerings down there," Chair Mike Donahue said, "as we look forward, now is the time to consider the possibilities at ALP."

In place of the old courts, long-term member Dave Schauer said the baseball area and batting cages could be re-addressed and reconfigured. Alternatively, he spoke about the possibility of placing a dirt bike area there, similar to the one on Rte. 97 in Topsfield. "It's low maintenance, and the kids love it. Just drive down there and you see the moms sitting on the picnic tables and the kids having a great time" Schauer said.

Fellow board member John Dunlevy discussed the pros and cons of the reconfiguration of the tennis courts, and expressed his excitement at the possibilities for the town in converting the courts to other uses.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BONFIRE

Fire Chief Matt McKay was on hand to discuss the Park and Rec.'s upcoming bonfire. Donahue, said that they have "set the "ignition time for between 4:30- and 5:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve" for this third annual event which will be held at the Bussing Recreation Center. The board discussed pre and post bonfire prep and cleanup activities.

The need for clean dry wood was discussed, and wood donations will be sought. Former selectman Alan Aulson was at the meeting and offered a tremendous amount of nearly tree-length pine cutoffs from his farm, which was enthusiastically received by the commission.

STOCKING OF THE POND

At Aulson's request, the commission discussed the stocking of the old quarry ponds adjacent to the Bussing Recreational Area.

Chief McKay who was there for the bonfire discussion, weighed in by sharing that he grew up in the area, and there was always great fishing there. He said they stopped stocking the pond perhaps 15 or so years ago. He didn't know why. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife stocks more than 450 lakes, ponds, and rivers across more than 260 towns with more than 400,000 trout each spring, and approximately 70,000 each fall. They just stocked Stiles Pond in Boxford on Sept. 28, and Baldpate Pond on Oct. 13, according to https://www.mass.gov/info-details/trout-stocking-report.

"I think it's another great resource in this town that we can look into reviving, and with ready access, it will be a great place for kids and their parents to go and fish like they used to so long ago," Aulson said.

The commission agreed and gave their unanimous support to Aulson to pursue stocking of the ponds. "We're very thankful as a commission to Mr. Aulson for his efforts to improve the parks and recreation areas," chair Donahue shared.

ROWLEY LANDING

Former Selectman Gary Fowler asked for the status of the use of the Rowley Landing boat launch area by Georgetown residents, a right which former commission chairman Jim Dimento has vigorously pursued for years. Georgetown finally reached agreement for residents to launch their boats from the area, but have been denied the right to park their vehicles.

The commission discussed the matter and stated that they are continuing the fight to ensure fair use of the area, as it was tradition and enshrined in legal proceedings long ago.

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6. 2010 Honda Odyssey VIN 5FNRL3H6XAB030182
7. 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN 2D4RN4DE3AR365255
8. 2010 Subaru Forester VIN JF2SH6CC2AH794000
9. 2010 Kia Soul VIN KNDJT2A29A7028735

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Walter L. Lowell 10/28, 11/4, 11/11

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2009 Subaru Forester VIN JF2SH63689H783797
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You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference on **November 19th, 2026** at 7:00 or such other time when posted to consider the **Request for Determination of Applicability** by applicant **The Willows at Boxford for the property located at: 38 Ingalls Village Way, Map 6, Block 2, Lot 2.18, for Invasive species management within 100-ft of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands**.

The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view application materials, call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506.

For the Commission,
Will Koneval, Director of Conservation 11/11

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The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view pplication materials, email wkoneval@boxfordma.gov or call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506 or visit the Conservation Office at Boxford Town Hall during office hours M-Th 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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ROWLEY LIBRARY GIFT BASKETS

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include fun items related to a specific theme – maybe the items to start a new hobby or fun items from your company! Winter cozy wear, book series you love, Ghost hunting kits! Who knows, the possibilities are endless. Because the baskets will be on display for 4 weeks, we cannot accept donations of alcohol, tobacco or perishable items. Businesses, individuals and families alike are encouraged to put together a basket to donate.

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If you are unable to donate a complete basket, please consider donating a gift card for the gift tree! Always a huge hit and who doesn't love a tree filled with gift cards! Every donation helps support the Friends of the Rowley Public Library.

All baskets will be on display (along with your organization's or individual or families name) at the Rowley Public Library, From Nov. 14th to Dec. 19th the day of the raffle itself.

Baskets are due at the Rowley Public Library by November 11th.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the library starting November 14th. The drawing will be on December 19th at 12pm at the Rowley Public Library.

Interested in donating? Please message or call 978-500-2455 or email at baskets@rowleylibrary.org for more information.

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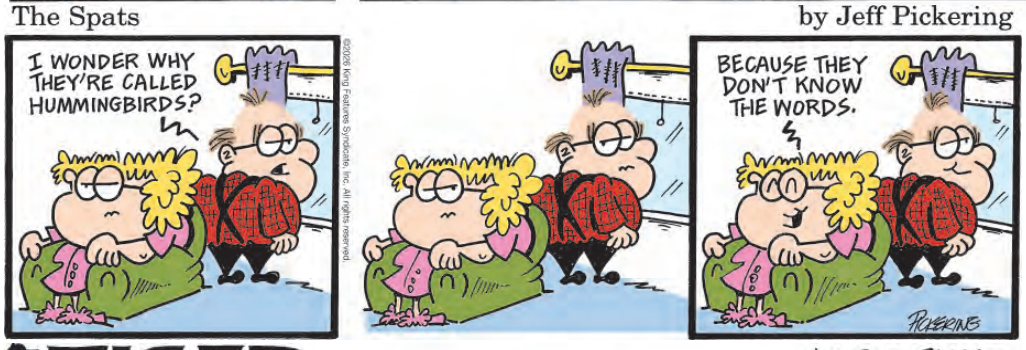


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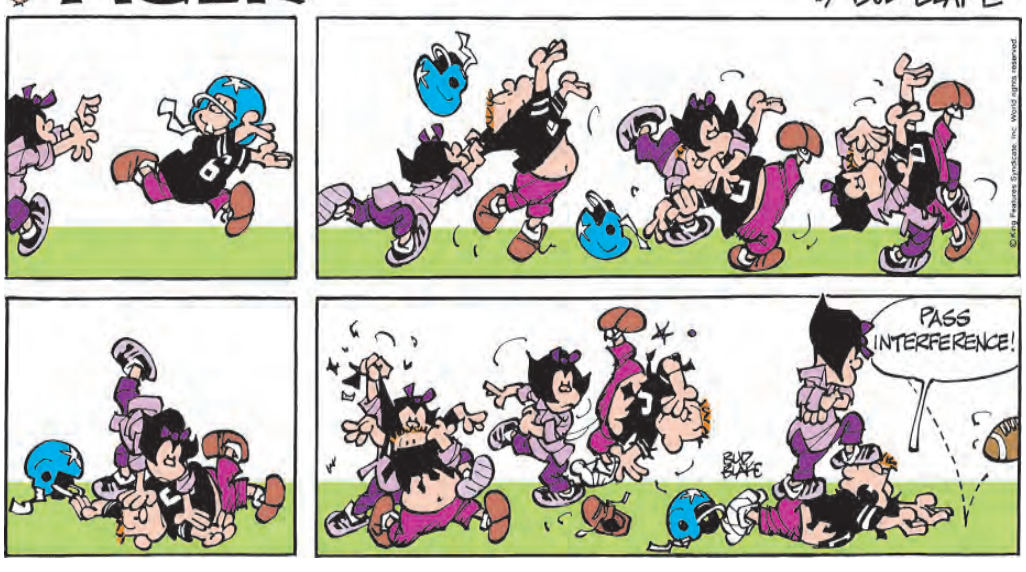




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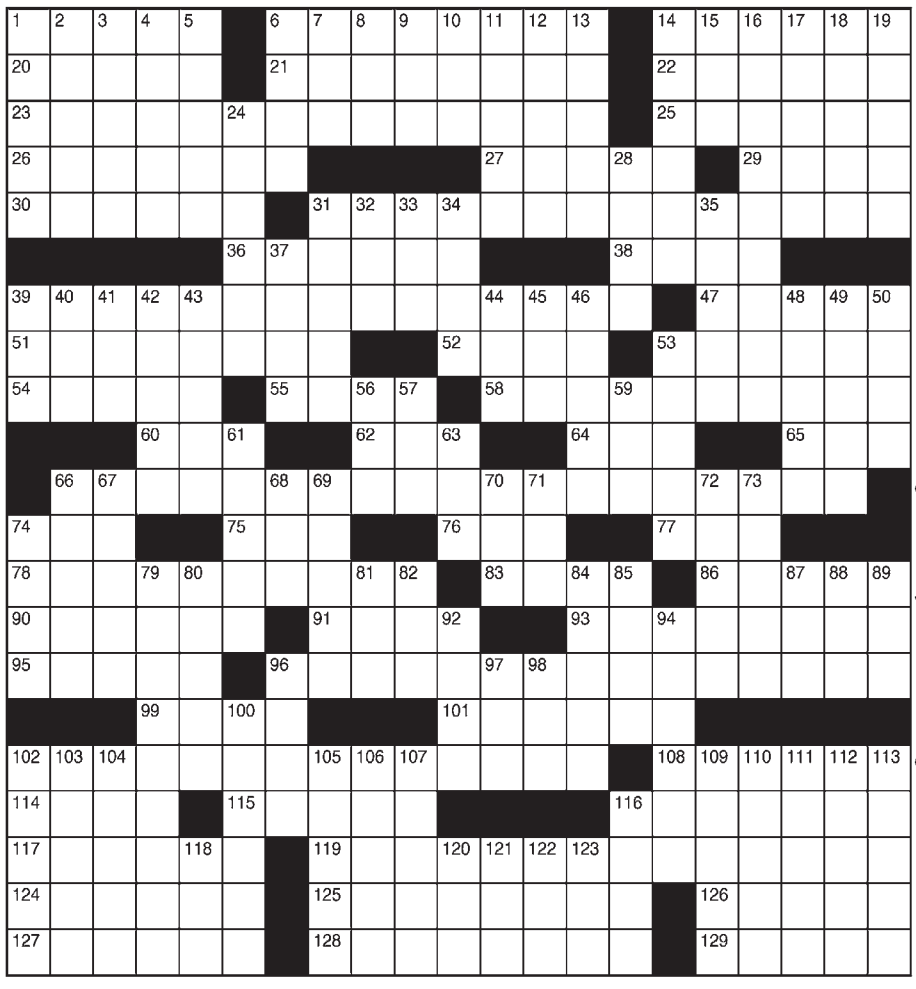
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ACROSS

1 "It's — cause!"
6 Square mile, say
14 Puccini's "— Butterfly"
20 Roping event
21 Broken ceramic bit
22 Trapped after a blizzard
23 Stumbled and really got hurt?
25 Starting a golf game, with "off"
26 As yet unborn
27 Don't fully believe
29 Rind
30 Winged seed of a maple or elm tree
31 Stress felt after eating jalapeños?
36 Arranged like a ladder
38 Organic compound
39 Gymnast?
47 Banquet
51 One giving paid money back
52 U.S. territory since 1898
53 Noonday nap
54 Sight-related
55 Flooring square
58 Person walking with a limp?
60 Actor Mineo
62 Lac liquid
64 Pro vote
65 OR hookups
66 Bribed a judge in order to win?
74 Body part with three bones
75 Wriggly fish
76 Tram cargo
77 Actor Linden
78 Battles between Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie?
83 Ex-U.N. leader Annan
86 Martini & — (vermouth)
90 DeGeneres and Burstyn
91 Get really wet
93 Exchanges favors, in politics
95 More guileful
96 Mailed in the opposite direction of?
99 Hoops great Bryant
101 Last Greek letters
102 Bounding along merrily on a Swiss mountain?
108 Himalayan guide
114 Johnson who directed "Knives Out"
115 Electric fan's sound
116 Dissolves out via percolation
117 Riddle
119 Sluggish mammal wearing a pair of hats?
124 Golden ager
125 Fearful
126 San Diego ballplayer
127 Third-largest Danish city
128 Cold carnival treat
129 Tarnish

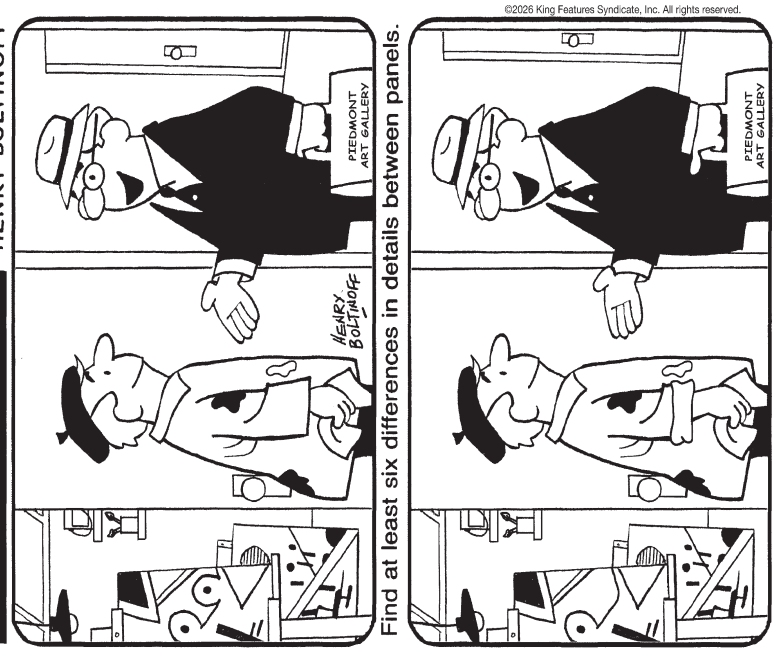
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2 — Doone (cookie brand)
3 Strong dislike
4 Train system in Philly
5 Heavy drinker
6 Raised coif
7 Negating word
8 "What was — do?"
9 General —'s chicken
10 Sound made during a physical
11 Novelist Charles
12 Mistake
13 Do a tally of
14 Glove alternative
15 High card
16 Heavy slumber
17 "Sayonara!"
18 76-Across digger
19 A right one is 90 degrees
24 Wiped clean
28 Male sibling, in dialect
31 Father: Prefix
32 Pixieish sort
33 Good bud
34 Prudish sort
35 Opera singer Anne — von Otter
37 Tech news website
39 To and —
40 Sales agt.
41 Small newt
42 Old cereal with an alien mascot
43 Open, as a drink bottle
44 British tavern
45 Gasol of the NBA
46 TV prizes
48 Meat jelly
49 Actor Carell of "Vice"
50 Sailors, colloquially
53 Spherical bacterium, informally
56 Zodiac feline
57 Body part with three bones
59 Establish
61 Gazes creepily
63 ETs' craft
66 Cave dwarf
67 Insinuate
68 Dawn moisture
69 Blink brightly
70 Rankle
71 Olds oldie
72 Basketball great Bird
73 Socially cold
74 $5 bills, informally
79 Looking through a keyhole, say
80 2002 scandal company
81 King, in Nice
82 Devitalize
84 Writer Fannie
85 Ames' state
87 35mm camera type
88 — -mo replay
89 Doctrine
92 Psy and BTS' music genre
94 Very excited, slangily
96 Meeting, informally
97 U.K. record label
98 Lion lair
100 Watch out for
102 Playground rejoinder
103 Like ruled paper
104 Pamphleteer Thomas
105 Saint — and Nevis
106 Writer Shaw
107 Teaser ad
109 Lock holders
110 Dazzling success
111 1970s sitcom
112 — dish (bio lab item)
113 Ghostly white
116 — majesty (high treason)
118 Year divs.
120 AAA service
121 Tolkien fiend
122 Malti- — (hybrid dog)
123 Play on words



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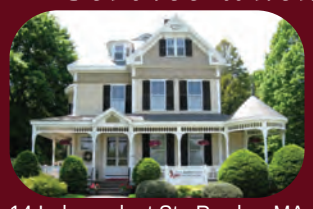
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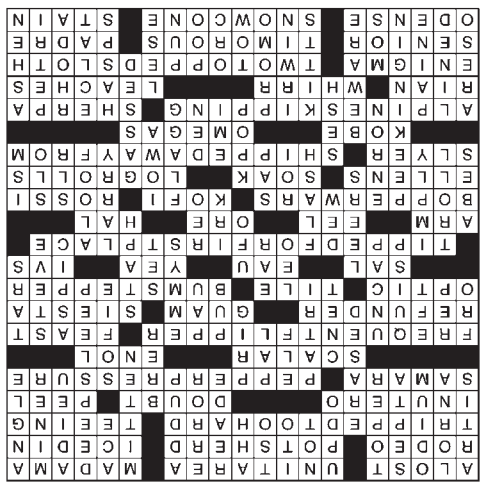
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West Newbury Free Webinar: Regenerative Grazing

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Please RSVP at **https://tinyurl.com/westnewburygoatsandsheep**, and we will email you a link to the webinar.

The webinar will explore how sheep and goats can support regenerative farming and conservation by improving soil health, controlling invasive plants, increasing soil carbon storage, and supporting wildlife.

Keegan Delurey will explain how carefully managed rotational grazing recycles nutrients, encourages root growth, and improves nesting habitat for grassland-nesting birds. He will also demonstrate how livestock can be used to manage unwanted vegetation, reduce invasive plants, and create opportunities to reestablish native grasses and wildflowers as part of a broader habitat restoration plan.

Delurey spent four years as a shepherd practicing regenerative grazing in Vermont, worked closely with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), and now helps lead Mass Audubon's salt marsh restoration work at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge.

Haverhill Holiday Wreath Decorating Event

By Rocks Village Memorial Association

The nonprofit Rocks Village Memorial Association is hosting its annual holiday wreath decorating event at the Hand Tub House in Rocks Village on Saturday, November 21.

Join others to create your own personal holiday wreath. Participants will receive a 24" double sided Balsam wreath, handmade fabric bow of their choice, an assortment of natural flora and holiday decorations. Time options for the event are from 10:00 am to noon or 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is $60.00 and requires advance registration. Proceeds benefit the ongoing preservation of the historic site, located at 1 River Rd in Haverhill. Visit rocksvillage.org for more information.

Newburyport Operation Christmas Child

NEWBURYPORT ⊠ Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 16 – 23. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November, and shoebox packers can bring their packed shoebox gifts to their nearest location.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach 12.8 million children in 2026 with the hope of Jesus.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups! Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage (www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box). The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate $10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

"Shoebox gifts may seem simple, but they have an eternal impact. Each box is an opportunity to tell a boy or girl in need about the true meaning of Christmas," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "I've delivered these boxes around the world, and I never get tired of seeing the joy that they bring—even in the midst of disasters, war, and poverty."

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.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

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Sat, Nov 21, 9am-12noon
Sun, Nov 22, 12:30-2:30pm
Mon, Nov 23, 9am-11:30am

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 175 countries and territories.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child visit: www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child. ⊠

Northeast Massachusetts Emergency Alerts:

SUNDAY, 11/8/2026 - NEWBURY HAS A BODY RECOVERY IN THE FIELD OF TENDERCROP/COLBY FARM, 1 PATIENT CONFIRMED NON-VIABLE ON SCENE, CRIME SCENE ESTABLISHED FOR INVESTIGATION, BELIEVED TO BE UNRELATED TO THE EARLIER INCIDENT IN ROWLEY — C1,55 NE28 (posted on Facebook)

SUNDAY, 11/8/2026 ROWLEY HAS A WATER RECOVERY ON THE MILL RIVER IN THE AREA OF 60 RED GATE RD, PARTY LOCATED IN THE WATER ABOUT 5' FROM SHORE, CONFIRMED TO BE NONVIABLE, UNITS REMAINING ON SCENE FOR ADDITIONAL PD ASSETS AND REMOVAL FROM WATER — C1, NE32 (posted on Facebook)









