# CENTER OF GRAVITY GAZETTE

## NEW BOSTON'S SENIOR NEWSLETTER

#### Hello everyone,

Over the past two months, a few people have asked how the town's default budget will affect the Recreation Department. As Recreation Director, I oversee the day-to-day operations of our budget. We did have to make some major cuts when the town budget failed on March 28. We eliminated our entire grounds keeping line, along with the entire staff training/workshop line. Other items had to be cut back, including bus fuel and bus maintenance. Due to these budget decreases, we are unable to offer bus trips every month of the year. You will see there are no trips scheduled for the months of July and August.

As we go through the summer, I will be monitoring the condition of our budget to determine how many trips will be possible through the remainder of this year, and into early 2024. Remember, the town votes in March every year. With default budgets becoming more prevalent, we now have to be conservative in January, February and March.

Sheri and I thoroughly enjoy offering these trips to our residents but the budget dictates everything we do, and don't do, in town government. We thank you for your patience and support as we work through the default budget this year. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Please enjoy your summer,

Mike Sindoni Recreation Director

#### Director-Mike Sindoni Assistant-Sheri Moloney www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation ~ 603.487.2880

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"Our mission is to enrich and enhance the lives of the residents of New Boston. We accomplish this by providing safe, welcoming facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and cultural opportunities for people of all ages to play, learn, and build community."

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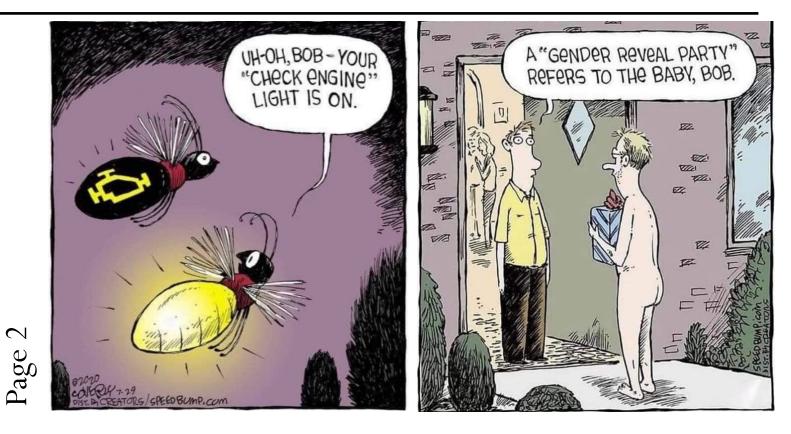
"Summertime is always the best of what might be.." ~Charles Bowden



July/August 2023

## What's going on?

- There are no scheduled trips for July and August. Please see Mike's note on page one.
- July 4th—Parade downtown at 10am followed by fair ground festivities. Fireworks at dusk.
- July 5—Last day to buy a brick for the roof fundraiser
- Red Cross Blood Drive—Tuesday, July 18th at 12:30pm at the Whipple Free Library
- July 29—Noon to 2pm. Touch a truck sponsored by the WFL held at NBCS. What is it? Touch a Truck is a community event where children of all ages can experience their favorite vehicles up close!
- Save the dates—Town Wide Flu Clinics Sept 27 at the Community Church and Sept 30 at the Farmers Market. More details in the next newsletter.





# New

#### "King Charles III and a New Boston diary" OR

"I've an answer for that, too!" \*

by Dan Rothman for the Center of Gravity Gazette

Note—Your Senior Newsletter Editor left off the ending to Dan's story that appeared in the May / June issue of the gazette. Fortunately the spot that I accidently cut off was a perfect cliff hanger. Please enjoy the full story and conclusion of "King Charles III and a New Boston diary", with my sincere apologies to Dan.

If all goes according to plan, King Charles III and his wife Camilla will be crowned this month, May 2023. Now you may ask, is the King of England relevant to Americans 250 years after the Revolution? Yes he is!

For example, the King's name recently appeared in a legal dispute between the Governor of Florida and the Disney Corporation. When the Governor moved to take control of the land upon which Disneyworld is built, the Disney board quickly adopted a new provision preserving their authority until "21 years after the death of the last survivor of the descendants of King Charles III, king of England, living as of the date of this declaration."

When I read that in the newspaper, I wanted to know, what was that all about???? What I've learned is

that the "royal lives clause" is well-known in legal circles, in both England and America. Apparently the clause is used for property transactions where you can't grant rights "in perpetuity," or forever. Given that Charles's youngest grandchild, Lilibet, is not quite two years old, the "royal lives clause" may provide Disney certain rights for a hundred years, which is indeed forever from my perspective.

At this point, "Center of Gravity" readers may wonder, what is the relevance of King Charles III to New Boston, New Hampshire? I've an answer for that, too!

The Historical Society is fortunate to have many years of daily diaries written by Ellen Orinda Dodge and her daughter-in -law Cora Dodge. My wife Lisa has been reading these diaries and making notes about entries of particular interest. She tells me that on November 14, 1948, Cora Dodge wrote in her diary: "The princess of England had a baby boy born today. He will be the next King." The princess, who was Elizabeth, became the Queen in 1952, and her baby boy born on November 14 was Charles, who's now the King.

How quickly news traveled from England all the way to New Boston! No doubt Cora and her husband Will listened to the radio every evening for news of the world. I'll bet that Cora had no idea it would take 75 years for her prediction about "the next King" to come true!

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Cora Dodge diary entry about the future "King Charles"





by Dan Rothman for the Center of Gravity Gazette

In late May I went to the farmers' market in Francestown to buy some cheese made on South Hill in New Boston. The museums were open so I went into the big barn. They have there a stagecoach and also a lovely old Dodge motorcar, dark red and black and chrome. I talked with a man named Robert Abbott who used to own the old Dodge, and he told me it had been stored in New Boston for a number of years at the Bog Road home of Butch and Margot Johnston. In fact Margot was his cousin, he said. I knew I had a Margot Johnston story, but I couldn't remember it at the time. I had to drive up to the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont to recollect the story I'll tell you today.

My sister-in-law Joan Alexander is a volunteer at the Historical Society in Glover VT, north of Saint Johnsbury. In 2015 Joan worked with Glover 4th graders, researching the history of people who lived in their town a hundred years ago. They looked into the story of one little girl named Ida Mae Jerome as documented in newspapers and town records. They discovered that Ida's mother died young and her father had difficulty supporting his children. Ida herself married at age 20, had four children, and also died young. The students wanted to know: what became of Ida's children? Their project was an exercise in learning how to research using birth, marriage, and death records, Internet resources, old maps, and a visit to the Vermont State Archives.

The students weren't able to find answers to all of their questions, nor could they find a photo of Ida, but as one wrote, "We had a lot of fun doing this project!" Joan promised them she



wouldn't give up, and the very next year she was able to show her young history detectives, now 5th graders, a photo of Ida Jerome as a married woman with two of her children. Later Joan was able to locate the daughter of Ida's third child, Alice, and that was Margot Johnston of New Boston, NH!

My sister-in-law Joan met Margot the next time she came to New Boston to visit Lisa and me. Margot had been adopted as a child, and she told Joan an interesting story of her own successful search for her birth parents. Some years later, after her husband Butch died in 2021, Margot Johnston moved to Georgia to live near her children, and that's where she is today. I thank Joan and Margot for their help with this story.

#### 2023 Summer Concerts On the Gazebo Schedule

#### Select Tuesdays ~ 6 - 7:30 pm

Bring a blanket or chair & enjoy a Tuesday summer evening on the town common w/music, friends, & community

The Rail Trail Grill concession stand will benefit the New Boston Rail Trail & will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, snacks, & more. The Community Church will offer a dessert table with yummy delights or bring your own picnic & nonalcoholic beverages.

#### July 11—The Bel-Airs The Bel Airs perform Doo Wop and Vintage Rock 'N' Roll!

With elegant five-part harmonies & stereophonic instrumental arrangements, The Bel Airs put on a great show. Their music takes you on a romantic journey back to the time of poodle skirts, beehive hairdos, car tail-fins, & Metal diners.

#### July 25—Hickory Horned Devils Old Time, Bluegrass & Americana

The Hickory Horned Devils are a six-piece string band. Deeply rooted in the traditional sound of old-time Appalachian fiddle and banjo music, they also have a foot firmly in the modern world. The Hickory Horned Devils play a lively blend of old-time, Americana, alt-country, and blues, with the occasional pop song thrown in for good measure. It all

comes together into a foot-stompin', fun groove that will get you on your feet dancing.

### August 8—Tattoo

Tattoo performs American Roots Music: rock 'n' roll, soul, swing, Cajun, and originals, with a strong connection to American musical traditions and its greatest exponents: Louis Armstrong, Fats Domino, Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Hank Williams, the Grateful Dead, Bob Marley, the Beatles, Buddy Holly, the Supremes...

#### August 22—The Island Castaways Band Bringing Summer to you, regardless of where you are or the time of year.

Originally formed in 2008 as a Jimmy Buffett tribute, The Island Castaways Band has evolved into one of New England's most popular Trop Rock bands. Their live show features a balanced mix of originals and classics, all with their own Tropical touch of fun



# n Rail Trail & will feature





#### SENIOR TRIPS—Tea Room & Ice Museum





















#### SENIOR READING PHOTOS

#### The Center of Gravity Gazette





Our Senior Reading Program has come to a close this school year.

Readiness & First Grade Classes decorated our tables & made thank you flowers on our last day.

Thank you to all of our readers!

#### SENIOR LUNCH, CARDS AND BINGO!

#### The Center of Gravity Gazette

SUMMER Thursday Senior Lunch in the Recreation Office Seniors play Bingo and sometimes Uno at noon in the Recreation Office.

- \* Come down to the Recreation Office for 11:30 AM
- \* Bring your own lunch
- \* We will provide coffee, tea and water.
- \* Nickel ante Bingo and/or UNO from Noon until 3pm.
- \* We will provide the Bingo Cards and Uno supplies.



Mike enjoyed his vacation in warm and sunny Florida!

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"From the gentleman at the bar."

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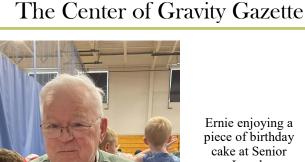
#### SENIOR BIRTHDAYS





July 1 ~ RICHARD MC CRACKEN July 13 ~ JEAN POLLOCK July 23 ~ MARY KOON July 27 ~ WAYNE MILLER July 29 ~ LOIS PARTINGTON July 30 ~ GRETCHEN MERSEY





Ernie enjoying a piece of birthday cake at Senior Lunch

Happy birthday Èrnie



August 6 ~ DEB JACKSON August 6 ~ SANDRA LAURENCE August 6 ~ SALLY MOSS August 9 ~ BARBARA WALKER August 11 ~ KENNETH BARSS August 15 ~ KEN MALANDRINO August 22 ~ GAIL PARKER August 26 ~ BERYL LEGGETT August 31 ~ DIANNE SAWYER



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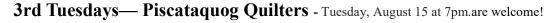
#### **Library News** whipplefreelibrary.org

Whipple Free Library There's Always Another Chapter

The 2023 Summer Reading program has just gotten started, and there's still plenty of time to join in on all the fun! If you haven't registered already, stop by the library or email Sue at adultserviceswfl@gmail.com to get started!



Monday Morning Quilters- 10am Every Monday (No may 29) All are welcome!



Wednesdays— Cribbage - 6:30pm Every Wednesday All are welcome!

Wednesdays— Cross Stich - Wednesday, July 19 at 6pm and Wednesday, August 23 at 6pm.



Thursday Knitting- 10am Every Thursday. All are welcome regardless of experience level! All types of needle work welcome (crochet, needle point, sewing, etc.)

Mahjongg - 1-3pm Every Friday. All experienced players welcome!

#### 2nd Fridays - Second Friday Foreign Film. All are welcome!

Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: *Tell No One* (France, 2006) Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: *Show Me Love* (Sweden, 1998)



Saturdays— Chess Club - 10am every Saturday

**Book Clubs:** Who Dunnit? Book Club Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am – *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am – *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

**Wed. Night Book Club** Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth* of the FBI by David Grann Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm – True Biz by Sara Novic

**Bon Appetit Cookbook Club** Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm For July and August, make a favorite recipe from a favorite personal cookbook, then bring it to share at our pot luck gathering.



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#### Library News whipplefreelibrary.org

Whipple Free Library There's Always Another Chapter

Library news continued

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS!!**

#### Steve and Marty on the Town Common Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Award-winning children's musician Steve Blunt & New Boston's own best-selling author/illustrator Marty Kelley team up for a fun, fresh show with music, books, and lots of laughs. A highly original combination for children of all ages!

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

#### **Craft Night: Summer Wreath Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**

All necessary supplies will be provided. Please <u>register in advance</u>, either inperson at the library or by emailing Sue at adultserviceswfl@gmail.com.

#### Digging into Native History in New Hampshire Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Through the use of archaeological evidence, author and professor Robert Goodby reveals the rich history of the Abenaki people, a history otherwise rendered nearly invisible as the result of conquest, marginalization, and concealment.

#### Bryson Lang, Comedic Juggler Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Join us on the town common for an evening of jokes and juggling! All ages are welcome as we officially close out our 2023 Summer Reading program.

#### Craft Night: Card Making Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

All necessary supplies will be provided. Please <u>register in advance</u>, either inperson at the library or by emailing Sue at adultserviceswfl@gmail.com.

#### CROSSWORD

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- 6) "You \_\_\_\_\_a mouthful!"
- 10) Scoundrel
- 13) New moon, e.g.
- 14) Chips in
- 16) Mine find
- 17) Swiss soldier's do-all
- 19) Time div.
- 20) They may be clear or threatening
- 21) Blocks for metalworkers
- 23) Dash
- 26) Begley and Sullivan
- 27) Not at all emotional
- 28) Solar-system mobile
- 30) Verse makers
- 33) Brighton baby buggies
- 34) Euripidean tragedy
- 35) Letter after sigma
- 36) "\_\_\_\_ who?"
- 37) Exposed

41) Straight-billed game bird
42) Incomplete components
44) Evening repast
45) Backside
46) Newspaper div.

38) Film crew member

39) One for the off-road 40) More pure, as silver

- 47) Bro, for one
- 48) Connect to electricity, as an appliance
- 50) Pelt hunter's tools
- 52) Unagi, at a sushi bar
- 53) Lovers of high-fidelity
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- 58) Guy's opposite
- 59) Hideouts
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- 61) CIA employee
- 62) Cleaning cabinet supplies
- 63) Make a new attempt

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- 3) Lancelot du \_\_\_\_ of "Camelot"
- 4) Does something appealing?
- 5) Hiders' companions
- 6) "Land !"
- 7) Coulter and Curry
- 8) "Lord, is \_\_\_?" (Last Supper question)
- 9) Like skim milk
- 10) Newspaper features
- 11) Husk
- 12) Animal shelters
- 15) Mexican missus
- 18) Like a neatnik
- 22) Seven, on a grandfather clock
- 23) Comes to light
- 24) Text mistakes
- 25) How some approach big decisions
- 27) Exodus commemoration
- 29) Ambulance initials
- 30) French mothers
- 31) Taiwan's capital
- 32) "Outstanding!"
- 34) Hairy-chested
- 37) Occurring twice a year
- 38) Econ. measure for a country
- 40) Decorative knob
- 41) Gunpowder ingredient (Var.)
- 43) Children's game
- 44) Bathroom bar
- 46) Anti-vampire device
- 48) Coatrack parts
- 49) Move like a kangaroo
- 50) Get bushed
- 51) "Your majesty"
- 54) Handyman's letters
- 55) On, as an old lamp
- 56) Ring bearer, often
- 57) Not outgoing

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#### Summer Activities

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BASEBALL BBQING BIKING BOATING CAMPING FAIRS FESTIVALS FISHING FOOTBALL GARDENING GOLFING HIKING JOGGING KITEFLYING MOWING PARADES PICNICS SAILING SOCCER SWIMMING TANNING TOURING TOURING TRAVELLING WATERING

## **FREE TRANSPORTATION**

Free Transportation Bus Operates: Monday - Friday, 7:00am to 4:30pm

- Make a reservation as early as 1 week prior, and no later than 1 day prior
- Priority rides for age 62+ or disabled passengers
- Priority rides for medical appointments
- Rides available to all New Boston Residents
- All buses accessible for disabled passengers
- Riders may go anywhere within New Boston, Goffstown and Bedford and medical appointments to Manchester.
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#### Reservations call: 603.623.8801

You will hear: A greeting for Manchester Trans Authority

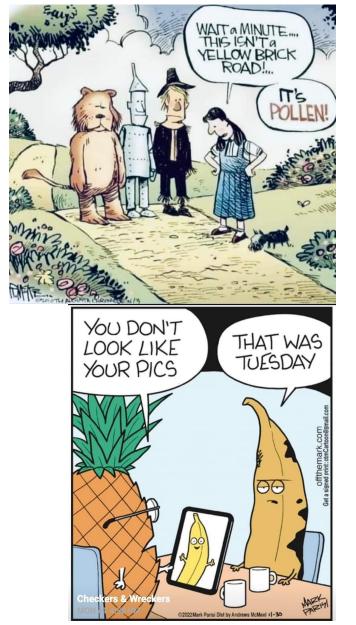
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- Full Name
- Address of pick up
- Address of place you are travelling to
- Phone Number
- Age
- Purpose of Travel

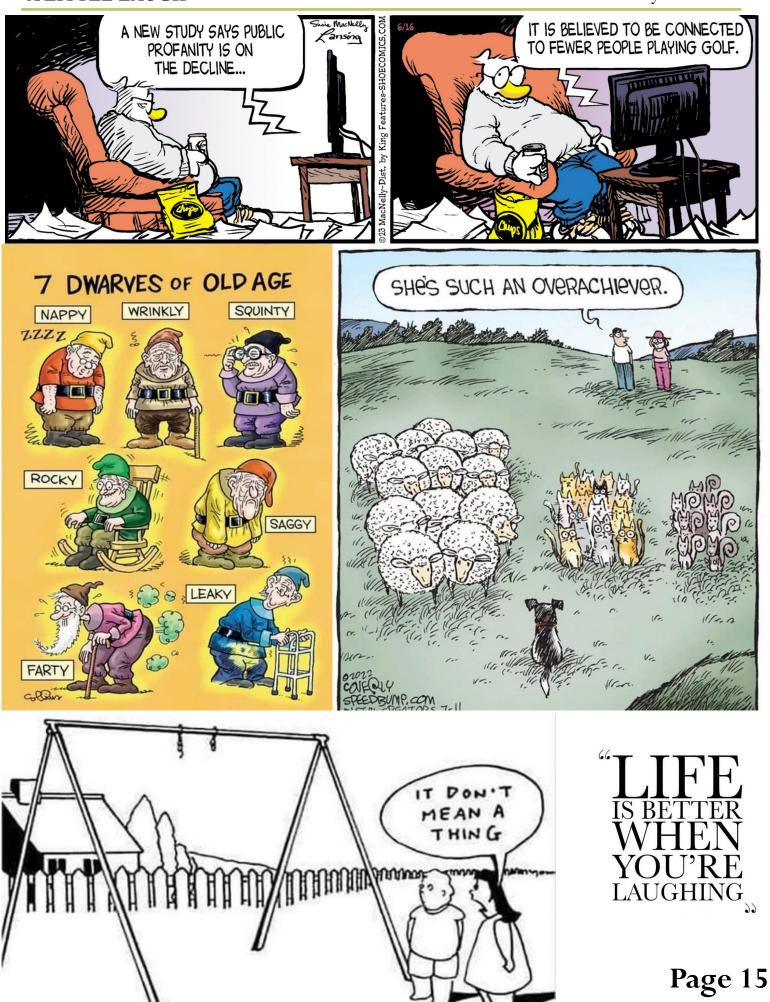


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A LITTLE LAUGH



#### **Farmers Market**

#### July 29th—Piscataquog Quilters—Honoring Sylvia Chancey

The Piscataquog Quilters' table at the July 29th Farmers Market will display a pictorial history of the quilts that were raffled over the past 20 years to benefit the Hillsborough County Fair. Sylvia Chancey was among a small group of quilters who began creating annual "raffle" quilts in 2003. To honor the memory of Sylvia, some of her quilts, on loan from her family, will be displayed. For many years, she played a major role in choosing patterns, hosting quilting bees to create the annual quilts, and machine quilting the final products. We hope to see you come to take a look and share stories of our matriarch, Sylvia Chancey.

Raffle Tickets will also be for sale: \$1.00/ Ticket or \$5.00 for a book of six.

Photo right—This years Raffle Quilt by Piscataquog Quilters. Quilt photo below—Joe English Grange

#### NB Farmers Market July and August 2023 Guests & Musicians

July 1 Guest—Artist Cyndie Katz A Community Painting *Musician—Willie T & Doctor X* 

July 8 Guest—NH Career Academy Guest—Hailey Hansen, Eagle Scout Project *Musician—Sharon & Nick* 

July 15 Guest—Wood Turning Demo Ron Marcoux Musician—*Cameron & Mary* 

July 22 Children's Market! Guest—Hillsborough County 4-H *Musician—Sam & Lynn* 

July 29 Guest—Piscataquog Quilters *Musician—Scott Theg* 

## On July 22nd, in addition to the Children's Market events, there will be a truck vendor:

"Tola Rose Italian Eats Food Truck".

They will have a breakfast and lunch menu available! "Tola Rose" will also be at the market on the day of the Flu Clinic, Sept 30th.

Non vediamo l'ora di gustare il loro gustoso cibo italiano!

Aug 5 Guest—Second Chance Ranch Rescue *Musician—Eyes of Age* 

Aug 12 Guest—Joe English Grange Guest—Mayhem Robotics Team *Musician—Gravel Road* 

> Aug 19 Guest—Central MA Caricature Carvers *Musician—Speed The Plough*

> > Aug 26 Guest—NH Agricultural Scientists "Who's Bringing the Fungi?" *Musician—Arthur James*









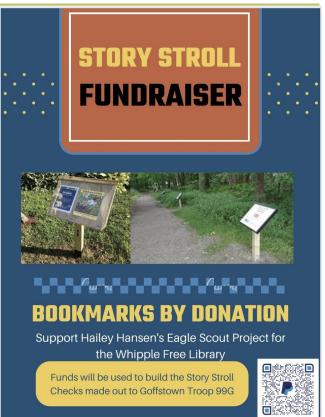
#### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT / NBBC News**

#### The Center of Gravity Gazette

Hailey Hansen is coming to the Farmers Market as a Community Guest on July 8th.

Hailey's Eagle Scout Project is to create a Story Stroll at the WFL and to fundraise money for this, she will be selling her handmade bookmarks at the market on July 8th.

Come on down and support this unique Eagle Scout Project!



#### New Boston Baptist Church News

"New Boston Baptist Church invites our community to some special times of prayer. Sunday evenings at 7pm, we have been gathering to pray for revival to come to our homes, our town, and our nation. All are welcome to join us.



In addition, men gather for prayer at 6am on Wednesday mornings at the Boyle barn, and ladies meet at the church on alternating Wednesday and Saturday mornings for prayer and Bible study.

Please contact us at 603-769-9999 for more information. Of course, every Sunday is resurrection Sunday as we worship our Savior together at 10:30 am, followed by a potluck fellowship meal and a one-another time. On 7/30 and 8/27 our one-another time will be a hymn sing. All are always welcome."

For more info visit our webpage: newbostonbaptist.org



## Monthly Foot Care Clinic New Boston Community Church

Wellness Services for Adults 65 and Older



#### Third Monday of Each Month

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### New Boston Community Church 2 Meetinghouse Hill Rd., New Boston

Services offered include:

- Foot Care
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Medication Education
- Nutritional Education

A suggested donation of \$10 is requested for services.

#### To schedule an appointment, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85815.

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Home Fire Safety Checklist



	Cooking Safety
	"Keep an eye on what you fry." Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or using an open flame.
-	Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.
	"3 feet from the heat." Furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire are at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.
(B)	Smoking Safety
G	Never smoke in bed.
	Electrical and Appliance Safety
	Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
1	Children Playing
2	Matches and lighters are locked away.
	Smoke Alarms
	Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Different types of smoke alarms, ionization and photoelectric, detect fire in different ways. Experts recommend having both types in your home.
	Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless it has a long-life battery.
	Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
	A combination of working smoke alarms and fire sprinklers decreases the risk of dying in a home fire

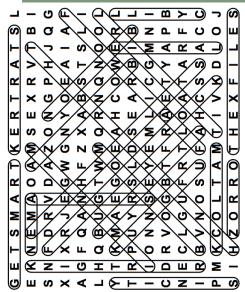


At least twice a year, use your home fire escape plan to practice your 2-minute drill with all your family members. Practice makes perfect! After each fire drill, mark down your escape time.

Practice your 2-minute drill.

Make sure everyone can escape in 2 minutes or less.

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