

# CENTER OF GRAVITY GAZETTE

## NEW BOSTON'S SENIOR NEWSLETTER



July / August  
2025

### What's new?

- ♦ There is no **Senior Trip** in July. On Monday, August 11 we will travel to Portsmouth for Lunch at River House and take in a Harbor Cruise!
- ♦ **Celebrate the 4th of July**—New Boston Recreation will have a float in the parade in honor of our 50th Anniversary on going celebration. Vote for our float!
- ♦ **Historical Society Event**—Thursday, July 10, 2025, 7:00 pm at the CCNB, "The Atwood Family of New Boston", Speaker: David Woodbury
- ♦ **CCNB Summer Picnic and Dessert Auction**—Sunday, August 3rd. Picnic begins immediately following the 10am service. Pot luck side dishes. Dessert auction to begin at high noon! Open to all!
- ♦ **The Whipple Free Library** has tons of things to do this Summer and as a bonus it is a great space to cool down in.
- ♦ **WFL Red Cross Blood Drive: Saturday, July 26 from 9am to 1pm**



Photos from Rec 50th Anniversary Slide Show with Special "Surprise" Guest - Sandy Gallup!



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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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"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers.' You will always find people who are helping."

~Fred Rogers



## “Jacqueline Fellows remembers New Boston in the 1940s and 1950s ”

*by Dan Rothman,  
New Boston Historical Society volunteer,  
for the July/August 2025 issue of the Center of Gravity Gazette*

Earlier this year the Historical Society received an email which began: “Hello, my name is Jacqueline Fellows Hull. Once upon a time I lived in the beautiful white house on Molly Stark Lane (Old Meeting House Road) from about 1945 until 1952, and again in 1955 to 1957 when I was in high school.”

I am always delighted to hear from people who lived in New Boston years ago, especially when their email contains the magic words “Once upon a time”. Jacqueline and I began an email conversation which has continued for months, and I promised I’d send her stories to the Center of Gravity Gazette.

We determined that the house in which the Fellows family lived is 18 Molly Stark Lane, now the home of Philip and Jane Trioli. Shirley Sullivan owned this house before the Triolis. I’ve never heard Molly Stark Lane described as “Old Meeting House Road” – have you? Indeed there was an old meeting house a few yards up the hill at the corner of Bedford Road – this was the 1823 Church on the Hill which burned in 1900. Jacqueline said the road wasn’t paved when she lived there.

Jacqueline wrote in her first email, “I remember my first grade teacher, but I can’t recall her name. Do you know who it was?” I went to our collection of Town Reports and discovered that Martha Colburn replaced Helen Gutter-son as the Primary Room teacher in 1947. The 1888 Village School that stood across the street from Town Hall before the Fire Station was built in the 1970s had two classrooms on the ground floor, one for Grades 1, 2, and 3 and one for Grades 4, 5, and 6. High school classrooms were upstairs.

We have a collection of “Joe English Echo” yearbooks in the museum and I found class photos from 1956 and 1957 when “Jackie Fellows” was in the 8th and 9th grades. She’d been elected class president one year and vice-president the other!

Jackie’s parents Leslie and Yvonne Fellows first moved to New Boston with their young family at the end of World War II. Here are some of Jacqueline’s memories.

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From my house back in the day you could see the playground, the town hall, Dodge’s store. Now the beautiful hay-field is all pine trees. We would sit on our lawn and watch the fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Of all the places we would live later, this beautiful house was home to me. It was the typical colonial structure with an added-on kitchen in the back and a red barn off to the left side. You could step out the kitchen door that faced the barn onto a porch and look into the backyard. A huge stone wall held back the hill. We could walk along the porch to another door which led up a flight of stairs into the barn and the hen house. Along the kitchen wall Mom had planted beautiful hollyhocks.

Back in the early- to mid-forties many people in the country still relied on subsistence farming which meant you had chickens, ducks, geese, pigs, cows, goats, and a huge garden to tend. My Dad had an oversized garden across the road from the house. I don’t remember how the field became plowed so we could begin planting. I suppose a farmer



*Jacqueline in the Joe English  
Echo yearbook 1957*





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came. Afterwards Dad always rototilled each spring preparing the earth for the gardening ritual. All the seeds – corn, green and yellow beans, carrots, beets, cabbage, potatoes – were always planted in precise rows. He passed that method on to me from what he learned as a young man on the farm where he lived in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Of course, it was expected that the children in the family would help on the farm. So he set out one day to have me help with the weeding. I doubt I was much older than five or six and didn't know carrots from grass. He instructed me to weed this particular row which I did quite thoroughly. To his dismay, part way through he discovered that I had pulled carrots and weeds. So much for that lesson.



*Leslie and Yvonne Fellows / Susan, Jacqueline, Marion, and Lucy*

As the vegetables grew to useable size Mom who hadn't done a lick of canning also was learning. She acquired the necessary jars and lids along with pots and pans over time and somehow found out how to prepare and can the produce from not just the vegetable garden but the small apple orchard up back. You see, Mom was a city girl from Waltham, Massachusetts. She had met Dad at Frost and Higgins

where he worked as a laborer and she was employed in the office. They married in 1939 at the Episcopal Church in Waltham near where my Grandmother and Grandfather Gibbs lived.

I have to give her a lot of credit because times were really tough and she figured out how to earn money to supplement their meager income by baking breads, pies, brownies and cakes to sell to the summer people who came up from Boston, including Mr. Kettelle who lived next door in this spooky house that we often would walk through when he wasn't up from his professorship in Boston. She also sold eggs that our prolific hens laid daily. Mom also made our clothes. With the sewing machine she would fashion doll clothes for some company far away that needed them to dress the dolls they sold. I never did know where it was. It was just another one of those things that folks did to keep solvent... especially those of us on the bottom rung of financial stability.

## *Eighth Grade*



Brenda Byam, John Grant, Jackson Strong, Donald Daniels, Harold Sallada, Thomas Bose, Jacqueline Fellows, John Colbert, Richard Boulter, Florence Briere, Paul Nadeau, Bartlett Hooper, Gloria Hoyt. SECOND ROW: Hughena Hooper, Gail Yates, Homer Dodge, Charles Houghton, Marilyn Livingston, Mrs. Johnson, David Whipple, Clayton Savoy, Florence Bars, Roger Follansbee, Francis Dane, Philip Smith, Ronald Daniels.

At the last meeting of our seventh grade year we elected the following officers:

President . . . . .	Jacqueline Fellows
Vice President . . . . .	Thomas Bose
Secretary . . . . .	Harold Sallada
Treasurer . . . . .	John Colbert

*Joe English Echo yearbook 1956*

To me that house on Back Meeting House Road was the closest thing to heaven for me. I loved drudging across the field to walk down the very steep Meetinghouse Hill to the three story wooden structure known as "the school" for all twelve grades. The elementary students were on the ground floor with older students occupying the second floor. Above that on the third floor was the home economics classroom.

I still remember my first grade teacher, Mrs. Colburn. I really loved her for her kindness and caring. My second grade teacher was a real hardnose. I can't say as I liked the idea of a teacher using a wooden ruler to whack her students' knuckles though. I made up my mind if I ever became a teacher that I would fashion myself after my first grade teacher. She was a gem.

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Well, back to the village and Meeting House Road. As Memorial Day approached we waited expectantly for the lilacs to blossom. We would get the scissors and cut the most gorgeous fragrant blooms from the lavender lilac bush by the back door. We would scurry down the sidewalk by the kitchen to the front of the house and wait to hear the military guard fire their rifles in salute to the souls lost in the wars. Someone would toss a wreath into the Piscataquog River in their memory. Then little by little we could hear the drumsticks thump against the swinging drums setting the beat for marching feet that began to make their way up the steep hill to the cemetery high above the town. Every thrump echoed against the mountain ridges that surrounded the village. With our treasure of lavender lilacs we rushed across the field to meet up with everyone and silently march the remaining half mile higher and higher until we reached the iron gate to the cemetery. Always there was a ceremony and once again rifles extended skyward to blast in honor of fallen soldiers. Then all the children were given permission to find a flag by a marker to gently place our gorgeous flowers. Some of us found Revolutionary graves, Civil War markers and World War I and World War II sites. It was a most stirring event for an eight year old. I can still hear the drums and musical instruments as the band marched back down the mountain to the town.

New Boston was a close knit community. People helped each other especially those who weren't managing to keep ends together. I remember my Mom telling me that one particular winter was especially difficult for our family. My father wasn't able to find steady work, which under the circumstances back in the late forties wasn't a big surprise. So my petite Mom went down to Dodge's store and talked with Mr. Dodge about our "pickle." Now mind you this is a real old fashioned country store with squeaking doors when you enter and creaking wooden floors as you walked between the rows of canned goods, cereal, coffee, meats and dairy. Until Dad found steady work again, we needed credit. I vaguely remember Mr. Dodge, a round short man with a kind face. Once he heard Mom's needs, he told her to pick up whatever she needed. He would tally everything up each time she came to the store and once spring came with the offer of work, then we could begin to pay the bill. True to her word Mom paid every cent back. Quite honestly I've never forgotten this event in our family's life in New Boston.

My Mom was a frugal person. Growing up in the Depression and living through World War II created the need to do with what she had on hand including making her own wallpaper paste out of flour and water. We helped by applying this homemade paste to the back of the paper. Then every piece of wall paper was meticulously matched so that the floral print became a beautiful picture on the wall.

Everything was repurposed, like paper bags, plastic containers, cans and even the wrappings of lard and butter. Each lard wrapper was used to grease cake pans, muffin tins and cookie sheets.

By then there were four children...all girls. When we weren't in school, my Mom shuttled us off to our rooms while she went to her room for a quick nap. We could read our books or play with paper

dolls, but quietly. Bet you wonder what paper dolls are. We bought a book of them at the five and dime store in Goffstown. Of course, we needed scissors to cut them out. They had tabs so you could hang dresses, coats and sweaters on them. We would pretend that they were real people and made them walk and talk. And, yes, we had to be quiet.

My father was a man of multiple tinkering abilities...mechanic, farmer, carpenter, hunter, truck driver, gardener, and maple sap collector. Each late winter he drilled holes in the huge maple tree out front and some in the back woods and then hammered the metal taps into the holes from which hung a metal bucket. We waited eagerly for the first plink plunks into the pail. Once the pail was quite full, Dad would carry it to the cast iron stove that he had placed out back. The

*The Fellows house*



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sap was added to a huge kettle that was already steaming. It took quite a while for the sap to boil off the liquid and become the most delicious maple syrup...some golden and some dark. If there had been a new fallen snow, Dad would take a flat pan, fill it with snow pressing it down, then added some of the syrup. We ate the best candy ever!

The winters could get colder than cold back then in the 1940's and early 50's. The snow piled up to the window sills and the frost crystalized on the windows creating pictures of forest and field. Next door was Mr. Kettelle's summer home with a back shed roof than snuggled into the slope of the land. It was a quick step up and we could climb onto his roof while he was away in Boston as a professor. As the Christmas season arrived my father was concerned that we children had begun questioning Santa Claus...like how did he slide down the fireplace chimney, how come we never saw reindeer tracks? Dad would offhandedly remark that we were so small that we couldn't see on the rooftop of our house. Still we wondered. So one winter Dad decided to put all to rest.

When we awakened on Christmas morning, we were ecstatic. Not only had Santa filled our stockings, eaten the cookies, slopped the cocoa, snatched up the hay for his reindeer, but wonder of wonders his reindeer had landed on Mr. Kettelle's sloping roof leaving of all things, hoof marks in the new fallen snow... and wow! Sleigh tracks! For a number of years we speculated about the evidence amongst ourselves. When we broached the topic with Dad, he'd only smile and say nary a word.

Each winter once it snowed Pinball Mountain down by the Piscataquog River was open for skiing. We walked down Back Meeting House Road crossed over the river to the ski tow. We would strap on our second hand skis and zig-zag up the kids slope to slither down to the bottom. Then do it again. The "big kids" whizzed down the mountain. I never did get the hang of skiing, but being with everyone in the winter snow was fun.

Once summer arrived, it was time to enjoy the waters of Scobie Pond where we all took swimming lessons. We rode a yellow school bus over the mountain from center town singing songs like "Irene Good Night, Irene," "On a Bicycle Built for Two" and the favorite "100 Bottles of Beer on the Shelf." That one took us over the dirt pot-holed road until we could see the short beach and raft on the water. The older kids could swim to the raft and practice diving while the younger ones were taught the rudiments of swimming. What I really didn't like about that pond was all the doggone bloodsuckers. Ick!

We lived in New Boston two different times, the first time from 1944 to 1952. At that time Aunt Pat and Uncle Bill Fowler were trying to encourage my parents to move to Florida so Dad could work at the new Minute Maid plant in Leesburg. So we packed up and drove on Route 1 down the East Coast to Florida. It took us a week to get from New Hampshire to Leesburg. Back at my favorite home we rented our house to some folks. I can't recall their name.

This wasn't a good choice for my folks, but they didn't know that at the time. We returned to New England where we lived in East Auburn, Maine, until the renters in our New Boston home moved out. By this time my brother, John, was born. Now there were five of us me, Susan, Lucy, Marion and John along with Mom and Dad. So back we came as I was entering my eighth grade.



*Undated photo of the house on Molly Stark Lane*

I have a special memory during that time about playing baseball. Just so you know I am not a sports person but you had to take gym during this education time. So I joined the girls' baseball team. Being not quite five feet tall was an interesting challenge. We were playing another team that particular day and not making much progress. I also was striking out often. Someone called, "Batter up." Yikes, that was for me. I decided in my mind that I was going to nail that sucker. I walked to the home plate, clanked the bat on the mat and



## And—Scenes from the Picnic Bench:

### A Front Row Seat to Small-Town Life

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gave a few swings. The pitcher wound up with the underhanded throw that you do

in softball. That blazing orb of fury came hurtling at me. Following a valiant swing, I heard the best crack ever and the ball was flying over everyone’s head roaring into outfield. And, wow, out of the park!

Everyone on the bases was momentarily shocked but quickly got their feet in motion and dashed faster than the wind to home plate. Following behind them was me, still in disbelief. The opposing team stood in total amazement that this peanut had connected with that fire ball and the home team won the game. Once that bat was dropped, I swore I would never play competitive sports again

These are the names of some of the students that I remember from eighth grade: Gloria Hoyt, Brenda Byam, Marilyn Livingston, Florrie Barss, Bart Hooper, Jackson Strong and Harold Salada. I don’t remember the teacher’s name at that time and I don’t recall how many students were in the class.

### The Historical Society invites you to a free presentation:

Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7pm in the New Boston Community Church

*“The Atwood Family of New Boston”*

*Speaker: David Woodbury, Historical Society president*

The talented Atwood family included a storekeeper/postmaster, a photographer, and a poet. David's presentation will be illustrated by photos taken in the 1890s by Myrtie Mae Atwood.



### SCENES FROM THE PICNIC BENCH: A FRONT ROW SEAT TO SMALL-TOWN LIFE

We love seeing our picnic benches put to good use! Janet and Peter are frequent flyers—often spotted biking through town and stopping by the gazebo for a well-earned break or a bite to eat. Wishing them safe travels until their next ride through!



## Library News — [whipplefreelibrary.org](http://whipplefreelibrary.org)

Closed Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day

The **2025 Summer Reading Program** has just kicked off, and there's still plenty of time to join in on all the fun! If you haven't registered already, stop by the library today to get started!



**Monday Morning Quilters** — 10am Every Monday



**3rd Tuesdays — Piscataquog Quilters** - Tuesday, July 15 and Tuesday, August 19 at 7pm



**Wednesdays — Cribbage** - 6pm Every Wednesday



**Thursday Knitting** — 10am Every Thursday. All experience levels and types of fiber arts welcome.



**Friends of the Whipple Free Library** — Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm



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



**2nd Fridays — Second Friday Foreign Film.** All are welcome!

Friday, July 11 at 7pm: *Incendies* (Canada, 2010)

Friday, August 8 at 7pm: *La Cienaga* (Argentina, 2001)



**Saturdays — Chess Club** - 10am every Saturday

### Book Clubs:

#### Who Durnit? Book Club

Wednesday, July 9 at 10am – *Relic* by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Wednesday, August 6 at 10am – *The Quiche of Death* by M.C. Beaton

#### Wed. Night Book Club

Wednesday, July 9 at 7pm – *The Three-Year Swim Club* by Julie Checkoway

Wednesday, August 13 at 7pm – *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

#### Bon Appetit Cookbook Club

Wednesday, July 16 at 6pm – Summer Potluck

Wednesday, August 20 at 6pm – Summer Potluck

#### Fantasy Book Club—NEW!

Thursday, July 17 at 6pm – *The Hero of Ages* (The Mistborn Saga #3) by Brandon Sanderson

Thursday, August 21 at 6pm – *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune



## Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

## Library news continued SPECIAL EVENTS!!

**Gaming Fun for All**

**Wednesday, July 2 at 10am**

**Monday, August 11 at 2pm**

Come play video games and board games!

### **Interactive Movie Night: *Wreck It Ralph***

**Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30pm**

We have the scripts, the props, and the snacks – we just need you! Please register in advance.

### **Beginner's Mahjong Class**

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm– First Class**

Go from newbie to knowledgeable in just 4 sessions!

(July 10; July 17; July 24; July 31)

Absolutely no experience required. \*You MUST attend the first session to participate in the class.\*. The sign-up sheet is on the Adult Programming table in the library. This class is currently full, but please put your name on the waitlist if you are interested!

### **Craft Supply Swap**

**Friday, Saturday & Monday, July 18, 19, & 21**

Drop off supplies starting July 7<sup>th</sup> during open hours. Receive a ticket to get first dibs on swap day! Friday morning, from 10-12, ticket holders can come shop the swap. After noon, anyone can come choose craft supplies. Crafts supplies will be available until Monday, or while supplies last!

### **Games on the Green**

**Monday, July 21 starting at 3pm**

Play life-sized board and lawn games out back.

### **Simon Brooks - Storyteller**

**Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30pm**

Simon will take listeners to places far away with his humorous tales. If you like Dungeons & Dragons, strategy, cunning, and wily ways, join us for this award-winning storyteller and dragon watcher! Some stories are longer, so may be better suited to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. All are welcome.

### **Whatcha Wanna Know Wednesday**

**Wednesday, July 30 from 3pm to 5pm**

**Wednesday, August 27 from 3pm to 5pm**

Having problems with your tech? Tech Services Librarian Natalie is here to help! Whether you're struggling with smartphones or spreadsheets, drop in and get answers to all your technology questions.

### **Perler Bead Art**

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-5pm**

Perler bead art for everyone! Make key chains and other fun items with our perler beads and patterns. Please note that heat will be involved in this program. Young children must be supervised at all times. Adults and children ages 10 & up only may use the irons (staff will be available to help). Please register!



## WFL SPECIAL EVENTS Continued

### Puzzle Competition

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

Can your team beat the clock? Will you come out on top? See how fast you can build your puzzle.

This event is for adults and families. Participating children must be signed up by an adult. Register in person at the Circulation Desk. Sign up ASAP as space is limited.

### Andrew Silver Circus

**Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30pm**

Spectacular juggling, magic, and tons of audience participation! Summer Reading finale!

### Spirit Week

**Mon, August 25<sup>th</sup> through Sat, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

Check out website for more info!

It's not too late to register for the adult summer reading program. Earn raffle tickets by attending programs, reading books, building a character, or working on a Bingo Card.

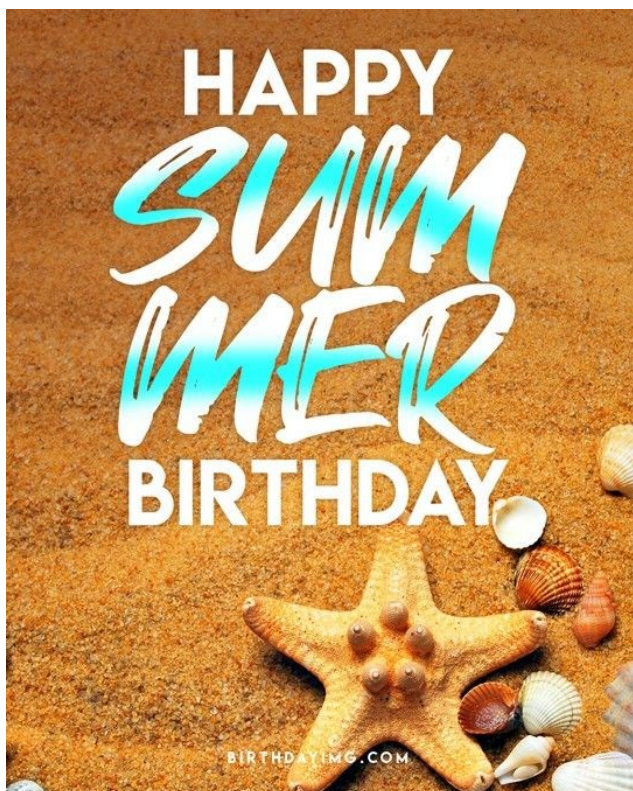
Please make sure you check our website calendar for a full list of all our programs (including children's and teen programs)! Visit [www.whipplefreelibrary.org](http://www.whipplefreelibrary.org) for more information. You can also sign up for the library's monthly newsletter on our Home Page.



**American  
Red Cross**

Blood  
Services

**WFL—Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Saturday, July 26—9am to 1pm**



July 23 ~ MARY KOON  
July 27 ~ WAYNE MILLER  
July 29 ~ LOIS PARTINGTON  
July 30 ~ GRETCHEN MERSEY

August 6 ~ DEB JACKSON  
August 6 ~ SANDRA LAURENCE  
August 6 ~ SALLY MOSS  
August 15 ~ KEN MALANDRINO  
August 22 ~ GAIL PARKER  
August 26 ~ BERYL LEGGETT  
August 31 ~ DIANNE SAWYER



## Portsmouth Harbor Cruise

## Lunch at River House

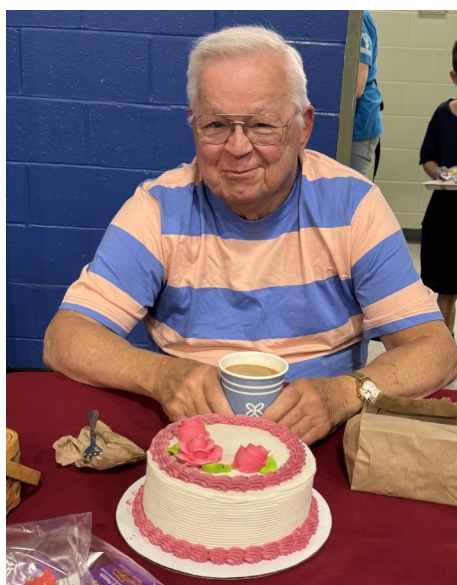
**Monday, August 11**

Set sail on a 1.25-hour narrated cruise through 400 years of local and American history. Enjoy stunning views of lighthouses, forts, submarines, and waterfront mansions. Don't forget your camera! Dine after at River House.



Tigris says:

"Call me Ishmael.  
Some years ago-  
never mind how  
long precisely...."



Costs: Cruise \$25 and the cost of your meal and any gift shop purchases. Leave the town hall at 8:15 am for a 10am Cruise. Lunch at noon at River House and return to New Boston by 3 pm.

**To sign up call or email our office! 603-487-2880 ~ Recreation@NewBostonNH.com**

*Left: Our last Senior Lunch for this year celebrated Ernie's Birthday!*

## EASIER SUDOKU

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## HARDER SUDOKU



Relax in the sunshine, listen to live music, chat and shop with local farmers and artisans! Visit the New Boston Farmers Market every Saturday from 10am-1pm on the town common. The market features local seasonal produce, artisanal baked goods, unique handcrafted items and more, plus lively music, special guests, and a children's activity tent.

The ever-popular **Children's Market returns on July 19th**, featuring the delightful and talented musical duo of Sam Gorton and Lynn Reimer.



**Mark your calendars for these wonderful musicians and community guests throughout July and August:**

**July 5:** Music by Sharon & Nick

**July 12:** Music by Folk Soul Duo  
Community Guest Cyndie Katz will offer community art.

**July 19:** Children's Market  
Music by Sam & Lynn, Community Guest Mayhem Robotics Team.



**July 26:** Music by Mike Barger  
Community Guest Volunteer Transportation Co.

**August 2:** Music by Elijah Boisvert  
Community Guests Goffstown Network Food Pantry and Piscataquog Quilters.

**August 9:** Music by The Contookuleles  
Community Guest New Boston Rail Trail.

**August 16:** Music by Lillie Rose Strings  
Community Guest Joe English Grange #53.

**August 23:** Music by Mike Barger  
Community Guest Hillsborough County Fair (discount tickets available).

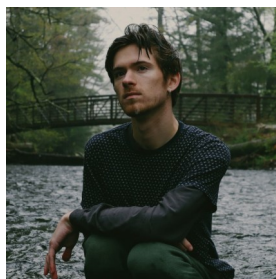
**August 30:** Music by Bill Perry & Dave Medvitz  
Community Guest Hillsborough County Fair (discount tickets available).



## Help keep the music alive

The market is still seeking music sponsors for the 2025 season.

Live music enriches and creates a vibrant atmosphere each week and community support is greatly appreciated. Consider becoming a sponsor for just \$20.00, which helps provide talented musicians with competitive stipends, thanks to the market's non-profit status. If you'd like to become a music sponsor, please make your check payable to "New Boston Farmer's Market" and mail it to: New Boston Farmer's Market c/o Jacki Filiault PO Box 538 New Boston, NH 03070



**Follow the New Boston Farmers Market Facebook page for a weekly lineup and updates.**

**Photo's Top to bottom:** 1) Veggies/fruit table: Lori Noonan, Middle Branch Farm. 2) A showcase of goodies! 3) Baked goods: Sarah, La Brioche Gourmande. 4) Elijah Boisvert- musician.





## Senior Trips:

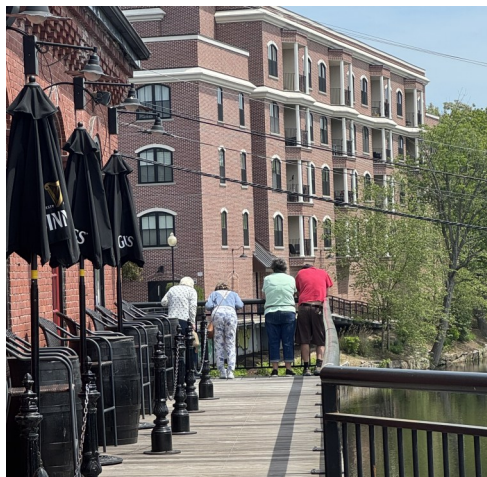
March took us to Parker's Maple Barn for amazing pancakes and hearty vittles. Some seniors chose to visit the Sugar Shack, while others perused the quirky gift shop—where Wayne discovered his wizard wand!

In May, we explored the Nashua Historical Society. Our gracious hosts made the experience both informative and immersive, especially as we delved into Nashua's World War II history. A special thanks to Mary for the lovely tea service and for allowing us to view the documentary *"At Home and Abroad: Nashua and World War II."*



## Triangular Manhole Covers!

Did you know that Nashua's manhole covers were once triangular? Some of these hidden gems can still be found around the city!







## Celebrating 50 Years of Recreation in New Boston

### A Night to Remember – June 4

We kicked off our 50th Anniversary with a heartwarming evening at the Whipple Free Library. Over 60 attendees enjoyed a nostalgic slideshow, a Recreation Timeline, and heartfelt stories from past and present leaders. A surprise visit from **Sandy Gallup**, New Boston's first Recreation Director, made the night extra special. She shared memories from the early days when Rec programs ran out of her home!

Our panel of Rec legends—including Ken Hamel, David Mudrick, David Hulick, Lee Brown, Katie Gosselin, and Mike Sindoni—shared stories that reminded us how deeply rooted Recreation is in our community. From 438,300 Town Hall chimes to 77,000+ volunteer hours, the numbers tell a story of connection, joy, and community spirit.

### 50th Anniversary Block Party – June 8

Despite a rain delay, Sunday's Block Party was a huge success! Over **200 snow cones** were served, **karaoke was a hit**, and **Mike was dunked multiple times** (yes, there's photo evidence!). Families enjoyed **yard games, face painting** by Rec Commissioner Katie Hawkes and her team, and a special joint project with the Whipple Free Library—the Recreation Department provided free books, which were handed out by library staff and volunteers, along with homemade bookmarks crafted by the library.

We also had **caricature artists**, a **bouncy house with slide**, and plenty of **popcorn, snacks, and cold drinks**. The event was buzzing with laughter, music, and community pride. Special thanks to everyone who made it happen—and to **Sandy Gallup** for joining us once again!

**Here's to 50 more years of fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories!**



*Recreation Chair, Chris Hall,  
Visits Volunteer Andrea Gagnon,  
for free Pop Corn*



*Photo's: Left: Jeanne Caruso nails a bullseye! Middle: Anthony celebrates as his dad Mike gets dunked—while Jeanne walks off with the win!. Right: Ruth skips the throw and heads straight in for the dunk on Mike!*







## A Heartfelt Close to Our Senior Reading Program for 2025

As the school year comes to a close, so does another wonderful season of our Senior Reading Program at NBCS. Each Thursday, our seniors shared 20 minutes of their time—and a whole lot of heart—with Readiness through 1st grade students. These treasured moments of reading together have become a touchstone for both generations. For the children, it's a joy to read to someone who listens with patience and pride—many see their own grandparents in these kind and familiar faces. And for our seniors, it's a meaningful way to stay connected, give back, and feel the warmth of community. Whether they came every week or just once in a while, our senior volunteers made a lasting impact.

We also appreciate the support of **Amy Veilleux**, 1st grade teacher and reading liaison, for helping coordinate the program and keeping everything running smoothly.

We're so grateful for everyone who participated—and we look forward to welcoming you back next year!



## Sweet Treats & Summer Beats!

At the New Boston Recreation Summer Concerts on the Common stop by for the delicious dessert station hosted by the **Community Church of New Boston!**

Each concert evening, they will be serving up something different and yummy

Don't miss out on any of these treats!

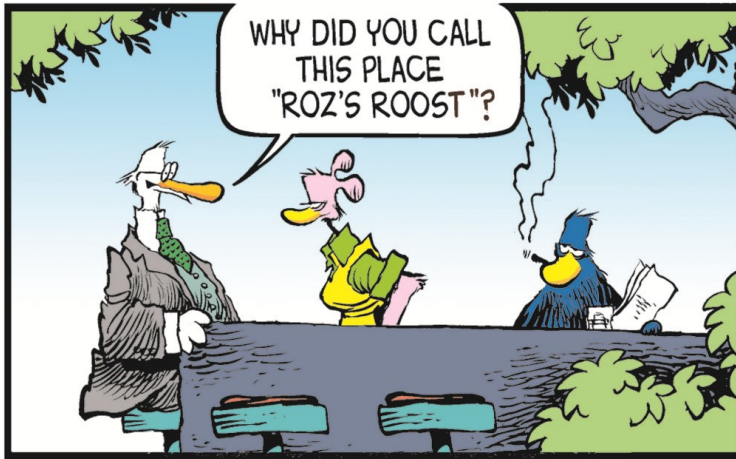
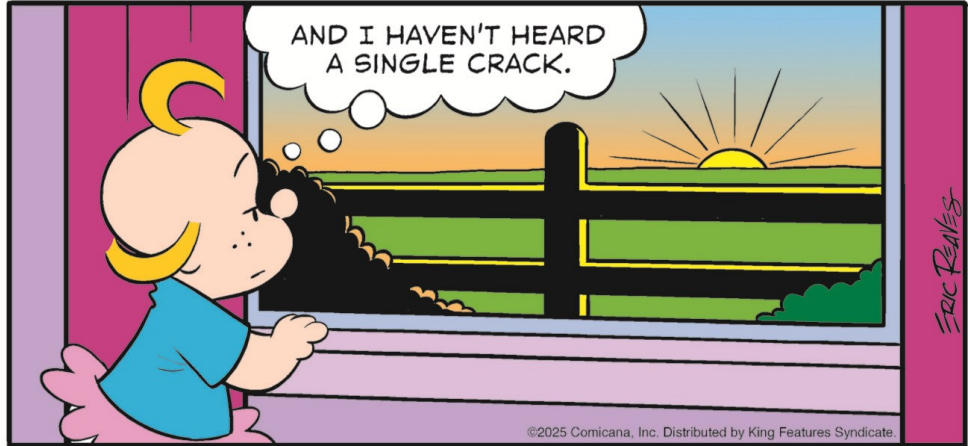
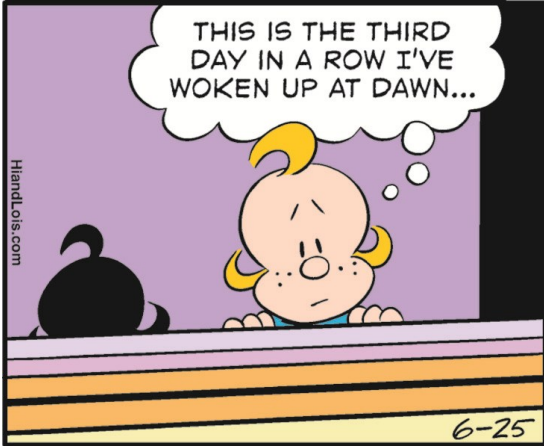
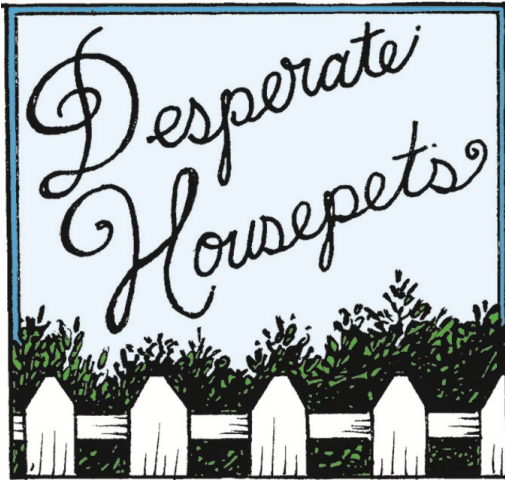
- **July 1st**—Homemade **Strawberry Shortcake**
- Ice Cream
- Brownie Sundaes
- Ice Cream Sundaes

Come for the music,  
stay for the sweets,  
it's the perfect pairing  
for a summer night!

**Concert Schedule is on Page 21!**










## Join the Recreation Dept in celebrating the 4th of July!

We are entering a Float in honor of our 50th Anniversary and appreciate your vote!

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

#### PARADE

 **10:00 AM**

Parade Begins


*(Rt. 77 & 136 → Rt. 13 Fairgrounds)*

#### CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS

 **4:00 PM — Gates Open**

**Admission:**

\$10 Adults | \$5 Kids (ages 2–11) & Veterans | Under 2 Free

 \$40 Family Pack

 **4:30 PM — Kids' Show Begins**

 Chicken BBQ & Fair Food Galore!

 **5:00 PM — Opening Ceremony**

Color Guard, National Anthem, Molly Stark Cannon, Float Winners Announced

 **5:00 PM — Activities Begin**

Axe Throwing & Bounce Houses

 **5:30 PM — Live Music: MC Gill & Friends**

 Kids Field Games Begin

 **6:00 PM — Video Gaming Tent Opens**

 **7:00 PM — Live Music: Brickyard Blues Band**

 **8:00 PM — Glow Toys for Sale**

 **9:30 PM — Fireworks Show (approx.)**



**Use  
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camera to vote  
for our float!**



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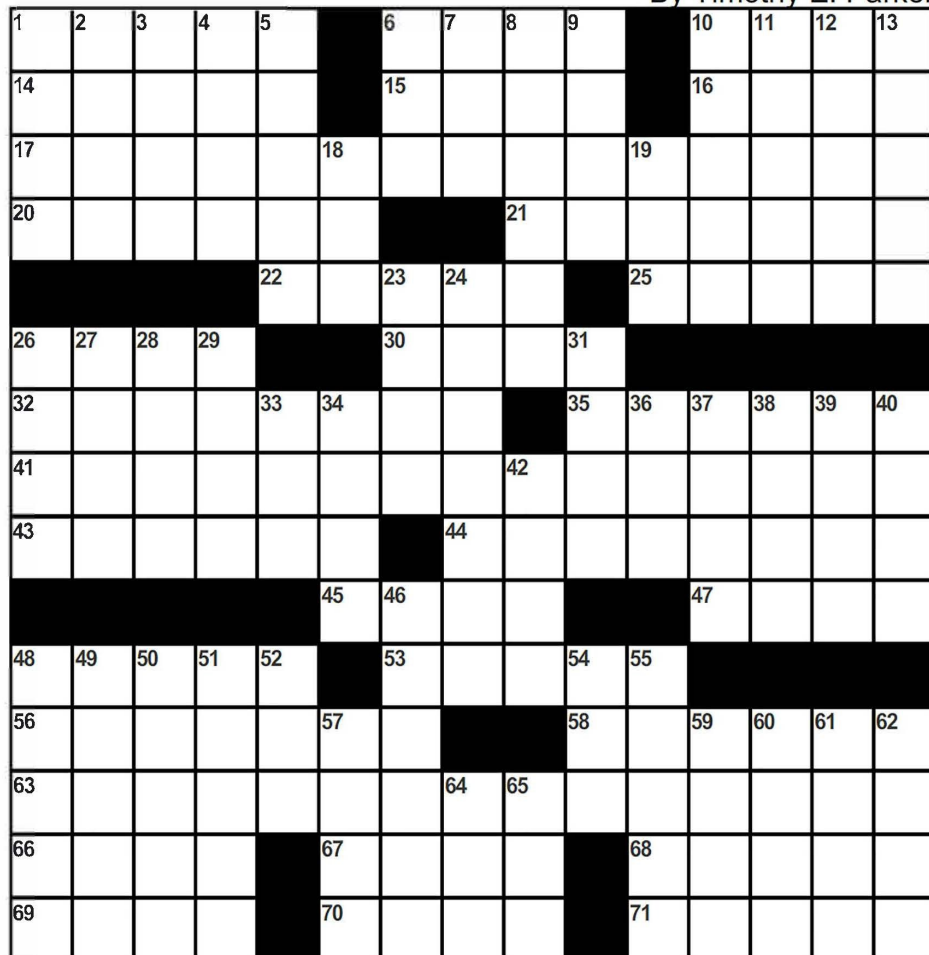
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- 6) With a cast of thousands
- 10) Two-word anagram for "teas"
- 14) "The \_\_\_\_" (series starring Mr. T)
- 15) Mexican snack food
- 16) Many a Syrian
- 17) Two orange things
- 20) Slip by, as time
- 21) Parts of clowns' wardrobes
- 22) Bygone Toyota sports car
- 25) Suggestive stares
- 26) Word in synagogue names
- 30) Cartoon bear
- 32) Alarm clocks, in the morning
- 35) Linger around a store without purpose
- 41) Four orange things
- 43) Metallic tests
- 44) Shipment amount?
- 45) In this way
- 47) Some shady trees
- 48) Street urchins
- 53) Highly skilled
- 56) Wicked
- 58) Like rain on your wedding day, as per a certain song
- 63) Three orange things
- 66) Holiday precursors
- 67) Polish, as one's skills
- 68) Nimble of foot
- 69) "Out," to an editor
- 70) Fancy pitcher with a lip
- 71) Fabricated stories

## DOWN

- 1) Break, as a horse
- 2) "Too many more to mention" abbr.
- 3) "... \_\_\_\_, whatever will be, will be"
- 4) "Aladdin" discovery
- 5) Stock up on
- 6) Pilot's announcement, briefly
- 7) What a mouse slides on
- 8) It can lead to cooler heads
- 9) Nickname for Conan O'Brien
- 10) Fry just a bit over high heat
- 11) Keebler's head elf
- 12) Spud
- 13) Immeasurable chasm
- 18) Romanian currency
- 19) It gives a hoot
- 23) Ignited funeral heap
- 24) "Citizen Kane" sled
- 26) Ali \_\_\_\_ of "The Arabian Nights"
- 27) Winged god of love
- 28) Auto-club services
- 29) Hip-swiveling Hawaiian dance
- 31) Pelvic bones
- 33) Boar's place
- 34) Old-style prefix for "while"
- 36) Make a selection
- 37) Spot on a map
- 38) Saw or screwdriver
- 39) Cheese that comes in red wax
- 40) Radioactive energy units
- 42) Prepare for a photo
- 46) Make sacred
- 48) Performed a dishwashing chore
- 49) Get \_\_\_\_ on (hurry)
- 50) Drive forward
- 51) "All That Jazz" director Bob
- 52) \_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 54) Apple or cherry treat
- 55) Take the tab for all
- 57) Continuous dull pain
- 59) Gold-medal gymnast Korbut
- 60) Ammunition for a carpenter's gun
- 61) Wait at the light
- 62) Average school grades
- 64) About two o'clock on a compass
- 65) \_\_\_\_ capita

## ORANGE GROVE

By Timothy E. Parker





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# TRANSPORTATION CONTINUES IN



# NEW BOSTON!

Starting July 1st, 2025, **Community Volunteer Transportation Company** will expand their service area to include the town of New Boston, replacing the MTA Shuttle service.

**Need help getting to appointments?**

**Schedule a free ride with CVTC!**

CVTC provides "no-fee" transportation for those who don't have access to a car due to age, ability, economics, or other circumstances.

Volunteer drivers give rides based on availability to non-emergency medical or social service appointments and to the grocery store, bank, post office, or pharmacy.

**Have a few hours each month to help a neighbor?**

**Become a CVTC Volunteer Driver!**

With their online scheduling tool, you choose which rides you would like to do, based on your availability and area preference.

You'll receive staff-supported enrollment and orientation, calendar reminders via email, monthly mileage reimbursement, and loads of appreciation.

To learn more, visit [cvtc-nh.org](http://cvtc-nh.org), call **603-821-0569**, or email [info@cvtc-nh.org](mailto:info@cvtc-nh.org)



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Since 1977, we have provided daily nutritious meals and wellness checks to disabled and older adults 60+. Our mission supports neighbors so they can age in place and stay connected to their community.



**Home Delivery**

Meals are delivered 5 days a week by a friendly driver. All meals are approved by a nutritionist to meet recommended USDA allowance for older adults.

**Dine Out Club**

The D.O.C is a donation-based dining option in partnership with local restaurants. Participants choose meals from a curated menu to enjoy with family and friends.



**Community Dining**

Community diners share a table with other older adults as they enjoy a nutritious meal in welcoming settings throughout Hillsborough County.



Learn more at:

[HCMOW.org](http://HCMOW.org)



Call: (603) 424-9967



**FRIDAY - May-October  
4-6:30pm**

2 New Boston Road, Francestown, NH

# SUMMER LUNCH

Inviting all adults 60+ to a delicious and nutritious meal!

Located At:  
**Camp Halfmoon - Behind the Goffstown YMCA**  
116 Goffstown Back Rd, Goffstown, NH

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 5TH**

**Time: Noon**

Burger, Hotdog with chips, macaroni salad, coleslaw, watermelon, iced tea  
From: Dollar Shy Farm

RSVP BY 8/28 at [HCMOW.org](http://HCMOW.org) or Call (603) 424-9967

This Lunch is Sponsored By:

Goffstown Lions Club the

## WHAT SHOULD THE TOWN OF NEW BOSTON DO WITH THE OLD FIRE STATION?

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

THE TOWN OF NEW BOSTON IS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE A QUICK 5-QUESTION SURVEY PRIOR TO JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 TO HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS PROPERTY.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY PLEASE SCAN THE CODE OR, VISIT [NEWBOSTONNH.GOV](http://NEWBOSTONNH.GOV)



## Ambling Around With “Old Molly,” by Jerel Speck

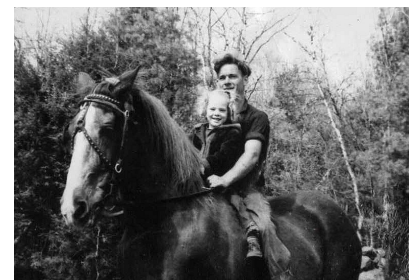
*“I hate small towns because once you’ve seen the cannon in the park  
there’s nothing else to do.” – Lenny Bruce*

It was never about the money that the town of New Boston always paid my grandfather, the late John Silver Sr., to move their most cherished piece of artillery for the annual Fourth of July parades.



To be perfectly honest, John would have done it for absolutely nothing, as he was just a proud farmer trying to show off the amazing teamwork of his trained workhorses on the largest regional stage at the time. In fact, most of the bridles and harnesses that he displayed during these events were actually the same ones that he used the day or two before while logging in the woods. Under his close supervision, John would have his grandchildren clean and polish them for the patriotic occasion.

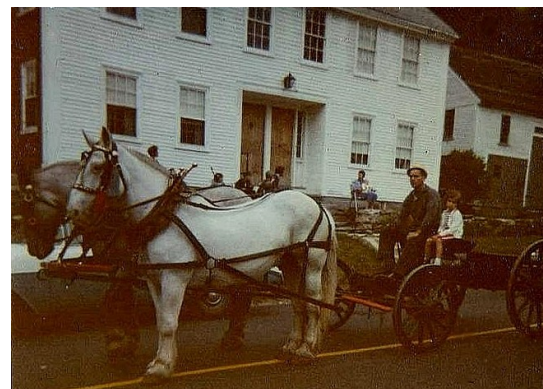
What people probably do not know is that he would begin his journey to New Boston right from his own homestead in Weare, by literally driving the horses by wagon, in order to properly calm them down for the large crowds and busy festivities. He even would have to start really early in the morning, as traveling from one town to another on various back roads can be a very, very slow and lengthy process. But, John never doubted for once that these gentle giants wouldn’t get there on time.



Twenty-one years after his first time pulling the Molly Stark Cannon in 1963, I would even get the honor of riding with him and parking the cannon’s carriage in the baseball field for its eventual firing. Afterwards, John usually found himself humorously surrounded by a militia of men, dressed in Revolutionary War costumes, while he was in his trademark suspenders, English hat, and t-shirt. When all was said and done, my grandfather would simply head back home to Perkins Pond Road with his beloved workhorses.

This was the old-fashioned way he did things.

At least now, we can look back and truly appreciate all of the hard work that this unsung hero from Weare did for our community’s Fourth of July celebrations of the past.



# SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm.

## July 1 — FREESE BROTHERS BIG BAND

Big Band classics from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, and more—plus modern hits with a swing twist!



## July 8 - HICKORY HORNED DEVILS

Old-Time, Americana, and Bluegrass with a foot-stomping, modern groove!



## July 22 — THE SLAKAS

High-energy rock and pop covers from Led Zeppelin to Donna Summer—get ready to dance and sing along!



## August 5 — THE BELAIRS

Doo Wop and vintage Rock 'N' Roll with rich harmonies and classic flair. A trip down memory lane!



## August 19 — ENDLESS SKIES BAND

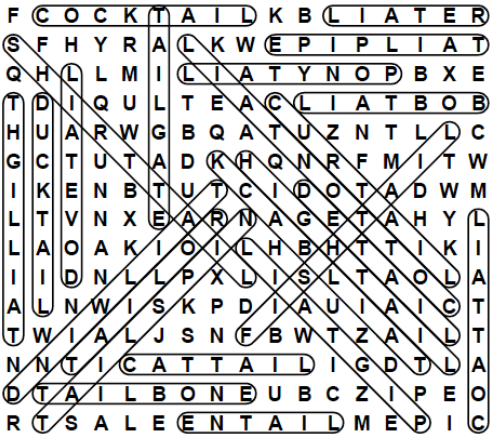
Local favorites bringing upbeat rock, pop, folk, and country with a sing-along vibe everyone will love.

Bring your blanket or chair and enjoy a Tuesday summer evening on the town common full of music, friends, and community. **Concerts are free, kid-friendly, and fun!**

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



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