

CENTER OF GRAVITY GAZETTE

NEW BOSTON'S SENIOR NEWSLETTER



Nov/Dec 2024

What's new?

- ♦ **Senior Trips:**
November 25, Fez-tival of Trees, Concord, NH
December 10, Tuscan Village Shopping
- ♦ **Adult 18+ Trips:**
December 5, Holiday Brass at the Rex Theatre
March 28, Neil Diamond Experience
- ♦ **Exercise opportunities:**
Pickleball—Tuesday Nights, Info on page 4
Tai Chi—Wednesday Mornings, Info on page 13
Yoga—Wednesday Nights, info on page 4
- ♦ **Red Cross Blood Drive**—Tuesday, November 26, 2-8 pm, at the Whipple Free Library
- ♦ **Historical Society Annual Meeting**—Thursday, November 14, 7pm at the Wason Building.
- ♦ **Foot Care Clinic**—Not taking new clients at this time
- ♦ **Senior Lunch** at NBCS, Thursdays that school is in session. Doors open at 10:50am. Followed by Bingo at the Rec Office at noon.
- ♦ **Farmer's Market—Holiday Market!**
Sat, Nov. 30 at the WFL, 9 am—2:30 pm.



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Assistant—Sheri "Ree" Moloney

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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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"In the winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold."

~Ben Aaronovitch



“The Skies of New Boston”

*by Dan Rothman,
New Boston Historical Society volunteer,
for the November/December 2024 issue
of the Center of Gravity Gazette*



*The Challenger was the first passenger plane
based at the Manchester Airport.*

My wife Lisa is reading the diaries of Bessie Hill Todd (1877-1960), who was Bob Todd’s grandmother. Bessie wrote almost every day about her household chores, social events, and the comings and goings of her five children. From time to time Bessie looked skyward; in May of 1929 she wrote: “Airplane flew over from the north to the south, the first one I have seen this season.”

Elsewhere in New Boston today, Deb and Dick Jardine are transcribing the diaries of Deb’s great-grandfather Bill Fiske (1863-1955), who lived next to the town common. Bill also made notes in his diary whenever he heard the sound of airplane engines overhead. Flying machines were quite the novelty in the 1920s!

The Wright Brothers made their first powered flight in 1903. Airplane technology improved rapidly during the First World War, and after the war, bold pilots went “barnstorming” around America in surplus aircraft. No doubt Bessie Todd and Bill Fiske listened to radio reports of Charles Lindbergh’s solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927, and read in the newspaper about the famed aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

To find out what Bessie and Bill might have seen in the skies over New Boston, I looked into the history of the nearby Manchester Airport, which opened in 1927. Some of the aircraft were open-cockpit fabric-covered biplanes like the C-4 Challenger, whose pilot and single passenger were exposed to wind, cold, and considerable noise. The all-metal Ford Tri-motor or “Tin Goose” provided its twelve passengers with greater comfort, as it had an enclosed passenger cabin and windows, too. The Tin Goose flew as fast as 80mph, but not too high as the cabin wasn’t pressurized. In 1929 Bessie’s sons Laban and John went up in a Ford Tri-motor after they brought a truckload of potatoes to Manchester.



“The Skies of New Boston” Continued

For more deluxe air travel in the years before World War II, you really wanted to go by airship. In the present day you may have seen the Goodyear blimp hovering over Fenway Park, but in the 1920s and 30s the preferred airship design was the Zeppelin, which was a long gas-filled balloon stretched over a lightweight metal frame. Both blimps and Zeppelins are “dirigibles,” by the way; the name is derived from the French verb “to steer,” to contrast a dirigible with a hot-air balloon that’s at the mercy of the wind.

In August of 1929 Bessie Todd wrote in her diary, “Graf Dirigible Los Angeles makes first N.H. visit as training jaunt. Due at Manchester at 5:30 A.M. Ed Colburn saw it.” The USS Los Angeles was built for the U.S. Navy by the Zeppelin Company in Germany as part of its war reparations. The airship was 656 feet long, almost twice the length of a football field. If it flew over New Boston it would have darkened the sky from the Town Hall clock across the river to the Anti-Gravity Monument.



The Los Angeles was filled with helium, a relatively safe gas, unlike the hydrogen-filled Zeppelin Hindenburg that burst into flames upon landing in New Jersey in 1937. We don’t have Bessie Todd’s diaries from 1937, and I’ve no indication that the unlucky Hindenburg ever flew over New Boston, but I could not help but read all about the famous airship disaster. Did you know that the Hindenburg had an aluminum piano in its passenger lounge, and a smoking room, too? (No, the explosion was not caused by an errant cigarette; lightning and static electricity are suspected instead.)

I thank Laura Todd and others who have entrusted family diaries to the Historical Society! They’ll inspire many more stories to come.

Left—

The airship Los Angeles over some city— not New Boston



The Historical Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:00 pm
at the Historical Society
(Wason Building)

The Annual Meeting of the Historical Society includes the election of officers, a review of the past year, and plans for next year.

(There is no historical presentation planned for the Annual Meeting.)

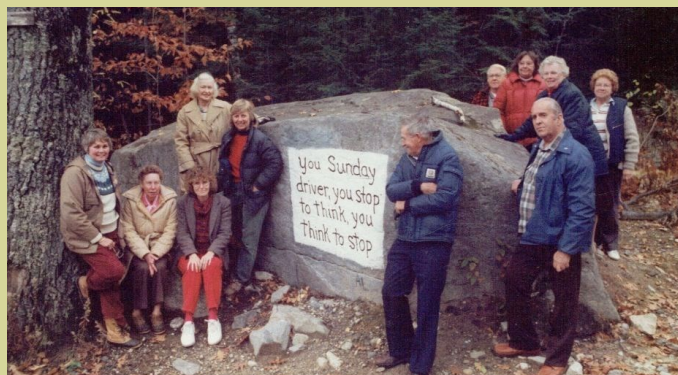


Photo: The Historical Society visits the rock in the 1980s or 90s.



VINYASA FLOW YOGA

Whipple Free Library on **Wed's**, 6-7 pm.

7-week session is \$84 for Nov 6 – Jan 29 or drop-in for \$15. There is no class on Nov 20 & 27, December 18 & 25, Jan 1 & 15.

Please wear comfortable, loose, warm clothing.
Bring a mat and blanket.



Sign-up online for a discounted rate
or drop in for \$3 anytime

Tuesdays, 7-8:45pm in the NBCS Gym
No Pickleball on Nov 5, Dec 24 & 31

Library News — whipplefreelibrary.org

The Library will be closed:

- Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will also be closing at 5pm on Wednesday, November 27.
- Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas



Monday Morning Quilters — 10am Every Monday



Friends of the Whipple Free Library — Tuesday, Nov 12 and Tuesday, Dec 10 at 6:30pm



3rd Tuesdays — Piscataquog Quilters - Tuesday, November 19 and Tuesday, December 17 at 7pm



Wednesdays — Cribbage - 6:30pm Every Wednesday



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



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



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

- Friday, November 8 at 7pm: *Narvik: Hitler's First Defeat* (Norway, 2022)
- Friday, December 13 at 7pm: *Joyland* (Pakistan, 2022)



Chess Club - 10am every Saturday

Holiday Family Film
Friday, December 13 at 1pm

Book Clubs:

Who Durnit? Book Club

Wednesday, November 6 at 10am – *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Wednesday, December 4 at 10am – *Death at La Fenice* by Donna Leon

Wed. Night Book Club

Wednesday, November 13 at 7pm – *Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune* by Anderson Cooper

Wednesday, December 11 at 7pm – *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

Bon Appetit Cookbook Club

Wednesday, November 20 at 6pm – *Food Gifts: 150+ Irresistible Recipes for Crafting Personalized Presents*
by America's Test Kitchen

Saturday, December 14 at 12pm – Cookie Swap!

Fantasy Book Club

Thursday, November 21 at 6pm – *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Thursday, December 19 at 6pm – *Daughter of Smoke & Bone* by Laini Taylor



FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) Fridays

Friday, November 1 from 3pm to 5pm

Friday, November 15 from 3pm to 5pm

Friday, December 13 from 3pm to 5pm

Friday, December 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.

Craft Night: Wreath Making

Thursday, November 7 at 6pm

Get a jump on your holiday decorating! We'll be making an evergreen-inspired wreath that'll last through the whole winter season. All supplies will be provided. Please **register in advance** by calling the library, signing up in person, or emailing Sue at adultserviceswfl@gmail.com.

Puzzle Swap

Friday, November 15 from 10am to 5pm (10am to 12pm for ticket holders only)

Saturday, November 16 from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Freshen up your puzzle collection just in time for the gloomy weather! Puzzles you're already finished with can be dropped off at the library Wednesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 14 during open hours. Everyone who donates puzzles will be given a ticket. Starting Friday, November 15, it's time to choose your new puzzles! The doors open at 10am, and the first 2 hours are reserved exclusively for ticket holders. After that, everyone is welcome!

History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide

Friday, November 22 at 6pm

Have you always been curious about your family history? Do you want to investigate your background but aren't sure how or where to start? Erin Moulton can show you the way! Join us as she explores useful resources and methodologies for genealogical research through a case study of Elsie Gaskin, an eccentric librarian from New Hampshire.

*presented by the NH Humanities

New Boston Farmers Market Holiday Market

Saturday, November 30 at 9am

Craft Night: Ornaments & Gift Toppers

Thursday, December 5 at 6pm

Kick off the holiday season with some glitter and glue! Join us as we make a selection of small crafts that can be used as tree ornaments, home décor, or gift toppers. All supplies will be provided. Please **register in advance** by calling the library, signing up in person, or emailing Sue at adultserviceswfl@gmail.com.

Cookie Swap & Cocoa Party & Trustee Meet-and-Greet

Saturday, December 14 at 12pm

Join us for the Second Annual Cookie Swap & Cocoa Party! There'll be cookies for swapping, cookies for nibbling, and a cocoa bar with all the fixins. Bring a tin (or other container) and some homemade cookies (we suggest 2+ dozen), and leave with an assortment of delicious baked goods. The Library Trustees will also be there doing a meet-and-greet, so be sure to say "hi" and enjoy a cookie with them. All ages welcome!

For all the latest programming information, check out the calendar of events on our website www.whipplefreelibrary.org. You can also sign up for the library's monthly newsletter on our Home Page.



- 4 ~ ALBA TUTTOBENE
- 6 ~ CHIP YOUNG
- 9 ~ SYLVIA CHANDLER
- 13 ~ DAVE JACKSON
- 19 ~ LAWRENCE DALEY SR.
- 23 ~ IRMA RANFOS



"Hey dad, you were wrong. I've counted them all and gran is playing with a full deck of cards!"



- 3 ~ WILLIAM MANNA
- 7 ~ AUGUST "Skip" GOMES Jr
- 12 ~ ARMAND HEBERT
- 22 ~ BETSY WHITMAN
- 25 ~ JACKIE LARIVIERE
- 29 ~ THERESA KENNEDY
- 31 ~ JEANNIE HARRIS

The New 60



A night out with dinner and a show. We drive, you enjoy!

The Trip fee pays for your admission to the show and a ride to and from Manchester on the minibus. Individuals will be responsible for paying their restaurant tabs.

Thursday, December 5, 2024 Holiday Brass at the Rex Theatre Trip Fee—\$35

Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season as our talented ensemble fills your hearts with the wonderful melodies and joyous tunes that define this magical time of the year. Featuring Guest Conductor David Upham.



We leave the town hall parking lot at 5pm for 5:30pm dinner reservations at a TBD Manchester restaurant near the theatre or you can eat wherever you want in the area. The show starts at 7:30pm and we will return you to the town hall parking lot after the show.

Friday, March 28, 2025 The Neil Diamond Experience Trip at the Nashua Center for the Arts. Fee—\$55

Robert Neary's "Neil Diamond Experience" is a one-of-a-kind tribute show that brings Neil Diamond's greatest hits to life with remarkable authenticity. Robert not only performs 20 iconic songs like "Sweet Caroline" and "America" but also shares the stories behind them, creating a truly immersive experience



We leave the town hall parking lot at 5pm for 5:45pm dinner reservation at a TBD Nashua restaurant. You may also choose to dine at a different local restaurant. The show starts at 8:00pm and we will return you to the town hall parking lot after the show.

Sign up at <https://newboston.recdesk.com/>
Or call us at 603-487-2880



Looking for some locally crafted gifts for the holidays? The New Boston Farmers Market Holiday Craft Market will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, from 9am to 2:30 pm at the Whipple Free Library.

Featuring over 20 vendors, the holiday market will bring a wide and wonderful array of hand-crafted and homegrown products, including baked goods and specialty foods, honey, dog treats, jewelry, clothing, quilts, ornaments, cards, candles, oils, soaps and lotion, home décor and rustic wood products, and more!

TOLA Rose Italian Food Truck will also be there serving up delicious breakfast and lunch.

The New Boston Farmers Market thanks everyone for their patronage and wishes you a peaceful and joyous holiday season.



Bigfoot Sourdough Bakery – April Repazo
Facebook: All things Sourdough!

Cooper & Sophie's Kitchen LLC – Courtney D'Aoust
All Natural Homemade Dog Treats
www.Cooperandsophieskitchen.com

DJ's Pure & Natural Honey – John Blake
Honey, Honey Sticks, Comb Honey, Creamed Honey,
Hot Pepper Infused Honey

Karen's Touch – Karen Files
Unique Handcrafted Beaded Jewelry
karenfiles@email.com

KC's Enchanted Cottage – Karen Craven
Fairy Garden Accessories, Home & Garden Decor
<https://karen-craven.square.site>

Middle Branch Farm – Lori Noonan
Mixed Media Art, Cards, Ornaments
lpnoonan1962@me.com

New Boston Quilter – Deborah Keiner
Quilts, Wall-hangings, Dresses, Dog Bandanas,
Eye Glass Cases, Gift Bags
NewBostonQuilter.com

Night Owl Rustics – Ryan Morin
Wood Flags, Rustic Signs, Rustic Home Decor

Red Barn Wreaths in New Boston – Joan Sanossian
Handmade One of A Kind Wreaths
cochranhill@hotmail.com

Sweet Pumpkins Farm – Donna McGrath
Goat Milk Lotion Soaps, Preserves, Aprons

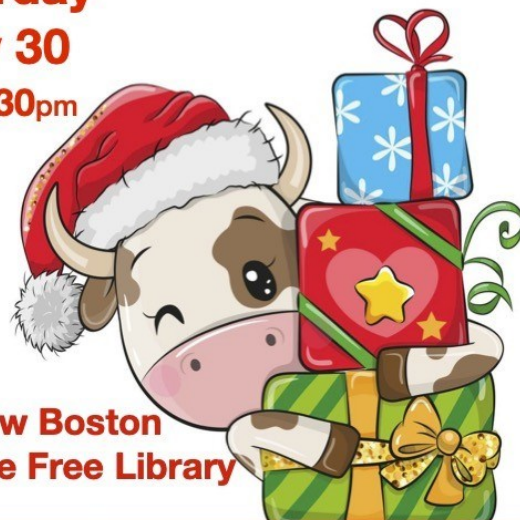
Tola Rose Italian Eats Food Truck – Tony & Laurie Lomuscio
Great Italian Food & Breakfast

Holiday Craft Market

Saturday

Nov 30

9 - 2:30pm



**New Boston
Whipple Free Library**

20 Local Artisans & Food Truck

Yakum Hill Farm – Mary Ann Malouin
Soy Candles in tins, Fragrance Oil Room Misters,
Essential oil Aroma Sprays, Candles, Foot, Sleep
& Beard Balms





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Senior Trip
Shepard/McAuliffe
Planetarium

Summer concert

Senior Lunch

Cannon Mt. Tram
Ride



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"A body goes through changes during the teen years.
When you started dating, my hair turned gray.
When you started driving, I got heart palpitations..."



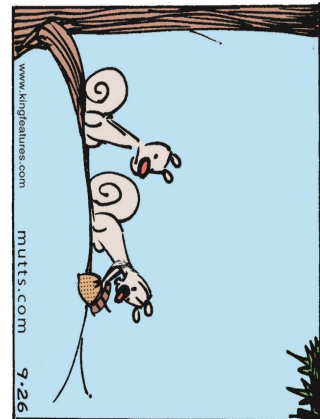
"You can come down now, Everett.
The children have grown up and left."



"Your good cholesterol is bad, your bad
cholesterol is good and your socks don't match."



"You are one with the universe and the
universe is expanding. So don't feel
guilty about needing bigger pants!"



Tai Chi/Qigong with Theresa Rogers



Join instructor Theresa Rogers, a Zen Wellness Certified Qigong Instructor and advanced student of Senior Instructor Janet Briggs of East Wind Tai Chi, as she guides you through the relaxing and revitalizing art of Tai Chi and Qigong. Theresa trains in Alex Dong's Taijiquan lineage of Yang Style Tai Chi, bringing authentic and mindful instruction to every class.



In this class, you'll learn the fundamentals of Qigong and Tai Chi, including breath work, movement, posture alignment, and visualization techniques that nurture the mind, body, and spirit. This gentle, meditative practice will help improve balance, flexibility, strength, and mental clarity, while easing stress and promoting emotional well-being. The movements are safe and accessible, adaptable for all abilities, and are a great complement to other health and wellness routines.

Time: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Location:** White Building #2

For more info on session dates, cost, and to sign up go to: <https://newboston.recdesk.com/>

Come experience the calming power of Tai Chi and Qigong, and find balance in every movement.

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New Gazette Contributor!

Inner Athlete, New Boston Based personal training

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind—By Chris Lanctot, Certified Fitness Trainer

The holiday season is here, and while it brings joy, gatherings, and cherished traditions, it can also bring added stress. It's a time when we may reflect on the past, miss loved ones who are no longer with us, and feel the challenges of navigating a world that is constantly changing. Colder, darker days can add to feelings of isolation, and financial concerns can weigh more heavily this time of year. The world around us—filled with news of inflation, crime, and uncertainties—can make us feel uneasy, no matter our life experience.

One powerful way to manage these feelings is by focusing on self-care, and that begins with regular physical activity. The benefits are profound. Exercise has been shown to improve mental clarity, reduce anxiety, help with depression, and even enhance cognitive function. Keeping the body and mind active is key to maintaining independence and overall well-being. While the complexities of mental health are vast, staying physically active can help boost natural levels of serotonin and dopamine—your body's “feel good” hormones. These hormones can lift your mood, reduce stress, improve sleep, and even sharpen your mind.

This holiday season, think about taking time for yourself. Whether it's a gentle yoga routine, a daily walk, or exploring a new activity like tai chi or indoor swimming, staying active is a gift to yourself. Certain aspects of life may be beyond our control, but we can always influence how we respond. By focusing on what makes us feel well—both mentally and physically—we can better navigate the ups and downs that come with life.

ACROSS

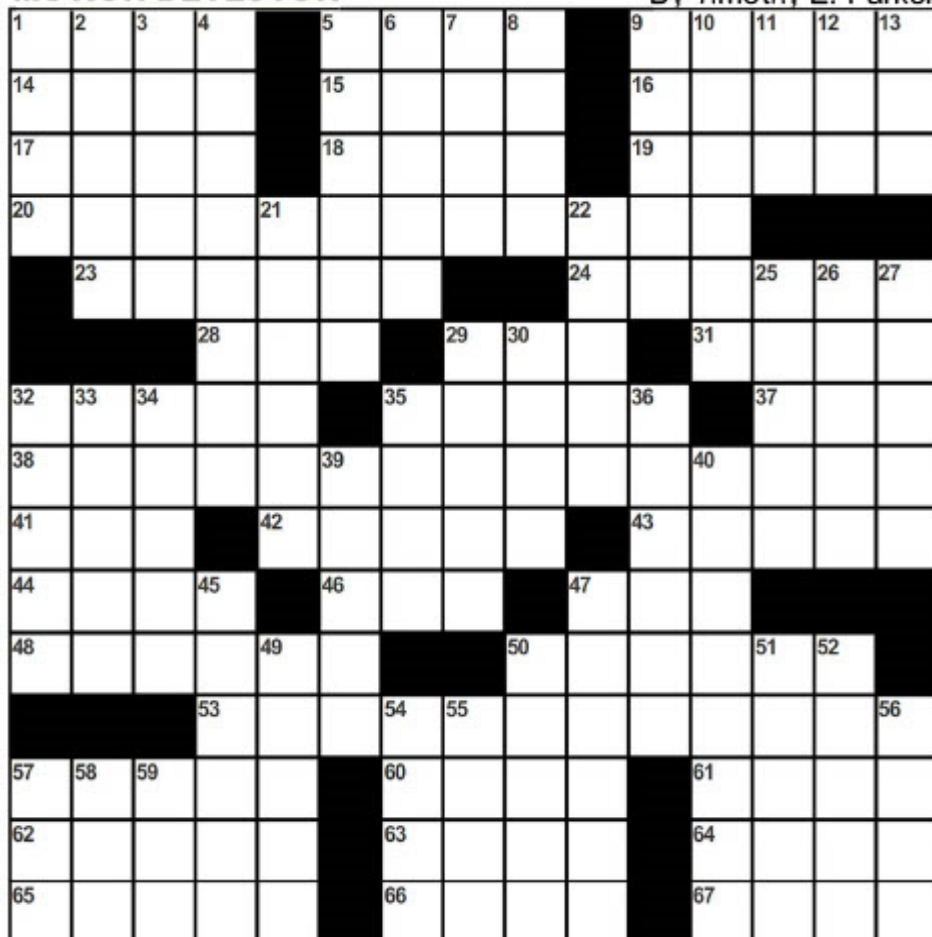
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| 5) Way through the woods | 42) Things discouraged in society |
| 9) According to | 43) Destiny, to a Hindu |
| 14) Hairdo one picks out? | 44) Flight data, briefly |
| 15) Mixed bag | 46) Cheerios grain |
| 16) Material on a coarse board | 47) Thing to seek forgiveness for |
| 17) Rustic cross | 48) Beliefs |
| 18) Type of large bag | 50) Small songbird |
| 19) Kitchen appliance | 53) Hide out for a bit |
| 20) What all divers must do | 57) Calculating snake? |
| 23) La Brea hazard | 60) Death notice, briefly |
| 24) Deadly | 61) Arm bone |
| 28) Absorbed, as a cost | 62) As from |
| 29) Hawaiian dish | 63) Characteristic carrier |
| 31) Performances for one | 64) Word on a bathroom door |
| 32) A Muse | 65) Warms |
| 35) Weeper of myth | 66) Admirer at a distance |
| 37) Apprehend | 67) Big first for a baby |
| 38) Be acclaimed and then some | |

DOWN

- 1) Cleopatra's Antony
- 2) Happening, as "the game"
- 3) Bouquet
- 4) Not rushed, to a conductor
- 5) Baked, crusted entree
- 6) Like an active kite
- 7) Brother of Janet Jackson
- 8) Farmer, at times
- 9) High dwelling
- 10) Brains or intelligence
- 11) Ballpoint, e.g.
- 12) .0000001 joule
- 13) Bread type
- 21) North, to Manhattanites
- 22) Accused's need
- 25) Courtroom addressee (with "your")
- 26) Burglar deterrent
- 27) Chad's neighbor
- 29) Burgundy grape
- 30) ___ and aahs
- 32) "Snowy" bird
- 33) One way to go
- 34) Don Draper, e.g.
- 35) 1492 ship of note
- 36) Type of kiss that involves noses
- 39) Hangman's creation
- 40) Brat's outbursts
- 45) Choose
- 47) More cushiony
- 49) Auto's four
- 50) Bale binder
- 51) Arm of the sea
- 52) 1,000 kilograms
- 54) Balcony section at the opera
- 55) Comply with
- 56) Mud dauber, e.g.
- 57) Cigarette remains
- 58) Kick the bucket
- 59) Evidence acceptable in court

MOTION DETECTOR

By Timothy E. Parker



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BALLOON

BARREL

BASKET

BATHTUB

BOTTLE

BOXCAR

CAGE

CHEST

CRATE

CUP

DRAWER

GLASS

GOLF CLUB BAG

HATBOX

JEWELRY BOX

PENCIL CASE

POCKET

SNOW GLOBE

STEEL SAFE

STEIN

TACKLE BOX

TANKER

TEAPOT

TRUNK

Senior Lunch at NBCS is on Thursdays that school is in session. Seniors play Bingo at noon in the Recreation Office after.

- * Gym doors at 10:50 AM
- * Purchase a hot lunch for \$3 or bring your own.
- * We will provide coffee, tea and water. Hot lunch includes milk
- * Join us for Nickel ante Bingo and/or UNO after at the Recreation Dept from Noon until 3pm.
- * We will provide all of the Bingo supplies, just bring your nickels!

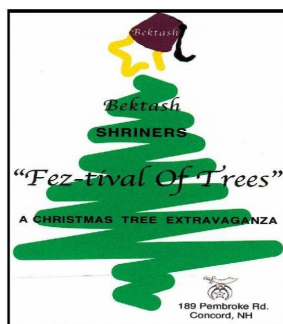
Any questions or need directions?
Call us at 603-487-2880



Me, about to make an outrageous amount of spaghetti because I never know how much to cook



Upcoming Senior Trips! Call us at 603-487-2880 or email Recreation@NewBostonNH.gov



Fez-tival of Trees - Monday, November 25 – There is no fee for this trip, just pay the door entry of \$5 and the cost of your meal and any shopping purchases you make. We leave the town hall parking lot at 9:15 am. Lunch at T-Bones in Concord.



Senior Christmas Shopping and Luncheon - Tuesday, December 10 – Christmas at the Tuscan Village in Salem, NH. There are several restaurant choices, dine at your leisure. There is no fee for this trip, just the cost of your meal and any shopping purchases you make. Leaving at 10 am from the Rec Office.



Tigris says:
" Tuscan Village!
Bring me back an
Italian cookie
please!"



**DO YOU NEED HELP
WITH HOME
REPAIRS AND
MAINTENANCE?**



The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides a **FREE*** service to homeowners who need assistance in the areas of plumbing, carpentry and electric.

The **RSVP Fix-It Program** is available to seniors over 60 and disabled homeowners in Hillsborough County to enable them to remain safe and secure in their homes.

Some of the services offered by our retired senior volunteers are:

- Installation of grab bars and railings
- Steps and flooring repairs
- Installation of door locks
- Fixing/replacing leaky faucets, toilets
- Installing/replacing light fixtures
- Install and remove air conditioners
- Insulate windows
- Install/change smoke detectors

If you need our services or if you are interested in becoming a Fix-It volunteer, call Chris @ 603-598-9421

*Homeowners assume the cost of any materials needed and labor is free



EASIER SUDOKU

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HARDER SUDOKU**FREE TRANSPORTATION**

Need help getting to: Medical Appointments * Dental Appointments
 Pharmacy Pick up * Grocery Shopping * 1 way or round trip options

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

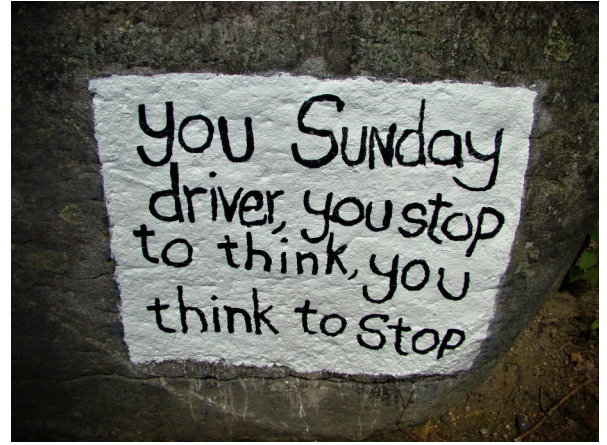
Dial - Opt. #2 This will bring you to the **Cart and Step Saver** receptionist. If no one answers, please leave the following information listed below. Someone will return your call.

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



Our Sacred Text, by Jerel Speck

“The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter – ‘tis the difference between the lightening-bug and the lightening.”
-Mark Twain, in *The Art of Authorship*, ed. George Bainton



Instead of writing another retrospective piece on who might have originally painted this lightning-rod of controversial grammar, I thought that it would probably be better to just discuss why Sunday Driver Rock’s sentence structure was changed in 2011, and the people that are responsible for its new and improved look.

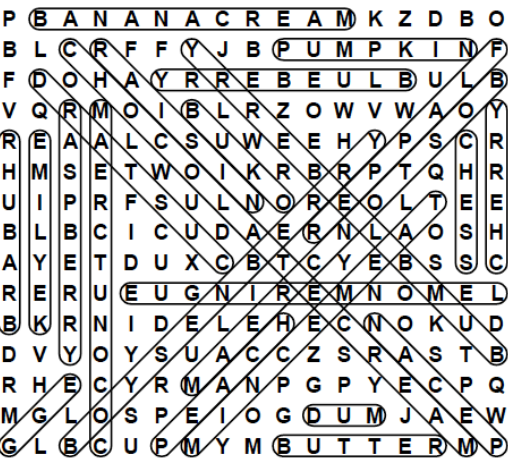
To tell you the truth, no one even knows who created this roadside curiosity in the first place, or when, for that matter. Apart from that, it has used many different fonts and phrasing choices over the years, long before the notorious restoration that divided so many people’s opinions of it. One could literally write about anything on the conversation starter’s history and it’s probably not going to matter anyway, as the legendary rock’s phrase has always tended to speak for itself.

Prior to the aforementioned 2011 revision, residents were perfectly content with the fragmented Sunday mantra on the glacial erratic. But when an advertisement from the 1930’s was discovered that revealed its true commercial origins, the New Boston Historical Society set out to redo the beloved landmark, by using the exact wording and punctuations from the actual source. And even though this was all done with the best of intentions, it angered a lot of folks in town.

So, after a majority of them recently voiced their concerns over the revised text, a 2024 restoration would be initiated by Dick Backus, who went to the Select Board for permission to repaint the boulder. Once granted, Bob Warren and Dick Moody sandblasted and put the white background on it. From there, Katie Hawkes traced an outline onto its face from a projected image of the preferred version, before finishing the job with her artistic talents.

As a community, we owe these individuals a debt of gratitude, as they understood the importance using the right words for Sunday Driver Rock’s ever-enduring message of connecting the past with the present, at the corner of McCurdy and Bedford Roads.

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