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BRIEFLY

MBTS Legion Dinners – They're **Back**

Next week the monthly dinner schedule at the American Legion in Manchester is up and running again, so it must be September. The dinner is Thursday, September 14 and this month it will feature Julie Geary's amazing roast pork dinner. Social Hour starts at 6 p.m., with the dinner starting at 7 p.m. Dinner is just \$15, with a cash bar, and tickets may be purchased by cash or check at the door. Legion dinners are monthly from September thru June.

MBTS Cribbage Begins Next Week

Another signal that fall is here. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 12 the next eight-week season of "Crib Addicts" will start its regular play at the American Legion Hall in Manchester. This group of delightful but ruthless competitors meets weekly, 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. In all truth, all are welcome, of all skill levels and they're a lovely bunch. Come on down.

Seaside Garden Club

Next week, on Tuesday, September 12 will be the first meeting of the 2023-2024 season of the Seaside Garden Club, a group of fun, active, civic-minded and hands-on gardeners. The club welcomes all types of gardeners, from beginners to experienced ... there is always something to learn and share. The Club always meets at the Manchester Community Center in downtown Manchester. Social time starts at 7 p.m. before each meeting, and the "business" portion of the meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. promptly. New members are always welcome. Club members, please bring a check for \$30 dues for the year. Guests are welcome for a \$5 fee. This month's program features a Books in Bloom presentation by one of the Seaside Garden Club members.

Postcards Home: Richard Henry Dana, Jr. Is My Copilot



In 2019, the Cricket introduced "Postcards Home," a revival of a 1930s-era travel feature written by the former editor of the paper, I.M. Marshall who wrote dispatches from his world travels and published them as letters to readers in Manchester and Essex. They always started "Dear Folks Back Home," and they didn't try to be formal editorial articles. Instead, they were friendly and personal and were designed to share his experiences in new lands. Since launching Postcards Home, we've featured experiences by readers who have traveled to Africa, been stranded on a sailboat off the Panama Canal during COVID, visited Almost Heaven in West Virginia (yes, it's a place and not just a song), and hiked the Appalachian Trail in New Hampshire. This week, we're exploring something new. "Richard Henry Dana. Jr. is My Copilot" is about Dana Point in beautiful southern California, but it also tries to bring in an important historical figure connected to Manchester-by-the-Sea, and wonders why he is underappreciated here in the Northeast and so widely celebrated out west. Page 8.

This week Manchester Essex Hornets teams are in full swing with practices, and Jason Brisbois previews Football and Cross Country on Page 6. Here in practice on Tuesday, Hornets Varsity Field Hockey goalie Brigid Carovillano blocks a high-speed shot to the goal.

Rotunda Forum set for Sept 14

By Gregory T. Federspiel

he third public forum on the needed repairs to the Rotunda at Tuck's Point is set for Thursday, September 14 starting at 7PM at Town Hall and via Zoom. Three options (down from 4) will be reviewed. and new 3-dimensional modeling of the options will be presented to help to visualize the appearance of each alternative.

Four options were on the table but the option to extend the pier and place the Rotunda further out toward the channel has been dropped due to permitting challenges. Building within the existing footprint or placing the Rotunda on land present easier and quicker permitting paths. With the project being time sensitive given the deteriorating conditions, any delays should be avoided.

The options to be presented on the 14th are:

1. Rebuild the pier in its current location but raise everything up about 5 feet to



19 feet MLW to better protect the pier and Rotunda from bigger storm surges and rising sea levels. Estimated Cost of \$2.25 million.

2. Rebuild the pier with a new viewing deck at the end all at a raised elevation of 19' MLW and relocate the Rotunda to the picnic knoll just to the north of the entrance to the existing pier. Estimated cost of \$1.75 million.

3. Rebuild the pier in its current location but raise everything up in two phases - initially to 17' MLW and then, assuming necessary, to 19' MLW in about 25 years from now. Estimated cost of \$5.75 million for both phases (Phase 1 at \$2.16 million and Phase 2 25 years later at \$3.59 million- escalated for assumed inflation)

The Rotunda was originally built in 1896. At the time, the Chowder House was located at the water's edge and the Yacht Club had just built its facility, blocking the Chowder House's view to open water. The harbor at the time was mostly a large mud flat at low tide. The pier and Rotunda were built to reclaim the view beyond the Yacht Club.

With the understructure of the pier in poor condition,

There are three basic options for how to approach the rebuilding of the Rotunda at Tuck's Point, each with different costs

a rebuild is needed. New steel pilings will replace the rotting wooden ones and a new steel frame for the pier is proposed. The steel framing will be hidden by wood trim thus the look will be very similar to what is there today. Of course, raising the pier and the Rotunda up 5 feet will alter the appearance but as the modeling shows, this only becomes evident at low tide. On the plus side, using steel means fewer pilings are needed as the spans can be longer. Going up to 19' either directly or in 2 phases is a permitting requirement based on sea level rise projections.

Most comments to date have favored the first option - raising the structures up in their current location to the 19'MLW elevation. Some advocate relocating the Rotunda itself to land to better protect the historic structure from storm damage. Giving up the on-water location of the Rotunda is not an easy sell even if a viewing deck replaces the Rotunda.

The Select Board needs to decide which option should be advanced to final design and permitting soon. After taking additional public comment on the 14th, the Board plans on making a final decision at their meeting on September 18. This will keep the project moving forward. Once plans are finalized and permitting underway the Town will apply for grant funding to pay for the work. Given that we have received grant funding for the current design work we are optimistic that grant funds for construction will be secured. The goal is to have the reconstruction work done next year in the fall and into the winter of 2025. This means the rehabilitated pier and Rotunda should be ready for the 2025 season.

Cape Ann Savings Bank Welcomes Michael Carotenuto as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

ape Ann Savings Bank announced this week that Michael Carotenuto will join the bank as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer.

Carotenuto brings 15 years of versatile industry experience to the position. His goal as Chief Financial Officer is to build success not only for the bank but also for the community served by Cape Ann Sav-

Previously, he served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Cambridge Bancorp and Cambridge Trust. Prior to that, Carotenuto was senior vice president, director of Treasury and Internal Reporting at Belmont Savings Bank.

Michael began his career at People s United Financial, Inc. as an Accounting Policies Advisor and was on the Risk Advisory Services staff at Ernst & Young, LLP. He is also a licensed certified public accountant, though no longer in public practice. Michael received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with majors in Accounting and Computer Information Systems from Bryant University. He believes banks are mirrors of their local economies, and when the local economy does well, so does the organization.

"Cape Ann Savings is known for its commitment to the community and its outstanding banking team," said Mr. Carotenuto. "I look forward to working with my new colleagues and within the community to help both achieve their goals."

'Mike brings extensive knowledge and expertise to the role of Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer," remarked Marianne Smith, CEO. "He will be a fantastic addition to our already exceptional



Carotenuto, a North Shore resident, has been named Chief Financial Officer at Cape Ann Savings Bank

Senior Management Team. I look forward to working with a CFO of Mike s caliber for many years to come."

Michael and his family reside in Marble-

Cape Ann Savings Bank was founded in 1846 by community leaders to be independent and build a strong community for generations to come. The company operates bank branches in Gloucester, Rockport and Manchester.

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 9 Sept		78°	70°
Sunday 10 Sept	*	76°	67°
Monday 11 Sept	*	78°	66°
Tuesday 12 Sept	- \ \\rightarrow-	71°	63°
Wednesday 13 Sept	***	67°	64°
Thursday 14 Sept		67°	64°
Friday 15 Sept	-;;	68°	63°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is Open to the Public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday.

Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m.

Essex BOS Monday, Sept 11, 6 p.m.

MERSD MERHS Open House Thursday, Sept 14

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Essex Board of Health Thursday, Sept 14, 7 p.m.

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Hyland Field on Lincoln Street in Manchester is wrapping up and expected to be online for player use next week.

Gardening with a New Landscape Ethic

otanist Ruth Loetterle will be the speaker at September's North Shore Horticultural Society meeting. Her talk, "Gardening with a New Landscape Ethic," will address the abundance of new ongoing research that confirms that we humans are members of a complex ecosystem, with every piece linked to the others in countless amazing ways.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Sacred Heart Parish Meeting House in Manchester. Social hour starts at 7 p.m., with the program running from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

What we humans do in our ecosystems makes a difference, and this provides an exciting opportunity for gardeners-to plant our outdoor spaces by applying a new landscape ethic. An ethic that not only meets our human need for beauty and joy, but also meets the needs of the countless other species that comprise our local ecosystem.

Loetterle has a BS in Botany from the College of William and Mary and an MLA in Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia. Now retired, she has over 37 years of experience as a Landscape Architect,



NS Hort_Ruth Loetterle IBI group will speak at the next meeting of the North Shore Horticultural Society. courtesy photo

most of those years spent at the former Carol Johnson Associates (now Arcadis IBI Group) in Cambridge and Boston, working primarily on campuses and parks. She was introduced to the idea of ecologically healthy landscapes in 2004 after reading the book "Noah's Garden," and has been enthusiastically spreading the message ever since. She joined Grow Native Massachusetts at the time of its founding in 2010 and became a Board member shortly thereafter.

The meeting is free for members, and just \$5 for guests. Info at nshorehorti-

Knights of Columbus Annual Fall Fundraiser

f the three founding principles of the Knights of Columbus- Charity, Fraternity and Unity, charity is first as the Order was founded as a charitable organization to care for those in need - immigrants, widows, and orphans and those in need of a helping hand. In our day it may include those challenged by food insecurity, lack of adequate health care and the stress of rising inflation.

Every year Masconomo Council 1232 has two major fund raisers. The first ended early in June. Its purpose was obvious. Every year money raised finances The Father Jack Gentleman Memorial Scholarship program for graduating seniors. This year we awarded seven \$500 scholarships. Over the past 17 years, the Council has fundraised and awarded a total of 122 scholarships to recognize the accomplishments of our

The other fundraiser is the council's Annual Fall Fundraiser, which begins in the summer. It is a familiar activity centered around a raffle whose prizes are donations of cash, and gift certificates for hotels, restaurants, and Cape Ann businesses. For more than 10 years, the Annual Fall Fundraiser has been the council's major means of raising revenue.

It's natural to ask where does the money go.

Grand Knight Steve Kuhn commented, "... Council 1232 raises funds to support worthwhile causes near and far. We get to give. Last year we gave nearly \$45,000. None of that giving would be possible without the generosity of family and friends throughout Cape Ann. Our Annual Fall Fund Raising Raffle will continue through the drawing on Sunday morning October 8th 2023 at 11 a.m. St. John's Church Essex MA. It's the best value raffle on Cape Ann. In addition to the Raffle prizes last year our Masconomo Council returned nearly \$45,000 to the community.

"We thank you in advance for your support in 2023. We will be selling 2023 Raffle tickets after weekend Masses at Sacred Heart, Manchester-by-the-Sea and St John's, Essex, as well as key locations in downtown

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cured/checked. 3:22 p.m. Pine St., theft, spoken to.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:20 a.m. Manchester Har-

bor, mouth end, watercraft

enforcement, written warn-

ing. 11:49 a.m. Beach St.,

missing person, assisted as needed. 3:11 p.m. Long

Beach, watercraft enforce-

7:03 p.m. Pine St., motor ve-

hicle stop, citation issued.

ment, written warning.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 28

10:52 a.m. Union St., alarm, secured/checked. 4:48 p.m. Woodholm Rd., theft, spoken to. 7:04 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 9:03 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:59 a.m. Central St., harassment, other. 5:46 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 8:38 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 9:04 p.m. Old Neck Rd., fire alarm, no action taken.

mal complaint, notification made. **5:10** p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 7:46 p.m. Harold St., harassment, assisted as needed. 10:16 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 parking complaint, secured/

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

checked. 5:18 p.m. Sum-

10:26 a.m. Summer St., ani-

2:01 a.m. Route 128SB, agency assist, assisted as needed. 8:23 a.m. Tuck's Point Rd.,

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mer St., motor vehicle stop,

personal injury, assisted as

needed. 10:12 a.m. Sum-

mer St., animal complaint,

notification made. 1:38 p.m.

Long Beach, directed patrol,

secured/checked. 8:48 p.m.

School St., motor vehicle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 9:26 a.m. House Island, wa-

tercraft enforcement, spoken

11:29 a.m. Central St., com-

stop, verbal warning.

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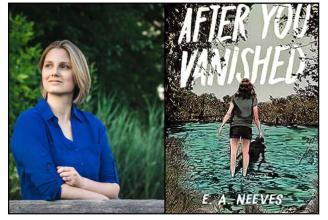
Shop Thoughts: Authors Around Town

By Hannah Harlow

he post-pandemic desire for experiences means the author tour is back. We're fielding more requests for events than ever from publicists and authors. At the Book Shop, we like to keep things local, partly because we're so blessed with talent, partly because we've found there's naturally more interest from our community.

Which means most of my reading lately has been in preparation for events. It keeps my reading list varied, which I like, and it keeps me on deadline, which I also happen to like. When there's so much competing for our time, sometimes it's nice to have an excuse to hide away and read.

In August, we welcomed Essex author Karin M. Gertsch to the store to celebrate the publication of Gertsch's debut novel, Five Wishes. The novel is set in the fictional New England town of Hamlet, replete with charming small town characters, following in the footsteps of books like The Shipping News by Annie Proulx or Olive Kittredge by Elizabeth Strout. The protagonist of the novel, Matilda MacInnes, has lived a good life, free of much change or turmoil, but also free of certain placesand people-she's longed to see. But after an unexpected event, Matilda discovers that it might not be too late to fol-

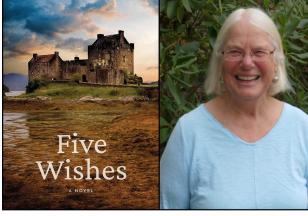


After You Vanished by E.A. Neeves

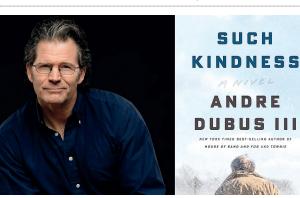
low her dreams.

Thrillers have been trendy for a while now in Young Adult fiction, but so far I have not found the chance to read such bestsellers as One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus, A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson, or If He Had Been with Me by Laura Nowlin. So I was pleased to get in on the action with an early read of After You Vanished by E.A. Neeves in advance of hosting the launch event for this Salem-based author's debut at the end of August. What sets After You Vanished apart is the narrative voice, written in second person, though the "you" being addressed throughout the book is not the reader, but the narrator's missing twin sister. The novel opens a year after Teddy's sister Izzy has gone missing after a midnight swim in the local pond where Teddy works as a lifeguard. Teddy has never really believed that her Olympics-bound sister drowned and is now determined to find out what happened to her. I was left guessing until the end, as I rooted for Teddy and the new relationships she develops as she gets closer to the truth.

On September 17th, we'll be welcoming Andre Dubus III to a Book Shop event being held at Hastings House (14 Oak St, Beverly Farms). I have been savoring his newest novel, Such Kindness, about a down-on-his-luck man named Tom, living in chronic pain after an accident that left him addicted to painkillers and unable to continue to work in construction. Though he's clean now, he's lost his livelihood, his home, and his family, and is trying to find his way back into his son's life. What's so beautiful about the book is



Essex writer Karin M. Gertsch's debut novel, Five Wishes



Andre Dubus III, author of Such Kindness.

courtesy photos

Dubus's writing and the way it imbues every character with dignity, a dignity, Dubus seems to be telling us, every human deserves. (Seats for the event are filling fast; see our website bookshopofbeverlyfarms.com to reserve

At the Book Shop, we're lucky to partner with the Ipswich Public Library to sell books at some of their terrific author events. Next up is Ipswich-based author Sara John-

son Allen on September 8, when she'll be discussing her debut novel Down Here We Come Up, about three women who have lost connection with their children and whose lives intersect in a safe house for migrant workers outside of Wilmington, North Carolina. On September 28, we're also looking forward to seeing Marblehead-based author Julia Glass, author of the National Book Award winner Three Junes, talking

about her newest book Vigil Harbor, a novel set in the very near future in a coastal village. When two strangers come to town, they disturb the community's carefully established equilibrium

tablished equilibrium. Our third annual Book Swap and Sale event, organized with local nonprofit Leading Ladies, takes place in the side yard of the Book Shop (40 West St, Beverly Farms) Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. As in past years, we welcome the community to bring gently used books to swap, or come empty-handed and buy used books at discounted prices. All proceeds will benefit local literacy programs. Plus, any purchases made at the book swap will also grant you a 15% same-day discount inside the Book Shop. A new addition to this year's event is a children's story hour (or two). From 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., a series of local authors and local luminaries will read their own or their favorite picture books, including J.R. and Vanessa Ford reading their book Calvin and Sarah Hastings reading her book Shoebert the Traveling Seal. Bring the kids while you refresh your shelves!

Hannah Harlow is owner of The Book Shop, an independent bookstore in Beverly Farms. Harlow writes biweekly recommendations for us. See more of what she recommends reading at thecricket.

MBTS SELECT BOARD UPDATE

BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Meeting: The Planning Board will meet on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

September 11 Ceremony: Please join the Fire Department to commemorate the 22nd Anniversary of 9/11 on Monday, September 11 at 9:45 a.m. at the Fire House.

Coach Field Turf Update: Work to replace the turf is set to begin on Monday, September 11. Parking in the Brook Street lot will be closed due

to construction. The work is expected to take several weeks to complete.

Singing Beach Update: The bath house at Singing Beach has closed for the season, however, a portable bathroom will be available at the beach for visitors. The parking lot rules remain in effect and will be monitored on weekends. Dogs allowed October 15 through April 15.

Tuck's Point Rotunda Public Forum: The Select Board will host a public forum on September 14 at 7 p.m. to discuss options for preserving the Rotunda. The Board

will choose an option at their meeting on September 18.

Transfer Station Hours: The Transfer Station is closed on Wednesdays until further notice due to construction at the new compost facility. The Transfer Station is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Regular Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection.

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WHAT WAS



HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1933

The Selectman at the board meeting Tuesday evening received a petition from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the location of five new poles on Tappan Street. The board assigned Tuesday evening, September 19th at their office at 8 o'clock as the time and place for holding the hearing on the above petition.

Labor Day, the great holiday of the working masses of the year, was a great disappointment to many scores of people this year, as the weather seemed to grow worse hour by hour terminating in a terrific downpour that lasted all day postponing any little outings that had been planned.

75 YEARS AGO - 1948

A recent report issued by the Extension Service of the University of Massachusetts shows that 2037 Massachusetts Elms have been killed by the dreaded Dutch Elm Disease. This is a staggering total and the removal of these trees has entailed a great expenditure.

390 pupils answered the first roll call in the Manchester schools for the new school year. This is a slight increase over the enrollment of last year, as predicted by School Authorities.

60 YEARS AGO – 1963 The School Committee has decided that in view of the fact that Story High School's land is an integral part of the present school system and that the building facilities are necessary for the playground and also the athletic program, and due to the fact that future needs of additional building space are indefinite the school committee will maintain control of the Story High School building and the land

on which it sits.

The second Tennis Day of the season in Manchester will be held Saturday, with mixed doubles on various courts throughout the town. A one-set round robin will be played in the morning with the winners competing at the Manchester Bath and Tennis Club in the afternoon.

45 YEARS AGO - 1978

Standley's Garage was awarded the contract for supplying the town equipment with oil, gas and lubrication from September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979 with oil quoted at \$1 per quart and gas \$.03 over the tank price.

In spitting rain and creeping darkness last Thursday night, a strong senior team upset an eager junior team in the sixth year of competition for the Vaughn Trophy Racing in the Rhodes 19's each team had four boats on the outer Massachusetts course.

30 YEARS AGO - 1993

When school opened Wednesday morning at Memorial the new computer lab stood gleaming and ready for students. For the past six weeks volunteer work crews have been working to renovate the classroom and build the custom designed furniture.

The Junior Hornets C team opened the season with a decisive 20 to 6 victory over the Gloucester Vikings. In the Hornets first possession, Mike Orlando scored on a 15 yard run. The Hornets owned the line of scrimmage with Dan Lucas, Mike Pitt, Mike Rezza, Ted Logue and Steve VanNote opening huge holes for the running backs.

15 YEARS AGO - 2008

The Brook Street turf field requires regular maintenance with quarterly servicing to sanitize the field, brush up the artificial turf and decompress the rubber pellets. Turf fields do not self-cleanse as well as grass fields. The field is posted with signs indicating No Dogs Allowed. It is imperative that people respect and abide by this ordinance.

Manchester-by-the-Sea is able to boast once again as having received the "Tree City USA" award thanks to the Friends of Manchester Trees' efforts to raise awareness of trees and their importance in the commu-

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE		HIGH					L	*			
		AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
8	Fri	7:01	8.0	7:16	9.1	12:55	1.2	12:58	2.0	6:14	7:07
9	Sat	8:04	7.9	8:19	9.0	1:59	1.4	1:57	2.2	6:15	7:05
10	Sun	9:03	7.9	9:16	9.0	3:02	1.4	2:55	2.2	6:16	7:04
11	Mon	9:55	8.2	10:08	9.2	3:57	1.3	3:49	2.0	6:17	7:02
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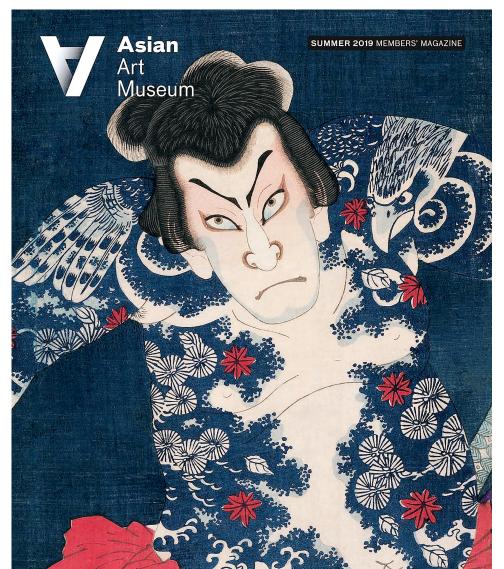
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LIBRARY





The library is now open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sara Collins' Retirement **Party**

Friday, September 29 from 2-4 p.m. After 35 years of service to Manchester, Ms. Collins is retiring. Join us, rain or shine, on September 29, for food, sweet treats, nonalcoholic beverages, lawn activities for all ages, and a community photo via drone at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate Sara and wish her joy and happiness in her next chapter. Please stop by or mail any messages, memories, songs, recipes, and books that remind you of her to be added to a remembrance book being collected as a gift. If you want to share something with Sara publicly at the event email Maddy Willwerth.

September is Library Card **Sign-up Month**

Manchester Public Library joins the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to remind everyone



about the valuable resources available with a library card. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, please stop by the library.

Diversity Matters Book Group

Tuesday, September 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. September's diversity matters book group will be reading "Negroland"

Discussion with Author of "Find More Birds"

Wednesday, September 13 from 7-8 p.m. Author Heather Wolf will be discussing her new book "Finding More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are". It will be a fascinating conversation about being in the moment and noticing the wonderful and varied birds around us, and, apparently this is a high migration time.

Author Chat with Veteri-

Saturday, September 16 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. In "The Other Family Doctor", Dr. Fine

(Virtual)

narian Karen Fine

by Margo Jefferson.

Register for a dedication session on Mondays, or drop in most Fridays between 3-4 p.m. Increase your comfort level with technology or try out a digital service you have

always wanted to try.

Registration Form.

Shut Up and Write (Vir-

shares all these touching, joyful, heartbreaking and lifeaffirming tales that make up her career as a v et. Woven into the book are stories of the birds, cats, and dogs who have taught her the most

valuable lessons.

Mindfulness Meditation

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.

- 12 p.m. at the Community Center with Alida Bryant.

Beginners and experienced

meditators are welcome.

There will be guided medita-

tion, some silence, and dis-

cussion. Please register if this

is your first time coming to

this program. We need either

an email or a phone number

in case we need to cancel or

Wednesdays from 9:45-10:45

a.m. When the weather is

good the class will be held on

the library's front side lawn,

if the weather is inclement,

it will be held at the Man-

chester Community Center.

Please complete the Safety

Release Registration Form,

on the event listing on the

library website, before join-

ing. Susan Halpern will up-

date by email those who have

completed the Safety Release

Digital Advice Appoint-

ments and Drop ins

change venues.

Tai Chi

Every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Join a community of writers and artists on Zoom who just want to write. Come any time. No need to share, no need to critique or be critiqued.

Asian Art Museum with Steve Zilles

Sunday, September 10 from 2:30-4 p.m. What constitutes a "masterpiece?" Explore

some answers as illustrated by a few of the very best treasures of the Asian Art Museum. These are masterworks from the vast and varied regions we collectively call

Friday Movies

Friday, September 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The movie this month has a MPAA rating:PG-13, for intense sequences of violence, action, strong language, suggestive/ drug references and thematic elements clinics and a van on which Dr. O'Connell and his staff ride through the Boston streets at night, offering outreach of medical care, socks, soup, and friendship.

Calling All Local Artists

For the Friends of the Library's 1st Falling For Art Exhibit and Sale, October 20-22, 2023. Artists and photographers are invited to submit up to 5 digital jpg images by August 30 to fallingforartmbts@gmail.com. Include your name, title of piece and price.

MPL Children's Events:

North Shore Children's **Museum Pass**

The Friends of the Manchester Library have donated a discount pass to the North Shore Children's Museum in Peabody. The pass admits up to 5 people at half-price admission.

The Pineapple Project

Saturday, September 9 from 1-2 p.m. A theatrical performance celebrating each child's freedom to be who they are. "Boys can't be princesses!" The impetus for The Pineapple Project came out of this moment during play

between Mal and Mal's niece. As a nonbinary person and theater artist, Mal knew that this moment could not go by without recognizing how early in a child's development, ideas and influences can form around gender. With years of experience working with LG-BTQ youth who struggle with their gender, Mal, Becca, and Renee, felt it was time to create a theater piece that could help broaden the conversation as well as advocate for and validate each child's individual freedom to be who they are. Best suited for audience ages 3-8. Registration is

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Storytime with Miss Au-

Mondays at 10 a.m. for ages

Our youngest patrons and their caregivers are invited to share songs, rhymes and simple stories.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Want to earn community service hours while you design amusing activities for your friends and neighbors? Register on the library events calendar.



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Happy As A Clam 5.K Race!

lt's the Friends of Essex Elementary for the 15th Happy as a Clam 5k Race, Walk & Fun Dashes! Walk starts at 5 pm, Fun Dashes promptly at 5:30 and 5k race at 6 pm. Advance registration for all participants



for 2023. FRIDAY, Sept. 15 starting at 5 p.m.

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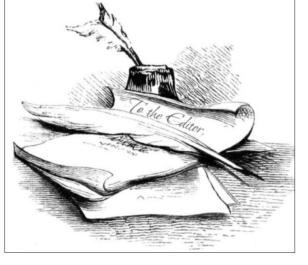
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Kudos to John Duncan

To the Editor,

Kudos to John Duncan, owner of Duncan Tree in Essex.

I drove to his office, but no one was there, so I went back to my car to write down the phone

A pick-up truck pulled up next to me and the man in the truck asked if he could help me. I soon found out he was Duncan.

I explained that I needed wood chips for the garden. After he fell in love with Molly, my miniature dachshund, we all three went to his wood chip piles to see which ones would work best. He gave me a great price and delivered them at no charge on Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

does this guy take a day off?! Lucky for me, he doesn't. Super nice person!

Deborah St. Clair Chebacco Terrace, Essex



PUBLIC NOTICE



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SELECT BOARD

Public Hearing

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing for the following purposes on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall meeting room #5 and by zoom. Zoom information will be available on the Town website, prior to the

• Rates: Establish water rates for fiscal year 2024

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TALL TALES FROM BLACKBURN TAVERN

here's something great about fantastical storytelling, be it legends, urban myths, tall tales, mysteries, superstitions or even ghost stories. No matter where your personal taste falls–fear, intrigue, surprise!–these stories are about shared delight.

But sometimes, as with the Gloucester Stage Company's current production of *Tall Tales From Blackburn Tavern*, written by John Minigan and directed by Bryn Boice in celebration of the Gloucester 400+ this year, fantastical storytelling can both inspire belly laughs and connect you to a community's wild history.

The setting of the play is the old Blackburn Tavern on Main Street, with four bar patrons exploring three intriguing narratives that are likely familiar with many Cape Ann'ers—the infamous Gloucester Sea Serpent, the astonishing Ghost Army thwarted by the brave Ebenezer Babson, and the enigmatic secrets of the Witches of Dogtown. Tall Tales From Blackburn Tavern runs now thru Sunday, September 24, and the East Gloucester theater, located along the waterfront, really enhances the "local legends" spirit.

Audiences are pulled by the actors through a true theatrical experience. The four actors–Katie Pickett, Dyce Stephens, Paul Melendy and Jaime Hernandez–toggle easily between characters, centuries (from the 1600s right up to the 1980s), moving easily through these tall tales, encouraging audience participation with hirarity and, at times, empathy engaging some of the tougher parts of local history.

The ensemble makes imaginative use of projections and puppetry to bring these larger-than-life fish tales to life, allowing viewers to immerse themselves in the magic and wonder of Gloucester's remarkable oral history.

"I grew up on the North Shore and hiked Dogtown as a teenager, so I was particularly excited to be asked to create this play and have a reason to dig more deeply into the stories and lore of the area. The folks at the theater and the Cape Ann Museum have been really helpful and supportive throughout the process. I've loved the challenge of bringing stories that go back centuries to life for an audience in ways that are engaging, fun, sometimes frightening, and respectful to all those who

came before us," said Minigan.

"John Minigan has a knack for



Dyce Stephens, Katie Pickett are part of taking the story of the women of Dogtown from the 19th Century to the 1980s.



Katie Pickett, Dyce Stephens, Paul Melendy and Jaime Hernandez play out scenes from "the Ghost Army."

my." Photos: JasonGrow

making historical worlds thrilling and hilarious. Pairing John with a visionary director like Bryn Boice, you should expect an unforgettable evening of storytelling that will promise to captivate audiences of all ages. This world premiere is a testament to Gloucester Stage's commitment to showcasing compelling new work that celebrates the spirit of this community and its extraordinary heritage," said Rebecca Bradshaw, the

theater's Artistic Director.

The play, which is recommended for ages 13+, was commissioned by the Gloucester Stage Company in celebration of Gloucester's 400+ celebration and to pay homage to

Sometimes tall tales aren't to be believed.
But in this Gloucester
Stage Company production, audiences will find these local legends mysterious, funny, and yes, even (a bit) believeable.

the city's rich folklore and vibrant

history.

And for many, these legendary tales are deeply rooted in Gloucester's captivating past and feature iconic characters (like Babson himself, or the women and men of Dogtown, or the legendary sea serpent of the 19th Century, reported by hundreds of witnesses from Salem to Gloucester.)

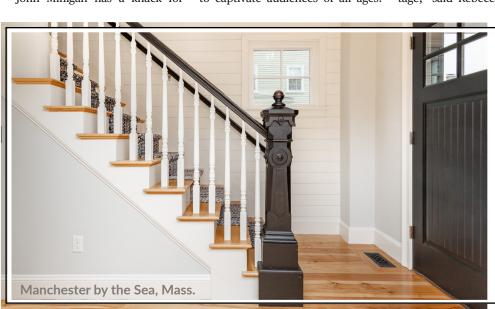
"It is exhilarating for me to be directing this specially-commissioned play based on folklore from Gloucester's singularly spooky history and working so collaboratively with John and this incredible creative team. It's an honor to be a part of the city's historic 400th celebration, said Director Bryn Boice.

John Minigan (he/him) (Playwright) is a recent Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist Fellow in Dramatic Writing and New Repertory Theatre Playwriting Fellow. His solo adaptation of The *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* premiered at Greater Boston Stage Company in 2022 and will have its West Coast premiere in 2023. Bryn Boice who most recently directed at Gloucester Stage the 2022 Elliot Norton Award Nominated production of Gloria.

Tall Tales From Blackburn Tavern will runs through Sunday, September 24. All performances, unless noted, are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 pm, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Tall Tales From Blackburn Tavern

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Practice at Masconomo Park in downtown Manchester was the order of the day this week, with Varsity Field Hockey and Cross Country sharing space as Hyland athletic turf field on Lincoln Street undergoes construction. The project is set to complete by next week.



Elliot Davis of Varsity Hornets Golf takes a swing against North Reading Tuesday at home. The team lost 145-121 in a close match.

New Experiences Await ME Football in 2023

By Jason Brisbois

The Manchester Essex football team will experience something quite different from the usual both at the start and the end of the 2023 season.

The change near the start of the season shouldn't be too much of a change once the games start in earnest: Due to the ongoing installation of new turf at Hyland Field, the football team has had to prep for 2023 at Brook Street park since August 18, an accommodation all of the other MERHS fall sports have undergone as well. However, the turf installation was estimated to be completed by September 5, allowing for the football team to begin its season on September 8 against Ipswich in its traditional environs.

The other change -- a cherished tradition involving the team that has gone on for over 30 years that closes out the regular season -- will be an even bigger adjustment for the Hornets and their fans. With Georgetown unable to field enough players for a varsity squad, the ME football team currently does not have its traditional rival on the schedule for the annual Thanksgiving Day game between the two teams.

"Tradition is a big part of high school football pretty much everywhere you go," explains Manchester Essex football coach Joe Grimes. "It's always sad to see a longstanding tradition like ME-Georgetown come to an end. While the rivalries are a great part of the tradition, Thanks-



The Varsity Hornets Football team was working hard at practice Tuesday, readying themselves for Friday's game.

Photos: Erika Brown

giving is really about seniors first, for both teams and I'm sure no matter what happens it'll be a good sendoff for those seniors."

So, even as the team kicks off against the Tigers on Friday night, school administrators will be working to find an opponent for the 2023 game, a holiday game that is always well-attended.

"We're working with other [athletic directors] and coaches in the area to explore any possibilities," says Grimes. "There are some potential teams and we're still kicking over every rock."

A more pressing concern for the coach is being ready for the season opener, getting the returning players from 2022 acclimated and getting players who are new to the team up to speed. With nine seniors graduating from a squad that went 7-4 and advanced to the MIAA Div. 8 Quarterfinals, this year's team skews a little younger, and sees some key depth

buoying different spots on the roster than in 2022.

"As it always is at the beginning of a new season, getting the look and feel of each play or call with the new personnel," Grimes says of getting ready for 2023. "Sometimes it's even the same personnel but they saw gains in the off season, and finding new ways to leverage the new toolkit."

Setting the tone for this team are three senior captains: Troy Flood has a lot of varsity experience and will

be central to the success of the offensive and defensive lines. Stephen Martin had a good year in 2022 at running back and linebacker despite missing some time due to injury. Henry Thurlow provides mentoring and experience for skill position players (such as younger brother and fellow wide receiver/defensive back Charlie Thurlow) while he works his way back from a lacrosse injury.

"We have a really strong group of leaders in our senior

class, but also in our younger groups as well," explains Grimes. "They take a lot of pride in playing the game the right way and mentoring the next group. That's reflected on the field in our preparedness for camp, and eventually game weeks. It's simply easier to do all the things coaches have to do if you have a good group of senior leaders showing everyone how it gets done."

Among those younger players leading the way are juniors Cian Brennock (who provides value as both the team's kicker and an offensive/defensive lineman) and Gabe Magee (running back/ linebacker).

"Gabe Magee is stepping into a bigger role after doing a great job in spot work during his sophomore campaign," says Grimes. "He brings a lot of versatility to our offense and defensive huddles and can be effective in coverage and run-stopping situations."

Other seniors who will step into greater roles in 2023 include Mack Edgerton at defensive back/running back (returning after a one-year hiatus from the sport) and Quinn Brady, who should be a versatile piece for the team at linebacker, running back and on both lines.

This core group should help the team be ready for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff at Ipswich High School on September 8.

"Ipswich is well coached and extremely physical," explains Grimes. "You need to want to fight in the trenches and win the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball against them."

Deep Thoughts: GHS Runners Add Key Depth to ME Cross Country Rosters

By Jason Brisbois

t appears depth - traditionally the greatest bugaboo for the Manchester Essex cross country teams over the years - may be less of an issue in 2023.

As they have in years past the Hornets will continue to flesh out rosters on both the boys' and girls' teams with runners from Rockport High School. One crucial change for the team this fall will be the addition of runners from Gloucester High School as well, with the Fishermen joining the Cape Ann co-op and completing the circle, incorporating student-athletes from every Cape Ann city and

town to create a pair of promising teams.

"The biggest change for Manchester Essex Cross Country program is the addition of Gloucester to our program for one year," explains Hornets coach Steve Whittey.

For the girls' team, the added depth from GHS represents a major boost. The Hornets will be looking to repeat their success from a year ago: Last year's squad went 4-1 and won their division, but will be without some of 2022's top performers, including Caroline MacKinnon.

"The girls' team has six returning runners from last year but lost three of our top five runners," explains Whit-

 ${\it Tuesday was hot and muggy, and the Varsity Hornets Cross Country stuck it out in practice.}$

atry stuck it out in practice. Photo: Erika Brown



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tey. "This will make it difficult to repeat as Baker Division Champions. The seven new girls to our program will add some needed depth."

The good news is that juniors Sabine Cooper and Whitney Turner are back, and they were consistently among the top scorers for the Hornets last year. They also will be buoyed by talent both new to the team and new to the varsity level.

"Juniors Sabine Cooper and Whitney Turner are the key returning runners and will be joined by senior Faith Castellucci, who has been a standout runner for Gloucester for three years," says Whittey. "First-year runner -- junior Libby McKinnon -- looks to be a major contributor."

While the girls will need some new faces to step up for them to win the Cape Ann League Baker Division title again, the boys' team can make an honest push for the same division title on their end with the experience and depth they possess thanks to the addition of runners from GHS

"The boys' team looks strong and should vie for the Baker Division title," explains Whittey, adding.

It certainly doesn't hurt that the Hornets will get Finn

O'Hara - the two-time Baker Division Athlete of the Year winner - back for his last hurrah at the high school level. The returning senior is not the only standout runner returning to the Hornets in 2023, with senior Colby Rochford back one year after qualifying for the All-State Championship on an individual basis.

"With seven other Hornets and two other Fishermen returning, there is plenty of depth," says Whittey. "Senior Charlie Lations is our solid third runner. Lyall Cunningham, Aiden Woods, Sam Heanue, Henry Chadbourne, Jack Whelsky and Henry Stevens all have potential to fill the critical fourth and fifth

while both teams can boast improved depth compared to season's past, the hope is that everyone can remain healthy and ready to go over the course of a long season so each Hornets team can achieve its goals.

"Although the depth looks good, the challenge will be to keep the top three runners on each team healthy through five dual meets, three invitationals and three champion-

ship races," says Whittey.

Both teams begin the regular season against Amesbury at Woodsom Farm Sept. 13.

ESSEX ECHO. Essex Senior Living | Sept 8

The Essex Council on register two business days in Ladies Brunch, Tuesday, Aging offers a variety advance - 978-768-7932. of events and trips for

seniors. For further information or to sign up for an event, please call the Essex COA Office at 978-768-7932 or visit the Senior Center at 17 Pickering Street.

Games with Gil at the Se**nior Center:** Wednesdays 1 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD games or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, Join us or bring a friend and come play ANYTIME!

Arts & Crafts activities: Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.

COA Fitness Programs - \$5 Donation Requested:

- BALANCE IN MOTION Tuesdays and Fridays, 10
- GROOVE FITNESS VIDEO Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! Video, no instructor.
- FITNESS WITH GIL: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. -- Build strength, build stamina, energize yourself, and get ready to face the day!

Cape Ann virtual senior center - Tune into channel 67 for a number of fitness programs sponsored by the Cape Ann Councils on Aging and the Friends of the Essex Council on Aging.

Computer help: Do you have questions about your computer, tablet, phone, etc.? We have opportunities for help! Drop-in with Curt Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Grab and Go Meals, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 noon (must be picked up **by 12:30 p.m.):** Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please

Ted Lasso Weekly Watch Party, Thursdays, 11 a.m. starting September 7:

"Ted Lasso" is a feel-good television series that combines sports, comedy, and drama to deliver a heartwarming and inspirational story about the power of optimism and kindness, both in sports and in life. Unless you have Apple+ TV, you can only watch Ted Lasso with us -- so come and join the party and watch this delightful show on our new TV! Light refreshments will be available!

How to Write Your Story and How AI (Artificial Intelligence) Can Assist You: Tuesday, September 12, at 11 a.m. - Henry Quinlan, a publisher and author with more than 50 years of experience. will show us how to start the process of writing your story and making it a positive experience. He will introduce us to Artificial Intelligence and share how it can help you share your story.

Down River Cruise: Wednesday, September 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Lunch on board at Farnham's. Choice of Lobster Roll Boat - \$24, Haddock Bits Boat - \$11, GF Grilled Chicken with salad - \$11. Registration required; payment due at registration. Depart from Essex River Cruise, 35 Dodge Street. Cruise sponsored by the Friends of Essex COA.

Guest Chef: Thursday, September 14, at 1 p.m.: Former COA Clerk Kim Williams is coming back to teach us how to make Marge's Chinese Noodle Salad. You won't want to miss this easy-to-make and tasty dish! Please RSVP

September 19, at 11 a.m.: Come and enjoy socializing and some tasty treats. Please RSVP five days be-

Social Security: Understanding your benefits, Tuesday, September 19, 6-7 p.m.: Join us for this free workshop! Social Security is one of the most successful and effective social insurance programs in our nation's history. This hour-long session explains the facets of Social Security (retirement, survivors, and disability benefits), discusses the options for when to claim your retirement benefits, and covers implications of working while collecting benefits. This session is a good overview for anyone interested in Social Security and is especially useful for people considering their retirement benefit claiming options. This presentation is sponsored by AARP and is open to all. Please RSVP at 978-768-7932.

Men's Coffee and Donuts, Wednesday, September **20, 9:30 a.m.:** Enjoy a cup of hot coffee and delicious

Make Shadow Boxes, Thursday, September 21, at 1 p.m.: Essex's Linda Carden, an art therapist, will be at the Essex Senior Center to help us create Memory Boxes. This workshop gives you an opportunity to use a variety of items, including old and broken pieces, and transform them into a unique, mixed media creation. This class is FREE -- registration is required.

Monthly Book Club: last Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m.: Join us for a lively discussion about the current book of the month and other topics. Tuesday, September 26 - "West With Giraffes" by Linda Rutledge. Tuesday, October 31 - "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. Through the generosity of the ECOA Friends, multiple copies of each title are available to borrow and return. New members are always welcome!

Monthly Movie Outing: Cape Ann Cinema, Rockport: Thursday, September 28, at 11 a.m.: \$5: "The Pink Movie" - Join us for this recently released box office hit where everyone wears pink! Pizza included, snacks and drinks available. Please RSVP 978-768-7932.

ESSEX EATS! No September "Essex Eats". See you Down River. Next month: Cape Ann Pizza - October

Italian Luncheon, Tuesday, October 3, at 12 noon: Ioin us for a delicious array of Italian food from Pomodori Restaurant in Ipswich! The Meal will be served at 12 noon at the Essex Senior Center, with Entertainment to follow! Please call the COA at 978-768-7932 to register in advance and no later than Friday, September 29. Sponsored by: Friends of the Essex Council on Aging.

Annual Boutique -Friends of Council on **Aging: Save the date:** November 3, 4, and 5.

Veterans Gallery: The Veterans Gallery will be returning this November! Right now, we are looking for additional photographs of veterans with ties to the Essex community. Our photo wizard can work with photos in most any condition and size. Please email photos to: essexseniorphotos@gmail. com or drop-off at the COA.



Essex Locals | Sept 8

115 Years Ago - 1908

On Friday evening there was one of the most beautiful displays of aurora borealis or northern lights, that has ever been noticed in this vicinity. About 8:30 p.m. a brilliant meteor shot across the sky from west to east.

90 Years Ago - 1933

The social season at Conomo Point came to a close Saturday with one of their enjoyable community suppers followed by an entertainment and masquerade. Nearly everyone present was in costume which in most cases were very unique and comical.

Nomination Papers for Essex Town Committee Candidates are **Currently Available**

very four years, during the Presidential Primary, the Secretary of the Commonwealth asks for any resident of a town that wishes to ✓ run for a town political committee to take out nomination papers at their local Town Clerk's Office. For more information, please visit this site: https://www.essexma.org/

Those running for Town Committee may do so as individuals or as a slate -- where a minimum of 3 and maximum of 35 people run together on one nomination sheet. Nomination papers may be picked up during Town Clerk Office hours (Monday -Thursday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and must be returned by Friday, November 10 by 5 p.m.

If you wish to run for a State Political Committee, you may do so through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. If you have any further questions, please reach out to Marie Felzani, Essex Town Clerk.



LIBRARY NEWS TO, H.P. Burnha Public Library



Library is open Saturdays beginning September 9, 2023 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cool Annuals

Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m.

There are many annual garden flower seeds that can be planted outside in the fall. The young plants will winter over and start the spring with a healthy root system and ready to set buds much earlier than spring plantings.

Essex Community Book Club

Monday, September 18 at 10 a.m. Join us in the discussion of "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick.

Thicker Than Water: Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis (Virtual)

Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m. Join Erica Cirino, photojournalist, scientist, and artist for this LIVE virtual event as she discusses her book "Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis.

Cut Flowers for Sale

Mondays, Holly generously delivers six bouquets of freshly cut flowers from her Essex garden. Purchase a bouquet for \$10 and support the Friends of the Library and the children's collection.

Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the first floor meeting room. Free, private and confidential, learn about resources, gain strategies and skill to assist in stress reduction and management. No appointment necessary.

Yoga Book Club

Saturdays, September 16 - October 7 at 10:30 a.m. Classes suitable for beginners and experienced practitioners. Grab your mat and your favorite book and join us at the library as we relax into gentle poses and immerse ourselves in the book of your choice. After practicing yoga for over a decade, Melanie received her RYT-200hr Hatha & Vinyasa certification and Yin Yoga certification from YogaRenew.

Read to Jackson

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Sign up for your 15- minute slot to read to loveable Jackson. Please register.

Storytime and Author Meet and Greet

Tuesday, September 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Join Author Betsy Ellor as she reads her hilarious and heartwarming picture book "My Dog is Not a Scientist."

Library of Things

Giant Jenga, Corn Hole and Pickleball

Museum Passes

Passes available for your holiday weekend.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:40 a.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle stop, no action taken. 3:55 p.m. Desoto Rd., animal complaint, notification made. 4:26 p.m. Western Ave., unconscious male, arrest. 10:31 p.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, no action taken.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

10:06 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 4:39 p.m. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 5:40 p.m. Martin St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 9:05 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

1:18 a.m. Scotts Way, suspicious activity, secured/checked. 2:11 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, secured/ checked. 6:04 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 6:26 a.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, no ac-

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

1:13 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/ checked. 5:37 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 6:47 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, fire alarm, fire false. 7:00 a.m. Western Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

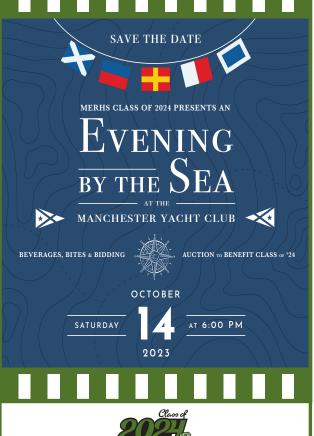
1:35 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 5:28 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 6:17 a.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 7:02 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 No report.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 No report.

It requires wisdom to understand wisdom. The music is nothing if the audience is deaf.

~ Walter Lippmann -



Postcards Home Richard Henry Dana, Jr. Is My Co-Pilot







hen my nephew, Karl, and his longtime girlfriend from southern California, Krista, became engaged, my family rejoiced.

Their big day soon came, and our whole tribe descended on Krista's home turf in Orange County, specifically Dana Point, a small enclave south of Laguna Beach. We were in "SoCal," the cliché of sun, fun, surf and sand along the Pacific coastline midway between Los Angeles and San Diego, with dramatic cliffs at the terminus of the San Bernadino Mountains.

For Northeasterners like me, So-Cal is an adjustment. Every Californian seems so perfectly relaxed (if that's possible). Back east, I'd like to think we take comfort in contradictions—the old with the new, the clean with the not-so-clean, or the pounding changes of the seasons. What's up with these emerald lawns, manicured highways, pristine trails, and seemingly endless (and orderly!) boat slips?

A Trip With a Back Story

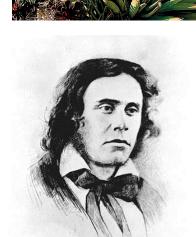
About a month before heading off to the left coast, I decided to look



into something my cousin told me, that Dana Point is named for Richard Henry Dana, Jr., author of Two Years Before the Mast, the seminal 1840 memoir highlighting the harsh conditions of sailors.

I learned that, indeed, it's the same "Dana."

And he was also the son of Richard Henry Dana, Sr., Manchester by



the Sea's first Gold Coast-era summer resident. As such, the junior Dana spent his childhood at the family's "cottage," a mansion that still overlooks Dana's Beach, the

stunning stretch of private beach just north of its public counterpart, Singing Beach.

A quiet, inward boy, Dana grew up every bit the product of profound privilege, including attending Harvard to fulfill his family legacy. At 19, that was cut short. He was struck by a form of measles-related blindness and-on a physician's advice that sea air heals the eyes-Dana left Harvard and got a twoyear stint aboard the Pilgrim as a crewman, the lowest rank on the boat. That experience-including witnessing regular, violent floggings by a tyrannical captain-inspired his best-selling book and a long career as a worker's rights attorney and abolitionist.

...(Continued on page 11)



CHURCHILL PROPERTIES

266 Cabot St, Unit 7, Beverly | 169 Bay Rd, Hamilton | 49 Union St, Manchester 230 North St, Unit 2, Danvers | 127 Eastern Ave, Gloucester | 1 Merrimac St, Suite 6, Newburyport



Manchester

Well maintained 3 bedroom, end unit Condo that sits on a quiet, private lane, but is conveniently located in the center of town. \$939,000 | John Kotch | 978-500-4271



Salem

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Newbury

New Custom Designed Modern Farmhouse! This exquisite home sits on a private, level 1 acre lot abutting farmland in a fabulous location with the perks of a serene, quiet setting while being a 7 minute drive to downtown Newburyport.

\$1,895,000 | Leshia Crestin | 617-543-3104



Boston

Welcome home to this lovely two bedroom, two bath condo situated on one of the South

End's tree-lined cul-de-sacs. \$1,274,900 | Theresa DiPiro | 617-275-6624



Newbury

Centuries past and modern elegance seamlessly blend in this showpiece renovated property including 1.64 park-like acres on the Newbury Upper Green. Dramatic architectural features including 21 ft ceilings, massive brick fireplaces, huge custom rounded windows and wood beams. \$2,795,000 | Karen Bernier | 978-807-5580



Ipswich

Step into charm and comfort in this home with a picturesque setting with marsh and water views. Private backyard with birds and wildlife. \$689,000 | Marcia Inman | 978-335-4642



Gloucester

This immaculate condo/townhouse conveniently located near Stage Fort Park, the Boulevard, and other amenities. \$799,000 | Jane Meterparel | 508-228-3733



Manchester

Towering over Manchester Harbor, "HARBORHEAD" is perched majestically with stunning town and water views stretching from Manchester center, across the water to Peach's Point Marblehead. Fabulous New Construction is modern but Classic Colonial design.

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to our Danvers office. If you are considering buying or selling a home, contact Liz today at 518-469-0710 or Liz@ChurchillProp.com







Lobster Cove String Quartet debuts at historic Annisquam venue



The Lobster Cove String Quartet makes its debut at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 16 at the historic Annisquam Village Church.

The church's white walls will become the canvas for a sound-scape of swirling tone-colors, as the Gloucester-based group presents "To Paint the Night," a diverse bill of fare showcasing the richness and versatility of the string quartet format.

The program opens with Astor Piazzolla's fiery Four for Tango, before probing the dark night of the soul which is Dmitri Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 8—dedicated by the composer "to the victims of fascism and war."

Thelonious Monk's 'Round Midnight, newly arranged for quartet by violinist and composer Scott Moore, is all blues and purples and grays: lush, playful, and mysterious. The concert closes with the sensual Impressionism of Claude Debussy's radiant String Quartet in G minor.

The Lobster Cove String Quartet is the latest creation of Moore, Artist-in-Residence at the Annisquam Village Church. Moore is joined by members Erica Pisaturo (violin), Brandon White (viola), and Alex Fowler (cello).

Admission is by donation (\$35 suggested), and a reception with the artists will follow the performance.

Lobster Cove String Quartet: To Paint the Night

Saturday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Annisquam Village Church 820 Washington Street | Gloucester

\$35 (suggested donation)

The Lobster Cove String Quartet,

Jane Deering Gallery presents Fresh Cut

This weekend the Jane Deering Gallery will open a new exhibit, "Fresh Cut" which showcases contemporary abstract florals by Kristine Fisher and combines the artist's mission for creating beauty with philanthropic purpose. The artist will be donating 20% of art sales to the 100% volunteer nonprofit Generous Gardeners, the local nonprofit that beauifies Gloucester (including the Boulevard), by cultivating mre than 45 public garden beds throughout the city.

Vibrant in color and texture, the stylized florals reflect joy

and exuberance.
Fisher creates mixed media work deeply influenced by the environs of Cape Ann. Her affiliation and extensive career in commercial architectural design with Herman Miller, has been an underlying inspiration. She is drawn to bold and rhythmic forms, sculptural elements, and graphic composition.

For details contact janevdeering@gmail.com or info@janedeeringgallery.com.



*** I'm filling in the negative space with positively everything.

~ Edie Brickell~









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Puzzle

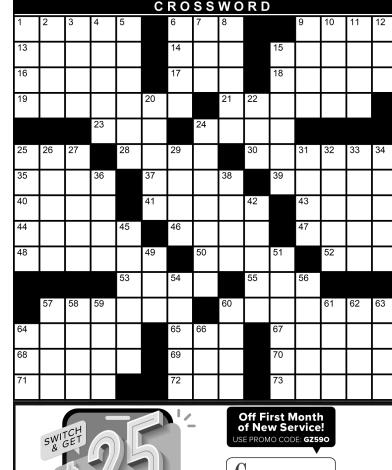
THEME: NURSERY RHYMES

ACROSS

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- 9. Estimator's phrase (2 words)
- 13. Washer cycle 14. Australian bird
- 15. Plants and animals
- 16. Chipped in
- 17. Dashboard acronym 18. Not over
- 19. *Rhymes with Porgie 21. *Container in nursery rhyme and
- Ella Fitzgerald's song
- 23. Ray shooter
- 24. Gloomy
- 25. Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
- 28. The Wise Men
- 30. Type of mold 35. Civil Rights icon
- 37. Front of ship
- 39. Marilyn's real name
- 40. Distinctive elegance
- 41. Meal in a shell, pl.
- 43. Plant anchor
- 44. Strong and sharp
- 46. *"Three Little Kittens" cry
- 47. Shower with affection 48. Bungle (2 words)
- 50. Snow ride
- 52. P in mpg
- 53. Debilitating spray
- 55. *"How I wonder what you ___"
- 57. *Bed on the tree top 60. * John, or FrËre Jacques
- 64. Formerly known as Pleasant Is-
- land 65. Commotion or fuss
- 67. One of journalism's Ws
- 68. Vinyl collectible 69. *"Tom, Tom, the Piper's ___"
- 70. Israel's neighbor
- 71. Big Bang's original matter
- 72. Deviled one
- 73. One deserving of respect?

DOWN

- 1. Hand grenade
- 2. Pick-up expression
- 3. On top of



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- 4. Website visitors
- 5. Wrigley's Big
- 6. Bone-dry
- 7. Elf on the Shelf, e.g.
- 8. Cuban dance
- 9. *Old MacDonald's farm sound
- 10. Traveled on
- 11. Proofreader's mark
- 12. Sail alternative
- 15. Boot that reaches halfway or
- more to knee
- 20. Unsuitable
- 22. Pitcher's pride
- 24. Bishop's jurisdiction
- 25. *Life is but this
- 26. Marcello Mastroianni's "La ___
- 27. Some Romanovs
- 29. SI unit of mass 31. *"Here goes my ___ a trot, a trot..."
- 32. Sag
- 33. Portray emotion
- 34. *Jack and Jill's quest
- 36. Black tropical cuckoos 38. *Sheep's bagfull
- 42. Curse

Sudoku



Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solutions on Page 11

- 45. Lollipop brand
- 49. Bud or chum 51. Snooze
- 54. ___ and desist
- 56. C2H5 57. Pay a visit
- 58. Bumpkin
- 59. Famous boxing promoter Bob
- 60. Smoker's water pipe
- 61. Group of cows
- 62. Great Lake 63. Back seat, e.g.
- 64. Negative vote
- 66. *Mother Hubbard's pet

At Home Now: Right, Wrong, Or Neither: Change Happens



LEGAL



Town of Manchester-by-Sea ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town Hall, 10 Central Street, Manchester-by-Sea, MA 01944-1399 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 256, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Location: This is a Hybrid meeting.

ZBA Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8863279 0368?pwd=K3lzcEU4d1BiMHlPN3 hKTkduOTJRZz09

Meeting ID: 886 3279 0368 Passcode: eQ59XZ Dial in: 646 558 8656

New Application

Application of Jayne Rice for a Special Permit under Sections 12.5.2, 4.2, 2.0 and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to raze the existing structure and construct a new house of similar style with an attached 2-car garage and swimming pool at 23 Old Neck Road, Assessor's Map 13, Lot No.32 in District E filed with the Town Clerk on August 14, 2023.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals Posted to MNPA website:

http://masspublicnotices.org.

September 8, 2023 MC September 15, 2023 MC

By Jen Coles

've been visiting a certain lake house for many Lyears now. A close friend first hosted me there when I was in my twenties. Her mom was still alive and her six siblings zig-zagged in and out around me. There was water skiing, sunset cruises, and farm-stand dinners with all of us gathered around a very long tavern table. The scene shifted as my friend and I each got married, and then shifted again when we had children, and shifted again when we each got divorced. Sadly, last winter my friend's mother died, and I had my last visit there

just how life unfolds. A series of "before's" and then "after's." By definition, home renovations tend to create an after. They are frequently the response to life-changing before's, like a move, or a new addition to the family, or even something like a fire (although I hope not.)

a few weeks ago prior to the

All these transitions... it's

house being sold.

Long before I come to the scene, these after's have been planned, saved-for and dreamt about for months or even years. And-hurray-I can help them get it all done. What could be better, right? But the process can be long and disruptive, and we are messy humans-our emotions don't always follow a linear path.

I just helped a client downsize. She'd been in the large home she raised her family in for a long time, the last chunk of it as a single woman. And as much as she loved the house, it became a heavy load. So she bought an amazing condo. It's a converted church with twenty-five-foot arched ceilings, giant pillars, and untouched details like the stained glass in her mahogany foyer.

She loved it right away, and I helped her to customize this new space, so it was as warm and inviting as her old. She is very happy there, to be sure. But I honestly think the process left her with a little PTSD. Closing up shop on that family home of 30 years was painful. It was time, and it was what she wanted. but it was a lot of work and there were a lot of memories, and the process was both exhausting and painful. And then renovating her new space was tough too. She shuffled between the houses of friends and airbnb's for over eight weeks. She feared she wasn't the anchor her kids needed her to be, and her life just felt upside-down.

But hey, (you might ask) couldn't she just keep her eye on the prize and suck it up? Sure, and I think she did. But, (you may also say) that's a first-world problem, I mean boo-hoo! Right again, and she'd be the first to agree.

But change still gets to be hard. Even much anticipated change. Even change that you had to do backflips to create, both logistically and financially.

I have another client who is moving into the home of her youth. She and her husband bought the home from her mother, and, with me, she made very careful renovation decisions. We did a lot to that home and it's beautiful. Along the way she juggled budget, function, and comfort to create a loving environment for her kids, her aging live-in mother and who knows maybe her father too.

And now it's time for her to enjoy the new space. (The end zone! She's sailing into the end zone with the ball safely cradled in her arms!) And yet I sense her having trouble settling. Are the colors too light? Is the floor too dark? And we mull it all over together, but what I think she really needs is to rest her head on my shoulder so I can tell her, "You have done enough, my child. Now go live." But we'll see. Maybe an accent wall will help too.

I have yet another client that is staring down the barrel of a grueling renovation process with nothing but good spirits. They live in a diamond-in-the-rough house and have invested heavily in all the thankless tasks a neglected house demands, like HVAC, septic systems, electrical work, etc. All that, and yet they lived all through COVID and up until now with semi-functioning bathrooms, a kitchen that doesn't make sense, and a home that just doesn't feel like... well, home. This project was indeed a multi-tentacled monster that needed to be wrestled to the ground. But we did it, and phase one of a three-phase construction plan is in play. So far, the joy of seeing progress is beating out the significant disruption they are enduring. And I so appreciate their good spirits for this moment in time. But I also give them a full allowance to have their moments of despair as the process continues.

And what may catapult them into that state? Well. it could be anything. It could be the dust that ends up on their pillow one morning. It could be an uncle casually remarking that "we didn't spend that kind of money in our day." It could be everyone needing to share one bathroom on a tightly scheduled morning. It could be a deep-rooted feeling that they are not deserving. Who knows? We are all messy humans.

What I do know is that change is hard. So be kind to yourselves, you home renovators, planners, and DIY-ers. Leave yourselves space to experience the mixed bag that comes with even an eagerly anticipated renovation project. Come rest your heads on my shoulder, and I'll tell you it's ok to feel that way.

But keep the faith too. You'll get there, and when you do it will be pretty amaz-

Jennifer Coles is a local interior designer. Her website is: colescoloranddesign.com

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Manchester Town Hall

10 Central Street Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944

Public Hearing Notice Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 9/8/23

Chris Oliver requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for removal of two trees within Riverfront Area Resource (Causeway Brook) and within the 50-foot No Build Zone Buffer to Inland Bank at 116 Summer Street (map 39, lot 64)

On Behalf of Joseph and Elyse Campanelli, William Manuell of Wetlands & Land Management, Inc. requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for demolition/reconstruction of a single-family home, construction of a garage addition with extended driveway, and a deck within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and within the 100-foot Buffer to

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 4 **Butler Avenue** (map 1, lot 33)

> On Behalf of Mark and Elizabeth Donohoe, William Manuell of Wetlands & Land Management, Inc. requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice to construct an addition to a singlefamily home with associated driveway improvement within the 100-foot Buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 44 Brook **Street** (map 47, lot 13)

These requests will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting Tuesday, September 19th 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

> MNPA website: http:// masspublicnotices.org/ Posted to MNPA website: http://masspublicnotices.org

Sept. 8, 2023 MC





So, Dana Point in California. Dana's Beach in Manchester. A bit of symmetry? Well, yes ... and no.

Heaven in Car Country

We flew direct from Boston Logan to Long Beach airport, a delightful alternative to anyone familiar with the challenges of traversing LAX. Besides, it's less than two hour's drive south to Dana Point.

I Imagined Richard Henry Dana. Jr. and his fellow sailors on the Pilgrim completing their treacherous voyage down and up the whole of South America by way of Cape Horn in 24 months. Weary and haggard, they arrived at California, then a colony of Spain's Mexico.

"In no part of the world does a sailor's life appear so tempting as on the coast of California," Dana wrote of the rugged and picturesque

From our cozy rental car, we headed south along Route 1 and that beautiful coast. We passed all the "beaches"-Long Beach, Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, then Newport Beach (oo-lala!)-before reaching the long stretch of "the Lagunas"–Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach and Laguna Niguel, South Laguna. Then, finally, Dana Point. California sure is car country.

Arriving at Dana Point The Laguna Cliffs Marriott

Resort was perfect–centrally of Dana Point on a perch overlooking the charming town center, the marina, and the beaches and cliffs on either side of it. We had a corner room, which gave us an

incredibly dramatic view.

"The water was as clear as crystal, and in one place we saw a bed of great starfish, some of them a foot across," Dana wrote in Two Years. That water is still crystal clear, but we saw no starfish, and I couldn't imagine one 12 inches across!

As I approached the park, there he was. I was greeted

by a dramatic statue of Richlocated on the highest point ard Henry Dana, Jr. himself, standing shirtless and all brawny, his chin high and looking stalwart toward shore. This, I thought, must be SoCal's vision of Richard Henry Dana, Jr, as if he were helming the territory itself in the summer of 1836. Quite a moment for a Manchester by the Sea-er

Like much of SoCal, Dana Point is a Shangri-La for hikers. We opted for the San Juan Trail, which begins in town and heads beautifully inland for eight miles to San Juan Capistrano. About two miles in, we cut our ambi-

tions short and decided to go back toward the coast, leaving the full route to the high achievers.

The next day, we opted for a smaller "hike," heading (by foot, a California rarity) north to Dana Point Beach, with nearly two miles of beach that ends at a dark, rocky wall of cliffs and caves. Be sure to pack your grippy footwear. It's worth it.

I suppose it's remarkable for someone to have been to both Dana's Point Beach in California and Dana's Beach in Manchester. They're nothing alike. At least not from my perspective.

Richard Henry Dana, Jr. disagreed with me: "The wind from the shore, light and regular as a trade-wind, the fog hanging over the coast, and the vessels at anchor ... reminded us much of Massachusetts."

Maybe I'd agree with him if I'd lived back in 1840.

Embracing Contradiction

Mulling that trip over has really been surprising. My first conclusion was less about my trip and more about Mr. Dana himself, and his book which I'd never really considered all that important. The truth is though, the impact of Two Years Before the Mast can't be undersold. In America, we're taught that the Muckrakers and guys like Upton Sinclair pushed workers' rights to the fore. Maybe that's true, but it's also undeniable that every one of them stood on the strong and solid shoulders of Richard Henry Dana, Jr. and his book, published a full 75 years earlier.

This isn't lost in California, where Dana seems to be celebrated everywhere. After I landed, I drove by a fraternal club in San Pedro named for him. Then passed the massive "Richard Henry Dana, Jr. Middle School."

My second conclusion was that contradictions are important, and they're everywhere. I mean, California may be car country (with the traffic to prove it) but it's the hills and paths and trails and beaches and waves everywhere that are its gems.

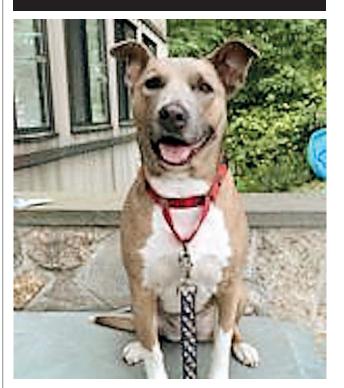
Iust look at Richard Henry Dana, Jr. himself. I'm no historian, but it seems he's a great example of a man whose life and beliefs didn't always neatly fit. He was a physically frail intellectual among hard-bitten men of the sea. A man of outsized privilege and a heralder of labor reform. A son of prominent slaveholders and an abolitionist. And a New Englander baked into California's historical ethos. Is Dana's life not a contradiction, a reminder that human nature is multifaceted, defying easy categoriza-

tion? So, if you're ever in the neighborhood, stop by Dana Point. It's a great place. And if you go, be sure to make Richard Henry Dana, Jr. your copilot. He's great company.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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PET OF THE WEEK



SWEET MARILLA

ape Ann Animal Aid is featuring Marilla as a part of its Extended Stay Program to help her find her forever home. Marilla's adoption fee is reduced to \$200 and includes three months of heartworm/flea/ tick prevention along with a consult with the shelter behavior associate to help

ensure success with her new family. She is a 5.5-year-old, 70-pound girl with a cuddly nature. Marilla is available to meet by appointment. Submit an application at CapeAnnAnimalAid.org/ Adopt and an adoption counselor will reach out to discuss Marilla and set up a meeting.

Senior Highlights

There's a lot set to happen with the Council on Aging (COA) in the coming weeks. Check them out here, and for on any of these great trips or to reserve your seat on the van, please call 978-526-7500

COA to Ocean State Job Lots

On Friday, September 8, the Manchester COA van will be going to Ocean State Job Lots Plaza in Danvers. Ocean State Job Lots sell an everchanging array of household goods, apparel, pet supplies, kitchen pantry staples, and seasonal products (such as holiday, gardening, and pool supply) at a fraction of their typical price. You can also visit neighboring stores such as Savers, US Nails, or CVS. Van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

Ninety-Nine Restaurant On Friday, September 15, the

Manchester COA is offering a

trip to the Ninety-Nine Restaurant. Enjoy a wide variety of American fare at reasonable prices. There is something for everyone. The van will start picking up seniors

CA Museum & Edward Hopper Exhibit

around 11 a.m.

The Manchester COA is pleased to offer a trip to the Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester on Friday, September 22. The Cape Ann Museum features seven main galleries and five ancillary ones, each exploring a par-

ticular aspect of the region's history and culture through permanent and special exhibitions. A special exhibition, Edward Hopper & Cape Ann: Illuminating an American Landscape is on view. The success of Hopper's Gloucester watercolors transformed his work in all media and set the stage for his monumental

The COA van will begin to pick up at 10 a.m. The price of admission is \$18 (includes Hopper exhibit).

Mystery Ride

On Wednesday, September 27, the Manchester COA van will take our monthly mystery ride. The van driver heads for an undisclosed establishment somewhere on the North Shore; it could be ice cream, pastries, sandwiches or all of the above and only the van driver knows! A little hint will be given, so all can be prepared! Pick-up will begin at 12 noon and return will be by 2 p.m.

COA to Walmart

On Friday, September 29, the Manchester COA van will be

going to Walmart in Danvers. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

Community Shredding Event

On Saturday, October 14, the Manchester COA is pleased to present a Community Shredding Event. This event occurs between 9 a.m. and 12 noon behind Town Hall. Bring any documents that you want shredded and there will be a truck that will shred them on site.

Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

We gather for worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. and welcome you to join us for a time of studying the scriptures and praising the Lord. Other ministry updates and details can be found on our website, www.CornerstoneNorth-Shore.org. If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m. Sunday Mass -10 a.m.

Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentsas, are held each Sunday.

Sunday's Divine Liturgy, with Father Christopher, starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a weekly sermon. All are welcome

First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea

Worship service, Sunday Sep. 10, 2023, at 10 a.m., we invite everyone to join us for hospitality following the service. Worship Leader, Rev. Dave

Music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, with the First Parish

VanArsdale

Choir Wednesday Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Thursday VNA Health Clinic 10 a.m. 12 noon

Thursday Seaside Parish Knitters 1-3 p.m. Thursday Bible Study, Via

Zoom 4 p.m. join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone - email office.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link Thursday VNA Health Clinic 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Thursday Seaside Parish Knitters 1 - 5 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal **Church (Beverly Farms)** FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE - 8 a.m. Rite I & 10 a.m. Rite II

We resume our fall service schedule on Sunday, September 10. There will be a blessing of students and teachers at the 10 a.m. service. Following the 10 a.m. service, we will hold a picnic. Lastly, our concert series kicks off for the year with a folk concert at 4 p.m. featuring Naomi Westwater.

Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church

10 Church Street, holds Sunday morning services at 10 a.m. in-person in its historic sanctuary, as well as online.

Please visit the church's web-

site, www.gloucesteruu.org,

for the link to the livestream. Activities provided for elementary school-aged children during the service. Masks are always now optional. Our church is handicap accessible. All are welcome.

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Quaker Meeting

Quakers of the North Shore worship every Sunday from

10-11 a.m. at the Glen Urquhart School: 74 Hart Street, Beverly Farms, Mass. It is an unprogrammed Quaker Meeting. There is no Pastor (or leader) save the spirit of God in and among us. Our worship is primarily silent. When a worshiper is moved, it may include a brief, spoken ministry offered in a 'spirit of worship.' Friends gather quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.

If you are new to Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshorequaker@gmail.com. Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You.



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