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Monday's observance of Memorial Day in Manchester and Essex was an important and touching formal observance of lives lost in service of our country. Optimal weather boosted attendance all around. Photos and a write up are on Page 3. (Photos Paul Clark)



## BRIEFLY

### Save The Date: Dick Lysiak Memorial Golf Fundraiser

It's early yet, but locals will want to save the date of Monday September 25 for the Manchester Club, Dick Lysiak Memorial Golf fundraiser. Please plan to join us for this golf outing at Beverly Golf and Tennis followed by a steak and lobster dinner at the American Legion Hall. More details on sign up to follow, and all are very welcomed to join us for the golf and/or dinner. Contact Joe Willwerth with questions, 508-878-5988.

### Manchester Fireman's Relief Service Tuesday, June 6

The Memorial Service and annual meeting of the Manchester Fireman's Relief Association will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6. The memorial service will take place at the Memorial Lot on Rosedale Avenue. Firefighters and members of the public are asked to be on-site prior to the service, which will be led by Chaplain David Forsythe. Respects will be paid to FF/EMT Warren Grant and CFF Richard Towle who passed away this past year. All firefighters active and retired are invited to the ceremony. Following the service, the annual meeting will be held at the fire station led by President James Doucette. This meeting will be important for the future of the organization, please plan to attend.

### Last Call! 40th Annual Cape Ann Open Studios

This weekend, starting Saturday, June 3 around Cape Ann, get out for the 40th Annual Cape Ann Artisan Tour, which is the oldest "open studios" in the country. Visit 17 artisan studios throughout Gloucester and Rockport for a self-guided tour. Download a map and look for the magenta flags that mark participating studios to discover pottery, painting, photography, sculpture, and more. Info at Capeannartists.com.

### It's Here! Magnolia Farmer's Market

This Sunday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Magnolia Farmer's Market kicks off for the summer. Every Sunday through September, enjoy local produce and food, artisan products and entertainment at this lively farmer's market where organizers close off Magnolia's Lexington Ave. to vehicles, making the event fun, lively and safe.

# The Tuck's Point Rotunda

By Gregory T. Feder-spiel

The iconic Rotunda at Tuck's Point needs major rehabilitation. The existing supporting pilings are at the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. As part of replacing these supports that hold the Rotunda up over the water, the Rotunda and the pier leading to it need to be raised up some 4.5 feet per FEMA/Army Corp regulations. The higher elevation is needed to better protect the structures from bigger storm surges and sea level rise for the next fifty years.

Our consulting engineers have developed four different alternatives for the project. With each alternative, timber pilings and steel pilings were considered. Longer life span for steel makes them the preferred choice. The first alternative is to use the existing footprint and raise the structures up to an elevation 19' NAVD88 (from the current 14.6' NAVD88) in the same place they are today. This will require moving the Rotunda



at least a couple of times. The estimated cost of Alternative 1B is \$2.24 million. Alternative 2 proposes to extend the pier and have the Rotunda further out over the water. Now that the adjacent floats have been moved further out already, there is room to have the Rotunda further out as well. One advantage of this approach is the rotunda itself could remain where it is and moved once onto the newly installed supports. Again, the pier and Rotunda would be raised up about 4.5 feet. Extending out a bit further also improves the view out of the harbor from the Rotunda. The cost of this option is

estimated to be \$2.50 million. Alternative 3 calls for relocating the rotunda onto land. Just to the left of the walkway as you face the Rotunda is an existing picnic knoll. The Rotunda could be placed here, also at the same elevation as proposed by the on-water alternatives - 19' NAVD88. The pier would remain and raised to 19' NAVD88. Bringing the Rotunda landward provides additional protection to the structure during a major storm. But the inland location gives up the views and other aesthetic qualities of the Rotunda out over the water. The estimated cost of this third alternative is about \$1.75 million.

The fourth alternative is to do the first alternative in two stages - replace the pier and Rotunda within the existing footprint but elevate it in two phases. Phase 1 would increase the elevation some 2.5 feet to 17' NAVD88 and then, about 25 years later, raise everything again to 19' NAVD88. The cost of Phase 1 is roughly \$2.16 million. The cost of Phase II some 25 years out is estimated to be another \$3.64 million.

Tuck's Point is one of the Town's most scenic spots. The Rotunda says "Manchester" perhaps just as much as Singing Beach - more so for some. Preserving the Rotunda is not a vote I would expect to be close. But we do need to make decisions about what alternative is best going forward.

The over-water locations will be much preferred, but they are more vulnerable to storm damage. Giving up the on-water location feels like a betrayal to the Town's heritage and underscores how

hard adapting to sea level rise will be.

In addition to deciding on the location for a rebuilt Rotunda, how to fund the project also needs to be answered.

We received state support to help pay for the engineering work done to date. We are in a good position to apply for construction funds as well (up to \$1.0 million). One option for funding the remainder is to consider increasing the Community Preservation tax surcharge. Currently it is at 1.5%. Going to 3% would generate enough funds to bond for the Rotunda project as well as for the reconstruction of Sweeney Park, another large project on the horizon. By raising the surcharge to 3% we also become eligible for additional state CPC funding.

The Select Board will host the first public forum on the Rotunda project at their meeting coming up on Tuesday, June 20. The Board invites your input.

## Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 3 June		56°	51°
Sunday 4 June		61°	47°
Monday 5 June		57°	51°
Tuesday 6 June		56°	50°
Wednesday 7 June		55°	50°
Thursday 8 June		55°	51°
Friday 9 June		55°	51°

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. All board and committee meetings continue to be conducted virtually. Details on thecricket.com

Essex BOS Monday, June 5, 6 p.m.  
MERSD SC Meeting Tuesday, June 6, 6-8 p.m.  
Essex ConCom Tuesday, June 6, 7:15 p.m.  
Essex Planning Board Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.

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Children, families and community members came by the library in droves last Friday to celebrate and thank MBTS Library's retiring Children's Librarian, Carol Bender. Courtesy Photo

# Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries as a public service for our readers. If an obituary cannot be published in time for a service, we will post the notice to our website and Facebook page (facebook.com/TheManchesterCricket).

## Albert Scott Harden IV



Albert Scott Harden IV, 86, passed peacefully on May 13. He was born in Maplewood, NJ to the late Albert and Helen (Coxe) Harden.

Scott, as he was known by friends and family, attended St. Paul's School in Concord NH and Hobart College in Geneva NY. He served in the Navy where he found his love of ships, sailing and all things nautical.

When he returned from the Navy, he started his career in New York City working in the shipping industry as an oil tanker broker.

Later, Scott started his own broker business called Nantucket Chartering. Scott and his family lived in Mendham, New Jersey, before moving to Nantucket where he enjoyed sailing his beetle cat in Polpis Harbor.

Scott later moved to Bath Maine where he enjoyed volunteering at the Maine Maritime Museum. Scott had a lifelong love of music, which included singing in the NY Glee Club, then later in a men's choir, and listening to classical music while conducting with a baton.

Scott loved to play backgammon and was known for his uncanny good luck rolling the dice. He loved his

dogs and always had a companion by his side. Scott was quiet but witty, generous to others, and had a twinkle in his deep, blue eyes.

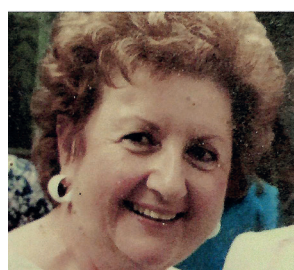
He is survived by his son John Harden and his wife Alison of Manchester; his daughter Philippa Nava and her husband David of Charlestown; two sisters, Carrie Simino-Staples; Georgianna Hamilton of Westmoreland NH; two grandchildren, Madoc and Grayson; and his former spouse Elvira (Harrises) Harden of Nantucket. Scott's third sister, Helen Chenu of Irvine CA, passed May 19, following just after Scott. The family is saddened to lose two siblings in such a short period of time.

A memorial service will be held for Scott on Saturday, June 3 at 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Chapel at 24 Masconomo Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Contributions may be made in Scott's memory to the Cape Anne Animal Aid in Gloucester MA.

## Jacqueline M. (Turner) Vannah

Jacqueline M. (Turner) Vannah, 90, formerly of Gloucester and Essex, died Tuesday, May 23, at her daughter's Derry, NH home. She was the wife of the late Richard D. Vannah, who passed in 1993.

Born on April 17, 1933, in her family's Perkin Street home in Gloucester, she was one of the two children of the late Lindsay E. and Laura S. (Madrugá) Turner. The family soon moved to Bray



Street, where she was raised. She was a 1951 graduate of Gloucester High School. Following her graduation, the family moved to Harlow Street in Essex.

The Vannahs married on August 23, 1953, at St John the Baptist Church in Essex. They soon bought their first home on Rocky Neck, Gloucester, where they raised their family. In 1970 they built a home next door to her parents on Harlow Street, on the land gifted to them on their wedding day and where they lived until 1993.

Jackie was a member of the St John the Baptist Catholic Church, where she and Richard ran the Christmas Church Bazaar for many years. She was a member of the YMCA Couples Club and President and Treasurer of T.O.P.S., developing many lifelong friendships.

She was an avid reader and knitter, having knitted special Christmas stockings for every member of her family. She was also a big Red Sox and Tom Brady fan and enjoyed watching all the games with her sons and sons-in-law. Her passion was caring for her grandchildren, and she enjoyed walking them in their carriages for hours.

Jacqueline was the most incredible daughter, wife,

mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, and she had special relationships with everyone she encountered.

She is survived by three sons, Rick D. Vannah and his wife Brenda of Falls Church, VA, Mark D. Vannah and his wife Julie of Center Conway, NH, Everett L. Vannah of Manchester, NH; two daughters, Laura E.V. Mitchell and her husband Daniel of Norfolk, VA, Lisa S. Tarsook and her husband Paul of Derry, NH; six grandchildren, Nicholas J. Mitchell and his wife Dawn, Auriel V. Mitchell all of VA, Jacqueline S. Mercier and her husband Luke of TN, Alexander C.R. Tarsook and his fiancée' Abby of Hooksett, NH, Chatsuda and Chatdarw Kongaew both of VA; three great-grandchildren, Reed, Jackson and Antonia, and great-great-grandson Leo. She was the grandmother of the late Tammy Thomas; great-grandmother of the late Chiyeh Chang and sister of the late Claude Turner, formerly of Essex.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, May 31 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Main Street, Essex. Family and friends were welcomed and an interment followed in the Spring Street Cemetery, Essex. Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital donors@stjude.org.

# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

**MONDAY, MAY 22**  
9:01 a.m. Mill St., theft, report to follow.  
12:16 p.m. Singing Beach, directed patrol, secured/checked. 4:07 p.m. North St., parking complaint, assisted as needed. 8:39 p.m. Walker Rd., animal complaint, notification made.

**TUESDAY, MAY 23**  
7:59 a.m. Mill St., motor vehicle complaint, erratic operation, spoken to.  
10:19 a.m. Walker Rd., selective enforcement, written warning. 6:02 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written

warning. 10:29 p.m. Church St., disturbance, spoken to.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**  
8:07 a.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 12:19 p.m. Beach St., animal complaint, gone on arrival. 4:43 p.m. Summer St., animal complaint, gone on arrival. 5:23 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**THURSDAY, MAY 25**  
9:30 a.m. Raymond St., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 2:06 p.m. Morse Court, animal complaint, report to follow.

4:11 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 9:57 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, unlicensed operation, criminal application.

**FRIDAY, MAY 26**  
8:13 a.m. School Zone, selective enforcement, other. 1:28 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle accident with injury, report to follow. 3:07 p.m. Mill St., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 9:40 p.m. Boardman Ave., suspicious activity, assisted as needed.

**SATURDAY, MAY 27**

2:09 p.m. Pine St., 911 call, disconnected, no action.

2:19 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, secured/checked. 8:36 p.m. Summer St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 9:49 p.m. Union St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

**SUNDAY, MAY 28**  
12:36 a.m. Beach St., fire alarm, assisted as needed. 11:56 a.m. Central St., watercraft incident, citation issued. 12:49 p.m. Central St., watercraft incident, written warning. 4:53 p.m. Pine St., fire other, fire confirmed.

# WHAT WAS HAPPENING

## 90 YEARS AGO - 1933

The observance of Memorial Day began this year as usual on Memorial Sunday with a Union Service at the Baptist Church and proved a delightful day, the sun breaking through the clouds that earlier promised rain and it remained quite cool throughout the day, but with plenty of warm sunshine.

Pitching one of the best games of his long athletic career at Story High, Tom Lees held Acton High to five hits at the Brook Street playground, Memorial Day afternoon,

while his teammates pushed over four runs for a well-earned victory.

## 75 YEARS AGO - 1948

Finding of the Dread Dutch Elm Disease in Manchester is reported this week by officials of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation in a report to Manchester's Tree Warden, Mark Edgcomb. According to the report a tree on the Paine estate, Coolidge Point, is the victim.

Police officers Connors and Lear apprehended

three Beverly boys Monday afternoon, after it had been reported to the station that they had broken a light globe on Bridge Street. They were taken to the station, reprimanded, made to pay their damages, and released.

## 60 YEARS AGO - 1963

Judge Edward Morley, Town Counsel, has advised the Selectman that there is nothing in the Conflict-of-Interest Law, which went into effect in May, that prevents Charles Atwater, of Pine Street, who conducts a

trucking business, from doing business with the Town as his son Robert Atwater, a highway department employee, has no connection with his father's business.

The annual picnic of Pack No. 30 of the Cub Scouts will be held this Saturday, June 8 at Tuck's Point. All Cub Scouts should plan to be there at 9:30 a.m. and wear play clothes. There will be games and prizes for all. Swimming will NOT be permitted.

## 45 YEARS AGO - 1978

At the annual catered luncheon by The Coffee Cup held in Sacred Heart Parish Hall on May 27 Saturday, 96 members of The Golden Age Club of Manchester plus E. Ray Kelley, founder of the club 15 years ago, sat down to festive tables to enjoy a delicious pot roast lunch with all the fixings.

The Selectman will seek the advice of Town Counsel, Francis Flatley regarding a complaint from Mrs. Dorothy Stanley of damage to her property at 44 Pine St., caused by heavy blasting at the Nearby Deer Hill project.

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DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
2 Fri	10:51	8.6	10:57	10.1	4:53	0.7	5:03	1.3	5:05	8:16
3 Sat	11:40	8.8	11:43	10.5	5:45	0.2	5:53	1.2	5:05	8:17
4 Sun			12:28	9.0	6:36	-0.2	6:43	1.0	5:04	8:17
5 Mon	12:30	10.8	1:17	9.2	7:26	-0.5	7:33	0.9	5:04	8:18
6 Tue	1:18	10.9	2:08	9.3	8:16	-0.6	8:24	0.7	5:04	8:19
7 Wed	2:10	11.0	3:00	9.4	9:07	-0.7	9:17	0.7	5:04	8:19
8 Thu	3:04	10.9	3:55	9.5	9:59	-0.6	10:11	0.6	5:03	8:20

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# Memorial Day 2023



Morning Waterside Service, American Legion Hall, MBTS



With the weather a cooperating factor, residents of Manchester and Essex turned out Monday to honor veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

This week, locals in Manchester and Essex woke up to the perfect day for a holiday when on Monday, May 29, the weather was clear and sun-filled making it the perfect morning to remember veterans who were lost in US wars.

In Manchester, formal ceremonies began early, just after 9 a.m. at the Manchester American Legion Amaral-Bailey Post 113 for the annual Waterside Service with an invocation and benediction by Rabbi Judith Epstein before the service remembers those veterans lost at sea. Then, the Legion ceremony with a salute to departed comrades and trumpet taps is played before the parade began and wound through town before stopping at Rosedale Cemetery. The ceremony at Rosedale was well attended. Legion Commander Allan Kirker offered the welcome and the familiar ceremony included the recitation of Flanders Field (and response recitation to Flanders Field), the naming of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice



ME Regional High School



and the keynote address by the Rabbi Epstein. In Essex, members of the public attended the town's service, which began at 11 a.m. at Shepard Memorial Park on Martin Street. As it does every year, the Essex Veteran Association organized a color guard, and honor guard/firing squad and led the laying of flowers at the

memorial stones in the park. The day was preceded by three Manchester Essex Regional School District. The honor guard began last Friday with a ceremony at Manchester Memorial School, followed by a well-attended ceremony at Essex Elementary School before an afternoon ceremony at ME Regional High School.



Rosedale Cemetery, MBTS



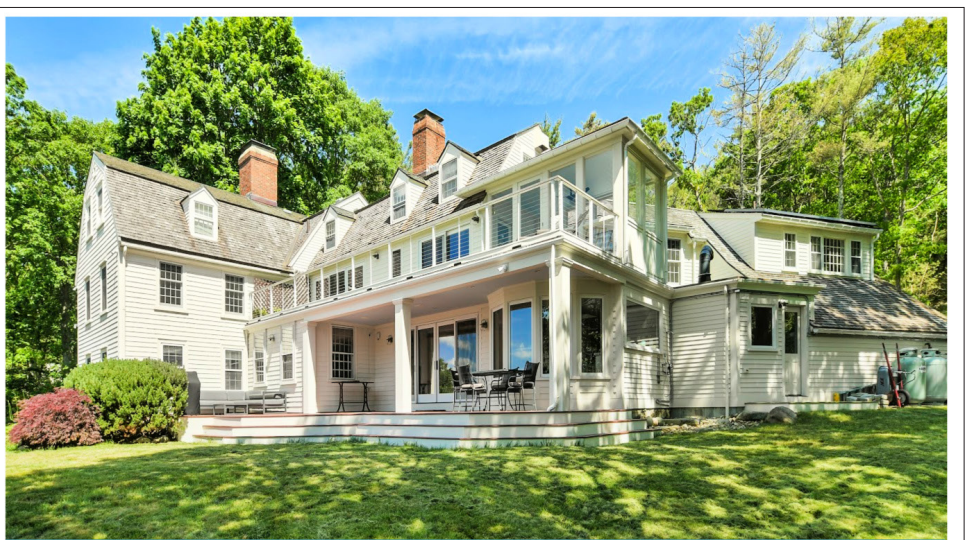
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Essex Memorial Day ceremony



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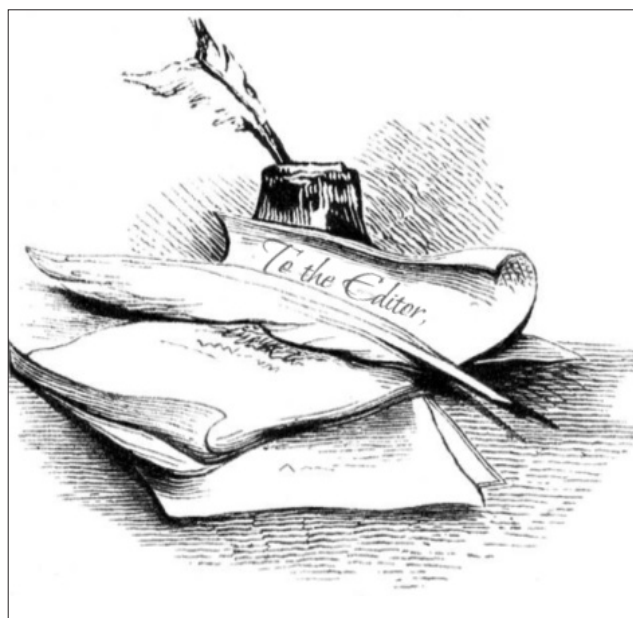
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**In Support of FY24 Public Education Budget**

To the Editor,

We moved to Manchester over 35 years ago when our kids were entering elementary school. The primary reason we chose Manchester was because we saw the town valued public education and had a course program and nationally recognized program in Debate. Both our girls participated in this program as other classmates participated in Debate or DECA. There was widespread participation in these and other programs. Our students and an entire generation of Manchester students have had great college, career and life outcomes in large part as a result of an enriched curriculum.

Every dollar that has been paid for public education in this town has resulted in increased property values and well-educated citizens that carry their weight in the world and exceed expecta-

tions.

We are disappointed that the Essex vote to not support an override does not support this vision of a strong public education system. We urge Essex residents to reconsider the override. In the long view it is a small sum of money to spread over a town that is showing increased school age populations for the very reason that Manchester has supported spending on education for years.

Over the years our choice has paid off for us and our kids.

**David and Michelle Baer**  
Manchester

**Department of Public Works ... Wow!**

Memorial Day in Manchester for me is an opportunity to honor/thank Veterans, step back and view the town beaches, parks, roadways, and other public areas veterans fought for ... and WOW are we lucky! This town is currently gorgeous, and the weather is fantastic, and ev-

erything is C-L-E-A-N!

The folks responsible is our Department of Public Works.

"The Department of Public Works staff consists of 17 employees responsible for Manchester's infrastructure and public facilities. The various functions provided by the Department include Administration, Engineering, Machinery Maintenance, Roads and Streets, Storm Drainage, Solid Waste and Recycling, Compost, Water Distribution, Water Treatment, Sewer Collection System, Sewage Treatment, Snow and Ice Removal, and Tree Care (in conjunction with a volunteer Tree Warden)."

Chuck Dam, PE is our Public Works Director and I have absolutely no idea who he is (or what the "PE" after his name means); however, what a fantastic job he is doing! Ruth Fitzgerald is Assistant to the DPW Director and most likely has a lot to do with the smooth running of the DPW. There are a bunch of other people like Sue Taylor on the town website who should be commended—so, thank you!

The DPW mission statement, "The Public Works Department provides and maintains public services necessary for the continued growth and improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of Manchester-by-the-Sea."

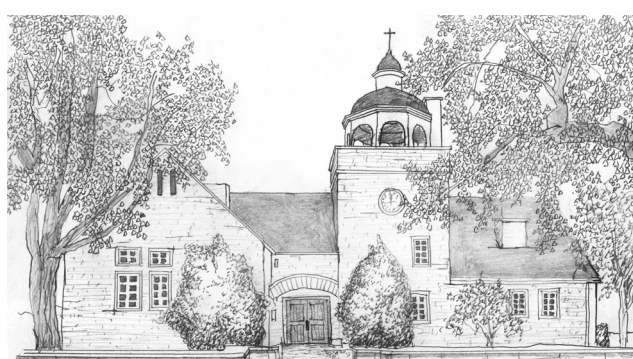
Whelp, mission accomplished DPW -- thank you so much! For fun I researched the salaries of our DPW staff because the information is publicly available - they all (17) deserve a raise. Put that in your budget soup as it simmers.

And nothing about improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of Manchester-by-the-Sea in the Board of Select (WHAT-EVER-THE-FY-OU-CALL-YOUR-SELVES-THESE-DAYS) "over-view".

Just an observation ...

**Christian Brown**  
*Identifying as an Aardvark on the day of submission (thinking Giraffe tomorrow)*  
Manchester

**LIBRARY NEWS**



Bryson Lang's The Cure for the Common Show. This unforgettable show is filled with technical juggling skills, creative physical-manipulation, and original comedy. In the event of rain, we will be at the Manchester Community Center.

**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 five persons at half-price admission.

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**Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

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

**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.

**Hearthside Book Group**  
Tuesday, June 6 from 4-5 p.m. join us in person or on Zoom to discuss the novel "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

**Literary Libations Writing Group is moving to Thursdays**

Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Do you need inspiration to start your next project? Do you want some constructive criticism before you send you work to an editor or publisher? Meet with librarian Maddy Willwerth or poet Crystal Condakes at the library's hearthside for writing prompts, critique, and comradery. Snacks and coffee provided. Please register.

**MPL Children's Events:**

**Farewell Note from Ms. Carol**

To my wonderful co-workers, families and patrons, please accept my heartfelt thanks for such an amazing send-off into retirement. My heart is overfull of all your kind words, wishes, cards and love. It has been a joy to serve as your Children's Librarian and to share stories and books with you. Keep reading and enjoying all that the Manchester Library has to offer. In gratitude, with love....Ms. Carol (Bender).

**Comedy & Juggling Extravaganza**

Thursday, June 22 from 3-4 p.m. Kick-off your summer reading and summer fun with

**First Friday Movies at MBTS**

Friday, June 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Movies at the Library have returned. We will be showing a movie in our newly renovated Reference Room on the first Friday of every month. We will supply the popcorn. The movie this month has a MPA rating of PG-13, for brief strong language, some drug content and some suggestive references.

**Mindful Meditation**

Thursdays, June 8 and June 22 from 11 a.m.- 12 noon.

**Annual Book Sale and book donations**

Annual book sale is August 5. Book donations will be at the Manchester Middle High School parking lot on June 10 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

**Craft Circle by the Hearthside**

Sundays from 2-3 p.m. Bring your craft project and covered beverage and enjoy comradery and conversation by the fireside. All ages welcome.

**A VIEW FROM HERE**  
**The Value of World Language at Manchester-Essex: A Student's Perspective**

By Paul Coughlin

As the May 23rd Manchester-Essex School Committee public hearing has come to an end, I continue to think back to the passionate support from high school students, teachers, and Manchester-Essex residents in favor of the FY24 MERSD Budget, which has many proposed ramifications which they all oppose in one way or another.

One of the main issues argued for was the continuation of the world language program, as many noted their experiences and benefits with the program. In the proposed budget, the phased elimination of French, which includes imminent elimination in grades 7-9, drew a bulk of the concern, both with the Manchester-Essex public as well as myself.

As a current Spanish student and junior at Manchester-Essex Regional High School, it initially doesn't seem that I will be heavily impacted by the proposed cuts upon the world language program. I plan on taking AP Spanish Literature in my senior year, so I'd imagine that any French students who would have to convert to Spanish would be in an honors or CP class. However, the potential consequences could easily impact those in my family. I have siblings in 10th and 7th Grade, who each are currently enrolled in a Spanish program, who, while they wouldn't have to change their own classes, could be placed into classes with students who were previously enrolled in French. I could easily see the French students, at no fault of their own, either struggle to keep up with the curriculum, or be generally uninterested in the course, as it simply wasn't the one they originally intended. Aside from having to learn new verbs and vocabulary, there are certainly students who love the French culture which has been revealed during previous classes.

While I haven't taken French myself, I've heard from various students and teachers that there have been



"This has been quite a season for Zobrowsky—a hundred and twenty-nine receptions, sixteen touchdowns, a B-plus in English, a B in philosophy, an A in political science, and a B-minus in French!"

many aspects of French culture, which was noted to be truly worldwide during the public hearing, and that it is spoken as the national or official language in 29 different countries worldwide. The intercultural perspectives, which have become increasingly important in an ever more interconnected world, are truly crucial to maintain. I'd sympathize with all of the current younger students as well as future students who would not have the autonomy to choose which secondary language they would like to pursue.

Thanks to the already imposed French cutoff in the elementary schools, there has been an increase in popularity of Spanish in middle school, as students feel it is much more logical to continue with the language they have already been learning for the past number of years, unwilling to restart a new language. Even the gap of progress between 6th grade Spanish and French classes wouldn't be as large as the possible gap of progress as that of high school students who would be forced to enter Spanish classes after their new classmates have already been studying the language for years.

The perspective of support is one that is commonly shared throughout the community at the school. Manchester-Essex High School Spanish teacher Mr. Bilsbury feels passionately that the world language department as a whole is crucial to continue. He explained, "I feel cautiously optimistic that we

will get support for the budget from the town of Essex", hoping that Essex residents will understand the weight of their vote if the opportunity is presented to them following the School Committee decision of which proposed budget will be sent to the towns, as he feels Essex voters didn't truly know what was at stake when they voted.

Mr. Bilsbury, who has a son at the middle school, explained that he would be saddened if his son would not have the opportunity to choose between either Spanish or French throughout his time at the Manchester-Essex District.

With the diversification of language options for Manchester-Essex students, the current curriculum has proven itself successful for students in either Spanish or French. This has given students like myself the opportunity to select whichever course they find the truest interest and passion in, instead of being forced to switch their desired language or not having the opportunity to choose one at all. The proposed budget cuts will diminish students' learning and growth, all with a future of cultural understanding, increased career opportunities, and success in an ever more interconnected world ahead.

Paul Coughlin is a junior at MERSD who lives in Manchester, who is working toward Eagle Scout, and is working on a Civic Action project about World Language for AP U.S. History.

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These two young patriots, Gwendolyn and Evelyn, were offering puppies in Manchester on Saturday. This reporter was told that the Auxiliary collects an average of \$1,000 on these "poppy" days.

Photo Paul Clark



Hattie Freeman Johnson, circa 1928.

Courtesy photo: Wellspring House

## Wellspring House Opens Groundbreaking Exhibition, History Lives Here

*Two-day event next week honors the Freemans, a prominent Black American family that first owned the Gloucester Wellspring property for 103 years*

For 42 years, Wellspring has supported thousands of individuals and families from all ethnic backgrounds and walks of life achieve employment and financial security through stable housing, education, job training and career readiness. The organization has operated from Wellspring House, the historic home at 302 Essex Ave., Gloucester.

Next weekend, starting Friday, June 9 it will launch "History Lives Here," an exhibit about the Freemans, three generations of a prominent Black American family that lived in Gloucester since the 1770s. In 1826, the Freeman Family bought the property where Wellspring is headquartered now. Wellspring staff members

and researchers have unearthed the family's enduring achievements over more than a century, a story that ties directly to Wellspring's present day social justice mission.

As part of the celebration, visitors will be able to share their stories using photography from the Essential PhotoVoices program, and those photos will be shared on site over the weekend to compliment the Freeman exhibit. In addition, LuminArtz and Wellspring are collaborating on a unique building projection component to the exhibition with words and photos on the exterior of Wellspring's main building on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The "History Lives Here" opening event & celebration will be Friday, June 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Blackburn Stompers, an early jazz era group with members from the Cape Ann Big Band, will perform music from the Freemans' era, 1890s to the 1930s, with light fare served. On Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a free festival and public art project will be led by artists Claudia Parachiv and Azia Carle. The interactive, collaborative art-making workshop will focus on "Freeman Family Layers

of Love," a project welcoming the public to construct a model of the Freeman homestead and illustrate a two-page comic book based on the "History Lives Here" exhibit.

Born in 1731, Robin Freeman was enslaved to Capt. Charles Byles, a mariner whose property was located in Gloucester, Mass., across from the current Wellspring House. By 1769, Robin Freeman paid Byles to free himself from slavery. Robin's son, Robert, followed in his father's footsteps, successfully farming and becoming the largest landowner in Kettle Cove, Magnolia, a section of Gloucester, when he purchased 100 acres of land in 1803 to create Robbin's Farm. By 1826, Robert was able to purchase the land where Wellspring's headquarters stands today. He and his wife, Rhoda, raised four children in the house which remained in the family for three generations. It's a remarkable story of Black American accomplishment on Cape Ann which will also be celebrated as part of the upcoming Gloucester 400+ anniversary celebration.

Reserve tickets for the Friday and Saturday by going to the Wellspring website ([wellspringhouse.org](http://wellspringhouse.org))



LAST THURSDAY at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, the North Shore Horticultural Society held its popular annual plant auction. Jo Goodwin-Rogers served as auctioneer, sharing her expertise as rich varieties of horticultural gems went up for bid. This weekend, from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at the Manchester Community Center, the NSHS is hosting an informal gathering to celebrate and honor the life of Fred Rice, who served as the annual auction long-running auctioneer before passing away earlier this year. Come down and remember Fred - share stories, reminisce, and celebrate the impact that he made on our lives. Tea will be served with a variety of pastries. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own teacup in Fred's honor. (Photo: Erika Brown)



Western Totem - 1 by McAlister "Mac" Coleman.

Courtesy Photo

## Coleman Sculpture Dedication

A dedication of McAlister "Mac" Coleman's first welded steel piece after 53 years will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4th on the Campus of the Northfield Mount Hermon School, in Gill, Massachusetts. Coleman was an artist and longtime resident of Manchester.

All are invited to attend. Informally you may bring your own picnic starting at 11 a.m., with beverages provided by the school. At 1 p.m. the formal dedication begins.

"Western Totem - 1" was the first in a series of sculptures that Coleman began while teaching and starting the school's Art Department. This first in the series has as its subtitle "Associative Properties - Addition" and was an illustration of Mac's to the value of art where science dominated the curriculum.

If you would like more information on the event you may get in touch with Mac's surviving wife Peggy Coleman at 202-336- 4447 or Peter Weis, archivist at Mt. Hermon.



Self portrait, circa 1920, Charles Sidney Hopkinson Photo: Manchester Historical Museum 2023

## Manchester Historical Museum To Show Rare Paintings by Local Master on June 7

The Manchester Historical Museum has recently acquired at auction three little-known paintings by the renowned Manchester artist Charles Sidney Hopkinson (1869-1962).

Hopkinson's works, largely held in fine-arts museum collec-

tions, are rarely offered in the marketplace. The Museum's acquisitions represent an important asset to the public and their access to great art.

Hopkinson, who painted in oils and watercolors, is best-known, locally, for his large oil painting, "Three Dancing Girls" (1923), on

permanent display at the Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester.

The purchase of these three paintings (a portrait in oils, a landscape watercolor, and a seascape watercolor painted from the artist's terrace) signals a new commitment by the Manchester Historical Museum to acquire no-

table objects and documents.

The Museum will be unveiling these paintings at its inaugural Bicentennial Celebration on Wednesday, June 7 at the Sharksmouth Estate, Manchester-by-the-Sea, where Hopkinson had his home and studio. Tickets (just 30 remaining) are available to MHM members (new or current) at payment portal at website [ManchesterHistoricalMuseum.org](http://ManchesterHistoricalMuseum.org) at \$100 apiece.

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# Hornets Nest

## Boys Lacrosse:

The ME Hornets lacrosse team celebrated senior night with 15 student athletes playing in their final game of the regular season at home. After both teams exchanged long possessions in the opening quarter remaining scoreless, it would be Jesse Oliver to score first, then Declan Kirk to allow Manchester Essex to go up 2-0 with short time remaining in the first.

The visiting Fishermen would score off a broken transition play to cut the lead to 2-1 about three minutes into the second quarter. Charlie Thurlow would score for the Hornets off a feed from X by Oliver to go up 3-1 shortly after. Gloucester would score on their following possession in settled offense to cut the lead back to 1 for the Hornets. Chase Dickson would get his first of the game with a dodge from top center heading north to the cage and stick a shot to put the home team up 4-2 while also drawing a late penalty with short time remaining in the half. Manchester would cash in on their man up opportunity with a low angle shot by Quinn Brady, then assisting Oliver again in the pursuing possession to extend the lead to 6-2 heading into halftime.

About four minutes into the third quarter, Oliver would score his third of the day on a dodge from X going up 7-2. Brady would score again from a dodge from the left and make it 8-2. However, Gloucester would gain possession time of their own, and be denied by the Hornets Defense lead by senior

Goaltender Jack DiPasquale (9 saves), freshman Aaron Crompton (2 CTs) and Senior Sam Athanas (2CTs). Gloucester would take a few unsportsmanlike penalties which would allow for the Hornets to continue finding the back of the cage taking advantage of their given opportunities. With under a minute to play, Brady finds the back of the cage making it 10-3 in favor of the Hornets heading into the fourth quarter. This would be Manchester's biggest lead of the game and seemed out of reach for Gloucester. The Fishermen would find the back of the net four times in the remaining quarter tying Manchester's four goals of their own. The Hornets offense came to play and the defense stood tall as they held off the game winning by a final of 14-7. This was Manchester Essex' first team win on senior night in 4 years, concluding a 14-4 regular season record and 7-4 in the CAL.

The team now awaits their fate for the MIAA playoff bracket to come out next week.

**Game Scoring:** Quinn Brady 5 g 1 a, Jesse Oliver 3 g 1 a, Declan Kirk 3 g, Charlie Thurlow 1 g, Chase Dickson 1 g, Sam Athanas 1 g, Mac Edgerton 2a and Jack DiPasquale 9 saves, 7 goals allowed.

## Baseball:

ME baseball highlights 2023 6-13

The hornets completed a tough season, but many players contributed in a big way. Troy Flood led the team in avg, doubles, and HR's. Mike Deoreo led the team with 19



2023 boys' lacrosse team seniors. From left to right; Matthew Russo, Alex Fraser, Lokys Saffo, Wyatt Riehl, Jesse Oliver, Sam Athanas, Doug Pratt, Declan Kirk, Jack DiPasquale, Brennan Twombly, Daniel Wood, Mark Pollock and Chase Dickson. Not shown Wyatt Doyle and Camren Hubbard. Courtesy Photo

RBI's, 10 stolen bases, and 20 runs scored. Zak Porat led the team with on base percentage and walks. Matt Mckenna was out a few weeks but had a .450 avg and key RBI's Jacoby Catazaro was a strong DH driving in 12 runs. Henry Otterbein had played an all-star CF before getting hurt and had 14 runs scored and 9 stolen bases.

The pitching staff had a tough start but showed signs of improvement. Satchel Rubin, Nick Brown, Matteo Sarmanian, and Troy Flood. Our highlight of the year was beating Georgetown last Tuesday 6-4 and Georgetown is ranked 1 in the state for D 5.

## Girls Tennis:

Hornets Girls Tennis finished up their regular season on the highest note possible, defeating a very solid North Reading team 5-0 while prevailing in several tight matches. Vanessa Gregory won at first singles 6-3 7-6, Grayson Crocker again wore an opponent down at third singles and won 7-6 6-1 after falling

down 5-2 in the first set, and the first doubles team of Emery Weber-Provost and Sophie Zalosh overcame a 4-2 deficit in the 3rd set to win a very competitive match. Calista Lai dominated at second singles and Sienna Crocker / Grace Scarbrough won comfortably at second doubles to wrap up the contest.

Overall, the Hornets have had a great regular season, finishing up at 12-5 with all 5 losses coming to the reigning champs from D2, D3, and D4. We've earned the #2 seed in the state tournament and enjoy home court advantage throughout. All of the girls have shown real improvement throughout the year, building their skill sets and gaining confidence through winning big matches. Memorable moments include Vanessa Gregory's second set tiebreaker to win against North Reading, Calista Lai's nail biting 3rd set tiebreaker to clinch the huge 4-1 against Lynnfield, Grayson Crocker's multiple comebacks from

first set deficits, Emery Weber-Provost and Sophie Zalosh's three setters against Newburyport and Hamilton-Wenham along with a dominant win against Lynnfield, and Sienna Crocker and Grace Scarbrough's victories against top tier opponents from both Masconomet and Lynnfield. Great season with high hopes heading into the playoffs!

## Softball:

The Hornets entered the last two weeks of the season in the playoff hunt. Trailing the Hamilton Wenham Generals 10-3, the Hornets erupted for an 11 run fourth inning and went on to win 24-11. Penelope Riggs was 3 for 5 with 5 RBIS, and Anna Gardner was 3 for 5 with 4 RBIS. Kyra Levasseur was 2 for 4 with 2 RBIS. Katie Crompton also drove in two. Abby Aiello did a great job in relief throwing five innings picking up the win.

The Hornets had a tough game losing to Lynnfield 18-5. Abby Taron was 2 for 2 with 2

RBIs in the defeat. The Hornets won a huge game against Ipswich on senior night 10-7 highlighted by a 6 run fourth inning. Anna Gardner was 2 for 4 with 4 RBIs including a double and triple. Penelope Riggs with a 2-run homerun in that fourth inning. Abby Aiello pitched the final 3 1/3 innings for the win in relief of Anna Gardner who did a great job starting.

The Hornets lost a tough one the following day to Swampscott 9-8 after coming back from an 8-5 deficit to tie it. Celia Mann was 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs and Penelope Riggs picked up 2 more RBIs in the defeat.

The Hornets lost to Georgetown the following day by a score of 18-4. Kyra Levasseur, Aby Taron, Katie Crompton, and Abby Aiello delivered hits on the day. Penelope Riggs would have had a monster hit but was robbed by the centerfielder for Georgetown in deep center who traveled a long distance to make the catch.



Jack Newton signed his celebratory letter committing to continue his academic and athletic career running track and field at Wentworth next year while his family stood by. Courtesy Photo



ME boys tennis team on Senior Day, last home game of the season. The Hornets prevailed 5-0 against North Reading, ending the regular season with a record of 12-7, next off to the MIAA Tourney. Photo Paul Clark



On Senior Day the senior athletes present their families with flowers in appreciation for the support they provided over their sport and scholastic careers. Pictured left to right are Cooper Oldeman, Isaac Porat, Henry Otterbein, Michael Deoreo, Sean Dunlap, Jacoby Catanzaro and Nick Brunning. Photo Paul Clark

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# Grand Finale Could Be Perfect Start for ME Boys Lax

By Jason Brisbois

As far as grand finales go, this was a pretty good one.

The ME boys' lacrosse team not only finished up the regular season with a win over Gloucester on May 23 to close out another successful spring, they also won their final four contests -- with victories over Amesbury, Peabody and Ipswich in addition to the Fishermen -- to get to 14-4 overall and 7-4 in the Cape Ann League.

The four-win stretch is the mirror opposite of a turning point from the start of May, one in which the Hornets lost to some of the top teams in the CAL.

"At this point, we won our



ME Hornet Jesse Oliver slips by the Gloucester defender in a winning effort 14-7 on Senior Day. Photo Mark DiPasquale

last four games in a row with wins vs Amesbury, Peabody, Ipswich, and now Gloucester," says ME boys lacrosse coach Jon Sederewicz. "The four losses we have are to all CAL teams, which means we play in a tough conference that was somewhat wide open this year. After losing to Pentucket, Ipswich, Newburyport, and Hamilton Wenham all within a two-week span, we knew we had to respond the way we know how, which is to finish the regular season strong and pull out some wins along the way."

Manchester Essex also was able to pull out some era-defining wins in addition to the aforementioned grand finale.

"This year we beat some teams we haven't been able to beat in quite some time,

including Ipswich for the first time in 10 years, Triton, St. Marys, Lynnfield, and Essex Tech," explains Sederewicz. "All of these teams are very solid and well coached, so it was nice to take home a few Ws against some very solid opponents."

He adds: "Obviously beating Lynnfield, Triton, and Ipswich were huge for us for CAL standings, but also for this program and our town. Many years went by without beating any of these teams, and pulling out wins vs all three of them was so instrumental to this team's success and mental state going forward. These wins also mean a lot to our senior class, who for the past three years have given their all to this team."

That senior class is a key reason that the Hornets won 14 games (in an interesting

bit of symmetry, the Hornets also have 14 seniors on the team to go with their 14 wins) and played so well this year. This group has the talent and experience to make a deep run in the MIAA Div. 4 playoffs now that the regular season has ended.

"They have been great, awesome leaders, hard-working, and determined individuals who all share the same common goals and beliefs and have the playing experience in big games which helps us a lot," says Sederewicz. "The message has always been to focus on us rather than what other teams do or how they play. This gets repeated every day at practice and before games, where guys just know their role and how and when to execute on the field when the time comes. Right now, we are playing good team ball at both ends of the field as well as transition, and playing complete games together."

The presence of all of those seniors gives Manchester Essex an enviable level of depth, another secret to their success.

"We have depth this year unlike the past couple seasons, and have many guys who can get the job done at every position of the field," says Sederewicz. "The success we have is everyone playing a full 48-minute game, one game at a time, together."

For now, the Hornets are waiting to find out who they will do that against next once the tourney begins.

# ME Varsity Sailing Team Report

By Tony Leggett

We ended the sailing season with two events on the Charles River in Boston, and a cook-out at the Manchester Yacht Club.

## Mass Bay League Fleet Race

Ian Carlin and Cole Cote, our top skipper and crew, travelled to Community Boating on the Charles River on Monday, to compete in the 420 A-Division, and managed a creditable 12th in the 19-team event.

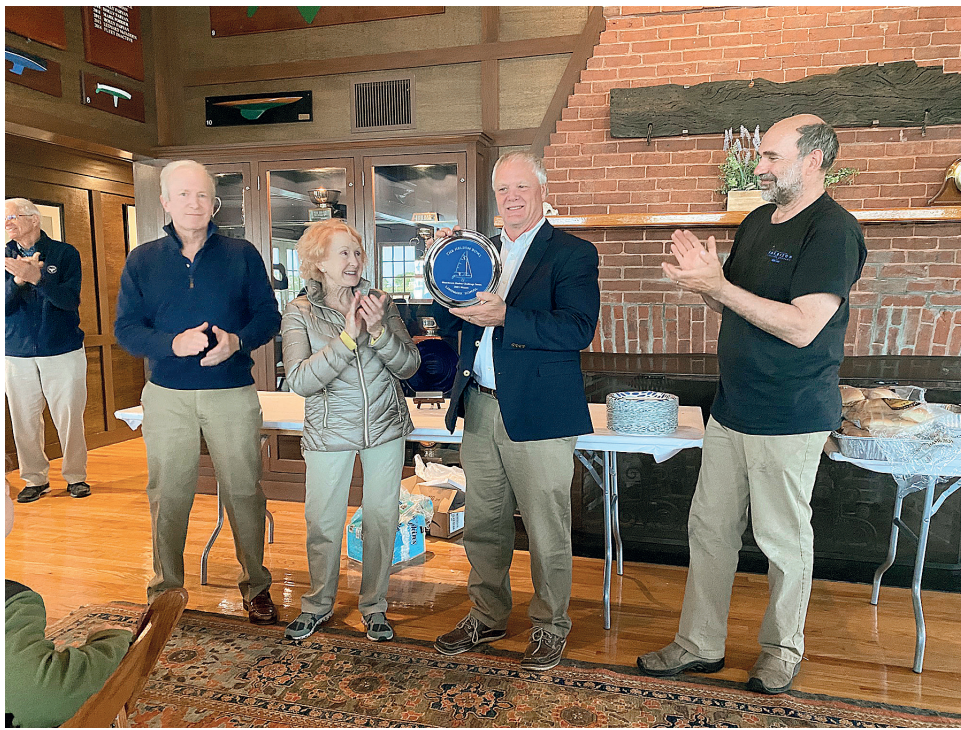
## Mass State High School Fleet Racing Championship

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Hornets travelled to the MIT Sailing pavilion on the Charles River to compete in the Mass State Championship. On Wednesday, the A Division sailors, Ian and Cole, racked up a score to finish 10th in the 18-boat fleet.

But prior commitments meant they couldn't race the next day. On Thursday, the team of seventh and eighth graders comprised of James Donohoe, Max Deery, Thaddeus Bardsley, Gus Hall, Giulia Bussone, and Beckett Gibbons faced off against much older and more experienced competitors, including seniors already accepted at college!

The coach's pep-talk in the bus included encouragement such as, "You're going to get your butts kicked today, but every start, mark rounding and windward leg will be a chance to learn what works and what doesn't, and in two or three years, you're going to be the ones at the top of the fleet!" said Steve Hall from Pingree the Landmark School.

The enthusiasm of the



The Nelson Bowl was presented to the top high school team in the harbor at the Manchester Yacht Club. The winning team this year was the Landmark School. Here Pamela Nelson, whose husband Valle donated the trophy, awards the prize to Doug Walker from Landmark as Tony Leggett from Manchester and Steve Hall from Pingree look on.



team was infectious. After the long days and tough competition with very crowded starting lines, and gusty and shifting winds, as they got off the bus on Thursday evening back in Manchester, they asked, "Coach, what time is practice tomorrow?"

## Manchester Harbor Team Championship - The Nelson Bowl

On Tuesday, the Manchester Yacht Club hosted its annual cook-out and celebration for the three teams that compete in Manchester Harbor: Landmark School; Manchester-Essex High School; and Pingree.

This is the second year that the three teams have met for dinner and celebrated the winner of the Nelson Bowl, awarded to the top High School team in the harbor. The cook-out was a huge



Parents, coaches and sailors pose at the Manchester Yacht Club at the end of the coed sailing season.

success, with Alex Felton, the Commodore of the Manchester Yacht Club welcoming all the sailors, coaches, and parents, followed by comments by each of the three coaches, Steve Hall for Pingree, Doug Walker for Landmark, and Tony Leggett for the Hornets.

Landmark School was this year's winner, given their enviable race record, beating both MERHS and Pingree by a score of 3-0. Paced by two excellent skippers, Dillon Almeida and Grant Dalton, the Landmark team also won B-Division North with a record of 8 wins and no losses.

After Pamela Nelson awarded the prize, which was originally donated by her husband Valle Nelson, the coaches underlined how much better our sailing season has been over the past

two years, training with more boats out on the water, allowing the sailors a broader opportunity to build their sailing skills given the greater numbers. In this heightened competition the coaches can provide more sailing tips and better instruction for all the sailors, not just their own team.

Furthermore, the additional safety provided by having six coach boats out on the water has been a benefit for all involved.

Everyone, is eager to hone their sailing skills this summer at the Manchester Sailing Association, and already looking forward to next spring's sailing season.

**Tony Leggett** is coach of the ME Varsity Sailing Team

# ME Softball Looks to Keep Season Going



ME Hornet softball seniors Kyra Levasseur (left) and Abby Taron, pose with their families during the Senior Day celebration on Monday at Sweeney Park.

By Jason Brisbois

Now that softball is back at Manchester Essex Regional High School, the local team is looking to extend its first season in four years by qualifying for the postseason.

The Hornets were ranked 29th in the MIAA Div. 4 Power Rankings at the start of the week, and the top 32 teams in the rankings qualify for the postseason at the end of spring. With six games left, Manchester Essex needs to

keep accentuating the positive and making strides to stay in contention for the playoffs.

"Our wins so far helped to put us in this position," says ME softball coach Frank Sarro. "This continues to be our goal. We need to win as many games as we can and finish the season strong and the rest will take care of itself. With six games to go, we're excited for the opportunity. We're right there and we have a lot to play for the rest of the way."

The Hornets have four wins so far (with a pair of victories over Rockport and a win each against Hamilton-Wenham and Cristo Rey Boston) and boast a 4-9 overall record. The wins earlier this season have helped to keep them in contention, as well as strength of schedule: The Cape Ann League is loaded from top to bottom.

"Our conference is tough, although our strength of schedule has helped us in the power rankings," says Sarro. "We did go through a tough

streak where we lost 4 in a row at one point."

Manchester Essex nearly pushed that win total to five and pulled out a win against Ipswich on May 8 but ended up losing, 12-8, leaving he bases loaded three times in the contest. The Hornets were looking to push the win total even further this week, with Cristo Rey (May 15) and Hamilton-Wenham (May 17), followed by a May 19 matchup with Lynnfield at Sweeney Park (4 p.m.).

"All of these are big games

for us, and we have beaten Cristo Rey and Hamilton Wenham earlier this season," explains Sarro. "These teams have talent and are scrappy. We need to play good defense and hit our spots pitching. We need to be able to get the hit in key moments."

The Hornets have gotten various contributions from all over the field so far this year. "Freshman Anna Gardner is having an amazing offensive year," says Sarro. "Freshmen Abby Aiello and Penelope Riggs are also putting up really good offensive numbers."

Riggs has a couple of homers this season, including one she sent out of the park against Newburyport on May 10. The three freshmen also comprise the majority of the team's pitching staff, with Riggs getting time at first and Gardner and Aiello splitting time at short-stop. Since this is a team that is fairly young and new to

each other, the senior captains have been crucial to keeping things going in 2023.

"We're getting great leadership from our senior captains, Kyra Levasseur and Abby Taron, which is vital with such a young team," says Sarro. "Kyra hits leadoff and gets on base a lot and is among the team leaders in scored runs. Abby has done a great job playing third for us defensively. She understands our defense, plays smart, and stays calm under pressure."

Even with the regular season coming to a close soon, the Hornets are still hoping to improve on team defense, while continuing to lean on an offense that has pop and a pitching staff with enviable depth.

"We have improved so much from the beginning of the year, although there is still so much work to do," says Sarro. "I like our resilience - I feel like this has been a difference in our wins."

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At the New England Scholastic Press Association's 72nd annual conference on May 1 at Boston University the following MERSD students were recognized for excellence in Journalism. Pictured, from left, are sophomores Alessia Omari, Whitney Turner, Summer Demeo, Stella Straub, Gwendolyn Berger, Isabelle Donnellan-Valade, Sam Heanue and senior Wyeth Takayesu, members of the staff of The Independent, the student newspaper of Manchester Essex Regional High School. MERSD/Courtesy photo

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# MERHS Students Celebrate 2023 Prom

As they say, “a good time was had by all” for the MER High School Junior/Senior Prom at Tupper Manor at Endicott College.

By Phileine de Widt

Last Thursday, seniors and juniors alongside their dates celebrated prom at the beautiful venue, Tupper Manor, in Beverly.

The class of 2023 officers and advisers had been planning the evening since last summer—touring and choosing a venue, picking the menu items, hiring a photographer and selecting a photo booth, amongst other things.

All this to celebrate a week that seniors have been working towards their entire high school career. With prom and senior week activities in mind, the class officers have been fundraising through various creative events since their freshmen year in 2019.

The class of 2023 got a “free” entrance to the dance. In reality, however, their contributions through fundraisers and class dues over the years is their official payment to both prom and the senior week activities that follow.

For juniors, the ticket price was \$90, but, for a beautiful venue, good food, engaging music, and an overall great time, it was worth it.

Traditionally, the prom is for juniors and seniors, but students could bring a date from any grade or school if they had signed a special form.

Though the prom officially started at 6:15, the festivities and getting-ready started long before. Juniors, still in school, were allowed to leave with permission at 11:40 to start preparing.

Annual picture taking at Tuck’s Point started at 3 p.m. through about 5 p.m. Before, many students gathered at their own houses to take even more pictures. Needless to say, many people lost phone storage that day.

Though it was certainly not as sunny and hot as this past weekend, the weather was still good. There was still plenty of light blue skies to fill the backdrops of pictures. That said, the occasional wind had many gripping their hair, hoping their curls would stay in place.

The party officially started when the buses departed the elementary school at 6 p.m. Before entering their assigned buses, students were subject to random breathalyzer tests and bag and pocket checks.

When they were all clear, it was a short 20-minute bus ride to the venue. When the buses arrived at the Tupper Manor entrance the students were greeted by a charming fountain. Before entering the building, a quick picture was taken of the whole group. Despite the difficulty in getting all 220 people to simultaneously smile, it is a great



virtual souvenir to have.

Then, the party started. Walking into the building students were given a fruit punch mocktail and went to their assigned tables. Each seat had a complementary

seashell with the assigned student’s name on it.

After about half an hour filled with conversations, sight-seeing around the venue, and eating delicious passed hors d’oeuvres before

settling into a buffet dinner with options of BBQ steak, steamed vegetables, bread with eye-catching butter balls, salty waffle-cut fries, and pasta with red sauce.

Soon after dinner, students hit the dance floor, with an excited and fun DJ, “DJ Case,” who played a mixture of interesting remixes as well as loved-by-all sing-along hits.

For a quick break from dancing, there was an abundance of sweet treats for dessert. Some other activities at the venue besides spending time on the dance floor were a photo-booth and a pool room.

Not surprisingly, given the excitement around the NBA playoffs, many students created their own fun by watching the Celtics dominate Game 5.

At around 9:45 p.m., it was time to leave the venue. As students walked to the buses there was an overwhelming sentiment by asking, “It’s already over?!”

In the end, students had fun, and everyone is grateful that after numerous years of COVID restrictions to activities, MERHS was able to have a full and successful prom this year.

Phileine de Widt is a junior at MERHS and co-editor of the school’s newspaper, The Independent.



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# ESSEX ECHO.

## Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
of May 22, 2023  
Report covers from April 29,  
2023 to May 19, 2023

### North Shore IT Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

Essex has been participating in the North Shore IT Collaborative with respect to regional computing services since 2018 and had a similar arrangement with the City of Melrose going back to 2011. The Collaborative includes Danvers, Essex, Middleton, Topsfield, Hamilton, Wenham, and Manchester and one key component of this partnership is the centrally managed Regional Security Fabric that the Danvers IT department runs for the group members. The fabric runs on the FortiNet platform and has state-of-the-art defenses against spyware, phishing, and ransomware.

Essex also uses the Danvers datacenter via the Collaborative to directly compute from Danvers, including a secondary live instance of our infrastructure and a redundant path over the Internet should our primary circuit over municipally owned fiber optic cable ever fail. Generally, all participants are getting from the Collaborative services that small communities could not typically manage on their own and which are superior to efforts that the individual communities could make on their own - all at a lower cost. In fact, Collaborative members all comply with our insurer's requirements for cyber security coverage at a time when most small towns are struggling to meet those standards.

### Essex River Bridge Replacement Project Wrap-up

According to an update from the project manager with the contractor that has replaced the Essex River Bridge, the temporary bridge will be completely removed from the site (likely prior to the Board's meeting), all paving will be complete, and the contractor will be completely demobilized from the site as of the second week of June.



### Water Filtration Plant Renovation Project Pre-bid Site Visit

The TA participated in the subject site visit along with the Superintendent of Public Works and our engineering consultant on May 17, 2023. The Town is currently out to bid for Water Filtration Plant renovations expected to cost approximately \$2.6M, with funding coming from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). Prospective bidders had a chance to view the various plant features involved in the proposed renovation and to ask a variety of questions. Bids from filed sub-bidders are due on May 24, 2023, and general bids are due on June 7, 2023.

### MA DOT 133 Sidewalk Project and Goodwin Court Crosswalk

Chairman Perea and the TA participated in a virtual meeting offered by the MA DOT to discuss how the upcoming Route 133 sidewalk project between Water Street and the Gloucester line will impact the existing crosswalk at Goodwin Court. Several area residents were also on hand for the meeting. DOT personnel explained that the sidewalk project will likely need to eliminate the existing crosswalk at Goodwin Court since the existing crosswalk does not meet applicable safety standards and since there does not appear to be another acceptable location nearby. The sidewalk project must meet all applicable standards and the new sidewalk cannot connect to an

existing crosswalk that does not conform. Further, if no alternative crosswalk location can be found and the Town desires to keep the Goodwin Court crosswalk in place, it is possible that the entire project (Water Street to the Gloucester line) would not be implemented at all.

After discussion of the issue at the meeting, DOT personnel committed to taking a second look at a possible location to the east of the existing crosswalk location. In addition, the residents were interested in whether the Town will still move forward with supporting DOT's project if the Goodwin Court crosswalk must be eliminated without a nearby new alternative.

### Quarterly Facility Self-Inspection Checklists

Mr. Zubricki completed the subject, quarterly checklists for the Town Hall and the Senior Center during the week of May 1, 2023. The checklists are aimed at detecting and correcting any safety hazards in Town buildings and rapidly correcting. Other departments handle similar inspections in other Town buildings. The Safety Committee will review any findings in June.

### Conomo Point Seasonal Preparation

Our marine contractor has installed the ramp, float, and water access stairs at Conomo Point Park and the Selectmen's Assistant has asked our portable toilet contractor to deploy a portable toilet to

the overflow parking lot on Conomo Lane.

### Centennial Grove Seasonal Preparation

Our irrigation system contractor started the sprinkler system at the Field of Dreams during the week of May 15, 2023. Last year, due to the extreme drought, the irrigation well feeding the system went dry. This year, the system started up easily, since we have had more rain. The Selectmen's Assistant has made arrangements for portable toilets at the Field of Dreams and at the Centennial Grove itself and the TA worked with our plumbing contractor to have the seasonal water turned on to the Grove Cottage.

### Town Hall Elevator and Stage Conference Room Lift Annual Inspections

The State Elevator Inspector visited Town Hall on May 10, 2023 to inspect and test both the Town Hall elevator and the ADA accessible lift that is capable of assisting someone into the stage conference room on the second floor of Town Hall. I had arranged in advance to have our fire alarm contractor and our backup generator contractor on site for the testing, along with our elevator contractor. Both the elevator and the lift passed the test, with the caveat that the elevator is still pending the FS90 firefighter control system upgrade (our contractor is waiting for parts). Our elevator contractor also replaced backup batteries in the lift unit as they were found to be at the end of their service life during the inspection.

### Meeting with Private Marinas Concerning Essex River Dredging

Selectman Phippen and the TA participated in a meeting sponsored by Senator Tarr on May 2, 2023, to review the prospect of the three private marinas in the Essex Harbor being able to have their own areas dredged when the Army Corps of Engineers undertakes Federal channel dredging this coming winter.

## LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha  
Public Library

### Author Nancy Horan (Virtual)

Wednesday, June 28 from 7-8 p.m. Join Nancy Horan and Therese Fowler as they discuss Nancy's new book, *The House of Lincoln*, a sweeping historical novel which tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's ascendance from ruffled lawyer to U.S. President.

### Root Beer Float Day

Thursday, June 15 from 1-3 p.m. Stop in the library and sign up for summer reading, enjoy a root beer float.

### Community Book Group

Tuesday, June 20 at 10 a.m. Join in the discussion of "The Reading Lis" by Adams.

### Friends of the Library Gardening

Sunflower growing contest, pick up your free packet of sunflower seeds to grow over the summer.

### Containers

Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Best practices for containers. How to revitalize your old potting mix.

### Library of Things

Giant Jenga, Corn Hole and Pickleball

### Museum Passes

Passes available for your holiday weekend.

## ESSEX POLICE NOTES

### MONDAY, MAY 22

**11:49 a.m.** Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. **1:36 p.m.** Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. **5:32 p.m.** Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. **9:38 p.m.** Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

**12:28 a.m.** Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to. **1:18 a.m.** Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. **5:13 a.m.** Main St., suspicious activity, spoken to. **5:42 a.m.** Western Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

**11:48 a.m.** Main St., male fall, patient refusal. **1:10 p.m.** John Wise Ave., male with seizure, transported to hospital. **2:04 p.m.** Story St., male fall, patient refusal. **6:17 p.m.** John Wise Ave., citizen assist, notification made.

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

**12:54 a.m.** Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. **1:09 a.m.** Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken. **2:02 a.m.** John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. **5:53 a.m.** Western Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

## Essex Senior Living

The Essex Council on Aging offers a variety 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 at the Senior Center:** Wednesdays 1 p.m.: Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, board games and more! Join us or bring a friend and come play!

**Men's Coffee and Donuts, Wednesday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.:** Enjoy a cup of hot coffee and delicious donuts. Speaking and socializing optional ... just come and enjoy what's going on around you.

**Ladies Brunch, Tuesday June 20, 11 a.m.:** Chicken and waffles! Come and enjoy socializing and some tasty treats. Please RSVP by June 15.

**THE LONGEST DAY** - Alzheimer's Association, June 21, All Day! The Longest Day is the day with the most light - the summer solstice. On June 21, thousands of participants from across the world come together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through an activity of their choice. At the Essex Senior Center we will be offering a full day of activities for people of all ages from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Join us for some or all of our events or make a donation.

- 8 a.m.: Guided walk with Gil at Cox Reservation
- 9 a.m.: Breakfast at Senior Center
- 10 a.m.: Outdoor Games
- 11 a.m.: Memory Cafe
- 12 Noon: Lunch
- 1 p.m.: Games with Gil: Nostalgic Board Games
- 2 p.m.: Games with Gil: Buffalo Bingo
- 3 p.m.: POMS Movie
- 5 p.m.: Dementia Friends Session
- 6 p.m.: All ages Musical Trivia

**Learn how to make Strawberry Jam:** Monday, June 26, 1 p.m.: Join us to welcome our Guest Chef, Caroline Craig, to learn how to make Strawberry Jam! Nothing says summer like fresh strawberries!! Please RSVP by June 22.

**Friends of the Essex COA ANNUAL BBQ:** Tuesday, June 27, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tuck's Point, Manchester: Join us for a summer BBQ complete with Grilled Chicken, Grilled Hamburgers, a variety of salads, and Strawberry Shortcake! Bingo and Prizes! Call to reserve your spot! \$5 per person.

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## Ninth Annual Shave to Save Raises Almost \$4K for Cancer

On May 22, the 9th Annual Shave to Save was held at The Village Restaurant in Essex, with almost 20 people shaved their heads. Shavees ranged from 2½ to 84. This year the event raised almost \$4,000. That brings our nine-year total to almost \$70,000.

Chairman of the local fundraiser, Dawn Burnham, said she "is thrilled" with the support this annual event receives, especially from residents and businesses. All

proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Hospital for research and support of the families dealing with a child going through cancer treatment.

Guests enjoyed a burger or hot dog served by the Essex Lions Club while listening to the music of Ye Olde Mitchells. This year Elizabeth Broderick of Pretty Please Hair Salon and Brendan Broderick of Blades Barber-shop did the cutting. As it has done for the last several years, The Village Restaurant

hosted this event that—together with the Lions and music and tee shirt sales—ends up feeling like a block party as much as it is an important fundraiser.

"We really are so thankful for their generosity," said Burnham, who added that sponsors like Iron Tree Service, Andrew Spinney, Costello Construction, Burnham's Catering, Essex Seafood, Crocker Boat Yard, and the Audette Family are key to making the event a success.

"Finally, our sincere thanks to the crew who helped," she said. "Krista and Kaylee Robertson, Erin Ricker, Hillary Ball, Abbie Tucker, Carling Audette and Tara Audette."

For those interested, there is still time to make a donation. Checks may be made out to St. Jude Children's Hospital and mailed to Shave to Save, c/o Dawn Burnham, P O Box 74, Essex, MA 01920. Online donations may be made at St. Jude's fundraising website, if you enter the Essex zip code or "Shave to Save" in Essex. Next year's Shave to Save will be Monday, May 20. Mark your calendars.



Trey Jackson, the youngest shaved, sits on his mom's lap while Elizabeth Broderick shaves his head. Dad on left watching. Other shavee is Colleen Enos. Courtesy photo

### Essex Locals | June 2

#### 115 Years Ago - 1908

Sunday was an exceedingly hot day, the mercury standing between 80 and 90 nearly all day with southwesterly wind, at 7 p.m. the temperature registered 80 degrees and on Monday at the same hour just 50.

#### 90 Years Ago - 1933

The Manchester ambulance was called Friday afternoon to remove Edgar Bushey to the Beverly Hospital who was severely injured while working in a gravel pit on the Manchester Road by a rock rolling down upon him.

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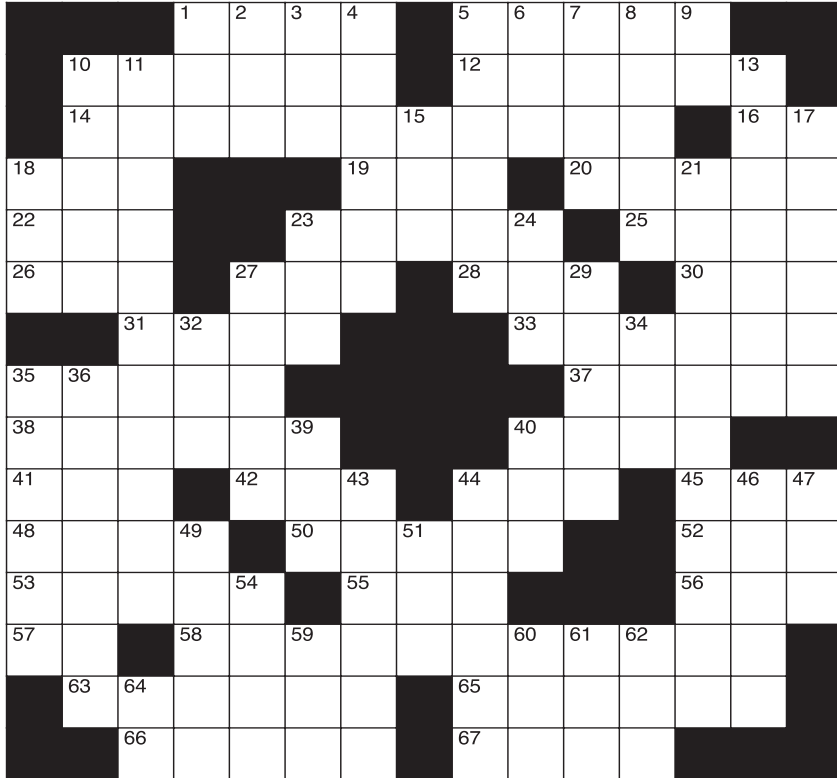
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# Puzzle

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sloping position
- 5. Descendant of a notable family
- 10. Following accepted norms
- 12. Root vegetable
- 14. Having a shape that reduces drag from air
- 16. Integrated circuit
- 18. Records electric currents of the heart
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Japanese city
- 22. After B
- 23. Muffles
- 25. Pass over
- 26. Vase
- 27. Soft touch
- 28. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 30. Patti Hearst's captors
- 31. Israeli politician
- 33. Degrade
- 35. Type of wrap
- 37. Polyurethane fabric
- 38. Avoids capture
- 40. Vegetarians avoid it
- 41. Decay
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Vessel to bathe in
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 48. Frosts
- 50. Dipped into
- 52. Controversial replay system in soccer
- 53. Comforts
- 55. Needed for yoga
- 56. Ands/\_

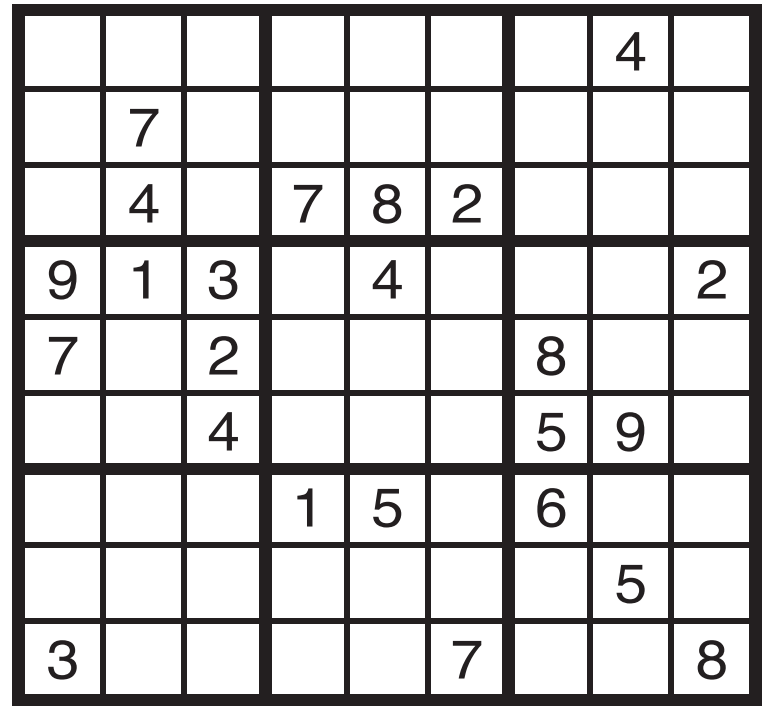


- 57. South Dakota
- 58. Printing system
- 63. Dramatic works set to music
- 65. Highest points
- 66. Social division
- 67. Used to treat Parkinson's disease

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hill or rocky peak
- 2. Initial public offering
- 3. Type of light
- 4. Test
- 5. Flaky coverings
- 6. Former NFLer Newton
- 7. Part of the eye
- 8. Roman god of the underworld
- 9. Negative
- 10. Indiana pro basketball player

# Sudoku



Solutions on Page 11

Level: Advanced

- 27. Sheets of glass
- 29. Slang for famous person
- 32. Not good
- 34. "Ghetto Superstar" singer
- 35. The "World" is one
- 36. Used to make guacamole
- 39. Midway between south and southwest
- 40. Wet dirt
- 43. Ancient Egyptian name
- 44. Set of four
- 46. Strips
- 47. Wife
- 49. More dried-up
- 51. Socially inept person
- 54. Clusters on fern fronds
- 59. Bar bill
- 60. Prefix indicating "away from"
- 61. Very important person
- 62. Fiddler crabs
- 64. Special therapy

# 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.CornerstoneNorthShore.org](http://www.CornerstoneNorthShore.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](http://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](http://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 Kolentas, 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 to attend.

## First Parish Church

## Manchester-by-the-Sea

Worship Sunday June 4, 2023, 10 a.m., 10 Central St and streamed on Facebook, FirstParishChurchManchesterMa.

Worship Leader, Rev. Teri Motley

## Music led by Dr. Herman Weiss and the First Parish Choir, Rebecca Shrimpton, Paul Knox

Monday, Book Group 6:30 p.m. "Lesson in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus  
Tuesday, Search Committee 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Thursday  
VNA Health Clinic 10 a.m.-Noon  
Seaside Parish Knitters 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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## 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 website, [www.gloucesteruu.org](http://www.gloucesteruu.org), for the link to the livestream.

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We begin our 2023 summer season this Sunday, June 4, with a single service of Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. Thereafter during the summer, we offer services every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. (a quiet, spoken service) and 10 a.m. (a family-oriented service with music)

## 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: [northshore-quaker@gmail.com](mailto:northshore-quaker@gmail.com). First 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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**Rockport** - New Construction! Beautiful colonial features an open floor plan, kitchen has 9-foot island and stainless steel appliances.  
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**Newbury** - New Construction: 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, two car attached garage and loaded with extras. 9-foot ceilings with open floor plan.  
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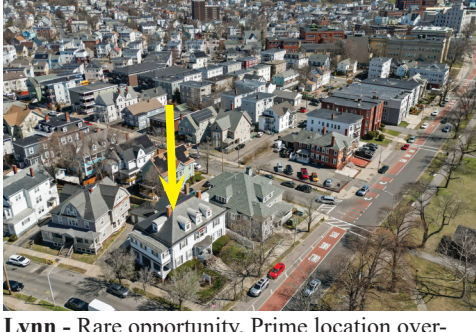
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# Are Your Ducks in a Row?



**By Joanne MacInnis RN CDP,**  
*President, Aberdeen Home Care, Inc.*

**F**irst order of business: determine what the ducks are. You have an estate plan. You have wills, trusts, and all the rest. Excellent. Do you have a "life plan?" What do you have in place to take care of you on THIS side of the sod? Like a formula to an estate plan, there is a MUST DO checklist that needs priority attention regarding your health, care, and decision-making during the "golden years."

**"I just want to go in my sleep, no muss, no fuss."** I have heard that one million times. Yes, wouldn't that be great? Unfortunately, a serious life-limiting illness is often not born from a single sentinel event. Most of the time, the causes of elder disability are the worsening of chronic medical conditions that have been present and treated for years. Independence doesn't evaporate overnight. Cogent thinking, physical ability, and intact self-care fade over time and can be so gradual that it happens right under our noses.

Consider your own experiences. Can you think back to your grandparents or parents and remember how the changes came in waves? There may have been periods of stability that were sandwiched by big changes. We are beings that create a "new normal" during periods of even extreme change. Look what we did during COVID. Who imagined we would have found that staying physically distant from everyone we know could have become the norm?

The "ducks" in my wheelchair are: Health Care Proxy, MOLST (Medical Or-

ders of Life Sustaining Treatment), HIPAA Authorization, and Emergency Preparedness. These documents provide as solid a structure as possible to facilitate your choices for medical care. So, let's tackle those one at a time.

### Health Care Proxy

The Health Care Proxy document allows you to designate a primary and secondary Health Care Agent who can make healthcare-related decisions for you if you cannot do so. Your agent is an individual. The notion that "all my children are my Health Care Proxies" doesn't fly. Your medical team does not want to deal with a committee that may or may not agree on anything.

You are assigning a primary and secondary individual to speak for you. What do they need to know as they take on this role? The answer is: what you want for medical care if you cannot direct your team. Your agents prepare for this role by having an in-depth (sometimes facilitated) discussion about the options in various medical scenarios, a clear exchange of information, and a comfort level for you and your agents. You do not need an attorney to complete this document. The Health Care Proxy document is available online at: Mass.gov.

### MOLST

The MOLST (Medical Orders of Life Sustaining Treatment) document is an active "doctor's order." It pertains to lifesaving and sustaining medical treatment. Truthfully, this document and its contents can be anxiety provoking, so I often use it as an outline for a discussion. A conversation starter. This is necessary because all medical facilities and emergency medical providers operate

under "doctors' orders."

If you do not have the MOLST document in place, emergency decisions you do not want could be made. Like the Health Care Proxy document previously discussed, this document helps ensure that you receive the interventions you have chosen and not the ones you haven't. You can review and complete this document with your primary care physician. The MOLST document is also available online at Mass.gov.

### HIPAA Release

The "Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act" was made law in 1996. It was enacted to ensure privacy concerning all healthcare information. This means that regardless of relationship (spouse, child, sibling, parent of an adult child, etc.), we are not automatically entitled to medical information, even in serious illness or hospitalization cases.

What is needed to bypass this limitation is a HIPAA Waiver. As the patient, you waive your rights to privacy and extend information to be shared with whomever you designate. There is no limit on how many people you wish to exempt from HIPAA restrictions.

This is a document you can "DIY." Include your name, the date, and your statement indicating your desire that the "following persons be allowed to have access to my medical information" with your signature. Notarizing the HIPAA Release/Waiver with witnesses is always a good plan.

### Updated Medical History

Now more than ever, our seniors and elders are on the move. We are living longer with chronic illness and are still out and about. A small index card with your current medical conditions, allergies, medications (dosages

and frequencies), primary care provider contact information, and emergency contact information is critical.

This information should be readily available at home for any Emergency Responder (usually kept on the refrigerator door). It can be in an envelope for privacy but labeled "EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFO." Keeping this information available in the event something occurs out of the home is equally important. Most first responders will look behind the Driver's License in the wallet for such a card. This can be lifesaving.

### In my work with the elder community, I often hear that "we are all set."

Ensure you have a copy if you have initiated the Health Care Proxy document with your Attorney. A document in a file drawer is useless to you in an emergency. These documents should be shared with your "team," and participants should have copies on their mobile phones.

I haven't worked with a family or individual who hasn't expressed great peace of mind and a sense of security and relief after completing this checklist. You don't know what you don't know... until you do. So... now you know. Listen to the sneaker company NIKE. Please, just do it.

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## Solution to puzzles on page 10

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



## Friendly Falcon

**H**ey all, Falcon here! I am a sweet, friendly 3-month-old boy ready to find my forever home. I enjoy playing with toys and running around with my siblings. I am always ready to hop out for a walk to enjoy the fresh air and treats my friends give me here at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter,

4 Paws Lane in Gloucester. I still have some puppy manners to learn but I am always ready to learn new things. If you think I'd make a good addition to your family, stop by and visit me today! Visit [www.capeannanimalaid.org](http://www.capeannanimalaid.org) for more information about me and all the other animals waiting for homes here at the shelter.

## KITTY CAT WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- Cat
- Cuddle
- Feline
- Fur
- Hidden
- Hunt
- Independent
- Litter
- Lives
- Lounge
- Meow
- Mice
- Night
- Nine
- Post
- Pounce
- Purr
- Scratch
- Sleeping
- Stealthy
- Whiskers
- Yarn

## 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.*

### Guiseppes Italian Restaurant

On Friday, June 2, it's a delicious lunch at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant in Newburyport. This family owned and operated Italian restaurant has been serving up homestyle Italian pasta dishes in generous portions and at very reasonable prices since 1995. You can even bring home dishes from their grab and go case. The van will start picking up seniors around 10:30 a.m. Return is expected by 2 p.m. For info or to reserve your seat on the van, please call the COA.

### New Brothers Restaurant & Deli

On Wednesday, June 7, the Manchester COA is off to

New Brothers Restaurant & Deli in Danvers Square. This is an economical, cafeteria style, Greek American restaurant with breakfast to dinner comfort food and homemade pies. The van will start picking up seniors around 11 a.m. To reserve your seat on the van, please call the COA.

### To the Malls!

Manchester Council on Aging van will be going to the Peabody and Danvers Malls on Friday, June 9, so get ready for some shopping, eating and walking exercise. Seniors can pick between the North Shore Mall or Liberty Tree Mall. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m. For info or to reserve your seat on the van, please call the COA.

### Take a Stand Against Elder Abuse

On Wednesday, June 14, the Manchester COA and SeniorCare will be out in front of Town Hall on the Village

Green from 10:30 am-11:30 p.m. showing support for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Stop by to show your support, get more information on the issue, and don't forget to wear purple.

### Wegmans For Lunch & Shopping

On Friday, June 16, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to Wegmans in Burlington. Start off with lunch at their Market Café where you can enjoy sushi, pizza, sandwiches, salads, or many hot, chef-prepared options. Then spend some time walking around or shopping in their enormous store. Check out the different departments from the bakery to the organic produce to the cheese section. The van will start picking up seniors around 11 a.m. Return is expected around 2 p.m.

### COA to Walmart

On Friday, June 23, the Manchester COA van will be going to Walmart in Danvers. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

## LEGAL



Town of Manchester-by-Sea  
Office of the  
**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 Wednesday, June 21, 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 may join the Board in Room 5.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84699416426?pwd=eTR0MGFJdC5vemEzZkd2Y1pxU0NCUT09

Meeting ID: 846 9941 6426  
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### New Applications

Application of Todd Paratore, on behalf of Susan King, for a Variance under Sections 12.4.6 and 12.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be nec-

essary for the reconstruction of a new connected garage. The new garage will be moved south by 4' to increase the distance to the rear lot line to 1'0", and west 4' to provide 5'- 4" to the side yard setback. Additionally, the footprint is increased 1'- 6" in width and 3'- 6" in length. Located at 4 North Street, Assessor's Map 51, Lot No. 21 in District D filed with the Town Clerk on May 24, 2023.

Application of Brian Stein, BDS Design Inc. on behalf of Joseph & Elyse Campanelli, for a Special Permit under Sections 10.1, 12.5, and 12.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to add additional levels to an existing split-level ranch in the flood zone. The main level needs to be raised by 1' to meet code. To increase the living space, the west side will be extended 2' and the side lot line will encroach by .1' further into the setback with the proposed deck encroach .4' further into the side setback. Located at 4 Butler Avenue, Assessor's Map 1, Lot No. 33 in District B filed with Town Clerk on May 15, 2023.

Application of Nicole & Christopher Day, for a Special Permit under Sections 4.2 E5, 2.0, and 12.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary for the installation of a Soake prefabricated pool, approximately 10'x 15', and raised a couple feet above grade. The pool will have a locking cover. A fence will be installed between the driveway and patio, and along the property line. Located at 117 School Street, Assessor's Map 40, Lot No. 02 in District A filed with Town Clerk on May 15, 2023.

Site visits will be held at 117 School Street and 4 Butler Avenue on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. lasting 15 minutes. There will be no deliberations, however, the public is invited to attend.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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

June 2, 2023 MC  
June 9, 2023 MC



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**Essex** \$1,495,000  
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Cricket Sperry



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Ted Richard



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Kate Richard



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Lynda Surdam



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Krista Julian



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Rockport



**Gloucester | \$629,500**

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Mary Matthews



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Magnolia, Gloucester



**Manchester | \$869,000**

Harbor views! A legal two family home, in need of renovation, featuring a great back yard and off-street parking. 4 Beds, 2.5 Baths, 2,452 Sq. Ft.

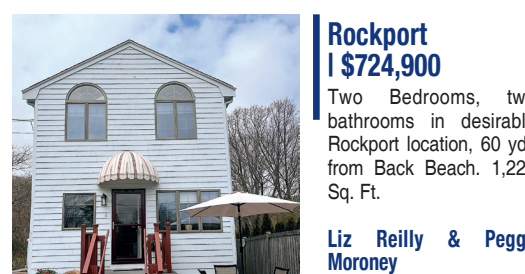
Jim Brown



**Manchester | \$1,100,000**

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Brian Rothe



**Rockport | \$724,900**

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