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Cluster of Police and Fire Calls Hit MBTS Tuesday

An unusual and very serious cluster of police and fire incidents hit the ranks of Manchester's public safety officers this week. First, on Tuesday morning MBTS police and fire responded to a single-vehicle 7:30 a.m. accident along Rte. 128's northbound side resulting in two fatalities of young men. Two hours later, another call came in, this time for a three-car accident just south of the site of the earlier accident. Later that morning, on Mill Street, they responded to a yet another accident involving two cars that were diverted from School Street. And all this came after a vehicle crashed and caught fire last week along a Beverly section of Rte. 128 and made regional news after off duty MBTS paramedic and firefighter Shane Stephenson made a good samaritan rescue at the scene. MBTS Police Chief Todd Fitzgerald said local emergency personnel should be proud, but he's not underestimating the emotional impact of these emergencies on local officers and firefighters.

MBTS Fishing Tournament Registration Open

Calling all Anglers! The Manchester By-the-Sea Fishing Tournament returns for the 4th year Friday, July 28 at first light to Sunday, July 30 at noon. Divisions this year will include Kid - (11 and under), Junior - (12-17), Adult - (18+). As always fishing can occur either by boat or on shore in the catch and release striped bass tournament. Awards ceremony will occur on Sunday at 5 p.m. at Tuck's Point. Registration with early pricing is open! All registrations include the annual tournament shirt. And you can stop by 4 Beach Gifts & Goodies to get one of the few remaining 2022 shirts or hoodies! Visit mbts-fishing.com to register today!

Out & About ... So Much Going On!

The annual MBTS Fishing Tournament is one thing that's happening (see above). But there's so much more. On **Pages 8 and 9**, we've got teasers on lots of them. First, the ME Rotary Club's annual Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast at Tuck's Point is coming up the Saturday before July 4th. The group is seeking volunteers for the breakfast too, so follow up if you're able to help. There's also the opening of an art show in Gloucester of MBTS painter Marion Hall that kicks off this week. The Gentle Bandstand series at Gloucester's Stage Fort Park has started. So has the Music at Masconomo Park here in Manchester on Tuesdays. The Cape Ann Symphony will have its 70-member orchestra play a free Pops in the Park show in Gloucester for the city's 400+ celebration. That's later in July. And finally, there's all the 4th of July activities, which we'll take up next week!



Photo: Erika Brown

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! The MERSD school calendar officially ended last Thursday, and these guys at Essex Elementary sure do know it. They are swinging away at the newly renovated Eagle's Nest Playground, now named (by vote of the EES student body) "Hornets Hive." All students were treated to free Kona Ice cones.

Special Town Meeting Details

By Gregory T. Federspiel

Manchester voters are urged to attend the Special Town Meeting set for Wednesday, June 28 at the Memorial School. Please allow enough time to arrive, register and be seated for the 6:30 p.m. start time.

Complete details on all the articles can be found at the Town's Website under Town Meetings and Elections. The full warrant with the seven articles was published in The Cricket last week along with the recommendation of the Select Board and Fi-

nance Committee.

The main reason for this special meeting is the need to approve a modified school budget for the Manchester Essex Regional School District. When the original budget failed to gain approval from Essex voters the School Committee regrouped and approved a lower budget for FY24 at their meeting on June 6. To have an approved budget before the start of the new fiscal year July 1, both towns have scheduled special meetings to take place the last week of June. (Otherwise, the District would

Manchester's June 28 Special Town Meeting Will Take Up Planning Board Articles, a Fire Truck Purchase, and the FY24 School Budget

be required to implement a monthly budget based on the FY23 budget.) Failure to approve a budget by either town this second time would force a third round which would be a joint meeting of the two towns.

With a lower District appropriation, Manchester voters will be asked to re-

direct most of the savings toward the Town's share of the District's costs to replace the turf on both Hyland and Coach Ed Field multi-use fields. Total costs for both fields come to \$1.6 million. The cost of the field at the elementary school is shared 50/50 between the District and Manchester based on field use. Voters approved Manchester's non-district portion of \$400,000 at the Annual Town Meeting and approved District borrowing for the remaining portion.

However, with the savings being realized through the new lower operating budget, the Finance Committee and the Select Board recommend voters approve a new \$400,000 in direct payments to the District for the second third Manchester owes for the projects to save borrowing costs. Manchester voters can decide how

they want to pay for the final third at a future Town Meeting.

Articles 3, 4 and 5 concern amendments to the Town's zoning by-laws. Article 3 seeks approval for a rewriting of Section 12. This was slated to be voted on at the fall Special Town Meeting but was passed over as that meeting encountered various delays and confusion. Since then, the Planning Board has done some minor fine-tuning of the proposed section which deals with administrative and procedural details. With approval of the new Section 12 voters will have approved the bulk of the needed recodification and modernization of the Town's zoning by-laws. A summary of the key changes made to Section 12 can be found on the Town's web site. ...*(Continued on page 7)*



MBTS' Laughing Gull Gets Its Due

Last week the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce tapped five businesses for recognition as Small Business of the Year with a big fete at the Beauport Hotel. One of them, The Laughing Gull Cafe on Summer Street, got a double dip of love Friday when friends and

town officials packed their Summer Street cafe for the official award presentation by Chamber CEO Steve Buckley and a generous showing of the Manchester Select Board, which offered an official town proclamation to the Warren Family that started the Laughing Gull four years

ago. Here, above, at center are (at left of center) Bruce, Dede, and Elizabeth Warren. Son Nick couldn't be there, but is a familiar presence behind the counter. Bruce and Dede say their business is nothing without loyal customers (and make no mistake, they're LOYAL) and, of course, family.

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 24 June		78°	65°
Sunday 25 June		75°	66°
Monday 26 June		76°	64°
Tuesday 27 June		76°	66°
Wednesday 28 June		67°	63°
Thursday 29 June		67°	63°
Friday 30 June		67°	63°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is Open to the Public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Essex FinCom
Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Essex ConCom
Tuesday, June 27, 7:15 p.m.

MBTS
Special Town Meeting
Wednesday, June 28
6:30 p.m. MMES

MBTS DPW
Stormwater Management
Plan Public Hearing
Thursday, June 29, 3 p.m.

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ME Varsity Boys Lacrosse Hornets had a great season, bolstered by a strong bench of seniors who took the team far this season. Here's play at the June 5th match v. Bourne. Photo: Mark DiPasquale

ME Spring Sports in 2023: A Look Back

By Jason Brisbois

Yet another memorable spring sports season has concluded at Manchester Essex Regional High School, and it's worth looking back at the highs and lows at the season that was, and how that might translate to the future for each of these teams.

Boys Tennis
Regular Season Record: 12-7

Postseason Record: 2-1 Rob Bilsbury

The boys tennis team earned an eight seed after an impressive regular season, beat 29-seed West Bridgewater by a 5-0 score in the Round of 32 on May 30, advanced to the Sweet Sixteen and beat ninth-seeded Monomoy, 4-1, and was eliminated by a powerhouse in Weston in the Elite Eight on June 7. "This was a great group of boys," explains boys

tennis coach Rob Bilsbury. "The most memorable thing about this season is just how much we improved and grounded it out in practice every single day. Compare our matches with Hamilton-Wenham and Lynnfield early in the season to our later matches with them and the results were way better the second time through."

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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).

Alice C. (Bell) Strangman



Alice C. (Bell) Strangman, 94, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, passed away Saturday, June 17, at Seacoast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Beverly, she was the daughter of the late Gordon and Lucy (Fisk) Bell. She was the loving wife of the late Lester Strangman, with whom she shared 66 years of wonderful marriage before his passing.

Growing up in Manchester, Alice was the oldest of four children.

Anyone who had the joy of spending time with Alice knew that she loved putting on a pair of dancing shoes or having some tea with close friends and family. When she wasn't doing that, you'd find her and her green thumb in the garden.

Alice and Lester traveled the world taking cruises to just about everywhere. Something that all of us will never forget was their annual tradition of hosting the Fourth of July. Family and friends would gather at their home to enjoy Lester's burgers and Alice's stash of snacks, treats, and ice cream!

Alice is survived by son Richard Strangman of Merrimack; daughters, Nancy Gonthier and her husband Claude of Amesbury and Diane Collens of Manchester-by-the-Sea; two sisters, Annette Gauthier of Magnolia and Marjorie Landry of Ipswich; nine grandchildren, Samantha, Robert, Angela, Anthony, Thomas, David, Josiah, Justin and Brittany; and 16 great grandchildren, Julia, Anna Lee, Claire, Bradley, Cameron, Cassius, Lydia, Jacob, Kira, Grayson Lora, Reya, JR, Lily, Jack, Evi and Penelope. She was predeceased by her brother, Gordon Bell, Jr.

Her funeral service will be celebrated at First Parish Church Congregational, 10 Central St., Manchester-by-the-Sea, on Friday, June 23, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot St., Beverly, Thursday, June 22, from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Manchester-by-the-Sea. Contributions may be made in Alice's memory to Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org.

William W. Melvin

William W. Melvin, 84, passed away Thursday June 15 at Beverly Hospital. Born in Beverly, he was the son of the late Wallace and Barbara



(Walen) Melvin. He was the beloved husband of Beverly (Walker) Melvin.

Bill grew up in Manchester-by-the-Sea, graduating as a member of Story High School, Class of 1957, where he helped lead the Hornets to the Co-Championship of the Eastern MA, High School Six Man Football League. He was also an accomplished baseball player for the Hornets.

After four years of military service in the Coast Guard, he returned home to work at Hoopers Grocery Store. When Hoopers closed, Bill went to work for the United States Postal Service, followed by many years at Essex County Club, where he took care of the grass courts and worked at keeping the course well-manicured. Bill finished his career as a driver for the Greater Lynn Senior Services. Throughout his adult life, Bill was a tireless worker who in his spare time took care of a few estates in town, and worked as the Sexton at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Masconomo St.

Bill loved woodworking, photography, reminiscing about Manchester, and heading up to Beverly for an ice cream, at Dairy Queen. In his later years he enjoyed watching old sporting events on YouTube, doing crosswords and spending time with his loving family. He was also a 48-year friend of Bill Wilson who was always willing to help a person in need.

In addition to his wife, William is survived by his five children, Tina Dupuis of Wenham, and her husband Brad, Bill Melvin of Gloucester, Mark, and Peter Hammond, and his two stepsons, Stephen and Kevin McCoy. William was the proud grandfather of Lindsay Habib, Alexander Mulcahey, Ryan Mulcahey Borden, Conor Mulcahey, Marlee Melvin, Jackson Melvin, Ruby Melvin, Holden Rogers, Annika Rogers, Cassidee Melvin, Wallace Melvin Jr, Liam Melvin, Aidan Melvin, Kaylee Melvin, and Carlee Melvin. He was also the thankful great grandfather of Samuel and Blakely Habib, Andi Jayne and Brooks Mulcahey and Avaree, Wesley, Elise, and August Borden.

His graveside funeral

service will be at Rosedale Cemetery in Manchester-by-the-Sea, on Thursday, June 22nd at 1 pm. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Contributions may be made in William's memory to The Friends of the Council on Aging, PO Box 264, Manchester-by-the-Sea 01944.

Kathleen Maureen Love



Kathleen Maureen Love passed away peacefully in her sleep. She lived a beautiful life. She was born on November 26, 1942, to Mary Koski, a homemaker and John Love, a welder on fishing boats, in Gloucester. Growing up on Long Beach in Rockport she would sometimes sit on the beach or hike "the rocks" to get a perfect view of Twin Lights, the ever-present lighthouses in the distance that she adored. This is where she discovered her true passion of reading and writing.

After high school, she went on to Bridgewater State University and became a middle school teacher.

While teaching in Boston she met, Doug Yajko, a medical student from Tuft's University. Doug and Kathy married and after their two daughters, Tracey, and Mindy, were born the family moved to the Roaring Fork Valley in 1974. Kathy desperately missed the ocean, but with her bubbly spirit she dove right into the small community. She sought out new adventures, making lifelong friends, always laughing, pulling pranks, struggling to keep her plants alive and, yes, writing. She penned a small "what's about town" article in the Glenwood Post from 1981-1985, named "Kathy's Korner." During her time in the valley she also co-authored, The Elusive Dream, the historical story of the pursuits and challenges of the area's local mining community.

After many years in the mountains, trying to turn mermaid into backpacker, she accepted that she despised skiing and rafting the Colorado River would never surpass sailing on the ocean. She moved back East with her daughters in 1986. This brought Kathy closer to her large family and returned her to her true home, the ocean. She began to teach again in Gloucester, the school system she had graduated from many years before. Teaching young people and helping them find their way coupled with a passion for learning was her joy. She completed her master's degree at Lesley University.

She retired from teaching after 30 years.

Once retired, her creativity, humor and gift of gab led her to a practice her mother embraced, reading of The Tarot. "Katrina Queen of the Stars" was born.

The eager and inquisitive minds of friends and neighbors joined her in her cozy Manchester-by-the-Sea home for coffee or glass of wine to discover answers to such questions as, "Does he love me?", "Will my friend apologize", or, "Is it a good time of the year to get a haircut?"

She also discovered a new love of walking the beaches and collecting sea glass with her faithful dogs, Schooner and Skipper. She began making sea glass jewelry to sell at local fairs.

Kathy was quick-witted, talkative, compassionate, a kind friend and loving mother.

Tracey and Mindy moved their mother back to Colorado seven years ago when signs of Alzheimer's began to show. She had a long battle with this difficult disease, and while she will be missed, we celebrate her freedom.

The ocean called her home one last time on Saturday, June 10.

Kathy is survived by her daughters, Tracey Yajko and Mindy Yajko, beautiful grandchildren, Winne and Will Tagler, siblings John Love (Stephanie), Sharon Cook (Oliver), Jeannie Love Boyle (Jim) and many Tullybugs, nieces and nephews, friends and her beloved, Skipper.

She is predeceased by her parents and siblings, Mary Bunch, Phyllis Nelson, Doris Tully, and Jacqueline Love.

Kathy wished to have her ashes spread at sea by Long Beach, Rockport across from where her family's cottage, Laughing Water was located. A celebration of life in the Roaring Fork Valley and back East will be planned for a later date.

The family would like to thank the many caregivers, nurses and doctors that cared for Mom over the years. Your love and kindness allowed Mom's sense of humor and spirit to shine bright during the hardest years of her life. We are forever grateful.

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 ~ Isabella Stewart Gardner ~

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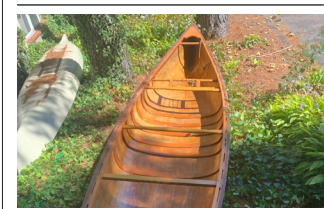


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Zoning Changes to be considered at the Special Town Meeting on June 28

There are three articles on the Town Meeting Warrant that include changes to the Zoning Bylaw. This is a brief guide to what they include:

rently in the Zoning Bylaw.

Article 3: Summary of Changes to Section 12 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Article 4: Reinsertion of Site Plan Review

At last Fall's Town Meeting, several important provisions (including a new Section 12) were postponed due to the lateness of the hour.

Article 5: Fixing typographical and referencing errors

With all the completed changes to the Zoning Bylaw in the past few years, some errors were inevitable in spite of careful review. Town Counsel has identi-

Topic	New Administrative Section	Old Administration Section
Inspector of Buildings Certificate of Occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines Inspector of Buildings' role Defines Certificate of Occupancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None Defines Certificate of Occupancy
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-criminal penalties Criminal penalties (\$300/day for violations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (\$300/day for violations)
Zoning Board of Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined - no change Updated to align with state law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined Includes several procedures that are redundant and outdated
Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines; establishes structure and powers Provides authority to make regulations and set fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No description of Planning Board
Special Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines authority and criteria Establishes procedures and fees Refers to Section 6 for specific review criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines authority and criteria Establishes procedures and fees Includes outdated review criteria
Site Plan Applicability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines authority and criteria Establishes procedures and fees Refers to Section 6 for specific review criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included. <p>(Note: Site Plan Review was deleted in anticipation of updating Section 12, but the article was postponed due to the late hour.)</p>
Site Plan for Dover Amendment uses (e.g., certain non-profit uses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines authority and criteria as legally required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included.
Request for Reasonable Accommodations under Fair Housing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included as legally required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included

Section 12 is administrative. It describes the roles and organization of the Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. It also explains the process and criteria for reviewing applications for Special Permits and for reviewing site plans for projects that are allowed without a special permit. This includes site plan review for facilities that are exempt from zoning regulations such as educational and religious institutions. If further spells out guidelines for the ZBA to follow in considering projects to accommodate people with special needs as required by the ADA. Town Counsel has reviewed these proposed changes and has determined that they are appropriate. The following table summarizes the changes and compares the proposed provisions to what is cur-

One of the Articles that was approved was the replacement of Section 6 with a new section that included more specific design standards to guide the review of projects. In deleting Section 6, the procedures for site plan review were removed in anticipation of inserting new Site Plan Review procedures in Section 12. One of the unforeseen consequences of the postponing the adoption of a new Section 12 was the removal of site plan review from the Zoning Bylaw. If Town Meeting fails to adopt Article 3 (the new Section 12) at the Special Town Meeting, this article would simply reinsert the old language back into Section 6. It would not be perfect, but at least it would reinstate the provision. If Article 3 is adopted, Article 4 will be unnecessary and will be passed over.

fixed a number of these errors that can be corrected with approval of Town Meeting. None of these corrections will result in any changes to the intent of the Zoning Bylaw. They will correct inappropriate references to other sections of the bylaw.

For those who would like more detail on these three articles, please visit the Town's Website or go online at www.bit.ly/zoningmbts.

The site includes additional detail and explanation and includes a side-by-side comparison of the proposed new language for Section 12 with the existing language.

This is the second of two articles submitted for our readers by the Manchester Planning Board to explain the nature and details of the board's Articles up for consideration at the Manchester Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 28.



BOARD UPDATES

Special Town Meeting: A Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial School. Meeting warrant and details can be found on the Town Website.

Music in the Park: The second week of music in Masconomo Park will feature the band "Live Dead" on Tuesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Call the cancellation line at 978-525-6429 for weather updates or check social media.

Fourth of July Parade: The annual Fourth of July Parade

is on Tuesday, July 4 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Parade route can be found on the Town Website. No fireworks on Singing Beach this year.

March in the Parade: We are seeking floats, teams, and groups to march in the Fourth of July Parade this year. Register at bit.ly/MBTSpade by July 1.

Beach Walk on Tags: All visitors to Singing Beach ages 12 to 65 need an orange beach tag or a daily walk on pass. Passes can ONLY be purchased at Singing Beach during operating hours. Cost is \$35 for the season, or \$10

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

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Regular Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection. Follow Us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @townofmbts and visit the Town website Manchester.ma.us to stay informed.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1933

The fire department was called for a lively blaze at the Kranfus cottage, formerly the S.P. Blake estate on Jersey Lane, at 8:34 p.m. Friday. The fire originated from sparks from an open wood fire on the hearth which ignited furniture in the rooms on the third floor. Owing to a very prompt response by the fire department the flames were caught before any real progress had been made and a bad fire averted.

Conomo Tribe Red Men held an election of Great Chiefs and tribal chiefs Wednesday sleep and a program of "Booster Nights" was discussed. Following the meeting refreshments of strawberries and cream were served.

75 YEARS AGO - 1948

1/5 Jarvis L. Saulnier, U.S. Army, Forest Street, is being held a prisoner of Capodistria, Italy, by Yugoslavian authorities it was reported this week by the Army adjutant general's office, in a telegram to his father.

The Board of Assessors announced this week that the 1948 tax rate for Manchester would be \$36.00 per

one-thousand-dollar valuation, an increase of \$2.40 over the 1947 rate of \$33.60.

60 YEARS AGO - 1963

Our five-digit ZIP code is 01944. Everyone in Manchester will use the ZIP code on all their correspondence to speed mail deliveries and reduce the chance of mis-sent mail. ZIP Code, the Post Office Department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery goes into effect nationally on July 1.

Plans for Ladies Tennis Day to be held Wednesday, July 10th are almost completed and a great deal of interest has been shown not only in Manchester but from surrounding communities. Tennis Day is sponsored by the Manchester Athletic Association and all proceeds are to go toward improving tennis facilities in the town.

45 YEARS AGO - 1978

In its constant effort to provide service to the town and to become self-sufficient the Manchester Youth Center has opened its doors to the public with the grand opening of the MYC Ice Cream Parlor.

Four Manchester juveniles were arrested for being

minors in possession of alcohol and violation of the park act. One was charged with violation of the park act and possession of fireworks.

30 YEARS AGO - 1993

The Manchester Boosters Club invites any Manchester group interested in fund raising to staff a booth at the upcoming Boosters Club Summer Festival. This is an excellent opportunity for your group to gain more public awareness of what your group does and to raise funds for your organization.

15 YEARS AGO - 2008

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Manchester Conservation office are requiring all floats stored at Tuck's Point on the salt marsh along Whittier Cove to be stored elsewhere. The float storage in this area is a violation of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

After rising for 10 consecutive weeks, gasoline prices in Massachusetts are unchanged this week. AAA's June 23 survey averaging \$4.69 per gallon.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, JUNE 12

12:55 a.m. Central St., suspicious activity, secured/checked. 5:21 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 8:16 p.m. School St., traffic hazard, notification made. 9:39 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

9:05 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 1:10 p.m. School St., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 4:56 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 6:01 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

8:29 a.m. Atwater Ave., fire alarm, fire false. 2:45 p.m. Summer St., utility request, notification made. 7:07 p.m. Lincoln St., property damage, vandalism, report to follow. 11:13 p.m. Norwood Ave., disturbance, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

12:01 p.m. Forster Rd., animal complaint, other. 3:25 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle accident with injury, report to follow. 8:22 p.m. Woodholm Rd., citizen assist, spoken to. 10:44 p.m. School St., motor vehicle

stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

7:49 a.m. Old Wenham Way, fire alarm, false alarm. 11:12 a.m. School St., motor vehicle accident with personal injury, assisted as needed. 12:06 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 5:23 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

7:48 a.m. North St., harassment, assisted as needed. 10:22 a.m. Pleasant St., animal complaint, report to follow. 1:09 p.m. Raymond St., motor vehicle accident with injury, transported to hospital. 10:15 p.m. Beach St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

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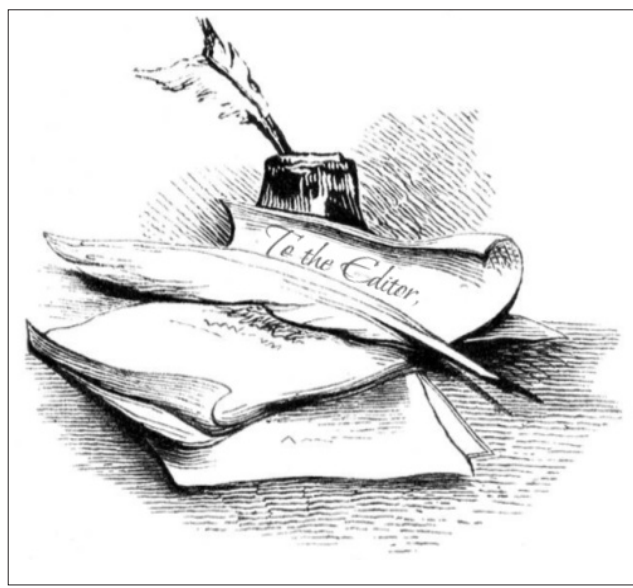
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Our Manchester Community: Gratitude for LGBTQ+ Support in the Face of Hate

To the Editor,

According to the Oxford Languages dictionary the term Community is defined as the "feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals."

We share community with each other here in Manchester based on several differing factors, such as neighborhoods, family, interests, work and recreation. Some would say that as a small town we focus and strive for a strong sense of community for our town.

Yet, over these last few weeks a member of our community posted hateful signs on their lawn "demonizing" the LGBTQ+ community. I surmise the homeowners did so in response to this—June—being LGBTQ+ Pride month. One of those signs was recently removed and replaced with a handwritten sign complaining of disdain for the "grooming" of children to be LGBTQ+.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community myself I can tell you that I was inspired by the community response from neighbors and residents to these hateful messages who asked for LGBTQ+ Progress flags to fly and show their support for the LGBTQ+ community. We all have a right to our opinions certainly.

However, given that LGBTQ+ children and our Trans

community remain at heightened risk for hate crime victimization and suicide, and that LGBTQ+ rights are being taken away along with women's rights across this country, I would suggest now is a time to be a more cohesive community, not a divisive one.

So, I welcome you to come show your support for the LGBTQ+ community by attending the North Shore Pride Parade and Festival in downtown Salem, MA on this Saturday, June 24. The festival is being held on the Salem Common from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the parade starts downtown on Derby Street at noon.

Thank you and Happy Pride!

Hope Watt-Bucci
Manchester

We "The Public"

If you have ever been Zooming in on the Planning Board's deliberations, as I have done for some time now, you know that there is often a time set aside for input from "the Public."

What I have observed is that usually people from this so-called "Public" show up to protest or complain about something. Never do I hear praise, gratitude, or recognition for what these seven brave souls are doing week in week out and in between their meetings on behalf of our town.

Whenever our town is passionately divided about

some issues, it appears that only one side shows up in numbers, while people on the other side of the debate are not there to be heard. As Woody Allen said so perceptively, "Ninety percent of success in life is just showing up." I'd make it ninety nine percent, so let's show up in any way we can.

When the Planning Board hears from "the Public," they often hear from just a handful of people who act as if they are representative of all of Manchester.

Let me set the record straight: they are not.

They use language of obfuscation, claiming that an issue is not studied enough, that some critical information was not presented, that things are not clear, and that therefore everyone (of "the Public") must be as confused as they are. Thus, they argue, articles cannot (yet) be placed on the Town Meeting warrant, kicking the already crumpled can once more down the road.

This has been going on for too long.

If "the Public" of Manchester were as confused as I often hear being proclaimed, how come all the articles that were brought to a vote at last Fall's town meeting were approved by an overwhelming majority? For me, the fact that we made some good progress on the long outstanding work of the Planning Board, is a testimony to the opposite of confusion. True, a minority was still confused and decided a "No" vote was safer.

If the reason to slow down is indeed about confusion, then the solution is simple. Don't wait for things to be explained to you. Contact someone who is knowledgeable about the issue (we have knowledgeable people in our town, many of whom are not on the Planning Board). Talk with them, engage in a true dialogue, or ask questions via email or by phone. This is hard work: it requires deep listening and attempts to understand other points of view and underlying values.

Zoning issues are very complex. People ("the Public") need to understand that zoning bylaws are legal documents that must conform to state law, so it does require some efforts to understand their meaning. The Planning Board members are already doing their part of the hard work. We, the Public, would do well to match this hard work with our own hard work to clear up the confusion and move on.

So, please take time before

the June 28 town meeting to review the information (it is on the Town Website) and be ready to vote on June 28.

Sylvia Vriesendorp
Manchester

Essex, Manchester and the M-E School District Budget

I was at a recent Manchester Club meeting and a prominent Townie asked me, as he always does: "How are things in the big city?"

By this he meant Essex, where our family moved nearly 30 years ago. Sarah and I grew up and lived our early adult lives in Manchester, and our feet have since been firmly planted in both towns. We are thus attuned to the tenor of the inter-town relationship, which right now seems a bit frayed. As if to illustrate, this particular Townie (who never fails to get to the point quickly) followed up with: "How come they're not supporting the schools over there?," referring to Essex's No vote on the override for the M-E School District budget.

I hope that some background and context will be helpful. First of all, the School District has been enormously beneficial for the education of both towns' children. And, Essex has been entirely supportive of the District's funding needs throughout its existence, including most recently the capital funding for the new Memorial Elementary School in Manchester. Now, however, there is a sense of taxpayer fatigue in Essex, not strictly because of school funding needs, but, in my opinion, because of much longer and more generalized spending by the Town of Essex. When we moved here in 1995, our annual property tax was about \$2,700, this for middling-sized house with garage on a one-acre lot. Since then, the Town has been making up for decades of deferred capital and systems improvements, including the school district, and also the sewer connection to Gloucester, renovation of Town Hall and the library, and new DPW and public safety buildings. This is in fact a record to be proud of, and of course it has come at quite a cost. Our tax bill is now four times (unadjusted) what it was in 1995, including a recent bump in our assessment of more than 15% that preceded the override request.

There are surely homeowners in Manchester who would love to have an \$11,000 annual property tax bill, and who might feel that Essex of course had to undertake all these improvements, but the point is that this taxpayer fatigue has led many people to feel we should pump the brakes just a bit on an override for the budget item that already takes up well over 50% of the total Town budget. It is legitimate to ask why substantial annual increases forecast well into the future should occur while enrollment has been falling, even while realizing that Essex's District funding apportionment has been rising in step with our rising share of the student population.

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The MERSD was and is a great achievement for both towns. The students and parents from both towns have made great contributions to its success and the value it brings to us. My hope is first that our two legislatures (Town Meetings) will do the hard work with the School Board and other Town committees to get the budget right and sustain the District into the future; second, and most importantly, that we continue to respect each other and realize that we're all aiming for the same outcome: an excellent public school system.

Mike Dyer
Essex

Grateful for Increased Coverage and Support of Arts Content

My letter is a "Thank You" to you for the impact of

your coverage of the cultural events covered in the edition of Friday, June 2. Although I could only attend the Coleman Sculpture Dedication, the other two events were either sold out at Wellspring House and the MHS 's event is already one that my husband's sculpture of The Carved "Sea Serpent" is an example of the Society's efforts to acquire the works of Art of previous residents.

After attending and participating in The Dedication and Reinstallation of my husband's welded steel "Western Totem," I returned home with increased affection and respect for the importance of Art and Culture in life. It confirms a perceived notion of mine that your paper's coverage of cultural opportunities in Manchester and the increased awareness of those who offer them results in a richness to our lives here in Manchester.

Unlike so much media coverage that is being lost to communities where there is no longer a local newspaper, I am grateful for your efforts to keep our town informed and therefore influenced by my rightly or wrongly perceived direction to increased coverage of a wider variety of Cultural Events.

Margaret "Peggy" Coleman
Manchester

Five Past School Committee Members: Support Our District's FY24 Budget

Seeking stability for the regional school district, the undersigned former Manchester Essex School Committee representatives endorse and encourage our fellow voters in Essex and Manchester to vote in favor of the MERSD compromise budget to be presented at their respective town meetings of June 26 at 7:30 pm in Essex and June 28 at 6:30 pm in Manchester.

Our regional school district has been a cornerstone of our two communities for over 20 years and the District's achievements speak volumes to our towns' collective support of the students in our communities. Let's continue to work together on this strong foundation and solve those issues that are now facing the district.

Susan Beckmann
Annie Cameron
Susan Coviello
Linda Crosby
Sarah Creighton

LIBRARY NEWS



Thanks to the Manchester Garden Club and the Friends of MBTS Public Library the front lawn and gardens are looking beautiful and inviting. Stop by and enjoy a book or your lunch out front. Courtesy Photo

Mystery Book Group
Friday, June 30 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This month's author, Bruce Robert Coffin will be at our meeting, in person! We will meet at the Masonic Lodge Hall, behind the library. Bruce Robert Coffin is the award-winning author of the bestselling Detective By-

ron mystery series. A former detective sergeant with more than 27 years in law enforcement, following the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, Bruce spent four years investigating counter-terrorism cases for the FBI, earning the Director's Award, the highest award a non-agent can

receive.

"The House of Lincoln" with 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". The book is a sweeping historical novel, which tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's ascendance from rump lawyer to U.S.

president to the Great Emancipator through the eyes of a young asylum-seeker who arrives in Lincoln's home of Springfield from Madeira, Portugal.

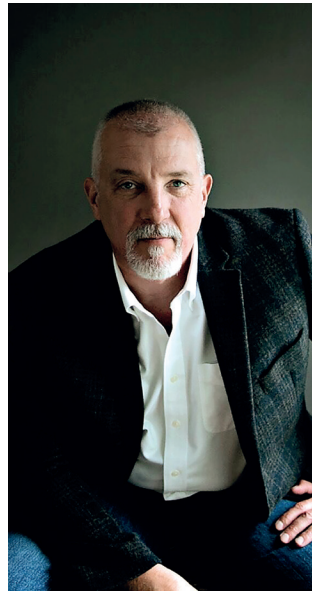
Revolutionary Heroine Deborah Sampson and Gender Identity (Virtual)
Tuesday, June 27 from 7-8 p.m. In 1782, Deborah Sampson ran away from home and disguised herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. More than 220 years later, Sampson's ancestor, author Alex Myers, was so inspired by her story that he wrote "Revolutionary," a fictionalized novel based on the true story of Sampson's 17 months as a soldier.

Hearthside Book Group
Tuesday, July 11 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss the biography "The Woman They Could Not Silence" by Kate Moore. It is a dark, dramatic, but ultimately uplifting tale of a forgotten woman whose harrowing story changed the world.

Mindful Meditation
Tuesday, July 11 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. There will be guided meditation, some silence, and discussion. Registration is requested but not required.

Annual Book Sale
Annual book sale is August 5.

Craft Circle by the Hearth-



Author Bruce Robert Coffin
Courtesy photo

side
Sundays from 2-3 p.m. Bring your craft project and covered beverage and enjoy comradery and conversation by the fireside. All ages welcome.
MPL Children's Events: Summer Art and Sensory Starting Wednesday, June 28 from 3-4 p.m. and running every Wednesday this summer for ages pre-K - 2nd grade. Art and Sensory encourages students to explore their creativity through the fun of using many different art materials. The project is always step by step, hands on and guided to help create individual masterpieces. Space is limited and registration is required for each week's session.

Creating Comic Strips and Gag Cartoons
Friday, July 14 from 1-3 p.m., ages 11-16. Boston-based author/illustrator Jonathan Todd is back, his time for a two-hour workshop on writing and drawing cartoons geared for laughs. Registration is limited to 20 participants, and art supplies are

included.

Summer Reading
Summer reading begins June 22-August 11. Kids going into grade 6 and under are invited to sign up for summer reading. Register for a chance to win raffle prizes and get free admission to the Topsfield Fair.

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

Vox and Wonder Books
Kids are going to love these new audio and print picture and chapter books bound together for literacy and fun. The permanently attached Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along experience. No need for computers, tablets or CDs, children simply push a button to listen and read.

Stories and Songs Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Our youngest patrons and their caregivers are invited to share songs, rhymes and simple stories.

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

NOTE: Library Schedule and Holiday
On July 1 the MBTS Public Library will be closed on Saturdays until September. The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

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On to 5th grade. These happy students are ready for a great summer as they leave the elementary school behind on the last day of school, Thursday, at MMES.

Photo Paul Clark



Little sisters with their mom, pick up their big sister, on the last day of school at Manchester Memorial Elementary School on Thursday.

Photo Paul Clark



Laurie Colpoys, Grade 4 teacher and Nancy Filias, Academic Specialist spent the afternoon before the last day of school celebrating their retirement from the Manchester Memorial Elementary School with several dozen well-wishers on hand. Stories were told and fond memories were shared and previously retired teachers mingled with the current staff.

Photo Paul Clark



FREE ICE CREAM! Well, cCourtesy of the MBTS Police Department, that is. With plenty of publicity, local students in Manchester invited to come downtown to Captain Dusty's Ice Cream on Beach Street to get a cone on the cops during a two-hour window Thursday. And come down they did. The shop was full of students young and old to take the offer. Above, Manchester Police Chief Todd Fitzgerald poses with some grateful middle schoolers. Meanwhile, over in Essex, all students were treated to free flavored ice cones from the Kona Ice truck that made getting that free tasty treat a whole lot easier to get. The truck parked right in the school's playground and staff made an orderly affair of it all by calling up recipients grade by grade by bullhorn.

Talking Murder in Fiction

The Library's Mystery Book Club is hosting an open meeting with Detective-Sergeant Bruce Robert Coffin, retired, on Friday, June 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Masonic Hall. Coffin has authored four police procedural mysteries featuring a fictional version of his prior job as supervisor of violent crime investigations in Portland, Maine.

Visitors to this meeting are welcome to read a copy of *Among the Shadows*, from the library.

Mystery Club participants are reading his first book, *Among the Shadows*, and some small part of the conversation with him will include questions about that book. (Copies are available at the library.)

Last week, Coffin was conducting a workshop on

"Cold Case Investigations," at the annual Writers' Police Academy. He regularly helps other mystery book writers "get it right" when describing police procedures in their books. Readers, too, like to ask about police work, which is why he was invited to have a conversation with the mystery fans in town.

While a former detective sergeant with more than 27 years in law enforcement, he supervised all homicide and violent crime investigations for Maine's largest city. Following the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, Bruce spent four years investigating counter-terrorism cases for the FBI, earning the Director's Award, the highest award a non-agent can receive.

Winner of Killer Nash-

ville's Silver Falchion Awards for Best Procedural and Best Investigator, and the Maine Literary Award for Best Crime Fiction Novel, Coffin was also a finalist for the Agatha Award for Best Contemporary Novel. His Anthony nominated short fiction appears in several anthologies, including *Best American Mystery Stories 2016*.

Coffin is a member of International Thriller Writers, Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, Short Mystery Fiction Society, and the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance. He is a regular contributor to *Murder Books* blog.

More information: Call the Library, 978-526-7711 or see: www.MysteryBookFan.com. All mystery book fans are invited to this conversation.

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The Hornets tennis team poses with their medals after finishing their MIAA Finals Match against Hamilton Wenham. The Generals prevailed 4-1.

Courtesy Photo

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One of the highlights of the season was the win over an up-and-coming Monomoy program.

"That one is probably my favorite one because of all the close matches and how we pulled out a 4-1 win over a very, very good team," says Bilsbury. "I feel like at the beginning of the year, we weren't at that level, and at the end of the season we are."

The Hornets only lost one key component to this squad to graduation, with third-singles stalwart Finn Straub graduating in the spring. Otherwise, the rest of this group will return to a Div. 4 that will see Weston move on to Div. 3 competition, and should be among the favorites to win it all in 2024 as a result.

"We've got Charlie Langendorf jumping from jayvee to varsity, now ready to step in, as well as the other kids at the jayvee level right now," explains Bilsbury. "We want to level up as best as we can; Hamilton-Wenham, Lynnfield, Monomoy, Cape Cod and us will be at the top of Div. 4. We've got to put ourselves in a position to compete with them."

Boys Lacrosse
Regular Season Record: 14-4

Postseason Record: 1-1
The boys lacrosse team broke through in 2023, earning a coveted 10-seed in the MIAA Div. 4 tournament, earning an early bye and picking up a win over 23-seed Bourne, 17-6, in the Round of 32 on June 5. The Hornets lost, 10-6, to Lynnfield in the Sweet Sixteen on June 7, knocking the team out of the tournament and ending a memorable season.

"This year was so special for many reasons," explains boys lacrosse coach Jon Siderewicz. "Fifteen seniors helped this program go from an unknown lacrosse program to a top 10 Div. 4 team in the state.

We beat teams this year for the first time in many years such as Ipswich, Tri-

ton, and Essex Tech, and it was the second year in a row making it to the MIAA round of 16. This year's team also won a CAL Baker Conference Championship, being co-champs with Ipswich, which is the program's first. We had two players who achieved First Team All-CAL, and three players earned second team All-CAL." The boys lacrosse team lost half of its roster to graduation this spring, making 2024 a rebuilding year for a program that seems to be coming into its own after compiling a best-ever 15-5 record.

"There is lots to be proud of with this team, and they showed resilience, strength, and maturity in the way we started to how we finished," says Siderewicz. "The credit must go to the graduating senior class of 2023 because they were the players on the field every day making it count and getting it done for the last four years."

Baseball
Regular Season Record: 6-13

Postseason Record: 1-1
The Manchester Essex baseball and softball teams shared some commonalities this season: This was a rebuilding (or, in the case of the softball team, the argument could be made that this was a "building" year) season, with the core of each squad made up primarily of younger players learning to compete at the varsity level. Both teams earned 30-seeds, both teams won in the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament's Preliminary Round, and both teams were knocked out of tournament contention by a three-seed.

The baseball team beat New Mission, 13-8, on June 3 in the Preliminary Round of the tournament, and was knocked out by three-seed Seekonk by an 8-0 score in the Round of 32 on June 5. Coach BJ Weed was encouraged by the growth of his young pitching staff and how they fared in the post-season. In all the team lost six seniors to graduation, but many of those younger players who

got varsity experience will be back in 2024.

"We struggled all year to be consistent with a young pitching staff, which will help us next year," explains Weed. "Our underclassmen showed glimpses of good baseball and we played two good games in the playoffs that I hope we take into next year."

Softball
Regular Season Record: 7-12

Postseason Record: 1-1
The softball team beat 35-seed Rising Tide Charter, 22-10, in the Preliminary Round of the tournament on June 3, and was knocked out by three-seed Clinton, 13-0, on June 5 in the Round of 32.

The biggest win of the spring for the softball team came before the start of the season: After a four-year hiatus in which the sport was not played at Manchester Essex, there was enough interest to not only bring softball back to town, but to find some success in doing so.

"This was a remarkable season for us, winning eight games," explains softball coach Frank Sarro. "When we opened in March, I'm not quite sure we all knew what to expect this year. We had a win in one of our scrimmages, and I think that gave us confidence. We came out and won our first two games in convincing fashion. It's at that point collectively we felt like we could make the state tournament. Everyone played a part. We had big innings to come back in games we needed." In a comeback season, the Hornets showed confidence in making comeback wins against Hamilton-Wenham twice, two victories over rival Rockport and a major score with a win over Ipswich on senior night.

"Winning a tournament game against Rising Tide Charter was special for us this year," says Sarro. "I'll never forget these comebacks because this team never quit. This was such an enjoyable team to coach. They played well together and brought a great attitude to the field every day. This was an incredible season by an amazing team, and I'm so proud of them. The softball team loses senior captains Kyra Levasseur and Abby Taron to graduation, but the future is bright with eight sophomores coming back to anchor the team out of the 10 overall who should return, including CAL All-Stars Anna Gardner, Penelope Riggs and Abby Aiello - all three of whom earned the honor as freshmen.

"The future looks bright for our program, and I'm already looking forward to next season," says Sarro.

Generals Halt Hornets in State Finals



Sienna Crocker and Grace Scarborough at second doubles were prepared to meet their Hamilton Wenham challengers during the MIAA State Finals at Endicott College. They came away with the win 6-2, 6-2.

Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois
The third time, unfortunately, was not the charm for the Manchester Essex girls' tennis team.

The second-seeded Hornets have looked spectacular throughout the spring, playing well and picking up wins over talented teams as they blew through the regular season and then advanced through the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament. There were big tournament wins over a 14-win Hopedale team, and a decisive victory over the three-seed in Lynnfield.

The one roadblock all season seemed to be the top-ranked Hamilton-Wenham. Manchester Essex played the Generals twice during the regular season as part of their Cape Ann League schedule and lost both times. When the Hornets drew Hamilton-Wenham in the state finals over the weekend, the hope was that having a level of familiarity and the heightened stakes would help them to break through against their rivals and earn the Div. 4 title.

"We were always the underdogs in this one after losing to them 5-0 twice during the season, so we tried to go out and play with freedom and very little pressure," explains ME girls tennis coach Barrett Alston. "We knew we could compete in the doubles and needed one singles match to go our way. [There was] an exciting

buildup to the match over the last few days."

That result was not to be, as the Hornets fell to the Generals, 4-1, on June 18 at MIT in a contest that would determine the top squad in the area. Manchester Essex, did not go quietly, however. Vanessa Gregory and Calista Lai were game to go against Sky Jara and Naomi Provost at first and second singles, respectively, but struggled against two of the best players in the state. Grayson Crocker looked great at third singles but lost to Chloe Gern.

"Grayson Crocker lost at third singles but played her best match of the year," says Alston.

The doubles teams were very competitive in this one: Grace Scarborough and Sienna Crocker scored the Hornets' only points in the contest with a 6-2, 6-2 win at second doubles, and Emily Provost-Weber and Sophie Zalosh lost a tight one, 5-7, 6-4, 10-8.

"Of course, everyone was feeling a little down, but ultimately I think we all understand how successful the season was," explains Alston. "We played, frankly, as well as we could possibly play in the final, and there's nothing more you can ask for as a coach or an athlete."

In 2022, much of this same core group of players made it to the Div. 4 Final Four, and advanced one step further this spring. More than half of that

group graduated earlier this spring, with Scarborough and both Crocker sisters returning in 2024.

"Just a feeling of overall success, joy, satisfaction as having reached the final and given it our best shot," says Alston. "Certainly, the returning players have seen the level of tennis needed to be successful at the highest level in the state."

That much was evident in this year's Final Four win over Lynnfield on June 15, a 4-1 victory over another familiar foe that catapulted the Hornets into the final.

"Grayson Crocker at third singles and Sienna Crocker/Grace Scarborough at second doubles won easily," explains Alston. "Calista Lai won in three sets at second singles and Sophie Zalosh/Emily Weber-Provost won in three sets at first doubles, coming back from a set down to win and send us to finals."

The victory carried special meaning for the coach.

"ME girls' tennis has a rich history and it's awesome to be able to add to that," says Alston. "I think the unique part about this year is we added to that history without really having any tournament players at the top of the roster. Truly, and I know this is a cliché, but this was a team effort from one through seven, our depth and effort at all five spots is what got us here. Never clearer than in the Lynnfield matches."



Senior Hornet Captain, Calista Lai, shows perfect form as she serves during the MIAA DIV 4 Finals against the Hamilton Wenham Generals. The Hornets lost the match 4-1 against a very strong opponent.

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LIBRARY NEWS



MERSD high schoolers serve up delicious root beer floats to 200 Essex children who came to the library to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge on June 15. *Courtesy Photo*



The Essex Library kicked off summer with the annual Root Beer Float on June 15. Over 200 attended and 115 children signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge: Once Upon a Forest. The library will hold events every week through July as well as hosting three book groups for various grades. Children who read 25 hours by August 11 will receive a ticket to the Topsfield Fair! *Courtesy Photo*

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 rump lawyer to U.S. President.

Beginning Birding with Hands on Nature

Wednesday, June 21 at 2 p.m. for ages 5 and up. Learn all about local birds in your yard and how to start identifying them. Learn which birds are common to Massachusetts and begin the easy journey to learn more about these beautiful creatures that are an essential part of our natural world. Leave knowing common bird songs that you will be able to recognize on your own. Create and take home a simple bird feeder to attract birds to your yard at home.

Discover Underground Mammals

Tuesday, June 27 from 2-3 p.m. for ages 5 and up. Learn all about the local mammal species which spend most of their lives underground. Discover some of the special characteristics of underground mammals and the adaptations these animals have made to a life under our feet. Explore what animals look for when making a home and learn about some interesting details of the den construction.

Read to Jackson

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. beginning June 21. Sign up for your 15-minute slot to read to loveable Jackson. Please register.

Community Book Group

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

Friends of the Library Gardening

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

Library of Things

Giant Jenga, Corn Hole and Pickleball

Museum Passes

Passes available for your holiday weekend.



And earlier on the day of the root beer float event at the library, Essex Elementary students had a blast outside on their last day of school, enjoying the newly named "Hornets Hive" playground and free Kona Ice cones before heading off to summer vacation. *Photos Erika Brown*

Senior Living in Essex

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. Here's what's going on.

Games at the Senior Center: Wednesdays 1 p.m.: Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, board games and more! Join us

or bringing a friend and come play!

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! Can you say SCRUMPDILLYCIOUS? Please RSVP by June 22.

Book Club: Tuesday, June 27, 1 p.m.: Join us for a lively discussion about the current book of the month, *Fellowship Point* by Alice Elliot Dark. Through the generosity of the Friends of the Essex COA, multiple copies of each title are available to borrow but please return them for others to read! New members are always welcome!

ESSEX EATS! Lunch at The Farm: Thursday June 29, 12 noon. Please RSVP by June 19. \$15 per person.

...(Continued from page 1)

Importantly, Section 12 would update and relocate the provisions for site plan review. However, if voters do not approve the proposed rewrite then they will be asked in Article 4 to re-insert the former site plan review provisions of Section 6.5 which were removed in the fall in anticipation of the new Section 12 being approved.

When the zoning bylaws were renumbered a couple of years ago numerous cross references failed to be updated as well. Correcting these and a few other layout errors is the subject of Article 5. No substantive changes are proposed.

In article 6, voters are being asked to fund the replacement of the Fire Department ladder truck. The current ladder truck is 22 years old and, despite the efforts to bring it into compliance, the old diesel engine failed to pass the required state emission standards. The purchase is to be funded by available funds in the Fire Apparatus

Replacement Fund, rescinding the previously approved purchase of a second ambulance from this fund (the Engine will be outfitted to serve as a back-up non-transport paramedic response vehicle), and the proceeds of the sale of an existing mini pumper which is deemed less useful to the department than a full-size ladder and pumper.

This will mean all three front-line vehicles - the ambulance, the engine truck and the ladder truck - will all be current and fully functional. (A pick-up truck for all terrain use, and the Chief's response car round out the department's fleet.)

Lastly, Article 7 asks voters to approve \$50,000 mainly for a salary reserve fund to use as union contracts are finalized. With inflation still running high, new contracts are coming in higher than the 2.5% originally budgeted.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

No report.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

No report.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

12:42 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, report to follow. 2:07 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 6:39 a.m. Route 128NB, directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:03 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

9:10 a.m. Essex River, male with chest pain, transported to hospital. 10:35 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., parking complaint, secured/checked. 2:45 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 5:29 p.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

7:11 a.m. Eastern Ave., alarm, secured/checked. 1:49 p.m. Addison St., male fall, transported to hospital. 6:15 p.m. Martin St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 9:05 p.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

5:19 a.m. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 9:42 a.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 6:43 p.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 10:34 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

1:15 a.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 2:06 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:08 a.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 6:56 a.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

Essex Locals | June 23

115 Years Ago - 1908

Quite an extensive woods fire started Friday afternoon of last week, caused by an act of a citizen using dynamite to blast a log. Not only some five cords of wood ready for hauling, but his entire lot was destroyed and nearly 20 acres were burned over.

90 Years Ago - 1933

The members of the Junior class of the Essex High school accompanied by the members of the faculty, enjoyed an outing at Ipswich beach Thursday afternoon of last week.

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Cape Ann Symphony Kicks Off 72nd Season with “Pops in the Park” for Gloucester 400+

Next month the Cape Ann Symphony’s 70-member professional orchestra will perform at Stage Fort Park for **Pops in the Park**, a special concert to celebrate Gloucester’s 400+ anniversary celebration, on Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

“Over the last six months we’ve been raising the funds needed to put the symphony on stage and I am delighted to share that we just reached our goal” said Jodi Nedrow-Counihan, CAS board member and coordinator of the Pops event. “We

are so appreciative of our corporate sponsors and all the individual donors who contributed to make this marquee event of the 400+ celebration a reality!”

Set against the majestic backdrop of Gloucester Harbor, this outdoor, all ages event will be a special evening of music. The program includes Rossini’s *Barber of Seville Overture*; Anderson’s *Selections from Irish Suite*; Copland’s *Hoe-down*; William’s *Adventures on Earth*; A Tribute to Henry Mancini; Tchaikovsky’s *Finale of The 1812 Overture* and the world premiere

of *Celebration Overture* by acclaimed Gloucester composer Robert J Bradshaw.

The event will feature a very real “full circle” quality. After all, the Cape Ann Symphony began in 1952 as a volunteer group of thirty or so individuals calling themselves the “Gloucester Civic Symphony Orchestra.” And, on July 10, 1952 the symphony performed its inaugural concert in the Gloucester High School auditorium and wowed the audience of over 800 concertgoers with their performance of Beethoven’s *First Symphony*.

“The **Pops in the Park Concert** on July 28 is a celebration not only of the 400+ years of Gloucester history but of the 70+ years of the Cape Ann Symphony” adds Nedrow-Counihan. Today, the Cape Ann Symphony has evolved into an all-professional orchestra of more than 70 members from throughout the New England area with a performance level to rival any regional Symphony in the country. For more than 20 years Maestro Yoichi Udagawa has been the CAS music director and conductor and his artistry and passion have made him an audience

favorite. Udagawa is as comfortable with popular and contemporary music as well as the standard symphonic repertoire. He is known for his relaxed manner and ability to speak from the podium which has helped new audiences as well as enthusiasts gain a greater appreciation for symphonic music.

Cape Ann Symphony’s Gloucester 400+ Pops in the Park Concert Celebration
Friday, July 28, 8 p.m. | Stage Fort Park | 24 Hough Ave., Gloucester \$ free

Artist Marion Hall Exhibits Work in Gloucester Through Aug 19



More than 20 watercolor paintings by local artist and Manchester resident Marion Hall will be on exhibit now through August 19 in Bank Gloucester’s main lobby on Main Street in Gloucester.

The bank will host a public viewing for artist Marion Hall starting Saturday, June 20, and a reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, July 1 from 10 am to 12 pm.

The exhibit features 20 watercolor paintings, all celebrating the 2023 Gloucester 400+ anniversary celebration. Subjects in Hall’s works include the Ocean Alliance’s Tarr & Wonson Paint Factory, local lighthouses, schooners under sail in the Gloucester Schooner Festival, the Lane House, fishing boats, the Bass Rocks surf, and more scenes of Cape Ann.

Marion’s style blends realism and impressionism, with a very colorful pallet and brilliant lighting. Her paintings are very expressive and evoke joyful emotions and quiet times.

Marion has been a Manchester by the Sea resident for more than 50 years. She graduated from Tufts University in 1966 and Boston Bouve’ College at Northeastern University with degrees in Physical Therapy. She was commissioned in the US Navy. After

graduation, she was stationed at Chelsea Naval Hospital and worked with casualties from the Vietnam War. After her service, she was Chief Physical Therapist at Beverly Hospital. Marion raised a family of three children, Connie, Lisa, and Rob (now of Gloucester). She concurrently ran her private practice and consulted for community health organizations and the public school systems. Marion specialized in childhood development and senior care.

Upon retirement from health-care, Marion began her pursuit of watercolor painting. Studying, practicing, painting, and exhibiting rapidly became her new passion. She has been recognized and accepted as an artist member of the North Shore Arts Association, the Rockport Art Association and Museum, and the New England Watercolor Society. Marion enjoys painting in her studio in Manchester.

She will lead a free watercolor workshop for seniors from Cape Ann at the North Shore Arts Association on four Wednesdays from 1-3 pm, July 19 and 20 and August 2 and 9. Hall has illustrated two books for children about the wildlife on Cape Ann. “Let’s Go, Animal Tracks In The Snow” and “Let’s Go, Time to Explore At The Shore.” She volunteers as a docent at the Cape Ann Museum.

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Montserrat Celebrates Commencement for Class of 2023



Montserrat College of Art held the Class of 2023 Commencement ceremony at

the Cabot Theater in Beverly earlier this month. The Class of 2023 and their guests were welcomed

into the Cabot to celebrate the accomplishments of the 74 graduates. Additionally, the ceremony was live-

streamed so loved ones not in attendance could watch from home. Students elected Gabrielle Ca-

sella to be their student speaker, and Professor Hannah O'Neal as the faculty speaker. The keynote address was delivered by Paige Braddock, the Eisner-nominated artist and writer behind Jane's World as well as the Chief Creative Officer at Charles M. Schulz Creative Associates. Braddock was awarded an honorary doctorate, which was presented to her by Montserrat's Director of Exhibitions and Galleries Lynne Cooney.

Interim President Brian Pellinen, Interim Dean of Services and Programs Jesse Kahn, and Montserrat Board Chair Mercedes Sherrod Evans also delivered remarks.

Braddock closed out her speech with some direct advice for the students: "Be attentive. Take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves, even if they're a little scary. There is no true success without risk, and when you fail, don't be so hard on yourself. Support each other, encourage each other, be brave... and whatever your medium is, keep creating." Following the ceremony, the graduates and their guests returned to Montserrat's Hardie Building to view the "All Senior Show" on display at Montserrat Gallery. Montserrat College of Art is a private, residential college of visual art educating the designers, artists, entrepreneurs for a rapidly changing world that requires creative solutions to new challenges. At the intersection of art, design and technology, the college offers three international programs, 12 concentrations and a required internship program. Montserrat alumni are employed by some of the country's biggest brands including Disney, Puma, Hasbro and more.



CA Big Band Opens Gentile Bandstand 2023 Season

David Benjamin, the Summer Music Director for the City of Gloucester announces The Antonio Gentile Bandstand 2023 Summer Concert Series. He offers an eight-concert series of free concerts beginning on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. with the Cape Ann Big Band and ending on August 27, 6:30 p.m. with the Rico Barr Band. The weekend of August 19 & 20 will feature two concerts; the Cape Ann Community Band will perform a "Salute to Gloucester's 400th Anniversary" the Saturday, August 19. Old Cold Tater, Daisy Nell & Captain Stan plus Ellen Ford play on August 20. This year marks the thirty-seventh season of concerts at the bandstand.

The opening Cape Ann Big Band concert on July 9 is sponsored by Pure Water Systems and the City of Gloucester. The concert will be dedicated to the memory of Anthony Verga, former State Representative. Local businesses and individuals sponsor the concerts.

A highlight of the season will be the Cape Ann Community Band "Salute to Gloucester: 400th Anniversary Concert" featuring music special to Cape Ann. "We've planned a program that cov-

2023 Antonio Gentile Bandstand Schedule

July 9, 7:00 p.m.	Cape Ann Big Band (Big Band Jazz)
July 16, 7:00 p.m.	4Ever Fab (Beatles Tribute Band)
July 23, 7:00 p.m.	The Continentals (Pop-Rock Band)
August 6, 6:30 p.m.	Compaq Big Band with the Cape Ann Jazz Divas
August 13, 6:30 p.m.	Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra
August 19, 6:30 p.m.	Cape Ann Community Band "Salute to Gloucester's 400th"
August 20, 6:30 p.m.	Old Cold Tater, Daisy Nell & Capt. Stan and Ellen Ford (Acoustic Bluegrass & swing)
August 27, 6:30 p.m.	Rico Barr Band with the J&J horns (Classic Rock & Pop)

For concert information please visit www.DavidLBenjamin.com or telephone 978-281-2286

ers the music of Indigenous people who first inhabited Cape Ann, those first English fishermen here in Stage Fort Park and the immigrants who followed throughout the next 400 years", said David Benjamin, who is also the conductor of the band. "We'll feature the Irish, Swedish, Finnish, Italian, Portuguese, Eastern Europeans and the Brazilians; our most recent group to emigrate here. The concert will be introduced by young musicians from the Gloucester Elementary School Band program, who are our next chapter of Gloucester's musical journey." The concert will end with movie music from "The Perfect Storm" and "Coda". The Anniversary concert is sponsored by Bank Gloucester

and the Gloucester Cultural Council. The concert series is held at the Antonio Gentile Bandstand, Stage Fort Park, Hough Avenue, Gloucester. All July concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. All August concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. The bandstand was built in 1986, to honor Mr. Gentile, who was the Director of the Gloucester High School Band for many years. His former students raised the funds to build the bandstand. The Gloucester Rotary Club helps maintain the bandstand and its landscaping. The concerts are ninety minutes in length. The rain dates for the Sunday concerts are the following Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in July and 6:30 p.m. in August. The rain date for the August 20 con-

cert is the following Monday evening.

The 2023 series will also feature the return of the Compaq Big Band on August 6 with the three Cape Ann "Jazz Divas": Alexandra Grace, Renee Dupuis, and Marina Evans. Many favorite acts will also be returning this summer, including 4Ever Fab, Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra and the Continentals! Benjamin encourages all to attend. "Fantastic music overlooking the outer harbor; glorious sunsets; schoolers sailing by; it doesn't get any better than this in Gloucester!" All programs are subject to change. Admission and Parking are free. Restrooms are ADA accessible. Bring a chair or blanket.

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Tuck's Point Red, White, and Blue Breakfast Needs Volunteers

The annual Red, White, and Blue Pancake Breakfast is coming up fast, scheduled for Saturday, July 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at beautiful Tucks Point.

The ME Rotary Club that organizes and manages the event every year announced it has extended the fun for an additional hour this year to make it easier for everyone to participate and stay a bit longer to enjoy all the special events we have planned.

Activities start early, and they're all family friendly. They include face painting, pony rides for the kiddos, live music performed by The Good Ole Salts Jazz Band, and a sneak peek at the Summer Stage performance of the musical, "School of Rock."

Our National Anthem will be sung by Manchester's own Lila Carpenter.

Once again, Massachusetts Senator Bruce Tarr will be on hand, manning the griddle along with former State Representative Brad Hill (who, thankfully, can't quit this tradition.). Both will be on hand flipping the pancakes.

If all that doesn't thrill you, this year we are adding another service to make this fabulous—a complimentary water taxi departing from both Masconomo Park and behind Town Hall! This is a fea-

ture of the event started during COVID, and it stuck because it gave residents an easy way to avoid parking gluts and navigation issues along Harbor Street and Tuck's Point Road. Parking is available at both locations, so save yourself the parking at Tucks and hop on a vessel sponsored by Manchester Mooring. (A short cruise through the harbor on a beautiful day is a true treat!)

If you've attended in prior years, you understand the excitement around this time-honored community spirit building event. For those who are new to the area, the event is something that's not to be missed.

Advance tickets are \$10, and tickets at the door are \$15. Tickets for children aged 4-8 are \$5 and kids three years old are free.

Rotarians will be selling tickets on Saturday morning in front of the post office, and they are also available through the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department, at Crosby's Market and various store locations throughout town. Or, purchase tickets online at the ME Rotary website. Oh yes, and VOLUNTEERS are welcome and needed to make this event a success! (Contact Judy Laspesa, jlaspesa@comcast.net if you're interested.)



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Schooner Adventure during last year's Fiesta celebration, going on this weekend. Adventure's season started this weekend. Courtesy photo

Summer Kick Off for Adventure

The schooner Adventure is set to launch its Gloucester 400+ season this weekend, during St. Peter's Fiesta. Adventure is inaugurating Gloucester Sails!, an official event of the Gloucester 400+ over the Fiesta weekend, June 23-25.

During these three days, with help from Wellspring House, Gloucester Housing Authority, Open Door, and Pathways for Children, Adventure will give free sails to 350 passengers who have never sailed before! Some of them have lived in the Cape Ann region their entire lives and getting onto

one of Gloucester's historic schooners will be their first time at sea.

Further, in her 97 years sailing, this is the first time Adventure is helmed by a woman, Captain Christa Miller-Shelley. With the help of a new crew of eight plus seasoned Mate Natalie Warren, Captain Miller-Shelley has been bending on sail, running safety drills and inspections as well as leading many a shake-down cruise in preparation for sailing in service to the community. This capable Captain impresses with her skill, tenacity, and good humor.

She has been overheard saying "I can't wait to get the water in the skippers!"

Adventure also offers ticketed sails to the general public for St. Peter's Fiesta weekend:

Friday June 23, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Be the First to Sail on Adventure this Season!

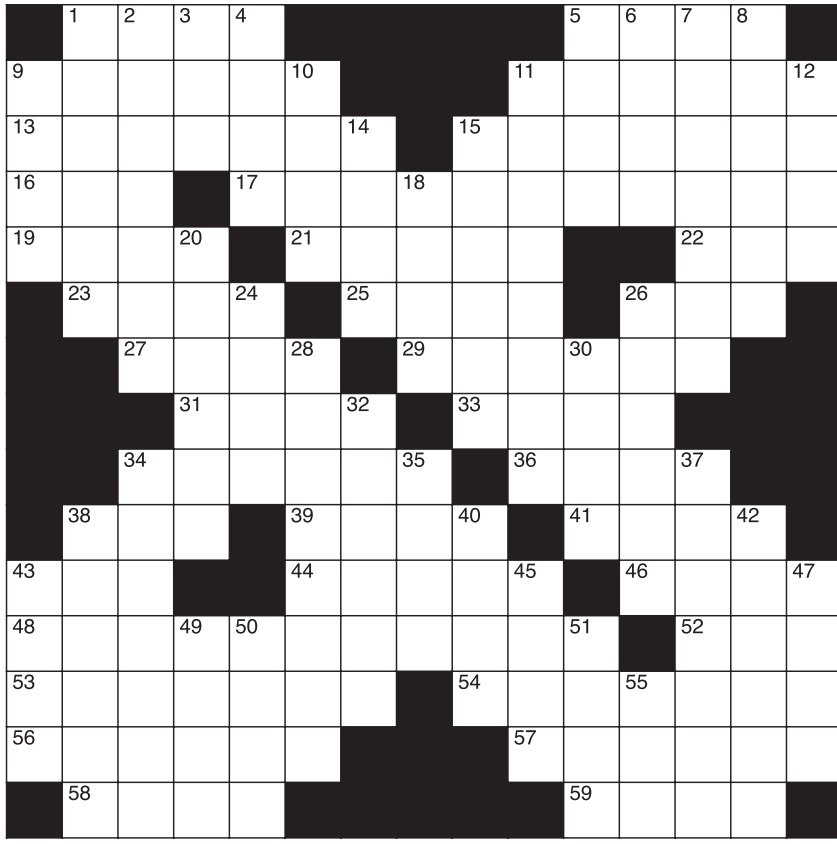
Saturday June 24, 4:30 - 7 p.m. - Greasy Pole Sail! We'll try to get a glimpse of the greasy pole challenge, one of the highlights of Saint Peter's Fiesta.

Sunday June 25, 3 -5:30 p.m. - Blessing of the Fleet Day!

Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Understand intuitively
5. Two of something
9. Not involving computer tech
11. Acclaimed
13. Undermine
15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
16. Irritate
17. The process of developing a theory
19. Ceramic jar
21. Not fresh
22. Dad's fashion accessory
23. Popular review site
25. New Mexico county
26. ' _ death do us part
27. Fees
29. Takes with force
31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
33. Gordon and Snider are two
34. Body parts
36. Arranges
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Mimics
41. Witnesses
43. They _
44. Lasso
46. Runs down
48. In response to
52. Bird-like dinosaur
53. Metamorphic stages
54. Conditions of incapacity
56. Sodas are sold in these units
57. Break away from
58. Ethereal



59. Boggy

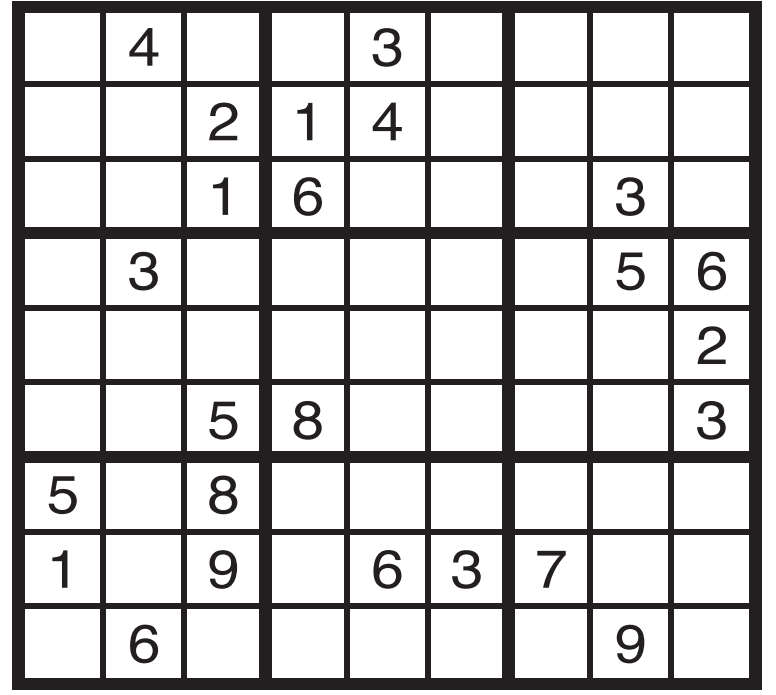
CLUES DOWN

1. Mangled
2. Ruffled some feathers
3. Not young
4. Lakers legend
5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
6. Direction (Scottish)
7. Intestinal inflammation
8. Spring back in fear
9. Owl genus
10. Girls
11. Unbeliefs

12. Force unit
14. Expired trade agreement
15. Went alone
18. Animal noises
20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
24. The very top
26. Organs in males
28. Earnings
30. ZZZ
32. Reddish browns
34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
35. A place to get off your

- feet
37. More disreputable
38. Kidney condition
40. Cease moving
42. Quick
43. Extra seed covering
45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
47. Six
49. One who inspects lamps
50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
55. _ fi (slang)

Sudoku



Solutions on Page 13

Level: Advanced

STAR SPANGLED WORD SEARCH

A N S T E K C O R G A R P U B B P L F L
 C D P L M B U G D E L G N A P S Y U D U
 O M Y I T A P E S S S S B G O P N R C K
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- Lemonade
- Pool
- Rockets
- Sky
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- Summer
- Sunshine
- United
- Warm

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. If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our Youtube as well as www.mecatholic.org

Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

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

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

Church services, with Father Christopher 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

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Worship service at Tuck's

Point, Sunday June 25, 2023, 10 a.m., we invite everyone to join us for a picnic lunch provided by the Vitality Committee following worship, stay to enjoy visiting with your church family!

Worship Leader, Rev. Judy Brain

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

Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 PM join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone - email office. fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

Deacon's Meeting 6:30 p.m.

First Parish Church Offering Fair by the Sea

First Parish Church, Manchester will be holding a Fair by the Sea with a rummage sale and our famous jewelry

table during the Festival by the Sea in August. Along with our sale we are offering the opportunity for vintage vendors to purchase tablespace. Please email office.fpchurch@gmail.com if you are interested. The CACC Festival by the Sea is a wonderful opportunity for all to come and enjoy our community and we are excited to offer this contribution.

St. John's Episcopal Church (Beverly Farms)

Sunday Service Summer Hours 9 a.m. (1 service)

Community Shop Summer Hours

Thursdays & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Summer Office Hours- Starting June 12

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Gloucester Unitarian Uni-

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

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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: northshorequaker@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.

Senior Highlights

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

COA to 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.

Willowdale Mansion Tour

On Monday, June 26, the Manchester COA is headed to the Willowdale Mansion in Topsfield. Here's your chance to go inside Bradley W. Palmer's "Willow Dale" mansion for a unique guided tour. The 100-year-old Arts and Crafts style building has

been beautifully restored. Learn how the building was remodeled during Palmer's lifetime, and how its curators returned it to its former splendor. The second floor is not accessible to people with limited mobility. The van will start picking up seniors at 9 a.m. and return around 12 noon. The tour is free. Call the COA office for more info or to sign up for the trip.

Mystery Ride

On Wednesday, June 28, the Manchester COA van will take our monthly mystery ride. The van driver heads for an undisclosed establishment somewhere on the North Shore; it could be ice cream, pastries, sandwiches or all of the above and only the van driver knows! A little hint will be given, so all can be prepared! Pick-up will begin at 12 noon and return will be by 2 p.m.

PETS OF THE WEEK



In For a Penny

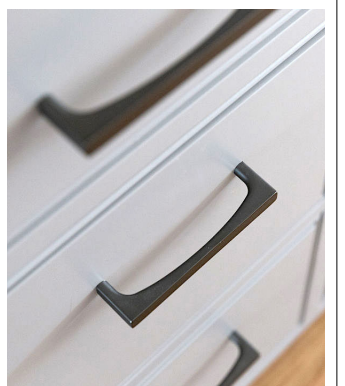
Meet Penny, a 5.5-month-old available as one of Cape Ann Animal Aid's foster-to-adopt dogs. Penny appears to be a terrier mix, will reach a medium size once fully grown. Shyness is Penny's initial reaction to new people, unfamiliar situations, and loud noises but she warms up and blossoms into a loving, loyal companion. She will thrive in a calm and understanding environment where she can feel safe and secure, a home with adults or older children, and perhaps a confident dog for a role model. Penny likes her furry friends and absolutely loves playing with toys. If you think Penny would make a good addition to your family, visit www.capeannanimalaid.org for more information about her and all the other animals waiting for homes at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.



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Prevent Heartworm Disease

PETS AND PEOPLE



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Heartworm disease is devastating. Our practice at the Manchester Animal Hospital is focused on preventing the disease whenever possible or at least diagnosing it in its very early stages. Fortunately, we are not a heartworm endemic area, however, the disease is still diagnosed here.

The predominance of cases I diagnose come from the south. The local patients that acquire the disease will have caught it from a mosquito harboring the disease. For that reason, we recommend an oral heartworm preventative medication and additionally we perform a blood test for heartworm disease at least annually.

Once a dog becomes infected, the migration of the young worm after it enters the dog's body is a long one: a journey of five to seven months. In that time, the worm is growing, maturing, and preparing to mate.

Now, keep in mind that while all this is happening, nothing is happening to the dog and no one knows an invasion has taken place.

At the end of this long migration, the worm lodges in a distal pulmonary artery branch and then grows to around 12 inches (30 cm) long (females are longer than males). The dog's immune system recognizes the foreign proteins in the worms and creates inflammation that involves the pulmonary arteries adjacent to the worms and the lung tissue surrounding the artery. The pulmonary arteries enlarge and become tortuous as a result to produce the typical pattern of heartworm disease seen on thoracic radiographs.

Contributing to the inflammation is a bacterium called Wolbachia pipientis, which normally lives inside the heartworm but is released in large numbers every time the heartworm molts to a new developmental stage, gives birth to its young, or dies. The antibiotic Doxycycline is used to kill Wolbachia organisms and so to reduce inflammation, especially when administering an adjuvant to kill the worms.

The inflammation calls in numerous immune cells that in turn generate even more inflammation as they attempt to destroy a parasite that is realistically too large

for them to destroy. The lung itself becomes inflamed and in time becomes scarred, creating an even larger high-resistance area for the heart to pump through.

If there are many worms, the problem is multiplied. Some pulmonary arteries may become fully blocked by the crowd of worms. Blood cannot pass through these arteries as they are plugged up by a wad of worms. This in turn means the area of lung that would have been served by these arteries is rendered useless. If the lung cannot present its oxygen to a working pulmonary artery, oxygen exchange cannot take place.

The real damage comes from worms that have died in place. The body of the heartworm breaks apart and is carried through the vasculature of the lung until it lodges somewhere and obstructs blood flow. The arteries that are supposed to form delicate branches, branching tinier and tinier, are now blunted and closed off, similar to a tree branch broken off close to the tree trunk. As above, this leaves more areas of lung blocked off and unable to receive blood and participate in oxygen exchange.

All the inflammation generated by the worms as well as the inflammation generated by the areas of lung that aren't receiving proper circulation ultimately translates into scarring in the lung vasculature. Scarring and fibrosis makes it difficult for the heart to pump blood through the lung effectively. There is a point where the heart is not strong enough to pump blood through all the narrowed, stiff, damaged capillary beds. Right sided heart failure ensues.

In naturally infected dogs, the number of worms does not correlate to severity of disease, even in dogs of the same size. It's not the number of worms that matters so much as the dog's activity level.

The factors that come into play to create severity of disease are: the dog's activity level (the more active the dog, the fewer worms are needed to create disease), the size of the dog, and the number of worms the dog has. The infected dog that sits around at home may appear relatively normal but once some exercise or even anxiety puts more demand

on his heart, symptoms erupt.

Symptoms of Heartworm Disease:

- Coughing
- Shortness of breath/panting
- Easy tiring/intolerance of exercise
- Fluid accumulation in the abdomen or chest
- Nose bleeds
- Sudden death

Not all of these things necessarily occur in the same dog, nor is there necessarily a progression. An infected dog may have no symptoms at all or may develop any of the signs on the list at any time.

A dog harboring heartworm in its body basically has an infection that cannot be cleared. The dog's immune system tries and tries but the worm is too big.

This means the immune system is stimulated all the time, long term, and there is damage associated with the by-products of all this stimulation. Antibodies are more than just tools of the immune system; they are inflammatory proteins and in heartworm disease they are produced in high amounts all the time. Antibodies can cause a lot of trouble when they deposit in the delicate membranes of the eye, blood vessels, joints, and kidney. Antibodies stuck in these areas, call in inflammatory cells and damage these delicate membranes, thus setting up tremendous tissue damage and pain. In particular, heartworm infection is a cause of a type of kidney inflammation called glomerular disease.

The filtration system of the glomerulus keeps proteins inside the body where they belong but allows for tiny waste molecules to be filtered out and dumped in urine.

When antibody antigen complexes abound, they get

stuck in the delicate filtration membranes and ultimately punch holes there. As you might guess, a leaky filtration membrane allows for important proteins to be lost. What happens after that depends on what proteins are lost (see the above link for more details) but rest assured, the results are not good.

Fortunately, this inflammation and its consequences can frequently be resolved with treatment for heartworm infection.

Caval syndrome is an especially disastrous form of heartworm disease. Here, there are so many worms (around 100) that the entire right side of the heart is filled with worms and they are backing out into the large veins that feed the right side of the heart. Usually there have been no signs of heart disease prior to the collapse, shock, and red blood cell destruction associated with this syndrome. Death usually occurs within one to two days and the only effective treatment is to open the dog's jugular vein and physically remove the worms with a clamp. If enough worms can be removed to re-establish blood flow, the dog may survive.

The most important take away is this: prevent the disease by giving your canine companion a heartworm preventative monthly and test for the disease at least once annually. Do it for yourself and for the pet you love.

Dr. Lamb is the Veterinarian at the Manchester Animal Hospital.



Solution to puzzles on page 12

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Manchester Club



Trevor Hanson Northeast area scout for the Calgary Flames NHL hockey team was this month's speaker.

The Manchester Club met on Thursday evening June 15, for its final dinner before summer break. Bob Wilwerth and his kitchen crew (primarily made up of brothers and brothers-in-law) served up a delicious meal of a garden salad, roast pork with potatoes and vegetables along with a dessert of brownie a la mode. At the conclusion of dinner, Club President, Bruce MacDonald led all in attendance to the Pledge of Allegiance and started the business portion of the meeting. After Club Secretary Craig McCoy's monthly report and a review of club finances with Club Treasurer David Slade, President MacDonald called out the kitchen crew for a standing ovation and introduced the evening's guest speaker, Trevor Hanson, Northeast area scout

for the Calgary Flames NHL hockey team. Mr. Hanson went on to share with the members and their guests how he found his way into scouting, what he looks for in an NHL prospect and gave some of his own personal observations of the inner workings of an NHL team and the Boston Bruins epic playoff collapse. Everyone enjoyed his talk immensely and an excellent evening was had by all.

The next Manchester Club meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21 followed by the Club's annual Richard J. Lysiak Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, September 25. Members can expect to receive email announcements prior to each event closer to the date. Thank you - enjoy the summer! The E-Board.

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Essex Probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 07/17/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding..

CITATION
Docket No. ES23C0243CA

Witness, Hon. Frances M. Giordano, First Justice of this Court.

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Madeline Grace Schlegel of Manchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Madeline Grace Machain.

Signed June 09, 2023 by Pamela A. Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate

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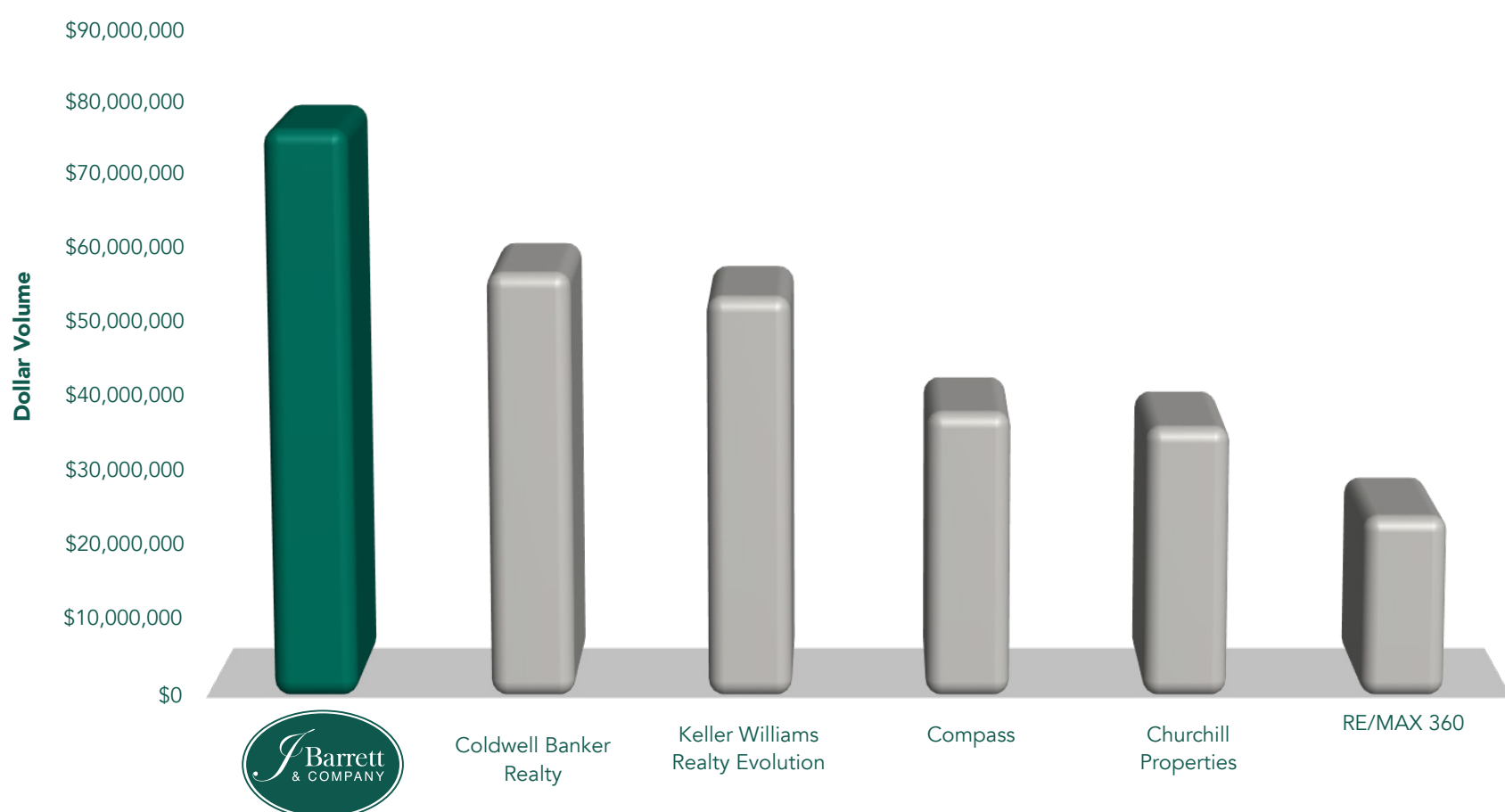
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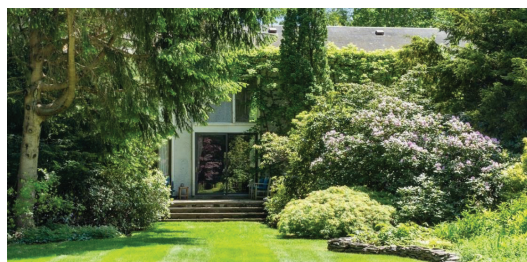
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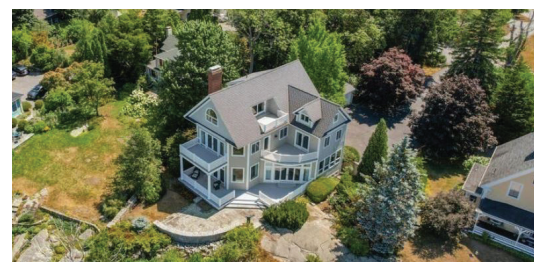
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