



# 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).

## Sylvia F. Martin



Sylvia F. Martin, 90, passed away peacefully after a very brief illness on Thursday June 29 at the Hathorne Hill Nursing and Rehab Center in Danvers. Wife of the late John "Jack" Frederick Martin and daughter of the late Ellsworth Lucas Brown and Sylvia (Malmbörg) Brown, Sylvia was born in Ipswich and raised in Essex. She attended Gloucester High School, graduating in 1950 and later went on to become a registered nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1953. Sylvia then earned a Bachelors in Science degree at Boston University in 1974 and a Master's Degree in Science from Boston University in 1979.

Sylvia enjoyed her lifelong nursing career serving at Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, Cable Memorial Ipswich, and Addison Gilbert in Gloucester. In retirement Sylvia and her husband Jack travelled to Scandinavia and Europe. Later in life Sylvia developed a fondness for oil and acrylic paint, completing many pieces in the 1990s.

She loved her Essex home that she and Jack built on family-owned land in 1966. Sylvia was a devoted historian and many in Essex could count on her often for accurate historical information.

Sylvia is survived by her granddaughter Amanda Ryan who was a dear and devoted companion to Sylvia in her cherished Essex home for many years, as well as her daughter Maria Ryan of Hamilton, her brother Al Brown of Essex, her brother Carl of Ipswich, and her sister Edna Goudreault and her husband Wilfrid of Salem and several dear nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Jack, her son Steven, her sister Mildred Johnston and her sister-in-law Frances (Rosa) Brown.

A graveside service will be held for Sylvia on Satur-

day July 8, at 11 a.m. at the Spring Street Cemetery in Essex, relatives and friends are warmly invited to attend. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Sylvia's memory to Essex Senior Center 17 Pickering St. Essex, 01929 Or the Captain Lester S. Wass American Legion Post 3, 8 Washington St. Gloucester 01930.

## Rachel (Thelma Holly) (Spencer) Roberts



Monday morning June 19, our dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother and mother-in-law died peacefully in her sleep at care center Maria Oord in Vinkeveen, The Netherlands. She had been living nearby in Abcoude with her daughter Sally Montoya for several years. Rachel was born December 30, 1914, in Bradford, PA, the second youngest of seven children of Edwin and Susie Belle (Washburn) Holly.

In her 108 years, Rachel was witness to many historic events. One of her first memories was of her father waking her up to watch the fireworks at the end of World War I. She watched how proudly her mother dressed in her Sunday best to vote for the very first time after the 19th amendment was passed in 1920. She also claimed to have seen the very first Zippo lighter when its inventor wandered into her workplace in Bradford, PA to show off his windproof lighter.

Rachel graduated from Bradford High School in 1933 in the depths of the depression (and went to her 60th reunion in 1993). She married Arthur (Art) Lunden Spencer in 1936, and they had two children, Dale and Sally. Art and Rachel both worked for Dresser Industries in Bradford during WW II and moved to Euclid, Ohio when Dresser died in about 1948. She was one of those

typists who could do over 100 words per minute on an old manual typewriter. She and Art retired to Florida in 1976; Art died in 1979.

She married her second husband Roy Roberts in 1986. After his death in 1997 she decided to split her time between her son in Massachusetts and her daughter in The Netherlands. She made friends wherever she went and was a beloved fixture in Abcoude even though she didn't speak Dutch.

Rachel excelled at handwork of all kinds, knitting, and crocheting for friends and relations. She would pickle and can any vegetable that she had excess of. She played piano well enough to accompany silent movie showings as a teenager and always had a chord organ to play in her home. She learned to play card games so young that she was still winning at gin rummy at the age of 108.

She was predeceased by her son, Dale, her parents, and her siblings. She is survived by her daughter Sally Montoya of Abcoude, NL; grandchildren Alicia Montoya (husband, Basil Nyaku) of Abcoude, NL, Amy Spencer-Forrest (husband, Daniel Forrest) of Scituate, MA, Jean Spencer (husband, Dallas Raleigh) of Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Bill Spencer of Beverly, MA; her great grandchildren Samuel and Nathaniel Nyaku, Felix Raleigh, and Cordelia Forrest; her daughter-in-law Pam Spencer of Manchester-by-the-Sea.

She did not want a funeral with speeches and sadness, so please celebrate her life with a raised glass (preferably Heineken!) and tales of how well she navigated the world and the decades through which she lived. Peace.

## Kathryn Hardwick Wogan

Kathryn Hardwick Wogan, 64, of Beverly, passed away Wednesday, July 5 after a courageous struggle with inflammatory breast cancer at her family's home in Manchester, listening to The Eagles and surrounded by loved ones. Born in Beverly, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Carolyn (Magner) Hardwick. She was the loving wife of Michael Wogan with whom she shared 40 years.

Kathy was a life long ad-



vocate for people with intellectual and development disabilities. She received her Bachelor and Master Degrees from Lesley University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and retired from teaching at the North Shore Consortium School where she was loved by her students and peers. Kathy was a supervisor at the Bass River residential group home for over 25 years and also served on the organization's Board of Governors. An avid gardener, Kathy loved to spend time with her husband Michael in the award-winning garden oasis that they created. Kathy loved to travel and was always ready for an adventure with her camera in tow. If there was a craft fair within 50 miles of her home, Kathy and her crafts were there. She will always be remembered for her kindness, creativity, quick wit, infectious smile, and willingness to help absolutely everyone.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Michael of Beverly; daughter Alison Kaye and her partner Edwin Bousseau of Avon; four sisters, Mary Hardwick of Manchester, Caroline Johnson and her husband Kevin of Manchester, Margaret Wallus and her husband Jay of Danvers and Tricia Hardwick and her husband Joe Morris of Weymouth; three grandchildren, Chad, Avon and Jules Bousseau; sisters-in-law Phyllis Mahalaris, Maureen Prusi, Cheryl Wogan, Siobhan Stevens and Nancy and Rory Devlin; her two special nieces Courtney Johnson Fomolare and Lizzy Johnson Putman; many grand nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at Visitation Parish-Sacred Heart Church, 62 School St., Manchester, on Tuesday, July 18, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial to follow at Rosedale Extension Cemetery in Manchester. Contributions may be made in Kathryn's memory to Bass River Inc., 437 Essex Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

ing, 5:46 p.m. Central St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

**MONDAY, JULY 3**  
1:16 a.m. School St., suspicious activity, spoken to.  
10:57 a.m. Pine St., welfare check, assisted as needed.  
11:37 a.m. Ashland Ave., watercraft enforcement, written warning. 6:02 p.m. Kettle Island, watercraft enforcement, written warning.

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**  
2:12 a.m. Washington St., disturbance, spoken to.  
11:43 a.m. Beach St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.

ed. 7:29 p.m. Vine St., disturbance, spoken to. 10:55 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**  
9:59 a.m. Beach St., animal complaint, other. 11:11 a.m. Manchester Harbor, watercraft enforcement, written warning. 4:12 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 9:14 p.m. Summer St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**

8:21 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.  
11:19 a.m. Brook St., welfare check, secured/checked.  
3:48 p.m. Central St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 9:59 p.m. Proctor St., alarm, secured/checked.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**  
9:35 a.m. School St., theft, secured/checked. 2:47 p.m. Summer St., citizen assist, notification made.  
3:18 p.m. Harbor St., motor vehicle stop, written warn-

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# First Annual Drag Brunch by the Sea

It was both a sold-out and at-capacity affair for the first annual North Shore Pride Drag Brunch By-the-Sea at Boo-Bird on Central Street in Manchester featuring Boston-based Drag Queen Mizery and her girls. Fun, delish ... and pretty!



North Shore Pride Board member, Leah Rosenbaum (left), with Manchester's Hope Watt-Bucci, a fellow board member of NS Pride and organizer of Sunday's brunch. Photo: Erika Brown



Say hello to the talent of Sunday's NS Pride Drag Brunch by the Sea—the Mizery & Company Crew, from left, Stef Anya, Mizery, Buffy and Jazmine. Courtesy photo



Lion's Mane jellyfish discovered and photographed by David Schuh on the beach at Lobster Cove. According to Schuh they are new to Massachusetts waters and combine moderately painful stings with potential allergic reactions. They can grow to 6 feet around with 80-foot-long tentacles. They are typically of the Arctic, northern Atlantic, and northern Pacific Oceans.

Photo David Schuh

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Sylvia Martin passed away on Thursday, June 29th. I had been in touch with her lovely nephew Glenn, initially when she was placed in intensive care and then with relief in a message that, in typical Sylvia fashion, she had perked up and was quite interested in having dessert. I was looking forward to seeing her.

As you will see from her obituary, she had a busy and full life. Filled with accomplishments and loved ones. However, none of this can convey the intense curiosity, lively opinions, or the en-

dearing sparkle she had. She was whip smart with a clarity and recall enviable at any age, much less 90. Though she could not leave the chair in her living room, her mind still traveled far and wide, reading constantly on her iPad, listening to the chatter on the local Essex radio, and engaging in a robust life on Facebook. During our visits she was always brimming with questions, ideas, and memories. But today, here, now, I wish I'd asked more questions, made more visits; I wish we had more time. And yet, I find myself more wistful than sad as Sylvia had such a long and marvelous

life – by choice. She saw the events of her life, many of which were arguably quite difficult, through a lens of gratitude, curiosity, and joy. When I first interviewed her, she told me that she did not have a single bad memory from her childhood. Can you imagine? Not a one. That was a choice. To choose good memories over bad ones. Something she did again and again. We should all be so lucky as to have this little bit of Sylvia in us. To see through her eyes. Happily. So once again, once and for all, thank you Sylvia Martin. We will miss you.

Full obituary on Page 2.



## BOARD UPDATES

**Select Board Meeting:** The next Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. The Select Board will vote on water rates for the new fiscal year. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

**Music in the Park:** The next concert in Masconomo Park is on Tuesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. and will feature the 80's cover band Fast Times. Call the cancellation line at 978-525-6429 for weather updates or check social media.

**MBTA Zoning Task Force Meeting:** The next MBTA Zoning Task Force meeting will take place on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details will be posted to the website.

**Beach 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.

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## WHAT WAS HAPPENING

### 90 YEARS AGO – 1933

The Town team went to Rockport last Friday evening and played a fine game of ball to hold Rockport to a tie at 4 all after darkness called the game in 9 innings.

At the Playground, Benjamin Cressy defeated Harry Slade 81-100 to win the Senior Darts Championship. Power Fraser defeated George Corley in the final round of the Junior Dart Tournament. This is the second Junior Tournament Power has won, the other being the Ping Pong Tournament.

of Selectman and the Water and Sewer Commissioners held Tuesday, resulted in unanimous agreement to the motion that the ice machine located on the Augustus Means property off Beach Street shall be moved at least 20 feet from the street line.

At the Board of Selectman meeting The Haverhill Gas Company was instructed to back fill a six-inch rut at the corner of Masconomo Street and Proctor Street following recent excavation by the company for installing services.

day morning of the untimely and unexpected passing of one of its truly fine citizens and servants. William F. McDiarmid died, according to a police report released by Chief Ronal W. Ramos, of apparent natural causes. He was 42. ... Following the receipt of a major corporate gift boosting the DISK cash proceeds to well over half of the \$70,000 goal, an order has been placed for the 22 new computers. New wiring is being planned for, carpeting and new chairs have been ordered and a painting party will be organized.

### 75 YEARS AGO – 1948

A fleet of 25-30 motor cruisers and auxiliaries manned by the Boston Power Squadron, dropped anchor at noon Saturday in Manchester harbor, having completed the first leg of their three-day Annual outing.

Lightning struck the Walter A. Diamond home, Summer Street, Monday evening at the height of the furious storm, setting fire to a floor in the bedroom and a bed in which one of the Diamonds three children sleeps. Fortunately, the child was visiting her aunt for the night.

### 60 YEARS AGO – 1963

A joint meeting of the Board

### 45 YEARS AGO – 1978

The fiscal 1979 state budget by Governor Michael Dukakis Monday includes \$65,500 in increased local aid and property tax relief to Manchester.

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners are asking for a voluntary restriction on water usage, effective immediately. Due to the hot, humid weather, the usage of water has increased substantially, and pumping totals from our water stations is reaching the safe yield capacity.

### 30 YEARS AGO – 1993

The town was shocked and saddened to learn Wednes-

### 15 YEARS AGO – 2008

Local resident, Nicholas Tanner, 24, of Manchester, has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Tanner left Manchester for the Kyrgyz Republic to begin pre-service training as an English as a foreign language Peace Corps Volunteer.

There is a new Gallery in town, located in the historical building at 11 Central Street, Manchester. A cooperative of 14 artists will show their work at the Central Street Gallery, which opens on July 2nd. The rich collection of paintings and sculpture will complement the 3 galleries presently in Manchester.

## Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

| DATE   | HIGH  |     |       |     | LOW  |     |      |     | ☀️   |      |
|--------|-------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|
|        | AM    | FT  | PM    | FT  | AM   | FT  | PM   | FT  | RISE | SET  |
| 14 Fri | 9:48  | 8.4 | 10:03 | 9.9 | 3:53 | 0.7 | 3:48 | 1.5 | 5:16 | 8:21 |
| 15 Sat | 10:43 | 8.3 | 10:52 | 9.9 | 4:50 | 0.7 | 4:39 | 1.6 | 5:17 | 8:20 |
| 16 Sun | 11:32 | 8.4 | 11:38 | 9.9 | 5:40 | 0.6 | 5:27 | 1.7 | 5:18 | 8:20 |
| 17 Mon |       |     | 12:17 | 8.4 | 6:22 | 0.6 | 6:12 | 1.6 | 5:18 | 8:19 |
| 18 Tue | 12:19 | 9.9 | 12:57 | 8.5 | 7:00 | 0.6 | 6:53 | 1.5 | 5:19 | 8:18 |
| 19 Wed | 12:58 | 9.8 | 1:35  | 8.5 | 7:36 | 0.6 | 7:34 | 1.5 | 5:20 | 8:18 |
| 20 Thu | 1:35  | 9.7 | 2:10  | 8.6 | 8:12 | 0.6 | 8:15 | 1.4 | 5:21 | 8:17 |



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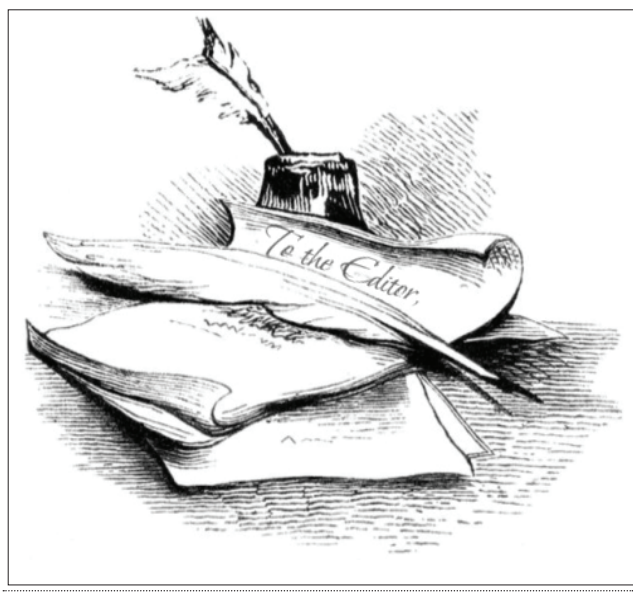
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**The Cardinal Rule of Bike Safety**

To the Editor,

As a Manchester resident and

a cyclist, I was delighted to see those cyclist-friendly directional markings on School Street after the road surface was completed. Yet, within a few days of their appearance,

I saw multiple instances of people (mainly kids) blithely pedaling down the wrong side of the road.

People often ask me if I worry about getting hit by a car when I'm out on my road bike. No, I tell them. Motorists generally follow the rules of the road; their behavior is predictable. It's the fair-weather cyclists who scare me.

It would be a good idea to ride in the same direction as traffic even if it weren't the law. For example, picture yourself pulling your car out of a blind driveway to make a right turn. Which direction do you look? Left, of course. That's where the traffic is coming from. Now, imagine a cyclist riding on the shoulder on the wrong side of the road toward that driveway. The cyclist risks running into your car, or, in the difference of a split second, you risk hitting the cyclist. It wouldn't be your fault. But that's cold comfort if you were involved in such an accident.

Cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road put themselves at much greater risk of serious injury or worse. Tragically, this was what hap-

pened when a teenager was killed in a collision with a pickup truck in Ipswich two years ago this month.

In 30 years of road biking around Cape Ann, I've only had one accident. I was moving at approximately 20 mph when a 14-year-old boy on a mountain bike emerged from between two parked cars and turned into my lane. I had no time to react. On impact, I was catapulted over my handlebars, ass-over-teakettle. I hit the pavement, breaking my helmet, separating my right shoulder, and tearing tendons in my left hand. I vaguely remember the boy apologizing to me as I was loaded me into an ambulance. The boy, who was not even wearing a helmet, was somehow left unscathed.

But the most instructive part of that story is what happened later when I spoke to the boy's mother. Like all parents, this mother feared that when her son began riding a bike he might be hit by a car. But the nightmare scenario of her son, through his own negligence, putting a grown man in the hospital had never crossed

her mind.

Parents, please share this Cardinal Rule of cycling with your children: ride in the same direction as the traffic. And if you're an offender yourself, please stop. The new directional markings on School Street are a welcome reminder to follow a simple rule meant for the safety of all of us.

**Jim Behnke**  
Manchester

**NS Pride Drag Brunch—Success!**

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to all of those who supported North Shore Pride's Drag Brunch with Mizery & Company yesterday at the amazing Boo Bird restaurant in Manchester.

A very special thank you to Maryanne and Matt and all the staff at Boo Bird who truly went out of their way to make this a very enjoyable event.

To Mizery & Company, you girls were amazing and thank you so much for always being a dear friend to North Shore Pride.

Finally, to the support-

ers who showed up and made this a sold-out event, I thank you. Your comments of support and love were astounding. This event was scheduled in response to the derogatory messages found on lawn signs in Manchester recently and as this event has proven, "Love Wins."

Thank you all and if you missed this amazing event, we are already planning another one for August!

**Hope Watt-Bucci**  
President, North Shore Pride, Inc.

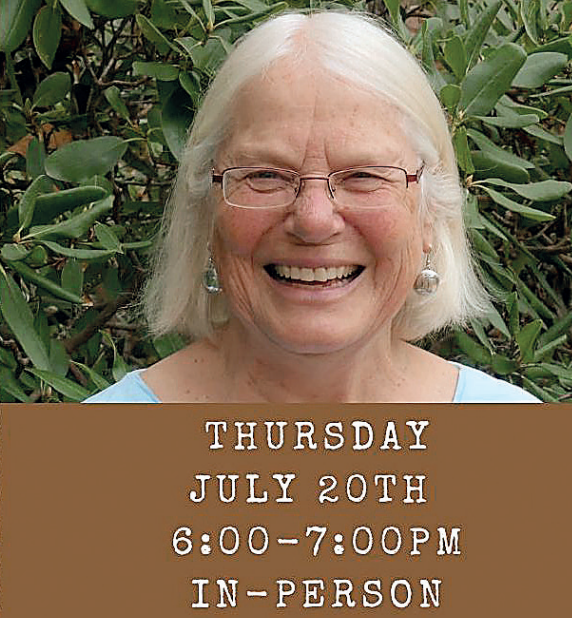
**Thanks MBTS DPW**

Special thanks to "Jason" and "Corey" who worked three days in the steamy heat to fix the Rotunda walkway and helped me out making Tuck's safe again. Thanks Frank and crew for picking up the seaweed!

Love,

**Cindie Lou "Mayor of Tuck's Tool!"**  
Manchester

**LIBRARY NEWS**



Karin Gertsch will be visiting MBTS library to read a selection from her book. Courtesy Photo

**Library Hours and Holidays**

On July 1 the MBTS Public Library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays until September.

**Opening on Board of Library Trustees**

A mid-term opening has occurred and will be filled by nomination of the Select Board. It is a great chance to explore if working to bring the library forward into the next era intrigues you. This will be on an interim basis until the next town election in the spring of 2024. The mission of the Trustees is to oversee the management of

the library, including the selection of the Library Director, the approval of the budget, and the establishment of general policies. The Board meets monthly except during August. The Library Board of Trustees consists of three members, all of whom are elected for three-years, on a staggered basis during elected terms. The library would like to have interest parties for consideration by July 19.

**Cold Brew/Hot Books on the Lawn**

Thursday, July 20 from 11-11:30 a.m. Summer is hot and good books are even hotter. We'll provide the cold

brew coffee for you and we can all chat about the books we have been reading or hearing about. Whether you love gripping thrillers, historical fiction, laugh out loud comedies or romances that never go the way you want, we'll have something to share.

**Author Reading with Karin Gertsch**

Thursday, July 20 from 6-7 p.m. Karin Gertsch will be visiting MBTS library to read a selection from her book and answer your questions about her journey from guidebook writer to children's book author to publish Five Wishes. Karin will sign copies of her

book brought to the event but will not be selling copies.

**A Look at The Life & Works of Agatha Christie (Virtual)**

Friday, July 21 from 2-3 p.m. Agatha Christie is the most famous mystery writer in the world. Who was this remarkable woman? How did she come to write her indelible works? Why is she still such a popular literary figure? These and other questions will be explored along with a real-life mystery about Christie's dramatic disappearance in 1926 that remains substantially unsolved to this day. Led by Dr. Bill Thierfelder, a retired college professor.

**Navigating Career Option (Virtual)**

Monday, July 17 from 2-3 p.m. Changing jobs is becoming a popular career move for plenty of American workers across the nation in search of better benefits, more money, and a positive work-life balance. 65% of American workers are actively searching for a new full-time job right now. Let's talk about where you are in your career path and what the next step might be. Led by Donna Dailey, Career Counselor for New England Career Services.

**An Evening with Author Lisa See (Virtual)**

Wednesday, July 12 from 7-8 p.m. Join New York Times bestselling author Lisa See as she talks about her new book "Lady Tan's Circle of Women", a captivating story of women helping other

women.

**Diversity Matter Book Group**

Tuesday, July 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. July's diversity matters book group will be reading Pulitzer prize winning "His Name is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice" by Robert Samuels.

**Annual Book Sale**

Annual book sale is August 5.

**MPL Children's Events:**

**Storytime with Miss Audrey**  
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. ages 0-5

**Summer Art and Sensory**

Wednesdays 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 five persons at half-price admission.

**Vox and Wonder Books**

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**Storytime with Miss Audrey**

Mondays at 10 a.m. for ages 0-5. Our youngest patrons and their caregivers are invited to share songs, rhymes, and simple stories.

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

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

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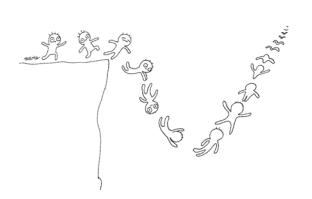
Local students enrolled in college are now returning from their academic year, but now is the time that colleges and universities across the country announce last semester's successes from local students. We're happy to see that so many are doing well and have achieved academic honors:

**Eve Feuerbach** of Manchester was named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2023 Dean's List. A member of the Class of 2023, Feuerbach was named to the Dean's List

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Each succeeding tier has a slightly higher rate thus larger users pay a higher rate. The current differential ranges from \$0.0049 to \$0.0069 per gallon (compare this to what you pay for a gallon of bottled water!) This differential is too slight to be much of a deterrent to water usage.

Manchester residents on average use more water per capita than most other communities in the area and throughout the state. Residents use some 50% more water per capita than the neighboring town average. We are amongst the top 10 heaviest users amongst 287 Massachusetts towns and cities. (These numbers do not



for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institu-

include any commercial users, which account for <5% of our metered usage of drinking water.)

The state's target is a maximum of 65 gallons of water use per capita per day (GPCPD). Manchester residents are more than 20% above this target at an average of 78.5 GPCPD. However, there is a wide range within this average. The 50% of households with the lightest usage consume about 26 GPCPD while the other 50% of higher-usage households consume 126 GPCPD. Indeed, half our drinking water is consumed by only 17% of households. High irrigation use accounts for much of this.

The proposed restructuring calls for 4 tiers, merg-

tions renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

**George "Gus" Brown**

of Manchester was named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Founded in 1693, William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Turning our attention to secondary schools, Manchester's **Ellery Welch** Received Head of School's List honors for the third trimester of the 2022-2023 academic year at South Hamilton's

ing our current Tiers 1 and 2 as well as Tiers 5 and 6. Tier 1 users are those that consume less than 14,000 gallons a quarter; Tier 2 users consume between 14 - 30,000 gallons a quarter; Tier 3, between 30 - 120,000 gallons a quarter and tier 4 users consume over 120,000 gallons a quarter. A phased approach to altering the rates is recommended. The new range would be from \$0.005 to \$0.020 at first with a target of getting to a range of \$0.003 to \$0.046 per gallon over the course of a few years.

Under the first phase, water bills would be reduced for 58% of households who are already low users of water. 39% of users would see

Pingree School. Honor Roll is calculated at the end of each trimester on the basis of the grades earned during that trimester only. Students in the top 10% of each class earn High Honors; students in the second 10% of each class earn Honors; students in the third 10% of each class are placed on the Head of School's List. Pingree School is an independent day school serving students in grades 9-12 on Boston's North Shore.

Got some news from a student we should know about? Email us at news@thecricket.com and we'll include it here in Off at School and Doing Great.

on average a 10% increase in their water bill. 3% of users who consume large volumes of water would see a significant rise (about 40%) in their water bill. These statistics are based on average consumers in each of the tiers thus specific households may deviate from the average.

The table below summarizes the current and proposed water rates/tiers and the projected impacts on average households within each tier:

The Select Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed water rates at their meeting on Monday, July 17th. After taking public comments they plan to vote on the rates for the new fiscal year that has just begun.



S. S. Crocker Race Class  
A winner  
Barracuda on a starboard tack slices through the waves on a fog infused race day.

Photo Credit  
Michael Opal

# S.S. Crocker Memorial Race



Luke Buxton and daughter Evelyn celebrate their win as "first overall" in the 56th running of the S. S. Crocker Memorial Race (Courtesy photo)

**By Tony Leggett**  
The 56th running of the S.S. Crocker Memorial Race took place on Saturday, July 8, a day that began with no wind and poor prospects for the competitors. But it ended as a wonderful example of the sport of sailboat racing, offering varied and challenging conditions, and followed by a great party and a delightful outcome at the awards ceremony. The overall winner in the competitive fleet was a racing boat designed over 100 years ago, which started in 11th place, and came out on top.

The Crocker Race is a "pursuit race" in which smaller and slower boats start earlier, with times determined by the handicap system, while the bigger and faster boats

start later so that, in theory, all the boats arrive at the finish line at the same time. This annual race is a collaboration of Crocker's Boat Yard, the Manchester Harbor Boat Club, and the Manchester Yacht Club. The 12.3-mile course is a simple triangle beginning and ending at the Gales Ledge nun buoy off House Island. The course takes the fleet around the Eastern Point bell buoy off Gloucester and the Newcomb's Ledge Whistle at the outer end of the Salem Ship Channel. The Race Committee can send the fleet either clockwise to Gloucester and then to Newcomb's to return to the starting point, or counterclockwise from Gales Ledge to Newcomb's, then up to Gloucester, and returning to Gales.

The weather forecast was for light winds of 6 to 8 mph from the southeast for most of the day, but the committee boat arrived at the starting area to find the wind light from the northeast with an annoying, lumpy sea. But just before the scheduled start, the wind steadied and gradually strengthened from the northeast, and the Race Committee signaled for the first leg towards Eastern Point. The "Warning Gun", fired off at 10:45 a.m., was followed three minutes later by the start of the smallest boat in the fleet, an Ensign of only 19 feet. For the next hour, each boat received its individual start time and by 11:40 a.m. everyone had crossed the start line and was heading to Eastern Point in the building breeze.

Leaving the starting line, the racers were beating into the strong incoming tide, sweeping down Cape Ann towards Manchester. The skippers were faced with a tactical decision: should they stay on starboard tack, heading in towards shore and some relief from the tide; or should they take port tack out to open water, hopefully finding more wind offshore, even if they had more adverse current. As the racers moved up the 4.5-mile first leg towards the Eastern Point buoy, it appeared that going inshore paid off. Luke Buxton in his small Star boat only 23-feet-long, worked the left side of the course closer to shore, and seemed to gain a significant edge. When he rounded the Eastern Point buoy at 12:32, they were over six minutes ahead of the next boat, Peter Engle's Goldeneye, a 37-foot Jenneau from Marblehead. After rounding the Eastern Point buoy, the sailors headed off on a broad reach on the port jibe towards Newcomb's Ledge. At this point, the 21 boats in the 'Racing Division', were able to put up their spinnakers and double their existing sail area, increasing their speed dramatically on the 5-mile leg.

Shortly after the leading boats rounded Eastern Point and set spinnakers, a light fog rolled in, so that the shoreline, and more importantly, the buoy at Newcomb's became invisible. At this point, the sailors were forced to rely on their navigation systems showing a chart of the area and the compass headings to locate and round the marks of the course. Luckily, the fog lifted after only a few minutes, and all the competitors, as well as the shoreline, were visible once more.

On the committee boat we headed back to the starting area at Gales Ledge, to anchor and tally the fleet of 34 boats across the finish line. However, the fog re-appeared, but this time much thicker, and we could no longer see the shoreline, the Gales Ledge red nun, or even the finish mark which was only 50 yards away!

Upon reaching the Newcomb's Ledge buoy, the racers needed to jibe from port onto starboard, and sheet in their spinnakers for the 2.5-

mile close reach to the finish near Gales Ledge. For those of us on the committee boat, after a short wait, the first boat emerged from the fog, heading straight for the center of the finish line. It was Buxton's Star boat, moving easily on a beam reach driven at hull speed by its large mainsail. He was quickly followed by Sparkle Pony, Bill Finn's 37-footer from Boston, then Virgo, a Salona 33 from Beverly, and Goldeneye. The rest of the fleet made it to the finish line over the next hour and a half.

Asked after the race what he attributed to his position at the top of the fleet, Buxton said, "The Star was designed in 1910 for the light airs of Long Island sound, so the conditions were very favorable for us on Saturday. The fog made it challenging on the last leg, and we were happy to have the Navionics app on my phone to help us find our way to the finish line. For me, the best part about winning the race was sailing with my daughter Evelyn."

While Buxton made it seem like the boat did all the work, one could see that he also had the boat moving very well in the light and difficult conditions and made good tactical choices on the first upwind leg, taking account of the wind and the currents. Furthermore, he kept up his speed on the downwind legs without having a spinnaker and brought his vessel straight in to the finish line in the "pea soup" fog.

The organizers put on a great post-race party on the deck of the MYC with some phenomenal food and a quick-pouring bar. Most of the revelers were packed into the Club Room for the awards ceremony which was very well attended (perhaps because someone shut down the bar to get people's attention). Kitty Crocker Palmer, a descendant of S.S. Crocker, spoke about her grandfather and his love of building beautiful sailing boats. She then awarded the eighteen beautiful trophies from Mari-posa to the top three finishers in each of the six classes. But the loudest applause was when she presented Luke and Evelyn Buxton with the trophy for "First Overall".



Incentive & Montauk passing bell buoy 1 with spinnakers fully deployed in a down-wind run during the 56th S. S. Crocker Memorial Race on Saturday. Photo Credit Michael Opal

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# It's More Than a Carnival

By Emily McCavanagh

When Tyler Pinstein, a young man who grew up in MBTS and now lives here with his family, approached the Boosters about bringing back the carnival I had no idea how this experience would open my heart, and my eyes, helping me realize that a community fundraiser with so many nostalgic memories and stories would have the power to bring us together in a way that is meaningful and magical.

I did not grow up in Manchester, but, like Tyler, I shared a love for the carnival. When my family and I moved here in 2011 we loved taking our then three- and four-year old kids to what felt like a magical affair. At the time I had no idea who hosted it, where the money went or what it meant to the community. I was just a parent looking for a way to entertain my toddlers and was so happy that the town I had just moved to had created something so amazing.

Fast forward a few years later and I found myself at a Boosters meeting asking why the carnival had ended and could we bring it back? The members at the time were eager to have me explore. Our first attempt at bringing back the carnival was in 2017. We found a company but at the last minute they canceled due to lack of staff. Once again, the carnival discussion became mute until last year when an energetic guy walked into Laughing Gull to meet me and share his vision. He had so many fond memories of the carnival and together we agreed that future generations needed to share in these moments. We also loved the idea that it could once again serve as the main fundraiser for our Manches-



The carnival was a mainstay community event that raised funds for the Hornets Boosters for years remembered decades later by local young families. This fall, it's coming back. Courtesy photo

ter Essex Boosters. We divided and conquered, received approved permits, contracted with a carnival company, and began to create a plan for bringing back the carnival. Part of our plan was to connect with people from this community who, like Tyler, had amazing stories to share about the carnival. We both agreed putting something out on the Manchester the What, When, Where, How on Facebook would be a great place to start. This was a bit of a risk as sometimes this page can provide you with more than you originally wanted (insert winks and smile emoji). Not this time! My inbox was

flooded with rich stories that included the history of how it all began, who started it, photos, old carnival posters. Responses were from both young and old- it was a multi-generational palooza. It was a moment where people were supporting each other and celebrating the opportunity for old and new to come together. That's when it hit me. This is more than a carnival, more than a Boosters' fundraiser. It's an opportunity to celebrate Manchester and its community. Past traditions shared with current residents old and new. While at the same time we are continuing the tradition of raising funds for our beloved Manches-

ter Essex Athletic Boosters. The event will return this fall making its debut as a Harvest Festival including all the fun and excitement of the carnival and some harvest fare to be served up by local food trucks from throughout the area.

Emily McCavanagh is a member of the Manchester / Essex Boosters led by Donna Furse (President), Abby Levendusky (Treasurer), Maureen Twombly (Vice President) & Vicki Donnellan Valade. To learn more about how you can become a part of this evolving group please email the Boosters at [merhsboosters@gmail.com](mailto:merhsboosters@gmail.com)



Courtesy Photo

## Maritime Gloucester Commemorates Howard Blackburn Day

Join Maritime Gloucester as we commemorate Howard Blackburn Day. On Saturday, July 15, resident celebrities will recite select chapters from Joe Garland's Lone Voyager book followed by the premiere viewing of "Howard Blackburn: Gloucester's Most Legendary Fisherman", a new documentary by Kory Curcuro of 1623 Studios.

Coinciding with the Blackburn Challenge Maritime Gloucester is honored to showcase the poignant account of Howard Blackburn. Like countless Gloucester fishermen before and since, Howard Blackburn and Tom Welch were trawling for halibut on the Newfoundland banks in an open dory in 1883 when a sudden blizzard separated them from their mother ship. Alone on the empty North Atlantic, they battled towering waves and frozen spray to stay afloat. Welch soon succumbed to exposure, and Blackburn did the only thing he could: He rowed for shore. He rowed five days with his hands frozen to the oars, to reach the coast of Newfoundland.

So begins Joe Garland's extraordinary account of the hero fisherman of Gloucester. Incredibly, though Blackburn lost his fingers to his icy misadventure, he went on to set an astounding record for the swiftest solo sailing voyage across the Atlantic.

Affectionately presented by local celebrity readers and authenticated by Kory Curcuro in his new film, Joe Garland's Lone Voyager is a haunting saga of survival at sea and a thrilling portrait of the world's most fabled fishing port in the age of sail.

Day Readings at Maritime Gloucester are made possible thanks to local celebrities who are giving of their time and talent to share this remarkable account. Readers (in sequential order here): Michael DeKoster, Julie LaFontaine, Sefatia Romeo-Theken, Ed Connolly, Mary Kay Taylor, Mayor Greg Verga, State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Bob Gillis, Ruth Pino, Senator Bruce Tarr and Lenney Linquata.

Following the chapter readings, we will feature the dramatic and touching tale beautifully produced and portrayed in the premiere viewing of "Howard Blackburn: Gloucester's Most Legendary Fisherman", a new documentary by Kory Curcuro of 1623 Studios.

We invite you to join us at Maritime Gloucester's Gallery on Saturday, July 15 for some, or all of our scheduled programs.

- 2 - 5:30 p.m. 10-15 minute readings.
- 5:30 - 6 p.m. Light refreshments served.
- 6 - 7:30 p.m. Kory Curcuro's premier documentary viewing.

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## In September, It's the Tour de Greenbelt

September 16, 2023  
Road and Gravel Routes Available

For beginner riders to seasoned cyclists, Essex County Greenbelt Association's annual Tour de Greenbelt - Cycle for Land Conservation is coming up soon, scheduled for Saturday, September 16, and this year the race offers a variety of routes. As a result, Essex County Greenbelt is making the race's route options available now for those interested in testing out the tour, or training ahead of the race.

The ride, supported by sponsors, benefits Greenbelt's local land conservation work.

Tour de Greenbelt's untimed routes include a 25-mile and 50-mile on-road option, and a 40-mile and (new this year!) 28-mile "Gravel Grinder" option. At their own pace, riders venture past open fields, into state forests, and along local farmland, while passing more than 50 properties forever protected by Greenbelt. The event starts

at Greenbelt's Cox Reservation, 82 Eastern Avenue in Essex, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 16. Post-ride festivities include food from A&B Burgers (menu selection pre-ordered), beverages, and music under the big tent.

Greenbelt is the most effective champion of local land conservation in the region, and works with local individuals, families, farmers and communities to protect the farmland, wildlife habitat, and scenic and climate resilient landscapes in the 34 cities and towns in Essex County. Since 1961, Greenbelt has protected more than 19,000 acres of local land, and owns and maintains dozens of reservations throughout Essex County for public access and enjoyment.

Riders can find details, pre-register, and order a Tour de Greenbelt bike jersey at [ecga.org/tour-degreenbelt](http://ecga.org/tour-degreenbelt). Online registration is open through September 10. Day-of registration will be open the morning of the event, starting at 7:30 a.m.

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# Stew: All About the Women



**STEW is a deceptive, highly layered play in the best way possible. The first third of the play lowers the audience into the rhythmic banter of Mama's kitchen, and it's utterly familiar—even as the bickering and hilarity between the women intensifies.**

production.

"My sisters, my mother, and my grandmothers make up the most crucial parts of me. STEW is fiercely loving and true to the women who made us - so this piece is for them, said Bevan. "I hope this promise of a deeply moving story surrounding a home-cooked meal will call you back home to your family, your roots, and your truest self."

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The first third of the play lowers the audience into the rhythmic banter of Mama's kitchen, and it's utterly familiar—even as the bickering and hilarity between the women intensifies. We're in Mama's world. But then it builds with added layers that bring extraordinary dimension to each character as they bond and tease out frightening and haunting details that lie just beneath the surface of that familial banter, poking and joking. These women are really looking across generational gaps at each other with love, bewilderment, frustration and dread as they go about cooking their big feed.

"I found the chaos of Mama's kitchen to be so relatable—equally the most chaotic

room full of laughter and sisterly jabs married with a stage for connection and the inevitable confrontation," said Rebecca Bradshaw, who joined Gloucester Stage Company as artistic director last year. "This story is a beautifully crafted comedy-drama inviting audiences to deeply understand these four resilient women."

When a play is small (one set, four characters, nearly two hours), the real pressure falls on the players and the words they say. This cast is amazing, together in an ensemble. Cheryl D. Singleton is clearly a veteran actor, providing the necessary center of gravity in this family as Mama. Breezy Leigh as Lillian is so relatable as a modern woman trying to hold her life together—strong, wanting, heartbreaking. And the two "youths"—Janai Stephens as Lil Mama—are so sharp in their performances that offer all the possibilities (good and bad) of youthful choices.

By the end of our short time with these women, that "easing in" quality at the play's opening is gone, replaced with a head-snapping turn in the plot's final moments that triggers intensity and all at once makes the audience question what just happened.

Again, this production of STEW is highly layered. In the best possible way.

*STEW is running now through Sunday, July 23. All performances, unless noted, are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Gloucester Stage Company located at 267 East Main Street, Gloucester. Tickets are now on sale and available at GloucesterStage.com.*

By Erika Brown

About halfway into STEW, the Gloucester Stage Company production running now through July 23, the central character, Mama, distills the plot of a Shakespeare's Richard III for her pre-teen granddaughter who is up for a part in the play.

"Richard," she tells her granddaughter, Lil Mama, "is really about the women. That's what they won't tell you."

Well, she could easily be talking about STEW, the play

that was a 2021 Pulitzer Prize finalist that is making its regional debut here at Gloucester Stage.

This play is, indeed, all about the women.

Written by Zora Howard, STEW is a tight drama centering on four women in the Tucker family—Mama, her younger daughter Nelly, older daughter Lillian and Lillian's daughter, Lil Mama. These three generations of Black women bicker and bond in Mama's kitchen as they go about their morning and prepare a stew and vegetables for a church function

later that hot day. We soon learn that Lillian is visiting her mother from out of town with her pre-teen daughter Lil Mama and younger son, Junior, who is already outside the house playing when the curtain opens with Mama (Cheryl D. Singleton), alone in her kitchen cooking and breezily dancing to spirituals on the radio early on a Saturday morning.

We meet Nelly (Janelle Grace), 17, who lives at home and is bursting to move out and into what she knows will be an exciting adult life

away from the confines of her mother's limited world, determined she won't live life like her older sister, Lillian (Breezy Leigh). Lil Mama (Sadiyah "Dyce" Janai Stephens) is sparky, smart, and every bit a pre-teen, right down to the eye rolling and slipper dragging as she's ordered around by her impatient but loving mother.

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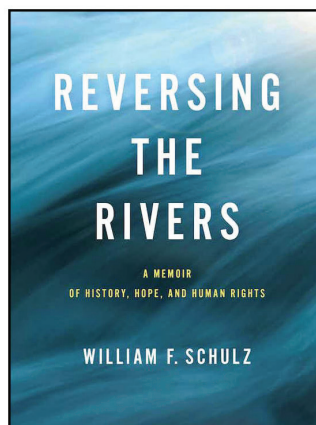
## Sawyer Free Library Host Author with Former Amnesty Int'l US Director July 20

The Sawyer Free Library in Gloucester will host international human rights leader and local author William Schulz to discuss his latest book, *Reversing the Rivers: A Memoir of History, Hope and Human Rights* on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The free event will be at the Sawyer Free Library's temporary home at 21 Main Street in downtown Gloucester. Registration is required since space is limited.

From 1994 to 2006, William F. Schulz headed Amnesty International USA, during which he and the organization confronted some of the most significant challenges to human rights. Dr. Schulz led missions to Liberia, Tunisia, Northern Ireland, and Sudan. He also traveled thousands of miles in the United States promoting human rights causes and was frequently quoted in the media.

*Reversing the Rivers*, from



William Schulz, author of *Reversing the Rivers: A Memoir of History, Hope and Human Right.*



Courtesy image

Penn Press, recounts his years as head of Amnesty International through poignant stories combined with amusing anecdotes and philosophical reflection.

His memoir is an engaging account of how one human rights activist faced the day-to-day realities of struggling with human rights crises while answering, "How do

you retain any hope at all in humanity?"

Dr. Schulz is a senior fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is the author of three other books on human rights, *In Our Own Best Interest: How Defending Human Rights Benefits Us All* (2001, Beacon Press);

*Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights* (2003, Nation Books); and *The Coming Good Society: Why New Realities Demand New Rights* (2021, Harvard University Press), co-authored with Sushma Raman. He is also the contributing editor of *The Phenomenon of Torture: Readings and Commentary* (2007, University of Pennsylvania Press) and *The Future of Human Rights: US Policy for a New Era* (2008, University of Pennsylvania Press).

And in 2002, the New York Review of Books shared, "William Schulz...has done more than anyone in the American human rights movement to make human rights issues known in the United States."

From 2006-2010 Dr. Schulz was a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, specializing in human rights, and served as a consultant to various foundations, including the MacArthur Foundation, UN Foundation,

**"I know no better book on human rights than *Reversing the Rivers*. Schulz conducts a master class in both brilliant writing and being human."**

Sebastian Junger

Humanity United, and the Kellogg Foundation. He was appointed Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at New York University's Wagner School of Public Policy in 2008, where he taught for eight years, and in 2013 served as Pozen Visiting Professor of Human Rights at the University of Chicago. From 2010-20 Dr. Schulz served as an Affiliated Preaching and Public Ethics Professor at Meadville/Lombard Theological School (then at the University of Chicago) as well as eight honorary degrees. He lives with his wife, the Rev. Beth Graham, also a Unitarian Universalist minister, in Gloucester.

To register go to the calendar page on the library's website or call 978-325-5500. Space is limited.

was President of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations from 1985-93. He has served on the boards of People for the American Way, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, The Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award Selection Committee, the Wellesley (College) Centers for Women, and many other organizations and currently sits on the board of the Center for Justice & Accountability.

Dr. Schulz is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Oberlin College, holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Meadville/Lombard Theological School (then at the University of Chicago) as well as eight honorary degrees. He lives with his wife, the Rev. Beth Graham, also a Unitarian Universalist minister, in Gloucester.

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# African Journals, PAST AND PRESENT



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Sometimes memories of the past can combine with thoughts inspired by recent events to form new insights. This was certainly the case when I returned last month from a safari in Southern Africa.

You see, as a young man in 1971, I traveled the length and breadth of the African continent and as I recently reviewed my journals back then, I was struck how these two journeys—many years apart and the trips on either side of a continuing career in veterinary medicine—came together in a surprising, emotionally intense mosaic.

I'll begin with that original trip, so long ago. I'd graduated from Cornell Veterinary College and had served several years as a US Air Force officer which brought me to Europe, the Far East, and North Africa. Returning to direct an animal hospital in 1970s New York City, urban life seemed disenchanted.

I felt a need to accept a new challenge, to drive a vehicle across the Sahara Desert, through the Congo and other regions of the African continent. Needless to say, my idea for a yearlong journey received no encouragement from friends and family. Others even defined the idea as "reckless," if not impossible. I did some research and felt, with the proper planning I could make it. And so, I went on the adventure of a lifetime.

Over the years, I have come to appreciate how transformative that trip was. It was a pause in my career and, indirectly, it led to my move to Manchester by the Sea, and creating the Manchester Animal Hospital.

That trip across Africa was indeed risky, but such is youth. I wasn't yet a parent, and answered to no one, so that risk resided solely with myself. In fact, my risk tolerance offered an opportunity for experiences few others have had, and it was ultimately worth all the planning, risk and hard work.

Looking back, I recognize

**"We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." T.S. Eliot**

those times when I put myself in harm's way, and yet I cannot imagine not having the extraordinary experiences that unfolded as I pursued the quest to understand how people live and animals survive on that continent.

There were too many events to recount to share them all, and they show just how remote from Western culture I actually was back in 1971. Like when I found myself at the wrong end of an angry Masai warrior's spear. Or the time I was detained at a remote airport in Niger by security guards who made me crouch on the ground while being harshly interrogated. Or the time I realized that I was standing next to a pride of three female lions in the dark. Or while in the heart of the Congo, my journey was interrupted by adolescent soldiers sporting submachine guns while they searched through my belongings. And there was the nerve-racking challenge of driving across two planks onto a minuscule wooden barge to cross the Congo River.

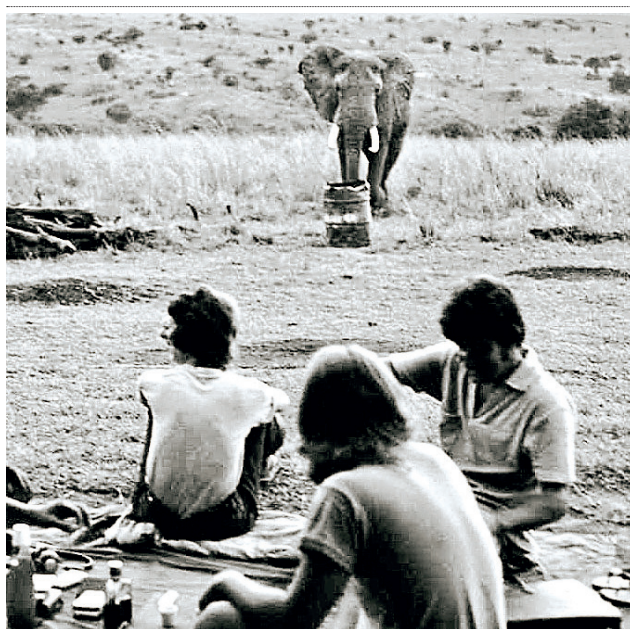
More than 50 years later, last month, I returned to Africa. I asked myself, Would my trip—this time comfortable and protected and older—enhance or diminish the memories of that great, risky adventure?

**What I Came Here For ...**

I stayed in three camps, one in Zimbabwe, one in Botswana and one located in a huge 9,050 sq. kilometers game reserve in eastern Zambia called the Luagana Game Reserve. Zambia is the home of the thundering cascades of Victoria Falls and the untouched bush of the South



Below, in 1971 in the African bush, an elephant is drawn to Larry and his friends' campfire and soon learned it was dangerous and barely escaped. 50 years later, Lamb again engaged an elephant in the bush, but this time he benefited from local guides (hidden off camera here) whom the elephants trust. Photos Larry Lamb



Luangwa. The country is a tribute to the awe-inspiring diversity of the natural world and a wildlife lover's dream.

My first morning in the bush was a hint of how these days in Africa would unfold. I woke up in a thatched roof hut on the edge of a lagoon. My abode had a small deck directly above this body of water. There was a mist over the lagoon separating me from the bush that held the secrets of the wild animals that reside there. When I came out onto the deck, monkeys that had been playing quickly

scrambled to branches in a nearby tree.

I stepped out on the little deck, no more than 10 feet above the water to explore the sounds that woke me up. Below me, I saw them: huge animals, hippos floating and reacting to each other, sometimes playfully, other times bellowing about something in their world.

This is what I came here for ... immersion in the African land. The hippos were remarkably close, but I was safe on my deck, overwhelmed with the musty smell of a

nately captured by iPhone.

At the lodge, precautions were taken. After dark, for instance, like all guests, when I was in the bush on foot, I was accompanied by a guard armed with a rifle. But I never saw anything that resembled a need for a defensive weapon. In fact, on one such walk, I was taken back when a very large giraffe walked towards me, rather than running from me.

I also had good fortune with leopards. Driving along the red dusty road, the driver stopped in front of a big tree. There was a stench in the air from a decaying carcass, but we saw nothing. Suddenly, we saw the slinky image of a leopard moving from the bush towards the tree. She got to the base of the tree and just sat there, her mouth open in what appeared to be kind of a pant, when suddenly she sprang up the tree. By then we could discern the source of the smell: a decaying impala carcass the leopard had hidden from opportunistic predators. She tore into her hidden meal, a rare sighting.

Another unexpected experience came with an elephant encounter. I have a photo taken of me in the bush with my arm around a huge elephant's trunk. What's not shown is the several elephant caretakers who had long established a trust with these mighty animals and made that photo possible. These elephants in the bush understood that I didn't represent harm and embraced me with a trust I will never forget. I owe that to the caretakers.

We saw elephants in many different habitats, and just being able to view them and their offspring in their natural environment is something special. But the opportunity to touch and feel safe next to their gigantic bodies was not just unique, it was incredible!

My driver and guide knew that I had a special interest seeing the rare African wild dog. One morning, word came in that a pack of African Wild Dogs had been observed nearby. Powerful, agile, tough and ruthless, the African Wild Dog is as regal as it is fierce and it is revered as one of the most successful mammalian predators in the world. Yet, as with so many animals in the African bush, its habitat is diminishing, and populations are decreasing.

I dressed early, in hopes of catching sight of one of Africa's most elusive carnivores. As the sun rose, our safari vehicle forded shallow channels and rumbled through dense thickets of reeds. Two hours crept by, and my eyes were becoming bleary from focusing fruitlessly on nearly identical bushes, one after another. Suddenly, small patches of tan, black and white appeared through the negative space between leaves. And then they appeared, a pack of 20 dogs, pups and all were huddled together in an open field. We stopped at a distance, observing and photographing the group, who were oblivious to our presence. After nearly 20 minutes, the dogs methodically began to pick up and leave, somehow communicating to one another when to go and where.

When I returned home, I contemplated Eliot's words about never ceasing to explore, and about arriving back where I started. I thought of my original safari—perhaps reckless but ultimately so impactful—at the dawn of my career caring for animals. I thought of the intensity, the excitement of forging across lands rich with wildlife and people. Decades later, I see these two adventures are much greater than the sum of their experiences. Returning home, I arrived where I started, but I carry with me so much more.

Dr. Lamb is a veterinarian at the Manchester Animal Hospital. See more photos from Lam's adventure at [thecricket.com](http://thecricket.com).



beautiful lagoon already alive with the songs of the birds, the monkeys playfully jumping. What an introduction to several weeks away from the din of a busy life in Massachusetts.

The country is awe inspiring. When there has been rain, the plains roll green against the blue hills. Much of the upland bush country looks much like an abandoned New England orchard until you crest a hill and see a spectacular expanse of blue green grasslands bordered by the red earthen trails. Large balboa trees stand out as monuments to the grandeur and variety in this natural habitat. In the distance are rivers and lakes. And then there are the animals.

Against this background I saw families of giraffes, from newborn to old, gracefully moving together or stopping to cherry-pick the leaves high on a tree. Impalas looked at me and then darted away. Zebras seemed to care less, and as they herded together their stripes seemed to merge, creating a wonderful black and white contrast to the land.

**Into the Game**

A successful safari depends on several factors. First and foremost is the amount of game, which can vary. I later discovered that Luagana was the location of choice of Ernest Hemingway's relatives, so that was a very fortunate selection.

The other big factor is the quality of the driver and guides. Their experience was indispensable, and our driver's knowledge of when and how to leave the road and venture into the bush made the difference on several occasions. Once, our driver was able to settle us mere feet from a male lion while he was hiding in the bush—an unforgettable memory that I fortu-



Larry Lamb (top left) with his travel buddies crossing the Sahara and the African continent in 1971. Young, naive, and ready for adventure.





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# ESSEX ECHO.

## Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
of July 10, 2023  
Report covers from June 24,  
2023 to July 7, 2023

### North Shore IT Collaborative Update

The Town Administrator (TA) attended a virtual meeting of the Collaborative on June 27, 2023. The meeting featured a discussion with respect to Danvers IT interns utilizing sophisticated tools to analyze the state of cybersecurity for all Collaborative members. The interns are funded by the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) and are also working on assessments of all other communities in the NERAC region. Also, the Collaborative is starting to assess the growing use of artificial intelligence (AI) and how it could be used to assist communities with respect to more robust provision of information to the public.

### Distribution of Sexual Harassment & Discriminatory Harassment Policies

While all employees acknowledge all applicable Town policies annually via our on-line system, employees are required by law to have a physical copy of the Town's Sexual Harassment Policy provided to them. As such, in the month of July, we include a copy of the Sexual Harassment Policy (along with the Town's Discriminatory Harassment Policy) with employee paychecks. The provision of the policies will occur soon.

### Distribution of Red Flags Policy

The Town's Red Flags Policy is aimed at detecting fraud attempted by the public with respect to obtaining information within municipal utility accounts (water and sewer). Each year, in July, the Superintendent of Public Works and the billing office staff receive and acknowledge the policy (which has now been distributed for fiscal year 2024).

### Quarterly Affirmative Marketing Report

The TA provided the subject report to the State during the week of July 3, 2023 in his capacity as the Town's Affirmative Marketing Construction Officer (AMCO). The report documents the utilization of any woman or minority-owned businesses on State-funded construction projects. No such utilization occurred over the past quarter.

### Facility Self-Inspection Checklists

Mr. Zubricki completed the subject checklists for the Town Hall and the Senior Center during the week of July 3, 2023. The checklists, which are reviewed at quarterly Safety Committee meetings, are aimed at identifying safety hazards in Town buildings and working to rapidly eliminate them. No hazards were encountered over the past quarter. Other departments fill out checklists for other buildings.



### Library Telephone Line Replacement

The main phone line into the Library stopped working during the week of July 3, 2023. Verizon came and checked the line between the street and the building and found no problem. The Librarian asked the TA to review the situation and he found that the jumper line connecting the Verizon feed to our internal network had gone bad. The TA replaced that line and dial tone was restored.

### Public Safety Building Maintenance and Repairs

Stain on the cedar shingles at the public safety facility is beginning to peel in some places and the PVC trim around doors and windows and in other locations has pulled away from the building over time. Also, the color-match caulking used to seal between trim and siding and to fill screw holes is not well matched and appears to have been applied liberally in areas not requiring it and not at all in some areas that could use it. While the building is still in new condition, it would be advantageous to address these issues, many of which could translate to water problems if left untouched. The work would require an engineer or a designer to specify the project scope and a sealed bid process to hire the necessary contractor. The original project came in well under bid, so funding remains available for this work.

Continued Review of Fall Town Meeting Article Topics  
Mr. Zubricki has revised the possible list of Fall Town Meeting topics in accordance with the Board's guidance from the last meeting.

### Transient Vendor and Hawker & Peddler Licensing Policy

At the last meeting, the Board began to discuss this draft policy and agreed that the policy should be reviewed by the Economic De-

velopment Committee (EDC) as a next step. Mr. Zubricki will report back to the Board on any EDC comments after the EDC meets on July 20, 2023.

### Sale of Gregory Island Properties Update

At the last meeting, the Board decided to make a site visit to the Town-owned properties on Gregory Island in order to better understand how the use of the parcels should be restricted into the future (via deed restriction), after being sold. That site visit occurred on July 9, 2023 and the Board will resume discussion at the present meeting.

### Quarterly Review of Executive Session Minutes

Each quarter, the Chairman reviews all unreleased executive session minutes in the event that any particular sets of minutes are recommended for release. No such recommendation has been made this quarter.

### Quarterly Reports and Reimbursement Requests

The TA is presently managing about 9 active grants and the end of the fiscal year becomes a busy time given that quarterly reports, final reports, and requests for reimbursement of funds spent during the fiscal year are all due. Some grant programs required filing of materials by June 30, 2023 and all of those requirements have been met. Other grant programs allow filing of materials through July 15, 2023 and the TA is on track to meet all of those requirements as well.

### Essex Zoning Bylaw Review Project Update

Courtney Lewis is now the lead consultant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) with respect to the Community Planning Grant that is funding MAPC's review of the Essex zoning bylaw. Courtney held a project update meeting on July 5, 2023 and Mr. Zubricki was

in attendance along with the Town Planner, the Chairman of the Planning Board, and Chairman Pereen. The meeting featured a discussion regarding priority zoning bylaw amendment proposals for the Fall Town Meeting in November. Planning Board Chairman O'Donnell proposed codification of the Town's General Zoning District within Section 6-3 (Establishment of Districts) - perhaps with some additional district designations for future use; the addition of a Use Table within Section 6-4 (Use Regulations); the elevation of the Site Plan Review process for a change of use to that of a Special Permit; and an article to possibly extend the change of use moratorium should articles for the above-described topics be unsuccessful.

Community Forum number 2 was supposed to have been held back in May but was postponed. This forum will now likely be held during August, with forum number 3 to be held in September and forum number 4 to be held in the winter or spring of 2024. MAPC has proposed that its schedule be extended beyond the end of this calendar year to accommodate those changes, at no extra cost. Joint meetings of the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen are proposed for July 26, August 23, and September 27. Fall Town Meeting will be held on November 13 and some new definitions and uses could be proposed at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring of 2024.

Town Administrator Leave  
Mr. Zubricki was out of the office, on leave, all day on June 22, 23, and 30 and on July 3, 2023.

### Independence Day Holiday

The office was closed on July 4, 2023, in observance of the subject holiday.

This report is available at [www.essexma.org](http://www.essexma.org) on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

## LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha  
Public Library



Mr. Vinny's Bubble Show.

Courtesy Photo

### Can you find Rosey the Racoon

Each Monday Rosey will move to an Essex business, visible from the street. Call, email or stop by the library to be entered into a lottery for a prize.

### Cut Flower Field Trip

Wednesday, July 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. Come and see the cutting garden Holly has created. This is where the bouquets come from that are for sale at the library.

### Mr. Vinny's Bubble Show

Wednesday, July 26 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Bubbles, songs and fun outside. All ages will enjoy this fantastic funny show.

### Teen Henna Night

Friday, July 14 from 5-7 p.m. for grades 6-12. Join Mandy of Wicked Cool Henna to receive a beautiful, bespoke temporary tattoo. Registration required.

### Read to Jackson

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

### Friends of the Library Gardening

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

### Library of Things

Giant Jenga, Corn Hole and Pickleball

### Museum Passes

Passes available for your holiday weekend.

## ESSEX POLICE NOTES

### MONDAY, JULY 3

8:00 a.m. Harry Homans Dr., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, report to follow. 10:04 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 11:53 a.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 10:36 p.m. Choate St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.

### TUESDAY, JULY 4

1:49 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:49 p.m. Lufkin St., fire alarm, fire false. 5:58 p.m. Pond St., selective enforcement, other. 9:05 p.m. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

12:44 a.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 1:16 a.m. Main St., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 1:59 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:16 a.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

### THURSDAY, JULY 6

No report.

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

No report.

### SATURDAY, JULY 8

9:22 a.m. Shepard Memorial Dr., parking complaint, secured/checked. 1:17 p.m. Story St., male with chest pain, patient refusal. 5:19 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 6:59 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, citation issued.

### SUNDAY, JULY 9

10:06 a.m. Riverview Hill, male fall, patient refusal. 12:53 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:31 p.m. Lufkin St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 10:04 p.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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Essex Council on Aging", said Kristin Crockett, Director of the Essex Council on Aging.

NCOA's Awards is a peer-reviewed competition that gives senior centers an opportunity to share their innovative programs and the impact they have on the people they serve and their communities. NCOA recognizes outstanding programs for their impact on health, nutrition, and access to social services; for attracting new participants; creating virtual and in-person programming; and multigenerational engagement. All programs were conducted between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

"This year's awardees are proof that senior centers continue to be hubs of innovation for creative programs that reach a diverse population of older adults, improving lives and communities," said Dianne Stone, NCOA's



A 2022 exhibit of veteran photographs connected to Essex residents at the Essex Senior Center just received a top award from a national association of senior centers. Courtesy photo

Associate Director of Network Development and Engagement.

Karen Tyler, Veteran Service Officer for local veterans on Cape Ann congratulated the Essex COA agreed and said the recognition is important.

"The exhibit they cre-

ated was second to none in honoring our Veterans and proud families of Veterans," she said. "The conversations they started by this initiative got the public interacting with Veterans and taught the children of the town more about their Veteran neighbors."

### Essex Locals | July 14

#### 115 Years Ago - 1908

The worst rainstorm of the season broke over this town on Thursday afternoon about 4 p.m. The thunder was terrific and the lightning incessant. The rain poured in torrents, washing the roads badly. Lightning struck the barn of Washington Burn-

ham, also, the flagstaff on the north end schoolhouse.

#### 90 Years Ago - 1933

Markers are being placed around town indicating points of interest in connection with the founding of the Congregational Church in Essex which will celebrate its 250th anniversary in August.

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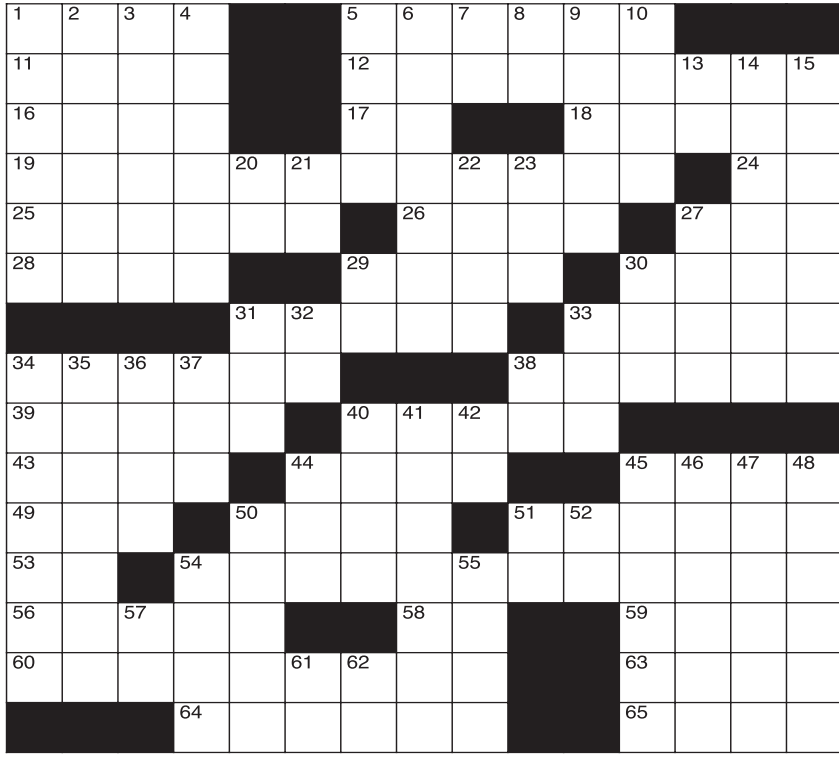
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# Puzzle

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 5. Genus of insects
- 11. Culinary herb
- 12. Neutralizing antibody
- 16. Plan
- 17. Pa's partner
- 18. A city in S Louisiana
- 19. TNT sportscaster
- 24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
- 25. Well-known bug
- 26. Body parts
- 27. Monetary unit of Albania
- 28. Kids' play things
- 29. Coastal city in Malaysia
- 30. Famed French physician
- 31. Flourishing
- 33. Excessively overweight
- 34. Pampered
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Order of tailless amphibians
- 40. Indian term of respect
- 43. Shift sails (Brit.)
- 44. Beloved Mexican dish
- 45. Scottish tax
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 51. Move about
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Unit of dry measure
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Something you can up
- 60. In great need
- 63. Breezes through



- 64. Spoke
- 65. Become acquainted with

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. A particular part
- 2. Spanish neighborhood
- 3. Business
- 4. Reddish browns
- 5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
- 6. Disney town
- 7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)

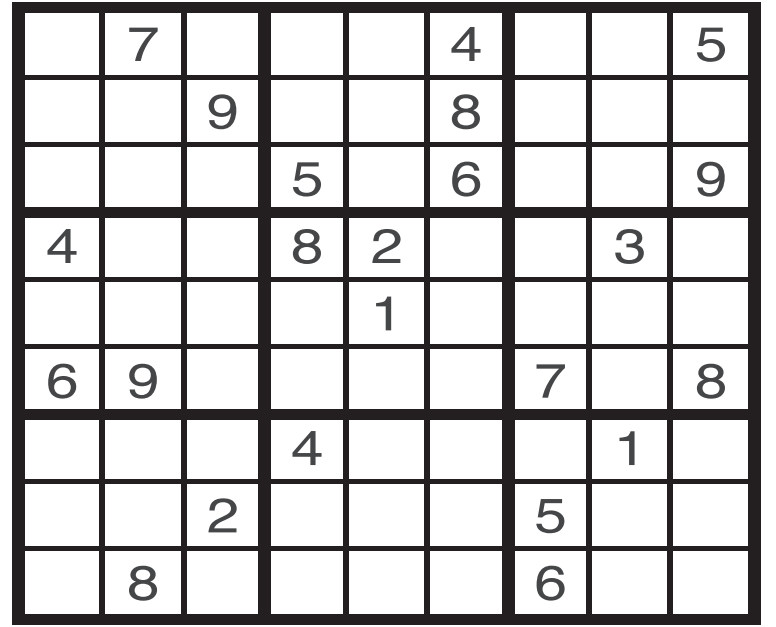
- 8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
- 9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- 10. In a moment
- 13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 14. Submerge in a liquid
- 15. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 20. - \_ , denotes past
- 21. Hoopster Morant
- 22. Not
- 23. Indian title of respect

- 27. Horsley and Marvin are two
- 29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
- 30. Hoover's organization
- 31. Round globular seed
- 32. University official
- 33. Spherical body
- 34. Iraq's capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen lymph node

- 37. Anger
- 38. Technological marvel
- 40. Peruvian district
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. What Santa says
- 44. Israeli city \_ Aviv
- 45. Late Heisman winner
- 46. Reveal the presence of
- 47. Long upholstered seat
- 48. Most wily
- 50. Sword

- 51. Respiratory disease
- 52. The Ocean State
- 54. Fleshy watery fruit
- 55. Lying down
- 57. Superheavy metal
- 61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 62. Indicates position

# Sudoku



Level: Advanced

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# Religious Notes

## Cornerstone Church

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

## Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

**Sacred Heart Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our Youtube as well as [www.mecatholic.org](http://www.mecatholic.org)  
Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

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

Please go to our website: [www.mecatholic.org](http://www.mecatholic.org) for Sac-

ramental 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 Kolentasas, 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

Our Sunday, summer worship time has begun, 9 a.m. not 10 a.m. through Labor Day. First Parish Church Manchester by the Sea Worship, Sunday July 16, 10 Central St and streamed on Facebook, FirstParish-

ChurchManchesterMa. Worship Leader, Rev. Emily Castner, music led by Dr. Herman Weiss.

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

Starting Monday July 17 through Friday, July 21 Breakfast Buddies, Woman of Strength, Honor and Courage 8 - 9:30 a.m. each morning email [jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com) to sign up. Thursday Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m. join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone - email [office.fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:office.fpchurch@gmail.com) or call 978-526-7661 for the link

\*Breakfast Buddies: Heroic Women of Faith, a program designed for a team of an adult and toddler, free, to learn about 5 heroic, iconic women from the Bible who played a vital role in the Christian story. Participants enjoy a themed breakfast, activities, an art experience, and a special surprise!

## 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](mailto: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)

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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 Universalist Church

10 Church Street, holds Sunday morning services at 10 a.m. in-person in its historic sanctuary, as well as online. Please visit the church's website, [www.gloucesteruu.org](http://www.gloucesteruu.org) for the link to the livestream. 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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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](mailto: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.



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# Taking Dad With Us on Vacation: the Right Thing?



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

Dad has come with us to “the lake” for two weeks every summer for the past 20 years since the kids were little. Things at home have become more complicated, and I worry about how he will manage there. Honestly, I worry about ME being consumed with his care...and that it will impact my time away. Am I being selfish? It’s a dilemma. Thinking honestly about it is painful and feels like a lose-lose situation.

### What to do?

The final decision for this conundrum is as individual as the family and their circumstances. There’s no easy, right, or wrong answer. It is uncomfortable to dig deeply into this kind of situation, but most family systems have to face it at some point.

Begin by taking an inventory. Make a practical list of the questions below or those that fit your situation:

- What is the access to the lake house? Are there stairs or a steep hill?

- Can Dad navigate around safely inside and outside?
- Can he shower and use the bathroom safely and easily?
- Are the furnishings and bedding compatible with what he needs?
- Does he even want to go, or is he trying to accommodate the family?
- He has a Home Health Aide three times a week. Can we get that service at the lake?
- Will his emergency response system work at the lake the same way it does at home?
- He needs help at home... how do we manage if he doesn’t come with us?

### You might find that Dad is anxious about leaving home.

Although he loves the lake, it may feel like “too much” for him. He may not want to disappoint you, but you wouldn’t know unless you initiate the conversation. Be careful not to make your elder loved one feel like a burden. Focus on their comfort and confidence in making the trip. You know them best; you will know if they

are keen to make the trip or are looking for an “opt-out.”

### Things to consider if Dad doesn’t come with us:

- What will he need at home?
- Are there services in place for medication supervision, meal planning and preparation, emergency responders if needed, visitors, and companionship?

If your extended family, friends, and neighbors can piece a plan together, and it seems safe and “enough,” move forward with that plan. Suppose you have concerns that this is too loose a system that could collapse and leave him in a vulnerable position, consider reaching out to your local Council on Aging and see what they suggest. These overwhelming dilemmas are the routine work of the skilled and compassionate experts at the Council on Aging.

### Things to consider if Dad DOES come with us:

- What do you need in place?
- Can Dad be left alone safely, or does someone from the family need to be with

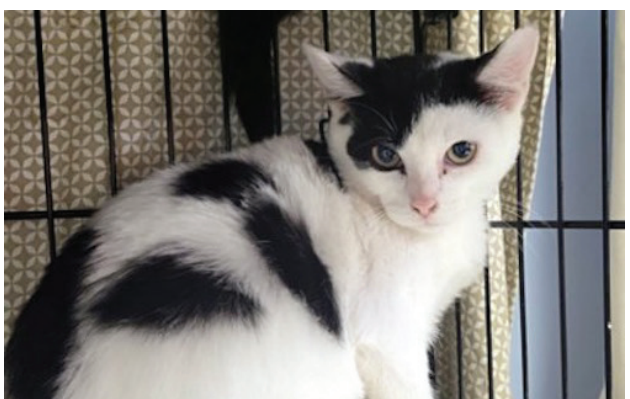
him? Can we make up a schedule so everyone can have their own time and time to share with Dad?

- Does he need logistic and comfort accommodations regarding furnishings, bedding, and toileting?
- Are there any creature comforts he doesn’t want to be without? His own pillows, a particular cushion, or mattress topper?
- Does he have unique nutritional needs?

Like everything we need to feel comfortable and “at home,” Dad’s needs are no different. Make sure to bring all of his medications, and if he has one, his Emergency Packet with his health care proxy, list of medications, diagnoses, physicians, and emergency treatment plan. Know the local hospital and the options for emergency transport.

Through a careful and thoughtful decision-making process, you will find the solution that best fits your family. You will either prepare for him at home or find ways to make the time together during your vacation a win-win for everyone.

## PETS OF THE WEEK



ence for an individual cat -- one that few people have the patience to help. They are a fine choice for situations where you don’t have a lot of time to devote to a pet -- most of these kitties do not need or want much attention from people.

They will not magically turn into normal acting cats; what you see is what they will be like for a long

time, maybe always. Some will change more than others, but be prepared for what you see now. They are not a good choice for busy homes. They are not a good choice for homes with children.

To learn more about our available Spirit Cats, or to set up a meeting, submit an application at [CapeAnnAnimalAid.org/Adopt](http://CapeAnnAnimalAid.org/Adopt)

## Cat Named Puppy

Spirit Cats are not for everyone, but they are very special cats for some. They are Spirit Cats -- very shy with people. They live in your home, but are rarely seen -- especially by visitors. They are cats who live with you, and who may bond deeply with you or only just grant you the opportunity to touch them...or not. Spirit Cats need homes too. Here’s what to expect (unless otherwise noted): They’re great with other cats! They are used to living with many cats, and are excellent companions for other cats.

Over time, they will most likely get used to one or two people who will be allowed to touch them. They may choose to hang out near you, or sleep on the bed with you at night. They are a great choice for patient, kind people with a quiet household, who want to make a differ-

### PUBLIC NOTICE

  
Town Hall  
10 Central Street  
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SELECT BOARD  
Public Hearing

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing for the following purposes on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall meeting room #5 and by zoom. Zoom information will be available on the Town website, prior to the meeting.

- Policy: Review the policy establishing sewer and water rates
- Rates: Establish sewer and water rates for fiscal year 2024

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

July 7, 2023 MC  
July 14, 2023

### Solution to puzzles on page 10

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### SAFE & SOUND PET WORD SEARCH

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

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| Care      | Locate       |
| Cat       | Lost         |
| Collared  | Microchip    |
| Companion | Ownership    |
| Contain   | Precaution   |
| Dog       | Protect      |
| Fence     | Register     |
| Health    | Security     |
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Gretchen Berg



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Jeanne Carpenter



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